

Cancer survivor reflects



Jennie Ellis relaxes among rose petals. Picture: Justin Benson-Cooper

BREAST cancer can strike at any time, as South Perth resident Jennie Ellis discovered.

She has been in remission for almost three years and will talk at the Mini Field of Women event at Hillarys Boat Harbour, Sorrento Quay, this Sunday.

Mrs Ellis was 45 and at the peak of her teaching career when diagnosed with breast cancer in 1997.

She had a lumpectomy, radiation treatment for seven weeks and gave up her job to recover.

Mrs Ellis has had three more tumours, more surgery and radiation treatment during the past eight years.

She became a member of the Dragons Abreast Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Team to help get through the ordeal.

Members are breast cancer survivors and during the event on Sunday, they will give people a ride on the dragon boats.

A Petal on the Water ceremony will take place in memory of women who have died from the cancer.

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