

LIONS CLUB OF AUSTRALIND

Statement by Member for Murray–Wellington

MRS R.M.J. CLARKE (Murray–Wellington) [12.51 pm]: Firstly, I welcome the students and teachers from St Anne's School in Harvey to Parliament today.

I would like to acknowledge the Lions Club of Australind and its contribution to the local community. The club meets on the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Leschenault day centre and, as with many Lions clubs, the Australind Lions are very active in their community. They give everything they can to those who need it most from yard clean-ups and donating to schools for underprivileged students to donating a gopher to a local in need. The club recently ran the sausage sizzle for the Telethon Carnival Day in Bunbury for the twentieth year in a row, raising money for this very worthy cause. This is on top of selling at the famous Bunnings sausage sizzles in Treendale once a month and the countless other volunteering activities they do, including manning the gates at the recent Brunswick Agricultural Show. What is especially important about the Australind Lions Club is that it currently has women in all leadership positions. This is something that deserves to be recognised. I am pleased to be a part of a club that encourages women to step into leadership roles. In 2018, the Australind Lions have the honour of hosting the 2018 district convention in Bunbury at the Sanctuary Golf Resort. I want to thank Australind Lions' president, Ann Knapp; secretary, Vera Bartlett; and treasurer, Robin Taylor. I also thank my sponsor Marlene Knott, and I cannot forget the tail-twisting, fine collector, Sue Crump. Thank you to the entire club and its members for their dedication to the community. What these people have done and continue to do for those around them is admirable. I am proud to be a Lion.