

DONNYBROOK FUN PARK

Statement by Member for Collie-Wellington

MR M.P. MURRAY (Collie-Wellington — Parliamentary Secretary) [12.56 pm]: The biggest free-entry fun park in Australia is being built in Donnybrook at a cost of more than \$2 million and will have its grand opening on Easter Saturday. The park has play equipment for all ages—from toddlers to teenagers. The equipment includes suitable play equipment for toddlers, towers that rise 9.5 metres above the ground and climbing walls for teens. There is even an adult exercise area to encourage parents to be active. The park is located on the corner of Collins and Reserve Streets in Donnybrook. The panels of the main structure will be decorated with fruit designs to ensure it complements the agricultural-orchard theme of the district.

The park has towers with lights and security cameras to ensure that the public can access it 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Some of the key features of the park include electric barbeques, tables and seating, which will make this a great family picnic area. The park will also have self-closing gates so that parents can sit back and relax while their children play. The play structures were erected in February 2008 with the help of local contractors and residents who volunteered their time and services to contribute to this world-class facility. The park will be open in time for the Donnybrook Apple Festival in 2008. The construction of this park would not have been possible without a generous donation in the vicinity of \$1 million from a local family that wishes to remain anonymous. The Shire of Donnybrook has also contributed about \$150 000 to the project and local volunteers have contributed their time and skills during its construction. On behalf of the community, I extend my sincere gratitude and thanks to those who have contributed so generously to complete this wonderful project.