



FROM THE BOARD

The Board of Directors met at Legacy House on 18 July. Present were: L/Brian Avery; L/Steven Blinkhorn; L/Peter Browne; L/Norm Clarke; L/Ian Ferguson; L/Brian McIntyre; L/Tony Ralph (Chairman); and L/Greg Shannon.

Absent were: L/Peter Browne; COL Andrew MacNab; and L/Peter Thatcher.

Board received the following presentations:

- L/Peter Keane (Legacy House) – **Review of Legatee Training** (a copy of the report is available on the InfoNet). L/Keane recommended as follows:
 - **Recommendation 1.** Establish a project team under the steerage of the Chief Executive Officer and with contact group representation to implement these recommendations.
 - **Recommendation 2.** Develop a clear training policy statement that sets the objectives, standards and expectations that will be monitored by the Brisbane Legacy Board.
 - **Recommendation 3.** Establish the training framework to deliver the policy expectations including (but not limited to):
 - staff responsibilities;
 - training guidelines for contact group trainers/mentors;
 - budget and resource allocations;
 - centrally maintained training packages and materials; and
 - central records management
 - **Recommendation 4.** Where local contact groups are able to deliver modules of induction training, establish the responsibility and accountability arrangements to ensure Brisbane Legacy standards are met.
 - **Recommendation 5.** Leverage the strengths of contact groups where they do have the capability and enthusiasm to deliver aspects of the induction training.
 - **Recommendation 6.** Use the professional staff resources from Legacy House and from other agencies with the relevant expertise for that training that addresses welfare knowledge and risk related areas of law and compliance.
 - **Recommendation 7.** Provide induction training that enables a new legatee to become 'fit-for-duty' in supporting assigned widows as soon as possible after induction.
 - **Recommendation 8.** Utilise contemporary ICT technologies for example the 'web portal' to provide regional access to quality controlled training packages and materials.

- **Recommendation 9.** Develop a Brisbane Legacy specific “TIP” training package.
- **Recommendation 10.** Develop the training culture within Brisbane Legacy with performance targets for advanced and update training.
- **Recommendation 11.** In implementation, ‘tread softly’ in introducing change and new ideas to a very mature organisation, but set and commit to implementation milestones.

Board endorsed the review and has tasked the CEO to develop a training policy for consideration by Board at its next meeting.

- Ms Christina Davidson – **Report on Service Provision.** Ms Davidson addressed the strengths and weaknesses of service provision as she saw them. In particular, she identified the lack of legatees and the absence of quantifiable data as barriers to best practice in service delivery. Ms Davidson urged Board to consider a broader role for volunteers and better training for both legatees and volunteers.

Board noted the report.

Board also considered the following matters:

- **Offer of financial support by Lidia Sherwin Pty Ltd.** Proposal rejected on the basis of the risks associated with the possible perception of Legacy’s endorsement of Lidia Training Academy (LTA) and its products, and the possible damage to Legacy’s relationship with existing sponsor in the financial sector.
- **2011 Queensland Legacy State Get-together.** CEO briefed Board on the 2011 Queensland Legacy State Get-together. Board agreed on its position in relation to the Get-together agenda items.

2011 AGM Legacy Foundation of Queensland Inc. Board considered a discussion paper prepared by the CEO on the winding-up of the Legacy Foundation of Queensland Inc. Board endorsed the paper and authorised L/Ralph to put the following motion at the Foundation AGM:

That the Legacy Foundation of Queensland Inc be wound up and that any funds remaining after the payment of all costs and expenses be distributed in equal parts to each of the Foundation members.

- **2011 National Conference motions.** Board began detailed examination of the Conference motions.
- **Appointment of Colonel Andrew MacNab to fill a casual vacancy (independent non-executive director) on Board.** COL Andrew MacNab has been appointed to fill the vacancy created by COL Luke Foster, AM, CSM (posted as Commander Joint Task Force 631 (OP ASTUTE) / Commander International Stabilisation Force).

FROM THE CEO

Members are advised that L/John Pepperdine (Geelong Legacy) has resigned as Chairman, Legacy Australia Council due to ill health. The Deputy Chairman LAC, L/ Charles Wright, has been appointed for the remainder of that year. L/Wright was a National Serviceman and served in Vietnam with 6 RAR (1967). Past appointments include as: Chief Executive Officer RSPCA (1982-93); Member, Council of the Australia War Memorial Council (1983-94); Secretary Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Parade Committee; Vice Chairman Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee; and board member of a number of companies. L/Wright joined Sydney Legacy in 1995. He served as President of Sydney Legacy (2003-05) and has been Chairman of the National Marketing Committee since 2006.



In addition to preparation for the State Get-together and in early July the Legacy Foundation of Queensland Inc AGM, a workshop was conducted at Legacy House to develop a more contemporary positioning statement to accurately describe the work of Legacy; highlight the positive impacts of the work of Legacy on people's lives; demonstrate to sponsors the value of Legacy's work in the community; and assist in positioning Legacy as an organisation helping a range of people with particular needs. This workshop was facilitated by Ms Jenny Walker, Walker Consulting, and involved members of the Board and staff. When completed, the positioning statement will be made available to Groups.

Steven Blinkhorn
Chief Executive Officer

FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER

Explorers weekend away

Our weekend at the Gold Coast on the weekend of 22-23 July was a fantastic success. Thirty two Explorers enjoyed themselves immensely at the lovely QT Gold Coast Resort. The hotel staff treated our group with dignity and respect and I think some of the Explorers even won a few fans by the end of the weekend. We had an enjoyable day out at Sea World on the Saturday and I would like say a big "Thank You" to Legatees Ian Ferguson, Terry Taylor and Brian Hodge for all their wonderful help and support. It made a great difference to Nicole and myself as well as the Explorers.





Data Collection and Contact Reports

Thanks to those who have provided feedback in regards to the proposed changes to data collection. Some suggestions included changes to the formatting of the contact form. Please feel free to adjust the space available for “notes” on the form. If you have an electronic copy of the form, you can do this easily. Just a reminder that the proposed form would replace the old Contact Report. It is not in addition to it. You certainly don’t need to fill out both.

Training Opportunity for Legatees

Maya Zetlin from Lifeline will present an information session on the Rights of Older People at Legacy House at 10.00 am on 7 December. This session is aimed specifically at Legatees and staff and covers areas including:

- myths of ageing;
- recognising and understanding elder abuse (including emotional, verbal and financial abuse and manipulation); and
- rights of older people in regards to Enduring Power of Attorney, Wills and Advance Health Directives.

Maya is an excellent presenter who discusses some very sensitive topics in an inclusive and informal manner. I encourage all those who can, to attend this session.

Torch

I am starting to put together the next issue of *Torch*. If there has been any activities or significant events that have occurred in regards any of your ladies, photos, Care Group activities or information you think that may be useful to disseminate via *Torch*, please forward to me by 13 August. Your input is very much appreciated.

Nominations for the Ted Smout Youth Medal



The Ted Smout Youth Medal is presented to the youth who in the opinion of the Welfare Committee and Board has achieved against the odds to display excellent performance and resolution during the year.

Ted Smout enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces in September 1915 and saw action on the Western Front. After the war, Ted built a successful career in insurance, becoming Agency Manager for Australia and New Zealand of the Prudential Insurance Company. During World War II, he joined the Volunteer Defence Corps charged with defending Brisbane against potential Japanese air attack.

Ted was one of four World War I veterans to return to France in 1998 to mark the 80th anniversary of the Armistice where he was decorated with the *Legion of Honour* by the French Secretary of State for Veterans' Affairs. In April 1999 he received the *80th Anniversary Armistice Remembrance Medal*, the first commemorative medal in the Australian system of honours and awards.

Ted joined Brisbane Legacy in 1937. He was transferred to the Retired List in 1979 and, at the time of his death in 2004 at the age of 106, had amassed an unprecedented 67 years as a member of the Legacy Club of Brisbane.

Nominations are being called for suitable recipients for 2011. Nominations are to be forwarded to Christina Davidson by 30th September 2011.

Date Changes for Group Activities

Explorers: 10th September activity moved back to 24 September 2011 (location TBA)
19th October moved back to 28 October (location TBA)
3rd December – Christmas Lunch at Legacy house including entertainment.

Family Weekend Away: 11-13 November (location TBA) for families with children under the age of 12.

Assistance from Legatees would be appreciated for all the above dates except for Christmas which is supported by North West Group.

Christina Davidson
Community Services Manager

2011 QUEENSLAND LEGACY STATE GET-TOGETHER

The 2011 Queensland Legacy State Get-together was held at Hervey Bay over the period 22-23 July. It was attended by all 10 Queensland clubs and the Legacy Club of Coolangatta/Tweed Heads. Guest speakers included Ms Alison Stanley, Deputy Commissioner DVA (QLD) and L/Charles Wright, Chairman LAC.

The main agenda item was discussion of the 2011 National Conference motions. There was broad support for the Wollongong and Sydney motions which, if passed at Conference, would see the extension of Legacy benefits to the families of all who die while serving and to the families of veterans suffering from illness or incapacity for the period of the illness/incapacity.

There was also broad agreement that Conference has unnecessarily become bogged down in motions amending the Statutes rather than focusing on issues more relevant to the care of Legacy dependants. This is something the Brisbane Legacy is looking at as it begins more detailed planning for the 2013 Nation Conference which it will host.

The following Queensland representative positions were also elected for two years commencing 1 January 2012:

- LAC Representative Member: L/Ian Mackenzie, Toowoomba Legacy
- LAC Alternate Member: L/Peter McDougall, Townsville Legacy
- NPC Representative Member: L/Norm Clarke, Brisbane Legacy

- NPC Alternate Member: Mr Rod Fraser, Brisbane Legacy
- NACF Representative Member: L/Keith Anderson, Gold Coast Legacy



From left: L/Charles Wright (Chairman, LAC), L/John McCoombe (Conference Chairman), Ms Alison Stanley, DC DVA (QLD), & L/Bob Bleakley (President, Fraser Coast/ Country Burnett)



Additional photographs are available at: <http://www.legacy.com.au/brisbane/News>

COLONEL ANDREW MACNAB APPOINTED TO BOARD

COL Andrew MacNab has replaced COL Luke Foster, AM, CSM as a director (independent non-executive) on the Board of Brisbane Legacy.

COL MacNab was born in Brisbane. He graduated from RMC in June 1989 and completed flight training at RAAF Base Point Cook and the Army Aviation Centre at Oakey before being posted to 162nd Reconnaissance Squadron as a line pilot. In 1992, he completed instructor training at the US Army Aviation Centre (USAAvnC) at Fort Rucker, Alabama, and Maintenance Test Pilot Training at the US Army Aviation Logistics School at Fort Eustis, Virginia. Following a period as a visiting instructor at USAAvnC, COL MacNab returned to

Australia and was employed as an Instructor at the ADF Helicopter School for eighteen months.

Subsequent postings included Operations Officer at 171st Operational Support Squadron, and then Aerial Fire Support (AFS) Troop as the Fire Support Instructor. A short posting as 2IC C Squadron, 5th Aviation Regiment followed, before returning to the AFS instructor position.

Promotion in June 98 coincided with a deployment to Operation Paladin as a UN Military Observer for the UN Truce Supervisory Organisation, before returning to Australia to become the project officer for the Aviation Corps Regimental Officer Intermediate Course. On completion of the inaugural course, Colonel MacNab returned to 171 Squadron as Officer Commanding, and completed multiple tours of Operation Bel Isi II (Bougainville), as well as commanding detachments on other operations.

In 2002, Colonel MacNab moved to Canberra and completed the Australian Command and Staff Course as well as completing the Masters of Management in Defence Studies. This was followed by a twelve month posting as the Military Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Army, promotion in December 2003 and a posting as the Australian Aviation Liaison Officer at the US Army Aviation Centre at Fort Rucker for two years.

Upon return to Australia, Colonel MacNab took up the position as Chief Instructor, Instructor Training Wing, followed by two years as Commanding Officer/Chief Instructor of the School of Army Aviation and twelve months as the Chief of Staff at Headquarters 16th Aviation Brigade. In November 2009 he was promoted and posted as the Deputy Commander, 16th Aviation Brigade until December 2010, when he was posted as the Director Aviation Capability Management, HQ Forces Command following a reorganisation of Army Aviation Command and Control. In June 2011, Colonel MacNab was posted as Chief of Staff, Headquarters 1st Division.

STATIONERY AVAILABLE

Brisbane Legacy has a range of stationery items available to Contact and Care Groups. Items were kindly donated by Boeing Defence Australia Ltd.

- Various folders (lever arch folders 2, 3 & 4 ring binders - in various colours)
- Plastic in-trays
- Toast rack file holders
- Staplers / staples
- Hole punches
- Suspension files
- Plastic stationery drawer inserts



HOLIDAY UNITS

Vacancies are available at both Aranda & Still Breeze
From July – December
Contact Sue at Legacy House 3846 4299



MILITARY & LEGACY FAMILY & FRIENDS PICNIC

The Military & Legacy Family & Friends" Picnic will be held at the National Memorial Walk, Lavarack Parade, Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera on **Sunday, 28 August 2011** from 11.30am to 4.00pm.

Entertainment is provided by the Australian Army Band Brisbane (from 1.00pm to 3pm). In addition, PAYG BBQ & salad (\$10.00) and a cash bar for wine, beer and soft drinks are available.

This is a great afternoon to sit back & relax with friends and family. Remember to take along a hat, chair or blankets.

All proceeds from the day go to supporting Legacy.

RSVP Mon 22 August 2011 secretary.rarassociationqld@gmail.com or 0417464251.



Photo: L/Glenn Willman (Redcliffe/Caboolture) addresses the 'family and friends' at the Memorial Walk concert in 2009.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF AUSTRALIAN COMMITMENT TO THE KOREA WAR

The 26th July marked the 60th anniversary of Australia's commitment of troops to the war in Korea. Following is a brief history of this commitment.

The crisis in Korea originated in the closing phases of the Second World War, when control of the Korean peninsula, formerly occupied by Japan, was entrusted to the Allies, and the United States and the Soviet Union divided responsibility for the country between them at the 38th parallel. Over the course of the next few years, the Soviet Union fostered a strong communist regime in the north, while the US supported the government in the south; by mid-1950, tensions between the two zones, each under a different regime, had escalated to the point where two hostile armies were building up along the border. On 25 June a North Korean army finally crossed into the southern zone and advanced towards the capital, Seoul. The city fell in less than a week, and North Korean forces continued their southward drive towards the strategically important port of Pusan.

Within two days, the US had offered air and sea support to South Korea, and the United Nations Security Council asked all its members to assist in repelling the North Korean attack. Twenty-one nations responded by providing troops, ships, aircraft and medical teams.

Australia's contribution included 77 Squadron of the RAAF and the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3 RAR), both of which were stationed in Japan at the time as part of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force.



Photo (R): 3RAR disembarking at Pusan port, Korea, 28 September 1950.

When 3 RAR arrived in Pusan on 28 September, the North Korean advance had been halted and their army was in full retreat. The Supreme Commander of the UN forces, General Douglas MacArthur, was given permission to pursue them into North Korea, despite warnings from the Chinese government that it would not countenance any UN troops crossing the border. 3 RAR moved north as part of the invasion force and fought their first major action near the North Korean capital, Pyongyang. As the UN forces continued their advance towards the Yalu River on the border between North Korea and Manchuria, a series of successes led many to believe that the UN forces would soon bring the war to an end.

At the same time, unbeknown to the UN commanders, the Chinese government had made good its threat and moved 18 divisions into North Korea. They struck with overwhelming force against US troops on 1 November and sent them into retreat. By mid-November, despite the continuing Chinese attacks in the harsh winter weather, MacArthur prepared a massive advance to the Yalu River to defeat the North Korean and Chinese forces once and for all. But only one day after the attack commenced the Chinese struck back, inflicting successive defeats on the UN forces and forcing them into retreat towards the 38th parallel.

The Chinese halted their offensive in January 1951, Seoul once again having fallen to the invading forces. At the UN headquarters in New York, efforts were made to conclude a ceasefire with the communist coalition, but negotiations broke down before any progress had been made. By the end of February, Chinese resistance collapsed south of the Han River near Seoul, and the city was recaptured by UN forces in mid-March. UN commanders were then faced with the question of whether to cross the 38th parallel once again. Opinions were divided between those who favoured a cease-fire along the border and those, including MacArthur, who wished to renew the northward advance. On 11 April 1951 MacArthur was dismissed from his command, as it was feared in Washington that his intemperance was likely to escalate the war.

Australian troops participated in two major battles in 1951. On the evening of 22 April, Chinese forces attacked the Kapyong valley and forced South Korean and New Zealand troops into retreat; other UN troops, including Australians, were ordered to halt the attack. After a night of fierce fighting, during which their positions were overrun, the Australians recaptured their positions and stalled the Chinese advance, at a cost of only 32 men killed and 53 wounded. For their contribution to this action, 3 RAR was awarded a US Presidential Citation.

The second major battle for the Australians was Operation Commando, an attack against a Chinese-held salient in a bend of the Imjin, a river running north-south that crosses the 38th parallel just above Seoul. Here the Commonwealth Division, including the Australians, had two key objectives: Hills 355 and 317. The attack began on 3 October, and after five days of heavy fighting the Chinese withdrew. Twenty Australians were killed in the battle and 89 were wounded.

From 1951 on, both sides found themselves engaged in a war of attrition reminiscent of the Western Front, where men lived in tunnels, redoubts and sandbagged forts behind barbed wire defences. The war was generally fought with artillery and mines and in set-piece battles; at night patrols ventured into no man's land to raid enemy positions. Between 1951 and the war's end, 3 RAR occupied trenches at the eastern extremity of the Commonwealth Division's position in hills north-east of the Imjin River. There they faced heavily fortified Chinese positions across a stretch of no man's land which ranged from 300 metres to 2 kilometres in width.

As the war settled into stalemate it became apparent that a negotiated truce was the only solution, but military pressure was maintained on the communist forces, the better to extract concessions at the peace talks. As fighting continued, however, many of the UN combatants grew less willing to contribute more ground forces to the conflict. While some countries were keen to extricate their troops from Korea, Australia increased its commitment, and the government sent a second battalion, 1 RAR, which joined the Commonwealth Division on 1 June 1952. The battalion remained in Korea for twelve months, leaving in March 1953 and replaced by 2 RAR in April.



Photos: (L) A soldier of 3 RAR stares into the frozen waters of the Han River, January 1951. (R) Majon'ni, Korea 9 June 1953: men of C Coy 2 RAR in the trenches on The Hook.

After two years and 17 days of negotiations, even as heavy fighting continued at the front, the UN and North Korean leaderships signed an agreement on 27 July 1953. This agreement technically brought the war to an end, but a state of suspended hostilities continued to exist between North and South Korea for many years, and even today the situation remains unresolved. In the three years of fighting 1,263 men of the Commonwealth forces were killed and a further 4,817 were wounded, while the US lost 33,000 men. Australian casualties numbered more than 1,500, of whom 339 were killed. Almost half a million South Koreans died as a result of the war, and an unknown number of North Koreans and Chinese.

Source: <http://www.awm.gov.au/atwar/korea.asp>



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

Dr Peter Grant Mr Peter Darby	Mr John King Mrs Patricia King	Mr George Stubbs Mr D Johnson
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Any member having an objection to a nomination must lodge such objection with the Secretary within seven days of it appearing in the *Bulletin*

Resignation:

Mr Barry E Admans Sunshine Coast Contact Group	Mr Owen John Puie South East Contact Group
Mr Kenneth Leckenby Redlands Contact Group	

MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Directors: 19 September 2011 at 12 for 12:30pm

Committee Meetings

Finance Committee 13 September at 12.30 pm	Welfare Committee 3 August 2011 at 10 am	Membership Committee 19 September 2011 at 11.30 am
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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 District 1st Wednesday of month At 9:30am Warwick RSL	Wynnum 2nd Saturday of month at 9am Wynnum RSL

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