

**COMMUNITY SERVICES — KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST**

*Statement by Minister for Community Services*

**MS S.E. WINTON (Wanneroo — Minister for Community Services)** [12.25 pm]: I also welcome the deadset legends in the back of the room. In particular, as the member for Wanneroo, I give a personal shout-out to Jackie Watkins McKiernan, of course a former member for Wanneroo and Joondalup. It is lovely to have you all here. It is appropriate that I rise to talk about some other legends in our community in acknowledging some of the Western Australians who were deservedly recognised in this year's King's Birthday honours for their outstanding contribution and work advocating for the safety and wellbeing of children, people experiencing family and domestic violence, Aboriginal people and strong and effective social services.

In particular, I would like to acknowledge Mrs Esme Moulds, OAM, for her work with the volunteer, self-help organisation known as ARMS, the Association Representing Mothers Separated from their children by adoption, which provides emotional support and advocacy to people affected by adoption separation; and Miss Anne Muir, OAM, for her decades of service as a family and domestic violence and social welfare advocate. Miss Muir has supported victim-survivors of domestic violence to access supports and find safety. I acknowledge Mrs Kirsty Pratt, OAM, for her passionate and continuing advocacy for child abuse survivors. I am sure many will remember Mrs Pratt's strong support for the amendments to the Civil Liability Act to remove limitation periods for victims of child sexual abuse to take civil action.

I also acknowledge Ms Merle Carter, OAM, a senior cultural woman of the Miriuwung–Gajerrong people and the Bunuba people, for services to the Indigenous communities of Western Australia as a member of Aboriginal advisory councils. Ms Carter is a prominent community member, the chairwoman of the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre, and a board member of the Kimberley Land Council and Aarnja. I acknowledge Mrs Kelly Ann Howlett, OAM, for being a passionate advocate for Aboriginal people through her work as the CEO of the Bloodwood Tree Association in Port Hedland, an Aboriginal-controlled organisation that provides social services for those in need; and Ms Karen Chappel, OAM, whom my colleague the Minister for Local Government acknowledged in Parliament last week. In addition to her service and contributions to local government, Ms Chappel is also a board member of Desert Blue Connect, which provides women's community health services and family and domestic violence services.

They were all deservedly awarded the Order of Australia Medal in the General Division. I congratulate and thank all those nominated, and also acknowledge Western Australia's community service organisations for the wonderful and important work they do each day to make a difference in people's lives. I am sure all members will join me in congratulating these outstanding legends.