



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HANSARD – 13 OCTOBER 2021

AUTHOR RAE CAIRNS

### Community Recognition Statement

**Mr JONATHAN O'DEA (Davidson)**—I acknowledge Rae Cairns, an author from Lindfield in my electorate of Davidson, whose debut novel 'The Good Mother' was shortlisted for Best Debut Crime Fiction in the 2021 Ned Kelly Awards. The book is about an Australian soccer mum who keeps the secrets of her time as an overseas aid worker from her family, until she is hunted down by two men from her past. It is a story of betrayal and courage, and draws on her background as a youth worker mentoring disadvantaged youth. Rae has previously co-managed a crisis refuge for street children in Sydney's inner west, and worked as Program Director for the Sydney Olympic Youth Camp. I commend Rae for her commitment to youth as both youth worker and now author, and am pleased that she has gained recognition for her efforts.





## Local author

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