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### Berwick's Living Treasure Mrs Margaret Board Turns 100



Mr Jason Wood MP joined four generations of the Board family as they recently came together to help Margaret Board celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in style at Craigcare in Berwick.

Mrs Board, who reached a century on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2014, was joined by her four children, many of her 11 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, as well as members of the Berwick, Beaconsfield and Officer communities.

Mr Jason Wood MP, the Federal Member for La Trobe also dropped in to wish her well and hear about her life.

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She told Mr Wood MP that she was born in the Berwick Hospital back in 1914 and spent her early years in Primrose Path in Officer and attended Officer Primary School. She met the love of her life and future husband, Arthur at one of the local weekly dances and they married locally in February 1939.

Arthur and Margaret's first home was a dairy farm and orchard in Officer, which is where they brought up their four children, Jean, Allan, Ken and Nola who have since given her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They subsequently moved to larger farms, always in the local area.

Having ridden a horse regularly all around the Berwick area in her younger days, Margaret continues to be active with some gardening and regular games of bowls.

Mr Wood MP said "It was wonderful to meet with Mrs Board – she has a wealth of knowledge about the history of our electorate and an interesting life story to accompany it.

"I can only hope to be as connected to my family and the community as Mrs Board is when I become a centenarian myself."

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