



Mrs Edna Thompson  
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Dear Mrs Thompson,

I wish to extend to you my warmest personal congratulations and best wishes on the celebration of your 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

This is a wonderful milestone and no doubt you will receive many messages of congratulations and best wishes. To these, I would like to add one more accolade.

On behalf of all Australians, I want to particularly express our gratitude for the service of your late husband, John, and for the support you gave him.

You have lived through remarkable and often difficult times. Through efforts such as yours, Australia has gained a proud heritage of courage, endurance and service.

The past century has been unique – made exceptional not only by its momentous events but also by the lives of those, like yourself, who saw them. On this very special occasion, please accept our heartfelt thanks for the part you played in securing the freedom and way of life all Australians enjoy today.

I trust that you will have a very happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!

With sincere best wishes,

**HON MATT KEOGH MP**  
Minister for Veterans' Affairs  
Minister for Defence Personnel