

WESTERN FRONT SCHOOL STUDY TOURS

Mr BROCK (Frome) (12:32): I also, along with the other speakers today, commend the member for Fisher for bringing this up. It just goes to show, as the member for Schubert has just indicated, that the young people of our community today are taking far more interest in what has happened over many years. I do not think that anyone understands or appreciates the hardships that these people went through unless they have actually been there.

By the member for Fisher bringing this up and commending the Aberfoyle Park High School and other secondary schools for organising and supporting Western Front study tours, it gives those young people an opportunity to not only see and experience first-hand some of the areas and emotions that people went through, but it also gives them the opportunity to be able to talk to people who were on the other side at those conflicts. It gives a perception of reality and how they actually felt.

It has also been mentioned that there are other ways of remembering what our forefathers have done for us to protect our communities and democracy. There are a lot of ways in which we can do that—not only by going over there and having a look at these things but also we have the local RSLs across our state. In particular, there are a couple of RSLs in my electorate that do a fantastic job of obtaining memorabilia and having it displayed in museums in these communities. Whilst it is not the same feeling, it does give the younger members of our communities and new immigrants coming into our communities an idea of what this country has done throughout the wars. In Port Pirie in particular, the Port Pirie RSL has an absolutely fantastic museum. It has just been awarded an Iroquois helicopter, which it will get in the New Year. We are very proud of getting an Iroquois helicopter to be able to commemorate and show the difference in styles of aircraft from the fifties and sixties up until today.

I also want to commend the young people of our communities because they are taking a much bigger interest in what happened over the many years. They will be disciples and they will talk about the issues and, hopefully, we will not have wars in the future. We will not have to go out and fight. This is a big world, and we should be able to live very comfortably. We should be able to

communicate and live happily with each other, but that certainly has not been the case over many years. I commend the member for Fisher for bringing this motion and I congratulate Aberfoyle Park High School and other high schools for doing these study tours.