

BULLETIN



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Together with the Vice President and the CEO I have just returned from the 77th Legacy National Conference of Legacy Clubs conducted in Port Macquarie. The conference is always well attended and provides the Clubs the opportunity to come together, discuss common problems and identify practical solutions. It is my experience that the sharing of ideas is the major outcome of Legacy Conferences.

The results of the various motions appear elsewhere in the Bulletin, so I won't go into them in detail. From my perspective, the most significant outcome of the conference was to change the Legacy brand promise. Where it once read: *"Caring for the families of our deceased veterans"*, it will now read: *"Caring for the families of our deceased and incapacitated veterans"*. The effect of this change is to confirm what many Clubs are already doing – providing Legacy care and support to the families of incapacitated veterans. This is a most significant and worthwhile change. For many clubs (Brisbane included) it is long overdue and aligns what we say we do with current practice.

As you know, it is Brisbane's turn to host the National Conference in 2013 and work is well underway. Some time ago we established a working committee and have already co-opted several Legatees to assist with the planning and coordination.

The Badge Week debrief went well and a large number of points to ensure we continue to improve our operations and coordination were resolved. If Brendan has not already started to pass out information regarding Badge Week 2012 I am sure he will shortly.

As you will have seen, our takings are down a little this year but no more than we expected. While there is little to be gained from patting ourselves on the back, sometimes it is comforting to know that per capita we take more in Badge Week than other capital city clubs and our coordination and the resources we are able to commit to the task is envied by others.

The Legacy Way tunnel boring machines (TBMs) are currently being assembled at the Port of Brisbane. Once completed, the TBMs will be moved to the western end of the tunnels to be dug between the Centenary Motorway and Inner City Bypass (ICB). It is expected that tunnelling will commence in the first half of 2012, with one TBM about three months behind the other. Prior to this, there will be a launch/naming of the TBMs which will be painted in Legacy colours: red and blue. We believe it will also provide the opportunity for some very positive media attention for Brisbane Legacy. I will keep you posted.

It is hard to imagine that planning for Christmas is well underway!

Thank you for what you do for our widows and their dependents.

Thank you.

Tony Ralph

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FROM THE CEO

Many Legatees do not have an opportunity to attend a National Conference so I will use this occasion to try to explain what goes on there.

As you know, Conference occurs biennially and is the means by which Legacy determines policy. A useful analogy is that Conference is Legacy's parliament; its governing body. This year, Conference was held in Port Macquarie. In 2013, Conference will be held in Brisbane and in Albury in 2015.

Conference commenced on the evening of 20 October with Clubs assembling for the Opening Ceremony. This was a formal event at which the Federal Member for Lyne, Mr Rob Oakeshott MP, officially opened the Conference. It was followed by a welcoming reception at the Port Macquarie Panthers Club.



The Conference proper was conducted on 21 & 22 October. Speakers include: the Secretary Department of Veterans' Affairs' Affairs, Mr Alan Campbell, PSM; Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson, MP; and the Hon John Watkins, CEO Alzheimer's Australia NSW.

On the first day, Conference received reports from the Chairman LAC; Chairman NMC; and from L/Tony Ralph on behalf of the Legacy Review Team. In addition, 27 motions were put to Conference: 10 were passed; 15 were defeated; and two were withdrawn. Of significance is that two motions to amend the Code of Legacy, namely (1) to include as eligible to receive Legacy benefits the families of ADF members who die as a result of their service (non-operational) and (2) to include in the definition of 'deceased' (Annex A to the Code of Legacy) the words 'to include veterans suffering from illness or incapacity for the period of that illness or incapacity' were defeated. Motion details and results are attached for the interest of members.

The second day was occupied with presentations from a number of individuals including: L/Hazel Bridget, National Aged Care Forum; L/Lindsay Birrell, London Legacy; and Ms Nicole Graham, Emergency ID Australia; and with a number of motions from the floor of Conference. One of these sought to amend the Legacy brand promise from 'Caring for the families of our deceased veterans' to read 'Caring for the families of our deceased and incapacitated veterans'. This was successful.

At Conference, L/Tony Ralph stated that Brisbane Legacy intended to conduct Conference somewhat different in 2013. He stated that Brisbane Legacy will move away from the hitherto focus on the Statutes to issues of significant relevance to Legacy widows and those charged with their care e.g. the issues of aged care, the needs of younger widows, and given some of the proposed changes to charities and not-for-profits arising out of the Productivity Commission's report to Government on the not-for-profit sector, corporate governance. If you have an opinion on the way in which Conference is conducted or the matters that need to be addressed at Conference, I would welcome your input.

