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100 candles for Mercy Place Edgewater's Bonnie Bartlett

Mercy Place Edgewater resident Bonnie Bartlett will celebrate her 100th birthday on Tuesday 5 June surrounded by family and friends who say the centenarian still has a sense of humour and a wonderful heart.

And in a century that's seen two World Wars, the landing of the man on the moon, and a myriad of world-shaping events, Mrs Bartlett puts her longevity down to not drinking or smoking.

Mrs Bartlett is a born and bred West Australian, having entered the world in its most isolated city, where she spent most of her life in various outer suburbs of Perth, including Subiaco and Manning.

After finishing her schooling at Subiaco Primary School, she worked as a seamstress for many years.

She married her husband Vic during World War II, on 15 September 1942, after they met as a result of Bonnie's brothers, with whom Vic was good friends. The couple went on to have three children, and Mrs Bartlett took up bowls in her later life, in which she excelled and won many trophies.

Mercy Place Edgewater Service Manager, Helen Fullarton, says Mrs Bartlett is an inspiring lady whose family remain dedicated to her.

"Everyone at Mercy Place Edgewater likes and respects Bonnie very much and we're all delighted that she has reached this major milestone; we'll be making a big fuss of her on her birthday.

"Maintaining good health throughout life is a key factor when it comes to ageing well, but things like staying engaged within the community and maintaining relationships with family and friends are just as important to positive ageing, which we place a strong emphasis on at Mercy Place Edgewater."

Mrs Bartlett will celebrate her birthday with her family - her three children Doug, Ray and Margaret - as well as her five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mercy Health is a Catholic community not for profit provider of care, founded by the Sisters of Mercy and grounded in a 2000 year history of caring for those in need. The organisation is a national service provider of health and aged care throughout Victoria, Southern New South Wales, Western Australia, Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory.

In Western Australia, the organisation cares for over 300 people across six residential homes, with 78 independent living units.

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