

PREMIER'S STATEMENT

Consideration

Resumed from an earlier stage of the sitting.

MR S.A. MILLMAN (Mount Lawley — Parliamentary Secretary) [3.08 pm]: Before question time, I was posing the rhetorical question: How do we achieve effective government, not the “what” of effective government that we hear about so often in Premier’s Statements, but the “how” of effective government? What are the key attributes that we need to deliver effective government? The three criteria that I landed on were stability, credibility and flexibility. This question time has demonstrated once again exactly why I believe they are the three elements that deliver effective government.

Before I finish my contribution, I need to respond to some matters raised by opposition members in their contributions to the Premier’s Statement. I want to talk about three things, including housing and homelessness. Firstly, a lot of attention has been given to cost-of-living pressures. The opposition has been incapable of grasping the fact that the interest rate rises that are so consequential to cost-of-living pressures are not within the purview of the state government’s control. Philip Lowe, the Governor of the Reserve Bank, and the Reserve Bank board are responsible for setting interest rates. That is where the financial pressure is coming to bear on families not just within Western Australia, but across Australia. Through its economic policies, the McGowan Labor government is doing what it can to tackle those cost-of-living pressures.

Secondly, we need to put greater emphasis on how we can maintain and sustain our world-class health system. This government is advancing any number of matters in order to try to protect and advance our health system. They include things like our world-leading medical research fund. I commend Hon Stephen Dawson, Minister for Medical Research, for the announcement he made today about a 10-year plan for medical research. Enabling and empowering our researchers and academics to investigate new techniques and new treatments will keep our health system at the cutting edge. The government is also introducing things like amendments to the Guardianship and Administration Act 1990. This is important because it allows our emergency departments to continue the research that was made available to them by amendments introduced during the last Parliament. Unfortunately, the Liberal Party and Hon Nick Goiran opposed those amendments and instituted a sunset clause. Members will remember that I raised a grievance with the Attorney General about precisely this issue. I am looking forward to debate on the Guardianship and Administration Act coming on. I hope that if the Liberal Party says it supports a world-class health system, it sees the importance of changes to the Guardianship and Administration Act to allow medical research to continue. If Hon Nick Goiran stands up and opposes those amendments, it will expose the hypocrisy of the Liberal Party. The Liberal Party is hypocritical when it comes to our health system. It says that we are not doing enough, yet it opposes the legislative amendments we need to improve it.

The Liberal Party is also hypocritical when it comes to housing and homelessness. We need a housing package that provides social housing, affordable housing and housing choice. The member for Roe and I agreed that it is imperative that people have the opportunity to age in place. That means that we need housing diversity in our suburbs. When I was doorknocking yesterday morning, I spoke to Peter, one of my constituents. A new development is occurring on Walcott Street in Coolbinia. A lot of neighbours are a bit concerned about what the development looks like. Peter said to me that he is not opposed to development per se; he thinks development is important as it provides an opportunity for people to have different housing choices. It is important though that the local council gets the parameters right and the design is appropriate. That is where our medium-density housing policy will come to fruition. The trouble is that, on the one hand, the Liberal Party says we have to tackle homelessness but, on the other hand, it opposes sensible development.

Finally, I want to talk about law and order and community safety. We are the government that introduced body armour and body-worn cameras for police, we did away with section 8s so that police can retire with dignity and we introduced workers’ compensation for police. If anyone has the back of the Western Australia Police Force, it is this government. We are responsible for law and order. Walking both sides of the street, the opposition opposes us on health, the cost of living and housing. I am sure the opposition would like to oppose us on law and order, walking both sides of the street as well. I will be amazed to see whether this Liberal opposition decides to campaign on law and order. How can it run a campaign on law and order when it does not even have a lawyer in its shadow cabinet? Out of the reams of talent that it supposedly has on the opposition benches, the opposition cannot find a lawyer to be shadow Attorney General. There is not one. We have a shadow Minister for Justice. There will not be a law and order campaign, but if there is, the hypocrisy of the Liberal Party will be exposed once again.

In the one minute that I have left, I want to finish with two quick misnomers. First, a small opposition is incapable of holding the government to account. To say that completely undermines the power of voters in the system, it completely undermines the power of civil society and it completely undermines the power of our free press. It is not the size of the opposition that matters; it is the quality. It would not matter how big the opposition was, if it

continues with these arguments, it will still be as incapable as it is at the moment. Second, people say that we were successful at the last election because of COVID. We did not win the election because of COVID; we won the election because of the way we handled COVID. It is only social democratic parties around the world that have won their elections when faced with COVID. Donald Trump, Republican—lost. Scott Morrison, Liberal Party—lost. Dominic Perrottet, New South Wales—about to lose. If you want the judgement of the community in your favour when dealing with COVID, you need to be on our side.

MR D.A.E. SCAIFE (Cockburn) [3.15 pm]: I rise to make a contribution to the Premier's excellent statement. My contribution will have more of a local flavour than that of the member for Mount Lawley's; I will leave the analysis of how a good government should function to that erudite member of this chamber. I firstly reflect on some changes that we have seen in Parliament over the break. I will start by congratulating the member for Wanneroo and Hon Jackie Jarvis on their elevation to cabinet. I have known Hon Jackie Jarvis since at least 2010, when she was the Labor Party's candidate for the seat of Forrest in the federal election. My father, Roy, was one of Jackie's campaign volunteers. I think he was even her campaign manager. She has long been a strong advocate for Labor causes. It pleases me greatly to see a friend and a great advocate for the Labor Party in Hon Jackie Jarvis being promoted to the ministry. I have not known the member for Wanneroo as long as I have known Hon Jackie Jarvis, but it has become very clear to me watching the member for Wanneroo that she is a fighter for the Labor cause and a fighter with a compassionate heart. I wish both her and Hon Jackie Jarvis the very best in the ministry.

I also congratulate the members for Collie—Preston, Victoria Park, Mirrabooka and Riverton and Hon Pierre Yang on their elevation to the position of parliamentary secretary. I consider all those members to be friends as well as colleagues, and I wish them the very best.

Furthermore, I want to congratulate the members for Vasse, Moore and Roe on their elevation to leadership roles within their respective parties. I particularly want to acknowledge the work of the member for Central Wheatbelt for a moment. The member for Central Wheatbelt is someone who I hold in quite high regard. I think the member for Central Wheatbelt has been a compassionate, reasonable and professional voice for regional Western Australians in this Parliament for a long time. I think the approach that the member for Central Wheatbelt took to being a Leader of the Nationals WA can be contrasted with the efforts of the leaders of the National Party at a federal level. The member for Central Wheatbelt has shown real mettle over the years in forging a different path for the National Party in Western Australia, particularly when speaking out against the conduct of male members of the National Party with respect to female members of the community, and also on issues such as marriage equality and women's reproductive rights. She has been a really sensible voice for regional Western Australia. Although I know that the member will continue in this chamber for the next two years, I am sorry to see her go from the leadership of her party.

I also want to disclose that I am very aware of the way in which the member for Central Wheatbelt really bucked the trend in her party. Many years ago when I was a board member with the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia, I was part of a group of board members that lobbied the member for Central Wheatbelt, who at that time was a member of the upper house, in relation to the Barnett government's proposed stop-and-search laws. The efforts of the member for Central Wheatbelt and the Nationals saw those laws not introduced at the time. The Nationals broke with its coalition colleagues when making that decision. I thought that was a brave move at the time. The member for Central Wheatbelt met with us and listened to our concerns, and did so in what I thought was a very considered and reasonable way, so I thank her for the way that she approached that issue and the way she approached me as a young person starting off in political advocacy.

I would like to now turn to my main remarks, which concern many of the matters that the Premier touched on in his Premier's Statement and how they relate to my local electorate. I will start by acknowledging this government's strong commitment to Western Australian manufacturing. This is a government that has made huge investments in our local manufacturing capacity and in diversifying the Western Australian economy. We have our \$16.7 million new industries fund and we have our innovation booster grants program. We have programs around training, such as our \$38.4 million additional commitment to our Lower Fees, Local Skills program, which makes sure that young people and even older people who might want to retrain can access the jobs of the future.

I am very fortunate to be in an electorate where there are many examples of innovation in manufacturing. Late last year I was fortunate enough to tour the facilities of a company called Onetide in Bibra Lake. Onetide is an extraordinary company that has developed a number of exciting products, including the Rapid Reel, which greatly improves efficiency in deploying heavy shore power cables to vessels such as naval vessels or commercial vessels, and the Mission Deck, which is a fastening system that can be placed onto a vessel and then repurposed for different operations. A vessel that might have been fitted out to lay subsea cable can be repurposed, using the Mission Deck, into a vessel that can be used for subsea oil and gas exploration, for example. Onetide has also developed the Mobile Microgrid, which is a modular plug-and-play microgrid that can be rolled out. It is essentially the size of a crate, and it can be rolled out into conflict and disaster zones to provide microgrid technology, which is incredible. I am really pleased to say that Onetide benefited from one of the McGowan government's innovation booster

grants, and that is a great example of government working with industry to support innovation. I want to congratulate Roy Mitchell and Rebekah Manley from Onetide on their efforts, and wish them the very best of success.

