

GOSNELLS — LOCAL HEROES

Statement by Member for Gosnells

MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells) [12.53 pm]: I want to pay tribute to a number of people in my electorate—the people who see problems in our community and then set about fixing the situation. These people are rightly described as local heroes. I want to acknowledge Max Davis, who very sadly passed away on Monday. Max was a life member of the Maritime Union of Australia and he never shied away from an opportunity to improve the life of fellow members or members of the broader community. Happily retired, one of Max's most recent campaigns was to fix our footpaths to make them safer for gopher drivers. In great detail, Max helped me to supply the City of Gosnells with maps showing the location of problem crossings so that they could be altered. This will be yet another lasting legacy of Max's contribution to our community.

John Maarssen is another community member who goes out of his way to spot problems and get solutions. Whenever he sees graffiti and rubbish periodically blighting our neighbourhood, he acts to get it removed. He is indefatigable in his efforts.

Improving the amenity of our community for people and wildlife is a priority for my constituent Amanda Gray. She is helping make a water body in Claridge Circle in the Forest Lakes area of Thornlie a delight for local residents and pelicans and is bringing people and wildlife together.

Keeping water features attractive and functional has also been an issue for Wally Ashworth of Gosnells. I thank him for coming to one of my street corner meetings and making me aware of the situation in Prince Regent Boulevard. Keeping an eye out for the amenity of people and wildlife is a most worthy objective. I thank my local heroes for their excellent contributions.