



Frome Electorate Office

Hon Geoff Brock MP, Member for Frome



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Port Pirie host Gymnastics 'Under the Sea' Invitational

What a fantastic effort by competitors, organisers, parents and spectators that brought together some of the best Gymnasts in the State to Port Pirie over the week-end. Approximately 480 gymnasts attended the 4-day event along with approximately 2500 visitors to Port Pirie. This State competition saw people travel from as far as Port Lincoln, Broken Hill, Victor Harbor, Murray Bridge, Millicent and Adelaide.

Geoff congratulates all gymnasts on their great personal achievements at this competition and a special congratulation's to the organisers bringing an event the size of this to the region of Frome. All competitors have worked hard to reach their full potential and even the difficult weather conditions over the week-end, did not put a damper on this annual event now in its 15th year.

The Port Pirie Regional Gymnastic Academy has grown significantly since 2002 with its current membership of approximately 200 children aged from 12 months to adult. Along with other programs that the club offers to school groups, jazz dance groups and adults, catering to the needs of the community, stretching as far as Port Augusta, Port Broughton, Bute, Clare and Jamestown.

It is very impressive to see such a continual growth in this sport locally and it shows the need to ensure we provide facilities that can provide the right environment, that continues to encourage youngsters interested in Gymnastics.

I understand that accommodation was booked out completely in Port Pirie to visitors attending the event, which had an on flow effect, creating an increase in business within the town, local businesses and restaurants.

Special Sporting Events such as these generate economic benefits to our communities.

Port Pirie has always been very successful with Sporting Events and with the correct sporting facilities we can not only have events such as we have witnessed over the long weekend, but also be able to attract State and National Sporting events not only with Gymnastics, but also with Basketball, Netball and other associated sporting activities.

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