

**BODDINGTON STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE UNIT**

*Statement by Member for Collie*

**MR M.P. MURRAY** (Collie) [5.53 pm]: I rise to thank the dedicated volunteers from the Boddington State Emergency Service Unit for their unrelenting commitment and contribution towards our local service. The Boddington SES has grown significantly over the past few years and, as the population has grown, so, too, has the number of incidents that SES volunteers attend. The unit is responsible for almost 1 000 kilometres of road, which includes a fair stretch of the Albany Highway. The majority of call-outs are for road accidents, many of which involve fatalities. Others call-outs are for storm damage, search and rescue and flood emergencies. Emergency service units would not run without the volunteers or the organisation and companies from within the community that donate their time and money.

The 14 active members of the Boddington SES are all highly trained to respond to all incidents, and the members have participated in state teams at national road accident and rescue competitions. These ordinary people demonstrate extraordinary dedication to their community, and I take this opportunity to thank them. Many local businesses, both small and large, have donated to the Boddington SES to assist in improving the unit's effectiveness in responding to incidents and ensuring maximum safety for unit members. The most recent donation was a purpose-built dual-cab truck that involved the donation efforts of at least 14 local companies plus the State Government. This unit has been a resounding success in the rescue efforts of the Boddington SES. It goes without saying that the unit has a challenging role in protecting the people in its community. With kindness and compassion, these volunteers work tirelessly in all conditions for the benefit of their community.