

AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS LIST — DELYS FORREST

Statement by Member for Vasse

MS L. METTAM (Vasse — Leader of the Liberal Party) [12.55 pm]: My congratulations to Delys Forrest, who was recognised for her service to the community of Busselton in the Australia Day 2024 Honours List with the prestigious Medal of the Order of Australia. As foundation member and patron of Busselton Historical Society and member of National Trust of WA, Delys was actively involved in the project to restore the magnificent Wonnerup House, now one of the most popular tourist destinations in the south west and part of the National Trust of WA. Delys's passion for local history has ensured future generations can experience the region's incredible history. Even today she is providing a hands-on butter-making workshop for visiting students at the Busselton Museum, where she has volunteered since 1997. Delys also created the memorial garden in the museum grounds, which she continues to maintain, also working as a volunteer gardener at Busselton Hospice. I commend Delys for her significant contribution over the years to Busselton Hospital auxiliary, Meals on Wheels and the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Her fundraising for RFDS over 25 years has amounted to a remarkable total of around \$100 000.

Delys has also taken a very active role in the Liberal Party of WA. Her membership and contribution have been greatly appreciated over the years and they still are. It seems that Delys has no intention of retiring to enjoy a quieter life, and she remains very involved and committed to a range of organisations. Delys, you are an exemplary member of our community, and our lives are all the more richer for your selfless dedication to volunteering and community service. Thank you from us all.