

MARJORIE GREEN — TRIBUTE

Statement by Member for Central Wheatbelt

MS M.J. DAVIES (Central Wheatbelt) [12.53 pm]: I rise to pay tribute to Mrs Marjorie Green, who at the age of 100 years and a handful of days passed away on 23 November. I came to know Marjorie when I first joined the party as a Young National. At that time, Marjorie was in her 80s, but still a regular attendee at our party's state council and annual conference.

Born in 1923 in Perth, Marjorie married a farmer from Trayning, Mr Harold Green. References to her time in this small wheatbelt community show her to have been actively involved in the Country Women's Association, as captain of the golf club, and as a member of the tennis club, the repertory club and the junior farmers club. Harold and Marjorie were also busy raising their family of three—Rosemary, Doug and Alan. Later moving to East Fremantle, where their son Doug was a handy footballer of some note for the mighty Sharks, Marjorie made history when she became the first female elected councillor to the Town of East Fremantle, serving from 1974 to 1985, acting as deputy mayor during this time. She served on council committees such as town planning, health and general purpose and finance. Although she gave "home duties" as her occupation, Marjorie had worked in the community at the local kindergarten and was a life member of the East Fremantle kindergarten centre. Marjorie also served as a justice of the peace for over 25 years and was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the general division in 1982. She even has a park named after her, the Marjorie Green Park, at the entrance to Richmond Raceway.

Marjorie's heart remained in the country and she was a strong contributor to the National Party through thick and thin, having first joined in the 1940s. Never one to shy away from a debate, she had a quick wit and keen mind, approaching issues with a forthright and commonsense manner. Hon Martin Aldridge, MLC, and I, along with many other Young Nationals, admired her greatly and appreciated her support of us in the party as we started our journey. She had great passion and commitment and turned up to every meeting ready to contribute on policy, always armed with a batch of fresh warm scones to feed us all. Hers was a life well lived. On behalf of the Nationals WA, we send our condolences to the family.

Vale, Marjorie.