

FROM THE BOARD

The Board of Directors met at Legacy House on 21 February. Present were: L/Brian Avery; L/Steven Blinkhorn; L/Peter Browne; L/Norm Clarke; COL Luke Foster, L/Tony Jucha; L/Brian McIntyre; L/Tony Ralph (Chairman); L/Greg Shannon; and L/Peter Thatcher. In attendance was L/Ian Ferguson (North East).



Board considered the following matters:

- **Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2010.**
Board endorsed in principal the content and format of the 2010 Annual Report and authorised the Executive Committee to agree final changes prior to printing.
- **Communications between Legacy House and Legatees.**
L/Ian Ferguson (Chairman, North West) was invited to present his report on communications between Legacy House and Legatees. Section 1 of the Report - Overview, Finding and Recommendations - is attached (Attachment 1) for the information of members. The full report, including appendices, is available on the Legacy InfoNet.
- **Report 2010/11 Queensland Floods.**
Board was provided with a report on the 2010/11 Queensland floods. A copy of the abridged report is available on the Legacy InfoNet.

82nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 83rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Legacy Club of Brisbane will be held at Legacy House on **Friday, 25 March 2011**. Members are reminded that only financial members are entitled to vote at the AGM.

The AGM will be followed by light refreshments.

2011 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

Members are reminded that the 2011 annual subscriptions are due by 31 March 2011.



PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

The President's Luncheon will be held at
The Quartz Room
Victoria Park Function Centre
Herston Road, Herston



on Saturday, 26 March 2011

Cost will be \$80 per head. Seating is limited to 60 and bookings are essential. If you would like to attend please contact Sandra at Legacy House on 3846 4299.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our year is well underway and I think all the firsts meetings which initiate our year (Care and Laurel Club, Contact Groups and Board) have been completed. As I have said before, our Laurel Clubs and Care Groups continue to be our flagships and I am determined that we provide the resources needed to continue to ensure that as many widows as possible are able to participate in Laurel Clubs and Care Groups. That said, I worry that our numbers are falling and the number of widows participating in all of the activities is declining. We need to be aware that while the role of the Laurel Clubs and Care Groups has not changed, the needs of the widows are changing quickly. We need to be able to respond to that to ensure the viability of our flagship activities.



Later this year we will be activating our “*call centre*” again to try and make contact with widows who we have not been in contact with for some time. Often when making contact with a widow, a Legatee reports that the widow is coping well, she has good family support and does not need our immediate help or support. The problem with that situation is that in some of our Groups the number of active Legatees means that we often do not follow up on widows who are coping well at the time of reporting but whose circumstances may have changed quite significantly over the months and years since initial contact.

This is an ambitious project but I feel that we need to be able to offer Legacy benefits and support to all of our widows, not just the ones we know about. As the planning for this project develops, I will keep you updated.

You will be aware that we are undertaking an audit of our *VitalCALL* alarm program. Our program is fully funded by Legacy and is designed for widows who may have a need but for whatever reasons do not qualify for a DVA funded alarm. Many widows who received an alarm from Legacy have now moved to a care facility where alarms are fitted to rooms as part of the facilities responsibilities. In these cases, Legacy will re-use the alarm for another widow.

One of the interesting outcomes of the recent floods was that we are far more dependent on electricity than we ever imagined, particularly the elderly. For some of our widows living in apartments, the loss of electricity means that lifts fail and they have to negotiate stairs – no easy task from the 5th floor if you are 85! The other obvious effect of the interruption of power and telecommunications is that the *VitalCALL* alarms we (and DVA) use also fail. There is no easy answer for this but I intend raising the matter of alarms with DVA.

Planning is underway for the AGM and the President’s Lunch. The AGM will be held at Legacy House on Friday, 25 March and the Lunch on Saturday, 26 March at the Victoria Park Golf Club. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at both functions.

Thank you for all the work you do on behalf of our widows and dependants.

