

KITCHEN, MR JACK

Statement by Member for Collie

MR MURRAY (Collie) [12.52 pm]: I bring to the attention of the House a remarkable achievement of Mr Jack Kitchen, a gentleman from Boyanup. Mr Kitchen recently retired as a shire councillor after serving the Capel shire for 42 years. He joined the Capel Shire Council in 1959 and retired in 2001. During his 42 years as a councillor, he was president for three years and also found time to serve as a control officer in the local bushfire brigade, and in his spare time, helped to write the history of Capel in the book, *Just a horse ride away: a history of the Shire of Capel and its people*.

Jack joined the council because he believed he had a lucky life and therefore, should put a little back into his community - something he wishes more people would consider doing in today's society. Mr Kitchen is well known for his efforts in trying to upgrade the services in his community and proudly watched as the shire acquired new council chambers, a \$500 000 community hall in Boyanup, new aged care units and a centralised south west cattle saleyard, much of which was achieved due to Jack's vision and energy.

One will find many examples of people just like Jack Kitchen in most country towns, but not many who have worked for their communities as long as Jack. I am sure that all members of the House will today join me in congratulating him on a fine community effort.