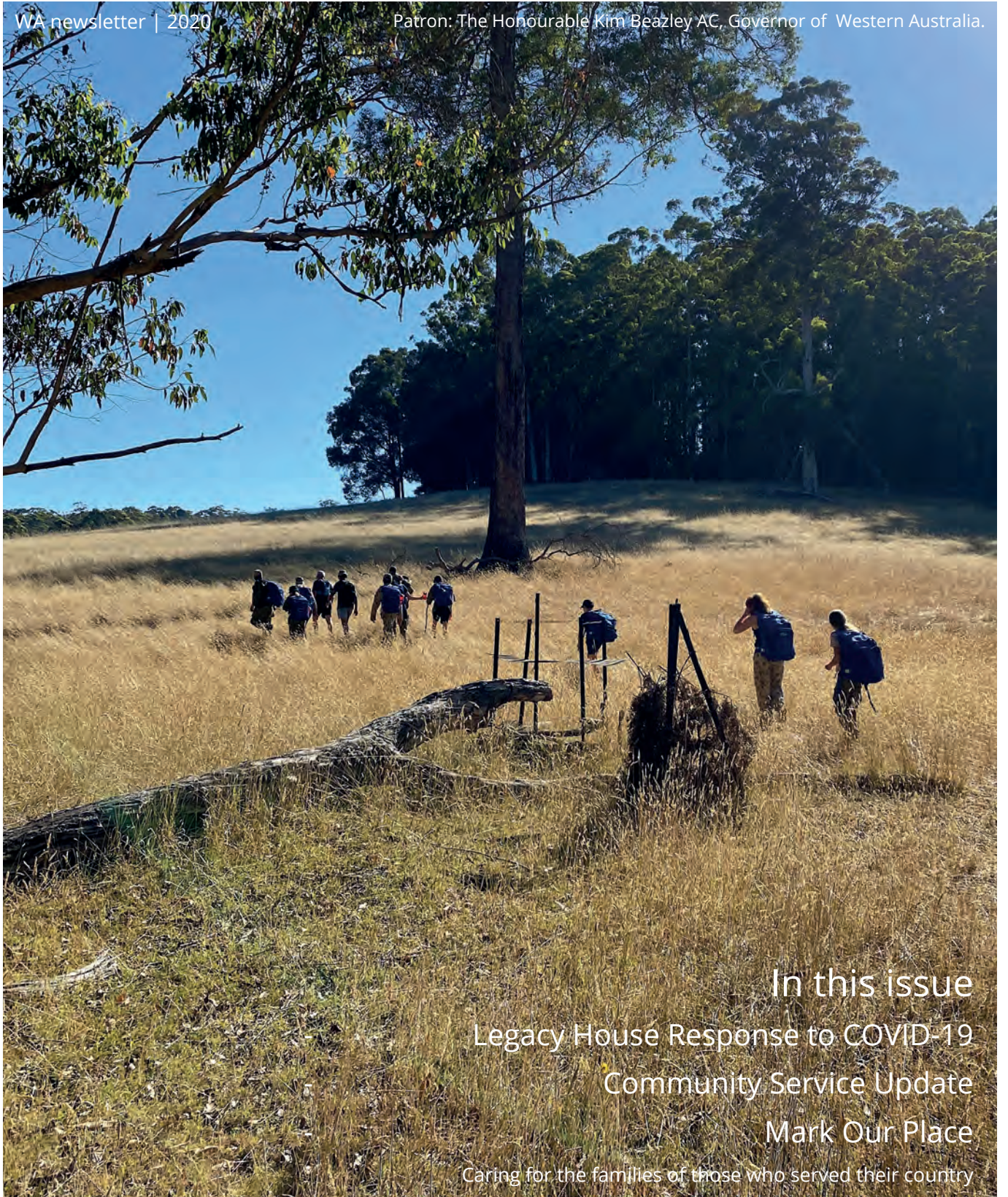


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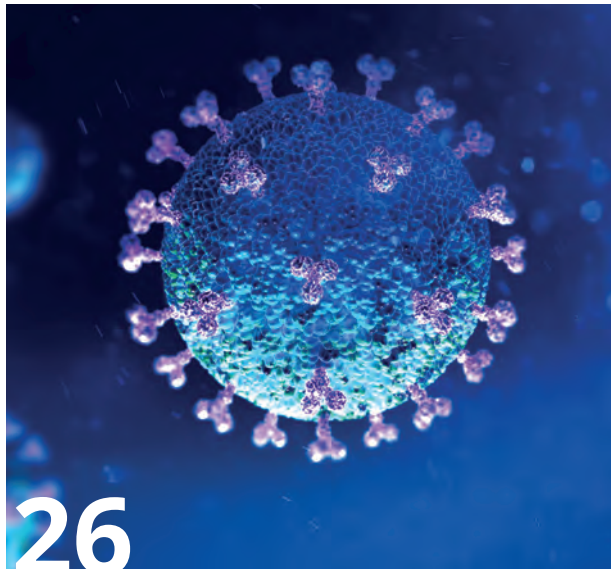
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# CEO's Message



Having the opportunity to write a piece in the Legacy Times is a humbling opportunity for me to deeply consider the past, present and future of the organisation. The last half of 2019 was incredibly busy as we undertook a range of projects including a review of our business model, which as a newly appointed CEO, allowed me to garner a detailed understanding of how the organisation has operated historically. I have come to learn and appreciate that Legacy WA was built upon the unquestionable dedication of a large group of selfless men and women. These men and women aspired to support the families of those who gave their lives and health in the service of our great country.

The longevity of Legacy nationally and in WA is testament to the work undertaken by these volunteers. It is the same group of people who continue to rally and advocate for the families of our Veterans and it is these people who will be at the forefront of the changes needed to ensure Legacy continues to operate into the next century for as long as our beneficiaries need assistance.

Like many other small not for profit organisations, the relentless effort and time spent on sourcing funding can often be a distraction from the more important work of servicing our beneficiaries. Recently, however, there has been a deliberate move to re-shape the staffing structure at Legacy House in order to re-direct funding into the Community Services Department. This team will work closely with the Family Services Committee to focus efforts toward improving our current support mechanisms to beneficiaries.

In line with this, proactive measures are in place to create productive partnerships with external providers to assist in the provision of greater opportunities for beneficiaries with the assurance of professional and accredited operators and we are working on ways to grow our support capability to families living with ill health veterans. Some of these partnerships you will see advertised in the Legacy Times.

