

**ROD SIMEONS**

*Statement by Member for Swan Hills*

**MS J.J. SHAW (Swan Hills)** [12.57 pm]: Mr Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the distinguished career of Mr Rod Simeons, an educator for over 54 years and retiring principal of Anne Hamersley Primary School.

Mr Simeon's early career established his reputation for assisting troubled schools. He demonstrated outstanding leadership and a unique ability to collaborate with local communities, particularly in Meekatharra and Gosnells. In the electorate of Swan Hills, from 1988 to 1996, Mr Simeons was the principal of Upper Swan Primary School. He served as the foundation principal of Aveley Primary School for three and a half years, and has been Anne Hamersley's foundation principal for the past five and a half years, where he had the rare opportunity to apply his wealth of experience and knowledge to the school's design. Mr Simeons has made an enduring contribution to so many families in the electorate of Swan Hills, shepherding thousands of our children through primary school. He has also served our broader community through Rotary and Lions clubs.

We are so very grateful for Mr Simeon's tireless work, his outstanding leadership, and the warm, inclusive and nurturing school communities that he has built throughout his career for students, staff, parents and visitors alike. He represents the very best of public school leadership. I thank him on behalf of my constituents for his distinguished service. We all wish him every happiness in retirement. Thank you so much, Rod.

*Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm*