

**TRUE SPORT**

*Statement by Minister for Sport and Recreation*

**MR M.P. MURRAY (Collie–Preston — Minister for Sport and Recreation)** [12.10 pm]: I rise today to inform the house of the immense success of the first 12 months of the True Sport program. True Sport is a program that involves eight values, and aims to share the benefits of sport and recreation with our whole community and become part of everyday life, on and off the field. The eight values of True Sport are: bring your best, play fair, show respect, have fun, be healthy, include all, give back, and be safe. These mirror what was in an article recently sent to me by my colleague the member for Girrawheen, in which a US paediatric psychiatrist outlined tips on how to be a good sport parent.

Since its inception, 341 clubs, local governments and sports have registered as True Sport members. Highlights during the first 12 months of the program include the mass exposure of True Sport at major events, such as the Matildas v Thailand, the Rugby World Cup and the West Australian Football Commission's community open day. This True Sport messaging will continue this year with the Wallaroos tour in August. Smaller events also provided valuable examples of the True Sport messaging, including the Pride Cup, Volley by the Bay and the Little Critters Criterium Series. My thanks go to Channel Seven, which filmed six successful community service announcements for True Sport.

A number of high-profile athletes have also embraced and publicised True Sport and the program's eight values, so thank you to Josh Kennedy, Damian Martin, Kaylia Stanton, Hayley Miller, Emily Little, David Mundy, Adam Voges, Sam Kerr and AJ Tye, who all became True Sport ambassadors.

To provide a case study, Fremantle Netball Club fully embraced the True Sport program and has reported an enormous reduction in tribunal hearings, from 35 to four, in the 2018 season. In addition, there has been a significant reduction in bad behaviour complaints, and more volunteers have been sticking around due to better courtside behaviour—a truly impressive pattern of change. Thank you to the Department of Sport and Recreation and its staff for their leadership with the program, and to every club, player, parent and coach who has embraced the True Sport program in its first year.

In closing, congratulations to Perth's own Hannah Green, along with Ashleigh Barty and Sally Fitzgibbons, for their incredible achievements this week in what has become a monumental time for sporting women in Australia. These achievements, along with the memorable gesture by Richmond player Sydney Stack, who displayed true sporting values by acknowledging Adelaide Crows player Eddie Betts for his magnificent goal, show that sport is a true trendsetter in community behaviour.