

**MANJIMUP CHERRY HARMONY FESTIVAL**

*Statement by Member for Warren-Blackwood*

**MR P.D. OMODEI** (Warren-Blackwood) [12.53 pm]: On 14 December the inaugural Cherry Harmony Festival will be held in Manjimup. I take this opportunity to urge people from around Western Australia to visit Manjimup on that weekend and to congratulate the people who are organising that event. The festival is the brainchild of Jon Doust, a well-known corporate presenter and comedian, and his committee, which has been working hard. Australia Post has been very supportive of the event, having issued a commemorative stamp and boxes that contain cherries and other local produce, such as wine and olive oil. Aristos, the celebrated chef, will visit Manjimup on that weekend and there will be a huge competition to try to beat the record in the *Guinness World Records* book for the longest cherry sundae. There will also be a band called the “Fabfour”, log chopping and all kinds of things that occur at country shows. The festival will complement the major events that are held in the area such as the Bridgetown blues festival, the Blackwood marathon, the Nannup music festival, the Margaret River wine festival events and the Northcliffe mountain bike project. The idea is to try to encourage a range of people to visit the Manjimup district and leave some of their foreign capital there. The committee has been very enthusiastic, and the whole town is behind this event. I urge members to bring their friends and relatives to Manjimup on 14 December.