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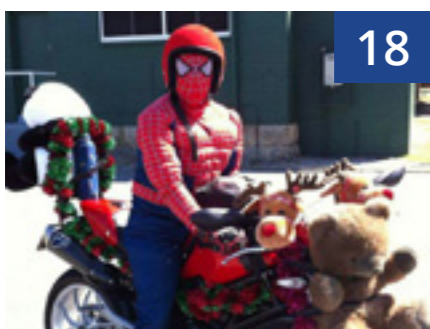
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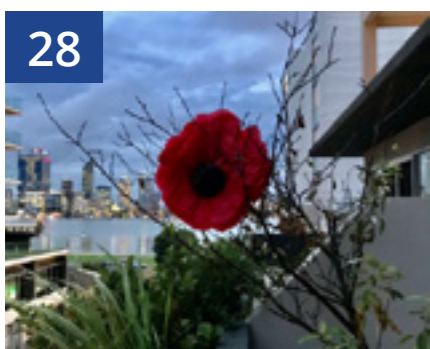
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# President's Address



**Matt Granger**  
(Incoming President)

Welcome to my first President's message. I am honoured that the members of Legacy WA have given me the opportunity to take up the reins at a time when there has been considerable change within the organisation, a period where L/ Peter Emmett and the Board have been positioning us for the future. It is now an appropriate time to bed down those changes in structures and processes. With some tuning as necessary, we need to guide the organisation into the future so that it can continue to ensure that no dependant of an Australian Defence Force member suffers financial or social disadvantage as a result of the

service-related death or incapacity of the member.

As the grandson of a former President of Fremantle Legacy I have been aware of Legacy and its mission since childhood. It saddens me to find that fewer and fewer Australians, military and civilian, are aware of what we do and who we support. When collecting on Badge Day I've often asked children, whose parents have encouraged them to put some coins in the tin, if they know what we do. Often the answer is "No", but a quick 'elevator pitch' and they begin to understand. Similarly, with some military personnel, their knowledge of what we do is limited, unless they have had enthusiastic

leaders who have encouraged awareness of the organisation.

This waning knowledge of Legacy is, in part, because we thankfully have fewer families affected by their service than we did during the so-called Great Wars and succeeding conflicts, and also because the ADF's efforts to improve OH&S during peace-time activities are light-years ahead of where they were when most of us joined.

What we will continue to experience though are escalating mental health challenges of all kinds.

This brings me to one of the targets against which I will measure my presidency: building relationships and promoting awareness of Legacy.

Early engagement with young sailors, soldiers and airmen at the time when they are still 6 foot tall and bullet-proof is vital. I believe that we should educate them about Legacy and its mission, and encourage them to ensure their families know we are here to support them if needed.

We are finding it increasingly difficult to make contact with eligible families and dependants (who often have never heard of Legacy) as privacy concerns and the law rightfully protects one's interests: our fear is that people are slipping through the cracks. In this matter I respectfully advocate to the leaders of the Australian Defence Force units in this State to assist Legacy WA to meet with their personnel to introduce and develop knowledge of Legacy and how we aid their families.

We currently support nearly

3700 beneficiaries in WA and are continuing our commitment to engage with them. Technology and privacy requirements have partly changed the way we interact with all of our beneficiaries, but our fundamental commitment remains consistent, timely and reliable personal support to those who need it.

Recently, I took part in the online AGM for our umbrella organisation Legacy Australia Inc. One of the clear messages from its financial report was that their donation revenue was down significantly for 2019/2020 as you would expect—and that this reduction was covered by an anonymous donation and bequests. Bequests cannot be relied upon to continually make up a shortfall. We are competing in a crowded market with many other well-intentioned not for profit organisations and donor-fatigue during a recession makes the management of our funds a challenge. Our Finance Committee is actively developing models to ensure that we are making the most of our resources; and the Fundraising team with support from Torchbearers and Companions will continue to build relationships and manage activities using various resources.

The camp in Busselton is arguably the jewel in Legacy WA's crown. The strategy for the camp is now in the spotlight. The lease has a little over 10 years to run and the care and development of the camp is critical if we are to continue to provide this fantastic service and facility to our beneficiaries.

We have a team of enthusiastic professional staff whose morale is noticeably high and they are ready to assist Legatees & Beneficiaries. They are trained and proficient in their roles and they strive daily to ensure the beneficiaries' needs are met.

A part of our intent to remain current in the community, I have asked the CEO to investigate and report to the Board how Legacy WA is interacting with the Indigenous Veteran community and to determine if we are providing culturally appropriate support and services to those families and Australian Defence Force members.

The Legacy of today has to operate differently to the Legacy of yesterday. Changes in corporate law, charity and not-for-profit laws, public expectations, privacy and the ceaseless variations in information technology have necessitated revisions to our operating model in order to continue to provide appropriate services to our beneficiaries. We have a committed team of Legatees, Reserve Members, Ambassadors and a considerable number of Companions who assist with the work of Legacy WA. I thank them all for their service and commitment to the organisation.

In closing I would like to thank L/Peter Emmett for his work in steering the Board for the last two years and to L/ Gavin Briggs for his contribution as Board Secretary. I welcome L/Ben Oakes and L/Sven Ross to the Board.

Yours in Legacy,

**Legatee Matt Granger**

# CEO's Address



Vivian Blycha

As the year draws to a close, we reflect on the previous 12 months while charting course for the future. It is also a time to reflect on the decisions made and how they are in keeping with our strategic pillars that guide those who work in it, and most importantly the future of the organisation for those we support.

Over the last year was focussed on building capability within Legacy WA, namely in terms of organisational frameworks, with the express objective of ensuring Legacy WA is able to operate sustainably into the future. Key to this work has been a focus on building capability and capacity within our teams, through the review of the business model, training review and refining structures around how we support our beneficiaries.

This work has commenced amidst the challenging environment of

COVID-19, creating unique challenges and hurdles for the organisation to overcome as we commence large scale projects to secure the future of Legacy WA in partnership with industry.

I am pleased to say that the Legacy team has displayed the true spirit of Legacy with a dedication to service and community, allowing us to create strategies to overcome these challenges and make significant headway through these sustainability projects. Our adaptability allows the organisation to maintain high standards of accountability and professional endeavour, with continued support to our beneficiaries spearheading all we do.

I would like to acknowledge the Legacy WA Board of Directors who have given their time freely and have remained committed to the success of the organisation for the benefit

of those we support. In particular, I would like to thank our President, L/ Peter Emmett, for his leadership and I welcome L/Matt Granger who will be stepping into the role of President. I would also like to thank Legacy WA members and volunteers for their continued involvement in all aspects of the organisation. Your work is valued and your efforts make a significant, positive impact on the lives of those families we assist. I am proud to be a part of Keeping the Promise and leaving a Legacy for the next 100 years.

*I wish you all a Merry Christmas and prosperity into the New Year.*



Bosun the Bear with the staff at Culley's Bakery Fremantle Legacy Week 2020

# Get To Know... Our Staff!

There have been some recent changes in staff at Legacy House so we want to introduce our new team! Over the last few weeks, the team have taken the time to answer the following questions:

1

What is your job title and role as a staff member at Legacy WA?

2

What do you like about working for Legacy? Or do you have a favourite memory of Legacy?

3

What do you like to do on your weekends / in your spare time?



**Vivian Blycha**  
Chief Executive Officer

My role as the CEO is to manage the day to day operations of the organisation, its people and resources. The CEO implements the strategy approved by the board and ensures that the organisation's structure and processes meet the strategic and cultural needs of the organisation.

I truly am privileged to be working for the families of our ill health and deceased veterans. Having served for almost 30 years in the Army, I have a deep appreciation of the sacrifices the families make in supporting the demands of their loved ones work in the Australian

Defence Forces. The military life is not easy and challenges faced by families are compounded when the veteran is lost or suffers ill health as a result of their service. I am proud to be a part of Legacy WA, working with admirable humans who care so deeply for our beneficiaries.

I love to hang out with my own family on weekends. This time is precious as I have four daughters 15 down to 10 and they seem to grow too quickly for my liking. I also love to play with the dogs on the beach and being creative in the kitchen.



**Toni Rosenow**  
Finance and Admin Manager

I am in charge of everything Finance and Admin at Legacy!

I've been working at Legacy for nearly 15 years now and my favourite part of the job is being able to support our beneficiaries and see the positive impact Legacy makes in their lives.

I also love the various challenges and how there's something different happening every day. In my spare time I love gardening

and spending time with my family, including my three beautiful grandchildren - Michael, Rylee and Amelia.



**Hannah Laws**  
Community Services Officer

As Community Services Officer, I work with Legatees to provide support and programs to Beneficiaries.

I really like working for Legacy as the work that I do is extremely rewarding and it is a privilege to be able to provide support for our beneficiaries. Legacy House is a great environment

to work in and I love seeing our Legatees create meaningful bonds with the beneficiaries, and provide care and support for them after the loss of a loved one.

On the weekends and in my spare time I enjoy watching rugby, listening to live music and hanging out with my cats.



**Shannon Hennessy**  
Marketing & Communications Manager

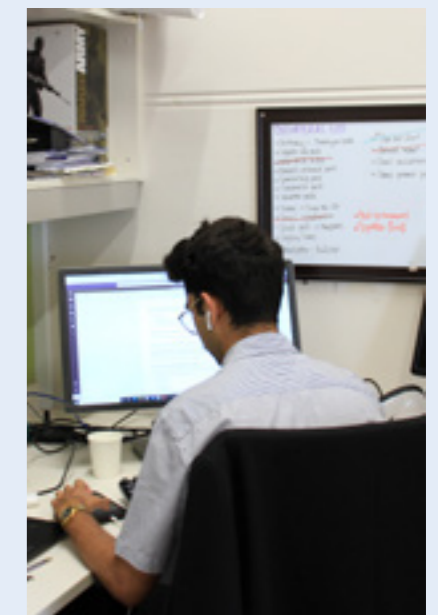
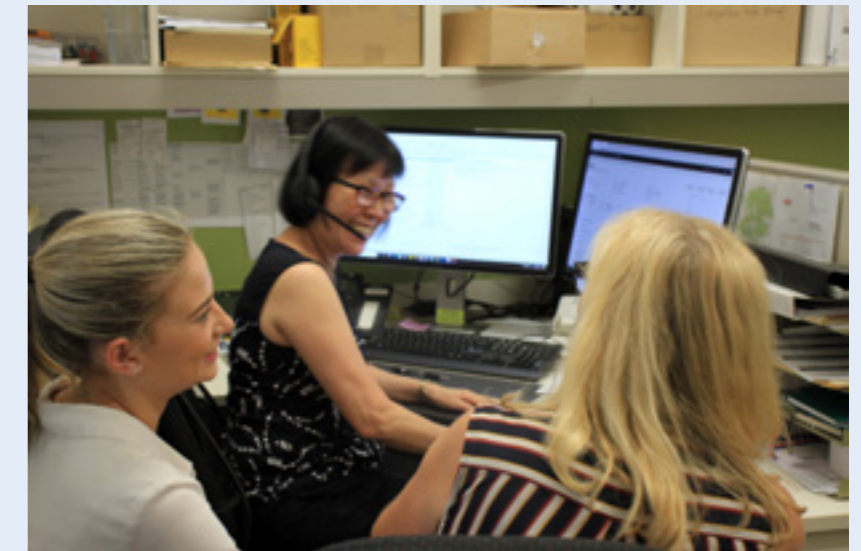
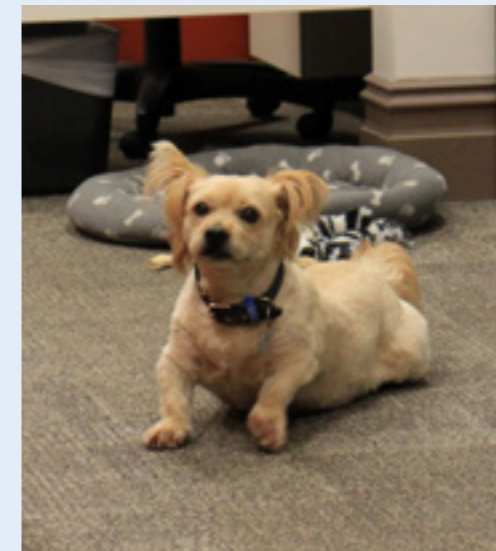
I lead the Marketing, Communications & Fundraising team. All the events, media and collateral for Legacy WA comes from our team.

The team is also responsible for all our fundraising efforts throughout the year, so we have a huge job of making sure we're raising enough funds to provide the essential services the Community Services team provides our beneficiaries, while making sure the WA community

knows about all their hard work. I have been working in Veterans Support for about 4 years now and was able to work closely with Legacy prior to joining the team in July this year, and I love being a part of supporting the families. The team here is amazing and just as

passionate about the work we're doing. Never a dull moment at Legacy House!

I'm a massive homebody on the weekends! I take every chance I can to chill at home with my husband and cat and play some video games!





## Ivy Hung

Finance & Administration Assistant

I am Ivy, the voice you hear on the phone when you call Legacy, and also the one to welcome you when you come through the door for your appointment.

My favourite part about working at Legacy WA is making a difference each day, in a small way to serve you. The work is also engaging and there is never a dull moment.

Even though I consider myself an Aussie and have been in Australia for over forty years, I still have the strong craving for Singapore Hawkers food. In my free time, I enjoy

Formula 1, reading, baking, and crafts and putting my feet up and watching foreign films on SBS and Netflix.



## Kelly Troon

Fundraising and Volunteer Coordinator

I'm here to make money!!! I plan and ensure that our events run smoothly and coordinate community fundraising. I also coordinate our volunteers and ensure that they love volunteering with Legacy and will return often.

I love working for Legacy, as I feel it is a way to give back to the families who deserve our assistance. My favourite memory so far is the Junior Legacy Zoo Trip held during the July school holidays this year. Meeting the children and families was the highlight, as I was overwhelmed with the amazing manners, positive personalities, and the general vibe

they all brought to the day. They were all extremely grateful with nothing taken for granted, which I feel is not only a tribute to the families themselves but also the wonderful work Legacy does to make a difference in their lives. Second to this highlight is talking to the many volunteers over the Legacy Week campaign, especially Alan Deverell

whom I find to be an amazing man.

My weekends tend to be very social these days. My 4 children are now all adults, so have their own busy lives, which leaves me to enjoy AFL, racing and socialising with my husband and friends.



## Carl Ponnuthurai

Senior Pensions Officer

I investigate and submit claims for pension by our widows.

My favourite part about working at Legacy WA is winning the unwinnable case!

My favourite food is Ginger soy chicken with braised cabbage as

cooked by my father, which sadly, I can only try to recreate. I enjoy Jazz, bass guitar and reading the novels of Terry Pratchett and Anthony Burgess.



## Graham Follington

Pensions Officer

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It's a nice working environment. Everyone is friendly and helpful. I like to think we work well as a team and hopefully do some good work for our widows. My favourite memory is helping a widow, who had had little or

no education, was not even a citizen of this country having arrived here as a child with her mother from the UK, had a tough time with her Vietnam Veteran husband and had been left with heaps of debt. We were able to get her a war widow's pension, and guide her through other financial matters. It's one that's really stayed with me.

On my weekends I enjoy walks/ snooker/squash/gardening/ grandchildren/house maintenance & renovations at our beach-house/ reading/fishing/drinking red wine/ cooking/listening to music (jazz in particular)/watching sport on TV(any sport) - not much really.



## Sue Burgess

Policy Officer

I've only officially been contracted to Legacy WA as of the 6th of October, although since March of this year I have been on an out-placement with Legacy from my WA Public Sector Agency.

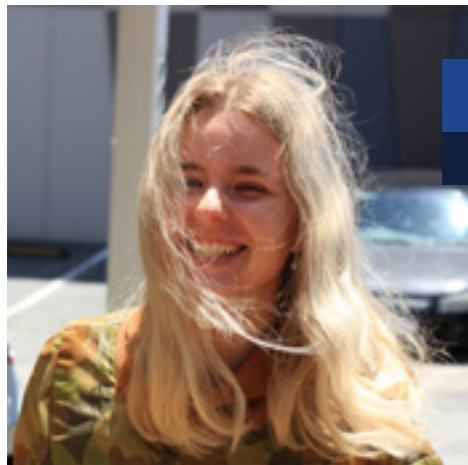
I have been given an awesome opportunity by Viv, and working alongside Toni and the other Legacy staff has allowed me to blossom, having some very talented and hard-working individuals to draw from. The opportunities opened to me since commencing with Legacy has really restored my energy and even though I end up down some pretty full-on rabbit holes with policies, procedures and associated forms, being able to draw down and present

end products that can be presented to the management team, is really rewarding.

The team working together as one force, to bring about positive change and allowing the induction of programs and events that are ultimately going to help the beneficiaries and families who rely on Legacy for assistance and guidance. Also, a few may have had the privilege of meeting my side-kick and Legacy Mascot "Dolly". With Legacy allowing

me to bring Dolly into the workplace, it has made a very difficult transition out of the WA Public Service after 32 years, a total dream.

To go walking with my side-kick (so she can terrorise the neighbourhood dogs), visiting my Mum at her nursing home, catching up with friends, visiting local markets, op-shop hunting, eating fish and chips while watching the sun go down over the ocean, oh and glamping!



## Emily Scott

Marketing and Communications Coordinator

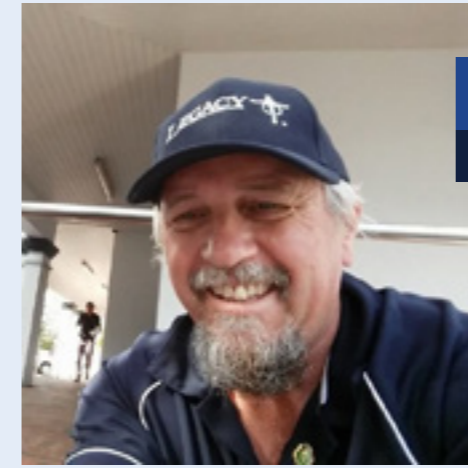
I am in charge of Legacy's publications - the Legacy Times and the Bulletin. I also coordinate Legacy's social media and help out with whatever is needed in the Fundraising office.

It is incredible rewarding to work for an organisation that is dedicated to supporting the families of veterans in our community. The team here at Legacy WA is so passionate about supporting our beneficiaries which

makes work enjoyable. My favourite memory of working with Legacy would be meeting our beneficiaries and experiencing the impact Legacy has had on their lives first hand.

If I'm not working or studying for my

economics and international relations degree, you'll find me at the beach, spending time with my friends and on road trips across our beautiful state! I also love reading and binge watching Netflix.



## Steve Stoll

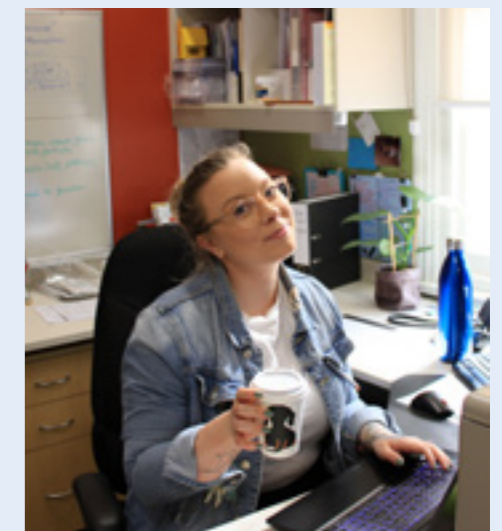
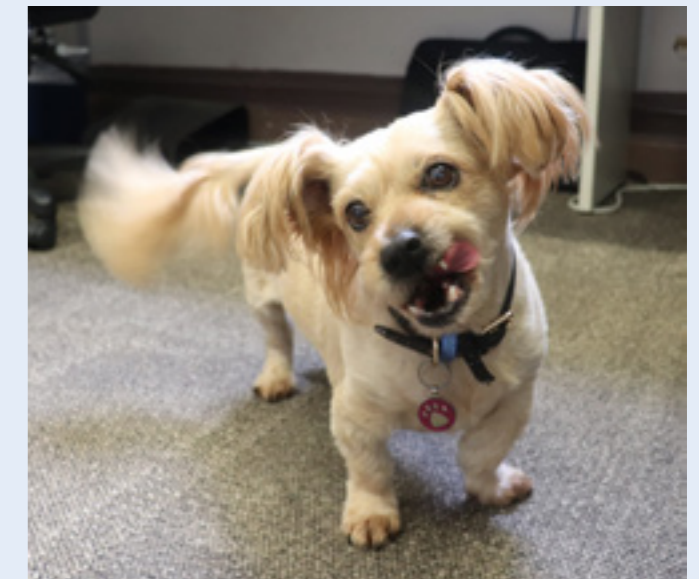
Legacy Holiday Camp Manager

Manager Legacy Holiday Camp - Responsible for the efficient and effective running of the Legacy WA, Busselton WA campsite ensuring that Widows, Legatees, visitors have a hassle free stay and providing co-operative and helpful assistance as necessary.

My enjoyment comes from providing support, care and guidance to the families of Australian Defence Force

veterans who have given their lives or health.

Manage the Legacy Camp (lol) - In my spare time I enjoy a game of Golf and riding my bikes (Push and Harley)







# Legacy Week



Every year, Legacy WA organises the annual Legacy Week campaign with the aim of raising funds and spreading awareness about the work Legacy does in the community.

## On Badge Day, staff and volunteers make their way into the Perth and Fremantle CBD as well as train lines across the Perth metro area to collect donations.

This year, we were fortunate that the rain decided to hold off on Badge Day which took place on Thursday 3rd of September. The day was a major success thanks to the hard work and dedication of staff and volunteers.

One of the highlights of the day was seeing our mascot bears socialising with the community! Koda, Ace and Bosun provided lots of laughs, entertainment and high fives for our volunteers and the public. Another highlight was seeing Kevin Bloody Wilson who came down to Perth and Fremantle to support Legacy Week.

Volunteers enjoyed morning tea and lunch at Legacy's base for the day, the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Legacy staff enjoyed meeting all of our wonderful volunteers and having the opportunity to thank everyone in person. A big thank you to Culleys Bakery in Fremantle and Joe's Bakery in West Perth for donating lunch for our hardworking volunteers.

Unfortunately, this year the fundraising team had the difficult task of planning a street appeal in the midst of a global pandemic! Due to COVID-19 restrictions the ADF, cadet groups and a number of Legatees were unable to support this year's appeal. We are very appreciative of the Legatees and volunteers who were able to give their time to ensure the success of Legacy Week and we look forward to

seeing everyone back next year.

Over the weekend of Legacy Week, volunteers based at shopping centres and Bunnings also made a significant contribution to Legacy Week. Armadale Shopping Centre was the biggest fundraiser this year with a total of \$2,950.05 raised! A huge thank you to Alan Deverell who spent the weekend at Armadale Shopping Centre.

Legacy WA would like to thank Wembley Supa IGA (Arden you're a superstar), the Good Grocer Leederville, Woolworths Cottesloe, Coles Floreat and Coles Secret Harbour for donating all the sausages, buns, drinks and equipment for our Bunnings Sausage Sizzles. Another big thank you to Aquinas College, Christchurch Grammar, Mount Claremont Primary, the Department of Veterans Affairs, Defence Bank, Spinifex, Technip and everyone else who contributed to the campaign.

Despite the difficulties presented by COVID-19, we are excited to announce that this year's Legacy Week campaign raised an incredible total of \$153,000! Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's campaign a major success.

*Marketing and Communications Coordinator,*

**Emily Scott**







# Meet Dazza!

## Daryl Walton or Dazza as he is more affectionately known as, has become one of Legacy's most passionate and consistent fundraisers.

He is always one of the first to put his hand up to volunteer during Legacy's street appeals... he has even already booked off work for next year's ANZAC day and Legacy Week fundraisers so that he can volunteer!

Dazza served for the Royal Australian Navy and the Royal Australian Airforce for eight and a half years and is now heavily involved in supporting ex-service men and women and their families. In 1994, Dazza joined the

Military Brotherhood, an organisation comprising of serving and ex-serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) and Commonwealth Forces members, their families, friends and

support riders. Members of the Military Brotherhood enjoy riding their motorbikes together *"to bond together, to enjoy the road together and to look after each other."* Dazza is now the Treasurer and QM of the Perth South sub branch and as their major beneficiary; the Military Brotherhood raises money for Legacy every year. This year, the Military Brotherhood raised an incredible \$8000 for Legacy WA!

Since becoming a Legacy volunteer in 2015, Dazza has been involved in every street appeal and usually fundraisers at Midland train station as well as the CBD. His favourite memories of volunteering for Legacy include volunteering in the CBD and wearing the Navy bear suit which allowed him to see the excited response from the kids! Hearing Dazza talk about the work Legacy does, it was clear that the cause is very close to his heart.

As well as his work for Legacy, Dazza also volunteers for numerous other charities including the Cancer Council, the Salvation Army and the RSL. He has also participated in the Salvation Army Charity ride for the last 22

years! For his 50th birthday in 2015, Dazza participated in the Gibb River Postie Bike Ride for sick kids which raised a total of \$8000.

One of Dazza's proudest achievements was his impressive accomplishment this year. For Daffodil Day he organised a walk from his home in Forrestfield to the Perth CBD. Dazza arranged a specially made suit for the walk and raised \$11,650 for the Cancer Council. Dazza came in the top three highest fundraising totals across Australia... what an achievement!

With everything that he does for his community, it comes as no surprise that Dazza won the Stone Haven medal in 2019. The Stonehaven

medal is awarded to a serving or ex-serving member of the RAN who *'goes above and beyond the normal call of duty'* in their local community. Despite his incredible achievements, I was taken back by how modest Dazza was whilst discussing his award. He is well and truly a worthy winner of the award.

Dazza now works as a postie for Australia Post; however, it comes as no surprise that Dazza is no ordinary postie! Not only does Dazza go above and beyond in serving his community, he does the same with his regular job. During his time as a postie over the last 14 years, Dazza has become a local legend on his postie run as he regularly dresses up in costumes

and hands out lollies to kids. Dazza expressed how it *"gives him a buzz seeing people happy"* and how he likes to do everything he can to spread happiness in his community.

Legacy WA is proud to announce that we have nominated Dazza for the Australia Day 2021 – Community Citizen of the Year Award. Congratulations Dazza!

*Marketing and Communications Coordinator,*

**Emily Scott**

# Spotlight Profiles

## Alan Deverell

Alan is one of the incredible Legatees here at Legacy WA who consistently goes above and beyond to support Legacy.

This Legacy Week, Alan was collecting donations at Armadale train station on Badge Day and Armadale shopping centre over the weekend. In total, Alan raised an incredible total of \$2625.95 for Legacy WA. We would like to say a big thank you to Alan for his efforts during Legacy Week and his dedication to Legacy over the past 18 years.



## Find out more about Alan

### 1. How did you become involved with Legacy WA?

After serving in the defence force for 12 years at various postings, Alan became a Legatee in 2002. He is passionate about the work that Legacy does and supporting the families of our veterans.

### 2. Do you have a favourite memory of being a part of the Legacy WA community?

Alan has many favourite memories of being a part of the Legacy WA community with putting on the Santa

suit at Legacy Christmas carols and children's events and organising lunch for the Widows at Brookton being some of his favourites. Alan also said that "doing the street appeals/shopping centres is most rewarding when people stop and chat and show appreciation to ex-service members and also being able to assist them in finding more info re a family's descendants service history."

### 3. Why is it important for the community to support organisations such as Legacy WA?

"It is one of the few [organisations] where volunteers and Legacy put the

rubber on the road and it is always there to support those that need the support for our fallen and injured, spouses and children."

### 4. What did Legacy Week 2020 mean to you?

"That no matter what this year threw at us it was a privilege to see those that have had their own issues, still find the kindness to make a donation. We have heard about other charities struggling and yet Legacy has held its torch high."



## Georgia Piggott

Georgia joined the Legacy family in December 2017, after her father - Frank, passed away in July 2017. Frank served in the Army for 18 years of which he served in the Armoured Corp and Special Air Service Regiment in Perth. In 1999 he went to East Timor for a peace keeping mission.

Since joining Legacy, Georgia has attended three Legacy camps in Busselton and received education grants which allowed her to continue her high school education. Georgia's sister also attended camps through Legacy, including one in Canberra for ANZAC day.

Whilst discussing the impact of Legacy camps, Georgia said "Besides the physical and monetary aspects of Legacy, since joining Legacy I have gained a second family, made friendships that will last a lifetime and have been able to learn so much from many different people. The camps allowed me to spend time with people who understood how I was feeling, without even needing to talk about it."

After attending her first camp in 2018, Georgia was inspired by the supervisors which sparked

her interest into pursuing a career in the Australian Army. After much research, she began her application for the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA). "Throughout my application process I had the support of friends from Legacy, as well as legatees from Legacy WA who helped me with my application and provided me with references," Georgia stated.

"During my last camp in 2020, I had so much support from the supervisors, especially the PTI who helped me gain mental and physical strength which has definitely helped me in my career to date. I know I will continue to use the lessons that I learnt on the camps in my career. I was also able to talk to the supervisors about their time in the Army, and gain an understanding of the ADFA and what life in the defence force would

be like. The support and interest that the supervisors showed me gave me so much confidence and I am eternally grateful for that."

"Being in the army reminds me of my father, and the impeccable strength that he displayed both physically and mentally. The army has also allowed me to learn so much more about his life and career in the army and that is something that I hope would make him proud," Georgia said.

"Even though everyone's individual experience has been different, the common factor of losing and missing a loved one creates an instant bond, and I know that I can always turn to my Legacy family whenever I need."

Legacy WA is very proud of Georgia and her efforts and achievements in joining the ADF.

# Junior Legacy

## Zoo Day

On 17 July, nineteen Legacy children and eight parents attended Legacy WA's zoo excursion. The day was a fantastic opportunity for the children to reconnect with other Legacy kids who can empathise with their circumstances and understand the struggle of losing a parent or the impact of having an ill health parent.



After a wet start to the morning, the rain didn't deter the kids who were excited for the day ahead! With rain jackets and umbrellas in hand, the kids went exploring far and wide for their favourite animals.

Connor, Hannah and Logan's favourite part of the day was visiting the Nocturnal House, whilst

Matt enjoyed the lions and Ben the Tree Kangaroos. The kids all agreed that the highlight of the day was seeing all their friends again!

Community Services Officer, Hannah shared her thoughts on the excursion. "It was a great day! It was so good to see some of the kids again and to meet new families!". She elaborated



“The benefits of events like this are evident. The children were interacting with one another; playing games, catching up with friends they had met at previous events, and making new friends.”



Fundraising and Volunteer Coordinator, Kelly who worked hard to organise the event said "It was a fabulous day. It was my first time meeting the children and parents and I have never seen such a variation of children's ages get along and engage like these children."

attendees and the food vans for collaborating with us to ensure the day was a success.

Legatee, **Kim Farmer** and Marketing and Communications Coordinator, **Emily Scott**

A big thank you to Perth Zoo for providing under cover space for all

## Timezone and Cicerellos

Legacy was very excited to host another Junior Legacy excursion... this time to Timezone! On Wednesday 30th September, an excited group of Legacy kids gathered outside Fremantle Timezone, ready for the day ahead.



For the following hour and a half, the kids had lots of fun playing all the different games and challenging each other to different activities. It was also lovely to see some of the parents get involved!

After the kids exhausted themselves at Timezone, the group headed over to Cicerellos for a lovely meal. Some ate fish and chips whilst others opted for hamburgers or nuggets. The kids also enjoyed seeing all the fish tanks whilst waiting for their lunch to arrive. After lunch, the group had another opportunity to chat and catch up. The team was deeply moved by how caring the kids were and it was rewarding watching the families socialise and offer support to each other.

Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Emily said "the day was a big success. I really enjoyed meeting all the kids and parents and talking to them about their experiences with Legacy. It is really

heart-warming to know that the work we do is benefitting families in our community."

A big thank you to Legatees Amy Giddings, Rob Fittock and Peter Emmett who attended the day as well as our intern Jerry, who really enjoyed getting to know all of the Legacy kids!

*Marketing and Communications Coordinator,*

**Emily Scott**



## Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Voyage

We were very excited to have Tyson and Isaak Gallagher on board the most recent Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Voyage, V20-15! The boys had a fantastic time, made new friends and learnt lots of new skills.

Carol Shannon, the CEO of Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation said "Tyson received a Letter of Encouragement from the Captain. As an outgoing member of the watch, he was very willing to assist others in need and one of the first to volunteer for jobs! Isaak was rated as a Bosun's Mate and was a definite personality on board, willing and able."

Legacy WA is very proud of both boys!



Dear Legacy I would like to thank for allowing me to have the experience of going on the Leeuwin. During this voyage I have learnt a lot about working with others and how to improve myself to become a better person. On this voyage I also learnt how to push through even when I'm not feeling the best, like when I was sea sick I would go have a peek over the side and when I was finished puking I would just go back and start working on the lines again. Another challenging part on this voyage for me was climbing the mast and cutting and tying up the square sails, for me heights are a no go but with the help of the watch and our watch leaders (Cody and Tom) I was able to compare my fears of heights especially climbing to the topgallion first I was hesitant but because of my watch leaders I was able to push through and climb. I also learnt the importance of friendship without my new friends I wouldn't be able to do the things and push through. One thing I would take away from this would be perseverance and to always push yourself, to be able come back and put these into my school and home life



Dear Legacy  
I would like to give my thanks to all of Legacy for allowing me to take part on the Leeuwin. It's been such a great experience & I have learnt a lot. The Leeuwin has help me build on the many skills I have learnt over the years, the Leeuwin also showed me that you can't do everything by yourself, & its okay to ask for help time to time. I also was given the chance to run the ship for one day. This role has meant that I showed quite a lot of leadership during the trip so when it came down to voting my watch voted me as their watch leader. The trip also helped me to meet some new people, it was a bit awkward at first but as the days went on every body came out of their shells. Because of I now have a few lot more friends, friends that are kind & generous.  
Yours Sincerely Tyson Gallagher



would help me significantly not only to become a better person but to help other people that might be struggling in their own way. For me this voyage has shown me so many things but I would like to say thankyou to you Legacy without you I would never be able to have the experience I have had, I would of never met all these amazing people on this voyage so I would just like to say thankyou for letting me experience being on the Leeuwin (2015 voyage)

Yours Sincerely  
Isaak Gallagher from Mandurah, 16 years old





# Community Fundraising

We are so grateful for our incredible community who work hard to raise funds for Legacy WA!

Just to name a few:

## Narrogin Golf Day

This year's Narrogin Golf Day kicked off at 4pm on a beautiful sunny afternoon. All 63 players enjoyed the day and are looking forward to next year's event. Thank you to all sponsors and everyone who helped make the event possible. We are very pleased to announce that a record breaking total \$1617 was raised.

## ANZAC Day tributes

Robi Szalay is a local textile artist with a studio in South Perth. She worked very hard to set up a tribute to Legacy WA on Mill Point Road and Ferry Street. Good Grocer IGA also donated the large quantity of rosemary. A big thank you to Robi and everyone who made this tribute possible.

## Military Brotherhood Motorcycle Club

The Military Brotherhood Motorcycle Club hosted a ride from the Armadale RSL to the Rockingham RSL in September. They raised a tremendous \$8000 for Legacy Week 2020. Thank you to all who participated and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.



## Kitchen Renovations

### Marguerite Maxwell

Legacy WA has successfully organised the upgrade of Marguerite's kitchen cupboards which has allowed her to stay in her family home of 56 years.

Marguerite is very pleased with her new kitchen cupboards and is now finding her kitchen easier to navigate and clean!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible.



# Community Service Update

## Strength for Life

### What is Strength for Life?

Strength for Life is an individualised strength and balance exercise program designed to help people over 50 get fit, stay strong and improve their balance. The program is delivered by specially trained exercise physiologists, physiotherapists and fitness professionals in a range of locations and settings. There are no membership or subscription fees and your accredited instructor will develop a tailored exercise plan, just for you. You can

then work towards your goals with like-minded people in a fun and friendly group setting, with support and encouragement to become stronger and fitter. Staying fit and active will improve your balance, cardiovascular fitness, leg muscle strength and wellbeing. Tailored exercise plans will help manage chronic conditions.

### How does Strength for Life work?

The Strength for Life program is delivered across two tiers, designed to accommodate participants



with a range of needs. Tier 1 is delivered by qualified and accredited exercise physiologists and physiotherapists and is designed for people who are managing complex health conditions. Tier 2 is delivered by qualified

and accredited fitness professionals and suitable for people of all fitness levels and abilities who have few medical risks and may be managing chronic conditions. You can enrol for Strength for Life or you can be referred by your GP.



For more information please ring 08 9472 0104 or visit: [cotawa.org.au/sfl-landing/participants](http://cotawa.org.au/sfl-landing/participants)



## Open Arms

Open Arms – Veterans & Families Counselling is Australia's leading provider of high quality mental health assessment, clinical counselling and support services for Australian veterans and their families. If you or someone you know needs support call

Open Arms on **1800 011 046 - 24 hours a day, seven days a week or visit [openarms.gov.au](http://openarms.gov.au)** to learn more about our full range of services including group programs, self-help resources and more. Open Arms also hosts an anonymous 24/7 support

line – Safe Zone Support – Safe Zone Support's specialist counsellors understand the military and can offer help to veterans and their families without needing to know who you are. Calls to **1800 142 072** are answered 24/7, and are not recorded.



For more Information visit: [openarms.gov.au/safe-zone-support](http://openarms.gov.au/safe-zone-support)

## 'POOPS' Pets of Older People

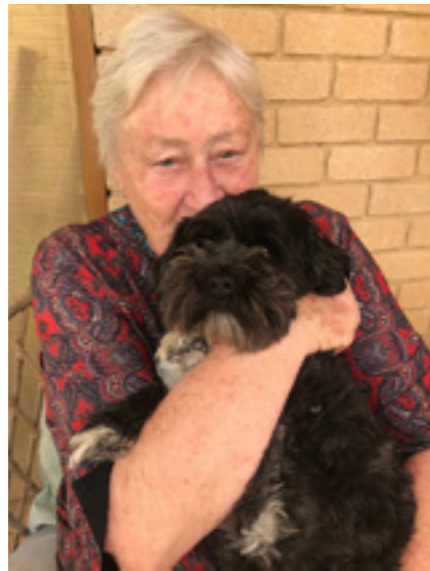
Ann, a Busselton resident has been living with macular degeneration for the past 20 years. Having this condition which is the leading cause of blindness in Australia, as well as suffering heart failure last year changed how she lives day to day. Ann lives alone and was particularly concerned about her little dog Sophie as she could no longer take her for her walks.

Luckily for Ann she discovered the WA based not-for-profit Pets of Older Persons or POOPS as it is affectionately known as, that is helping to alleviate some of the worry felt by pet owners like Ann who are over the age of 65, palliative care patients of any age and people with disabilities. With a helping hand from volunteers at POOPS, Sophie is now getting out and about on a number of walks every week.

But it's not only Sophie who feels the benefits of these regular walks. Ann enjoys her visits from her volunteers who she says love to chat as much as she does and has said of her experience with POOPS:

*"I think it's the best thing that's ever happened to me since I've been here, because before I was getting really down, not down in the dumps but you're just on your own a lot and now I've got people coming nearly every day... Sophie and I have a very busy life meeting people and I love meeting people I really do."*

POOPS is run entirely by volunteers who assist with looking after all kind of pets including cats, rabbits and even once were delighted to assist with the care of a horse! They assist



by walking dogs as well as providing transport (to vets, boarding facilities or groomers), helping to administer medication or whatever is agreed by the volunteer and pet owner.

POOPS have been carrying out its mission of 'Keeping People and Pets together' in Perth for over a decade now. It provides no-fee services in areas from Yanchep to Mandurah, the central suburbs, the Hills, Armadale to Serpentine and a new region Busselton opened in April last year.

POOPS also works with organisations, companies, councils and other not-for-profits to provide benefits to pets owners such as discounted grooming, boarding facility and vet costs.

## TGB Lawyers

Who can help when you need family law advice? It is at distressing times, like the break-down of a relationship, that a caring approach and personalised service really make a difference. That is what Tindall Gask Bentley's team of experienced family lawyers is all about.

Few times in life are more traumatic or uncertain than the end of a relationship. It is at these times you need practical, helpful expert advice.

No matter how rocky the road, what most people are seeking is practical and results focused advice regarding children and separating assets and liabilities. The goal is to achieve sensible and practical routines that ensure happy children as well as obtaining financial independence and a brighter future.



TGB's family lawyers will take the time to help you understand the separation process and the various complexities so you greatly improve your chances of getting through it with minimised emotional trauma and at a realistic cost.

Tindall Gask Bentley's family lawyers want to help you move forward with confidence.

### They can assist you with:

- Getting a divorce
- Child Support
- Surrogacy
- Property Settlement
- Pre-nuptial/financial agreements
- Mediation and Collaborative Divorce
- Children's Arrangements
- International divorce



**If you'd like to find out more about POOPS, become a client or volunteer or make a donation please visit [poopswa.org.au](http://poopswa.org.au) or call 1300 1100 92 and leave a message.**



**Tindall Gask Bentley are in West Perth and can assist you wherever you are across Western Australia ([tgb.com.au](http://tgb.com.au)).**

# Volunteer Call Out

Legacy WA is always on the lookout for dedicated individuals who are passionate about Legacy's cause and are willing to give their time to support Legacy's families.

## Community Services

Our Community Services Team works directly with our beneficiaries who require specialized support and programs. These Volunteers are dedicated to engaging with beneficiaries on a long term basis and are available to commit a few hours every week.



**To make sure they receive the best quality care, our Community Services Volunteers are able to support in the following ways:**

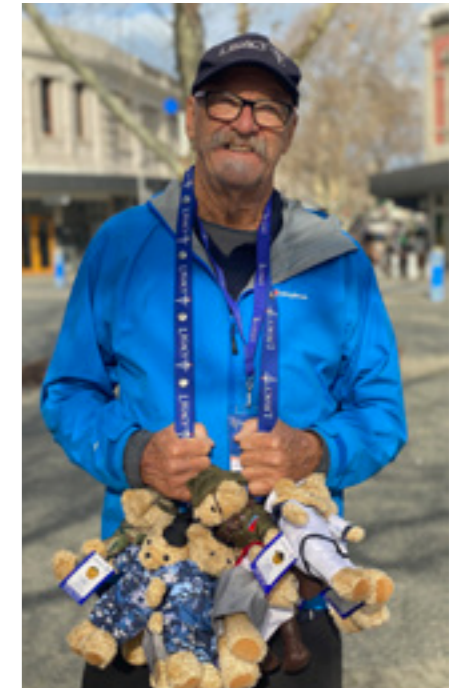
- Home & Hospital Visits
- Assessments for Special Financial Aid
- Provide Companionship

Community Services Volunteers are provided with extensive training and support through Legacy and are able to be sponsored for ADTP Training, Working With Children Checks, and mental health training such as ASIST.



## Fundraising & Events

As a Not-For-Profit, Legacy relies on our community to host Fundraising Events and Volunteers to assist in our annual Anzac Day and Legacy Week Street Appeals.



**Fundraising & Events Volunteers are able to assist in the following ways:**

- Attend Street Appeals and assist with donation collections in Malls, Shopping Centres and Train Stations
- Staff Events & Fundraising activations such as Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, Christmas Parties and other Functions & Dinners

Fundraising & Events Volunteers are able to register in advance how often you would like to participate.

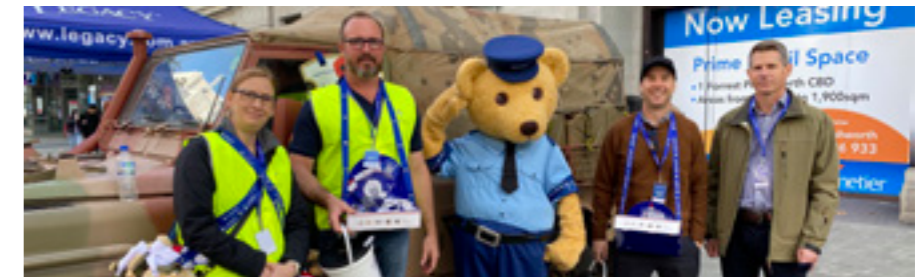
## Office Support

Legacy WA has a small team of staff who work hard to provide the services and support our beneficiaries need to live their most successful lives. However, to make sure we can get everything done, we need Volunteers to assist with Administrative tasks in our office.



**Office Support volunteers will be able to assist in the following ways:**

- Database Management
- Merchandise and Inventory Management & Dispense



We are always in need of Skilled Volunteers as well. Those who are experienced in a particular field and would like to donate your time and services are strongly encouraged to register as a Volunteer.

**Some of the fields we need assistance with are:**

- Graphic Design
- IT Support
- Legal & Governance



**Are you interested in volunteering for Legacy WA?**

Please contact our Fundraising and Volunteer Coordinator, Kelly at [events@legacywa.com.au](mailto:events@legacywa.com.au)

# Legacy Holiday Camp Update

As a part of the Legacy WA family; all members, beneficiaries and volunteers are given access to the Legacy Holiday Camp. Located meters from the water's edge and 5 minutes outside of Busselton, the camp offers a wonderful holiday destination that can be shared with family and / or friends.

## Camp Rates

	Off-Peak Season	Peak Season*
Under 5	FREE	\$10.00
5 - 15 years	\$15.00	\$20.00
16 years and over	\$40.00	\$60.00
Cottage (p/night)	\$150.00	\$170.00
Flat (Cooks Quarters) (p/night)	\$100.00	\$120.00
RAP (p/night)	\$100.00	\$120.00

\* **Peak Season Dates:** 1st December - 1st March, School Holidays, Easter, Labour Day (March), and Queens Birthday (September)

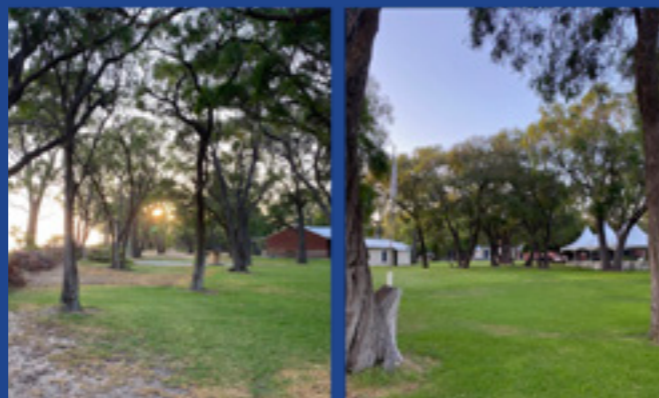
For more information, please ring 9755 4530  
or email [reception@legacywa.com.au](mailto:reception@legacywa.com.au)

## Busselton Camp

We are getting very excited for the upcoming Children's Legacy camp which will be taking place in January! The Busselton camp is one of the highlights on the Legacy calendar as it is an opportunity for our Legacy kids to enjoy some time away and access support.

One of our incredible legatees - Kim Farmer spoke to us about the value of the camp. Her two children, Jared and Kirsty, attended numerous Legacy camps and she described the experience for them as "life changing." Kim also emphasised how the connections the children made on camp with each other and the supervisors helped them realise they were not alone.

We are looking forward to many more camps in the future!



You are invited to attend the annual

# LEGACY CHRISTMAS JINGLE

**Wed 2nd December  
Bellevue RSL**

11am-2pm  
2 Purton Place Bellevue  
(Kalamunda / Midland / Gosnells)

**Mon 7th December  
Port Kennedy RSL**

11am-2pm  
27 Paxton Way Port Kennedy  
(Rockingham / Mandurah / Fremantle)

**Wed 16th December  
North Beach Bowling Club**

11am-2pm  
7 Kitchener Street North Beach  
(Northern Districts / Menora / Floreat / Perth)



RSVP by 15th November to your  
Laurel Club President,  
or the Laurel Club Convenor,  
**Marlene Robins on 0419 278 184**  
or email [mkrpromotions@hotmail.com](mailto:mkrpromotions@hotmail.com)

## Events Calendar

### 11 November

Remembrance Day services

### 26 November

Laurel Mount Barker Jingle

### 2 December

Laurel Eastern Jingle

### 5 December

Children's Christmas Party

### 7 December

Laurel Southern Jingle

### 9 December

Laurel Vasse Jingle

### 16 December

Laurel Northern Jingle

### 21 December - 3 January

Legacy House will be closed for Christmas. Emergencies will still be attended to by calling Legacy House phone line (08) 9486 4900

### 7 - 17 January 2021

Kids Camp

### 11 February 2021

Laurel Albany Get Together

### 21st February 2021

FunKats

## Laurel Club Meeting Times and Locations

Laurel Club	Meeting Times	Location
Bunbury	1st Thursday 9.30am	RSL Hall 19 Spencer Street, Bunbury WA 6230
Freemantle	Fortnightly Tuesdays 10.30am	Bicton Palmyra RSL 30a Foss Street Bicton
Geraldton	1st Monday 10.00am	Birdwood House 46 Chapman Road Geraldton WA 6530
Gosnells & Districts	2nd & 4th Wednesday 11.00am	Gosnells Football Club Terrence Street Gosnells WA 6110
Kalamunda & Districts	3rd Friday 1.00pm	Jack Healey Centre 21 Mead Street Kalamunda WA 6076
Mandurah-Murray	3rd Monday 1.30pm	Mandurah RSL Unit 5/20-22 Rouse Rd, Greenfields WA 6210
Menora	1st Wednesday 10.00am	War Widows Guild 15 Plantation Street Menora WA 6050
Midland & Districts	1st Wednesday 1.00pm	Ascension Church Hall 17 Spring Park Road Midland WA 6056
Northern Districts	1st & 3rd Thursday 8.30am	"Mildenhall" Duncraig Senior Citizens Club 49 Beddi Road Duncraig WA 6023
Perth	Friday Fridays 9.00am	ANZAC House 3/66 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000
Rockingham	Fortnightly Thursdays 10.00am	Port Kennedy RSL Cnr Paxton Way & Helmsshore Way Port Kennedy WA 6172
Vasse	2nd Wednesday 10.00am	Busselton RSL Hall 10 Rosemary Drive Busselton WA 6280

# Call For Donations For Christmas Hampers



Please donate gift items, canned goods and non-perishables.



Contact Kelly on (08) 9486 4900 or email [events@legacywa.com.au](mailto:events@legacywa.com.au) to arrange drop-off.

**Helping Widows in need this Christmas.**

# 100th Birthdays!



## Dora Scanlon

In June, Mrs Dora Scanlon turned 102 years old. At 22 years of age, Dora married and had her first child before he left for war. Tragically, he did not return. Dora then went to home to her parents at their farm in Wagin where she stayed with her son until she met her second husband who was also a Wagin farmer.

Dora and her husband stayed in Wagin and worked on their farm together until 1976 when they retired

and moved to their home in Perth. They were married for 65 years.

Every year they would raise one of their calves, sell it and donate the proceeds to Legacy.

Dora attributes her longevity to her love of music and the joy of playing the piano. She also emphasised the importance of enjoying everything in moderation. She stated, "Forget about things that are out of your control. Worrying won't help."

*Legatee,*  
**Tricia Smith**

## Elsie Skinner

At 10am on the 31st August we visited Elsie Skinner to present her with Flowers and a birthday card, from Legacy WA, to celebrate her 100th birthday. We were also joined by Rozina Holland, another Legacy Widow living in Mt Barker. We indulged in cakes provided by Elsie (declined, with thanks, the biscuits I provided) and coffee along with some

very humorous conversation and reminiscing, a very enjoyable couple of hours. Elsie is still very much full of life, informing us she had loaned her message from the Queen to a great grandchild so their teacher could show it to the rest of the class. I think a very proud parent and grandparent.

*Legatee,*  
**Wayne Hood**



## Mary Hasleby

Mrs Mary Hasleby was born near Buln Buln, a small town in Gippsland, Victoria and had three older brothers. She was a World War 2 nurse and a matron of Northampton Hospital. She was only 21 when she boarded the Queen Mary in Sydney as part of the voluntary aid detachment to work as a nurse in Palestine. This covered a period of two years working in various field hospitals, including the 7th Hospital which cared for the men who are now known as the Rats of

Tobruk. She was discharged in 1943 and returned to further nurse training in Melbourne. She graduated on the day peace was declared.

Mrs Hasleby moved to Perth at the end of 1947 and worked as a midwife at King Edward Memorial Hospital. In 1948 she arrived in Northampton as the relief matron and met Arnold Hasleby, who was also a RAAF World War 2 veteran. They married in 1949. The couple bought a farm at Nolba, east of Northampton, and later moved to a farm at East Bowes. The farm is still in the family and is now run by her son Chris and granddaughter Jessica. Mr Hasleby was tragically killed in road accident in 1975. Despite her loss, Mrs Hasleby continued to work for numerous charities, the local hospital, the Anglican Ladies Auxiliary, the CWA, Meals on Wheels the Red Cross, RS and more, until she was 90 year old. She was also a member of the Geraldton Laurel Club.

Mary now resides in the Brookview Aged Care Hostel attached to the

Northampton Hospital where she has lived for the past 7-8 years. She also takes an active interest in whatever her great grandchildren are up to. Mrs Halsbury's secret for such a long and enterprising life is a well-balanced diet and remaining health conscious. She was ahead of her times, especially about environment issues. One of her main mottos was "don't do unto others that you would do unto yourself", which is a very prophetic outlook. She is a very prolific reader so is well aware of current affairs.

