# LEGACY TIMES

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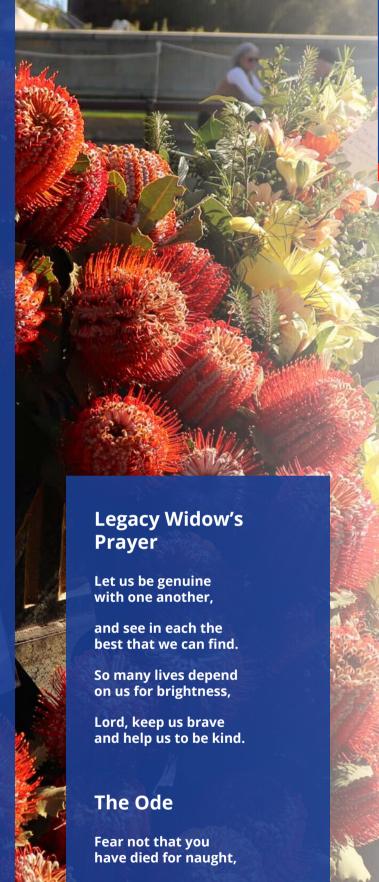
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The torch you threw to us we caught,

And now our hands will hold it high,

Its glorious light will never die.

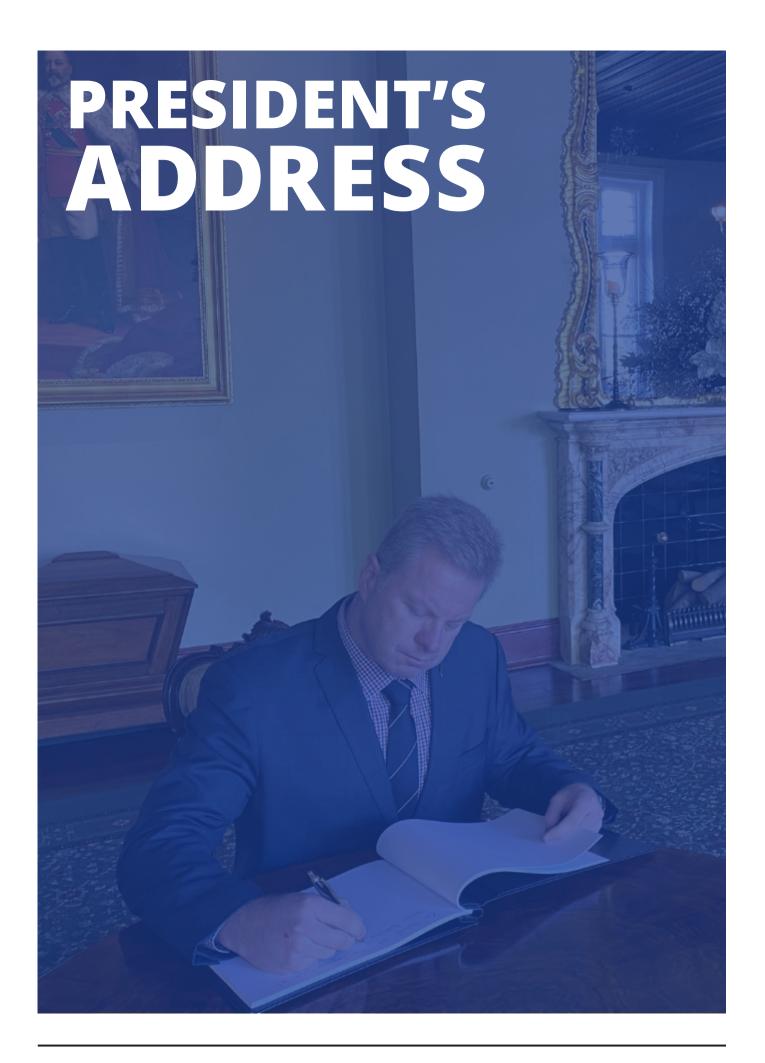
We'll not break faith with you who lie on many a field.

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**Correction Disclaimer:** The Winter Edition of the Legacy Times, page 25, contained an article with a misprint that said Legacy grew out of the ashes of WWII. The article should have read Legacy grew out of the ashes of WWI. We apologise for any distress this may have inadvertently caused.





# **Peter Emmett**

I'm writing to you all today having just had the privilege of writing in the official condolence book for Queen Elizabeth II on behalf of all Legacy beneficiaries, Legatees and staff. It was a solemn moment, especially being back at Government House so soon after attending the swearing in of the new Governor Chris Dawson, as well as the presentation of 50-year certificates to Legatees Duncan Warren and John Burridge.

Legacy WA has been busy over the last few months, with representatives attending the Korean and Vietnam Veterans Day memorials and several other representational roles such as ex-Service organisation roundtable discussions where we get to share ideas and experiences with other like-minded charities.

Legacy WA also recently conducted our annual Legacy Week fundraiser, doing a great job organising volunteers to hit the streets and Bunnings stores to collect much needed funds. The week was a great success, and I'd like to thank all the Legacy House staff and volunteers for their hard work.

Upcoming events include the Reserve Members and Past Presidents' lunches and Remembrance Day activities. We also have our 'Better Together Ball' on the 12th of November that is being organised jointly with RSLWA, and our fundraising lunch a few days later as part of the lead-up to the National Legacy Torch Relay.

To finish off the year we'll be hosting Christmas Jingles, the Kid's Christmas party and working hard to organise the Annual Kids Camp that will be held in Busselton in January 2023.

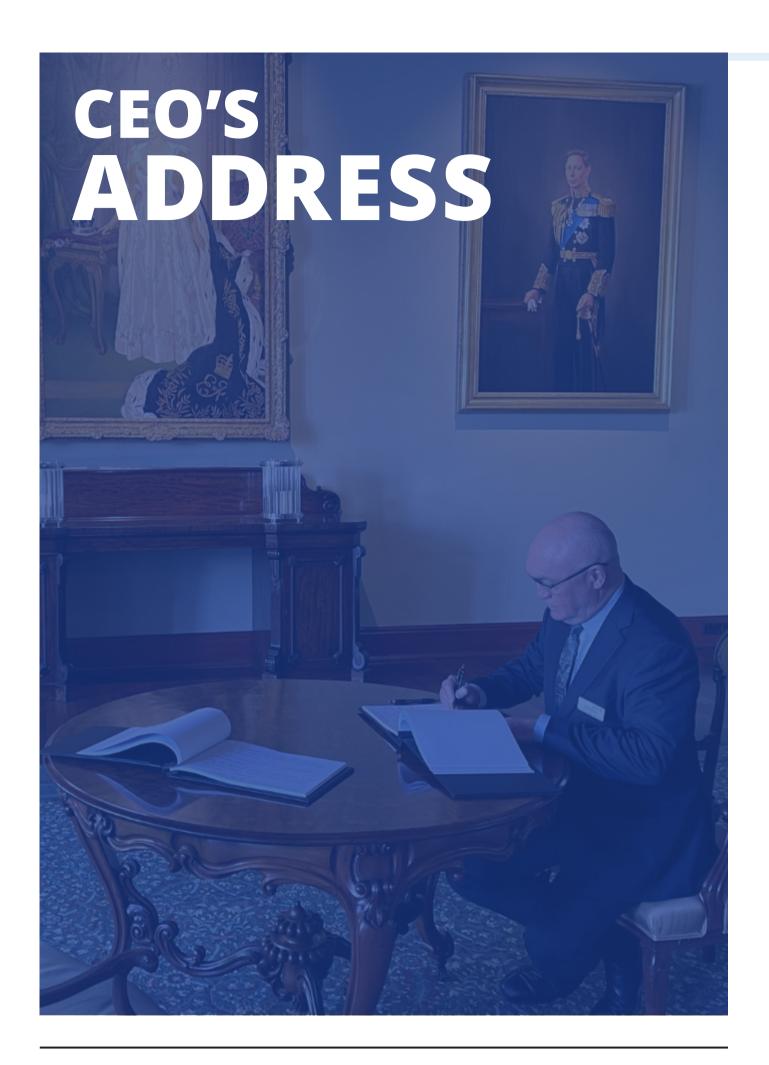
I know our Legatees and staff are working hard towards all these events, and I'd like to thank them in advance for all their hard work.

Looking forward to hopefully seeing you all at a Legacy event sometime soon.

Yours in Legacy

L/Peter Emmett

President - Legacy WA



# **Matt Granger**

I would like to open by acknowledging the sad news of the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II on 8 September 2022, aged 96.

Monarchist or republican, I believe we can agree that there is no doubt she did indeed devote her life to public service for the Commonwealth of Nations. In the words of former Governor Kim Beazley AC, spoken at Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee afternoon tea at Government House, she still personally signed her letter of thanks to the people of Western Australia "Your Servant, Elizabeth".

We celebrate Her Majesty's lifetime of service and devotion to the Commonwealth - a reliable constant in an ever-changing world.

The Albany Legatee Group are planning their AGM Friday 16th September 2022. They will be voting on whether to establish a Laurel Club in Albany as the war widow's guild is no longer operational. If passed, the new Albany Laurel Club will be administered by the Legatees who will monitor funds and the calendar of activities and events.

Jean Webb will also be inducted as a new Legatee – we look forward to working with Jean in the southwest region of WA.

Beneficiaries have an opportunity to enjoy additional social activities this year as Legacy WA still has funds to expend from the Anzac Day Trust. I encourage all Beneficiaries to consider what they might like to participate in and contact Legacy WA with suggestions. Activities may include the theatre, movies, or a special lunch. Legacy WA will also consider covering transport to and from the activity if required. This opportunity is not limited to Perth metro ladies – country beneficiaries are encouraged to participate too. Contact the Community Services Team with any suggestions be it for a party of one or a larger group: tracey.hamel@legacywa.com.au or (08) 9486 4900.

I am also delighted to share the news that a new memorial dedicated to commemorating the service of those who fought in the Korean War will be unveiled in Kings Park on the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, 27th July 2023. All are welcome to attend the ceremony.

Collaborations between Legacy WA and RSLWA continue to evolve as we work together on several projects. One of the most significant fundraising events on the horizon is the Better Together Ball which will be held Saturday 12th November 2022. This gala spectacular will be held in the River View Room, Optus Stadium, Burswood. We are hoping this will become an annual fundraising event.

As we come out of winter, I hope beneficiaries can get out and enjoy the spring weather by keeping as active, happy, and social as your situation allows.

Kind regards to all, **Matthew**CEO Legacy WA



# LEGACY CENTENARY TORCH RELAY







On 20th April 2022, the official launch of the 2023 Legacy Centenary Commemoration took place at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne, the city in which Legacy was founded nearly 100 years ago by Stan Savige.

A significant part of the commemoration is the Legacy Centenary Torch Relay - a six-month campaign to pay homage to and acknowledge veterans' families, saluting their sacrifice.

The relay begins on Anzac Day, 25th April 2023, in Pozieres, France and will travel to London, England, where it will continue its tour throughout Australia – first stop, Western Australia.

The Legacy Centenary Torch Relay 2023, presented by Defence Health, is a satellite campaign, stopping at all Legacy Clubs world wide, including 44 in Australia and one in London, where support has been (and continues to be) provided. It will also be stopping at iconic Australian Landmarks.





