

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY — REGIONAL GRANTS

Statement by Minister for Seniors and Ageing

MR D.T. PUNCH (Bunbury — Minister for Seniors and Ageing) [9.10 am]: I am pleased to inform the house that on Tuesday, 9 May 2023, I announced the recipients of the regional grant funding to host events on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, 15 June. Regional local governments and registered not-for-profit organisations around Western Australia were invited to apply for grants to hold events and activities during the week of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Metropolitan-based organisations were also eligible to apply to run in-person activities in regional areas.

Events planned include information workshops, education seminars, morning teas and art projects to support local people to work together to identify and respond to elder abuse in their local community. I am pleased to advise the house that the following 22 groups have been successful in their applications: the Shire of Harvey, Walpole Community Resource Centre, Walitj Aboriginal Corporation, Dumbleyung Community Resource Centre, Goldfields Aboriginal Community Services, the Western Australian Family Violence Prevention Legal Service, Mount Barker Community Resource Centre, the City of Albany, the Town of Port Hedland Libraries, the City of Greater Geraldton, South West Women's Health and Information Centre, Northam Men's Shed Inc, West Arthur Community Resource Centre, the Shire of Carnarvon, Ardyaloon Inc, Nirrumbuk Aboriginal Corporation, the Shire of Bruce Rock, the Shire of Boddington, Advocare, Tambellup Community Resource Centre, Peel Community Legal Services and Moorditj Koort Aboriginal Corporation. The grants program is being funded by the Department of Communities and managed by the Council on the Ageing Western Australia.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day has been officially recognised by the United Nations since 2011 and provides an opportunity for people around the world to unite in voicing opposition to elder abuse and the suffering it inflicts upon older people. This year, the tagline "Wise Up, Rise Up Against Elder Abuse" encourages Western Australians to find out more about elder abuse, recognise the signs, access support and take action in their own lives and communities to stop it from happening. For more information about World Elder Abuse Awareness Day events around Western Australia, search for "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day events" on the www.wa.gov.au webpage.