

**KATANNING WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB**

*Statement by Member for Roe*

**MR P.J. RUNDLE (Roe — Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** [12.54 pm]: Over the long weekend in June, I joined the Katanning Wanderers Football Club to celebrate its 100-year anniversary. Throughout the day hundreds of people joined in the celebration with local footy matches against Wickiepin from juniors all the way through to the league, followed by a dinner and live auction.

The event was an opportunity to rally around a young family whose 20-month-old son Thomas was recently diagnosed with leukaemia. Emily and Ricky are a much-loved couple, with Ricky playing over 200 hundred games for the Wanderers, and Emily a keen netball and tennis player. Following speeches, football jumpers were auctioned off to raise money and a syndicate formed by locals bid \$18 000 on Ricky's old jumper, which stunned the crowd. Along with other auction items donated by locals, the club raised nearly \$35 000 to help towards costs during Thomas's leukaemia treatment.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of many people who made this 100-year celebration and fundraising event such a success—firstly, the organising committee of Michael Allen, Rodney Zilm, Michael Kowald, Ken Quartermaine, Robyn Quartermaine, Dom Laurino, Georgia Kowald and Andrew Pritchard along with all the volunteers who rallied around them to help. Thanks also to the great speakers on the night—Dustin Allen, Jim Hull, Peter Kerin, Darren Schloithe, Geoff Stade, Sheldon Kowald and auctioneer Mick Altus. To the fundraiser organisers, Matt Kerin, Simon Kerin, David Stade and Ben Quartermaine, thank you and well done.