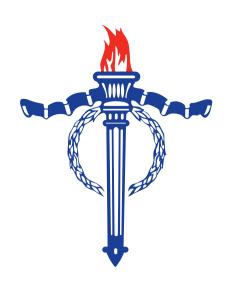
Some fun facts about The Legacy Centenary Torch Relay 2023:

- Satellite Torch Relay around Europe and Australia
- 175 days of activations
- Over 55,000km travelling
- Stopping at all 45 Legacy clubs
- Over 100 official stops
- 1,500 torch bearers, worldwide
- Community/Family Day in each state of the Torch Relay.

# Why the Legacy Torch?

The badge of Legacy is the Torch and Wreath of Laurel. The Torch signifies the undying flame of service and sacrifice of those who gave their lives for their country. The Wreath of Laurel is the symbol of our remembrance of them.

The Torch also represents the understanding that 'departed comrades' have passed the Torch onto their mates, the Legatees, to look after his treasured family the 'missus and kids' when he is no longer able. The flame also represents the heart and soul of Legacy.





# Own a Limited-Edition Legacy Centenary Torch

Purchase one of 250 limited edition collectable Legacy Centenary Torches 2023.

This Australian-made collectable symbolises Legacy's undying flame of service and sacrifice of those who gave their lives for our country. This collectable torch has a polished aluminium body with a navy leather grip. It contains gold-plated aluminium features at the burner, grip, and bottom knob to accent features from the Legacy logo. The text is specially crafted and placed on each torch with precision and care to create a priceless piece of memorabilia that will be part of #legacyslegacy.

Only 250 torches are available to the public so get in fast!

Visit **legacytorchrelay.com.au** to pre-order yours for \$10,000 (ex. GST, & shipping).

Follow along with The Legacy Centenary Torch Relay 2023 Presented by Defence Health on social media.



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# join of for a CHRISTMAS JINGLE

All Legacy WA adult beneficiaries welcome

6TH DECEMBER



11:30 - 2:30PM

# South Perth Civic Centre

Crn South Terrace and Sandgate street, South Perth

Please RSVP to Marlene by 22ND NOVEMBER 0419 278 184

or marlenerobins438@gmail.com



# **BENEFICIARY SPOTLIGHT**

# Joan Howard

We are very delighted to have Mrs Howard as our Beneficiary Spotlight for this issue of the Legacy Times. Mrs Howard is a wonderful lady who is a return from Active Service Person in her own right, being a nurse during the Second World War.

Legacy has been a consistent part of Mrs Howard's life as her father, John Polklington, was a founding member of the Legacy movement in Western Australia. In addition, Mr Polklington, was the President from 1933 to 1934.

Mrs Howard's first husband, Flight Lieutenant Anthony Warren, was a Test Pilot with the Royal Australian Air Force. Mr Warren was tragically killed at the age of 24 on a test flight on 16 April 1945 in an Aircraft Accident - No. 5 Operational Training Unit Mosquito aircraft A52-70. He crashed at Barrington Tops in New South Wales.

Mrs Howard's second husband was WX11084 / 520569 Colonel Keith Desmond Howard RFD, ED, Australian Army, 1941-1976. His service history in the Second World War include El Alamein; Malayan Emergency; United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO); United Nations Emergency Force Two (UNEF II) 1973 – 1979 and passed away in 2010. Mr Colonel Howard attended Guildford Grammar School and there is a stained-glass window with his name and history in the chapel at the school.

Legacy has always had a very special relationship with Mrs Joan Howard and appreciates Joan's ongoing support.



Top left 1: In veil while in training 1941. Top left 2: Outside tent at field hospital 1942.

Top right: Married Flt Lt Anthony Graham Warren - mosquito pilot.

# LEGATEE SPOTLIGHT



# **Dave Jones**

Legacy WA would like to acknowledge and give thanks to Dave Jones, a very valued Legatee who continues to give his time and knowledge. Dave has been volunteering with Legacy for the past five years where he aids widows, ensuring they are receiving their pension and applying them for Gold Cards as necessary. Dave also volunteers to do initial visits with our widows to help determine the ways we can best support them. In addition, Dave volunteers at different fundraising events throughout the year.

Dave enjoys the work and feels as though this has been a natural progression for him. He spent 42 years working with soldiers helping them with their pensions. Dave also served as a Peacekeeper in the East Timor War in 2004, an experience he describes as eye-opening and rewarding.

A standout experience for Dave was doing the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea where they retraced the steps of his father-in-law through the battlefields.

In his spare time, Dave is kept busy by his grandchildren, his parrot Ali and travelling in his caravan. Dave also loves golf and has been a member of the Army Golf Club for over 20 years.

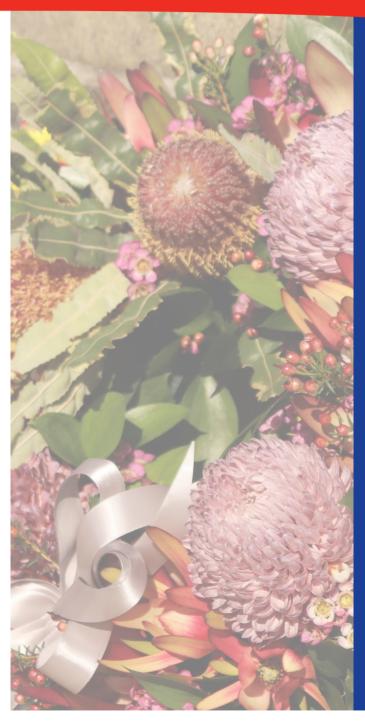
Dave mentioned that he believes "where you can help, you should help" which is exactly what he has done for so long. Dave is a vital part of what we do at Legacy, his support and time are greatly appreciated.

# LEGATEE'S 40+ YEARS

Legacy WA are extremely privileged to have such incredible Legatee's who all play a vital role in contributing to the work we do within our community.

Legacy WA would like to recognise and give a massive thank you to the below Legatee's who have all reached an incredible milestone of 40 years and over as a Legatee. This is a wonderful achievement.

Please know that your time, knowledge, and dedication is greatly respected and valued by everybody at Legacy WA.



Legatee	Year Inducted
Duncan Warren	1972
John Burridge	1972
David Guthrie	1974
Charles Matheson	1975
Alex Piper	1976
Robert Arnold	1978
Peter Lyneham	1979
Ralph Hoger	1979
John Maxwell	1980
Raymond Ward	1980
Lawrence Fraser	1980
Colin Purcell	1981
Peter Eddy	1982
Joseph Moskwiak	1982
Peter Heeney	1982
John Lindsay	1982
Alfred Mainstone	1982
Stanley Goss	1982



support to participate
in the Royal Commission
into Defence and
Veteran Suicide

# Who are we?

We provide free, independent legal advice and support to anybody considering sharing their experiences with the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.

We have staff across Australia who deliver a trauma-informed service. We are independent of the Royal Commission.

# What do we do?

We provide free and confidential legal advice to members of the public, including Australian Defence Force personnel and veterans, their families, carers, and supporters, about:

- · taking part in the Royal Commission
- your legal rights when sharing information with the Royal Commission
- available legal protections when sharing information with the Royal Commission.



# We can talk to you about how you can:

- · share your experiences in a safe way
- keep your experiences and participation in the Royal Commission confidential
- overcome barriers you might face in sharing your experiences.

### We can also:

- · support you to make your submission
- · support you in a private session
- connect you with other services, like counselling, advocacy, and other legal support not related to the Royal Commission.

# Call the Defence and Veterans Legal Service on 1800 33 1800

or visit our website defenceveteranslegalservice.org.au



If you need an interpreter, we can arrange one for you for free. Tell us your language and we will organise it for you.



If you are hearing or speech impaired you can contact us by calling the national relay service (NRS) on 133 677 or TTY 02 9219 5126.

# **Defence and Veterans Legal Service**

The Defence and Veterans Legal Service (DAVLS) provides free and independent legal advice and support to people who want to engage with the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.

DAVLS provides advice and support to:

- current and former members of the Australian Defence Force (no matter the length, nature, or branch of service); and
- family members, carers and supporters of current and former members of the Australian Defence Force.

# Who should engage with the Royal Commission?

The Royal Commission wants to hear your story if your mental health and

wellbeing, or that of a loved one, has suffered as a result of things like:

- the impact of ADF service (e.g. on family and home life);
- problems getting veteran entitlements;
- · no support when leaving the ADF;
- · lived experiences of suicide; or
- any systemic issues relating to the ADF, Department of Veterans Affairs or Department of Defence.

### How can DAVLS help you?

We can help you by providing advice about your legal rights and protections, giving you practical assistance to write a submission, supporting you to share your experiences through a private session, and connecting you with

other legal and non-legal support for matters that are not related to the Royal Commission.

# Who can you speak to about DAVLS?

We have lawyers in every state and territory in Australia – the DAVLS solicitor for WA is Mitch Caubo.

For more information or to book an appointment, please call 1800 33 1800 or visit our website at defenceveteranslegalservice.org.au.



# **Peter Heeney**

A throwback to 2016 where Peter Heeney performed 'I Was Only 19' at Domain Stadium in Perth for the Len Hall AFL Dockers v Carlton game on ANZAC Day.

Scan the QR code for his magnificent performance.







# SENIORS WEEK 'HAVE A GO'

This year, Have a Go Day will be held on Wednesday 9th November from 8.30am to 3.30pm at Burswood Park (Resort Drive, Burswood).

This event is hosted by Live Lighter, and the aim is to provide information and bring awareness to the importance of seniors leading active lives. There will be free entertainment

and the chance to relax and socialise. It is a great day out, and the previous Have a Go Days have seen great success.

If you require transport to this event (as a single or group), contact Community Services on 9486 4900 or email: getsupport@legacywa.com.au

Image taken from Seniors Recreation Council of WA website.



# KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL PLANS AT KINGS PARK

Have a read of Peter Heeney's article below taken from the Department of Veterans' Affairs regarding a Korean War Memorial, in Perth

By Peter Heeney, Perth Korean War Memorial Committee and Legatee

Just five years after the Second World War, Australia was 'called to arms' to fight in Korea. The Australian Government under Prime Minister Robert Menzies immediately offered military assistance to the United Nations Security Council. From 25 June 1950 until 27 July 1953, some 17,000 Australians in the Navy, Army and Air Force served as part of the United Nations (UN) multinational force, defending South Korea from the Communist forces of North Korea and China.

As we approach the 70th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice on 27 July 2023, it is important that Western Australia has an appropriate memorial dedicated to commemorating and reflecting on the service of those who fought in Korea and honouring those who lost their lives. It has been very

heartening to see this recognition through the work of the Perth Korean War Memorial Committee, bipartisan political support, the unanimous support of the RSLWA Board, the Perth Korean community, and the Vietnam Veterans Association of WA.

In 2021, Australia and the Republic of Korea celebrated 60 years of diplomatic relations. The two countries enjoy a strong bilateral relationship underpinned by trade, shared regional strategic interests, and people-topeople links. These strong ties also exist as a result of a bond created during the Korean War.

In Western Australia, the Korean community has embraced this strong relationship, and through its own Korean Veterans Association, they have been involved with exservice organisations such as the West Australian Branch of the Royal Australian Regiment Association and the RSL Highgate Sub-Branch.

One such involvement is the presentation of Ambassador for Peace Medals to veterans who served in Korea, or to the families of deceased

veterans. These are arranged through the Korean Embassy by the Honorary Consul for the Republic of Korea in Western Australia Mrs Fay Duda. These presentations are held with the support of local RSL Sub-Branches and the Korean Veterans Association of WA. The assistance provided by DVA in locating recipients has greatly assisted this process.

The campaign for the establishment of a Korean War Memorial at Kings Park began with a small working group created in 2018 and with bi-partisan support from the Hon. Peter Tinley AM MLA and the Hon Tiorn Sibma MLC. In March 2019, then Korean Ambassador to Australia, HE Mr Baeksoon Lee was a guest speaker at Highgate RSL Sub-Branch and gave a presentation about Australia's contribution to the Korean War. Following that lunch, it became clear that a formal committee would need to be established to take the project forward and gain the necessary approvals.

The Honorary Consul set up a meeting with Bill Munro (RSL Highgate), Peter Heeney (RAR Association), Dr James Lee (Korean Community) and Oliver

Image: An Artist's impression of the Korean War Memorial, taken from the Department of Veterans Affairs Website.

Lovelle (RSLWA Life Member). The outcome of this meeting was the creation of the Perth Korean War Memorial Committee Inc.
The committee comprises Australian veterans from other conflicts, members of the Korean community and the Honorary Consul for the Republic of Korea.

The committee has done an enormous amount of work consulting with the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority (BGPA) to establish a Korean War Memorial at the Tobruk Memorial Precinct located at the intersection of Saw Avenue and May Drive in Kings Park. In July 2020 a ioint announcement was released by ministers, Hon. Peter Tinley AM MLA, and Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC that the WA Government would support the building of a memorial at Kings Park to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities in 2023.

There has been significant progress since that announcement with the Korean War Memorial design being

approved by the BGPA Board. The WA Minister for Veterans, the Hon Paul Papalia CSC MLA has announced the approval of a grant of \$150,000 from the ANZAC Day Trust. A DVA Saluting Their Service Grant of \$120,000 has also been approved. Some initial funding was provided by Santos Ltd, by members of Perth's Korean community and by Australian veterans of the Korean War.

The Republic of Korea has invited the Committee to make an application for matching funding of up to \$450,000.

The County of Gapyeong in South Korea has donated and shipped the 10-tonne centrepiece stone and plinth for the memorial which is currently being stored with the assistance of Perth Korean-born sculptor Jina Lee. The stone is from the area where the Battle of Kapyong took place in 1951. It was a critical year for the Korean War and the men of the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment showed great courage in this significant battle. Michael Kelly, a historian at the Australian War Memorial wrote an

article for the Sydney Morning Herald in 2016 and said 'The Battle of Kapyong turned the tide of the Korean War, the legacies of which can still be felt today'.

Of the 340 Australians who gave their lives, many are buried in the United Nations Memorial Cemetery at Busan, some remain unrecovered inside the demilitarised zone. According to DVA, 1,673 people born in WA served in the conflict, 34 of whom were killed and six classified as missing in action.

Kings Park is a fit and proper place for a memorial to be erected to honour veterans of the Korean War, commemorate those who served and those who lost their lives and provide a quiet contemplative space for their families. As someone who volunteers with Legacy, I am proud that the organisation has provided so much support to the families of Korean War veterans over many decades.

The memorial will be unveiled on the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice – on 27 July next year. All welcome.

# **Korean Armistice Ceremony**

Legacy WA and other defence organisations remembered the Korean Armistice on the 27th of July at The State Memorial in Kings Park.

The event marked the 69th anniversary of the armistice that signalled the end of the Korean War and the recall of the Royal Australian Regiment WA and support personnel.

Representatives included Legacy WA CEO, Matt Granger, and His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson APM, Governor of Western Australia.















# LABOR'S PLAN FOR VETERANS

Legacy WA and across the nation maintain steadfast political neutrality. The following is provided to inform our beneficiaries of the new Government's policy and is not to be understood as an endorsement of any particular view.

### Labor's Plan to Address the Veterans Crisis

- Australians owe a debt of gratitude to our ADF personnel and veterans, and we have a solemn duty to look after them.
- An Albanese Labor Government will deliver a package of practical support measures to improve the welfare of veterans and their families.

# Cutting Waiting Times by Boosting Department of Veterans' Affairs Staffing

- Labor will cut waiting times and the backlog of compensation claims by funding 500 staff at the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) to speed up claims processing.
- We will abolish the departmental staffing cap, which has stopped DVA from hiring more well-trained permanent staff to process claims faster.

### **Delivering Veteran Hubs**

 Labor will roll out a network of 10 veteran hubs across Australia in areas with significant defence and veteran communities.  The hubs will act as one-stop shops for local veteran services, including health and mental health services, wellbeing support, advocacy, employment and housing advice, and social connection.

# **Boosting Defence home ownership**

- Labor will boost home ownership for defence personnel and veterans by expanding the eligibility criteria for the Defence Homeownership Assistance Scheme (DHOAS).
- This will improve access to homeownership for defence personnel earlier in their Defence careers and allow veterans to access the scheme any time after they have completed their service.

### Increasing the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) Veterans Pension

- Labor will introduce a \$1,000 permanent increase in the annual rate of the TPI Payment for eligible disabled veterans.
- This will help address the decline in the relative value of the payment over time and help TPI pensioners with cost of living pressures.

### **Veteran Employment Program**

 Labor will deliver a comprehensive veteran employment program to provide greater support to defence personnel as they transition to civilian life.  We will help veterans into good quality jobs by doing more to boost recognition of their skills and experience, and provide support for further education and training for veterans wanting to move into the civilian workforce.

## Defence and Veteran Family Engagement and Support Strategy

• We will deliver a defence and veteran family engagement and support strategy to provide greater support to our military families.

### **Veteran Homelessness Plan**

 More emergency housing for veterans experiencing homelessness through Labor's Housing Australia Future Fund.

### **Disaster Relief Australia**

 Additional support for veteran-led disaster response organisation Disaster.

*This excerpt has been taken from:* shorturl.at/jlqu0

If you would like to read more, please follow the link provided above.

# LEGACY HOUSE UPDATE

# **A Scamming Scourage**

Most older Australians are aware they may be targeted by scammers however, we all need to be reminded from time to time just how convincing they can be.

Scammers are becoming more sophisticated and are adept at impersonating legitimate businesses or service providers.

Furthermore, some scams specifically target older Australians who are attractive because they have accumulated wealth over a lifetime.

The best defence against being scammed is maintaining a healthy scepticism. Granted it is a sad indictment on society that we can no longer accept interactions at face value.

Times have changed, and Australians' natural tendency to implicitly trust people combined with our laid-back attitude means we are easy to exploit.

According to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's Scam Watch website, common scams targeting older Australians include:

- Investment scams that involve promises of big payouts, quick money or guaranteed returns.

  Always be suspicious of any investment opportunities that promise a high return with little or no risk if it seems too good to be true, it probably is and is highly likely to be a scam. Property settlements and banking related approaches are examples of these types of scams.
- Inheritance these scams offer you the false promise of an inheritance to trick you into parting with your money or sharing your bank or credit card details.
- Unexpected prize and lottery scams that work by asking you to pay some sort of fee in order to claim your



Older Australians are targeted by scammers and should be vigilant.

prize or winnings from a competition or lottery you never entered.

- Dating and romance scammers take advantage of people looking for romantic partners, often via dating websites, apps or social media by pretending to be prospective companions. They play on emotional triggers to get you to provide money, gifts or personal details.
- Rebate scams that try to convince you that you are entitled to a rebate or reimbursement from the government, a bank or a trusted organisation.
- Door-to-door and home maintenance while many legitimate businesses sell things door-to-door, scammers also use this approach. These types of scams generally involve promoting goods and services that are of poor quality or not delivered at all.
- Remote Computer Access be cautious about anyone trying to access your computer remotely using applications like TeamViewer, AnyDesk, Telstra Remote, and Apple Support. All of these applications are extremely useful and safe in the right hands but don't allow access to someone without good cause.

### **Safeguard Against Being Scammed**

People should exercise vigilance so as not to fall victim to a scam. Older Australians have one major advantage over unscrupulous scammers – great intuition honed over years of experience. Some helpful tips might include:

- Be wary when contacted unexpectedly, and don't be pressured into making a decision,
- Call the relevant organisation directly to verify their identity prior to transferring any money,
- When transferring money online, try a small amount first and contact the intended recipient to confirm it arrived,
- Being asked to use an unusual payment method like gift cards, pre-loaded debit cards, iTunes cards or virtual currency like Bitcoin is a sure sign of a scam,
- If contacted about financial advice via email or phone do not respond – simply hang up,

# Report a Scam or View Current Scams

If you become aware of a scam please report it to ScamWatch via their website (scan the QR code below) or Google ScamWatch). You can also view current scams that the government may have become aware of on the same website.

# **Beneficiary Data Cleanse**

It was a marathon but the cleanse is finally finished!!

This was the third time the cleanse had been attempted in recent memory, commencing in November 2021. Legacy WA is still trying to locate around 300 beneficiaries who have not responded to calls or letters asking them to update their details. We have also conducted thorough investigations and at times, found

Legatees willing to door knock on the last known address of lost widows. However, if there are no leads, we are planning to inactivate these widows. They can always be reactivated later if contact is made to Legacy WA.

With an accurate database, the Board and management can make informed decisions about plans moving forward and the allocation of resources.

As a result of the data cleansing, we have discovered a large number of Legacy ladies who require assistance from our in-house community services team. The additional pressure on resources has meant the team has grown to one full-time and three part employees.

# Please contact Legacy WA to update details by either:

- Phone Legacy House on (08) 9486 4900 and mention the Data Cleanse
- Email operations@legacywa.com.au with the subject Data Cleanse.
- Complete the Widow Contact Details Update Form on the back page and post it to Legacy WA, PO Box 1983, West Perth BC WA 6872



# **ANZAC Portal**

Look through the Anzac Portal to uncover the experiences of the people who have served Australia in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. The hardship of overseas service extends to the family and friends they leave behind. We commemorate their service and sacrifice.

To find out more, head to: https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au



80th Anniversary of the Kokoda Track Campaign.



Paths to Victory podcast

# **New and Returning Staff Introduction**



### **Hannah Laws**

We welcome back Hannah from her maternity leave! Her experience and skills will be a great asset to the team. We look forward to having her back in the Community Service department at Legacy House.



## **Emily Briggs**

Emily has been with us since May as the Marketing and Communications Coordinator. You have probably already seen her around Legacy House. She comes to us with a background in marketing and social media and is currently undertaking a Bachelor of Commerce degree due to finish at the end of the year. Emily has already worked on a few projects with Legacy WA and is keen to keep growing.



### **Lauren Durey**

Lauren is one of the newest additions to the Fundraising and Events team at Legacy WA. She is taking on the position of Fundraising and Events Assistant, helping with community fundraising and volunteer coordination. Before Lauren joined us, she completed a Diploma in Event Management at South Metropolitan TAFE.

Lauren is excited to join the team and get to know everyone. Please look out for her call out for volunteers - she would love to hear from you.



# **Scarlett D'Agnone**

Scarlett has recently started her role as a Fundraising and Events Assistant and will work closely with Kelly and the team in upcoming national campaigns. She comes to Legacy WA with a Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing and a background in finance. Scarlett is eager to start contributing to the team, and we are excited to have her.



### **Bernie Flint**

My name is Bernie Flint, one of the team members in Community Services for Legacy WA. I have been a team member for nearly a year now, starting in the Perth Office as a volunteer and then into a paid position. My role includes numerous tasks including liaising with our beneficiaries and Legatees as well as coordinating legal documents and participating in welfare case management, just to name a few.