On a different note, I am also very lucky to have connections in my electorate with two of WA's foremost manufacturers of playground equipment. All members in this chamber will know the importance of playgrounds to our local communities; they are important pieces of community infrastructure. They are in much demand; playground construction in Western Australia has, over the last few years, had unprecedented demand. We have seen local and state governments investing in those facilities on behalf of their communities, so I am very lucky to have Funky Monkey Bars in my electorate. It manufactures all its equipment in its Yangebup facility. I did a tour of its facility last year. There are people in Fremantle who try to claim Funky Monkey Bars because its showroom is in Freo, but I am very proud to say that the hard work is actually done in Cockburn. I toured its facility last year and I was really impressed by the way it is constantly investing in new technology and new processes to increase efficiency and make sure that it can compete in a difficult international market. I want to congratulate Shane Roberts and Colin Burdell, the directors of Funky Monkey Bars, and their team on the cutting-edge work they are doing.

The second connection to playground manufacturing in my electorate is Forpark Australia. Although Forpark manufactures its neighbourhood playground equipment in Kewdale, I am very fortunate to have Nathan Hughes, the state manager of Forpark, as board chair of Beeliar Primary School in my electorate. I want to thank Nathan for his work as board chair at Beeliar Primary School and for his work in the private sector, driving innovation in local manufacturing in the niche market of playground equipment. On that note, I also want to congratulate Nicole Hughes, Nathan's wife, who has recently been promoted to the position of deputy principal at Beeliar Primary School. Nicole is an absolute dynamo at the school; she runs the Reading Angels program, in which local residents volunteer their time to listen to kids who need to improve their reading. I am very proud to have participated in that program last year as one of the volunteers and I will be doing so again this year. Nicole is the driving force behind that program, and I was pleased to see her work being recognised with her promotion to deputy principal.

On the topic of education, I also want to discuss Lakeland Senior High School, which is located just outside my electorate, but its catchment area covers much of my electorate, including where I live in Beeliar, as well as suburbs such as Yangebup and South Lake. On Tuesday I had the great privilege of opening the Techtrails STEM and Future Skills incursion at Lakeland Senior High School. Techtrails is a program run by Women in Technology Western Australia, and it showcases careers in tech, particularly careers for women in tech. It is about encouraging more women to take up studies and careers in STEM fields. Research shows that after just one incursion, student interest in STEM skills increases by 81 per cent, while student awareness of STEM skills within industry increases by 92 per cent. It is a really successful program.

In my opening address at the Techtrails incursion I spoke about the pioneering work that Australians have done for a long time in STEM fields, from isolating purified penicillin to developing wi-fi and spray-on skin. I particularly reflected on the pioneering work of Australian women in STEM fields, including Ruby Payne-Scott, one of the world's first female radioastronomers; Elizabeth Blackburn, who received a Nobel Prize for her work on the enzyme telomerase, which is the protein that many people believe is what contributes to the ageing process in humans; and, of course, our own Western Australian Fiona Wood and her innovation in relation to spray-on skin. In reflecting on the success of the Techtrails program, I would like to recognise the work that Women in Technology Western Australia, led by co-chairs Tina Ambrose and Kay Hargreaves, has done in this area. I am pleased to say that WiTWA has previously been supported with grants from this state government and recently received a grant of \$785 120 from the federal government to run a program addressing systemic barriers to women participating in STEM. I congratulate WiTWA and Lakeland Senior High School for hosting that incursion earlier this week.

While I am on the topic of Lakeland Senior High School, I also want to reflect on this government's commitment to quality education generally. Lakeland Senior High School is a really excellent local school in my electorate, and I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all the students and teachers, and the principal, Cathy Baron, on the results that Lakeland Senior High School achieved last year. Its median ATAR results for the subjects it offered last year were either equal with, or well above, the median results for like schools across the state. That is a fantastic outcome. Congratulations to Cathy Baron and the whole team at Lakeland Senior High School.

I am pleased to be able to say that in my community, the McGowan government is building on the success of Lakeland Senior High School by delivering more than \$12 million in capital works at the school, including a new education support unit, new classrooms and refurbished sport and performing arts facilities. That is a really significant investment in those facilities, and I am pleased to say that that will help attract more students to the school and the great opportunities we have nearby to work in industry. For example, we have the Australian Marine Complex in Henderson, not far from my electorate, and the Munster campus of South Metropolitan TAFE, which is an incredible facility. It even has a miniature oil and gas processing plant on site. That was one of the campuses that benefited from the state government's \$25 million commitment to installing state-of-the-art technologies in our TAFE system.

The next area that I will focus on is health care and innovation in health care. When people think of innovation in medical research and technology, obviously members will think of Nedlands and the Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre precinct, but a lot is happening in Cockburn as well. I welcome the Bethesda mental health facility, which is being built in Cockburn Central and is nearing completion. I am very much looking forward to it joining the team, with the Minister for Health officially opening that facility on 8 March. I congratulate Bethesda Health Care on the completion of that facility. We know in this chamber how much people are crying out for health services and facilities across our state. The state government is doing really important work to deliver those services, but it is also good to see the private sector, the not-for-profit sector, stepping up and contributing to the range of options available to people in my electorate.

I also recognise that the completion of that facility has strong synergies with existing providers within the Cockburn area. We are very fortunate to have Murdoch Psychiatry operate one of its clinics in Cockburn. The offerings of Dr Taj Singh and his team are really leading the way in terms of psychiatric methods. Dr Singh applies a method known as transcranial magnetic stimulation, which is an emerging non-invasive technology in treating depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder. It is really exciting that that kind of cutting-edge technology is available to my constituents in Cockburn. In that regard, I want to give a mention to a company known as Modalis. Modalis is a growing provider of TMS treatment, which is what I just outlined. One of the co-founders of Modalis is Dr Kyle Hoath, who is a psychiatrist, but also a friend of mine and a fellow alumni of the Fogarty scholarship program at the University of Western Australia. I have known Kyle for many years. He was the president of the Fogarty Scholars' Association when I was studying and I was his secretary during that time. It is an exciting moment in life to see people I went through university with doing really innovative things such as the work that Modalis is doing with TMS and rolling that out into a community that I have the privilege of representing in this place. I am looking forward to my tour of one of their facilities tomorrow morning to hear more about the technology that it is developing and applying across the state.

I would like to move on to the recent Australia Day awards at the City of Cockburn. I am very lucky to have, as I am sure many members are, some really active volunteers in my community. It was great to see them being recognised at the City of Cockburn's Australia Day ceremony.

[Member's time extended.]

Mr D.A.E. SCAIFE: I would like to congratulate all the recipients of the City of Cockburn's community citizen of the year awards for 2023. Those awards were given to the following people. Serena Gamble has volunteered an estimated 1 560 hours for a program known as Feed it Forward, making sure that food is not wasted and is given to people who might otherwise go without. Serena's contribution to Feed it Forward is in the tens of thousands, perhaps even the hundreds of thousands, of dollars. It is a really significant contribution to address food insecurity in my community. I thank Serena very much for her efforts. I also acknowledge James Wild, who won the youth citizen award. James is the youngest member of the South Coogee volunteer bush fire brigade. In that capacity he has attended as part of the responsive brigade to fires in areas such as Armadale and also in other parts of the metropolitan area. He also has a passion for animal welfare and he administers the Cockburn City Lost and Found Pets page and the All Things Pet and Wildlife page on Facebook. He runs donation drives for WA Wildlife, the Dogs' Refuge Home, the Cat Haven and the Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre. James, I congratulate you on receiving that award. Thank you for your service both to the South Coogee volunteer bush fire brigade and animal welfare in our community.

On the topic of James, it would be remiss of me not to mention his mother, Leanne Stickland, who is a constituent of mine in Beeliar. Although she did not win one of these awards, I want to acknowledge Leanne, because she has been a really great advocate in the community in two respects. Firstly, she is one of the residents of my neighbourhood in Beeliar who is constantly making sure to raise complaints and lodge reports about the odours from Cockburn Cement. I want to really thank Leanne for the work that she does in raising that issue with me and working with me on that issue. Leanne is a nurse, and she has advocated to me on the issue of greater recognition for our nurses. I have been able to say to Leanne that we are absolutely in lockstep on that issue. We see the Minister for Health time and again in this chamber acknowledge the great work done by our frontline health staff. I want to thank Leanne personally and acknowledge Leanne in this chamber for the work that she has done as a nurse for the people of Western Australia.

Moving back to the community citizen awards, one of the other awards was given to Serene Anderson. Serene is really well known to me and many people in Cockburn because she is the cofounder, secretary and treasurer of Friends of the Community, a great Cockburn organisation that exists purely to run fundraisers and then distribute the money that it raises in grant form to local organisations and local people. Through running things such as sausage sizzles and other fundraisers, Friends of the Community has raised and donated more than \$180 000 to 60 charities and many individuals in Cockburn. It is like a little Lotterywest for Cockburn. When I say little, I mean more in the sense of *The Little Engine That Could*. It does good work at a smaller scale, but at a really good local

scale. Serene, thank you so much for your work and the work that you do with Norm and the rest of the team at Friends of the Community.

