

**WAGIN WOOLORAMA — FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY**

*Statement by Member for Roe*

**MR P.J. RUNDLE (Roe — Deputy Leader of the Opposition)** [12.50 pm]: Wagin Woolorama celebrates 50 years in 2023. Hailed as WA's biggest sheep show, the Wagin Woolorama celebrated its fiftieth year on 10 and 11 March. I was honoured again to be the patron of this event and joined over 20 000 visitors to enjoy great weather, hundreds of exhibitions, thousands of animals, food and drinks, entertainment and fashion all rolled into two days in the small town of Wagin in my electorate. The fiftieth year celebrations were opened by its founding fathers, life members of the Wagin Agricultural Society, Ric McDonald, Malcolm Edward and Maurie Becker, who shared stories with the crowd of their bold vision in the 1970s to rebrand a small agricultural show to become the Wagin Woolorama.

The future of WA's live sheep export industry was a hot topic at Woolorama this year, with hundreds of people coming through our tent and signing our live export petition to support the industry. I would like to thank the Livestock Collective for joining us for the two days. Director and livestock vet, Holly Ludeman; program manager, Milly Nolan; and director, Steve Bolt shared their extensive knowledge of the industry with visitors and concerned producers. Congratulations must go to the Woolorama president, Paul Powell, and his committee after the last-minute cancellation in 2022 due to COVID restrictions. This year's event was the best we have ever seen. There were more than 3 000 entrants received in many different categories. Congratulations again to all the organisers and volunteers. I look forward to the Wagin Woolorama in 2024.