I am inspired by the opportunities presented for the year ahead and I look forward to working with you all over the coming year.

***Vivian Blycha - CEO - Legacy WA***

# Board Member Profiles

## David Stanley Durant

David Durant became a ward of Legacy at the age of seven. He attended Junior Legacy camps and outings and became a member of the Junior Legacy fitness club, run by Legatee Ford at Bishop House and then Legacy house at South Perth.

David's Legatee, Arthur Stoneham, was an Old Boy of Wesley College. Arthur helped David enroll at Wesley, where he completed his secondary schooling. After Wesley College, David studied Chemistry at the Technical Education Division, gaining a Diploma of Applied Science (Chemistry). At the same time, he was employed at Royal Perth Hospital in the Biochemistry Department, as a Laboratory Assistant. After finishing his first qualification, he went on to study Chemistry at the Western Australian Institute of Technology (WAIT).

While at WAIT, David rowed for the WAIT rowing club and became Men's Captain of Boats at the

end of his rowing career. He remained employed at W.A. Health throughout his working life.

After two years on the Junior Legacy Committee, David was asked to become Chairman, gaining at that time an automatic seat on the Board of Management, which he held for five years. In that time, he attended many Junior Legacy Summer camps, and many outings for the wards. This last year he served on the Family Services Committee, responsible for acknowledging the widows' hundredth birthdays.

David has been Family Adviser to a ward and an adviser to a widow. He has also handled many widows' contacts as well as many Newly Bereaved Contacts.

After working for 40 years at Royal Perth Hospital and Fiona Stanley Hospital, David is now retired.

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## Ian McNee

Ian McNee is qualified in Human Resources Management and Industrial Psychology. He served in the Australian military in the Officer Training Unit in 1967-68 and between 1968-70 2LT, 7Battalion Royal Australian Regiment Holsworthy (NSW) and South Vietnam.

