

BUNBURY CREMATORIUM, OFFICIAL OPENING

Statement by Member for Bunbury

MR DEAN (Bunbury) [12.54 pm]: Last Friday afternoon, it was my pleasure to be part of a small group that took part in the official opening of the extensions of the Bunbury Crematorium. The afternoon was presided over by a woman of remarkable stature, the Deputy Mayor of Bunbury, Mrs Judy Jones. Even by her own admission, she is a bonza sheila. Judy is the chairperson of the Bunbury Cemetery Board. At no cost to the community in the south west, the board has built extensions worth \$600 000. The crematorium contains a state-of-the-art incinerator based on natural gas. The crematorium manager Mr Pieter Den Boer supervised all refurbishment renovations in conjunction with his normal duties. Mr Gary Hamilton, the cremator, and Ms Noellene D'Andrea supported him in an administrative role. The crematorium processes about 450 customers a year at a rate of eight to 10 a week. This appears not to be a dying business but a business based on sound business principles with an expanding client base.

Judy Jones has not done this on her own; she has had superlative help from the following members of the board: Mrs Lesley Cunningham, Mr Errol Barrett, Mrs Margaret Fleay, Mr Wayne Jennings, Mrs "Snookie" Manea and Mrs Pamela Mason. I congratulate all concerned.

In closing, I make particular reference to the extremely high quality of the gardens that surround the crematorium. Mr David MacIntyre and Mr Leonard Beauchamp are to be congratulated on the garden's high quality of presentation. It would be hard to find a more peaceful and restful place in Bunbury in which to spend eternity.