

A very special

anniversary or birthday gift.

If you know an older Australian who has a special wedding anniversary or birthday coming up, you can ask the Prime

Minister of Australia to say, 'Congratulations!'

It might be a 50th wedding anniversary or a 90th birthday. You can make the big day even bigger for relatives celebrating important milestones in their lives.

The Prime Minister will send a special message of congratulations to them on request. In some cases, the Queen and the Governor-General will send their best wishes, too.

Who qualifies?

The Prime Minister and Governor-General send messages to couples celebrating their 50th and subsequent wedding anniversaries. The Queen sends her regards to those married for 60 years. She will write to the couple every five years after that on request.

The Prime Minister also sends messages to Australians turning 90 years of age or more. A 100th birthday brings letters from the Queen and the Governor-General. The Queen will write again every five years, while the Governor-General will be in touch every year thereafter on request.

The table shows who is eligible.

	50th Wedding Anniversary	50th plus Wedding Anniversary	90th Birthday	90th plus Birthday
Prime Minister	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Governor-General	Yes	Yes	No	100th and every year thereafter
The Queen	No	60th and every fifth thereafter	No	100th and every fifth year thereafter

Note: Messages from the Queen can be arranged for couples or individuals who did not receive a message on their 60th wedding anniversary or on their 100th birthday, as the case may be.

Where will the special message be delivered?

Congratulatory messages can go to the recipient's address or to a care-of address if it is to be a surprise.

When do I arrange the message?

Arrangements for a message can be made up to two months before the big day.

If this year's celebration has passed, you can still request a belated message up to a month afterwards.



Your Federal Member's/Senator's address

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How do I arrange it?

You can arrange a message through the electorate office of your local federal member of parliament or any senator for your state or territory.

You will need to produce supporting documents like birth certificates, marriage certificates or passports. If these are not available, you can provide a statutory declaration instead. The staff at the electorate office will help you.

Where appropriate, your request to the Prime Minister will be passed also to the Queen and the Governor-General, so you only have to make one application.

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You can make someone feel very special!