I grew up in Sale, Victoria (Home of the RAAF Roulettes). I was one of five children, and my father was in the oil and gas industry. His father, my grandfather, served in the First World War in the 4th Light Horse and the Second World War with the 2nd Australian Imperial Force in North Africa.

I moved to Western Australia in 1993 where I had my own family (three children) and now I have four grandchildren too.

I've had many roles over the years both paid and voluntary – including Court Orderly, Administration, First Aid Trainer, Mental Health First Aid, and Education Manager. I have a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and a Diploma in Community Services. I've been a volunteer for over ten years with Mullaloo Surf Club and now at Broome Surf Club. I was lucky enough to be awarded Surf Life Saving Australia Trainer of the Year in 2020.

In March this year, I found myself moving to Derby with my Partner who is a Senior Prison Officer. Working remotely was a great opportunity for me to dedicate myself to Legacy two days a week in a workspace at home doing the same as the girls in Perth. I surprised myself as to how easy the transition from work at work to work from home could be. I could do everything I once did in the office but now from the comfort of my own home office. Modern technology and the effects of a COVID world have afforded us this opportunity to do this.

Living in the Kimberley is a very different lifestyle with the harsh terrain and intense weather. It is, however, one of the most beautiful places in the world in my honest opinion. When I am not in the office you will find me exploring the great outdoors. We are lucky enough to have a boat and caravan and so this dry season we drove the Gibb River Road, gorges, the Bungle Bungles, some inland seas, and a lot of mud crabbing in the creeks and rivers. Volunteering in a community has always been a priority for me; hence I've joined the CWA, helping with a reading program at the local school and in my spare time, I've also taken up golf for the first time.

If you ever want to know more about the transition and what it has meant for me, follow me on Facebook or Instagram at flint.bernadette



# **Waroona/Hamel RSL Donation**

Ivy Wilson and Shirley Iseppi attended the Rockingham Laurel Club 31st Birthday to donate money from the Waroona RSL which is closing its doors.

Ivy was born in Kalgoorlie and moved to Waroona. Her father served in the RAAF and passed away when she was seven and became a beneficiary of Legacy WA. She joined the Army Nursing Corps and then married her husband, Les. They were married for 59 years until he sadly passed away in June 2016. Ivy has three sons as well as a grandson who is in the Army.

Shirley was born in Pinjarra before moving to Waroona. She has a daughter in the Army and has been an associate for the Waroona RSL.

The Waroona-Hamel RSL was started on 19/10/1919 and will close on 19/10/2022. They currently have six Full and Associate Members. The oldest member of the RSL Club is John Lay who is a WWII Veteran and will be 99 very soon.

Legacy WA gratefully thanks them for their donation which will help our beneficiaries.





# Lake Karrinyup Country Club Thank You – Legacy Day

We would like to give a massive thank you to Karrinyup Country Club for their efforts this year for Legacy WA. In May they held their annual Golf Day and Luncheon for Legacy WA. The day was a massive success. We are very grateful and appreciative of the work that Karrinyup Country Club has done for Legacy WA. Please see the below letter from their General Manager Gavin Burt.

Dear Kelly

Re: Legacy Day 2022

As you know, we held our annual Golf Day and Luncheon for Legacy WA on Sunday 1st May. A big part of this day is the raffle leading up to and drawn on the day, as well as the auction items donated for the event.

This year, your generosity by way of a donation of the Whipper Snapper Distillery Voucher, was very much appreciated and helped greatly to contribute to the all-time record amount of \$40,000 that we raised in total for Legacy WA.

All of the items were donated by our generous members as well as Motive Travel, the Governor (for use of his car park) and Legacy WA and we are very grateful to everyone involved.

Thank you once again Kelly for your wonderful donation and contributing towards one of the great charities that we support, Legacy WA.

Kind regards

Gavin Burt General Manager

# **Rock n Jive Social Club**

The Rock n Jive Social Club is a mixed social dance group coming together on a regular basis to not only make a difference in the lives of those that come along to join in the fun, but also to help support multiple charities along the way.

In November this year the club will celebrate its 20th Birthday and over this period has raised more than \$82,000 to support multiple worthy charities, and Legacy WA is luckily enough to be one of them.

We are extremely grateful to all involved at the Rock n Jive Social Club and were delighted to receive a cheque for \$500 on the night.

Brian is a dedicated committee member who nominated Legacy WA as a beneficiary on the night. Having watched the work of Legacy WA over time, he saw the positive impact it has had on not only his own life but the lives of his relatives over many years.

If you would like to know more about the Rock n Jive Social Club which has an open night at the Yokine Bowls on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 7.30pm to 11pm with a great band to kick the night off please call: 0408 948 960 for more information.



# **Army Art**

In July this year, Army Art proudly presented their 47th Army Art Show with Legacy WA as their chosen beneficiary. Army Art had so many incredible artwork pieces on display this year by some very talented artists. It was such a great event that has received so much lovely feedback. Army Art was able to raise an incredible amount of \$10,000.00 for Legacy WA this year. These funds will directly assist us with our upcoming Person with Disability camps along with empowering our team of volunteers to continue aiding with claims and ensuring our families received the correct entitlements, rights, and benefits. We are very honoured to have been a part of Army Art this year as a beneficiary and we look forward to working with Army Art in the future.



# Jingle in July

This year, thanks to the grants we have received, we were able to host three separate Jingles in July throughout Western Australia. This year, we held Jingles in Geraldton, Albany and Perth which all welcomed several lovely new faces. We celebrated with lunches and different shows, it was a wonderful way to interact and meet everyone.

Our Jingles this year were a great success and were enjoyed by all. At Legacy WA, we are working hard to secure more grants in the future to ensure we can keep our events like the Jingle in July running. We can't wait to see everyone at our Metro Christmas Jingle on Tuesday 6th December.



























# **Legacy Week 2022**

Legacy would like to give a massive thank you to all our amazing volunteers who stepped up throughout Legacy Week to help us extend our fundraising efforts. With our volunteer's help, Legacy WA was able to activate three train stations, seven Bunnings stores and two shopping centres.

We would like to give a special thank you to Kim and the lovely Rockingham Laurel Ladies who were down at the local Bunnings store fundraising. Also, a huge thank you to Christian Thomm whose enthusiasm and support was noticed.

Thank you to all the uniformed Defence Personnel who provided much-appreciated support and assistance throughout Legacy Week.

Legacy would also like to thank Coles in West Leederville and Banksia Grove who kept our volunteers fed and hydrated throughout Legacy Week.

To everyone who volunteered and donated thank you for helping make Legacy Week the success that it was.















# **Rockingham Laurel Club Badge Day**

A few of the lovely Rockingham Laurel Ladies went out to the Rockingham and Warnbro shopping centre for the Badge Day collection on the 18th of July.

Pictured here are Rosalie McIntyre, Jared Morrison, Pat Birch and June Lumbers.



# **Military Brotherhood**

On Sunday the 11th of September the Military Brotherhood Military Motorcycle Club held a charity ride to raise funds for Legacy WA. The ride was organised by "Miss T" who is the president of the Rockingham subbranch of the Military Brotherhood. The ride started bright and early at Rockingham RSL with over 100 rides coming down from different Military Brotherhood sub-branches to help support Legacy WA.

Stands went up and the riders began their journey at 10.00am taking the

scenic route through Kwinana and Byford to their destination down at the Mandurah RSL. At 11.30am all the riders made it back to the Mandurah RSL safely after a successful ride.

They were greeted with a lovely sausage sizzle and food provided by the Peel sub-branch of the Military Brotherhood. After some time for everyone to socialise, a raffle of various prizes and an auction of a gorgeous painting created by Red took place with all funds going directly to Legacy WA. The painting alone raised

\$450! For that, we give many thanks and appreciation to Red for creating and donating such a lovely piece for the day's event.

Overall, the event was a success that could not have been achieved without all the hard work Miss T put into organising it and the support from the Military Brotherhood Military Motorcycle Club and the Rockingham and Mandurah RSL. Thank you all from Legacy WA.



# The Better Together Ball

The Better Together Ball, presented by RSLWA and Legacy WA.

Raising funds for our veterans and their families.

The RSLWA and Legacy WA have a proud history of looking after the needs of veterans and their families for many decades – and now we have teamed in a collaborative way to 'do things better together'.

The RSLWA and Legacy WA have a proud history of looking after the needs of veterans and their families for many decades – and now we have teamed in a collaborative way to 'do things better together'. As such, we are reaching out to you to get on board with us to raise much-needed funds for a growing new wave of veterans

and their families, while ensuring we look after our older Veterans.

RSLWA was founded in 1916 to serve those who served. Legacy WA was founded in 1928 with a key vision of looking after partners and the children of those who served.

Now, by coming together in raising much-needed funds, we speak as one voice.

2022 will see unique opportunities while we still face many challenges.

That's why RSLWA and Legacy WA are joining forces to not only rise to the opportunities to improve lives but also strengthen support for veterans and their families to ensure they get the assistance they need and deserve.

November 2022 sees the inaugural "Better Together Charity Ball", an opportunity to help our delivery platform reach the maximum goal, ensuring our Veterans and families have a future they can rely on from trusted organisations like yours.

Tickets can be purchased here.



# JUNIOR LEGACY



After a few years of absence from the Junior Legacy calendar, the committee bit the bullet and held what turned out to be a very successful Family Camp over the WA Day long weekend.

Attended by ten families plus assistance dog Enya, Legatees and Volunteers made sure that everyone had a relaxing and fun-filled few days at the Busselton Camp and all it had to offer with the kids entertained and kept active with cricket, soccer, footy, totem pole, table tennis and fishing

# Legacy Family Camp - 4th to 6th June 2022

with the occasional swim - as while the mornings were chilly, nature turned on its winter best with fine and sunny days.

A big breakfast was served each morning capped off with pizza, beef rolls and salad, ice cream and apple pie around the open firepit with the introduction of marshmallow roasting over the firepit .... sugar hits all 'round.

The kids visited the Ngilgi Cave while the adults toured the delights of the chocolate coated south-west ending the day with lunch at the Cheeky Monkey Brewery and playground.

It was wonderful to be able to sit and chat with the adults about their experiences and see that the kids started to get to know each other and gain confidence. They are looking forward to keeping in touch with new-found friends until next time .... and there will be a next time as the feedback received from the families has been overwhelmingly positive.

The Legatees, Volunteers and the Camp caretaker, Peter Bruce, gave their time willingly and did an outstanding job to ensure that all the families had the time to relax and connect.

By Legatee Rob Fittock.

# Junior Legacy WAPOL Camp – 10th to 16th July 2022

Junior Legacy beneficiaries were treated to a week-long winter camp at Dare Adventure Camp (Jarrahfalls) at Dwellingup during the school holidays hosted by Jill Willoughby from WA Police Legacy. Jill's camp was jampacked with adventure from day one where everyone who attended was treated to a smart warm jacket (which came in handy) and a beautiful sturdy water bottle which came personalised with their name imprinted on it. Everyone found a bunk bed in the dorms and got settled for the week ahead.

On day 2 the kids and supervisors were treated with an educational bush walk learning about the different native trees and habitats. The kids learnt how to make a bush shelter and some interesting facts about the bush and surrounding area. After morning tea, obstacle course! It was fantastic to see everyone give it a go with Elizabeth Uphill at only eight years old proving a force to be reckoned with when she scaled the nine-foot wall! The best of the best got down and dirty with the final challenge of the leopard crawling through muddy water under logs to complete the course even though it must have been around 14 degrees! Stellar effort from this group, not too sure where the senior boys disappeared too though. Nice warm showers were in order and well deserved to thaw out.

Day 3 and it's revenge time with archery tag (it's not supposed to hurt, but I beg to differ depending on where you get hit). It was great to see the younger kids giving the older ones a run for their money. After morning tea, we got into some crate climbing and rock wall climbing. Very impressive effort from Rohan's team consisting of Kiera, Tane and Tom who broke the camp record of a stack of 17 crates. Well done team. It was fantastic to see the kids break out of their comfort zones and attempt different activities. After lunch, we headed into Mandurah to the cinema where the kids were treated to a movie of their choice. They were spoilt with popcorn, ice cream and a drink. After all the movies were over, we met up on the boardwalk and headed over to Cicerellos for dinner. After a jam-packed day, it was back to

camp for showers and a well-earned sleep.

On day 4 we started the day competitively with two teams getting challenged to some team-building exercises. I think there was a clear winner with this challenge. We then combined the teams to get through a makeshift spider web, then used some planks of wood on tyres to get everyone from one point to another. After morning tea, it was time to abseil off the tower, whilst others rock climbed on the other side then rotated around. After lunch, we headed back to Mandurah and visited The Maze. The kids were able to have a round of mini golf, stroll through and admire the mini electric trains and beautiful gardens and get lost in their massive hedge maze. After a sleepy ride back to camp, we had dinner, and most were happy to cheer on their State of Origin teams on the big screen.

Day 5 and we're back on the bus heading to Greenfields for some Indoor Rock climbing. The kids were able to challenge themselves at different levels of difficulty and even attempt some free climbing along the wall (no ropes). After lunch, we returned to camp to play some splat ball (just like paintball but less painful....apparently). There was a little bit of rain but that didn't stop the kids from trying to get as many shots fired, even occasionally at their own team! That evening there was some free time where there was everything from colouring-in, to chess, Uno, spoons, battleships and much more.

On day 6, just to make sure we well and truly exhausted the kids before sending them home, we headed to Treetop Adventures in Dwellingup. Once again, the rain didn't put a dampener on the kids' enthusiasm and they attempted the highest levels available for their different ages. The big smiles showing their triumphs, achievements and conquering fears were fabulous to see (especially mine, trying not to show any fear in front of the younger ones lol). That evening we were in for a treat. The kids were playing some party games when from afar came some flashing lights that could be seen in the bush. We had a

very special delivery of Domino's pizza with our own custom Uber vehicle... the local police! Yes, that's right, all the way from Pinjarra, two very nice police officers delivered our pizza and garlic bread. We were very fortunate to be hosting a very special 13th birthday for twins Jasmine and Tane which was also their very first camp. We hope we made a great impression and they will be back for many more to come. A party wouldn't be complete without a birthday cake followed by some dancing and games. It was a fabulous finale to the end of camp.

Day 7 and it's pack and clean-up time which didn't take too long. It was back on the bus as we headed to our first drop-off point at BP Northbound Baldivis. Jill gave the kids their final meal of choice McDonalds or Red Rooster before the final destination of the Police Legacy Office in South Perth. A big thank you to Jill for an amazing camp and we hope all the kids enjoyed their time. We all look forward to next vear's camp and adventures. Also, a big thank you to the volunteers for their time as these camps couldn't occur without your dedication and time.

Until the next big adventure, take care.

Legatee Kim Farmer



# **LEGACY WA BUSSELTON CAMP**

# The Caretaker, Peter Bruce

With winter all but past, I have to say that the Camp has indeed 'faired well' against the elements. This winter for the most part was just simply, cold.

There was of course the occasional wild storm, whose 'big ole waves' crashed relentlessly on the beach at low tide, which in turn with good fortune, assured we lost no waterfront land that is so often the case with these weather events when the tide is high. The Camp experienced a lot of rain, however there wasn't much in it. There was one storm that blew through the night, with gusts in excess of 90 km/h which left behind a 'right jolly mess' and if that wasn't enough, several thuds during the night revealed a rather plentiful supply of uncut firewood for the rest of the season. Rabbits, Arum Lilies, and a vast array

of what seems like every known weed

under the sun have all decided to take up full-time residency and on mass, here at the Camp. So much so that at times when I went for an occasional evening sortie ..... I felt a bit like 'Elmer Fudd'. Fortunately, we have had several sunny days to spray and some great advice and assistance which will render the upcoming season mostly pest free.

Although this winter has been relatively quiet, here at the Camp, there has still been plenty of action with the SASR and Junior Legacy Camps. I have to say it's always a pleasure to observe the families and in particular, the kids 'tearing round' all over the place, having 'The Fun of Cork' here at the Camp. Speaking of which ... a big thank you to Tammy Davy who was, without doubt, the driving force for Junior Legacy Camp and not to

forget the grand culinary efforts of our special guest Italian pizza chef on the night... Rob Fittoch, well done Rob!!!! Anyhow, that's about it, so with the warmer months ahead, I look forward to seeing you all at the Camp very, very soon.













# New Arrival at Legacy Busselton Camp - Lest We Forget Bench

Thank you to the South Side Scooterists for their hard work and generosity in donating Legacy WA a Remembrance Bench. We will be sending this off to our camp in Busselton, so next time you are down on the grounds grab a picture with it!



# **PUBLIC TRUSTEE**

# WA Will Bank - Public Trustee FREE WILL STORAGE



The Public Trustee provides free will storage for all Western Australians in its WA Will Bank.

Many people don't think about the need for their will to be safely stored. This can mean that at the very time the will is required, it can't be found or has been damaged.

Without the unaltered, original will, your executor may not be able to prove it as your last valid will or may face problems doing so. Your estate may then be distributed in a way you did not intend.

Benefits of storing your will with the WA Will Bank include:

- · It's free to deposit your will.
- The Public Trustee is a statutory authority with a purpose-built vault to keep your will safe from loss, theft or damage.
- Your executor can access your will when the time comes so there are no delays administering your estate.

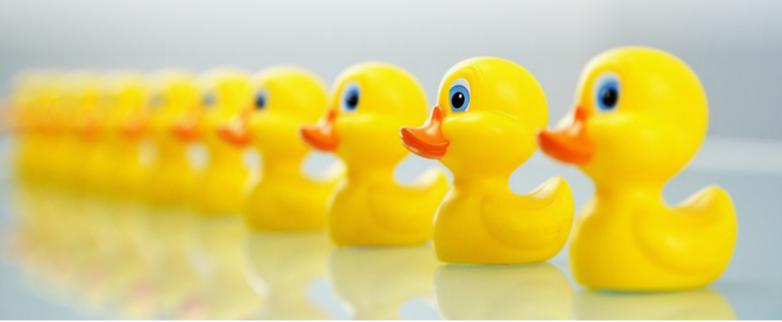
- All wills can be deposited, whether they are written by the Public Trustee or privately prepared, and regardless of who you choose as executor.
- The Public Trustee will locate and contact your named executor or primary beneficiary when you pass away.
- Update your will anytime by simply making and depositing a new will.
- You can obtain a copy of your will or withdraw it.
- You can lodge a will on someone's behalf if they are unable to do so. Conditions apply.

The WA Will Bank currently holds wills for over 120,000 people.

For more information phone 1300 746 116, email public.trustee@justice.wa.gov.au or scan the QR code to visit this website.

Courtesy wa.gov.au





Importance of getting your affairs in order.

# **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

# **Ashlee**

In this Legacy Times edition, we would like to acknowledge and thank Ashlee Graveson for the amazing work she continues to do for Legacy WA. Ashlee has recently been named as a National Finalist for Premier Elite Pageants 2023. A unique aspect of this pageant is that the contestants are encouraged to be positive role models within our community by engaging in different philanthropy work. After seeing the support that Legacy WA has given to her Nana, she knew that Legacy was the charity she wanted to support.

Ashlee was recently in My Fair Lady, a production at the Regal Theatre where she was supported by her Nana and some of our lovely Lillie Ladies. Ashlee has been visiting her local Containers for Change to donate bottles and cans she had been collecting to put the money towards her fundraising efforts. She has also recently organised a cake stall at her school! Ashlee spent the public holiday baking and organising this fundraiser.

We are extremely honoured and grateful that Ashlee chose Legacy WA to be involved with. We thank Ashlee for all her hard work and wish Ashlee all the best with the upcoming pageant competitions.







# Ruby

Ruby has recently started creating various earrings and bracelets in her spare time. Ruby has generously decided that a portion of her profits will be donated directly to Legacy WA to help our beneficiaries.

Ruby is a gorgeous young lady who is using her creativity to be an incredible role model in the community. From everyone at Legacy WA, we would like to say a massive thank you and well done to Ruby. We love seeing what you have created so far, and we cannot wait to see what is still to come.





# **Coffee Club**

Imagine making someone's day by simply making a small amount of time to visit a lovely Legacy lady, have a cuppa (and cake if it can be wangled) and enjoy a simple chat for an hour or so once in a while.

Sadly, some of our beneficiaries are feeling isolated and lonely. While they do not really need the more detailed help of a Legatee, they would benefit enormously from a visit from a friendly face who genuinely cares.

Don't we all know how quickly an hour can pass when we get chatting!! Even on the phone instead of a visit.

If you are a registered Legacy WA beneficiary, Legacy House would have tried to contact you by phone, mail or email over the last six months as part of the Data Cleanse Project – a mammoth job our new CEO, Matt Granger, committed Legacy House staff to undertake. The aim of the Data Cleanse is to speak with each of our 3250 registered Legacy ladies to see if there is anything Legacy WA can do for them as well as update contact details.

Regrettably, we have only managed to contact around half of our registered beneficiaries.

In speaking to our widows, we have discovered an ever-increasing need to provide friendship and companionship to ladies who are isolated and lonely.

As part of the Coffee Club, you can make an immeasurable difference in someone's life, meet new people and make new friends. Visits involve going to Legacy ladies' homes conveniently located in your area – so no long drives are required. In some instances, phone calls can be made.

There is guidance available from Legatee, De'Arne Prosser, who is coordinating this extremely vital initiative.

Please email **csac@legacywa.com.au** or call Legacy House (08) 9486 4900.



# **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

# **Future Documents**

Legacy WA offers free services for our beneficiaries to obtain a new will or update an existing will (only if over 3 years – or special circumstances), prepare a Power of Attorney or an Enduring Power of Guardianship. Please keep in mind Legacy WA will pay for one of these and not all three.

If you live in regional areas and require these future documents, please contact our Community Services Team.

# Welfare

Do you require a legatee to make contact and/or visit you, or would you like a telephone call on a regular basis? The team of Legatees and Community Service Staff are here to help.

Please contact us to discuss this further.

# **Special Aid**

Legacy WA has funds available if you have financial issues. In certain circumstances, special aid can be offered to alleviate financial hardship.

# **Education Special Aid**

Families with children in Schools, traineeships/ apprenticeships, T.A.F.E or Universities can apply for Educational Special Aid. This is available until age 25.

# **Personal Alarms**

Beneficiaries of DVA who have a Gold Card should call DVA on 1800 838 372 to obtain a free emergency pendant.

Beneficiaries who do not have a Gold Card please call Legacy WA and we can discuss the options surrounding getting you an emergency pendant.

#### **Camps**

It's coming up to Summer Camps with the first one for our Lillies from 25th-30th October. The Daisies Camp is due to start 4th-6th November and the next widows camp #4 is from 10th -20th November.

