

NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR WEEK

Statement

HON DIANE EVERS (South West) [10.03 pm]: I just want to mention that Sunday was World Blood Donor Day and this is National Blood Donor Week and thank everyone who gives blood. In Australia, over 1.5 million blood donations were made last year. It is a really nice thing that people can do. We have some lovely places to go to donate blood, including seven clinics in the city, one in Bunbury and my favourite clinic in Albany. They are staffed by really lovely people who always look after you well. If you are someone who donates regularly, thank you; that is such a nice thing to do for so many people.

If you are somebody like me who gets around to it now and then, maybe it is time to get around to it again—give another donation and help out a few people. There are others who maybe cannot donate for one reason or another, and I fully understand that. That is great, it is not the thing for them, but there are a lot of other people who might have considered it at some time. If you have not considered it, consider it. If you have considered it, sign up. Just go to donateblood.com.au and look at the video of people who have needed blood transfusions to stay alive. Listen to that and see whether you can watch the two minutes without shedding a tear. It is a really nice thing to do. They look after you when you get there and it feels really good when you finish. If you can, get to a blood centre and give a little tomorrow.