

**DR ERN MANEA**

*Statement by Member for Collie–Preston*

**MR M.P. MURRAY (Collie–Preston)** [12.56 pm]: I rise today to pay tribute to the late Dr Ern Manea, who passed away in Bunbury on 16 October 2013. Dr Manea was born in Albany in 1926 and moved to Bunbury in 1952 where he worked as a general practitioner. He delivered 3 581 babies during this time and retired from his medical career in 2010. He was a loved and respected family doctor to generations of south west families.

Dr Manea served as the mayor of Bunbury for two terms—from 1966 to 1972 and then from 1988 to 1997. He was involved in many organisations like the Western Australian Trotting Association, the International Trotting Association, the South Bunbury Football Club, the South West Development Commission and the Australian Medical Association. Dr Manea was a true champion of the south west and a driving force behind a number of big ticket projects in and around the Bunbury area. These include the Hay Park sporting grounds; the Lord Forrest Hotel and Bunbury tower; the redevelopment of Marlston Hill from industrial wasteland to residential and tourism precinct; Manea Senior College; the South West Institute of Technology; Edith Cowan University; and the St John of God Hospital Bunbury.

Dr Manea, or Ern as he was fondly known, was always acutely aware of all the issues in the south west and never missed the opportunity to discuss or be briefed on the latest projects. Dr Ern Manea leaves behind his legacy of achievement. He was considered a community hero and, although we are sad at his loss, his achievements and contributions have made the south west a richer place.

Dr Manea was married to Snookie for 60 years. I extend my deepest sympathy to his wife Snookie, his sons Mark and Denis Manea, Sydney Jackson and his five grandchildren. Rest in peace, Ern.