Finally, I was really pleased to see that Yangebup Family Centre received the City of Cockburn active citizenship group or event award. If anybody has listened to my speeches in this place before they will know that I have so much love for the Yangebup Family Centre. It is the heart and soul of my community. It does great work, whether it is in relation to occasional care or pre-kindy with young kids, right through to things such as chair yoga for older people in our community. It has also run a cultural cooking program in the past to celebrate diversity in our community. I am always happy to wax lyrical about the work that the Yangebup Family Centre does. I thank it for that work and its award was well deserved. I want to give a shout-out to Sam Williams, Jo McGillivray, Julie Taylor, Tracy Pearson, Maggie Zentner, Kelly Hutton, Kym Maloney, Ann Gerlach, Myrto Robert, Rosie Miller, Lynette Wright and Maria Quaggan for the work they have done through the Yangebup Family Centre over the years.

On the topic of awards in Cockburn, I want to turn to another award, which is the Order of Australia. I want to say how pleased I was to see Cockburn and also Yangebup represented in the honours handed out on Australia Day. I acknowledge Donald Slaughter of Yangebup, who was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the general division. He was awarded that medal for service to music as a pipe organist. It is quite incredible to read all the work that Donald has done over the years. He has been the head organist at the Fremantle Wesley Uniting Church since the 1970s. That is at least 50 years, if not longer, that Donald has been doing that job. He has been the organist even longer—since 1963. He has been a member of the Fremantle Wesley Methodist Church property trust for 10 years and was treasurer for five years, and he is a former Sunday school superintendent. Donald Slaughter was also the organist/pianist for Methodist services at Fremantle Prison in the 1970s and he was involved in the formation of the Uniting Church when it came together in 1997. He is also a talented jazz musician. He has been a member of the Probus club and is a former committee member of the Windrush Catamaran Association of Western Australia. Donald has a really diverse CV of the ways in which he has contributed to our community. I particularly want to note his commitment to music in our community. I am really pleased to say that Donald was once a committee member of the Australian Shipping Officers' Association, which was amalgamated, as unions did throughout the twentieth century, to form the Australian Services Union. It is good to see that on Donald's citation. To Donald, and your family, congratulations on your Medal of the Order of Australia. It is really well deserved.

I adverted to the issue of Cockburn Cement earlier. Emissions from Cockburn Cement have been an issue in my electorate for a long, long time—for decades. People would be aware that Hon Fran Logan, my predecessor, did a lot of work in this area. In fact, Fran's work on this issue and the community campaigns that he ran resulted in Cockburn Cement installing bag filters at its premises in Munster, which did a lot to improve dust and odour emission in the local community. However, there are still issues. I know that not only because of the number of complaints to my office, particularly at this time of year, but also because I live in Beeliar and I can see the Cockburn Cement plant from my house. Beeliar along with Yangebup are probably the two suburbs worst affected by odour and dust emissions from Cockburn Cement.

I want to let my community know that I have been working tirelessly on this issue since I was elected in March 2021. On my watch, Cockburn Cement has been successfully prosecuted by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for the very first time for breaching its licence conditions and a further prosecution is underway. At the moment, Cockburn Cement is running an odour reduction trial. It is trying a new engineering process in which the shell sand is fed in at a higher temperature. It goes into the kiln later at a higher temperature, which we hope will result in the odoriferous compounds being burnt off before they are released into the air. The department and I are closely monitoring the results of that trial. I have toured Cockburn Cement's facility on a number of occasions, most recently a month or so ago, and I have received a briefing on the odour reduction trial. I have also been briefed by the department. It is an issue I have raised with both the previous and current Minister for Environment, and I will continue to do so.

I say to members of my community that these are steps in the right direction, but I know more needs to be done and I will continue to monitor the situation. It is easy for me to monitor given that when I walk outside my property in Beeliar and I can often smell the odour. I will continue to make representations to the government and to Cockburn Cement, calling on it to improve its practices. It is as important for Cockburn Cement, and the workers at Cockburn Cement, that it ensures it has a social licence to continue operating in the community as it is for local residents that Cockburn Cement decreases emissions from its facility.

I encourage residents to continue to report dust and unreasonable odours to the department's Pollution Watch hotline. I will be sending out information to residents so that they know how to make those reports. It is only by people making reports that the department can implement closer monitoring and gather evidence and then engage in discussions with Cockburn Cement about how we will improve the situation or as a last resort take regulatory action like the prosecutions we have seen—one of which was successful for the first time ever. I encourage residents to continue to make reports to Pollution Watch. I am on the job and I will continue to be on the job until we can get the problem resolved.

With that, I really commend the government and the Premier on the work they have been doing and I thank the chamber for its indulgence.

MR H.T. JONES (Darling Range) [3.44 pm]: I rise to support the motion to note the Premier's Statement 2023. The member for Cockburn referred to people who listen to his speeches attentively. I do that. But there is no greater fan than my wife! Often when I get home, she is listening to the member for Cockburn on her laptop. She quite often falls asleep.

Mr D.A.E. Scaife: That doesn't bode well.

Mr H.T. JONES: No. She might listen to one of my speeches now, because I followed David.

As I have mentioned in this place previously, I had the honour to assume responsibility for an electorate that was unfortunately riven by political pointscoring at both state and local government levels, resulting in a shell-shocked community. Every time I would open the local paper, I would see a "woe is me" story, essentially denigrating the work of employees of the local government, of which there are many. It became a favourite sport on social media.

I have made a concerted effort to put people first, above and beyond my own political survival. Politicians come and go, but communities are forever. I think it is imperative to foster good morale and pride, which is probably ingrained in me. After 30 years in the Navy, I know the importance of morale. That is not to say there are no problems, but I try to fix them in a collegiate fashion. I am often behind the scenes offering support rather than creating conflict. If you allow people to save face, you encourage continued cooperation, and one day you might need their help. Part of this effort to lift morale in the area involves recognising the achievements of others who make up the community and get things moving.

Like the member for Cockburn, I also mention Australia Day awards. My electorate straddles two local governments—the City of Armadale and the Shire of Serpentine–Jarrahdale. I can attend only one ceremony so I generally attend the Serpentine–Jarrahdale ceremony, because that local government has the largest population in my electorate. The member for Armadale often attends the City of Armadale ceremony. This year, Serpentine–Jarrahdale trialled a new way of delivering the awards and citizenship. The Lions Club, Rotary and the Byford Baptist Church put on a breakfast prior to the ceremony. Volunteers were getting the breakfast ready at 6.00 am and making sure everyone had a good feed before the awards commenced.

I congratulate all nominees for the awards at both the City of Armadale and the Shire of Serpentine–Jarrahdale on their nomination. In SJ, the Clem Kentish community service award is awarded to a resident of the Shire of Serpentine–Jarrahdale who has done a minimum of 20 years' service in the community serving on several committees that have benefited the community. The winner of the Clem Kentish community service award for last year was Jarrahdale resident Vicky Kerfoot. Vicky ticked all the boxes. She arrived in Jarrahdale from Kenya in the late 1970s and has been an active member of our community ever since. She began serving as secretary of the Jarrahdale community and recreation council in 1981 and has since played a key role in helping to shape the town's future while working to preserve its historic past. Vicky was the inaugural secretary of the Jarrahdale Heritage Society in 1988, and remains a stalwart of the group to this day. In her time as one of SJ's most active community members, Vicky's work has consisted of driving trails development, writing the Jarrahdale heritage park concept and leading local committees for the community and recreation council, the Jarrahdale Primary School, the Jarrahdale Axemen's Club, the Jarrahdale Tennis Club, the Jarrahdale Heritage Society and the Jarrahdale Forest Protectors. In her role with Forest Protectors, Vicky has taken me through the forest and shown me some areas of rehabilitation and compared it with forest that has not been harvested.

The Community Citizen of the Year for Serpentine–Jarrahdale was Julie Richards, which she was awarded in recognition of her efforts to promote food sustainability and a connected community through the Byford Glades Community Garden. She has been a member of the group since 2017 and the secretary since 2020. She has been a key driver in educating our community to grow their own food and live more sustainably. Her work with the garden includes providing fresh produce to Byford Baptist Church, which I mentioned earlier, for the weekly food giveaways, as well as fostering a relationship with beyondblue, raising awareness of mental health and the benefits of participating in activities such as gardening as a way of dealing with mental health issues. Recently, Julie and her husband, Gary Richards, spearheaded the garden's urban agriculture education program, which is a free series of hands-on workshops teaching locals how to grow food in their own backyards, dealing with things such as soil composition, microbes and when best to plant various foods and what types of vegetables to grow together. I have been to every one of those workshops except the last one, when we were away in Geraldton. Julie's drive to help create a healthier SJ makes her a fitting winner of the award this year.

