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Queenie Stehn, resident of BlueCross Tarralla in Croydon, celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends on Monday 4 November 2013.

Queenie enjoyed this impressive milestone by spending the morning with her family and then returned to BlueCross Tarralla to continue the celebration with friends.

BlueCross Tarralla Residence Manager, Mary-Ann Rafter, said, 'Queenie has endeared herself to all residents and staff and is part of a beautiful family.'

Originally from Colac, Queenie married a young policeman who, while visiting her town, invited her to a local dance.

Queenie's family has now grown considerably to include 11 grandchildren, two great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren.

'It is a real thrill and pleasure for residents and staff to celebrate this milestone and present Queenie with her letters and awards from various dignitaries', says Mary-Ann.

Queenie received a lot of mail, including letters from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Governor General Quentin Bryce, Prime Minister Tony Abbot and BlueCross.

Mary-Ann said, 'Since coming to BlueCross Tarralla, Queenie has shared with us her passion for music and manages to keep an active lifestyle.

'Her favourite activities include our concerts, gardening discussions, singing groups and the weekly session with our piano accordion player, which she never misses.'

Queenie has a particular love of the piano accordion session because her mother played the instrument and this brings back many fond memories for her.

BlueCross Tarralla organised the piano accordion sessions as part of their person-centred lifestyle program that is created by listening to what the residents want and tailoring activities to suit their interests.

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