

RACHEL NIGHTINGALE — TRIBUTE

Statement by Member for Central Wheatbelt

MS M.J. DAVIES (Central Wheatbelt — Leader of the Opposition) [12.51 pm]: I rise to pay tribute to Rachel Nightingale, who sadly passed away suddenly on 5 April 2021. Rachel, wife of Will and mother of Harry and Lauren, lived a busy, full and rich life every day of her 44 years. She and Will moved to Western Australia in 2000, making Wyalkatchem their adopted home. Many, many miles from their family and friends in England, they chose the little town with a strange name to make a life for themselves and, later, their children. Rachel threw herself into work and community life without hesitation, and her intellect, commitment and passion meant that everything she was involved in benefited enormously. She was always positive and approached every challenge with a no-fuss, no-conflict philosophy. Her enthusiasm was infectious, drawing others onto committees and boards and into sporting clubs and event organisation to work together for the benefit of the community. Rachel served as a school councillor at Wyalkatchem District High School, was involved in cricket, hockey, football, swimming, tennis, music, waterskiing and much, much more. She was elected to the local council in Wyalkatchem and brought all her admirable traits to this role, demonstrating a proactive, positive and selfless attitude that made a difference in not only Wyalkatchem, but also the wider wheatbelt region. Our community has lost a leader who had so much more to offer. Her beautiful family has lost a loving wife, a devoted mum, a treasured daughter, an adoring sister, a caring in-law, a fun-loving aunty and an amazing friend. It was a privilege to know her. She touched so many lives and will be greatly missed.

Rest in peace, Rachel.