I was at Byford Baptist Church this morning, dropping off a vacuum cleaner. On Thursdays, the church community puts on a free food market, so it collects food from various supermarkets and also from the community garden, which grows food for the church, and gives out boxes to needy people in the area. I think today the church gave out

270 boxes, which is a lot. Its work is extremely valuable. The church provides not only food, but also companionship, communication and a listening ear, and a feeling of community for the people who attend.

The next award was Senior Community Citizen of the Year, which was awarded to Judith Curtis, otherwise known as Judy. She will celebrate her birthday next Thursday. This time last year, I mentioned Judy's work on her birthday. She is a former nurse, a station officer at the Byford Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade and a founding member of the Serpentine-Jarrahdale Bushfire Awareness Team. A year ago, I said she was an unsung hero. I am glad to know that now she is no longer unsung and has been recognised for her work over a number of years. She won the award based upon a variety of volunteer roles she has held across Serpentine-Jarrahdale, including with the Jarrahdale Heritage Society and the Byford Progress Association. Judy's drive to assist with guided walks and trail maintenance sessions have seen her make a significant impact in Jarrahdale. Her passion for the community also extends to the environment, having assisted with Byford Enviro Link by working in shire reserves and volunteering with the Byford roadside rubbish collection.

Also, as I mentioned earlier, Judy is heavily involved in the local volunteer bushfire brigade and a member of the Bushfire Ready team. She gives talks to schools, holds forums and is a regular attendee at the markets in Mundijong, encouraging people to at least complete the My Bushfire Plan on the app or the written version, so that people take some time to think about what they will do in a bushfire. She would often ask me if I had finished My Bushfire Plan. I had done about 90 per cent. She is very persistent. I often thought about walking across the road to avoid her but I eventually completed it and now I do the same thing to other people. It is a very valuable thing to think about, especially in SJ, which is so prone to bushfires. It helps not only the people who have made a plan so they know what to do, but also emergency services, so that they are not dealing with people who are in a state of shock if a bushfire approaches.

The Youth Committee Citizen of the Year was Reece Jerrett. His volunteering days began at the age of just nine with the Perth Royal Show, and since then he has worked with different organisations. Among his many roles, Reece is currently the president of the SJ Food and Farm Alliance, working tirelessly to raise awareness of the value of local food and farming in the SJ community. He helps shine a light on agriculture in SJ. Serpentine-Jarrahdale obviously has a concentrated urban environment, but there is also a large amount of arable land and agriculture in the peri-urban environment. People produce a lot of produce, particularly fruit, and it is very important to promote sustainable agriculture. Reece was nominated and recognised as the Royal Agricultural Society for WA Rural Ambassador for 2022, which is no mean feat for such a young man. This allowed him to talk about sustainable agriculture in WA and across Australia. I often referred to Reece as "Benjamin Button", because he never seems to age.

The Active Citizen Award in the group category was awarded to the Food and Farm Alliance; Reece Jerrett is the president of that group. Like Reece, the alliance champions the local agricultural industry and raises awareness about food security, which benefits the health of the local community and assists local economies. They have achieved great results for the community through education and workshops, including the master class series and healthy cooking workshops. Of course, the alliance also puts on the SJ Food and Farm Fest, which has recently been reinvigorated. The last fest was in November, which was out of cycle because usually it is in May. It was held in November because of disruptions due to COVID-19. My colleague in the other place Hon Darren West attended the Food and Farm Fest in November, as a farmer. He said that the Food and Farm Fest was as good as any country fair that he has seen. I encourage members and the general community to attend the Food and Farm Fest in May and they will be pleasantly surprised.

At the awards, a certificate of appreciation was awarded to the Graceford volunteer group. This group of 12 dedicated volunteers enrich the lives of 68 aged and infirm residents at the Graceford Baptistcare nursing home, where extended and high-level care is given to the residents in that facility. The volunteers work alongside staff and engage with residents who are physically disabled or suffering various levels of dementia, providing support through a wide range of activities. On average, they have totalled 250 volunteer hours a month doing amazing work for some of our vulnerable residents.

As mentioned, I was not able to attend the City of Armadale awards but I was happy to see that both individual awards were awarded to residents of Darling Range. Mark Thompson was recognised as Community Citizen of the Year, acknowledging his involvement as the Cub and group leader with the Roleystone Scout Group in Karragullen for over 11 years. More recently, Mark has been involved in supporting the Roleystone club and has been pivotal in forming partnerships between community groups and the local community. Similarly, Graeme Hart, a Roleystone resident, received the Roleystone Citizen of the Year Award in the senior category, recognising 40 years of volunteering in the community. In addition to 26 years as a member of the local Lions Club, Graeme was an active member of the Roleystone volunteer fire brigade for 23 years and worked tirelessly as a volunteer with the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group. Something that I am especially keen on is that he is a member of the Armadale graffiti removal group. When I lived in Armadale, he was probably removing the graffiti that I reported. As a qualified accountant, Graeme has also found time to assist community organisations during their audit processing.

On behalf of the member for Armadale, I would like to recognise the 2nd Chance Op Shop in Kelmscott, which was awarded the Active Citizenship (Group) award. Since opening its doors in 2013, the shop has donated more than \$525 000 to community groups from animal welfare to bushfire relief, including groups in the Darling Range electorate. It supports op shops in country areas, and provides goods to assist schools and other community-based programs. One thing I noticed about the awards this year is that a few awardees were the partners of previous awardees. In my role in Parliament, and with a partner, I think it is important that partners support each other, and the same goes for volunteering.

In other awards, I would like to congratulate Bree Hartley, who is the president and a life member of Roleystone Theatre. At last month's forty-seventh annual Finley Awards, Bree was inducted into the Independent Theatre Association's hall of fame. Bree is a performing arts teacher at Armadale Primary School, and I have known Bree for quite a long time because she worked alongside my wife at the school. Bree commented on Facebook —

Thank you to whoever it is that decides and nominates people for these things, it is an incredible honour to have been awarded this.

As always, nothing is possible without an incredible team to be part of and Roley Theatre (and our committees over the years) is made up of an incredibly special bunch of humans!

[Member's time extended.]

Mr H.T. JONES: I would also like to mention Oakford resident Vaughn Lowe, who is of a similar vintage to me and also had a long career in the Defence Force. He was an air traffic controller in the RAAF. He has recently thrown himself into amateur theatre and was a cast member of the Koorliny Arts Centre production of *Curtains*, which was recognised at the Finley Awards as one of 2022's top-five musicals. Vaughn is a natural on stage, unlike me.

While I am on my feet and under the klieg lights, I want to pass on my appreciation to those who attended, supported and were involved in the production of *The Oak Tree*, a play delivered at Byford Secondary College earlier this year. The Activate Byford group is a small group of residents in the shire who drive innovative productions or ideas that probably would not normally get picked up by local government or other groups. They thought live theatre had a bit of a deficit, so the group drove the production to perform in Byford. I want to do a shout-out to the actors Matthew Mckail, Ron Arthurs, Fiona Blakeley, Fiona Wildsmith and Travis Wildsmith for their onstage presence, creative collaboration and keyboard music. I say thank you to Trish Garnett, Jane Sherwood, Callum Hunter, Damian Wallace, Leanne Wallace and Isobel Blakeley for creating the onstage world of Wungong, which is a suburb in the electorate, and creating an oak tree that formed the centrepiece of the play.

I would also like to recognise the efforts of Dandelions WA, and I thank the member for Joondalup for highlighting the work of Dandelions WA, which provided 6 600 backpacks to schoolchildren across Western Australia. I was able to donate 20 backpacks, but I also want to recognise Vanessa Miller of Byford, who runs the Gift of Giving SJ Shire Facebook page, and her son Brock Miller. They were able to collect and deliver about 30 backpacks to my office, which I subsequently took to Dandelions WA. Through the Facebook page, the backpacks were collected from other people who similarly felt there was a great need to support children to feel accepted and have all the necessary tools of the trade for school, particularly at the start of the school year.

On the topic of education, I would like to congratulate Ashton Fowler, who was awarded the Beazley Medal through the VET system. Ashton is a former student at Harrisdale Senior High School, which is in the electorate of my colleague the member for Jandakot. Ashton won the Beazley Medal for his performance in vocational education after completing certificates in business, electrotechnology, sport and recreation, and sport coaching. Ashton has just secured an apprenticeship in electrotechnology, and the award was further validation that he made the right choices during his school career by choosing a VET path rather than an ATAR path. Ashton sees a big growth in clean energy and electrification, as we all do.

Last week, I was lucky to have the Minister for Education visit the largest primary school in my electorate, West Byford Primary School. The minister met the principal, Noelene Mason, who does an outstanding job in delivering quality education to students in the West Byford Primary School catchment. We met the staff, students, parents and citizens association, and the board, and they are all working together to provide the best education outcomes for the students. I want to acknowledge head students Annabelle Millar and Braith Doughty, who welcomed us to the school and were great ambassadors for the school and its student body. I wish them luck for their final year at primary school. I want to note in *Hansard* that the Minister for Education agreed to participate in the forthcoming Colour Run. I will be holding him to that.

