

CAROL MANSFIELD — TRIBUTE

Statement by Member for Kalamunda

MR M. HUGHES (Kalamunda) [12.58 pm]: Carol Mansfield, a constituent of mine, was a respected Western Australian plants woman who was always willing to share her extensive knowledge by opening her garden; sharing cuttings, seeds and bulbs; giving talks to local Perth groups; and writing for garden magazines. In the process, she developed a wide range of garden friends and colleagues over five decades. Carol was a valued historian with the Kalamunda and Districts Historical Society for 30 years. Carol and her husband, Dr Frank Mansfield, arrived in Bunbury from the United Kingdom in 1965 to start a country medical practice as a trained nurse and doctor. It was in the bush where Carol discovered her fascination for wildflowers and love of bushwalking. The couple moved to the Shire of Kalamunda where Carol worked tirelessly on her garden surrounding their heritage-listed homes, Fawkes House and Carmel, and then their native garden in Gooseberry Hill. Carol fundraised, organised workshops and was a guest speaker on many topics. From 2003, the Kalamunda Community Learning Centre included her courses on garden history of the world and Australian and hills gardens since European settlement. Carol was a founding and committee member of the WA Garden Society, the Cottage Garden Circle, Heritage Roses in Australia WA, the original Australian Open Garden Scheme WA branch, the Hills Garden Group and the Falls Farm heritage rose garden. Carol did not seek acclaim but went about her work in a low-key and purposeful way. Carol died on 17 May, surrounded by her family.

Vale, Carol Mansfield.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm