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As she gets ready to step out to raise money and awareness for families affected by premature birth, Indiana Harley gets flashbacks to her son's traumatic arrival.

Miss Harley's second-born son Jackson entered the world 10 weeks early at King Edward Memorial Hospital in Perth, six weeks after her waters first broke in her bathroom in May 2017 and she was put on bed rest.

"Prematurity has become such a high ratio and the journey sometimes doesn't end at those hospital doors and it hasn't for us with ongoing medical complications," Miss Harley said.

"One day I hope this will be something of the past and the

numbers (of pre-terms births) will be reduced."

Like many premature babies, Jackson has diagnosed with several continuing disorders as a result of his early birth. According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, one in every 11 babies is born pre-term.

The Walk for Prems is a Life's Little Treasures Foundation fundraiser which aims to raise awareness around premature and sick babies. Miss Harley has helped co-ordinate it this year and will be the main organiser for next year's event.

In its 10th year, the walk will take place on October 27 from 9.30am at Sir James Mitchell Park in South Perth.