

**MANDURAH–MURRAY MAY DAY CLUB —  
HELPING HANDS SUPPORT GROUP**

*Statement by Member for Mandurah*

**MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah)** [12.52 pm]: I am indeed fortunate to live in a community that has so many great organisations that do so much for others in our community. Mandurah and the wider Peel region has a reputation for the quality and number of people who volunteer, in all sorts of ways, to make our community a fantastic place to live. During National Volunteer Week I had the opportunity to attend a number of events that celebrated our local volunteers in my community. Volunteers are very much nation builders. They give their time, expertise and experience freely to the organisations they are involved in, and they do that with great passion and energy. Today I want to highlight two magnificent examples of volunteer organisations in Mandurah that, for many years, have made such a positive difference to my community.

The Mandurah–Murray May Day Club has now been operating for nearly four decades. This organisation operates two op shops in Mandurah Central and Barragup, and all the funds raised, which total \$2 million or \$3 million, have been delivered back to the local community. This amazing group of people has assisted disadvantaged individuals, families, community groups that work with vulnerable people, seniors and groups involved in delivering programs for young people. The Mandurah–Murray May Day Club has been a long-term supporter of a number of our emergency service volunteer groups, including the Mandurah Water Rescue Group and the Mandurah State Emergency Service. The May Day Club is an exceptional volunteer organisation in my community.

The other group I wish to acknowledge is the Helping Hands Support Group, run by Doreen and Ron Bowen. Through their weekly bingo fundraising nights, Doreen, Ron and other volunteers at Helping Hands have, for many years, been raising funds for people in need. Doreen and Ron Bowen have ensured that funds raised help people and organisations in need or groups that assist people who are vulnerable or disadvantaged.

I thank these two magnificent groups, the volunteers involved and all the people in my community who volunteer and make a real difference to the lives of so many throughout the Peel region. They are all exceptional Australians.