

BULLETIN



FROM THE PRESIDENT

This has been an extremely busy period for your club. I also am happy to say it has been a very successful period.

It began with Badge Week. While the final figures are still being tallied our overall takings are down a little on last years but in line with what we expected. We will disseminate the final figures shortly.

In October we will hold our review of Badge Week so I urge you to note your comments for improvement and pass to your Group Chairman.

Badge Week was followed immediately by the ADF Charity Ball. This was great fun and very well attended. As you know, Legacy is the sole charity to benefit from the Ball.

The very next day was the B2B! I am sure you all saw the TV and print media advertising leading up to the event. It was wonderful to see the Legacy Badge featured so prominently. The coverage of the event was on all free to air TV channels and the "Sunday Mail". We were fortunate to win the bid to be the main beneficiary. However, I believe that the exposure that Legacy received is the real benefit.

For those of you who ran or walked, I am sure you will agree it was a great day and as far as I am concerned, the organisers went out of their way to ensure the day was a success and Legacy was acknowledged.

In October we are setting up our Call Centre once again. Early in the year we established the Call Centre to make contact with widows we believed may have been affected by the flooding. This was a great success and provided many lessons. In October we want to make contact with those widows we have not made contact with for 5 years or more. My concern is that many widows when first contacted tell their Legatee that all is well, and as best the Legatee can determine that may be the case. The widow often says "I'll call you if I need you".

My concern is that circumstances change and we do not provide the comfort, assistance or support simply because we assumed the widow is hale and hearty.

The Call Centre needs your support if it is to be successful. If you have some free time, please tell Christina to put you on her roster.

Shortly we are heading off to Port Macquarie for the National Conference. All of you have had the opportunity to contribute to the development of our position on the various motions and I will report the conference outcomes to you on our return.

As I said, this has been a busy but successful period for your Club. My sincere thanks to all of our Legatees, our staff and the countless volunteers who helped us during this period. At times it was very busy, occasionally stressful, sometimes great fun but always worthwhile.

Thank you.

Tony Ralph

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FROM THE BOARD

The Board of Directors met at Legacy House on 19 September. Present were: L/Steven Blinkhorn; L/Peter Browne; L/Norm Clarke; L/Ian Ferguson; COL Andrew MacNab; L/Brian McIntyre; L/Tony Ralph (Chairman); and L/Greg Shannon.

Absent were: L/Brian Avery and L/Peter Thatcher.

Board received the following reports:

Undertake Advocacy. To undertake advocacy is one of the strategic objectives of Brisbane Legacy. The CEO briefed Board on Brisbane Legacy's performance in this area over the past 12 months.

Board also considered the following matters:

2011 National Conference. Board considered its position in relation to the motions to be presented at the National Conference in Port Macquarie next month. The recommendations agreed by Board are as contained in the document posted on the InfoNet.

Veterans Children Education Board. Board requested that the CEO call for nominations from members to serve on the Veterans Children Education Board (VCEB) for three years commencing on 12 January 2012.

Training Policy. Board was presented with a draft Training Policy for comment prior to the next Board meeting

Review of endorsement as an Income Tax Exempt Charity. Board noted that a review of Brisbane Legacy's income tax exempt status has been conducted.

Redevelopment of Legacy House. L/Shannon updated Board on the activities of the Legacy House Redevelopment Committee.

WELFARE

Legacy House Call Centre

The Legacy House Call Centre will operate again from 24 - 26 October. The purpose of the Call Centre is to contact those widows that the database indicates have not been contacted for more than five years. Help is needed from legatees to staff the centre. Details are:

- 6 legatees required on 24, 25 and 26 October (3 per shift).
- 2 shifts per day - 9.00-12.00 and 1.00-4.00.
- If all shifts are filled we should be able to make contact with approximately 160 ladies per day.
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

To register your interest, please contact Christina Davidson on 3846 4299 or cdavidson@legacybrisbane.org.au.

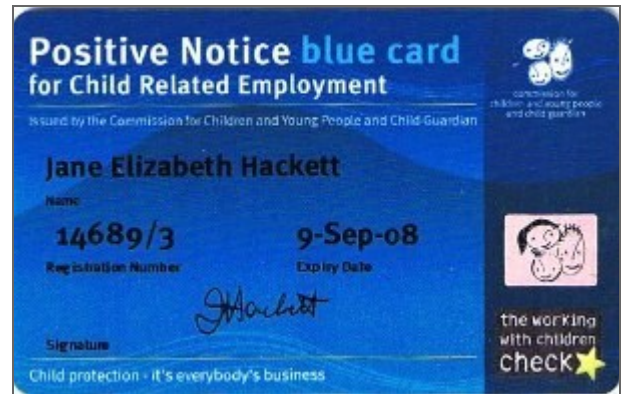
Articles For Torch

In an effort to be more inclusive with Torch, we request that any articles, photos and stories of interest from all Brisbane Legacy groups please be forwarded to Legacy House. Ideas are also welcome if you feel there is a social or health issue that our ladies need to know of, we are happy to research and write the article. For the November issue, please have articles to Christina Davidson by the end of October via email preferably.

Blue Cards

During the course of Legacy Week Legacy House fielded a number of inquiries as to why legatees need a blue card if supervising children in a public place, and why the need, given that all legatees consent to a criminal history check.

Let me start with the criminal history check (CHC). From 2005, Brisbane Legacy has required that all members consent to a criminal history check (CHC) since 2005. The reason we do this is that Brisbane Legacy has a duty of care to those that it supports and a responsibility to maintain public confidence in the integrity of our workforce and of Legacy.



The CHC is sufficient for most of what we do as legatees. Nevertheless, the CHC is only current at the time at which it was obtained. A Working with Children Check is required every two years and is therefore more up to date than a CHC.

The requirement for a Working with Children Check (blue card) is mandated by State legislation (*Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000*) (CCYPCG Act) i.e. any person, both paid and unpaid, engaged in regulated child-related employment, e.g. support services to children and young people (i.e. birth to 18 years), will require a blue card. What we do as legatees is deemed to be child-related employment.

While there are some circumstances where a blue card is not required (e.g. where a person is supplying information or entertainment to ten or more people, and the activity is for ten days or less on no more than two occasions per year, and the person is unlikely to be alone with a child without another adult present), the schools that provide us with cadets and others students during Legacy Week require that the person supervising the children have a blue card. In doing so, the school is fulfilling its duty of care to the children.

Therefore, if you are alone in a shopping centre with children under the age of 18 years, the law requires that you have a blue card. If however, you are there with another legatee who has a blue card, and you will not be alone with the children at any time, you will not require a blue card.

Apart from the time taken to acquire a blue card and the need to find somewhere else in your wallet to store it, there should be no downside to applying for a blue card if you expect to have any contact with children in any of your many legatee roles. Even if it is only needed during Legacy Week, it is better to apply now than risk forgetting until it is too late again next year.

To apply, simply download the volunteer blue card application form from [http://www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au/pdf/bluecard/forms/11-669-003-Volunteer\(V\)-JUN12.pdf](http://www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au/pdf/bluecard/forms/11-669-003-Volunteer(V)-JUN12.pdf). Complete the form and submit it to the Community Services Manager (CSM). Please note that application must be endorsed by the CSM who has the responsibility for maintaining the Brisbane Legacy Register of Blue Card Holders.

Also note that once issued, the holder of a blue card has a responsibility to notify Brisbane Legacy immediately after being charged with having committed an indictable offence and details of the alleged offence/offences, or of being convicted of an indictable offence and details of the offence/offences and the penalty imposed.

A Working with Children Check is required to be undertaken every two years for persons who continue to be engaged in regulated child-related employment.

Barefoot Bowls

On Saturday 24 September a group of Explorers and Legacy staff had a fun day at Merthyr Bowls Club. It was both a relaxing and challenging day; challenging for some of us new to the game of bowls! We were well supported by the bowls club staff, who- beer in hand, gave good advice and ensured we all had a good time.



MONTHLY FEATURE ARTICLE

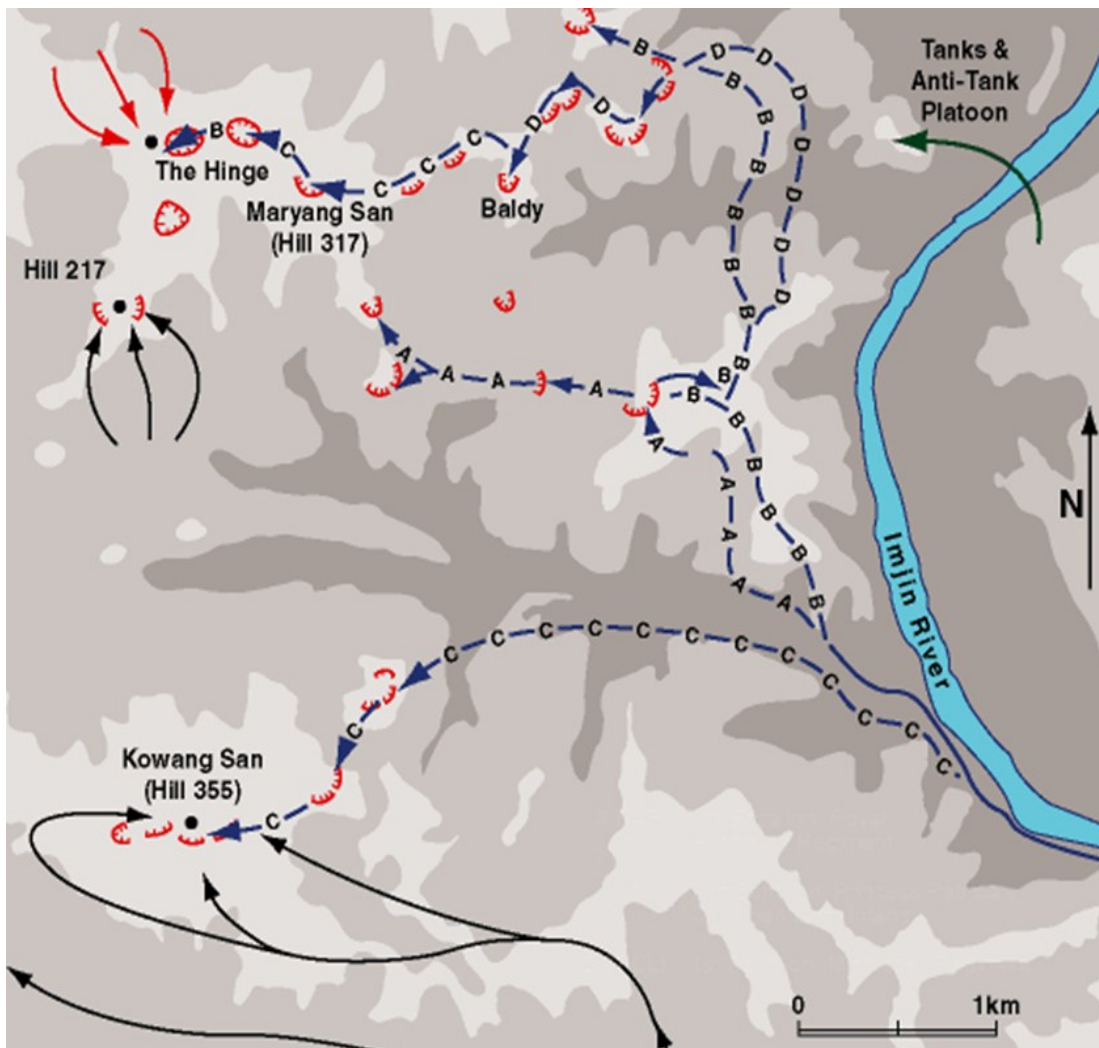
2011 – 60th Anniversary of the Battle for Maryang San

In early October 1951, 3RAR (3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment), in conjunction with British Commonwealth troops, attacked a group of hills near the Imjin River, Korea. The attack was named after the biggest of these hills and became known as the battle for Maryang San or “Operation Commando”.

The operation began on 3 October with 28th Brigade attacking supported by 16th Field Regiment, Royal New Zealand Artillery and Centurion tanks of 8th Kings Own Irish Hussars. First B Company 3RAR took Hill 199 which Hassett intended to use as a base for the main attack along the Maryang San ridge two days later. Meanwhile C Company moved forward to support the attack of the Kings Own Shropshire Light Infantry (KOSB) on the next hill to the south, Kowang San. The KOSB attack failed, so on the following day C Company was committed to attack the hill from the north-east. This time the hill fell.

On 5 October the main assault on Maryang San commenced. In a successful attempt to deceive the Chinese that the main Australian attack was coming from south of Maryang San, A Company attacked west along a parallel ridge, capturing a Chinese position and drawing local Chinese reserves towards it. The main attack along the northernmost ridge was a series of company assaults. First B Company took ‘feature whiskey’ and provided fire support when D Company assaulted through and took the next two Chinese positions. Lastly C Company, which had marched by a circuitous route from Kowang San, passed through B and D Companies along the ridge top and seized the crest of Maryang San.

The 1st Commonwealth Division, of which 3RAR was a part, was to advance across the Imjin River and take a line of heights from 19th Chinese Division. The Chinese line was not continuous, but rather consisted of company and battalion sized entrenchments on the key hills.





Maryang San (Hill 317) is the steep hill in the left far distance. This photograph was taken from UN lines prior to the assault on the hill. In October 1951 the hill was captured by 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment during Operation Commando.

The battle was not yet won as 'the Hinge' and Hill 217 remained in Chinese hands. Believing 3RAR required support to take the whole hill, the divisional commander sent the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers (RNF) to aid 3RAR. This battalion attacked but failed to take Hill 217.

On 7 Oct 3RAR, now in one body along the spine of Maryang San, attacked and took the Hinge. Chinese reinforcements from 3rd Battalion 571 regiment arrived to counterattack. A bombardment from Chinese artillery, the worst the Australians had experienced in the war so far, preceded an assault by the fresh Chinese battalion but the assault failed. The Chinese conceded defeat and withdrew to the next line of hills two kilometers away, also evacuating Hill 217.

Australian casualties were 20 killed and 104 wounded. The two Chinese battalions that 3RAR opposed lost 340 killed and wounded. The taking of Maryang San has been seen as a classic battalion operation and is described in the official history as 'the greatest single feat of the Australian Army during the Korean War.'

By 5 November, after the Australians were withdrawn to recuperate, Maryang San was recaptured by the Chinese. It was a terrible blow to morale for those who had fought long and hard to capture it. The tactically important ground of Maryang San remained in the hands of Chinese forces for the rest of the war.

Source: http://www.awm.gov.au/encyclopedia/korea/maryang_san.asp



Informal group portrait of non-wounded survivors of the 5th Platoon, B Company, 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR) after the company was withdrawn from the line at the end of the Battle of Maryang San in October 1951. The 5th Platoon helped capture the Hinge feature and held it through days of heavy shelling and human wave assaults. Identified are Sergeant Ray Norman Parry MM, Platoon Commander (wearing the light coloured undershirt); Corporal John Park (white shaving cream on his face); Lieutenant Russell John McWilliam (?) (left of Park, wearing dark singlet); Cooke (probably Cpl Stanley Denistoun Cooke); Private Raymond James 'Tubby' Hellings, 5 Platoon runner (smiling, without shirt, behind Park). The shirtless soldier, front, right, is a reinforcement who did not fight at Maryang San. Parry, Park and Cooke and several others in this portrait had also fought at the Battle of Kapyong. Donor R. Parry.

The official historian for the Korean War, Robert O'Neill, wrote of this battle:

In this action 3RAR had won one of the most impressive victories achieved by any Australian battalion. In five days of heavy fighting 3RAR dislodged a numerically superior enemy from a position of great strength. The Australians were successful in achieving surprise on 3 and 5 October, the company and platoon commanders responded skillfully to Hasset's directions, and the individual soldiers showed high courage, tenacity and morale despite some very difficult situations, such as that of D company when the mist rose on 5 October and those of B and C Companies when the weight of enemy fire threatened their isolation of Hill 317 on 7 October ... The victory of Maryang San is probably the greatest single feat of the Australian Army during the Korean War.

Christmas Puddings

Over the last few years, offering Christmas fare has become uneconomical as a fundraising activity. However, it is apparent that our older ladies look forward to buying and giving Christmas treats, and using this activity to connect with Legacy, often for the only time in the year. Offering Christmas items has thus morphed from a fundraising activity to a community service one.

Christmas fare will be available to ladies in the following ways:

- For ladies who do not attend care groups, delivery will be arranged through contact groups during visitations. This will be managed by contact groups, and the community services manager will be in contact with group chairmen shortly to arrange this.
- For ladies who do attend care groups, conveners will soon receive letters advising the ordering process and price of this year's Christmas products. Care groups chairpersons will be asked to facilitate the order and payment in advance during October, for delivery to care groups at November meetings. This will be managed by staff.

Special pre-paid orders by legatees are also available. Simply call Legacy House, order and pre-pay by 31 October. Items will then be delivered during November. Please note that we will not otherwise be seeking the sale of Christmas products as a fundraiser or for any other purpose.



LEGACY PLUM PUDDINGS \$8.00

A blend of the finest Australian fruits and Bundaberg Rum. Double wrapped ready for heating, with calico outer. Gumleaf trim decoration. An ideal gift, hand-packed the old-fashioned way.



CHRISTMAS SELECTION \$6.00

A taste-tempting variety pack - 2 x traditional plum puddings, 2 x pecan nut topped Christmas cakes and 2 x fruit mince pies with brandy. The ideal gift or a treat for one.

The Lord Mayor's Seniors' Christmas Party



Judy Glen is coming to town for seniors' Christmas special Globe trekker, and will share the spirit of Christmas with Brisbane's seniors, by performing at this year's Lord Mayor's Seniors' Christmas parties.

Judy Glen, joined by a 9 piece orchestra, will headline the 75 minute variety show themed "Christmas Around the World"; **running from Monday 8 December to Friday 12 December.**

"For the past 15 years, I have been touring on the international concert/comedy circuit and have celebrated many international Christmases. It will be grand to finally sing about it in Australia", Judy said.

Judy has spent many years touring throughout the UK, Spain, Singapore, Hong Kong, New Zealand, being described in the Los Angeles Times as "a true original like Carol Burnette and Lucille Ball, unquestionably a unique talent." After numerous trips to Queensland; including Expo 88, Man of Lamancha, Me and My Girl, and visiting in 1987 with Paul (Yes Priminister) Eddington for the Show HMS Pinnafore, Judy has settled down on Queensland's beautiful Sunshine Coast.

The Christmas parties are an opportunity for the Brisbane City Council to welcome Queensland seniors and offer thanks for their contributions over the years.

The annual event of 10 free Christmas concerts for the over 55s of Queensland, is expected to attract about 10,000 people and will provide free morning and afternoon tea throughout the five day event.

The Lord Mayor's Seniors' Christmas Parties will be held from **Monday 8 December to Friday 12 December, at 10am and 1pm daily, in the Main Auditorium, Brisbane City Hall. Bookings essential, phone QTIX on 136 246 for your tickets.**

Defence Charity Ball



Over 900 Army, Navy, Air force and connected Defence Force personnel joined key corporate businesses to celebrate the annual John Holland Defence Legacy Ball at Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday, 10 September.

MC for the night was Gretel Killeen, host of the Logie winning *Big Brother*, who I thought, conducted the evening, for a while at least, as if on the set of *Big Brother*! Gretel has travelled to Iraq, the Solomon Islands, East Timor, Egypt and Afghanistan to entertain our troops, and also has family links to Legacy.



The room was full of Defence vehicles and displays of all types of Army, Navy and Air Force units that were hosted by Army crews. Very impressive. The Australian Navy Band, Brisbane, played throughout the night with a guest performance by Daryl Braithwaite who delighted all with his classic hits.

Other special guests for the night were three of the cast of the very popular TV show *Sea Patrol*. John Batchelar from *Underbelly Razor* was there. He recently completed his part in the movie, *Red Dog* which is getting huge raves at the moment.



Also attending was Nikoli Nikolaeff, best known for his roles in the television series *Sea Patrol*, *Power Rangers: Jungle Fury* and *Wicked Science* and who everyone loved on the show *Two Dads*. He has a new film about to be released called *The Wedding Party*. Finally there was the very lovely Danielle Horvat, best known for her role in *Neighbours* as Taylah Jordan, and as Jessica Bird on *Sea Patrol*.



The guest of honour for the night was Victorian Cross winner Corporal Mark Gregor Strang Donaldson. It was a thrill to see his portrait which was painted by speed painter Brad Blaze and raised \$3,500.

James Callianotis - LJ Hooker Brisbane auctioneer extraordinaire, conducted the many auctions of the night, which also raised funds for Legacy.

The silent auctions were popular and Strategic Airlines donated a holiday to Hawaii for the lucky winner.

One lovely story on the night was a proposal of marriage from a couple who had only met five weeks prior. The prospective groom proposed to his partner on arriving at the Ball.

Bridge to Brisbane



Over 42,000 people turned out bright and early on Sunday 11th September to participate in the Bridge to Brisbane fun run. The event raised over \$400,000 for charity, the majority going to Legacy in Queensland. Participants covered 5km and 10km routes as the main group of runners set off about 6.10am. The course went from the Gateway Bridge to the RNA showgrounds at Bowen Hills.

Participants, including former Olympians, elite athletes, mums, dads and even babies, enjoyed the course from the Gateway Bridge via Hamilton to the RNA showgrounds at Bowen Hills.

Amongst them were a mix of teams and individuals dedicated to completing the distance for Legacy's young widows and families. Jonathan Gunnell, (brother of the late Private Timothy Aplin), David Jones (father of the late Lance Corporal Andrew Jones), a team from 2CER and a number of widows, legatees and family members together, raised over \$65,000 in donations. There was even a team of 100 runners in the Middle East competing in their own B2B, all for the Legacy cause.

Throughout the day, Legacy played various roles in the Ode of Remembrance and the playing of Last Post and Reveille at both the start and finish lines. On a lighter note staff member Nadia Coxon, young widow Rebecca Beckwith assisted with on-stage presentations, merchandise sales, and of course cheering on our courageous President, Tony Ralph, agile wingman, CEO Steven Blinkhorn and guests from Cairns Legacy as they completed their dash to the finish line.

In addition to the efforts of Legacy fundraisers, *The Sunday Mail* and Suncorp will donate to Legacy in Queensland an amount not yet known, but expected to be in excess of \$200,000. Thanks to all who donated to the Legacy teams and a particular thank you to those wonderful legatees and their friends, who volunteered to assist the running of the event and activities at the finish

village. Apologies if we've overlooked anyone, however, your assistance didn't go unnoticed—Maria and Rebecca Purdie, Eve McCormack, Mary Jago, John Dalton, Ian and Marilyn Ferguson, Gay and Ross Harvey, Brian Hodge and Terry Taylor.



The exact amount raised by Bridge to Brisbane will be announced on the 11th of November.

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



Alfred Francis Swindells Estrelita Smith	Colin Argyle Campbell L Tyler	Elizabeth Hooker Rosemary Turnour
Heather Minchenton Alan Kerr	Herbert Fredrick Pool Estrelita Smith	Mary Hooker Margaret Boyes
Matthew Lambert Anonymous Zane Hepplewhite James Duncan Patricia Colvin Karen Murphy	The 29 Australian Servicemen killed in Afghanistan since 2002 Estrelita Smith	Sarah Medhurst L Wuerstle
Thelma Hallas W Hallas	Patricia Thompson Agnes Christopher	Peter Thompson Anonymous
Stanley James Brett Sandra Brett	Terry Summers Geoff Laylor	Tich (Rod) Mathieson Shirley Mathieson
William Robert Smith Estrelita Smith	John Farren Price Joy Amies	Ray Clark Peter Clark

FIELD FOR SERVICE

Mrs Mary Theresa Jago Logan Contact Group 46 Hagman Street STAFFORD HEIGHTS QLD 4053 Proposed: L/Ian Ferguson Seconded: L/Terry Taylor	Mr Julian Edmund Shaw North West Contact Group 8 Ironbark Circuit EVERTON HILLS QLD 4053 Proposed: L/G Woodrow Seconded: L/J Weatherley	Mr Donald Russell Paul Sunshine Coast Contact Group 22 Greenside Court PEREGIAN SPRINGS QLD 4573 Proposed: L/Peter Browne Seconded: L/Barrie Daly
Mr Robert Albert Roberts Redcliffe and Caboolture Contact Group 5 Ardel Place SANDSTONE POINT QLD 4511 Proposed: L/Gordon Darlington Seconded: L/George Bourne	Mr Ronald Jack Sherman Redlands Contact Group 23 Keel Street BIRKDALE QLD 4159 Proposed: L/C Sherrin Seconded: L/Colin Green	Mr Randolph Charles Story Redlands Contact Group 2 Amelia Place CLEVELAND QLD 4163 Proposed: L/Colin Green Seconded: L/Ian Mc Vie

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Legatee Peter Bidwell
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MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Directors: 12:30 pm Monday, 21 November 2011

Brisbane Committee Meetings

Welfare Committee 10am Wed, 12 Oct	Finance Committee 12:30pm Tues, 15 Nov	Membership Committee 11:30m Mon, 21 Nov
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Contact Group Meetings

Granite Belt 7:30pm 2nd Thu of month Stanthorpe RSL	Gympie 11:00am 3rd Thu of month Gympie RSL	Logan City 9:00am 2nd Wed of month Veterans' Resource Centre	North East 4:00pm 3rd Wed of month Geebung RSL
North West 5:30pm Last Thu of month Gaythorne RSL	Redcliffe & Caboolture 9:30am 4th Thu of month Redcliffe RSL	Redlands 4.30pm 4th Tues of month Cleveland RSL	South East 10:00am 2nd Mon of month Legacy House
South West 12:30pm 2nd Thu of mth Legacy House	Sunshine Coast 12:00 noon 1st Thu of mth Nambour RSL	Warwick District 9:30am 1st Wed of mth Warwick RSL	Wynnum 9:00am 2nd Sat of month Wynnum RSL

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