

Hansard 17 March 2011

## **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MORNING TEA**

*Statement by Member for Riverton*

**DR M.D. NAHAN (Riverton)** [12.55 pm]: Last Tuesday I joined Mary Plummer, the manager of the Willetton branch of the Westpac Bank, to co-host a morning tea to celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of International Women's Day.

More than 130 people from the local community and schools attended the event to honour women's achievements across the generations. Local senior, Mrs Audrey Wright, the honorary secretary of the Save the Children Australia's southern districts branch, gave an insight into her life from her early days in Africa to her ongoing work for Save the Children today.

In her heyday Audrey headed a domestic violence and women's sexual assault committee in Geraldton and organised a famous march through the town to reclaim the night for women.

Westpac Bank branch manager Mary Plummer spoke about her early days as a single mum and how that led to her career in banking.

Four year 12 students from Lynwood Senior High School, Eden Short, Nina Kelly, Nadia Sharpe and Olivia Baber, spoke about their life-changing experiences last November when they travelled to Cambodia and Vietnam as part of World Challenge. The students visited the killing fields of Cambodia, trekked and camped in a national park and worked in remote villages where they established lifelong friendships and helped build a school by hand.

The morning tea was a fitting tribute to the wonderful work that local women are doing in the electorate of Riverton.