

SOUTH WEST FOOTBALL LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP — EATON BOOMERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Statement by Member for Collie

MR M.P. MURRAY (Collie–Preston) [12.54 pm]: It is my pleasure to report a historic event. For the first time in 56 years, the Eaton Boomers Football Club has won the South West Football League premiership flag. The club was founded in 1959 as the Boyanup–Capel–Dardanup Football Club. The club played many games at the Boyanup, Capel and Dardanup football grounds. In 2000, the club relocated to Eaton and changed its name to Eaton Boomers Football Club but retained strong ties with the Boyanup and Dardanup regions. The team was ably coached by Allan McDonald who was supported by co-captains Chris Atthowe and Will Oelsnik. The team lost only one game during the year.

Further success for the club was achieved by the colts' team, which won its division. The team was coached by Paul Atkinson and captained by Dylan Ramsay. The Boomers' reserves team was unlucky to finish runners-up because of inaccurate kicking, but congratulations should go to coach Phil Peterson and co-captains Jaice Benzie and Nick Rafferty for a great year. Further to the success of the club was the announcement after the game that three of their senior players tied for the coveted Pike medal. Congratulations go to Michael Battaglia, Josh Bowe and Gino Catalano.

I attended the club's end-of-season wind-up and it was easy to see why the club was so successful on the field. The evening was very professional and well-run. Congratulations must also go to the club president Garry "Shaggett" Mumme, who was ably supported by his wife, Chana. Accolades must also be given to current and former committee men and women. It was great to see long-time members such as Peter Page, Joe Italiano and Danny Harris enjoy the presentation night and the success of the club that they had waited so long for. Well done, Eaton Boomers.