

MURRAY–WELLINGTON ELECTORATE

Statement by Member for Murray–Wellington

MRS R.M.J. CLARKE (Murray–Wellington) [12.53 pm]: I stand to speak on a number of events and achievements that have occurred across Murray–Wellington over the past few weeks. Throughout October, the Brunswick Agricultural Society and the Waroona Agricultural Society both hold their annual agricultural shows. This year, the Waroona ag show had 18 800 people through the gates, while the Brunswick ag show had 16 000. Congratulations to both shows on another fantastic year, but a special congratulations to the Waroona Agricultural Society for putting on the biggest show it has ever held, as well as the biggest show overall.

Last Friday, I was privileged to be able to open the new science laboratory at Carcoola Primary School. It is one of the first schools to receive a science lab under the McGowan government's science labs in schools program. The science lab is the first purpose-made facility for the school and will make a huge difference in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics education that students receive. I commend Carcoola Primary School for the work it has done to secure this facility for the school. Harvey Primary School is currently in the process of installing its science lab, and Parkfield Primary School in Australind has recently been announced as a recipient of a science lab through round 2 of the program. I look forward to seeing the new facilities at both of these schools. I thank the McGowan government for introducing this important program.

As we are heading into summer and the fire season, I want to thank all those who work and volunteer in our emergency services organisations. The men and women who are part of these services often put themselves in dangerous situations to ensure the safety of the communities they serve and do so because they care deeply about their communities. Please stay safe this season, and thank you in advance for the hard work you all do.

Lastly, congratulations to the 2018 AFL Premiers, the West Coast Eagles.