

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

*Statement by Member for Murray–Wellington*

**MRS R.M.J. CLARKE (Murray–Wellington)** [12.55 pm]: As part of National Volunteer Week, the Shire of Murray held its annual volunteer sundowner and awards. Volunteers who were recognised for at least 10 years of service to the community were Warren Haugh, Alastair McKechnie, Dawn Hodgkinson, Stan Chegwiddden, Irene Stokes, Mary Fegan, Vincent Taylor, Valma King, Sheila Cullinane, Merv Beacham, Brenda Beacham, Tom Hoffman and Penny Hoffman. The Pinjarra Community Kitchen was awarded the Volunteer Organisation of the Year, whilst Michaela Gosby was awarded Youth Volunteer of the Year. The recipient of Volunteer of the Year was Peter White, who has been a significant part of the Dwellingup community for over 25 years.

The Shire of Harvey also recently held its annual community awards dinner at which Joan Fry and Kevin Harnett were awarded Appreciation Awards. Shannon Power was awarded the Youth Appreciation Award, Jada Cowdrey received the Youth Award and Fred Talbot received the Meritorious Service Award.

Recently the WA Volunteer Service Awards were held, which recognised the service of three local justices of the peace. Douglas Cowie, Graeme Blight and Colin Beauchamp have all been JPs for 25 years. I thank them all for the essential service that they have provided to the community.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge David Marshall who recently received a Medal of the Order of Australia. I would be here all day if I were to mention every project he has been a part of, but some of the highlights include the Harvey Harvest Festival, Harvey's Anzac Day and Australia Day commemorations, and Harvey Community Radio. He has also been involved in local cricket, hockey, netball and basketball teams for over 30 years. The time David dedicates to the community is truly astounding and this honour is very well deserved.

I pass on my congratulations to all of these recipients and thank them all for the important services that they provide to their community. I would also like to acknowledge and welcome Treendale Primary School staff and student leaders who are here in the gallery today.