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Tony Ralph
President

FROM THE CEO



This month we were again reminded of the dangers of military service and of the sacrifice of the families of those killed serving our country. On behalf of the Brisbane Legacy family, I extend our sincere condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of Corporal Richard Atkinson (22) who was killed on 2 February and Sapper Jamie Larcombe (21), killed on 19 February. Both soldiers were serving with Mentoring Task Force – Two (MTF-2) at the time of their death. They were from the Darwin-based 1st Combat Engineer Regiment.

This year Brisbane Legacy, along with Adelaide and Perth Legacy, will implement a formal Bequest Program. This follows similar programs implemented by Sydney and Melbourne Legacy. The aim of the program is to ensure that Legacy will share in the '*transfer of wealth*' accumulated during the boom years following World War II that is expected to flow to family and charities as older Australians pass on.

In the early stages of the program there will be a strong reliance on mail. We will be writing to all donors on our database, including widows. Each mailing allows for recipients to opt-in or to opt-out of receiving further mail from Legacy. It is expected, based on similar programs that each mailing will provide a 2% response rate for further follow up. From these, it is anticipated (again based on industry norms) that 10% will lead to Legacy being named as a beneficiary in a person's will.

While some Legatees are known to have concerns regarding any request to Legacy families for financial support, the reality is that this is the norm for almost all charities in the not-for-profit sector.

A copy of Brisbane Legacy's first mailing, to be posted shortly, is at Attachment 2. This is provided to pre-warn you of the implementation of the program and to allow you to allay any concern raised by widows, supporters or others. As mentioned, recipients of this letter can either request further information or bin the mail; it is entirely their prerogative.

Also attached (Attachment 3) is a '*Guide to Aged Care*'. This document has been taken from the Aged Care Financial Services website as a handy reference for those dealing with residential aged care issues. This is an issue that has been raised by many Legatees as an area of increased concern and an area for which they are ill prepared.

The Guide provided useful information and links to many other worthwhile sites. The problem is not the paucity of information but the overwhelming amount of information that is available on this topic.

Finally, I would like to advise that the Welfare Section has been retitled '*Community Services Section*.' This change has come about as a result of the resignation of Ms Fiona Kerr on 24 February and thus the opportunity to review the welfare staffing requirements of Brisbane Legacy. What became evident is that the term '*welfare*' is poorly understood, and indeed has a negative connotation - at least anecdotally - for some of Legacy's beneficiaries i.e. its association with handouts. In addition, a desktop review of the current vernacular used in government, industrial awards, vocational training, tertiary education and elsewhere with respect to the work typically undertaken by our welfare staff is that '*community services*' is a more appropriate label. Other consequential changes are that the Welfare Manager has been retitled Community Services Manager and Welfare Officers, including the Family Support Officer, renamed Community Services Officers.

Another staff related change is that Mrs Cherri Buffett has been appointed to the Fundraising section to cover the absence of Mrs Jo Harvey later in the year on parental leave. Cherri has broad experience in program management and marketing and is a welcome addition to the staff.

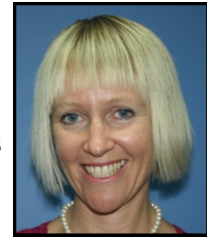
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Steven Blinkhorn
Chief Executive Officer

FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER

HELPERS WANTED FOR EXPLORERS ACTIVITIES

A brief reminder to all Legatees that we are in need of assistance on our Explorers activities held every six weeks. This delightful group is easy company and we have some fun activities lined up this year, so please come along and who knows, you might surprise yourself and have a good time too!



If you would like to know more, or want to book in to help on a particular activity, please call Christina Davidson at Legacy House.

IMPORTANT WELFARE DATES

| DAY | DATE | EVENT | VENUE |
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| Saturday | 9 April | Explorers Barefoot Bowls | Merthyr Bowls Club |
| Friday | 6 May | Mother's Day Treat | TBA |
| Saturday | 21 May | Explorers Outing | TBA |
| Thursday to Sunday | 30 June to 3 July | Kids Camp | TBA |
| Friday to Sunday | 29 July to 31 July | Explorers Weekend Away | TBA |
| Saturday | 10 September | Explorers Outing | TBA |
| Wednesday | 19 October | Explorers Lunch | TBA |
| Saturday | 3 December | Explorers Christmas Lunch | TBA |
| Saturday | 10 December | Kids Christmas Party | TBA |

THE HEART FOUNDATION (QLD DIVISION)

The Queensland Division of the Heart Foundation is giving Queensland Legacy Clubs the opportunity to access volunteer speakers to deliver their heart health message throughout the community.

The speakers are available in Brisbane, Greater Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and most of the major regional centres throughout Queensland.

The presentations cover a range of topics starting with the amazing heart facts, cardiovascular risk factors, heart attack, warning signs of a heart attacks and what to do in the event of a heart attack, health eating, physical activity, smoking etc to name but a few and all the while focusing on the fact that just a small change can make a huge difference in cardiovascular health.

There is no charge for the speakers who are trained by the Heart Foundation.

The CSM would strongly like to encourage groups to take advantage of this offer.

Further information and booking forms are available from the CSM, Christina Davidson on 3846 4299.



WHAT'S IN A BADGE?

Is there a certain similarity between the venerable Legacy Badge and the Infantry Combat Badge worn today?

There is.

The timing goes back to 1970 to when Brigadier (retired), David Thomson, MC (and Legatee), was Director of Infantry.

After a period of expansion from 1965 to 1967, which saw three RAR battalions serve in Vietnam and one in Malaysia, David proposed that it was time for the Infantry Corps to have an Infantry Combat Badge to be worn by infantrymen who had served overseas in operations.

The Chief of General Staff agreed and tasked him with designing something suitable.

In his own words *"I returned to my office with no ideas ... I was in civilian clothes ... wearing a Legacy Badge in my lapel ... I glanced down at this badge that I removed and inspiration came.*

"I turned the Legacy Badge upside down ... and started sketching ... I changed the shape of the wreath and replaced the Torch with an infantry bayonet. Bronze seemed a suitable colour ... I gave my sketches to an artist ... CGS agreed with the design and told me to go ahead.

"The Infantry Combat Badge is now proudly worn above medals or medal ribands by members of the Infantry Corps who have served in an infantry unit for at least 90 days in operation."

Brigadier Thomson was the first CO of 4 RAR and later served as the Member for Leichhardt in Federal Parliament and as Minister for Science and Technology.

Source: L/Mike Radwell, WA Legacy



Legacy Badge



Infantry Combat Badge

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS NEWS

DVA has recently established a national network of Indigenous Veterans' Liaison Officers (IVLP) to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who have served in the military, to obtain their entitlements and benefits from the Department.

The Department is concerned that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans and their dependants may not be aware of the full range of benefits, including treatment, pensions, rehabilitation and compensation. The IVLO network has been set up to address this concern, and to provide a helping hand to eligible Indigenous veterans and their dependants.

IVLO's are located in DVA offices in each capital city and territory. Mr Till Napoli, Brisbane, is the IVLO for the South of Queensland; and Ms Narelle Fuller, Townsville, is the IVLO for North Queensland.

Mr Napoli or Ms Fuller would be pleased to answer any questions you have regarding the IVLO network or its role. Contact details are as follows:

- Mr Napoli—*Freecall* 133 254 or 1800 555 254 for regional callers—ask for extension 48841. Direct line: 07 3323 8841. Email: attilio.napoli@dva.gov.au
- Ms Fuller—*Freecall* 133 254 or 1800 555 254 for regional callers—ask for extension 43323. Direct line: 07 4722 3323. Email: narelle.fuller@dva.gov.a



90 YEARS OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

The Royal Australian Air Force will celebrate its 90th Birthday on 31 March 2011. To mark the occasion, Air Force will partner with industry to conduct modest activities throughout February and March. Activities will focus on remembering the past, and looking to our future with the theme: *tradition, innovation, evolution*.

