

JOAN TOCOCK — 100TH BIRTHDAY

Statement by Member for Cottesloe

DR D.J. HONEY (Cottesloe) [12.56 pm]: I rise to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs Joan Toccock. I acknowledge the substantial contribution to the contents of this statement by the Mayor of Claremont, His Worship Jock Barker. On Tuesday, I had the honour to be present at the celebration of the 100th birthday of one of the Claremont community's most exceptional citizens, Mrs Joan Toccock. Joan has been a resident of Claremont since 1955 when she and her husband, Ted, arrived in Australia from the United Kingdom with their two children, Joy and Eric, who were both under 10 years old. Upon arrival, the family lived at the Graylands migrant hostel, before ultimately moving to Garden Street in 1958, where Joan still lives today. Joan has been an enthusiastic volunteer in the community for many years. Her hard work and dedication was recognised in 2013 when she was made a freeman of the Town of Claremont. Joan's dedication to the conservation work at Lake Claremont is especially noteworthy. Joan and her late husband, Ted, were among the first volunteers to help rehabilitate and revegetate Lake Claremont, and she continues their work today. Joan and Ted were instrumental in the formation of the Friends of Lake Claremont. They also supported the Claremont Freshwater Bay Museum by volunteering in the 1980s. Joan continues to work there as a volunteer, demonstrating for students. Joan has volunteered for meals on wheels for 35 years. She makes teddy bears, and has been a member of the Country Women's Association for 15 years. She continues to work in the community today. Joan is an inspiration to everyone around her and an outstanding role model for our community.