

BUNBURY GARDEN LABYRINTH

Statement by Member for Bunbury

MR D.T. PUNCH (Bunbury) [12.58 pm]: Last week, I attended the opening of Bunbury Garden Labyrinth, which is set on land at Queens Gardens in Bunbury. Garden Labyrinth is a circular pathway set in rock gardens with a beautiful entrance way designed by local sculptors Alex and Nickie Mickle. The labyrinth is a place of reflection and peace, a quiet place away from the bustle of city life. It is a place where people can choose to walk the labyrinth or just sit and find a sense of peace in the surrounds, and, strangely, a sense of community out of solitude.

There has never been a more important time for such a place as we all adjust to the changes in our connection with friends and family that have come about from our experience of the pandemic and the uncertainties that we face in the future. It is hard to describe the incredible amount of work that has been put into creating this beautiful place from getting people involved in sharing the vision five years ago to fundraising and gaining sponsorship, deciding on a location, gaining the support of the City of Bunbury, undertaking detailed design and all the logistics of construction. What makes Bunbury and living in the regions special is that people make things happen.

I would like to acknowledge all the people who have made this project a reality: community members, such as Alex and Nicky Mickle, who designed the entrance way, and the local businesses that helped with the manufacture of the labyrinth and the numerous construction jobs. I especially acknowledge the work of the committee members: Linda Blyth, Nari Jones, Michele Schroeder, Carolyn Ngan, Di Panorius, John Sherwood and Carol McDowall. Together they have given Bunbury a long-lasting gift for the future and the people of Bunbury a very special place to find peace.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm