



Caring for the families of those who served their country.



William, Rebecca and Ella Beckwith (Top). Peter Beckwith.

Dear Supporter,

**For each serving Australian who risks everything a family does the same.**

Peter Beckwith ultimately sacrificed his life in service of our country – a high price his widow Rebecca, children William and Ella continue to pay.

Since then the compassionate support of Legacy, with assistance from people like you, has helped them rebuild their lives. To make sure Legacy’s unconditional support remains at hand for them whenever they need it, please donate today to our 2015 Legacy Week Appeal.

Peter and Rebecca were inseparable from the moment he plucked up the courage to speak to her on a night out in 1997. Theirs was a dream romance and it was a proud but tearful parting when, two years later, as a Leading Seaman Bosun’s Mate aboard *HMAS Newcastle*, he was deployed to East Timor after it had been declared a war zone. When he returned the couple wed, looking forward to a long and happy life together.

Almost immediately their dreams were shattered. Peter’s service had exposed him to radiation from the ship’s powerful radar equipment and he was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Then as Peter was enduring gruelling treatment, they learned a baby was on the way. The news was bittersweet. Neither knew if Peter would even live to see his first child.

Thankfully for a short and happy time Peter went into remission. He was a doting and hands-on dad to William. But when Rebecca fell pregnant again, an MRI scan showed Peter’s tumour was growing. When their daughter Ella arrived in December 2006 Rebecca felt in her heart it would be his only Christmas with his little girl. Sadly she was right. As a direct result of his Navy service, in 2007 at age 29 Peter lost his fight with cancer. Rebecca remembers:

*It was a long and torturous experience for us all. The last six months were particularly bad. I wept bitterly for Pete, for myself, but above all for our children.*

Rebecca was left alone and heartbroken, caring for William, 4, and Ella, 7 months, in financial hardship and struggling to get compensation for Peter’s death.

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Peter had often talked to Rebecca about the importance of calling Legacy after he passed away. So soon after she said her final goodbye to the love of her life, she picked up the phone. The very next day Craig, her dedicated Legacy volunteer, was at her front door ready to help.

Rebecca could not be more thankful to the Legacy supporters whose assistance has been a rock through each difficulty the young family has faced. Says Rebecca:

*Legacy took care of our desperate financial situation straight away. They gave us some stability and hope at the time we were most vulnerable. Being introduced to other young widows created a sense of normality.*

*They are there for me at any time but especially on occasions such as anniversaries which can be especially difficult. It really means a lot.*

*Now both William and Ella are old enough to go on Legacy camps together. These are the holidays that I can't afford to give them on a single income with a mortgage.*

Please help care for Rebecca, William, Ella and the other children and partners of Australian veterans who have given their life or health – this Legacy Week (August 30 to September 5) make a donation or buy a badge you can wear to show you honour their sacrifice.

By giving you help carry on Legacy's protection and advocacy for the rights and entitlements of people of all ages, including services to prevent financial struggles and social isolation among vulnerable widows. Especially you meet the growing needs of our younger veterans' families and children.

There are some 360,000 surviving veterans from all conflicts Australia has been involved in. Many have returned with physical and psychological injuries that are devastating to them and their families. Legacy stands ready to assist them but we can't do it without your support.

**With you and Legacy by their side, families like the Beckwiths can start on the long road to recovery. Today Rebecca says her home is full of love and laughter. In particular 12-year-old William, who was hardest hit by his father's death, has begun to laugh again. She is grateful to know Legacy will still be there as her children go through all the complex adjustments of the teen years without their dad.**

Please help us be there for this worthy family – and the 90,000 widows and 1,900 children and dependants with a disability of our veterans assisted by Legacy nationally – by buying a badge or making a donation this Legacy Week.

Lest we forget.



David Gray  
Chairman  
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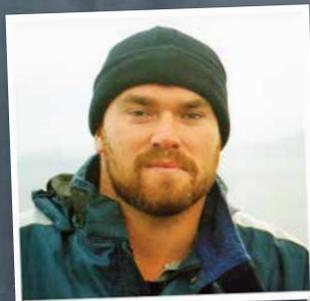
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Peter in hospital.

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