By now, most members will be aware that Ms Anna Lang has been appointed to fill the position of Personal Assistant to the CEO. Unfortunately, Ms Joanne Clarke, Executive Assistant (Pensions), has resigned to look after her elderly mother. Joanne was a member of staff for 11 years and will be sorely missed. Mrs Sue Bogatko will replace Ms Clark and we are in the process of finding a replacement to fill the Administrative Assistant (Reception) position vacated by Mrs Bogatko.

Steven Blinkhorn

WELFARE

Legacy House Call Centre

Thank you to those who gave so generously of their time to participate in the call centre. We made nearly 90 calls to ladies who haven't had contact with Legacy in the last 5 years. The call centre is a valuable activity for us as it not only gives us a chance to contact ladies to see how they're faring, but also allows us to update records in terms of changes to contact details and next of kin.

Articles For Torch

The next issue of Torch will be out by 20 November. If any groups or individuals have articles, stories or suggestions they are most welcome to input. Please have them to the Community Services Manager as soon as possible.

Update on Review of Contact Report Process and Data Collection

The review has gone on longer than expected, however, I have received some great feedback from various groups and individual Legatees and we are now adding that into the mix. Please be assured that we are taking all concerns and suggestions into consideration. All Legatees will be expected to complete Contact Reports as a matter of course, so it is therefore very important that the people who will be undertaking this process have input into the development of it. Thanks in particular to the South West Group, as due to their input there will now be an option of an online Contact Report. I hope to have the review completed by the end of November. I will then do a roadshow to attend group meetings to explain the new process and answer any questions.

Christina Davidson

MONTHLY FEATURE ARTICLE

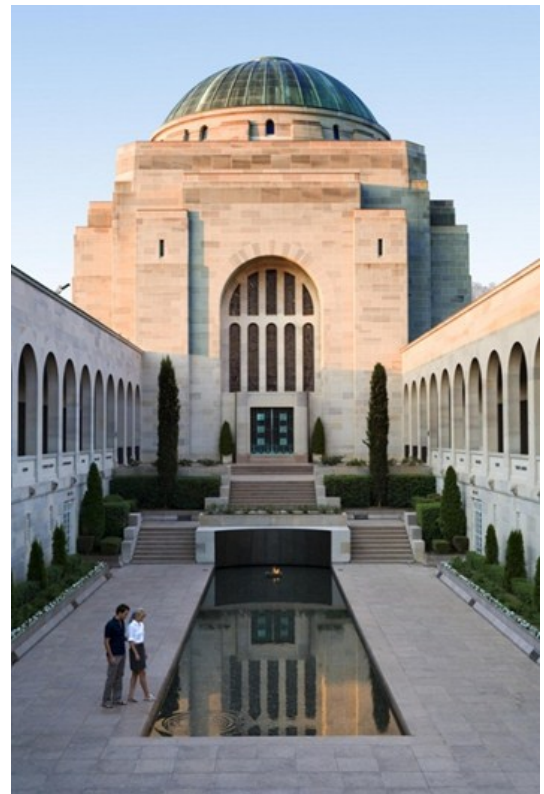
Australian War Memorial: 70th anniversary

Remembrance Day this year marks the 70th anniversary of the opening of the Australian War Memorial by the then Governor-General Lord Gowrie, VC, GCMG, CB, PC, DSO & Bar.

The idea of a museum memorial to Australian soldiers was first conceived by World War I historian, Charles Bean, while observing the war in France in 1916. The Australian War Records Section was subsequently established in May 1917 to ensure preservation of records relating to the war being fought at the time. Records and relics were exhibited first in Melbourne and later Canberra.

An architectural competition in 1927 did not produce a winning entry, however, two entrants were encouraged to represent a joint design. A limited budget and the effects of the Depression confined the scope of the project, nevertheless, it was completed in 1941 and opened on 11 November 1941, four weeks before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the beginning of the War in the Pacific.

The Australian War Memorial is a world-class national memorial to the members of Australia's armed forces and supporting organisations who have died or participated in the wars of the Commonwealth of Australia. It contains the nation's Roll of Honour listing the 103,000 Australians who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defence of Australia. The Memorial also includes an extensive



Sited at the northern end of Anzac Parade (Canberra), the Memorial is a two-storey building with a floor plan in the shape of a cross. Its architecture is Byzantine with strong styling elements of Art Deco throughout. In 2001, a new, broad annex called *ANZAC Hall* was added to the north of the original building. In order to preserve the view of the original building from Anzac Parade, ANZAC Hall was designed to be recessed into the grounds below, and hidden behind a wall.

The Australian War Memorial consists of three parts: the Commemorative Area (shrine) including the Hall of Memory with the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier; the Memorial's galleries (museum); and Research Centre (records). The Memorial also has an outdoor Sculpture Garden.

Commemorative Area

The commemorative area is situated in the open centre of the memorial building (including the cloisters to each side and the Hall of Memory under the building's central dome).



The heart of the commemorative area is the *Hall of Memory*, a tall domed chapel with a small floor plan in the form of an octagon. The walls are lined with tiny mosaic tiles from the floor to the dome. Inside lies the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier. Three of the walls, facing east, west, and south, feature stained glass designs representing qualities of Australian servicemen and women. At the four walls facing northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest are mosaic images of a Sailor, a Servicewoman, a Soldier and an Airman, respectively.

The mosaic and stained glass were the work of the one-armed Australian muralist Napier Waller, who had lost his right arm at Bullecourt during World War I and learned to write and create his works with his left arm. He completed his work in 1958.

In front of the Hall of Memory is a narrow courtyard with a memorial pool surrounding an eternal flame and flanked by sidewalks and shrubbery, including plantings of rosemary for remembrance. Above the courtyard to either side are long cloisters containing the *Roll of Honour*, a series of bronze plaques naming the 103,000 Australian servicemen and women killed in conflict. The plaques include names dating back to the British Sudanese Expedition, the Second Boer War, and the Boxer Rebellion. The entire long wall of the western gallery is covered with the names of the thousands who died in World War I. The eastern gallery is covered with the names of those who died in World War II and more recent conflicts.



The roll shows the names only, not rank or other awards, as "all men are equal in death". Visiting relatives and friends insert poppies in the cracks between the bronze plaques, beside the names of their loved ones that they wish to honour; many continue to be inserted by the names of those who died in World War I, and a few even appear by the names of those who died in the 19th century campaigns.

Museum

The Australian War Memorial also features a world-class military museum.

The upper level of the Memorial is dedicated primarily to World War I (the entire west wing) and World War II (the entire east wing). In the World War I area there is extensive material pertaining to the Gallipoli campaign.

Between the wings lies *Aircraft Hall*, which contains a number of complete aircraft, mostly from the World War II era. Also between the wings lies the *Hall of Valour*, a display of 61 of the 96 Victoria Crosses awarded to Australian soldiers; the largest publicly held collection of Victoria Crosses in the world including all 9 VCs awarded to Australians at Gallipoli.

The lower level contains a theatre, a research area, displays for the colonial and post-World War II conflicts, and an area for temporary special exhibitions.

ANZAC Hall is a large annex to the upper level of the memorial, used for the display of large military hardware. Notable displays on the Western side include a complete and particularly historic Lancaster bomber known as G for George, a Japanese *Ko-hyoteki* class midget submarine sunk during a raid on Sydney Harbour in 1942, rare German aircraft such as the Me 262 and Me 163, and a restored Japanese A6M Zero, that was flown in combat over New Guinea. The eastern side includes a World War I aircraft exhibition, notably displaying a Royal Aircraft Factory SE5a, Pzalz D.XII and Albatros D.Va, among others.

The sculpture garden

The sculpture garden on the west lawn of the Memorial contains a variety of outdoor monuments. The sidewalk through the garden is embedded with bronze plaques commemorating various branches of service, specific units, and historical events. There are also a number of sculptures, including a gigantic figure of a World War II-era Australian soldier which was originally located in the Hall of Memory, before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was placed there. There is a gun turret from HMAS *Brisbane*, a gun barrel from the heavy cruiser HMAS *Australia* and the barrel from the Amiens Gun – a huge railroad gun captured from the Germans during World War I.

This area is used for special displays during annual Memorial Open Days, and summertime band concerts are held on the nearby lawn.

Source:http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_War_Memorial



Brigadier General Alexander Gore Arkwright Hore-Ruthven, 1st Earl of Gowrie VC, GCMG, CB, PC, DSO & Bar (6 July 1872 – 2 May 1955) was a British soldier and colonial governor and the tenth Governor-General of Australia. Serving for just over 9 years, Lord Gowrie remains the longest serving Governor-General in Australia's history.

Sir Alexander Gore Arkwright Hore-Ruthven, 1st Earl of Gowrie (1872-1955), governor-general, was born on 6 July 1872 at Windsor, England, second son of Walter James Hore-Ruthven, 8th Baron Ruthven, and his wife Lady Caroline Annesley, née Gore, daughter of the 4th Earl of Arran. The family was Scottish. Registered as Alexander Harry Gore Ruthven and known throughout his life as 'Sandie', Alexander was educated at Winchester and Eton. In 1892 he joined the militia (3rd Battalion Highland Light Infantry), in 1893 visited Canada and in 1898 travelled to Egypt.

Temporarily attached to the Egyptian Army, he commanded the Slavery Department Camel Corps and for rescuing a wounded Egyptian officer from the Dervishes on 22 September he won the first Victoria Cross to be awarded to a militia officer. In May next year he was gazetted to the Cameron Highlanders but remained in Egypt for the Sudan campaign—he was mentioned in dispatches three times. He was special-service officer in Somaliland in 1903-04, then rejoined the Cameron Highlanders in Dublin. In 1904-08 he was military secretary to the lord lieutenant of Ireland, Lord Dudley, and his successor Lord Aberdeen. This information is sourced from <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/gowrie-first-earl-of-6441>

The Legacy Run

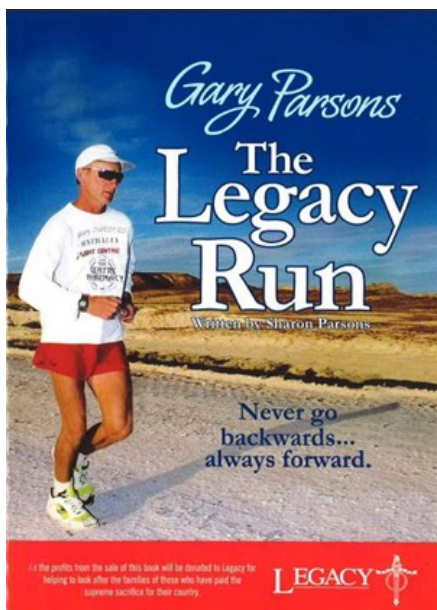


Photo (L-R): Gary Parsons, ultra-runner; Councillor Allan Sutherland, Mayor Moreton Bay Regional Council; Steven Blinkhorn, CEO Brisbane Legacy; and Sharon Parsons, author of *The Legacy Run*. Photo courtesy of Vicki Wood, Caboolture News.

At 8.56 am on Sunday 25 April 1999, ultra-marathon runner Gary Parsons left Brisbane on a 17,000 plus kilometre anti-clockwise run around Australia (including Tasmania).

The Legacy Run (Parsons, 2011) is the story of this and other amazing endurance feats by Moreton Bay Regional Councillor, Gary Parsons. Gary used the run to raise money for Legacy. Now, his wife and support team member, Sharon, has dedicated her book on Gary's run to Legacy.

The Legacy Run was launched by former MP, Mal Brough, at the Seaside Museum, Bribie Island, on 15 October. CEO, Steven Blinkhorn, and members of the Caboolture/Redcliffe/Bribie Island Contact Group were in attendance to thank both Sharon and Gary for their commitment to Legacy.

The Legacy Run is available for purchase from Legacy House at a cost of \$20. All proceeds to Legacy.

60th Anniversary Legacy Cookbook

To commemorate its 60th anniversary, Brisbane Water (NSW) Legacy compiled a cook book from recipes supplied by members of the Legacy family.

Copies can be ordered through Legacy House or by telephoning Brisbane Water (NSW) Legacy on (02) 4323 4977 or by email to legacy@bwlegacy.com.au. Cost is \$19.95 (including P&H).



Red Friday

Red Friday is an initiative to show support for our troops. The idea is to wear something red every Friday, big or small, to let our guys and girls know that we stand proudly behind them.

Red Friday is simply about saying 'Thank You' to the men and women who sacrifice being with their families for each of us. It was started by a young mother in WA with no connection to the military – she just thought Australia should show its support for the men and women who put their lives in danger to protect us. The Red Friday brand was created in conjunction with Legacy to provide these items, with 100% of all proceeds going to care for the families of our fallen.

