

Celebrations mark a century of living



Ruth Layard celebrated her 100th birthday with a high tea.

➡ Centenarian Ruth Layard has marked her special birthday with two celebrations.

Mrs Layard, who turned 100 on February 26, enjoyed a high tea with residents and staff at Forestville Retirement Village and a trip to North Head with her family on her birthday.

Mrs Layard has been living in the retirement village since 1978 and still leads an active life, living independently, cooking her own meals and doing her own washing.

Born in England, Mrs Layard

graduated from the Royal College of Music in London, and taught music, history, piano and violin. At 26, she moved to India with her husband Raymond, where she taught piano and violin at the Indian School.

She settled in Australia in 1967 after her husband passed away, taking up an appointment as a music teacher at PLC Pymble.

"You always have to laugh, any hardship and trouble in life, just give it a twist and turn it into laughter," Mrs Layard said.