Last evening, the minister was again in Byford. He is a great supporter of education and me, and we were there for the Follow the Dream awards, which were held at Byford Secondary College. The awards recognise the achievements of Aboriginal students who attend Armadale Senior High School, Kelmscott Senior High School, Lesmurdie Senior High School, Byford Secondary College or Cecil Andrews College and are also part of the Follow the Dream program. It is an excellent program that encourages Aboriginal students to focus on education

and on their cultural backgrounds. It makes them stronger and encourages them to remain at school and achieve great results. Last night, we saw some outstanding students recognised for their efforts. I congratulate them. I also congratulate their tutors, who put in work after hours, and some of the teaching staff, who volunteer to stay behind and do extra work to help the students.

I would also like to recognise the Byford Venom Futsal Club. Futsal is a form of indoor soccer. It does not use the walls, and players have to stay within the lines. It is quite a tricky sport. Byford has a very strong club that plays the sport of futsal and is a great ambassador for the sport. The club recently sent a team of under nine-year-olds to Spain for the World Cup futsal championships. It was all self-funded. The players went with their coach, Pawan Rughoobur—I said that wrong, but it will be spelt right in *Hansard*—to play in Spain just after Christmas. They played against teams from Brazil, Colombia and Spain—the countries associated with the best football players in the world. They played very well. They did not get to the finals, but they beat a very accomplished team that went on to do very well. It was a great experience for the young players. They learnt a lot. A young man was live streaming the games via Facebook. He is very young. He also gave his tips on how to coach as well as what he thought of the referee's decisions, live. It was pretty good.

Finally, I also want to recognise a gentleman who lived in Jarrahdale—Clive Glands. Unfortunately, he passed away on 5 February, peacefully in his sleep. Clive Glands was a giant of horticulture and rather eccentric. He had an old dairy farm and on that farm over the last 40 years he collected trees and saplings from all over the world. There was probably a quarantine nightmare initially, but it was all approved. The local Landcare group, although it was a bit disconcerted about the non-native species, supported his work. He had a creek on the property with trees all around it. The fauna and insects around Jarrahdale love it. It is a great wildlife mecca.

I first met Clive when he asked me to come to his property to have a look at what he was doing. He had a bit of a wall built in, which was not council approved, with a sign on it saying “Clive’s Folly”. He swore me to secrecy but then he invited other people out and it was in the local paper. He was an eccentric guy. He was self-deprecating. Every time he spoke to me, he said things like, “No-one will listen to this old fool”, but he had some great insights. He was particularly concerned about the environment. He wrote me a letter, which I have kept a copy of, primarily concerned about overpopulation and the environment. Clive was also a keen motorcyclist. Unfortunately, he sold his apparently very extensive collection of motorcycles prior to me meeting him. He was also a former speedway rider and a great friend of my former next-door neighbour Jim Phillips, who was an Australian champion speedway rider. Unfortunately, Clive has gone and I hope that his legacy will live on. The community helped Clive plant some more trees in his later years. I hope that his dream—Clive’s Folly—can remain.

With that, I would like to express my appreciation to the Premier and the government for the great work they are doing. I support the Premier’s Statement.

MS C.M. COLLINS (Hillarys) [4.13 pm]: I rise today to support the Premier’s Statement and to update the chamber on just a few of the fantastic things that are happening in the Hillarys electorate. It has been an enormous privilege to represent my constituents in Beldon, Craigie, Hillarys, Kallaroo, Mullaloo and Padbury over the past two years. It is really hard to believe that it has been two years and we are now halfway through the term of the forty-first Parliament. We have achieved so much as a government and the McGowan Labor government reforms have ensured a fairer life for Western Australians, economic prosperity and the preservation of our natural environment. Locally, I am incredibly proud to have already delivered on many of my election commitments. The past two years have seen huge infrastructure spends in the Hillarys electorate, including delivering funding for the rebuilds of three schools that service my constituents, the rebuild of a local surf club, road infrastructure upgrades and new cyclepaths—just to name a few.

My team and I have been very busy at the electorate office. We have been hosting various forums for P&Cs, sporting clubs, seniors and cybersecurity and local community groups. We have held many, many mobile offices in the past year at local food truck events. This has allowed us to engage with lot of constituents who might not primarily choose to reach out to a member of Parliament or turn up at an electorate office. This, paired with our consistent doorknocking, has meant that we have been able to reach out to many people in all six suburbs I mentioned.

I thought I would keep my contribution today hyperlocal and use this opportunity to highlight some of the initiatives that have been going on in Hillarys. I will start with the suburb of Padbury where I live with my partner, Jack, and my dog, Lenny. Firstly, I will give members a bit of history about where Padbury got its name. The first landholder in the Padbury area was a pastoralist, philanthropist and trader named Walter Padbury. With the death of his father, Walter was adopted by ne’er-do-wells who stole what was left of his inheritance. They left him in a situation in which he had to rise from nothing. Walter Padbury overcame all these hardships and, after a lifetime of working on the growing Perth settlement in the 1800s, he ended up owning his own flour mill. The profits were channelled through to the vulnerable and needy, with the Swan Boys’ Orphanage and the Parkerville orphanage being favoured by Walter later in his life. I think it is very fitting that our suburb of Padbury got its name from such a kind and generous person. This spirit of generosity and giving very much continues with the current residents of this suburb.

I have personally never lived in a suburb that is so community-minded and one where individuals are so willing to help each other out.

I recently posted on a community forum to get feedback from local residents about what they love most about their suburb. Overwhelmingly, the response was what a unique community they had. I know people in every suburb say that about their suburb, but please indulge me by allowing me to share some of their thoughts. Firstly, there are the businesses. We have a thriving community of quality and tireless small businesses contributing to our local community. Just to name a few, there is Alex Junior, the local coffee shop; Urban Go, a new deli; the Padbury florist; Padbury Pizza; and, of course, Padbury pharmacy. All these businesses are used frequently by local residents. We know the business owners' names and they know our names. Countless new initiatives are being driven by these businesses and other local community members.

Like most suburbs, we have the Padbury Community Facebook group. I am on many of the forums within my electorate, but this one definitely has a very positive and uplifting touch. I want to give a huge shout-out to some groups in particular that have really fostered the sense of community in Padbury. Firstly, there is a group of local men called Dadbury. These are selfless people —

Ms M.M. Quirk: That's a bit of a dad joke in itself!

Ms C.M. COLLINS: Never too soon for a dad joke! Dadbury is a group of selfless men who go to the aid of those in need and drive really creative projects throughout the suburb. Their leader is Mike Maxted. Every group needs a strong leader to drive these initiatives. Since I first met him back in 2020 he has had many, but just recently one I thought I would recognise is the decision of Dadbury to engage with an artist named James Giddy. Dadbury employed this artist to paint what was a very dull wall in the Padbury shopping complex. This artist painted beautiful murals depicting two massive and colourful lorikeets perched on a gum tree. This very much depicts the local flora and fauna. Another group I thought I would mention is Padbury Super Women, a Facebook group started by a lady named Karen Slater. Karen Slater is one of the most selfless women I have ever met. Just like Dadbury, this group of women take the opportunity to reach out to people who might need help in the community and they are there for them in an instant. Likewise, the Padbury Community Garden is a team of people with a vision for a more sustainable community. Hopefully, soon we will also have the Padbury street pantry.

I am very proud to have delivered \$12 000 in tools and equipment to the Dadbury group during the election so that it can continue its amazing work in our suburb.

Around 30 per cent of Padbury residents are now aged 25 to 45 years as the area experiences a boom in the growth of young families. There are over 2 500 families in Padbury, and it is important that we invest to meet their needs. To achieve this, I have been working with the Western Australian state government, which has been heavily investing in this suburb. Some of the more notable works in the last two years have included a nature playground for South Padbury Primary School, a playground for Bambara Primary School and works to its assembly area, new learning tools for Padbury Primary School and a new nature playground for Padbury Catholic Primary School. Yes; there are four primary schools in one tiny suburb!

Mr J.N. Carey: We're interested in the Dadbury car wash.

Ms C.M. COLLINS: Okay. I will tell members more about the Dadbury car wash. To raise funds for great causes in our community, the Dadbury group stripped down and did a car wash for the community. It was hilarious. It was confronting for some, but it raised lots and lots of funds for good causes.

I will move on to Beldon. Beldon is a wonderful suburb at the northern tip of the Hillarys electorate. It is quite a new suburb. Beldon Primary School opened in 1985 and Belridge Secondary College in 1991, and since then they have been going from strength to strength. I delivered on my election commitment for a new nature playground for Beldon Education Support Centre, and was delighted to recently visit Beldon Primary School to check out its new laptops. These laptops were delivered as part of a \$20 000 election commitment that I campaigned for to improve the school's ICT assets. The growing popularity of the area also means that a new car park and crosswalk is necessary for the school to ensure parents have a great experience doing the school drop-offs and that kids are supported to walk to school in a safe way.

We are also upgrading local roads in the area. Intersections at Marmion Avenue, Gwendoline Drive and Eddystone Avenue have been, or will be in the near future, upgraded to improve access to local shops and schools.

