

KALGOORLIE ELECTORATE

Statement by Member for Kalgoorlie

MR K.M. O'DONNELL (Kalgoorlie) [12.56 pm]: Greetings, Madam Deputy Speaker. Mr Allan Pental has recently retired from city council as the Deputy Mayor of the City of Kalgoorlie–Boulder and a long-serving councillor. At the 2019 Real Estate Institute of Western Australia awards for excellence, real estate professionals who have had outstanding careers were acknowledged. Allan won the Kevin Sullivan memorial award, with adjudicators describing him as a man of great integrity.

Another great achievement goes to the Kalgoorlie Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service for taking out the firefighting team achievement award at this year's WA Fire and Emergency Services awards. The team fought bravely and selflessly during the fire season last November to March, and were even deployed to other regional areas for up to 10 days at a time.

A total of 29 Kofukan Karate competitors from Australia, with four from the goldfields, competed in two international karate competitions in Japan. Australia brought home two second places and seven third places, of which Kalgoorlie picked up a second and third place. I would like to congratulate Zachary Malicky, Jeremy Castle, Blake Bairstow and Robert Sage for their continued dedication to the sport and for doing well.

Last Friday, I attended the Western Australia Regional Achievement and Community Awards. Shannon Richards of Boulder won the Ricoh Australia customer service award for her outstanding service as customer service team leader at Goldfields Oasis. The Shire of Laverton youth services was a finalist for the Department of Local Government and Communities. Other Kalgoorlie semi-finalists included Teena Camarata and Dr Ian Kanini.

Lisa Malicky has just been sworn in as the youngest Deputy Mayor of the City of Kalgoorlie–Boulder. She is 31 years old. Sorry, Lisa. Lisa started off as the youngest councillor at the age of 19, and I wish her all the best.