

CYCLISTS — FATALITIES

Statement by Member for Cottesloe

DR D.J. HONEY (Cottesloe — Leader of the Liberal Party) [12.54 pm]: Last Sunday morning, I had the honour of joining the cycling community to remember the life of Mr Tim Anderson and all cyclists who have been killed on Australian roads. Tim Anderson was a much-loved young man who embraced life with a passion for family, friends, education and sports. After having worked as a chemical engineer, he had returned to university and was researching ways to help reduce carbon emissions. Tim hoped to make a difference in the world. Tragically, at the age of 26, Tim died after being hit from behind by a drunk driver while he was cycling along Curtin Avenue. When hit, Tim was training for Ride for Youth and was cycling in a safe and responsible manner. He was wearing a helmet and high-visibility clothing, riding in the cycle lane, and had his lights on.

This day coincided with the United Nation's World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims and was coordinated by WestCycle to promote safer cycling on Western Australian roads, particularly focusing on sharing the roads and cyclists staying visible and safe. I was joined by WestCycle CEO, Wayne Bradshaw, and Chris Tallentire, MLA, member for Thornlie. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all involved in arranging this event and helping to get out such an important message. Mutual respect between drivers and cyclists is the ultimate key to road safety, and events like this go a long way to making this happen.