

CENTRE FOR WINE EXCELLENCE, MARGARET RIVER

Statement by Member for Warren-Blackwood

MR OMODEI (Warren-Blackwood) [12.26 pm]: I rise to acknowledge the efforts of the Margaret River district in setting up the Centre for Wine Excellence. The cooperation between the Vice-Chancellors of Edith Cowan University and Curtin University of Technology, the local technical and further education college, Margaret River High School and the Minister for Education has enabled this wonderful facility to be constructed with funding from a range of sources. I believe the Centre for Wine Excellence will become world famous as a centre at which people of all ages - but particularly young people - can study oenology and other aspects of the wine industry.

I pay due deference to Ray Harwood, the principal of the Margaret River High School, who is currently ill and on leave. He has put his heart and soul into this project and in making sure that the Margaret River school and the school farm are protected under an agreement with the Centre of Wine Excellence. I also acknowledge Brian Middleton, the president of the parents and citizens association, and Barbara Maidment, the head of the local steering committee. The centre is a credit to them and will be a great boon to Western Australia.