



Margaret and Abbey Alvin, of Bairnsdale, share a glass of champagne at Crown to celebrate their coming birthday on February 29. Picture: Carmen Zammit

Here's cheers to a grand improbability

A grandmother and her granddaughter who both have birthdays on February 29 – a leap day – say they were lucky to have won the lottery after being gifted a weekend at Crown to celebrate.

Bairnsdale relatives Margaret and Abbey Alvin

said they always celebrated together because of their "special bond" but being in Melbourne would be difficult due to the "amazing and food on offer".

They said on non-leap years they tried to split up the celebrations, but on leap

years it was great to be together.

"Usually Nan celebrates on the weekend and I don't know what we are going to do in four years' time," said.

Margaret added: "Sometimes we move them around as Abbey usually likes

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grandmother and child being born on February 29 is 2.1 million to one – the same odds as flipping a coin and

getting 21 hits in a row, according to statistician and lecturer Tom Stindl.

cake if they dine in its restaurants Nobu, Bistro Guillaume, Ging Thai, Koko or Silks on the special day.