

YOKINE AND DIANELLA COMMUNITIES

Statement by Member for Mount Lawley

MR S.A. MILLMAN (Mount Lawley) [12.51 pm]: Calling all Yokine and Dianella residents! Last summer, with Hon Alanna Clohesy, I led a research project to listen to Dianella and Yokine residents about what they love about their communities and how they could be made even better. One of the key findings was that making communities better depends on the community itself. Locals understand that organising events and activities, and lobbying for improved community amenities, means getting together to make it happen.

Yokine and Dianella residents love how close they live to the city; the community's playgrounds, parks and green spaces; access to public transport; our great schools; local shops and cafes; safe, friendly neighbourhoods; and sport and leisure facilities. Locals want community-driven action and better communication with local government; more community festivals, culture and arts; more trees, bike paths and better walkability; greener verges and community gardens, like Inglewood community garden; more cafes, restaurants, bars and entertainment options; and safe and sensible urban infill that maintains our green canopy.

In early October, I will be hosting meetings for the next step in this process—setting up the activation groups that can start making these aspirations come to life. I am putting out the call to residents of Dianella who live south of Morley Drive and residents of Yokine to contact me and express their interest in helping to make these communities even better places to live, play and work.