



Her Excellency the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

Lutheran Services 90th Anniversary
2025

As Lutheran Services turns 90 this year, I am delighted to send my warm congratulations to you all: leaders, care workers, volunteers and supporters, and everyone who benefits from your dedicated care.

It is remarkable that a tiny cottage in Toowoomba, which opened in 1935, created a service that, 90 years later, touches more than 6000 people across 25 sites around Queensland. You have also grown from residential aged care to encompass so much more: caring for people in their homes, for people with disabilities and mental health challenges, for children and young people, and for women escaping violence.

The expansion of your services tells a story of how generous and responsive you have been to needs in your community, and how trusted you have become in meeting those needs with care and compassion. Guided by your values, and supported by the Lutheran church and community, your heart and purpose have remained steadfast, even as you have innovated and adapted, and as your network of care has grown.

As your Governor-General, I made a commitment to put care, kindness and respect at the centre of my work: these are the essential qualities in our life together as Australians. These qualities shine so brightly in everything you do, and have done for 90 years.

Thank you for the care you provide so beautifully to so many. I wish you all a very happy 90th birthday, and warm wishes for your future.