If you wish to register for these Camps remember to get your registration form to Legacy House ASAP.

The Persons with Disability Camp will run from 25th-28th November. A huge thank you to Legatee David Durrant for his offer to again be the Liaison Officer for the camp. Invitations and further information to follow.

Currently, there are no COVID-19 mandates that affect Legacy WA but this is subject to change and you will be advised accordingly.

#### **Junior Legacy**

The Junior Legacy Committee are currently working on several activities for our Junior Legacy beneficiaries and these include a bowling activity on 30th October in the school holidays.

The Christmas party is to be held at Adventure World on 27th November 2022 – more information to follow.

If you require assistance or further information about the above services, please contact your Legatee or The Community Services team via email at getsupport@legacywa.com.au or call us on 9486 4900.





#### Other Information

If you require any further information about Community Services please contact the Community Services Team on 9486 4900 (ask for Community Services) or via email getsupport@legacywa.com.au



# **DIARY DATES**

#### **BENEFICAL DATES**

#### OCTOBER 2022

7 October ...... HMAS Stirling Community Day

25-30 October...... Lillie's Camp

29 October ..... Maritime Day

30 October ..... Junior Legacy Bowling Activity

#### **NOVEMBER 2022**

1 November..... Melbourne Cup

10-20 November.... Widows Camp #4

25-28 November.... Person with Disability Campy

27 November...... Junior Legacy Christmas party

November..... Southside Scooterist (Date TBA)

#### **DECEMBER 2022**

6 December ..... Xmas Jingle

#### **JANUARY 2023**

7–16 January ..... Kids Camp

#### **FEBRUARY 2023**

13 February..... Funcats

#### **MARCH 2023**

10 -20 March...... Widow's Camp #2

22-29 March..... Lillie's Camp #1

24-26 March...... Daisies Camp #1

#### **ARPIL 2023**

3–13 April ...... Widow's Camp #3

#### **EVENTS DATES**

#### **OCTOBER 2022**

15 October ..... Rock for Legacy

16 October ..... Militaria Auction

21 October ..... Bae Golf Action

#### **NOVEMBER 2022**

12 November ...... The Better Together Ball

14 November...... Million Dollar Lunch

#### **Laurel Club Meetings - Times and Locations**

Laurel Club	Date	Time	Location
Bunbury	First Thursday	9:30am	Bunbury RSL Hall
Floreat	Ad-hoc Fridays Contact Betty (08) 9384 2436	12:00 noon	Scarborough Community Centre 173 Gildercliffe St Scarborough
Fremantle	Fortnightly Tuesdays	10:30am	Bicton Palmyra RSL 30a Foss Street Bicton
Geraldton	First Monday	10:00am	Birdwood House 46 Chapman Road Geraldton WA 6530
Kalamunda & Districts	Second Friday	1:00pm	Jack Healey Centre 21 Mead Street Kalamunda WA 6076
Mandurah-Murray	Third Monday	1:30pm	Mandurah RSL Unit 5/20-22 Rouse Rd, Greenfields WA 6210
Menora	First Wednesday	10:00am	War Widows Guild 15 Plantation Street Menora WA 6050
Midland & Districts	First Wednesday	1:45pm	Bassendean RSL 10 Kenny Street Bassendean 6054
Northern Districts	First and Third Thursday	9:00am	"Mildenhall" Duncraig Senior Citizens Club 49 Beddi Road Duncraig WA 6023
Perth	Fridays	9:00am	ANZAC House 3/66 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000
Rockingham	Fortnightly Thursdays	10.00am	Port Kennedy RSL Cnr Paxton Way & Helmshore Way Port Kennedy WA 6172
Vasse	Second Wednesday	10:00am	Busselton RSL Hall 10 Rosemary Drive Busselton WA 6280

#### Widow's Camp

Please note all attendees at the Legacy Camp will soon need to complete the form on page 41 either online or via the post to register – more details to come. Nothing will change for widows accustomed to completing this form in writing and posting it to Legacy House.





## Save The Date

# 55TH Legacy Militaria Auction

Legacy Auctions raise thousands of dollars every year with 15% of all proceeds going to help our war widows and families.

Some individual items have raised thousands. Bring your objects in and support a great Australian tradition. You could be sitting on a fortune!



### Sunday 5th March from 10am Centenary Pavilion, Claremont Showground

More information to follow. To keep up to date, follow @LegacyWA on Instagram or Facebook.

For more information contact **John Burridge** on **0417 189 883** or **john@jbma.com.au** 



#### **WIDOW'S CAMP REGISTRATION FORM**

I would like to attend:  Widow's Camp 4: Widow's Camp 1: Widow's Camp 2: 10-20 Nov 2022  Widow's Camp 1: 10-20 March 2023
Name of registered widow
First Name: Middle name: Surname:
Date of birth:
Residential Address:
Mailing Address (if different):
Phone: Mobile: Landline:
Email:
Next of kin
Name:
Relationship:
Phone:
Email:
Additional requirements
Do you require the use of a commode, walker or gopher?  No Yes, a commode Yes, a walker Yes, a gopher
*Please note there are limited supplies of these items at Legacy Holiday Camp and any aids must be requested at the time of registration to
ensure your needs can be met.
Transportation
Will be making your own way to the Widow's Camp No Yes
If YES please provide your vehicle registration number:
Community
Do you want a call from Legacy WA Community Services?  E.g. pensions, wills, POA, social activities, special aid?  No Yes

Mail to Legacy WA, PO Box 1983, West Perth BC WA 6872

#### **BUS INFORMATION**

If you wish to travel with TransWA please provide either your Gold Card, Seniors Card or Pension Card number so arrangements can be made by Legacy WA on your behalf.

For those wishing to use their free TransWA pass which is included with your Pension Card, please book directly with TransWA as Legacy WA is unable to make this booking on your behalf.

Please note these dates and times are managed by TransWA & South West Coach Lines and may change.

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# **100TH BIRTHDAYS**

Special thank you to the people who make the 100th Birthdays possible. These amazing volunteers organise and deliver flowers, take photos and write a brief history about all the lovely legacy ladies turning 100 years.

#### **Mrs Olga Hay**

Mrs Hay celebrated her 100th Birthday in October 2021 but was inadvertently omitted from the Legacy Times after a staff member resigned around the same time. Her lovely son, Kim Hay, thankfully chased it up with the new editor and we are thrilled to publish news about Mrs Hay's special milestone here today. To Mrs Hay, her family and friends, please accept our sincere apology for the delay.

Mrs Hay was born in Katanning. She grew up attending school in Broome Hill and also Katanning.

Later Mrs Hay worked in a dressmakers shop in Katanning.

In 1943 she joined the Army Signals Corps and stayed there until 1945.

She made many lifelong friends including a lady in Melbourne.

Mrs Hay married her husband in

1948 and lived most of their lives in Floreat.

She has two sons and three grandchildren.

Mrs Hay played golf all her life and only gave it up at 90 years of age to take up cards. Mrs Hay still plays mahjong today.

She travelled extensively throughout her life and celebrated her 90th Birthday in Seoul, South Korea.

Mrs Hay stopped driving in 2019 but is still very social playing mahjong and cards. She was one of five children and the only remaining offspring are herself and a younger sister.

Her secret to longevity is that she has kept herself busy all her life, and as her son Kim will agree, has also always had a happy outlook on life.



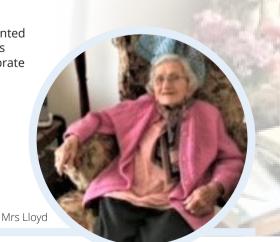
#### **Mrs Hummerston**





#### **Mrs Lloyd**

Legatee Keith Sawyer presented flowers to Mrs Lloyd to celebrate her 100th Birthday.



#### **Mrs Dorothy McNabb**

Daughter, Carol Gibbs, sent through a lovely email expressing her appreciation after her mother, Mrs Dorothy McNabb, received flowers from Legacy WA celebrating her 100th Birthday.

Carol said they had a special High Tea on Saturday and all of Mrs McNabb's family attended.

Dorothy was born on the 22nd of July 1922 to Mary and William Abbott in Perth, the fourth of five children.

She attended business college after finishing school and then worked in the office of a printing firm in Perth.

She married in 1947 and had four children. The young family did a lot of travelling with holidays locally and interstate.

When her husband Eric retired, they travelled extensively overseas including cruises.

Eric passed away in 2000 and Dorothy took a while to recover from her loss.

The last 22 years have seen Dorothy enjoying life to the fullest, active socially with family and friends including social centre activities and holidays away with a dear friend.

Dorothy has been blessed with seven grandchildren and now 11 great-grandchildren whom she adores.

She moved into aged care at the end of 2021, aged 99 ½ years.

Mrs Dorothy McNabb



#### **Mrs Hilda Medley**

Legatee Peter Heeney had the pleasure of catching up with centurion, Mrs Medley, to present a bunch of flowers recently. Her brother and some family members were also present.

Mrs Medley's local newsagency, Nigel White Subiaco, organised a little gathering with a birthday cake to celebrate this milestone for their long-time and loyal customer.

The police walked into the news agency on another matter and photobombed the celebration which Mrs Medley thoroughly enjoyed. According to Legatee Heeney, she is a very cheeky lady and such a treasure to be around.

Mrs Hilda Medley celebrating her 100th Birthday.



Legatee Peter Heeney, Mrs Hilda Medley and two members of the police force.

#### **Mrs Evelyn Lewer**

Legacy beneficiary Mrs Evelyn Lewer celebrated her 101st Birthday on 14 July 2022.

To celebrate the occasion Legacy WA provided a gift of flowers and a Birthday card.

Evelyn was born in Gingin in 1921, the 11th of 12 children. Her father worked in the railway whilst her mother was kept busy with household duties. She attended school at Gingin and left school at 14 to commence work to support her family.

Evelyn was employed in a variety of occupations and worked at Hollywood Hospital for many years where she managed the cleaning operations and staff.

She met Peter Lewer who was employed as a wool classer, and who had served in the Royal Australian Navy in World War 2. They married in November 1953 and had two children, Jacqueline and Michelle plus three Grandchildren. Jacqueline said her mother was always family-focused and greatly enjoyed looking after her Grandchildren.

Peter and Evelyn lived most of their married lives in Manning with Evelyn enjoying an active social life involving badminton, golf, and bowls at the Mt Pleasant Bowls Club.

They had both been residents at Amana Living – Peter Arney Home in Salters Point since 2015 with Peter passing in 2018 at age 94.

Evelyn puts down her long life to being active, having a positive attitude and healthy living.

Thank you to Legatee Peter Gleeson for visiting Mrs Lewer and writing up her bio.

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Mrs Evelyn Lewer

#### **Mrs Joan Tocock**

Here are some flowers that were delivered to Mrs Joan Tocock on Friday 17th June 2022 to congratulate her on her 103rd Birthday!!!

Legatee John Burridge visited Mrs Tocock with his wife, Margaret, and they had a lovely catch-up. Mrs Tocock's husband was in the British Army in the 11th Armoured Division and escaped from Dunkirk before returning to France as a Normandy Lander.

Legatee Burridge said Mrs Tocock is really amazing and is still living by herself in her own home.



**Mrs Josephine Winstone** 

Left: Mrs Josephine Winstone celebrating her 100th Birthday.

Right: Mrs Winstone's 100th Birthday flowers from the Freo ladies





#### Mrs Jill (Madge) Smith

Mrs Jill Smith celebrated her 100th Birthday in April 2022.



