

**MARMION ANGLING AND AQUATIC CLUB**

*Statement by Member for Carine*

**MR A. KRSTICEVIC (Carine)** [12.55 pm]: Today I would like to talk about the Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club WA, which is one of the major community groups in my electorate and is better known as MAAC. It was established in 1953 by a small group of dedicated anglers who lobbied the government of the day for a plot of land on which to build the club. In its early days, a limestone track wound down to a row of small wooden shacks that lined the beach. It was from those humble beginnings that the club built its current premises. MAAC is now the largest angling club in Western Australia, with more than 3 000 members. The social role of clubs such as MAAC is very important. MAAC facilitates angling and diving for people of all ages. It has a pool and darts division and a very vibrant junior division that teaches water skills to our youth. I can testify as a visitor, and now a club member, that its restaurant and function centre are enjoyed by all members. Its unique location on the coast of Marmion is envied by everyone who visits. The club is very proactive in the community and raised in excess of \$50 000, which it donated to various charities and bushfire appeals. The club works hand in hand with the Sorrento Surf Lifesaving Club to encourage the development of youth in the area. I look forward to having a long and productive working relationship with MAAC and other groups in my electorate of Carine.