

TREVOR FITZGERALD — KING’S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

Statement by Member for Vasse

MS L. METTAM (Vasse — Leader of the Liberal Party) [12.50 pm]: Trevor Fitzgerald, OAM, was completely surprised and overwhelmed to be recognised in this year’s King’s Birthday honours list for his service to Busselton and his restoration work to the now heritage-listed landmark, the iconic Busselton Jetty—a testament to his modesty and commitment to what is now Busselton’s biggest tourist attraction. Cyclone Alby hit Busselton in 1978 with winds that severely damaged the jetty. Three days later, Trevor began his mission to preserve the jetty, spurred on by his sentimental attachment stretching back to his childhood days. No funding was forthcoming and the jetty was at risk of being demolished. Trevor would not be deterred and so the community group to save the jetty was born. Trevor’s 40-year involvement has rightly bestowed him a life membership to the Busselton Jetty Environmental and Conservation Association.

I congratulate Trevor. He is a local legend, a valued community member and a very worthy recipient of this prestigious award. I thank him for his continued advocacy and the important contribution he has made to saving and preserving one of Busselton’s most important assets and the most popular tourist attraction outside Perth.