



Red Cross milestone

I would like to recognise the valuable contribution of the many Red Cross branches and volunteers in the Hammond electorate, and make special mention of the Milang Red Cross branch on its 100-year centenary.

Red Cross began in Australia as the Australian Branch of the British Red Cross Society at Government House in Melbourne on August 13, 1914 - nine days after the outbreak of World War I.

The Milang Red Cross branch was the ninth to open in Australia with 21 members - and continues to make a magnificent contribution to the area.

Today, one million Red Cross members, volunteers, donors, staff, blood donors, recipients and supporters make a positive difference to the lives of people in need every day. From responding to large-scale disasters, to tackling disadvantage, and helping vulnerable children and supporting families facing personal crisis - the Red Cross has always been there in times of need and must be congratulated on its humanitarian course over the past 100 years.

I was honoured to attend the Milang Red Cross branch 100-year celebrations. Thank you to president Becky Holt and all branch members for your hospitality. Congratulations to the Milang Red Cross branch on 100 years, and all the best for 100 more.

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◀ **HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT:**
Milang 1966 Red Cross baby Chris Jackson and 1962 baby Julie Schmoock were presented with trophies at Milang Red Cross' centenary celebrations. The Red Cross, particularly the Milang branch, has been congratulated in a letter this week. Both the branch, and Red Cross in Australia, celebrate 100 years this year.