

YOUNG ACHIEVERS — KIMBERLEY

Statement by Member for Kimberley

MS D.G. D'ANNA (Kimberley) [12.23 pm]: I rise today to note the excellent achievements of some amazing young people from across my electorate. We have some extremely talented, dedicated young people in the Kimberley, and it is fantastic to see them acknowledged for their contributions. The Kimberley is well represented in the list of finalists in the 7News Young Achiever Awards WA being held in Perth on 26 May. In the *National Indigenous Times* community leadership award category, we have Jofran Hunter from Derby, whose passion for sports drives her to be a role model for other young people; and Braedan Taylor from Broome, who is not only the first Indigenous male ranger coordinator in the Kimberley, but also the youngest to have had that role. In the Surge Fitness sports award category, Broome local Annabella Thompson has represented the town in state and national competitions in multiple sports over the last 12 months. I wish these three young people the best for the awards and acknowledge their hard work, dedication and passion for their sport, work and leadership.

I also congratulate Cassie Atchison, CEO of Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Service, for her recognition in the 2023 *Business News* annual 40under40 Awards for outstanding work in WA.

Finally, I acknowledge and make special mention of my research officer, Georgia Carter, who is in Canberra this week at the Wiyi Yani U Thangani (Women's Voices) National Summit. Aged just 20 years, Georgia addressed the 900-strong conference of First Nations women to speak about self-determination in access to and quality of services in remote areas. She made it clear that young people want a seat at the table in their own communities to be involved in community discussions, as well as the bigger conversations that concern or affect them. I congratulate these inspiring youth for saying yes to the challenges and opportunities that present themselves.