



FROM THE BOARD

The Board of Directors met at Legacy House on 21 March. 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.



Board received the following reports:

- **Managing the Workforce.** Managing the Workforce is one of seven strategic objectives identified in the Strategic Plan. The CEO briefed Board on how its workforce of Legatees, staff and volunteers is managed.
- **The Sunday Mail Suncorp Bridge to Brisbane.** The FM briefed Board on *The Sunday Mail* Suncorp Bridge to Brisbane. In particular, the FM briefed on the bid process, the use of digital media in marketing the event and ways in which Brisbane Legacy can maximise income from this event. The supporting campaign will be based on the following messages:
 - *The community believes that Legacy knows its stuff and above all else, seeks "... improvement of the human condition."*
 - *Individual people will respond by believing "I can't just stand by and do nothing."*
 - *Legacy's responding message is "Join us under the Torch."*

While the event will be managed by USM Events, Brisbane Legacy is required to provide a number of volunteers for duty at the end of the event (RNA Showgrounds). Volunteers will be mainly recruited from schools, colleges and from Volunteering Queensland. Volunteers can register online at <http://www.legacy.com.au/brisbane/B2BVolunteer>.

Board also considered the following matters:

- **Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2010.** Board endorsed the Report for presentation to the AGM.
- **Order of Proceedings for AGM and President's Luncheon.** Board agreed the Order of Proceedings for both the AGM and President's Luncheon.
- **The Changing Landscape.** The Present presented a paper on the changing landscape in which Legacy is operating. This paper identifies a number of emerging ESOs and a trend towards the creation of formation trusts which potentially could challenge the relevance and support provided to established ESOs, including Legacy.
- **2011 National Conference.** Board considered the first of the motions (Attachment 1) to be submitted for consideration at the 2011 National Conference (Port Macquarie, 20-23 October). It seeks to amend Annex A to the Code of Legacy by replacing the current definition of 'deceased' with the following:

In addition to its usual meaning, shall be deemed to include veterans suffering from illness or incapacity for the period of that illness or incapacity, where the appropriate authority in the Club considers that the illness or incapacity inhibits the veteran from being able to manage the affairs and/or the welfare of their dependants.

The effect of the motion is to allow Legacy clubs to care for the dependants of incapacitated veterans for the period that they require assistance. This motion and a supporting discussion paper has been circulated to Groups for comment. Individual members are also encouraged to comment on the motion.

- **Board Evaluation.** Board was presented with the initial results of a baseline survey designed to evaluate how well Board functions. The results of the survey will be presented at the next Board meeting.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is my first report to you following our recent Annual General Meeting and President's Lunch.

The AGM was held at Legacy House on Friday 25 March. We had a good turn out however there is always more room for Legatees. The most significant outcome was that L/Tony Jucha did not seek re-election to the Board. As you know, Tony has served on the Board for many years including twice as our President. The thanks of the Board and the wider Legacy community go to Tony for his wonderful contribution at Board level. Tony will continue to serve Brisbane Legacy as one of our more active members and the North East Group Chairman.

L/Ian Ferguson was duly elected to fill the vacancy. As you know, Ian is the Chairman of the North West Group. We welcome Ian to the Board and look forward to his contribution.

The AGM concluded with light refreshments.

The AGM also marked the first visit to Brisbane by L/John Pepperdine, Chairman of Legacy Australia Council. John took the opportunity to brief the AGM on LAC priorities and initiatives for the coming months.

The AGM is also the opportunity to deliver the Brisbane Legacy Annual Report. If you have not yet read or seen a copy, I urge you to do so.

The President's Lunch was held on Saturday, 26 March at the Victoria Park Function Centre. The lunch is an opportunity for the Club to thank those many organisations who support our work. We were particularly delighted to have representatives from the ADF, DVA and our friends in Toowoomba and Ipswich Legacy. John Pepperdine and his wife Sandra were special guests. We also invited three of our widows who had been affected by the recent floods. It was our way of acknowledging their plight and providing them with a welcome relief from what has been a traumatic few months. The lunch was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Anzac Day is approaching fast. This year as you know, it falls on the Easter Monday and while we will commemorate the day on 25 April as we always do, please remember that the next day, Tuesday 26 April is a public holiday. This means that the Easter and Anzac Day break will be five days long.

Several years ago we lost our place at the front of the Brisbane march and despite our best efforts Legacy was relegated to the middle. At that time we decided that it was no longer appropriate for our widows to march and encouraged them to participate in suburban and regional commemorations. This year, Brendan McGufficke is organising some of our young dependants to march under the Legacy banner. This is a great initiative and I commend Brendan for this.

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

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Tony Ralph'. The signature is written over a white background and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Tony Ralph
President

FROM THE CEO

March is always a busy month with planning for the AGM and President's Luncheon. With these now past, the focus turns to the State Get-together (Harvey Bay) in July and then National Conference (Port Macquarie) in October. As you will have read in the Board Report (p1), the nature of the ESO landscape is changing as too is the expectations of today's newer veterans. No doubt these will be the themes of much of the debate leading up to National Conference and I encourage you to have your say.



Most of the information that you need to remain engaged prior to Conference, including motions, will be available on either the Legacy national website or the Club microsite. I also understand that Port Macquarie Hastings Legacy is planning a dedicated Conference website that should go live shortly.

Clearly not everyone is computer literate or has access to the Internet so information will continue to be disseminated through the mail to Contact Groups and through *Bulletin*. We do, however, increasingly rely on email to communicate with members as it is more a timely and cost effective means of communications.

In closing I would like add my thanks to those of the President for the outstanding contribution that L/Tony Jucha has made to the Club both as President and as a member of Brisbane Legacy's Board of Directors. Tony has filled almost every position in the Club, including as President twice, and has served on all Board Committee in his 20+ year service. I have greatly valued Tony's input and wise counsel.



L/Tony Jucha

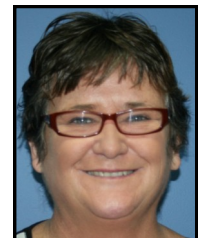
I would also like to welcome L/Ian Ferguson to the Board and Ms Helen Archer to the staff of Brisbane Legacy. Ian is well known to many of you. Helen is coming on board to fill a vacancy (Community Services Officer) created by the resignation of Ms Fiona Kerr last month. Helen has worked in the community sector for many years including with DVConnect, the Mental Health Assn and Blue Care.



L/Ian Ferguson



Steven Blinkhorn
Chief Executive Officer



Mrs Helen Archer

LAC EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Chairman LAC, L/John Pepperdine has announced the appointment of Ms Rachel Helyer as the Executive Officer of Legacy Australia Council. With the appointment of Ms Helyer, LAC will now be manned 5 days per week. Ms Helyer will work Monday to Wednesday and the Administrative Officer, Ms Cristina Ceddia, will work Wednesday to Friday.



LAC Chairman
L/John Pepperdine

FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER

NEW STAFF

After waving goodbye to Fiona Kerr, we welcome Helen Archer as our new (part time) Community Services Officer. Helen is soon to complete her social work degree and comes to us with a wealth of experience in human services, with a particular passion for aged care and disability. Helen will cover the inner South and inner North areas working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week. She will be making monthly visits to Care Groups and Contact Groups in her area, in an effort to familiarise herself with how Legacy operates as an organisation and to ensure that our ladies know who she is, should they need her.



EXPLORERS ACTIVITIES

Nicole Trattles (Community Services Officer) and I welcome offers of help from Legatees for our next Explorers activity. On Saturday, 9 April we'll be having a game of barefoot bowls at the Merthyr Bowls Club in Norman Park and following the game up with a barbecue. We'll be meeting at Legacy House at 11am, or people can meet us at the bowls club at 12.30pm. We'll be finished by about 4pm.

We're also planning a weekend trip away for the weekend of 29-31st July. This will be somewhere within easy driving distance of Brisbane and Legatees are welcome to come along for a half day, full day or even the whole weekend if you're inspired! If you're interested in coming along to either of these activities, please speak with either Nicole Trattles or myself - Christina Davidson.

RESOURCES

<http://www.agedcarefinancialservices.com.au/site/guide> This organisation provides excellent information and advice on transition to aged care. The website is very informative and they also provide a free helpline for anyone to call and talk through any questions you might have about the process of someone leaving their own home to go and live in an aged care facility. The free call number is 1800 243 322.



[Australian Government Directory of Services for Older People](#). This very useful handbook distributed by the Department of Health and Ageing provides information and contact details for a range of topics and services relevant to older people, for example health, aged care, employment choices, finance, & protecting your rights. I have 55 copies of the handbook at Legacy House, so if you would like one, feel free to pop in and pick one up. They're quite heavy, so unfortunately we're not able to post them out.



The Guide to Australian Government payments gives details of the payment rates and eligibility criteria for all payments made by Centrelink and the Family Assistance Office. The product is updated quarterly to reflect any changes in payment rates during this time. It can be accessed online at:

[http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/filestores/co029_1103a/\\$file/co029_1103aen.pdf](http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/filestores/co029_1103a/$file/co029_1103aen.pdf)



BRISBANE LEGACY AGM : PHOTOS

The Brisbane Legacy AGM was held on Friday, 25 March 2011 at Legacy House.

(L-R) Legatees Noel Gottwaltz (Sunshine Coast), Kel Ryan (South West), Alan McIntosh (Redcliffe/Caboolture) & Glen Willmann (Redcliffe/Caboolture)



(L-R) Legatees Doug Boag (South East), Chris Hamilton (North East), Erica Clark (Redlands), Graham Hinson (Redlands) and Alan McIntosh (Redcliffe/Caboolture)



Legatee Doug Boag (South East) being inducted by Club President, Tony Ralph, with L/Chris Hamilton in the background.



Legatees Ken Leckenby & Ian McVie (both Redlands) with Terry Dillon (Sunshine Coast)



PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON : PHOTOS

The President's Luncheon was held on Saturday, 26 March 2011 at Victoria Park Function Centre.

Club President, Tony Ralph with Ms Alison Stanley, Deputy Commissioner DVA (QLD)



L/Tony Jucha with Community Services Manager, Christina Davidson



Finance Officer, Mr Graeme Rumball with Mrs Ronda Congdon

Mrs Pearl Rashford, President Sandgate Care Group with Mrs Barbara Blinkhorn



(L-R) COL Luke Foster representing COMD 1 Div, Mrs Anna McIntyre & L/Brian McIntyre



PENSION INFORMATION

QUEENSLAND VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (QVAC)

One of the questions often asked of advocates and pensions officers is "why am I not classed as a veteran?" There appears to be a great deal of confusion that arises when a claim lodged under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* is not accepted and the applicant is advised "you are not a veteran or member of the forces as defined in the Act".



There appears to be a perception that in order to lodge a claim one must be a 'veteran'. This is not so, entitlement exists for those who engaged the enemy in wars, those who carried out peacekeeping missions and those who trained/supported our troops in order that they may defend our country.

There are two major pensions for veterans; the disability pension which is compensation for service-related injury, disease or death; and the service pension which is a pension for veterans broadly equivalent to the social security aged pension.

The *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA) provides for a range of benefits for different types of veterans.

A 'veteran' is defined to mean a person who has eligible war service, is a Commonwealth veteran, an allied veteran or an allied mariner.



Broadly, a veteran is normally a member or former members of the Australia Armed Services who served in wars or conflicts, or in warlike and non-warlike operations declared by the Minister for Defence.

Members of the Australian Armed Forces or Police Forces who served in peacekeeping forces also have coverage.

In certain circumstances Australian Merchant Mariners and certain civilians have eligibility.

'*Eligible War Service*' broadly comprises full time service in Australia during World Wars I and II and in the Australian Interim Forces after 1 July 1947, and service in World War II by Australian mariners and also includes operational service.

'*Hazardous Service*' is service determined by the Minister for Defence, in writing, to be hazardous. Hazardous service is a concept which applies only between 1972 and 1997. Since 1997, equivalent service is described as non-warlike service.

'*Operational Service*' for the most part comprises service outside Australia in wartime or during declared warlike operations.

'*Qualifying Service*' is regarded as the highest type of service under the Act. For service in World Wars I and II, qualifying service is service in operations against the enemy in which the veteran incurred danger from hostile forces of the enemy.

Service in subsequent conflicts was qualifying service if it involved operational duty in an operational area, while allotted for duty in the area and includes service in the Korean, Vietnam and Gulf Wars, the Malayan Emergency, Indonesian Confrontation and subsequent conflicts.



'Defence Service' is for members of the Defence Force who have rendered three years full time effective service between 6 December 1972 and 7 April 1994, has Defence service and come within the VEA.



'Warlike Service and Non-Warlike Service' is service determined by the Minister for Defence.

Veterans, ex service men and ex service women and current members of the Defence Force may also be entitled to compensation for injury or disease which is service-related under workers compensation legislation. *The Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* (SRCA) and its predecessors, or under the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (MCRA).

There are also transitional arrangements between these three sets of military compensation legislation.

Source: Queensland RSL News: Spring 2010

SUNSHINE COAST CONTACT GROUP AGM

The Sunshine Coast Contact Group held their AGM on Thursday, 3 March 2011 at Nambour RSL.

Chairman, Sunshine Coast Contact Group
L/Terry Dillon speaks with Brisbane Legacy CEO,
Steven Blinkhorn



(L-R)
Rob Hunt, Kawana RSL Sub-Branch;
John Rouhan, Beerwah/Peachester RSL Sub-Branch;
& L/Colin Firmin (Sunshine Coast) \



L/Colin Brewer (Sunbshine Coast) with Club
President, L/Tony Ralph.





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THE ROTARY CLUB OF NAMBOUR**



SPIRIT OF ANZAC BENEFIT CONCERT

Featuring the exhilarating soldier musicians of the

**AUSTRALIAN ARMY
BAND BRISBANE**

**Baptist Church Community Centre
Wises Road, Maroochydore**

2pm Saturday 16th April 2011

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Limited tickets at the door

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*All monies raised support selected Rotary Projects &
Legacy Widows throughout the Sunshine Coast*

MEMBERSHIP 13/Cont'd

Amendments

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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 David Birtwell
Anonymous

Dr Frank Cowlshaw
Mr G Taylor

Mr Ian Howitt
M, R, Sally and Sue Moore

Mr Neville Patrick McIntosh
Ms P McIntosh-Udy

Mr Jack Rossiter
Anonymous
Mrs E Cunningham
The Ewing Family
Mr & Mrs E Gonano
Mr & Mrs R McGahey
Mrs V O'Brien
Palmwoods Bowls Club Incorporated
Mr K Ramsay



HOLIDAY UNITS

Holiday bookings available at *Aranda* and *Still Breeze* until 1 July.

Please contact Sue at Legacy House on 3846 4299.



FOR SALE

As new, only used for five months, light green leather tilt—lift—uphold electric health chair.

Made by AAA, 148 Mark Road, Caloundra.

Purchase price was \$4,980.

Will sell for \$2,800.

Please contact Glenn or Pam Willmann on

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MEMBERSHIP

Field for Service

Mr Aaron Troy Smith
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Proposer: L/Steven Blinkhorn
Seconded: L/Norm Clarke

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

Declaration of Membership - Out of Session

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Transferred to Retired List

Redlands Group
 Mr Gordon Brown

Resigned

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Legacy House Mrs Lynn Monson	South East Group Mr John M O'Sullivan	North East Group Mr Kenneth J Turner
Wynnum Group Mr George Walters		

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MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Directors: 18 March 2011 at 11:30pm and Training at 1pm-4.30pm

Brisbane Committee Meetings

Finance Committee 12 March 2011 at 12:30pm	Membership Committee 18 March 2011 at 10am	Welfare Committee Wednesday, 6 April 2011 at 10am	Laurel Club Committee 1st Tuesday of month at 9:30am
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Contact Group Meetings

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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