

PHARMACY 777 — NOLLAMARA

Statement by Member for Morley

MR I.M. BRITZA (Morley) [12.57 pm]: I would like to share with members two awards received by a pharmacy in my electorate—and it is not an average pharmacy. Recently, Mr Sam Afsar, the pharmacist and proprietor of the small Pharmacy 777 in Nollamara, was presented the coveted and prestigious Pharmacy Guild of Australia overall Pharmacy of the Year Award for 2016. The pharmacy also won the professional innovation category award.

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia is the national peak body representing over 5 000 community pharmacies in Australia, so members can see why this award is such a huge accolade for this small pharmacy in Nollamara. This pharmacy has demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment to tailoring services to meet local needs. It was recognised as the overall category winner for its multilingual approach, innovative private counselling and clinical hypnotherapy services for mental health and for providing a range of professional services.

Recently, to celebrate this wonderful achievement, Sam and his staff held a community street event at the pharmacy, attended by 250 residents and staff of the Nollamara shopping centre. Hon Michael Keenan, the federal minister and local MP for Stirling, was also in attendance to mark such an auspicious occasion.

I would like to once again congratulate Sam and his enthusiastic and dedicated team of pharmacists and pharmacy staff as the recipients of these prestigious awards. It is well deserved and has placed Nollamara in a positive light—something the community will definitely benefit and grow from. Well done!

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm