

**AUSTRALIAN LIVESTOCK AND RURAL TRANSPORTERS'
ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Statement

HON STEVE MARTIN (Agricultural) [6.28 pm]: I also congratulate Ross Ditchburn and his group for doing great work in men's mental health. I have heard Ross talk a number of times. I think all governments have funded that group over the last 15 years.

I just want to mention a function I attended over the weekend, which was the Australian Livestock and Rural Transporters' Association annual conference in Busselton. It was a combined state and national conference. The Minister for Agriculture and Food was one of the speakers. I want to pay tribute to Grant Robins, a previous president of the Australian Livestock and Rural Transporters Association, who was made a life member of the national association. That was a well-earned accolade. I also want to pay tribute to the men and women in the trucking industry. Perhaps like Hon Darren West, I have a truck licence and I spent many years driving short distances in a large truck, but the people who keep this state's economy and communities afloat spend their lives in those cabs, driving those very large trucks across our road network and I think they do a wonderful job. They have to occasionally put up with some dopey car drivers—most of us included!—on those highways, but they really do keep this place afloat.

Apart from the well-earned recognition of Grant Robins, who, by the way, is now shire president at the Shire of Kulin, the association also had a raffle at the end of the dinner on Saturday night. It raised \$32 000 for a tie—not a very flash tie—and the proceeds of that raffle went to a hospital fund for children's health, so it was a very generous group of people who turned up for that dinner, and I would like to pass on our thanks to them. Thank you.

Hon Dr Steve Thomas: You didn't buy it, did you?

Hon STEVE MARTIN: No, I did not buy it!

House adjourned at 6.30 pm