The McGowan government has brought a period of growth and success to Belridge Secondary College. I want to thank the member for Joondalup, who was previously the member representing Beldon in the last government. The member for Joondalup oversaw some amazing initiatives, including a sustainable renewable energy virtual power plant and a new performing arts centre. I was delighted to recently visit Belridge to try out the new netball courts for the school that were delivered as part of the 2021 election campaign. In the last year, during the federal election, we also advocated on behalf of the school to receive a well-deserved \$87 000 funding package from the Australian federal government to add new ICT assets to the school library and another STEM laboratory.

I now turn to the suburb of Hillarys, where my office is located. The first lonely little beach shack set up on the northern coastal bushlands beach in 1930 was constructed by a war veteran named Bertram John Hillary. Hillary became the best-known inhabitant on this stretch of the most remote but beautiful coastline, so it was only fitting that the then City of Wanneroo named this area after Bertram John Hillary in 1971. Present-day residents share Bertram John Hillary's industrious nature and love of the pristine coastline. When I ask constituents what they love most about Hillarys, I immediately hear comments about the sea breeze, the coastal parks, the great dog beach and the friendly and safe neighbourhood.

I am very proud to have worked closely with the dedicated traders group at Hillarys Boat Harbour, which has had a lot of initiatives to stimulate tourism and activate the retail and hospitality spots there.

In addition to the mobile hoon cameras that we delivered to try to keep the area safe from precarious driving, I would also like to thank the Minister for Transport for her incredible work supporting an expanded CCTV network at the harbour to improve safety.

Community spirit is also a winner, with the ageing facilities of the nearby Sorrento Surf Lifesaving Club receiving over \$8 million in state government support to redevelop its base of operations. This group will work to support and develop beach safety for many decades to come. I was delighted to host the Premier last year at Whitford Public Library, where we read to the kids, and the Whitford Senior Citizens Centre, where we engaged in a game of doubles ping-pong with the seniors. Right now, Hillarys is benefiting from an incredible amount of state government investment. Two fantastic public educational institutions will be getting rebuilds—Hillarys Primary School and, in the member for Carine's neighbouring electorate, Duncraig Senior High School, which services Hillarys and Padbury. Work is well underway at Hillarys Primary School where a \$20 million investment will deliver new administration and staff facilities, two kindergarten classrooms, new general learning areas and increased parking for staff and parents. Duncraig Senior High School is racing up the league tables and becoming one of the top public high schools in the northern suburbs. We are investing to expand on its success with over \$32 million to accommodate a further 550 students.

I move on now to Craigie, a suburb with a median age of just 35 years. I know this especially, not just from the census, but when doorknocking on the weekend, as every single person who answered the door was younger than me! We have over 2 000 families in the area, and Craigie is a slice of heaven for young families. Families are English, Irish, Scottish and Italian—mostly UK migrants, though—in search of opportunity and a renowned outdoor lifestyle. The local coffee shop, Roma Republic, is very popular amongst local residents. One constituent, whose home has been Craigie for 32 years, said to me that she loves the natural dune scapes and the parks with the tuart trees. She said —

... the community is a friendly one. We are spoiled for choice for shops, services and public transport. The best thing of all is we are close to the beach and the sea breeze.

Much has changed since the days when the nearby Water Corporation's plant was created and there was an infamous stink, dubbed the "Craigie pong". These days a multimillion-dollar burner infrastructure and sophisticated cultivated bacteria means that the entire area smells beautiful, while adjoining bushland gives Craigie the feel of a country town in the heart of the northern suburbs. The Coral Street entry is one of the most frequently used entries into Craigie for the busy traffic of Marmion Avenue. The McGowan government is investing half a million dollars to improve this intersection and to guarantee a safer, more orderly commute for residents. I am also delighted to have delivered \$2.9 million in state government funding towards the exciting expansion of the Craigie Leisure Centre. One of the great pleasures of living near Craigie is going for a swim at this centre, and another pleasure is enjoying a glass of white wine or a pint of beer at the Craigie Tavern, the quintessential Western Australian pub. This is the perfect reward after an extensive doorknocking hike up and down Craigie's hilly streets.

Local schools are receiving great support from the government. Craigie Heights Primary School has benefited from a new science laboratory, a yarnng circle, a bush tucker garden and improved outdoor landscaping, while Whitford Catholic Primary School has benefited from new science equipment to instil the passion of science, technology, engineering and maths into kids to last a lifetime.

I now move on to Kallaroo. In the Noongar language, Kallaroo means "road to water". This evokes memories of descending west down Northshore Avenue to see the large green dunes rising over the horizon to signal the end of the suburbs and the start of the beach. It is a popular site for cyclists, with many hobbyists favouring the dual-use pathways zigzagging down the northern coastline. We are investing in the Hillarys cycle network expansion to activate 10 kilometres of track set in one of the most beautiful parts of the state for cyclists and pedestrians alike. I recently took the Minister for Environment to see the fantastic work being undertaken by the Friends of Hillarys and Kallaroo Foreshore. This group recently planted over 300 seedlings to regenerate damaged areas. I was proud to deliver funding to this group for new equipment to help plant natives and rehabilitate the dunes, providing a habitat for native animals and ensuring that our coastline remains beautiful. The minister and I were very lucky to join the coordinators in getting our hands dirty to plant some new summer-scented wattles.

Springfield Primary School, a local school in the heart of Kallaroo, is expanding rapidly. A \$15 million redevelopment will allow the campus to accommodate nearly 400 students with a brand new library, assembly area, new classrooms and administration facilities.

[Member's time extended.]

Ms C.M. COLLINS: When it comes to a sense of community, the North Shore Community Hub in Kallaroo is unmatched. Whether it is a sunset performance from the Joondalup Symphony Orchestra or fast-paced games of pickleball or tennis, it has been excelling in recent years for creating a venue that is open to all. I am proud to have assisted the hub with new equipment, and I look forward to supporting the board with its exciting plans to develop North Shore even further.

Kallaroo has been very lucky to benefit from an engaged and energised residents' association. The leadership team, including Fay Gilbert, Malcolm Smeal and Andy Stewart, have a superb knowledge of their local community and identify opportunities to make people's lives better. I know that maintaining an active residents' group takes a lot of work, and I would like to thank them.

Finally, I wish to speak about Mullaloo. In 1919, the state government recorded the Noongar name for this stretch of coastline as Mullaloo, listed then as meaning "the place of the rat-kangaroo". Although we can still get a glimpse of the natural flora and fauna of the area at Periwinkle Bushland or Korella Park, most now know Mullaloo for its beaches. Today, Mullaloo is better known for hosting the Mullaloo Surf Club, the Mullaloo Beach Hotel and huge numbers of visitors at the always-popular Tom Simpson Park.

Every year, I host my Christmas barbecue in Mullaloo, simply because I know that everyone in the electorate is happy for an excuse to get down to Mullaloo Beach. The surf club has done a great job of documenting the history of this eternally popular beach, with incredible photos from the 1950s of tin shacks built amongst the remote hidden valleys between pristine, towering coastal dunes. Today we would be hard-pressed to find a flimsy tin shack in Mullaloo, as around 1 800 families have made it their forever home.

I have been proud to do my small part to assist Mullaloo families. Mullaloo Heights Primary School has received state government funding for a new nature playground and other learning aids. With state government funding, Mullaloo Community Kindergarten recently had new solar panels installed to help bring down its energy bills so that there can be greater investment in opportunities for the kids. The area is home to the Oceanside Little Athletics Club, which instils a lifelong love of athletic excellence and physical exercise for kids all over the northern suburbs.

I will finish here. This was just a brief outline of some of the incredible things going on in the six suburbs of the Hillarys electorate. I commend the government and the Premier for the great work they have been doing.

MS E.L. HAMILTON (Joondalup) [4.32 pm]: I rise today to make a contribution to the Premier's Statement as we begin our 2023 parliamentary sitting year. I took some time to reflect that 2023 marks six years in office for the McGowan Labor government, including me as the member for Joondalup. I am part of an incredible team supporting all Western Australians.

Joondalup is still a young city, but it is maturing, and that has never been more true than right now. Along with significant state government investment, Joondalup is now being recognised as a leader in innovation and emerging technologies and industries and is already a global leader in cybersecurity. Innovation is a broad term that covers many fields. It requires connectedness, collaboration, imagination and a desire to invest in technologies to solve complex problems. I see this as an immense opportunity for Joondalup.

Already located in and around Joondalup are Joondalup Health Campus; our learning precinct; significant transport links, including our electric CAT bus; and a growing local economy that is supporting startups and entrepreneurs. There is investment in robotics, automation and medical research. It also provides opportunity for not only the local residents who call Joondalup home, but also the small businesses that are contributing to the local economy; the educational institutions that are upskilling people from all corners of the world in Edith Cowan University, North Metropolitan TAFE and the College of Electrical Training; and the Western Australia Police Academy, which is training and upskilling the Western Australia Police Force.