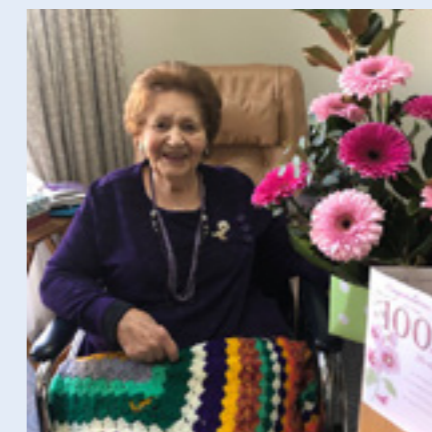
Mrs Hasleby celebrated her 100th birthday on 3rd June at Northampton. Her tremendous milestone was celebrated with a small family gathering at Mulga Springs as well as a lovely lunch which was provided by the Northampton Hospital. Mary also received many birthday wishes from the greater Northampton community as well as a letter from the Queen.

*Legatee,*  
**Ross MacArthur**

## Trayana Walker

Mrs Trayana Walker was born in Yugoslavia, now known as Macedonia. She came to Perth at the age of 15, and moved with her family down to Mount Barker where she worked on a farm. Trayana met her husband while she was on the farm but didn't marry immediately as her prospective husband enlisted to go to war at the age of 18. He served in the 2nd /16th Battalion in all theatres of their campaign.

They were married in 1946 and moved to Perth where they bought a



corner store in Beaconsfield. During this time, Trayana and her husband had three children. They sold the corner store in the 1960s and moved to Hamilton Hill.

Trayana now has 7 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

She has always been a very active lady being involved in Probus, Druids Lodge and the 2nd/16th Battalion Association. Trayana is also an excellent cook, a very keen traveller and loves her bowling.

Trayana attributes her long life to having a positive attitude to life, always thinking the best of people and a having close and supportive family – and of course indulging in a small cream sherry every day.

*Legatee,*  
**Tricia Smith**



## Jack Nie

Jack Nie had many jobs as a young fella – the Depression years were hard and you had to adapt – but none were as memorable as his time fighting for his country.

Jack was 21 when, in September of 1941, he and a mate applied for the RAAF – but they were offered postings with the ground crew. This was not form, according to Jack, who wanted to be a pilot.

So off to the Naval recruiting office they went, but there was a month-long wait, which was too long without earning any money. So on impulse on their way home from Fremantle, Jack stopped at Claremont and was accepted into the Army almost at once. He was sent to Northam for training and just three weeks later, he was advised that he was off overseas.

Jack and the others were taken to Fremantle, where the HMS Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth, both converted to troop carriers for the war years, awaited. The recruits sailed from Fremantle to the Middle East via Colombo, disembarking at Port Said, Egypt.

Much of Jack's training was carried

out in the then-Palestine on the Gaza Strip. After about a month, Jack was one of six soldiers sent to Tobruk, where they were became part of the 2/32 Battalion as reinforcements. The 2/32 was part of the 9th Australian Division. The division was withdrawn and spent time training at Gaza and Syria. From there, the division was mobilised to return to Egypt. Jack recalls that all troops were instructed to remove any evidence that would identify them as Australian. However, nobody thought to remove their boots, which were a giveaway because everyone wanted the Aussie boots.

From Alexandria, the Battalion was sent to Ruin Ridge, El Alamein. However, the troops realised they were too far forward at dawn, when, to their surprise, they learned the armour they'd heard overnight was in fact German, not British. A German officer instructed them all out of their foxholes or he would blow them out. This had the desired effect. It was July 17, 1942.

The 2/28th Battalion suffered the same fate, having also advanced too far. The Germans likened it to rounding up sheep. One of Jack's fondest memories was the repose he had with his mate Harry Davis, an Indigenous infantryman from Northam. During action, they would yell out to one another "G'Day Jack", to which Jack would reply "G'Day Harry".

The Germans handed their captives over to the Italians, who transported them to Benghazi and then to Taranto, in the south of Italy. The prisoners were distributed from the camp to work on farms as labour to harvest the rice crops. Red Cross

parcels sometimes arrived and Jack remembers taking a pound of butter and dipping it in sugar, which he devoured in one sitting. The food given to the captives was mainly weak soup, which was not enough to stop them getting beriberi due a lack of vitamins.

When the Italians capitulated, the guards just walked away, so Jack and his mates wandered off with no one to watch them. At one of the farms they called in on, it was discovered that the elderly couple's son was a POW in Australia. As they made their way through the north of Italy, they were fed and housed by local farmers.

Jack and his mates eventually came across a high fence with bells attached. They tried to cut the wire with a knife but gave up due to its thickness, instead deciding to cautiously approach a bridge because there were no guards. It was there they ran into the arms of the Swiss Guards and just in time, too – because as they were being taken for questioning, the Germans swept down the other side of the fence looking for escapees

The Swiss did not have camps, all Allied troops were billeted in old schools or halls. Jack spent the rest of his time in Switzerland until Germany surrendered.

At the end of the European war, Jack and his mates were transferred to Marseilles, boarding a ship for Bombay, where they stayed for a week. This was in late 1944. From Bombay they set sail again and disembarked in Melbourne, before catching a train back to Perth, with returning soldiers dropped off along the way.

During Jack's time away, he had exchanged letters with Yvonne Calder. After taking up a relationship upon his return, the pair married on May 16, 1945. The family still have the letters Jack wrote to Yvonne.

Jack was Discharged from the army and took up position with the then PMG as linesman stationed in Pinjarra, where he and Yvonne raised three children, Alexander, Carolyn (dec) and Barry.

In 1975 Jack and Yvonne moved to Mandurah to enjoy retirement, but Jack lost his beloved wife and now lives at the RAAFA nursing home in Meadow Springs, Mandurah.

He will celebrate his 100th birthday on June 14 surrounded by family and friends.

**Credit: Alex Nie**

*Jack's son - Alex Nie is a legatee here at Legacy WA.*



**The Nie family believe Jack may be the last surviving member of 2/32 Battalion. If there are any other survivors, son Alex Nie would love to hear from you, via [alexander.nie@bigpond.com](mailto:alexander.nie@bigpond.com)**



## Laurel Convenors Address

2020 has been a year like no other. In March all Laurel Clubs closed due to the COVID virus and duty of care for our Widows. I endeavoured to keep in touch with all Presidents during this time to check in with them and to assess any problems.

- In July Kalamunda, Bunbury, Mandurah. Menora and Rockingham resumed their get togethers and I joined the Midland ladies at a luncheon.
- In August Northern Districts, Vasse and Fremantle resumed and I joined the Floreat ladies at a luncheon.
- September, Gosnells resumed and Legatee Heeney and myself took the Perth girls to lunch in the Swan Valley.
- October, Geraldton and Midland resumed.
- Floreat are unable to meet at the moment as the retirement village is still under COVID restrictions and the Perth girls go back to Anzac House next week.

I have visited every club with the exception of Geraldton and those in the Vasse, but I endeavour to reach them in the new year. It is such a pleasure to meet with all the clubs and thank all the ladies for making me feel so welcome.

Our new President, L/Matt Granger has now taken the reins of Legacy and he has asked all position holders to ensure we have a succession plan for the future. In light of this, I will be looking for an assistant who can learn the ropes and be in a position to act as Laurel Convenor at the end of next year. If this is something you are interested in doing, please contact myself or the office directly.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and I hope you enjoy the festivity to be had at the Jingles.

Here's looking forward to a brighter 2021.

**Legatee Marlene Robins**

# Laurel Club Updates

## Midland Districts Laurel Club

Hello to all fellow members legatees and legacy staff.

Were you all like me thinking that after the devastating bush fires of 2019 --2020 was a time to rebuild for all those affected. Along comes Covid 19 to affect us all. Our thoughts are with everyone who have suffered during this terrible pandemic.

Our club had a catch up on Tuesday

21st July in Midland at Hogs Breath Cafe .

Our 1st meeting since March was on Wednesday 2nd September with 14 members and our 2 legatees present, nice to see everyone looking happy to be back together again.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th October and will include our annual general meeting , look forward

to seeing all members there.

After the meeting we are going to the 7th Avenue Venue to socialise sit back and be served afternoon tea.

Best wishes to all as we look forward to the future.

**Lilian Cottingham**  
Midland and Districts Laurel Club Member.



## Menora Laurel Club

Hello to all the Legacy ladies around Western Australia, I hope you are all feeling happy and are in good health. We are experiencing strange times so thankfully we are living in our beautiful state and our borders are closed.

Marlene had a morning at our club and although I was unable to be there the rest of the ladies enjoyed the meeting. So thank you Marlene you are appreciated.

Sadly our numbers are declining as we are ageing with some of our members passing away whilst others are now too unwell to attend.

We had our AGM and Hazel Donald and Jan McLeod still hold the positions of Treasurer and President respectively.

We were able to have a lovely outing to the restaurant across the road at Bethany for Christmas in July. It was a lovely day, the food was delicious and

fun was had by all.

We also had a visit from Theatre 180 who gave a performance and then interviewed some ladies for their Reminiscence Project. The ladies that attended had a lovely morning, we finished with a sing song and a few laughs.