Mrs Jill Smith

#### **Mrs Joan Howard**

I had the very delightful pleasure of meeting Mrs Joan Howard, and her daughter Zoe to celebrate her 100th Birthday recently. Mrs. Howard is a wonderful and mentally alert lady who is always a pleasure to meet with. Joan is our lovely Beneficiary for this issue of the Legacy Times, to read more about Joan's inspiring life be sure to check out our Beneficiary Spotlight.

"Thank you for asking me to visit such a wonderful lady" – Peter Heeney.



#### **Mrs Vera Fraser**

Legatee Allan Newton visited Mrs Vera Fraser recently with flowers celebrating her 100th Birthday.

Mrs Fraser received many cards from well-wishers.

She lived for some time in Victoria Park and her husband was an engine driver with the railways, including steam locomotives. He conducted country as well as local trips and was called in if they were a driver short.



#### Mrs Kathleen French

War Widow Kathleen French, celebrated her 102nd Birthday in Busselton recently.

Legatee Bob Wood and Valma Wood visited Kathleen French on behalf of Legacy WA to present her with flowers from the President and members of Legacy WA. A pleasant hour was spent with Kathleen listening to her memories and stories of her life. Legatee Ward said Mrs French was a "totally interesting lady with an amazing memory and obviously loved talking to us about her life" details of which are included below:

Kathleen Jones married Kenneth French on 6th March 1943. She has seven children who are all still living - four boys, three girls, 19 grandchildren, 37 greatgrandchildren and so far, 10 greatgreat-grandchildren.

At age 18, after living with her widowed grandmother in Bassendean. she went to Bencubbin as a shearer's cook for 24 shearers. Husband Ken was a butcher when he joined the army and after the war couldn't return to butchering because of the blood. They were married 12 months when Ken went to war and at the time Kathleen was pregnant. After 12 months in Bencubbin Kathleen obtained work at Coles just to have a bit of extra money while Ken was away fighting. When Ken got back from the war Kathleen had saved enough money for the two of them to build a house in Bassendean. After a year and a half, he went back to butchering and worked as a butcher until Kathleen and Ken retired to Busselton in 1989. Sadly, Ken passed away on the 1st of April 1990 and Kathleen has lived on her own in the same house in West Busselton ever since. Kathleen's immediate family live close by and give her all the support she needs. Kathleen has a prodigious memory, and she is a very lively and sprightly lady.



Mrs Kathleen French and Legatee Bob Ward

#### **Mrs Lorna Murphy**

Mrs Lorna Murphy celebrated her 100th Birthday at Karingal Green Care Home in High Wycombe on 30th June 2022 with a small group of residents and her daughter Marie (nee Hossack). Her bouquet from Legacy WA could not be presented by Legatee Steve Rees because of Covid restrictions however, a staff member carried out the presentation on behalf of Legacy WA.

Mrs Murphy (nee Bullingham) was born in Jolimont, WA on 30th June 1922.

She was educated at a one teacher school in Canning Vale and then at Perth girls' school. After leaving school she was employed at Equity Tailors in Perth who were contracted to make military uniforms.

Mrs Murphy married RAAF pilot William Francis Greenwell, who was killed in a plane crash in WWII only two months after their marriage. She later married another RAAF serviceman, Arthur George Hossack, an aircraft loadmaster in Darwin who died in 1967. After his death, she married John Patrick Murphy, a Korean War veteran.

Lorna's brother Cecil was also a War casualty. He died in New Guinea at Kokoda during WWII.

During Lorna's long life she has suffered the loss of three husbands and a brother all of whom were Australian servicemen.



#### **Mrs Elsie Slingsvy**

Pictured here is Elsie Slingsvy with her daughter Robin Berry on her 101st birthday which they celebrated in September of this year.



#### **Jeanie Herbet**

Jeanie was born in Essex London and grew up with her dad Bert and step mum Molly Blanks. Jeanie completed school in 1939 at the age of 17 to work at Dunlop Rubber in Edmonton as a Clerk.

In 1940 Jeanie joined the Women's Auxiliary Air Force as a Tele Printer Operator and was stationed at Leighton Buzzard Bedfordshire RAF Stanbridge.

In the same year, Jeanie met and fell for Bomber Command Pilot Gary Herbert. At the end of the war in 1946, Gary returned to Australia and proposed. Jeanie boarded a cruise liner (which sounds very luxurious), however, these were ex-troopships! Jeanie finally arrived in Fremantle.

Jeanie and Gary married on the 8th of November 1946 which turned out to be a very hot day and they had no power. Makes for an extra special memorable day. They settled in Scarborough along the beachfront for approximately the next four years.

Gary was a pilot for Ansett and was asked to transfer with the airline to Melbourne in 1950. When Gary retired from flying, they set up their own business called Herbet Alarms. They worked well together with Bert pioneering some new ideas for fitting alarms to cars whilst Jeanie held the office together.

By the early 1970's they decided to head back West and settled on the beachfront in Shoalwater Bay where they remained for the next 50 years. They went on to have two son's Mark and John. They married Vanessa and Anne respectively and are fortunate to have five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. They were active members of the Cruising Yacht Club in Rockingham and Jeanie volunteered in the galley. Gary enjoyed boating, whilst Jeanie enjoyed sewing, knitting, and painting and that includes the house! In the cooler months, Jeanie and Gary would hook up the caravan and head off on extended trips up north for months at a time. They enjoyed exploring and getting away. Jeanie says she has had a wonderful, fun, and enjoyable life with her husband who sadly passed away on Anzac Day 2008. Jeanie celebrated her 100th Birthday in her own home with all her family.

By Legatee Kim Farmer



#### **Mrs Hasleby**

Mrs Halseby celebrated her 102nd birthday on the 3rd of June with her son. Flowers were presented by Ross.



#### **Lilian Martin**

Rob had the pleasure of catching up with Lilian recently and delivering a lovely bunch of flowers to celebrate Lilian's 103rd birthday. Rob also had the pleasure of meeting Greg Foster, Lilian's son-in-law along with Charley the Cavoodle and Matilda the laying hen in Lilian's beaut backyard.

Lilian grew up on a farm not too far from Katanning where she was one of seven children. Lilian tragically lost her son not so long ago and her husband some years ago. Lilian still looks after herself, getting around with her walking frame (3 in fact, placed strategically throughout her home.) Lilian tends to her lovely garden and household chores admirably and is surrounded by endless love and support from her family who also live in East Fremantle.



Lilian Martin



# LAUREL CLUB NEWS

#### **Bunbury**

Thanks to Perth Legacy for the great show and lunch to celebrate Christmas in July.

Another of our members (Lorna Doe) passed away three weeks ago so now only four of us left.













Celebrating the Yanchep Christmas in July 2022 Anne Ivan, Julie Hitchins, Jan Garwell, Zai Zehan, Molly Greenwood, Renee Klahn, Kaye Batchelor, Helen Riddell, Jessamy Welfare, Jan Garwell.

Celebrating the Yanchep Christmas in July 2022 Pam Deverson and De'Arne Prosser.

#### Lillies

Well, I hope all of the Laurel Groups have not been hit too badly with the dreaded COVID, but to the ladies in the Lillies who succumbed and others, I hope you have all recovered well and not had uncomfortable after-effects. I am sure like me we are all looking forward to some warmer weather.

The Lillies have been reasonably busy, we spent a night in York in May relaxing and getting together, but unfortunately, the weather was not kind enough for too much sightseeing. The most important part of these trips and get-togethers is just to enjoy each other's company and a general catch-up without having to rush off somewhere else, which we all so often do.

June saw a great lunch at the Mundaring Hotel, and in July we not only had one Christmas in July but two. The Lillies have made an annual weekend stay for Christmas in July at Yanchep National Park which is a wonderful venue and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attend. They have the best eggnog. But how lucky were we that Legacy also organised a Christmas in July for all Beneficiaries - what an amazing job the staff and members do for us.

An invitation goes out each month for Lillies to have lunch alternating north and south of the river, venues are usually Odin Hotel (north) and Kardinya (south) and they have also tried the Como Hotel.

I know we already have some Lillies who volunteer their time in helping in the office at Legacy House for which they are very grateful, but with the massive clean-up that has been going on regarding the CRM, which I am sure you have all had a call, from this came results that there are an amazing number of Beneficiaries who would like someone to visit for a social chat as they are very lonely. If we could get at least 10 ladies to register with Legacy WA to assist in this it would be greatly appreciated. Over the past few years, we have had some Lillies do this and they really enjoyed the interaction with these ladies.

Stay warm,

De'Arne Prosser.

#### **Floreat**

The ladies all enjoyed the Christmas in July Jingle. Thanks to Legacy HQ for all the work you did. The bus was great and the little step onto the bus was a great help to those who have aches and pains in their legs and backs. The meal was very nice and there were no complaints about the food. Once again, a big thanks to you Marlene, as

you were still recovering from your hospital stay.

Personally, I prefer to have just a couple of groups for the Christmas get-together, but it is what is easiest for you to do.

Regards, Betty.



#### **Fremantle**

Our dwindling numbers attending our socials at the Bicton Palmyra RSL clubrooms are still enjoying each other's company chatting about old and new times, their families and friends.

Ably supported by Legatees Liz Funnell, the bingo wizard, and Alma Riley we ensure that the ladies are comfortable and well catered for with laughter.

Our beautiful Josephine (Auntie Jo) Winstone celebrated her 100th birthday on the 26th of July 2022

surrounded by her family and friends at her new digs at Joseph Cook House in Shelley. Mrs Winstone also received a card from Her Majesty the Queen.

A magnificent milestone and a nice article on her life during the WWII appeared in the local Perth Now newspaper on August 4th, 2022.

A few of the ladies enjoyed a meal and drink at the Kardie Tavern which is a favourite outing for them on our calendar. On 4th October 2022, we are visiting the wonderful people at the North Fremantle Social for morning

tea as we like to mix up the social gettogethers at a local venue.

For the rest of the year, our fortnightly socials will, as usual, be at the BicPalRSL with the popular Melbourne Cup Day party coming up, a visit from the lovely people from LifeLivelt on the 18th of October 2022 and the ladies are also talking about the Christmas Jingle at the end of the year.

Until next time, stay safe and well

Legatee Rob Fittock





Mrs Josephine Winstone reading her card from the Queen acknowledging her 100th Birthday.



Newspaper article featuring Mrs Winstone.

er. "We did marching drills and fired guns; I

#### Geraldton

Hello dear readers.

One trusts everyone is well, making the best and most of what life has to offer...and...let's face it...short as it is, we need to make the most of what is on offer.

"Life is like a restaurant...full of choices."

Freida Moses, a valued and highly respected Laurel for many, many years has moved to new "digs"...
Hillcrest- Juniper nursing home.
Frieda is experiencing health issues and consequently, it was no longer a viable proposition for her to live independently. With mixed emotions, something we all experience at times, she has made the transition and is settling into her new surroundings.

"Saying... YES... to a new adventure."

Our other members, Liz McQuillan and Betty Mitchell, life-long friends of Freida are also there and I believe morning tea with these three dear hearts has taken on a whole new meaning.

Geraldton Laurels held a very enjoyable "Jingle in July". This was well attended with Laurels, Legatees, and their respective Goddesses along with Tracy Hamel and Kelly Horner from Head Office, presenting to join us for a sumptuous two-course luncheon.

