

QUINNS ROCKS JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

Statement by Minister for Sport and Recreation

MR M.P. MURRAY (Collie–Preston — Minister for Sport and Recreation) [12.06 pm]: I rise to congratulate the Quinns Rocks Junior Cricket Club, which was recently recognised at the national Cricket Australia awards as the best community cricket club in Australia. The club took out three gongs at the annual A Sport for All Awards night in Melbourne held in late May, which recognises the dedicated volunteers that bring cricket to our communities at clubs around Australia. The Quinns Rocks Junior Cricket Club won the Cricket Australia Junior Cricket Program of the Year, the Community Cricket Club of the Year, and the club's own Toby Morrell was named the Junior Cricket Champion of the Year. The club's local member, Minister Quigley, has also advised me that Toby, the club's coaching director, also took out the Western Australian Cricket Association Volunteer of the Year (Male) award earlier this year, and vice-president Serena Spadaro was a finalist in the WACA Volunteer of the Year (Female) award. The club was also the Len Pavy Club of the Year in 2017–18 and 2018–19.

I would like to thank every member of the committee for their work building such a tremendous community club: president, Daniel Shortill; vice-president, Serena Spadaro; registrar, Jade McMillan; secretary, Matt Henry; director of coaching and compliance, Toby Morrell; treasurer, Geoff Hendry; beginners coordinator, Nigel Edwards; and girls cricket coordinator, Sophie Gerrick. The club has created award winning entry-level programs, including Junior Blasters, Master Blasters and Star Blast—a program for children with disability. The appointment of a girls cricket coordinator also resulted in a massive spike of female players at the club—skyrocketing from just two in 2016 to 37 in 2019, which also saw the club's first-ever all-girls indoor cricket team at Bouncers Indoor Centre. These numerous awards are a testament to the hard work of the club's exceptional volunteers and the inclusive culture they have created to ensure any kid who wants to play cricket is embraced with open arms by the club. We congratulate them.