Red Friday was officially launched at the John Holland Defence Charity Ball on September 10, by Gretel Killeen. Shirts were also on display and for sale the following day at the *Sunday Mail* Suncorp Bridge to Brisbane.

Specially branded t-shirts, polos, bracelets from \$10 to \$25 are available from www.redfriday.org.au

100% of funds raised are used to support families of deceased Australian service personnel through Brisbane and Perth Legacy.



Care Packages for the Troops in Afghanistan

The ladies of the Laurel Club at Legacy House are a tireless bunch! There is always something happening depending on which day of the week you pop your head in. Apart from the usual activities of craft, exercise, playing Bridge and computer classes, Club President Jean Hine said that the group has put together nearly 70 care packages this year to send to men and women posted in Afghanistan. Aussie dogs, also on deployment, don't miss out either. Care packages for dogs are sent with tasty treats for these hard working animals.

A special project started recently with ladies knitting woollen skull caps for soldiers to wear under their helmets. These lovingly knitted and warm caps will be welcomed with the weather in Afghanistan about to take a turn into a very chilly winter. To date, nearly two hundred caps have been knitted and are included in the care packages.

If you have anything that you want to send to the troops, forward it to or drop it in at Legacy House and the ladies will take care of it.



Commemoration of the Bombing of Darwin



Darwin City Council is planning a two-week program of events to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin from Saturday 11 to Sunday 26 February 2012, named *Frontline Australia*.

The *Frontline Australia* program of events will be accessible to all visitors to Darwin and members of the community and includes:

- a special 70th Anniversary football match between Darwin and Nightcliff on Saturday 11 February at 5:30 pm;
- the Frontline Australia Film Festival: a series of original newsreels and documentaries screened throughout the two week program;
- the Frontline Australia Black-tie Ball on Saturday 18 February;
- local historic tours and special events;
- government and community arts events including a theatrical performance and choral events;
- an exhibition of the winners of Northern Territory Schools Art Competition;
- commemorative service, Cenotaph, Esplanade, Darwin on Sunday 19 February from 9:30 am.

The Commemoration is a public event with all members of the community invited to attend. Darwin City Council will also be hosting tours of Darwin and surrounds for 2012 for Veterans/Survivors/Evacuees. For more information go to www.frontlineaustralia.com.au.

The 13th Annual Griffith Australia Day Awards 2012

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for making a valuable contribution to the Southside Community through their volunteer work?

The Griffith Australia Day Awards Committee is calling for outstanding people performing voluntary work in the Southside area to be nominated for a Griffith Australia Day Award.

Further information can be obtained by calling the office of The Honourable Kevin Rudd on 07 38994031.





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The Perfect Christmas Gift

Looking for a Christmas gift that is classical, collectable and has historical significance?

We have a small number of Brisbane Legacy medallions commemorating the eightieth anniversary of the formation of the Legacy Club of Brisbane.

This medallion has the Badge of Legacy to the front and the obverse has a scroll suitable for engraving a message for that special person.

This unique medallion weighs 65gm and measures 60mm x 3mm.

See Reception at Legacy House to purchase this Christmas gift for \$15 each.



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 gift.

Peter Clark in memory of Ray Clark



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DEPARTED COMRADES

Legatee Neville Hodgkinson
Redlands Contact Group (Retired)

Vale



Neville David Francis
19 May 2020 – 28 September 2011

Neville (Nev) Francis was born in Roma. He was educated at Toowong State School and went on to become a cabinetmaker.

Nev joined the 2nd AIF in 1940 serving through to 1946 including service in the islands of Torres Strait. Following the war, Nev returned to his trade and pursued his passion for rugby union. In 1963, Nev helped establish Souths Juniors and was well known as a club administrator. He was a board member of the Australian Junior Rugby Football Union and received an OAM in the 2002 Queen's Birthday Honours List for his service to junior rugby.

Nev joined Brisbane Legacy in 1993 and was Convenor of the Moorooka Care Group where he was much loved by 'his girls'. Nev will be remembered for his belief in Legacy, his commitment to service and his dedication to those in his care.

Rest in Peace Nev

MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Brisbane Committee Meetings

Welfare Committee 10am Wed, 9 Nov	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 & Bribie Island 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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