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Have you Registered for Mother's Day Classic?

Professionals Real Estate Group are calling on everyone to get involved in the Mother's Day Classic for 2014.

The Mother's Day Classic is an annual fun run held in all major Australia cities on Mother's Day (Sunday 11th May) to help raise funds for breast cancer prevention and treatment.

Since its inception in 1998, the Mother's Day Classic has helped raise \$19.8 million for the National Breast Cancer Foundation, making it the largest fundraising event for breast cancer research in Australia.

with the National Breast Cancer Foundation and our offices will be joining in on Mother's Day Classic events all throughout the country.

The event is for everyone - you can bring your mum, your sisters, your daughters or a baby in a pram, - and husbands, brothers and sons are all welcome too. You can run the event and try to beat a fitness goal, or you can take it easy and just enjoy a stroll with your family and friends.

SUNDAY
11th May

This year it is hoped that the Mother's Day Classic can beat its record fundraising achievements from 2013, where \$5 million was raised for breast cancer research and 135,000 supporters took part in the event.

The Professionals Real Estate Group are diamond partners

Either way you can make this Mother's Day memorable by registering and fundraising to help fight the battle against breast cancer.

To register for the Mother's Day Classic 2014, or to find out further information, head to **mothersdayclassic.com.au**.



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SUNDAY 11 MAY 2014

Walk or run for breast cancer research
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Walk or run 4.5km or 8km, Cultural Forecourt,
The Parklands, South Bank, Brisbane

How to Decorate Your Home on the Cheap



Home decorating trends are constantly changing and as much as we all want to keep our homes looking fresh and modern, trying to keep up with the latest trends can be an expensive endeavour.

Add cushions and textiles - Cushions, rugs, and curtains all provide an easy way to add more colour and life into a home. Best of all they come in all sorts of styles and budgets so it's easy to find textiles for all tastes. You can also buy accessories such as table ornaments or kitchenware to help add a new theme to your home. For cheap options look online or try homeware stores like Ikea.

Switch door hardware - Old door and cupboard hardware can make a home seem dated, but luckily door hardware is cheap and easy to replace. You can choose door knobs with sleek, metal designs for a more modern look or you can find r old-fashioned styles depending on the look you want to create.

Get Arty - Art has a reputation for being expensive, but if you look around you'll find there are plenty of art pieces around that won't break the bank. A great place to look for original yet inexpensive art is at markets, or online where you can get any print you want transferred onto canvas.

Start Painting - If you have a bit more time and money to spend, then painting is a great way to update a room or an entire house. Painting is also a great investment as it can help add property value. If you find that you like to redecorate often, neutral colours will always serve as a classic backdrop to match with whatever other styling elements you choose to bring into a room.



Don't Rush Your Renovations



Television shows may make the renovating process seem quick and easy, but the reality is often very different. Renovating your home takes time and if you want good results it is important not to rush.

Whether you're renovating one room or an entire house, renovating takes careful thought, and when planning and budgeting it is important to take the time to source different quotes and find certified builders who will carry out the job to your satisfaction.

When you do hire someone, be clear on the price and what it includes in regards to materials and services, and what time frames you can expect. There is also a possibility that unforeseen problems will arise during the renovation (such as termites or structural issues) so budget for more than you expect to pay.

If you're planning on tackling a renovation project yourself, it is still worth talking to other builders and experienced renovators for advice to ensure that you're not taking on more than you're capable of achieving. A bad renovation job can cost a lot of time and money to fix, so if you haven't renovated before it's probably a good idea to invest in the services of a qualified tradesperson to help you out.

Overall renovating can be extremely rewarding and it can add substantial value to your home, but it is important to take your time, ask lots of questions and make the right decisions for your home.

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