The McGowan government has recognised the importance of Joondalup as the city centre servicing our rapidly growing northern corridor. We have seen significant investment by our state government in a number of major projects. Many infrastructure projects are well underway, such as our new Ocean Reef Marina, the expansion of Joondalup Health Campus, the extension of the Yanchep rail line as part of Metronet, and upgrades to our local schools, including a \$5 million sports hall at Ocean Reef Senior High School. Works are just beginning on our plan to transform Yellagonga Regional Park into the Kings Park of the north. For us in Joondalup, it means a new seven-kilometre mountain bike trail on the shore of Yellagonga. Later this month, I will join the Premier for the sod turning of North Metropolitan TAFE's new \$20.4 million automotive workshop at Joondalup's Kendrew campus, which will cater for emerging communications and IT technology in new vehicles, including drones.

Locally, the work being done in Joondalup in cybersecurity is where I wanted to begin my contribution. From a statewide perspective, we need to continue to diversify our state's economy. It makes sense to continue to grow our digital economy, support our cyber capabilities and invest in the global workforce. At a practical level for our community, it is about how both individuals and businesses can protect themselves from data breaches, fraud and cybercrimes. Here in Joondalup, we are lucky to have a powerhouse collaboration between ECU, North Metropolitan TAFE and the AustCyber team based at the Joondalup Innovation Hub. This dynamic relationship delivers exceptional training for our global cyber workforce—a hub that is set to become one of the world's leading centres in the fight against cybercrime. Strengthening collaboration between the tertiary, vocational and secondary education sector is an exciting prospect as we now look to the jobs of the future.

As we head into 2023 in a post-COVID-19 world, it is very clear that the world has changed in many ways. We have embraced the advancement of technology, and the participation and engagement of individuals and businesses with these technological changes is an increasing global trend.

Australia-wide, ECU Joondalup is educating 20 per cent of the nation's cybersecurity students, which equates to around 1 300 students annually. This number has grown rapidly. In 2016, just 260 students were participating in these courses. In 2019, that number had grown to 1 000 students. At North Metropolitan TAFE, the cybersecurity course is fully enrolled, with 200 students studying this semester.

We often talk about the jobs of the future, which I have done since taking office. Now we are seeing these jobs of the future becoming a reality. Nationally, there will be a skills shortage of around 30 000 cybersecurity specialists over the next four years, although it is suggested that this figure is quite an underestimation. Joondalup is well positioned to continue to grow our involvement in addressing this skills shortage. Our government has already invested in the Joondalup Innovation Hub, in particular with a \$356 000 investment at North Metropolitan TAFE in 2019, which supported the creation of the Cyber Security Operations Centre at the Kendrew campus. This infrastructure includes facilities such as a hacker room, a defender room and a control room. It is where students and experienced teams alike work to protect and develop Australian interests across multiple sectors in WA, including mining, oil and gas, agriculture, freight and logistics, defence, and information technology. I am now seeing a strong collaboration with our local high schools, with paths provided for students at school to begin TAFE certificate courses in the cyber industry, as well as creating avenues to further vocational or tertiary education at our excellent facilities in Joondalup. This relationship that is being nurtured really sets Joondalup apart, and as a leader. There is strong collaboration for a young person in their chosen field from school to TAFE and university should they choose. It really does make sense.

In September last year, Australia was hit by the Optus cyber attack. Over 10 million Australians had their personal information and data stolen. Some experts have suggested that it was the worst data breach in Australia's history. As members can expect, people were angry and frustrated, wondering how this could occur. We could say it was a pivotal moment when the reality of cyber attacks became front of mind for millions of Australians. Unfortunately, we know that this is not a new phenomenon and that we need to take this threat seriously. Individuals need to become more aware of the challenges that can be faced when interacting online. It has meant that businesses need to take the time to understand and invest in cybersecurity measures. It has also highlighted the need to ensure that we have the workforce that is able to assist and support the cybersecurity industry. We are well equipped to do that, thanks to cybersecurity being one of the flagship courses at North Metropolitan TAFE, with the program at full enrolment capacity, as I mentioned earlier. Last year, the college won the Australian Information Security Association's best STEM promoter of the year award at the association's cybersecurity awards. This is an incredible achievement, which is further evidenced by students enrolled in this course being recognised on the national and even global stage. Noteworthy student achievements include Ben Armstrong winning a medallion for excellence and fifth place overall in the cybersecurity competition at the international WorldSkills event in South Korea. Odaya Amsellem was awarded tertiary student of the year at the Australian Information Security Association's cybersecurity awards, and Kai Baharthah-King was recognised and awarded as runner-up tertiary student of the year at the same event. These are incredible results for our students, and the quality of education and training in the cybersecurity industry is only set to rise, with North Metropolitan TAFE recently announcing the official launch of its cybersecurity industry pathway program alongside its Joondalup learning precinct partners, the City of Joondalup and Edith Cowan University.

Just this week, I attended an insightful event hosted by North Metro TAFE, the City of Joondalup and the WA AustCyber Innovation Hub—the “Securing your Future: Cyber Careers” chat with Rob Lee. Rob is an international cybersecurity expert and gave his time to talk to key industry representatives and university and TAFE students at different stages of their study and, most importantly, year 11 and 12 students from our secondary schools.

What is now being worked on locally is a program that will create a unique pathway linking TAFE and secondary school students with paid industry employment and advanced entry into university. Students will work to complete their first certificate III in information technology, cybersecurity, whilst in school, and upon graduation, students will continue to study with North Metro TAFE, where they will complete three qualifications—a certificate IV

and advanced diplomas, over two and a half years—whilst also participating in a paid workplace learning position with a host employer. Students will then receive recognition of prior learning, allowing them to save the first year and a half of ECU's three-year Bachelor of Science degree in cybersecurity. With our government's investment in TAFE through the Free in '23 initiative, the first qualification in this pathway can be completed fee free, making this a very affordable pathway into university and the cybersecurity industry. I have been working with Glenn Murray, a local cybersecurity expert, and at the end of last year made an introduction to one of our local high school principals. I am looking forward to watching this relationship flourish.

Robotics and automation are two of the more especially important innovative areas of development for our state and are highly relevant on a global scale. Western Australia is already a key player in the global market for these technologies due to the important role that mining and resources play within our economy. These technologies, however, are forecast to play a huge role within additional key industries, such as agriculture, space, defence, logistics, construction, advanced manufacturing and the education sector. Joondalup offers a strong foundation to support Western Australia's position as a world leader in automation and robotics and envisions itself at the centre of the development and innovation of these technologies, with the Australian automation and robotics Joondalup precinct under construction. It will form one of the biggest test facilities of its kind in the world, well equipped with specialist infrastructure and research and development facilities.

Our government's significant investment and commitment to the expansion of investment in medical research in Joondalup is also very clear. Just this week, we saw the launch of our future health research and innovation fund. Joondalup Health Campus is a major facilitator of advanced medical research, with a focus on drawing research investment and facilities to the Joondalup CBD. Last year, the campus appointed a world-renowned professor of paediatrics and co-founder of the Origins Project, Professor Desiree Silva, as director of research at Joondalup Health Campus. This is the first time an individual has been appointed to a role that seeks to support the health campus to embed new and emerging research into clinical practice. Last year, 23 clinical trials took place at the campus, with more than 150 research projects facilitated involving more than 2 500 patients spread across more than 20 specialties.

Joondalup is a world-renowned centre for medical research, and last year two more medical research organisations established offices locally. The Linear Joondalup Early Phase Clinic was opened in August last year. It is a Western Australian not-for-profit organisation, historically engaged in clinical trials of global importance, and its new Joondalup facility is one of the most advanced clinical trial centres in the entire Asia-Pacific region. The facility will be conducting early phase clinical trials, including first-in-human drug-to-drug interaction and vaccine and biosimilar trials. The new cutting-edge Joondalup facility was supported with an allocation of \$2.25 million from the McGowan government's future health research innovation fund.

Providing the latest in medical research and innovation is a focus for a number of other organisations in Joondalup. This includes the Telethon Kids Institute, which opened its second site in Edgewater. The site is home to CliniKids and the Origins Project. At the end of last year, I visited the new location and met with Leah from CliniKids and Alexis from the Origins Project to hear firsthand about the work they are undertaking and the support they are providing to WA families. CliniKids clinics provide cutting-edge therapies and support for children on the autism spectrum, as well as their families. Led by Professor Andrew Whitehouse, CliniKids puts research into practice to provide families with tailored supports and evidence-based therapies, cutting the time between new research outcomes and their use in clinical practice. Outcomes from the research and clinical work of the CliniKids clinic is being shared with local schools that have been offered training in cutting-edge therapies to support members of their school community.

The Telethon Kids Institute receives funding from Telethon, which our WA community has generously supported throughout the years. The 2022 Telethon netted more than \$71 million in donations—the largest amount in Telethon's history. This included a donation of \$11 million from the McGowan government. Telethon has been a cornerstone of the WA community since 1968, and the total of donations to Telethon over its lifetime now amounts to over \$500 million. The generous donations of the WA community support continued medical and therapeutic research across a wide range of fields, and the work completed by the Telethon Kids Institute is cited by academics, researchers and medical professionals across the globe.

The Origins Project is a collaboration between Joondalup Health Campus and the Telethon Kids Institute, forming the largest study of children from their time in the womb to the age of five years. It is well renowned in the northern suburbs and more broadly. The project has been underway for over a decade to improve child health and early intervention planning. The site is home to the paediatric services of the Origins Project, while antenatal newborn research will continue to take place at Joondalup Health Campus. The project is collecting detailed information on how a child's early environment, their parents' physical health, and genetics influence the risk of a wide range of diseases and conditions such as asthma, eczema, food allergies, hay fever, diabetes, obesity and neurodevelopmental challenges. The Origins Project is a unique study, the largest of its kind in Australia, and it not only provides data for research but is also a valued support for new families in our community. I anticipate that the massive amounts of data collected by the study will be of great use in research around the world, and it is great that Joondalup will

now be part of that global story. The outcomes of this vital research being undertaken in Joondalup are already making real differences in patient care. I am told that it can take upwards of a decade for the outcomes of medical research to be realised in the treatment of patients, and this concerted effort by Joondalup Health Campus will dramatically reduce that time, resulting in better health outcomes for patients across WA and more broadly.

Any conversation that is looking at creating jobs in innovative new industries like we have been links intricately with the necessary training required to upskill and train the workforce that will be needed. TAFE and training remain a key priority of this government and our Joondalup community. Locally, the most recent investment has seen construction starting on a new \$20.4 million specialist light automotive trade training workshop at North Metropolitan TAFE. The facility will cater for emerging communication and IT technology in new vehicles, including drones. This Labor government has seen record participation in TAFE, traineeships and apprenticeships due to our focus on providing quality, affordable training to our entire WA community. Our Lower Fees, Local Skills program is keeping TAFE fees affordable for working families, and a variety of fee-free courses means that it has never been easier to pick up a new skill or change industries in the increasingly dynamic world we face.

It used to be said that we could expect to work two or three jobs in our lives. Now, for a teenager like my daughter, Mya, or my son, Ryan, that is now more like 10 possible careers. It is pleasing to see the McGowan government join the National Skills Agreement that will deliver funding for over 100 fee-free qualifications and short courses in 2023 as part of the Free in '23 initiative helping to reskill and upskill Western Australians in a range of priority sectors. Importantly for Joondalup, this also includes courses in cybersecurity.

All work on future job opportunities starts at school, and that is why it is so important that we continue to invest in our schools, ensuring that our kids are equipped in experiencing the environment and tools for the jobs of the future. The funds are being delivered through a wide range of projects to support WA kids as they learn and grow. Ocean Reef Senior High School will benefit from a new \$5 million sports hall currently being constructed on site. When completed, the sports hall will provide much greater flexibility in delivering physical education.

[Member's time extended.]

Ms E.L. HAMILTON: We have also seen \$1.5 million of upgrades to the early childhood block and play space at Heathridge Primary School, \$650 000 for parking and access upgrades at the two Joondalup primary schools, and \$390 000 for resurfaced basketball courts at Beaumaris Primary School.

The schools in Joondalup electorate are leaders in renewable energy and sustainability. Last year I joined in the planting of urban forests at Edgewater and Poseidon Primary Schools. The forests are planted using the Miyawaki method, which emphasises small, densely planted communities of Indigenous plant species. These projects link to the school curriculum, with students taking forest measurements to track their impact while learning about climate change and urban biodiversity. Dr Grey Coupland from the Harry Butler Institute at Murdoch University conducts this outreach program, partnering with Carbon Positive Australia, empowering students to become citizen scientists. Edgewater Primary School began revegetating its school grounds in 2021 in a project called the Living Edge. Parents, students and community members planted 800 native plants. The aim of this venture is to improve the mental health and wellbeing of the school community. A number of primary schools in the electorate have planted bush tucker, sensory and vegetable gardens. Edgewater Primary School is also a recipient of our government's \$44.6 million schools clean energy technology fund, and the new solar panels are sure to reduce energy costs and provide real-life learning opportunities for students.

Every public school, primary and secondary, is benefiting from our government's investment in STEM facilities and resources. Classrooms have already been converted into science labs at Beaumaris, Ocean Reef, Connolly, Edgewater, and Joondalup Primary Schools. Heathridge, Eddystone, and Poseidon Primary Schools have all received funding for new science labs. Funding of \$1 million has also been delivered to Ocean Reef Senior High School for a STEM classroom upgrade. This raft of investments ensures that Joondalup students can receive a STEM education in high-quality facilities, from primary school right the way through. This is very important for an innovation centre such as Joondalup, where we are creating the jobs of the future in emerging and innovative fields, including, but not limited to, cybersecurity and digital technology, for which a well-rounded set of STEM skills is vital.

I will take a moment to mention a wonderful organisation that has been supporting our school community, not only in Joondalup, but also more broadly across WA. In any contribution that I make on our wonderful electorate, recognising these wonderful community organisations is very important. The back-to-school period can be very stressful for any parent, guardian or carer, but we know that for some of the most vulnerable in our community it can be an incredibly difficult time. This is particularly true for those impacted by hardship, such as homelessness, domestic violence, poverty, natural disaster or financial hardship, who want to ensure that their children receive the best possible start at school. That is why the work of local community organisations such as Dandelions WA is so important. This year, Dandelions WA ran its back-to-school campaign. As a result, it received requests for over 6 600 "Dandi-bags" that contain the basic school essentials like stationery, hats and water bottles. Requests came from across WA, from Esperance to Perth and up to the Kimberley. It was a marathon effort for volunteers Jan,

Vicky and their team of over 100 volunteers, but they packed all 6 600 bags in time for the start of school. For some WA kids, this has meant that they can attend school with new supplies for the very first time. Dandelions WA was founded in my electorate through the work of Jan and her wonderful dedicated team of volunteers. Supporting them has been a priority for me. Last year I invited Jan and Vicky to visit Parliament House to address my colleagues, including many in the chamber today, about Dandelions' work in our community. I would like to thank former Minister for Education and Training Sue Ellery, who backed the initiative. I look forward to introducing our new Minister for Education to the team shortly. I would like to thank all my parliamentary colleagues who have been supportive of the mission of Dandelions WA—which is spreading kindness and growing hope—and its back-to-school campaign, including many members who personally purchased and delivered “Dandi-bags” on behalf of the Dandelions team.

I want to conclude my contribution today by highlighting a magnificent event that took place in Joondalup just last week. Last weekend, Joondalup hosted the opening of the 2023 Perth Festival with *Djoondal*, a premiere event bringing people together for a light and drone show at the shore of Lake Joondalup in the heart of Yellagonga Regional Park. My daughter and I attended the Friday evening event, enjoying wonderful hospitality, being part of a yarning circle and cultural experience. Headed by Noongar theatre maker Ian Wilkes, the show was a combination of storytelling and cutting-edge technology, and there was a strong and powerful message intertwined with the light and drone spectacular. Pinar's tree, quite a prominent and significant tree along Lake Joondalup, was used to model Djoondal, the woman who, with her long white hair, collected spirit children who walked the earth then flicked them into the cosmos, birthing the Milky Way and Lake Joondalup. Her name forms the basis of Joondalup. Importantly, the event focused on the need to progress with Closing the Gap and to empower Indigenous Australians to use over 60 000 years of knowledge to help address the issues facing us. Attendance from both local residents and those who travelled to view the show was wonderful, and I would like to congratulate all involved, including illustrator Rubeun Yorkshire and lighting designer Chloe Ogilvie, on the wonderful three-day event. I also congratulate the executive director, Nathan Bennett, and artistic director, Iain Grandage. In recent years, the Perth Festival has opened the program with a retelling of Indigenous stories from across our city. I would like to commend Perth Festival for this, and encourage the telling of more Indigenous stories from all over Perth as part of future events.

There is a lot to look forward to in Joondalup as our community continues to engage and innovate. I am looking forward to seeing our students participate with the numerous world-class cyber opportunities that are emerging within our secondary, vocational and tertiary education providers here in Joondalup. As a future global workforce within this industry, I am eager to see the continued collaboration with and investment into our students, as well as the infrastructure that enables these Australians to become world leaders in innovation. Over the past few years we have gone through a once-in-a-century pandemic, had two natural disasters in WA and had state and federal election campaigns, both of which firmly reinforced the Western Australian public's confidence in our WA Labor team. As the local member, it is important for me to hear from our community and I was out and about last year, chatting to locals whenever I could, be that at their doors, on the phones, at one of the number of mobile or open offices that I held at local parks, at coffee shops or after-hours in my office, at a community forum or a workshop. I want to thank everyone who has shared their views with me. A big thanks to my amazing team of volunteers who help me share information by letterboxing, calling, being out in the community and volunteering in my office. I am very grateful for your support. I very much look forward to continuing to work for our Joondalup community over what I am sure will be an awesome 2023.

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Ms C.M. Rowe**.

House adjourned at 4.58 pm
