

**KARL SUCKLING, REGIONAL AMBASSADOR AWARD**

*Statement by Member for Greenough*

**MR EDWARDS** (Greenough) [12.54 pm]: I bring to the attention of the House one of my young constituents. Karl Suckling is a young man who grew up in a farming family at Northampton. Over the years he has developed a passion for agriculture. His knowledge of rural affairs and the community in general helped him win the mid west young rural ambassador title, which gained him admission to the state title. He then went on to win that Western Australian state title. He will be representing Western Australia at the Royal Hobart Show in October 2002. He is currently an agronomist with Elders Limited, which fortunately for him gives him the opportunity to continue to work in the Northampton district. Karl won the regional ambassador award from five mid west entrants and faced a panel of three judges, of whom I was privileged to be one. The young rural ambassador award is a competition designed to attract young people capable of representing their local agricultural society and region and provides them with an opportunity to promote Western Australia. It was previously known as Miss Showgirl. I congratulate Karl on his Western Australian win and wish him well in his endeavours to win the national title next October.