

**RANGEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL — DIDGERIDOO INDIDGENIUS PROGRAM**

*Statement by member for Collie–Preston*

**MR M.P. MURRAY (Collie–Preston)** [12.54 pm]: Today I rise to recognise a group of young Geraldton students from Rangeway Primary School who performed for the Country Labor (WA) state executive meeting a couple of weeks ago. The year 4 and 5 students are part of a special school didgeridoo program, called Rangeway Didgeridoo Indidgenius, organised by music and arts teacher George Scicluna. Each Tuesday they undertake special lessons from Rolan Duetekom and Robert Tester, who visit their school to pass on the special techniques needed to play a didgeridoo. They are unique skills and it is great that these young fellas are taking up the challenge to learn the didgeridoo, which is an important ceremonial instrument that reflects and celebrates the students' Indigenous culture. There is a great pride among the boys, their families and the local Aboriginal community in their achievements. They have become quite accomplished, and besides performing at our recent conference, they have notched up a few appearances in and around Geraldton, at National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee concerts, the Great Northern Football League's Indigenous football round and a reconciliation concert earlier this year. At the moment the students are raising money to travel to Perth to perform in the Telethon concert. I congratulate them, their music teacher and their school for taking on such a special art and music education program.