

**WOMEN IN SUPER MOTHER'S DAY CLASSIC**

*Statement by Member for Fremantle*

**MS S.F. MCGURK (Fremantle)** [12.52 pm]: This Sunday, I will be participating in the Women in Super Mother's Day Classic, an annual run and walk event raising funds and awareness for breast cancer research. The event is in its ninth year in Perth and its seventeenth nationally. I am proud to say that I have participated in all nine of the events here in Perth. The event is a four-kilometre or eight-kilometre run or walk and will be held at Langley Park. It will also be taking place in eight regional centres throughout the state. The aim of the Mother's Day Classic is to deliver a fun, healthy and inspirational event that brings people together on Mother's Day to not only raise funds, but also to support and remember those people who have been touched by breast cancer. This Sunday morning, Langley Park will be swathed in pink. Many will wear tribute cards dedicating their morning to loved ones who have been lost to, or are currently fighting, breast cancer. The morning is also an opportunity to celebrate the life of survivors of breast cancer; an illness that affects one in nine women in Australia. The Mother's Day Classic was established and is organised by Women in Super—a national network of women working in the superannuation and finance industries. It is an organisation that I have been a member of for a number of years. The initiative was inspired by the knowledge that research is gradually improving the survival rate of women diagnosed with breast cancer. Since 1998, the Mother's Day Classic has raised \$24.3 million. With a small team of office staff, the success of the Mother's Day Classic is due to the hard work and commitment of volunteers who are willing to work together and to go the extra mile for a cause that affects so many lives.