



## Welcome to Winmar Road

CAN WA was privileged to attend an historic event in Quairading recently.

More than fifty members of the Winmar family turned out to celebrate the official unveiling of Winmar Road – a road that was re-named by ministerial order to acknowledge the family's contribution to the Shire.

It's taken twenty long years of campaigning for acknowledgement, but the Winmar family of Quairading say their family has finally got the recognition they deserve.

Basil Winmar, the oldest Winmar family member in town, proudly unveiled the new street sign and cut the red ribbon across the newly gazetted Winmar Road.

"I am very proud and very happy for the Government to recognise our family." Said Basil.

The street naming recognises the huge contribution of the Winmar family to the Shire of Quairading over the past hundred years since the town was formed.

The renaming honours passed Elders Bill, Bruce, Charlie and Fred Winmar, as well as many other surviving family members who spent years working for the council or on local farms.

"At long last we have recognition for our family. Our parents and all our family members were hard working people," said Iris Winmar.

In their submission to the Government, the Winmar family said they believe their contribution to the Shire could be the largest contribution by one family group to any Shire in Western Australia.

"Our father, his father before him, our two grandfathers worked on the farms and they worked on the Shire. At one point there were 12 Aboriginal people working for the council," said Winnie McHenry (nee Winmar)

Shire President Darryl Richards said he felt extreme pride and the road renaming was one of the highlights of his time with the Shire.

Images L-R: Winmar Road sign | Shire Freeman Don Brown, Basil Winmar and local MP Mia Davies cutting the ribbon | Photos by Tanya Voltchanskaya

