

CHRIS STICKLAND — EDUCATOR — TRIBUTE

Statement by Member for Mandurah

MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah) [12.23 pm]: Western Australia has tremendously dedicated teachers and educators in both the state and independent school system. Today I put on record my appreciation and my community's appreciation of the dedication to the state education system of Mr Chris Stickland, who has recently retired from John Tonkin College in Mandurah.

Chris Stickland has served this state's public education system for 40 years. The last 30 years has been service to children and young people in Mandurah. Chris came to Mandurah to work at the then Mandurah Senior High School in the early 1980s. He worked there until the Mandurah Senior College opened in 2000 and he has been a key educator and innovator of programs over the last 30 years, particularly those aimed at young people who are vulnerable or at risk. Indeed, over the last 27 years, Chris was instrumental in establishing the highly successful Mandurah State Emergency Service cadet program at Mandurah senior high, a program, which up until this year, had provided outstanding training and life skills education for over 6 000 young people in my community.

This contribution and dedication is a remarkable achievement and commitment. Chris retired last term after 40 years' dedicated service to the young people of my community and to many young people in Western Australia. As manager of the Mandurah State Emergency Service unit, Chris will continue his ongoing commitment to our local community and region in that role, but his work as a local educator in Mandurah cannot go unacknowledged. I thank Chris for his outstanding service to the young people and their families of my community. I wish him all the very best for his new ventures and acknowledge the role he has played in delivering quality teaching and innovative programs to so many students who so very much needed the compassion and support he provided.