

FRED WILLIAMS

Statement by Member for Hillarys

MS C.M. COLLINS (Hillarys) [12.52 pm]: I wish to use this opportunity to recognise an unsung hero in the Hillarys electorate, Fred Williams. I first met Fred in 2020 in his capacity as a tireless and generous volunteer on my campaign who had such wonderful local knowledge. When Fred and his partner, Belinda, retired, Fred started using the local Facebook community pages to respond to requests for assistance in Hillarys. His first request was from a mum on Boxing Day whose daughter received a doll's house for Christmas and was unable to put it together. Fred assembled it, much to the delight of the little girl. This was the beginning of what Fred describes as the perfect opportunity to pay it forward and use his extensive skill set as an engineer and handyman. This has included home repairs, gardening, fixing leaks, hauling cargo or doing urgent mechanical repairs. The list goes on. Fred does not charge for his services, but if recipients insist, he asks them to donate to the orphanage Sunrise Cambodia. Fred, you have become a household name in Hillarys, synonymous with kindness and devotion. On behalf of our community, I thank you. On 6 November, Fred and Belinda will formalise their long love story when they marry at Hillarys Yacht Club. I wish them both endless happiness together, and I am so grateful to call you my dear friends.