MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS —
VERA BRAHAM, DOROTHY HODDY AND WINIFRED TICHBORN

Statement by Member for Kalgoorlie

MR K.M. O'DONNELL (Kalgoorlie) [12.50 pm]: Greetings, Acting Speaker. There have been three constituents in my electorate who turned 100 and more in recent months. Vera Braham was born in South Melbourne on 12 August 1920. She and her husband, Phil, moved to Kalgoorlie in the 1970s. He was a sign-writer and she helped out around the workshop. Moving between Perth, Clackline, Merredin and Esperance, Vera thought it was real cowboy country. Vera has 14 grandchildren, 12 of whom grew up in Kalgoorlie, and she has five great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Hoddy was born at the Railway Hotel in Southern Cross on 23 September 1920. She is one of eight children and lived in Southern Cross until she was 18 years of age. She moved to Perth, got married and had a son, Donald Hoddy, and moved back to Southern Cross. She worked at the family pub until she moved to Kalgoorlie in 1955. She worked at the then Kalgoorlie Hospital. In 1966, she moved back to Perth and stayed until she was 96 years old, and then went back to Kalgoorlie to live with Donald and Wendy. She has five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She is expecting her first great-great-grandchild on 1 January next year.

Winifred Tichborne turned 102 in August. She spent most of her life living in the country. She was born to always look after others. After her own children had grown up, she took up fostering a young Aboriginal girl from Kalgoorlie, named Prudence. She also often uprooted her life to look after her four grandkids, including Elijah, whenever their mother needed some help. Winifred is so loved by her family that her two adult granddaughters staged a great-gran rescue to take her over to NSW from Kalgoorlie two months ago, where she was living in an independent aged-care home. Her granddaughters drove 3 500 kilometres to get her so she could be with them.