

CURTIN UNIVERSITY STUDENT GUILD

Statement by Member for Southern River

MR T.J. HEALY (Southern River) [12.58 pm]: I rise to acknowledge the fiftieth year of the Curtin Student Guild. Legislation was introduced in this very chamber to establish the Western Australian Institute of Technology Student Guild, which began in 1969 and became the Curtin Student Guild. The guild has a long history of representation and advocacy for hundreds of thousands of current and former Curtin University undergraduate and postgraduate students over five decades. A long time ago, in 2003, I was honoured to be one of the Curtin Student Guild presidents. I owe so much to the life skills and relationships that came from my time in the guild, and I was honoured to serve with some amazing elected student representatives, and passionate and dedicated staff. There are hundreds of former and current elected representatives who have served as councillors, officers, faculty and division representatives, vice presidents, presidents and more, who serve on university and guild boards and committees every day, fighting and advocating for the interests of their fellow students. Thank you all for your service.

I acknowledge the incredible staff of the Curtin Student Guild in Student Assist; the bookshop; the copy centre; *Grok*; the childcare centre; Guild House; Kirribilli Catering; the Angazi Café; The Vege Patch; Basement and Main cafes; the Bookmark Café; the food and beverage team; of course, The Tav; and more. The guild has always had an interesting and eclectic but strong relationship with Curtin University, in my days working with Lance Twomey, Jane den Hollander and Val Raubenheimer. I acknowledge the importance of the relationship between the guild and Curtin University to always work in the interests of all students. I encourage future generations of Curtin students to not only be active guild members, but also continue to put themselves forward to be elected student representatives and continue the great tradition of our university and of the Curtin Student Guild.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm