

**SOUTH WEST SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS**

*Statement by Member for Collie–Preston*

**MR M.P. MURRAY (Collie–Preston)** [12.55 pm]: Last Saturday night I attended the South West Small Business Awards in Bunbury. It was a chance to recognise the invaluable contribution that small businesses make to our economy, particularly in the south west. I am pleased to say that two businesses within my electorate were winners in their categories of tourism and retail. I congratulate Wild Bull Brewery, which won the tourism section. Those members who visit the south west will know that tourism is a highly competitive field, so this was no mean feat. Located in the wonderful Ferguson Valley, the four-year old brewery offers hand-crafted beers and cider and also serves local wine. Patrons get great food while enjoying spectacular views of the valley towards the coast and the chance to see local arts and craft. Congratulations, too, go to Crank'n Cycles of Collie, which won the retail award. Crank'n Cycles is run by a dynamic young man named Erik Mellegers who is very active in the community, as well as running a successful business. As an enthusiastic cyclist, Erik's reputation for quality and service attracts not only customers to his door, but also many cyber customers on the internet. He is proof that people can run a thriving specialist business in a country town. I congratulate both these businesses for their endeavour and success.