**Jan McLeod**  
*President Menora Laurel Club.*

## Fremantle Laurel Club

We finally held our first social/AGM for the year on 25 August, however, we started with the sad news of the passing of Pauline August. Pauline was only with our club for a short time after she transferred from the Rockingham Laurel Club where she was a long time member and she quickly made new friends with our ladies. Vale Pauline

Adhering to social distancing rules the ladies thoroughly enjoyed getting back together again after a long forced break. The ladies held the 2020 AGM with eleven members present and Maria Brown was re-elected as President and Margaret Carbon re-elected as Social Secretary

No other positions could be filled however I was asked to act as Secretary/Treasurer. Positions that I will fill until other arrangements can be made. Patsy Lloyd kindly offered to take notes on any important issues that need to be minuted. Due to the pandemic restrictions it was decided that all outings would be cancelled for the year however we will hold events at the Bicton Palmyra RSL premises with our meetings to be restructured more as social gatherings

At our last social we were visited by Hannah and Shannon from Legacy WA who bought with them representatives from Open Arms and a troupe of actors and a musician from Theatre 180 who performed a

few true stories from WWI & WWII Diggers, their wives and loved ones. The ladies loved the performances and the wonderful chats they had with all the visitors and later one on one interviews with some of the ladies have been organised. Something different for the ladies and very well received so thank you to all involved

The FLC ladies are all looking forward to their remaining four socials for the year, our next one is a 'bring and buy', with a Christmas Party yet to be finalised

Continue to stay safe and well

**Rob Fittock**  
*Legatee, Legacy WA*

## Geraldton Laurel Club

A very warm hello to all our dear readers...what a year it has been and one would not be unhappy to "toss it out the door and welcome 2021"... who knows it has to be better.

*"If you are offered a seat on a rocket ship, don't ask what seat!!!! just get on and hang on!"*

During Covid-19, it was very easy to settle into a hibernation way of life...I know I did, and once the signs of normality started to emerge, I found it difficult to get motivated again.

Having said that, Geraldton Laurels gathered for a meeting on the

7th September. This was our first gathering since Covid-19 "turned our worlds upside down". The attendance was excellent, so much so, extra tables and chairs had to be put out.

The meeting was productive with all contributing with their thoughts on the months that had been. We concluded our meeting with a fish and chip lunch. It was delightful to see a "sea of smiling faces" again. Lunch was superb as always and a big thank you to our Legatee Roy who is always so supportive. He goes the extra mile, collects our lunches, always has a joke (some good, some not so good)...it

goes without saying that his efforts are indeed appreciated.

*"The most beautiful way to start and end the day is with a grateful heart"*

Our AGM was conducted on the 2nd March 2020....with surprise, surprise.....wait for it!!!!

You guessed it....no change to the order of office bearers.

President - Dulcie Valenti, Vice President - Frieda Moses, Treasurer - Pat Clews, Secretary and Public Relations Officer - Barb Duncan.

Congratulations to these ladies....keep up the good work. Our Committee have been in the "seat" for a very long time and need to be commended for their due and diligent manner, and their loyalty to the Laurel Club. Thank you girls.

*"Great leaders don't set out to be a leader....they set out to make a difference....it is never about the role.... always about the goal."*

At the conclusion of our AGM we had a fellowship lunch of Red Rooster and Chips washed down with a refreshment of choice. Our heartfelt thanks to Gillian who is always so willing to open the bar for us. Gillian this is indeed appreciated.

Thank you from our girls.

*"Little things make for big days"*

We met again on Monday 5th October. A wonderful turn out again which is very encouraging, in that the signs are showing we are on the pathway to normality. Our Wellness section was a good indicator on the health of our members...some have had hospital admissions, albeit precautionary, some are getting ready for impending surgery, again nothing too dramatic, but will enhance the quality of life of the patient. We wish them all well.

Our November meeting will see the draw of our Melbourne Cup Sweep... horses of which have all been sold....

watch this space for placings and possible quinella or trifecta success.

We also concluded arrangements for our Christmas gathering...the success of this will be a highlight of the next newsletter.

*"It's going to be hard....but hard....does not mean impossible."*

Well, there our wonderful dear hearts, that it is it for this session. We wish you all a continuing safe journey through the challenges of life.

*"Keep your face toward the sun...the shadows will fall behind you"*

Cheers for now....

**Barb**  
*Secretary & Publicity Officer - Geraldton*

## Perth Laurel Club

There is very little news from Perth Laurel club as we are still in limbo (due to COVID), but the windows of the new Anzac House look full of cardboard boxes so we hope to be meeting there again soon.

At present a few of us meet in Perth for lunch every couple of weeks which is pleasant but no substitute for the weekly meetings we have been missing for so long.

Legatees Peter Heeney and Marlene Robins took us to the Swan Valley with a visit to the Margaret River Chocolate factory and then lunch at the Lavender farm. Eight Ladies enjoyed the lovely day.

## Rockingham Laurel Club

We started the year with a new President as our long serving one has retired from the leadership role due to health problems. Pauline Vernon has been a great asset to the Club and was presented with a certificate of appreciation. She has told us she will attend meetings as long as her health allows.

With the lockdown earlier in the year, we had our usual venue unable to accommodate us, which of course meant that there was no way we could meet each other as we usually do. On top of this many of us had trips and holidays that had to be cancelled.

We were very pleased to restart club meetings again early in July. Our new President, Ann Halsey welcomed everyone back after our long absence.

We were able to organise a Christmas in July lunch at the Ravenswood Hotel at short notice, due to Covid-19

restrictions being lifted somewhat.

We have had several speakers come and visit us including Life live it and a second visit from a lady who makes shopping and cooler bags and donates the proceeds to the Birthing Suite at Bumi Sehat. We also had a visit from a friend of the President who gave us ideas on how to use greenery from the garden when there is shortage of flowers. Marlene also visited to distribute diaries and also answer questions from members.

Two teams of our members sold Legacy badges and bears at Rockingham and Warnbro shopping centres. Sadly the amounts were not as great as previous years but we did manage to swell the coffers of Legacy by \$3,000.00.

Our AGM was held in August and the President, Vice President and Treasurer returned. After Helen Corti stood down as Secretary, I, took up

the job again as I have moved back to the area. We also have five committee members and a tea lady to help out as needed.

Sadly we have not had many outings this year. Araluen was not possible due to fewer members interested and the Swan River Cruise was not to be available until December, so perhaps next year. We did however have a free lunch at our local Clipper Inn, which was attended by 29 members. It seems from recent times that our attendance numbers are down and we are hopeful that next year, with the warmer weather, we shall again pick up the numbers.

So in closing, we wish all our fellow Legacy widows, Legatees and staff at Head Office ...a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a better year in 2021 .

**Barbara Ayling**  
*Secretary*

## Legacy Lillies

Our first event after the relaxation of COVID restrictions was Christmas in July at The Yanchep Inn. Twenty members made their way to the venue on Saturday afternoon. Yanchep National Park is an interesting place and some members spent the afternoon walking the various trails. In the evening we gathered for the Christmas meal and eggnog. The food was well cooked and the eggnog was a definite hit. Sunday morning saw us enjoying a delightful buffet breakfast and then we hit the road home. The friendly, accommodating staff of The Yanchep Inn made our stay special. We've even booked for next year.

In August, 16 members gathered at The Rose and Crown in Guildford for lunch and in September, 23 members travelled to Masonmill Café in the Bickley Valley for lunch. As you can see the Lillies enjoy eating and drinking, and talking!



# COVID 19 Update

During the early stages of the pandemic, the difficult but necessary decision was made to cease all home and face to face visits to our beneficiaries. To ensure they were not left socially isolated Family Services commenced the essential, yet immense body of work to contact by phone each and every beneficiary (starting with those most vulnerable). This work is still underway and will continue as part of our annual tasks.

In addition to the way we deliver services, Legacy WA has felt an impact on the success of our fundraising campaigns. ANZAC Day this year was like no other, however, the team rallied and miraculously launched a 30-minute inaugural ANZAC Day broadcast piece that was streamed live across 6PR and the internet. Fundraising for that campaign remained low as the uncertainty in the global economy was growing.

While COVID-19 has presented challenges no one was able to predict, we have used this time to think creatively and identify ways that we as an organisation can improve. The lockdown period identified a need to update, modernise and reinforce our IT systems to be flexible and adaptable to the changing work environment. Thanks to our grants being equally adaptive, we have been able to direct funding to these areas quickly, to get this project underway.

This time has also provided a new opportunity for our team to come together and form a closer bond than ever before. With new team members joining in an uncertain time, the mission of supporting our beneficiaries brought the team together in new ways to ensure we achieved the best outcomes for them.

COVID-19 will have significant impacts for all West Australians for the foreseeable future, however, with our team prepared to face these challenges head on, our beneficiaries will have the support they need to brave them as well.

We thank all our Laurels, Volunteers and Staff for their support, understanding and hard work throughout these tough times and we look forward to the better times ahead.



# Giving a Gift of Remembrance

**A gift of remembrance** can continue the work and ensure your values are honoured for the future. We hope that you will consider leaving a gift in your will to Legacy WA to help us in caring for the families of veterans who have lost their lives or their health, serving our country.

As a member of the **Legacy Torch Society** you will be honoured for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

**If you would like to know more about how you can leave your own legacy please contact Legacy WA.**

**Or send in this completed confidential reply form and our Bequest Officer will contact you:**



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