

VOLUNTEERS — CANNINGTON

Statement by Member for Cannington

MR W.J. JOHNSTON (Cannington) [12.20 pm]: I want to pay tribute to all the everyday people who are making an extraordinary contribution to the Cannington community—our volunteers. This week is National Volunteer Week. I was privileged this morning to host a morning tea for some of these special people—some of whom are in the gallery today—who volunteer to make our local community an even better place to live. Volunteers enrich our lives, protect our environment, assist people in need and help older Australians. There are always too many people to thank, but those whom I was able to personally thank today include Gillian Pickering and her son Jake from the Bannister Creek Catchment Group; Faye Watson and Sue Ficken from Wandarrah Seniors Club; Joy Sinclair from Cannington Lions; Arthur Hunt and Don Briggs from Cannington Rotary; Lily Pinto and Carl Pegrum from the Karen Welfare League; Mawona Makwavarara from Passion; Lester and Jean Durbin from the Wilson Residents Association; Russell Gorton and Barbara Buchannan from the Wilson Wetlands Action Group; Noel and Lurlene Dawkins from the Canning Agricultural Society; Pierre Luboya, Cleophas Katumba and Marianne Nyakatu from the Congolese community; and Terry Reynolds and Manuel Jimenez-Lozano from the Cannington Returned and Services League. These are just some of the five million Australians who contribute 710 million hours to our community each year. During National Volunteer Week, to all of them I say thanks.