The Bluff Point CWA ladies did an awesome job in serving up a generous roast beef, roast pork lunch with all the trimmings. Sweets were equally amazing - one of the nicest pavlova roulades my taste buds have experienced. Well done CWA Bluff Point.

Liz and Pearl acquired COVID and unfortunately were unable to attend. I believe they both have "kicked COVID" out as an unwelcome visitor and are now again marching to the tune of "wellness". We will see them at our next meeting on the 5th of September 2022.

We sincerely thank the RSL for arranging for the bar to be open. Special accolades go to Gillian and her well-trained "helper" in Paul for delivering excellent and attentive bar service. Let's face it..."drinkees"... are a very necessary part of any good luncheon. Cheers everyone.

In Geraldton, we are so very lucky to be blessed with such a supportive group of Legatees who are always excelling in their efforts to care for our Ladies. Their "jump to attention" attitude is amazing beyond belief. I know I keep "banging on" about how wonderful they are...but they are worth every breath of praise and if "Legatee Olympics" was an event... they would bring home gold, gold and more gold.

"Excellence is not a skill...it is an attitude."

We will be holding our AGM on the 5th of September 2022, at 10.30am at Birdwood House. I will be in touch with our members by phone, text or in person, closer to the time as a reminder. To any Laurel thinking about attending for the first time... come along...give us a try. We are friendly, fun and non-judgemental. Come along...give us a go.... 0417 098 905.....if you would like to discuss attendance.

Well, dear hearts...the sun is out, the wind has stopped and my "prince" is waiting for his walk.

Take care, stay safe and well.... 'till we talk again.

Cheers for now

Barb.

#### **Kalamunda and Districts**

Special Life Stories.

Our members are Special with interesting Life Stories. Joan (Burgess) Grimshaw shared with us a glimpse of her early days. Joan and her sister Audrey grew up in Claremont and Joan started school there. When Joan was seven her family moved to Gallop House in Nedlands. Joan recalled the fun they had there on a Saturday night when they were allowed to sit on a big cane lounge on the balcony and watch the ferry with the parties on board coming down the river.

After twelve months the family moved back to Claremont. In their late teens, Joan and her sister both did modelling.

When Joan was working at Sandovers she met her husband Ron Grimshaw. Ron had an interesting background as he was a sailor on board an N Class Destroyer during the war. They were the Napier..Nizam.. Nepal..Nestor and Norman.

Joan also had many talents as she was a very skillful artist and also a wonderful dressmaker. She made many beautiful wedding dresses. Her sister Audrey went on to have a career in radio and television.

Today as a widow, Joan is enjoying her retirement in the lovely Karingal Green at High Wycombe.

Annette Twist.

#### **Mandurah and Murray Club**

Hello again from Mandurah Murray Club.

We welcomed new members, Norma Farrell and Helen Hickman. Hope you are feeling better Helen. I had a camp in May and it was nice to have new faces from Geraldton and Albany join us for the first time.

It is a long trip for them, but they all had a good time and hope they will be back.

Thanks to Carmen and Sita for their cooking especially for Mother's Day. Our members enjoyed the great music and meeting up with other widows at the Christmas Jingle in July. Thanks to Santa for coming and joining us. Big thank you to Legacy WA for getting us all together.

Must also send our best wishes to Frank Clayton who has retired as a Legatee after 30 years of service. Much appreciation to all our Legatees who have put in the time and effort over the years.

Looking forward to meeting you all at the Christmas Jingle later in the year and those who come to Busselton in November.

Mandurah will have our Christmas lunch at the end of November then break until February. Looking forward to sunny days and good health to you all.

Secretary, Barbara Keillor.







#### Menora

Hello to all Laurel Club members from the Menora ladies, I hope you are all keeping warm at this time. It has been rather cold.

We continue to meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the Australian War Widows Hall, 15 Plantation Street, Menora.

We had lunch over the road at Bethanie On the Park as a catch-up for our AGM which was very nice. They were very short-staffed on the day but they all worked very hard to keep the meals coming. It is lovely for the ladies to have lunch together and to be able to chat around the table.

All the ladies enjoyed the Christmas in July Jingle. The meal was great and a nice size for older ladies. It is very nice to be entertained and catch up with the ladies from other clubs.



A big thank you to all of those who work to make these events possible.

Cheers
President, Jan McLeod.

#### **Midland and Districts**

Hello to all the Legacy family.

Spring will be with us shortly and we should have more sunny days to enjoy.

Instead of our usual meeting on the first of June, our club went on an outing to Pasta in the Valley, It was a lovely day which started with a drive through Midland, Swan Valley and Mundaring Weir.

Then onto the restaurant for a delicious lunch which everyone enjoyed.

It was great to have each other's company in a beautiful and peaceful setting.

On our journey home we detoured through Ellenbrook and some beautiful bushland areas.

On the 6th of July, our meeting was held at Bassendean RSL, 10 Kenny Street, which is very close to the train station. This will be our home for the next few months.

We meet at 12 midday and bring our own lunch. On entry we pay our fees and buy a raffle ticket, three or four ladies usually bring a cake or biscuits to share with our tea or coffee provided by the club.

While eating our lunch we share a good chat, laugh and relax. At about 1.30pm we have our more formal meeting in which we start with the Legacy Widows Prayer and then share ideas relevant to Legacy and our club. At the Christmas in July lunch, we are looking forward to catching up with fellow members.

Our next meeting is on the 3rd of August. New members are always welcome.

All new members are given a pack with a diary, badge and Information relating to Legacy and our club.

Our meeting concludes with the Legacy Widows Song and the National Anthem.

Best wishes from all our members,

Lillian Cottongham.

#### **Northern Districts**

Hands up to all those who didn't enjoy the Jingle in July at the South Perth Civic Centre? I could not imagine there would be anyone who did not enjoy the occasion, as the food and entertainment were all top-notch. Thank you to staff, volunteers and especially Marlene, who either arranged the event or helped on the day. You have done a fantastic job again and your efforts were very much appreciated.

At the beginning of the year, things were looking rather grim for bus outings at the Northern District Laurel Club. Like other Laurel Clubs, our numbers are dwindling, and we were unable to fill a bus with the required numbers ourselves. That was until one of our committee members, Rosie, who is responsible for outings, suggested we combine our Laurel Club with two other community groups who were experiencing similar problems. Combining our groups has worked extremely well for all clubs concerned and enabled us all to enjoy a couple of outings together.

The first of our combined outings was to Peel Manor House in Karnup, a Georgian style mansion with a secret garden. The second outing was to Wilkinson Homestead and Museum

in Gosnells followed by lunch at Zia's Restaurant in Kelmscott. Our third trip was to a Christmas in July lunch at The Castle Hotel in York. The Legacy ladies felt thoroughly spoiled, having enjoyed two Christmases in July in the same week, with this outing coming only two days after the Legacy event at South Perth.

In addition to the bus tours, we have maintained our monthly lunches at different venues around the northern suburbs. The lunches are normally held on the second Thursday of the month.

Another memorable outing was to the Wheelchairs for Kids factory in Darch, where Rosie was able to hire a small bus driven by our Legatee, Jeff Edwich. Many thanks to Jeff for his time. I recommend this tour to other Laurel Clubs as it was very interesting to tour the factory and talk to the volunteers who do a wonderful job making wheelchairs for disabled children worldwide. Following the tour of the factory, Jeff drove us to Portofino's in Mindarie where we all enjoyed a lovely lunch.

Well, enough of my ramblings, I would like to sign off with another quote from Murphy's Law:

"The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong. But, that's the way to bet."

PS. These words of wisdom may come in handy for the Melbourne Cup in November.

Cheers, Pamela Murphy



#### **Rockingham**

A cheery hello to all fellow Legacy clubs.

Sadly, still not a lot happening down here at a wet and cold Rockingham. Since our last edition, we have lost two of our long-serving members. Both were in nursing homes and we were sad to hear that Beryl Rayner and Peggy Gold had passed away. Beryl had not attended for quite some time and was in a nursing home in Perth. Peggy was a resident in Shoalwater and sadly passed away on her 95th birthday, which was on one of our meeting days. Kim took the message from her daughter Hillary, so that all her friends here knew. Brenda's family held a memorial service here at Port Kennedy RSL, as she had been a resident in Rockingham and had many friends. Six of our members were able to attend and we had a brass plaque placed on our Honour Board on the very day of the service. Peggy's funeral in Rockingham was attended by a group of members and her plaque has also been added to our Honour Board.

Our past president, Pauline Vernon, was sent a delivery of native flowers for her 90th birthday along with a card signed by all the members.

Since that time we have heard that Pauline is no longer able to live alone and is now a resident in Shoalwater Nursing Home. Sadly she is not able to go anywhere as she now is relying on a rather large oxygen tank. Members

have phoned and I sent a bag of books to her. We could not visit as there had been an outbreak of COVID-19 there but at this point, all are now well.

We have had a couple of quizzes to test the member's general knowledge complete with a few small prizes for the winners ....and a couple of ENCOURAGEMENT awards for the 'NOT AWAKE' ladies.

We did have a Biggest Morning Tea on the 19th of May 2022, which was a meeting day for us. Along with member's usual fees, a raffle and the sale of the many cakes we then added our bank balance. We were delighted to send a cheque to The Cancer Council for \$500. A very good effort on behalf of the 20 members present on the day.

We organised our Christmas in July lunch at the RSL at Port Kennedy and the meal was a great success from what I was told.

I myself was in isolation as two members of my family that I live with had tested positive for COVID-19. All is well and all clear now.

The Christmas in July Jingle at South Perth was a nice trip out for us - the first for a very long time. We shared transport with some ladies from Mandurah. A good day out.

At our recent AGM, all the committees

were re-elected by the members present and all were pleased to preside for another year.

We have our 31st birthday lunch on the 25th of August 2022 and once again the members have chosen our very obliging RSL as the venue. They were so pleased with the last meal that it was a unanimous decision.

At our AGM, Kim Farmer, our Legatee, took a group photograph of the 16 members present .....whilst she was standing on a chair .....to get us all in the frame.

We shall try to find a few more things to occupy our ladies but with the bad weather and advancing years, there is not a lot of enthusiasm at the moment. But as we say, we can always ask the president if we can play bingo and I have a couple more quiz ideas in my head, ready to go!

So, until the next time, try and stay warm, dry and free from the COVID scourge.

Best wishes to all other clubs. Warmer days will come.

Barbara Ayling

Images taken at the Rockingham Laurel Club Christmas in July 2022 celebrations at the Port Kennedy RSL recently.



Jasmine Hughes, Lola Johnson, Eleanor O'Rafferty, Jan Thair and Thelma Kerrigan.



Margaret Smith, Judth Harris, Judee Elphick and Karen Steer.



Evelyn Forrester, Anthea Inkpen, Judy Davy, Helen Corti, Beryl Gorfin and Rosalie McIntyre.



Pat Birch, June Lumbers, Ann Halsey, Stephanie Burcham, Dot Sofield and Mick Garnsworthy.

#### Vasse Laurel Club

Hello all from Vasse Legacy. We have our regular monthly gatherings with usually 10 to 12 members attending. Mostly we have morning teas and lunches at local venues. Always great to get together and have a laugh and a chat.

It was sad the passing of one of our members Marlene Neil in September. Marlene, Nanul and Catherine from Legacy headquarters were down for our May gathering at the Equinox. Thanks Marlene.

At our Annual General Meeting in June Gwen Scadden was elected as our President.

Goodbye for now. Best wishes to all and stay safe.

Regards Linda Button

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