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What do you do when you turn 100 years old? Any special requests?



There was for Thelma Sullivan who was born 25 April 1912, in Coolgardie.

As a resident of the City of Nedlands, the City was to ask Thelma how she would like to celebrate. So, about a month before the birthday party Thelma was asked what sort of food and theme she would particularly like.

“Jelly and a party that was like we had when we were children,” Thelma said.

As Thelma’s actual birthday is on Anzac Day it was decided to make the celebration before the Anzac Day celebrations. The City prepared a celebration for Thelma on 18 April 2012.

It was definitely a day to remember for Thelma, wearing her blue party hat. There was jelly in all sorts of colours, fairy bread (thoroughly enjoyed by Thelma), cocktail franks, jelly cakes, sandwiches, pies and sausage rolls.

Her favourite colours are blue and green so that was the colour scheme.

Mayor Hipkins joined in with the party games and won ‘Pin the Glasses on Thelma’ with pinning glasses blind folded on to an A3 photocopy of Thelma’s image.

The City’s CEO Mike Cole and Darla Blake, Director Community and Organisational Development attended as well as Angus the Labrador who is in training as a guide dog. Though Angus was a little overwhelmed with all the noise and food.

Of course on Thelma’s birthday she will see messages from the Queen and Governor-General and on request the Prime Minister and the Governor-General will write again every year and The Queen will write again every five years. How exciting to turn 100!

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