

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Statement by Member for Albany

MS R.S. STEPHENS (Albany) [12.51 pm]: Earlier this week as part of National Volunteer Week I gave special thanks on behalf of Minister Dawson to volunteers in Albany and the wider great southern community who encourage, facilitate and support community life, including: Veronica Hare for her dedicated work with the Albany branch of the Arthritis Foundation; Helen Parry for her contribution to the Albany and Regional Volunteer Service and the Albany Public Library; Kevin Potter for his role at Chorus; Asha Bhat at Share the Dignity to help end period poverty; and Mary Anne Van Den Hoek at Animal Support Op Shop. Certificates of appreciation were also presented to members of the following volunteer community groups: Great Southern Badminton Association, Breakfast in the Park, Keep Albany Beautiful, Tummy Warmers and Share the Dignity. Long-serving volunteers were also recognised, including: Veronica Hare, Albany Breast Cancer Group; Desmond Beeck, Sailability Albany; Lorraine Scott and Rosalind Sawyer, Soroptimist International Albany; Bob Symons, Ace Camera Club and the A-Team; Don Titterton and Barry Chapman, Keep Albany Beautiful; Ken Ewers-Verge; Findlay MacNish; Alice Rule, Keep Albany Beautiful; and Steve Marshall, Grace and Glories Ministries. I also presented two very special awards to two long-serving members of girl guides, Phyllis Mirco for 50 years' service and Marion Sewell for over 25 years' service. Thank you to all these incredible volunteers for giving of your time, energy, strength and compassion to the Albany community.