A backgrounder on RAAF's 90th birthday is available at http://www.airforce.gov.au/RAAFNewsPDF/90th_Birthday_Backgrounder.PDF



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| <p>Australia Post release 18 February</p> | <p>Partnering with Australia Post, Air Force will remember its traditions this year with the public release of commemorative stamps that recognise the retirement of the F-111s. The stamps will also feature the Super Hornet, Wedgetail and Globemaster. Launched on 18 February; on sale from 22 February 2011.</p> |
| <p>Australian International Airshow 1 – 6 March</p> | <p>Air Force will display a range of aircraft, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A range of aircraft from the RAAF Museum to showcase some of Air Force's heritage, including a Mirage aircraft and warbirds; • A F/A-18 Hornet tail has been painted with Air Force's 90th Birthday logo; and • Heron remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) (1 - 4 March only). |
| <p>Shrine of Remembrance 25 March – 28 May</p> | <p>A selection of Air Force artworks, titled <i>Our art, your heritage</i>, will be showcased at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne from 25 March to 28 May 2011.</p> |
| <p>AAAA Air Pilgrimage 28 March – 31 March</p> | <p>See how aircraft have changed throughout aviation history with an Air Pilgrimage of antique and historic aircraft. In association with the Antique Aeroplane Association of Australia (AAAA) from 28 March 2011 (Temora) to 31 March 2011 (Point Cook).</p> |
| <p>RAAF Ceremony 31 March</p> | <p>Remembering our traditions, past achievements and fallen colleagues, Air Force will hold a commemorative ceremony and addition of Battle Honours to the RAAF Memorial, Anzac Parade Canberra on 31 March 2011.</p> |
| <p>History Publications</p> | <p>The Air Power Development Centre will release several publications that highlight different facets of Air Force's proud history</p> |

GYMPIE CONTACT GROUP—AGM

The Gympie Contact Group held its AGM on Thursday, 17 February at the Gympie RSL Sub Branch. L/Joan Ferguson was returned as Chairperson. Other members of the Executive are L/Ron Cox (Secretary) and L/Wilma Hatfield (Treasurer).



From left rear:

Legatees Graham Evans, Warwick Phillips, Ken Williamson, Peter Woodbury, Neville Reisenleiter, Ivan Friske, & Ron Cox.

From left front:

Legatees Charles McCarthy, Colleen Woodbury, Tony Ralph, Joan Ferguson and Wilma Hatfield.

LOGAN CONTACT GROUP INDUCTIONS

President and members welcomed new Legatees: Warwick Chettle, Val Padden and Barbara Erba—who were inducted into Legacy at the Logan Contact Group AGM on Wednesday, 9 February.

One of the first to congratulate L/Chettle, Padden and Erba was L/Ed Heieck (far left), Chairman Logan City Contact Group.



MEMBERSHIP Cont'd...

Leave of Absence

Mr John 'Jack' Campbell -
SE Contact Group
(Indefinite period)

Departed Comrade

Mr Robert David Collier -
Country South West
4 November 2010

WELFARE MEETINGS

Please note that the next meeting of the Welfare Committee is on Wednesday, 9 March 2011 commencing at 1000hrs.

Welfare Committee meetings will now be held monthly, on the second Wednesday of the month at 1000hrs.

AMENDMENTS

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| North East Contact Group Ms AM Lang (Anna) 32 Degas Street FOREST LAKE QLD 4078 M: 0434 998 731 E: annalang@optunsn.net. com.au | Redcliffe Contact Group Mr W B Powell (Bill/Linda) 38 Gretel Drive BEACHMERE QLD 4510 H: 3205 3668 M: 0409 836 134 E: wbpow@tpg.com.au | North West Contact Group Group Chairman Ian Ferguson M: 0448 244 929 |
| South East Contact Group Jack Campbell E: jacksapper@bigpond.com | Legacy House John Murdoch E: johnrarn@hotmail.com | Armidale Legacy E: admin@legacyarmidale. com.au |

IN MEMORIAM

Brisbane Legacy gratefully acknowledges the thoughtful generosity of those who choose to make an 'In Memoriam' donation, rather than sending flowers on the death of a loved one or friend; and those who make regular 'Memorial Gift' donations close to the anniversary of the death of a loved one, as a caring way to remember.

