

## **CANNING RIVER REGIONAL PARK VOLUNTEERS**

Statement by Member for Riverton

Thursday 14 October 2010

**DR M.D. NAHAN (Riverton)** [12.56 pm]: I congratulate the Canning River Regional Park Volunteers group on its recent twentieth anniversary. The volunteers are a small group of dedicated members who undertake the maintenance, preservation and conservation of the Canning River Regional Park, one of the natural gems in my electorate of Riverton.

The park, with its natural bushland, picturesque river foreshore and multitude of dual-use pathways, is a very popular local destination for family picnics, bushwalking, bike riding and other leisure activities. Ms Jo Stone is the president of the group and I commend Ms Stone and her volunteers on their outstanding community spirit and dedication to the upkeep of the park, in particular for the important conservation work they do through their extensive weeding and mulching programs, seed collection activities, bird surveys and special projects to ensure that the park remains in pristine condition.

Volunteers are the glue that binds our community together. The value of their work should not be underestimated or overlooked. The Canning River Regional Park Volunteers have been highly successful over 20 years in maintaining and improving the park for the enjoyment of the community.

I wish Ms Stone and her volunteers continued success for the future and I urge others in the community to join Ms Stone in her group to undertake this important activity.