



Murray Bridge Red Cross branch celebrates 100th birthday

MURRAY Bridge Red Cross members and their guests were in celebratory spirits on Wednesday as they acknowledged the branch's 100th birthday.

The group's longest serving members Coral Humphrey, Margaret Staiff and Ella Jarvis, pictured, have been involved for 38, 30 and 48 years respectively and were given the task of cutting the cake to mark the centenary.

"It's such a great achievement, isn't it?" Mrs Staiff said.

The ladies agreed that the Red Cross was a necessity and it would not have survived without the friendship and service it brought.

Those in attendance were treated to guest speakers from Red Cross who talked about its history and programs before enjoying morning tea at the Murray Bridge council chambers.

Displays were set up in the chambers,

including old photos and mannequins dressed in historic Red Cross uniforms.

Guests included Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick, Murray Bridge acting mayor Barry Laubsch, Red Cross South Australia centenary committee chair Penny Stratmann, and Australian Red Cross justice programs team leader Stella Taylor.

Branch secretary Dora Eisen said the day ran smoothly and thanked the community for its generosity and support.

"We wouldn't have made it (to 100 years) without those who started it to everyone helping today," Mrs Eisen said.

"It's a fantastic effort by these Red Cross members and those who have supported Red Cross."

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Happy birthday: Murray Bridge Red Cross' longest serving members Coral Humphrey, Margaret Staff and Ella Jarvis cut the cake to mark the branch's centenary.



Margaret Warnest and Yvette Koch, of Murray Bridge, enjoy morning tea at the Murray Bridge Red Cross' centenary cel-



celebrations held at the Murray Bridge council chambers on Wednesday.



Doreen Borchardt and Estelle and John Law, of Murray Bridge, have a chat at the Murray Bridge Red Cross' centenary celebrations held at the Murray Bridge council chambers.



On Wednesday, Gwen Helps, Maureen Klau, Audrey Harris and Mavis Tanner, of Murray Bridge, enjoyed good company at the Murray Bridge Red Cross' centenary celebrations held at the Murray Bridge council chambers.



Jenny Humphrey, of Brinkley, and Ruby Ash, of Murray Bridge, look at the Red Cross baby photos, including Ruby's own picture.



Murraylands operations manager Senior Sergeant Peter Sims joined Murray Bridge Red Cross president Bob Eisen and secretary Dora Eisen at the branch's centenary celebrations held at the Murray Bridge council chambers.



Enjoying something to nibble on at the Murray Bridge Red Cross' centenary celebrations held at the Murray Bridge council chambers are Bruce Heinrich, Barry Kirchner and Ann Fullgrabe, of Murray Bridge.