We extend our sincere thanks for the following gifts

Mr William 'Bill' Ashton
Mrs P Ross
Mr C Wilson

Mrs E Bolton
Mr M Hoedemakers

Mrs Thelma Flynn
South West Care Group

Mr John 'Jack' Macqueen
Mr I Pedler
South West Care Group

Mrs Dorothy Ryan
Mrs E Stewart

Mr Harry Sedgwick
8 RAR

Mrs Audrey 'Lloy' Swan
Mrs E Gilder
Mr T Harrison
Mrs J Horne
Mr P Mortimer
Virgo Funerals
Mrs G Woodall

MEMBERSHIP

Field for Service

Any member having an objection to a nomination must lodge such objection with the Secretary within seven days of it appearing in the *Bulletin*.

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| Mr Douglas James Boag 25 Bardsley Avenue GREENSLOPES QLD 4120 South East Contact Group <i>Proposer:</i> L/Craig Hardy <i>Seconders:</i> L/Steven Blinkhorn | Mr Christopher Ernest Hamilton 28 Florence Street BRIGHTON QLD 4017 North East Contact Group <i>Proposer:</i> L/Tony Ralph <i>Seconders:</i> L/Steven Blinkhorn | Mr Bruce David Howells 49 Belinda Crescent SPRINGWOOD QLD 4127 Logan Contact Group <i>Proposer:</i> L/Myra Harris <i>Seconders:</i> L/Ed Heieck |
| Mr Alan Thomas McIntosh 63 Sunnyside Road NEWPORT QLD 4020 Redcliffe Contact Group <i>Proposer:</i> L/Norm Clarke <i>Seconders:</i> L/Steven Blinkhorn | | |

Declaration of Membership

Country—Maranoa

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Retired List

Mr Patrick Hugh Murray—from
South East Contact Group to
Retired List

REDLANDS APPOINT NEW CHAIRMAN

L/Ian McVie recently accepted the position of Chairmen of the Redlands Contact Group.

The position was left vacant when the then Chairman, L/Malcolm McCallum, relocated to the Sunshine Coast. It has been filled in the meantime by L/Chad Sherrin who acted in the position until Ian was appointed.



Transfers

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| Mrs Margaret Gottwaltz—from Retired List to Sunshine Coast Contact Group | Mr Noel Gottwaltz—from Retired List to Sunshine Coast Contact Group |
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Resignations

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| Mr Terence James Boyce - Sunshine Coast Contact Group | Mrs Kay Farrell—Sunshine Coast Contact Group | Mr Peter Henderson—Sunshine Coast Contact Group |
| Mr Denis Walter Meadows - Sunshine Coast Contact Group | | |

Termination

Mr Robert Julian Davis - North East Contact Group

MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Directors: 21 March 2011 at 12 for 12:30pm

Brisbane Committee Meetings

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| Finance Committee 15 March 2011 at 12:30pm | Membership Committee 21 March 2011 at 11:30am | Welfare Committee 2nd Wednesday of month at 10am | Laurel Club Committee 1st Tuesday of month at 9:30am |
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Contact Group Meetings

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| Granite Belt 2nd Thursday of month at 7:30pm Stanthorpe RSL | Gympie 3rd Thursday of month at 11am Gympie RSL | Logan City 2nd Wednesday of month at 9am Veterans' Resource Centre |
| North East 3rd Wednesday of month at 4pm Geebung RSL | North West Last Thursday of month at 5:30pm Gaythorne RSL | Redcliffe & Caboolture 4th Thursday of month At 9:30am Redcliffe RSL |
| Redlands 4th Tuesday of month At 4:30pm Cleveland RSL | South East 2nd Monday of month at 10am Legacy House | South West 2nd Thursday of month at 12 for 12:30pm Legacy House |
| Sunshine Coast 1st Thursday of month at 12 noon Nambour RSL | Warwick Districts 1st Wednesday of month at 9:30am Warwick RSL | Wynnum 2nd Saturday of month at 9am Wynnum RSL |

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Monday - Friday