

DON ROLSTON

Statement by Member for Geraldton

MS L. DALTON (Geraldton) [12.57 pm]: I rise to pay tribute to Don Rolston, a long-serving member of the Geraldton community and recently retired inaugural warden of the HMAS *Sydney II* Memorial. Don has held the position of warden for 13 years and recently passed on the duties to Peter “Spike” Jones. Over the years, Don played an instrumental role on the leadership committee of the Rotary Club of Geraldton, working tirelessly to raise funds and coordinate the design and construction of this popular memorial.

Don has given a significant portion of his life and time to the benefit of the Geraldton community, having been a founding member of many steering groups and service organisations. He has been the managing director of the Geraldton TAFE and has a six-year service history as a local government councillor and deputy mayor. I am not the first to stand to give public recognition of Don’s achievements. Don has been recognised three times as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for dedication of service. Don has received many accolades over the years for citizenry and volunteering. As a tribute to his dedication to education and training, Don has an award named in his honour, the Don Rolston Honorary Fellow Award. This award is given to members of our community who do not necessarily operate within the industry but, just like Don, give their time, knowledge and support to growing, inspiring and developing our future workforce. Thank you, Don Rolston, for being a tireless advocate for Geraldton. Our community is all the richer for your service.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm