

ROSIE SITORUS

Statement by Member for Geraldton

MS L. DALTON (Geraldton) [12.21 pm]: I rise today to congratulate a Geraldton local who has excelled in every field she has put her hand to, Rosie Sitorus. Rosie has recently been selected to be part of the Local Giants Regional Producers Platform. This program, run by Regional Arts Australia with Performing Arts Connections Australia and Performing Lines, will showcase and share the amazing talent often unrecognised in regional Australia. Rosie will join 14 other regional creatives from June to September. They will share their knowledge in lectures and tutorials with people around the country, zooming into every corner of our wide brown land. Rosie Sitorus is a force to be reckoned with, an expert linguist who has worked with the Bundiyarra–Irra Wangga Language Centre across regional WA, helping to document and preserve the languages of our state’s First Nations people. Rosie is an accomplished stage performer, from her Fringe Festival show, *Fat Girls in Bike Shorts*, through to performances with 87-year-old Peter Salmon in the award-winning band Warralgurniya. Peter sings in the critically endangered Thiinma language and the band has previously won a WAM award in the global category. I congratulate Rosie Sitorus, an accomplished writer, poet, producer and performer and a local giant who is willing to share her knowledge and passion for performance.