

**SOUTHCARE**

*Statement by Member for South Perth*

**MR G. BAKER (South Perth)** [12.55 pm]: I would like to congratulate Southcare on its fortieth anniversary of protecting, connecting with and caring for the local community. Southcare is a not-for-profit organisation that provides personalised in-home and community support services to the southern suburbs of Perth. It first opened its doors in 1982 with a group of 20 volunteers, who began helping people in need in the local community by providing emergency assistance in the form of baby blankets and food hampers. The volunteers are known as “Southcare heroes”, and they are a vital aspect of the team, providing valuable services in the community alongside staff. There are currently 32 volunteers. I would also like to congratulate CEO Nicky Howe, chair Veronica Lawrance and former chair John Dobson for reaching this fortieth anniversary milestone.

Each year a volunteer wins the Helen Moore Leadership and Service Award for embodying the attributes of leadership, trustworthiness, professionalism and fair play. This year it went to John Faulkner for his outstanding service to people in need of emergency relief. John has helped more than 1 000 local families in his five years as a volunteer. Congratulations to John, and thank you to Southcare for 40 years of service.