

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES — BUNBURY

Statement by Member for Bunbury

MR D.T. PUNCH (Bunbury) [12.58 pm]: There are a number of organisations that provide extra services and support at Christmas time and I want to acknowledge the Salvation Army, with Zoe and Mark Schatz; Foodbank, with Carol Hearn; the Intown Centre, which provides Christmas lunches; the South West Refuge, which supports families; Foster Carers, South West, which supports toy drives; the Bunbury soup van, with Denise and Sasha who will be out with the van providing a hot meal on every public holiday; and Doors Wide Open, with Jane, Lina and Anne who are collecting food items and gifts for children to support individuals and families dealing with the impacts of addiction.

There are many other organisations, but these particular organisations will be out collecting for Christmas this year. I encourage everybody to get behind them and help those people who have done it a little bit tougher than everybody else and might need a little extra support. The Salvation Army will be running a toy drive. Donations of toys that kids can play with are always very welcome, as is food for people who are sometimes fairly desperate. I support all those organisations. If anybody would like further information about how to contact them, they are welcome to contact my office and we will link up people.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm