



Legacy Week 2011 Sunday 28 August - Saturday 3 September

Legacy is calling on the Australian community to show their support for the families of deceased veterans during Legacy Week 2011, starting Sunday 28 August and running through to Saturday 3 September.

The demand for Legacy's services is significant with assistance being provided to over 100,000 widows, children and dependants with a disability. Legacy also stands ready to help the families of tens of thousands of Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel deployed over the recent years, and Australia continuing its commitment in the Middle East and various peace-keeping operations. The sad recent passing of Australian soldiers is a reminder of the sacrifices that are made and Legacy's ongoing role in 'keeping the promise' to Australian families.

The need for Legacy today is very real. Since the Iraq War in the 1990's, there have been over 50,000 veterans created and Legacy stands ready to support their families should the worst happen.

Australians can help Legacy 'Keep the Promise' by buying a badge during Legacy Week and wearing it with pride. The pivotal day is Badge Day – Friday 2 September. Show the families left behind your gratitude for their sacrifice.

Melbourne Legacy President, Chris Spence said, "Legacy was born out of a promise of mateship where a digger promised his mate that he would look after his wife and children back home. By purchasing a badge during Legacy Week, you can continue that tradition through to today.

"Legacy relies on the generosity of the community for financial support. In Victoria alone, Legacy needs to raise over \$3M each year in order to maintain the level of its service to more than 26,000 widows, children and dependants. The funds received will be directed to the essential role Legacy plays in the community through the provision of services including emotional support and counselling, welfare assistance and pension's advocacy. Legacy strives to enrich the quality of life and foster self-help among our widows and gives high priority to the personal development and education of our youth and dependants with a disability," said Legatee Spence.

Look out for the volunteer badge sellers in busy shopping centres and at train stations. You can also buy a badge at all Commonwealth Bank Branches, Australia Post Offices, Dan Murphy stores and BWS stores.

Since 1923 Legacy has kept its promise to look after the families of deceased veterans. Buy a badge during Legacy Week and you can help us to go on keeping the promise. To donate call 1800 534 229 or visit www.legacy.com.au

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