

BRETT TREBY — DEPUTY MAYOR OF WANNEROO — RETIREMENT

Statement by Member for Landsdale

MS M.M. QUIRK (Landsdale) [12.54 pm]: Councillor and Deputy Mayor, Brett Treby, of the City of Wanneroo is retiring. He was elected to the inaugural City of Wanneroo in 1999 and re-elected five times, serving the community for a total of 24 years. We have worked together since I became member for Girrawheen, apart from a minor hiccup when he was campaign manager for an opposing candidate. All members agree that we do our best service for constituents if we can closely collaborate with all tiers of government. Councillor Treby was always accessible, approachable, pragmatic and focused on the needs of local families, economic development and quality infrastructure.

No acknowledgement of Brett would be complete without recognising the unwavering support and activism of his wife, Jo. For example, they vigorously lobbied to have Rawlinson Primary School built in Marangaroo, despite the resistance of then Minister for Education Barnett. These days, Jo volunteers at the Hepburn Centre, at which Brett chairs the board.

Brett's achievements are numerous and include the Girrawheen Hub, enhancements to Kingsway Regional Playground with its dinosaur playground and water park, and upgrades to sport and recreation facilities and seniors clubs. Of note is Sam's Playground, named after Sam Trott, an autistic boy who tragically drowned nearby, which is designed to cater for children with special needs. Brett was a driving force behind this memorial. With high growth and rapid development driving the need for new infrastructure and renewal of older infrastructure, the work of a south ward councillor is never done. I thank Brett for his great service and to the community.