

GOLDFIELDS — COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Statement by Member for Kalgoorlie

MR K.M. O'DONNELL (Kalgoorlie) [12.58 pm]: Greetings, Mr Speaker. Today, I would like to talk about the community spirit in the goldfields. Last Friday, Domino's Pizza Kalgoorlie managed to raise \$6 578 of the \$9 000 needed to fly Shannon Tana home to New Zealand's North Island for his burial. Mr Tana, a father of three, was killed when his motorbike and a car collided on 3 August. Domino's Pizza announced that it would donate \$3 from every pizza sold; it sold more than 2 000 pizzas.

Ralph "Dingo" Briggs was a finalist in the WA Volunteer of the Year Awards 2019. He is a senior volunteer with St John Ambulance in Leonora and his responsibilities are to respond to accidents and emergencies, but he does much more than that. He has responded to nearly 500 jobs in the last four years, and does not like to go on holidays out of town in case he is needed.

Karen Gurry, an experienced midwife and child health nurse for more than 30 years, is currently volunteering in Tanzania for three weeks to train Tanzanian midwives and other health personnel. She is eager to see her work help make a difference.

Gold Fields, one of the mining companies in our region, is a strong advocate for community partnerships. It has donated generously to schools, charities and sports groups, and provided \$200 000 to the Shire of Coolgardie for the Kambalda swimming pool. On the other hand, Minara Resources and Bellevue Gold Limited have also both played a part in providing a free lunch program for the students of Leonora District High School. The aim of the program is to increase attendance rates.

At this year's Diggers and Dealers Mining Forum, Saracen Mineral Holdings announced a commitment of \$600 000 over three years for the WA School of Mines. Of those funds, \$50 000 a year will fund resources camps for first year engineering students to visit Kalgoorlie. Northern Star Resources is also supporting the initiative.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm