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Celebrating 60 years of marriage

To reach 60 years of marriage is a significant and wonderful achievement for any couple.

And, Nambour residents John and Valerie Seccombe have made it there with a lifetime of memories in toe.

With four children, 10 grand children, and their first great grandchild expected before Christmas, John and Valerie will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on 9 December.

And, they couldn't be happier to reach this important milestone together.

"It's hard to believe that 60 years have passed," John said.

"We have been blessed with so many good times and happy memories that the bad times, with their troubles and problems, have been put behind us."

After meeting in Sydney in 1948, the pair has travelled the globe together, sharing adventures, laughter, tears and joy.

"While we have been lucky to be able to travel to many parts of the world, particularly in later years, a trip through the Philippines in early 1980 stands out - visiting a village in the far north where people had previously practised cannibalism," John continued.

And what's their secret to a lasting and happy marriage?

"Mutual respect," Valerie said.

"And team work. Where one may do the digging and preparing of the soil, another does the planting and tending, and both are able to enjoy and appreciate the results."

There will be an afternoon tea at the Sanctuary Park Retirement Community club house, to celebrate this significant occasion.

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Photo opportunity:

Who: John and Valerie Seccombe, Sanctuary Park Retirement Community residents and friends and family

What: Afternoon tea and cake cutting to celebrate the Seccombe's 60th wedding anniversary

When: 9 December at 3pm

Where: Sanctuary Park Retirement Community – 44 Zealey Rd, Nambour

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