***Ian has 35 years of business experience in Human Resource Management including:***

- 30 years in a variety of HR Management positions within the Wesfarmers Group of Companies –
- 1984-92, Group Human Resource Manager – Wesfarmers Limited.
- 1993-96, General Manager Human Resources – Wesfarmers Dalgety Limited.
- 1997-2007, Divisional HR Manager –WFI and Wesfarmers Insurance Division.

### ***Highlights:***

- Over the last 20 years, involved with teams in Wesfarmers Mergers and Acquisitions considerations, which lead to successfully completing the due diligence, restructuring

and integration of three new businesses into the appropriate Wesfarmers Division.

- 1993-2007, Member of Wesfarmers internal Divisional Boards, which were chaired by the Group Managing Director and generally at least two external Directors.

In 2016 Ian commenced his work as a Legatee and he has continued to play a large role within Legacy WA:

- 2016-2019 Torchbearers Board
- 2016-2018 Junior Vice President, Perth Legacy Board
- 2018-2019 Board Member, Legacy WA
- 2018-2019 Personnel Committee Member

Ian has further not for profit experience with the Mount Lawley Golf Club and 7RAR Association (WA Branch) as a Committee Member and Reunion Organiser. Furthermore, Ian has also been awarded the Australian Active Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Australian Defence Medal and the National Service Medal.

# Board Member Profiles

## Georgina Hall

Georgina Hall works for the Department of Education of WA, as a Deputy Principal and teacher. She is an elected member of the School Board. Her role is strategic planning, assessing risk management and gaining the best performance from staff.

As a widow and Legatee, Georgina's focus is seeking knowledge to develop and support Legacy WA. She believes everyone should perform voluntary work, so values being a member of The Board to work towards accomplishing the targets set in the strategic plan and constitution.

Georgina has always been affiliated with the military. Her father was a war veteran and involved with RSL. Her most memorable days were watching her father march down York Street, Albany on ANZAC day and then ending

up on Mt Clarence for the service watching the sun rise.

Georgina has twelve years of military experience. Based in Melbourne, during the Vietnam conflict, she married into military. Her husband became a Legatee. During that time, she assisted him in varying capacities with widows and the Children's Camp.

Qualifications:

- Graduate Diploma of Social Science
- Bachelor of Education
- Diploma of Teaching
- Workplace Training Category IV National Training Authority Assessment & Training

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## Gavin Briggs

Gavin Briggs became a Legatee in 2017 and has been a Secretary of Legacy WA since November 2018. He has worked in government, not-for-profit and tertiary sectors as well as private consultancy work. Appointed in 2015 to a full-time position at Curtin University as a Clinical Professional Fellow, and is currently the Course Coordinator for their Graduate Program in International Relations and National Security. He has lectured in this postgraduate program since 2009.

Prior to that full-time appointment, Gavin has 15-years' experience in State and Commonwealth departments, including the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Canberra). His roles included intelligence analyst, senior policy officer, executive officer, executive manager and acting-director of strategic initiatives.

During that period, he worked for nearly eight-years with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC), which included working directly with various members of State parliament. Gavin was the adviser to two State Government Cabinet ministers, and undertook project work

for the then Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Hon. Mark McGowan MLA.

Moreover, Gavin has further experience in a number of different roles

- During a later period with DPC (2014), seconded to work on an Expenditure Review Project.
- Former print-journalist and research manager at Future Directions International (Perth based strategic analysis think-tank).
- Community service includes Justice of the Peace (2001-present), and mentor for The Smith Family Indigenous tertiary students program (2009-14).
- Since 2005, a serving Air Force Reserve Public Affairs Officer (SQNLDR) and includes deployments to Middle East and in an earlier life, Rifleman with 16th Battalion, RWAR (1996-97).
- Postgraduate qualifications include Masters Degrees from ANU and the University of New South Wales, and a postgraduate diploma from UWA.

# Ambassador Profiles

## Ken Michaels

Ken Michael studied at Imperial College London and was a former Commissioner of Main Roads WA, a chairman of the East Perth Redevelopment Authority, a member of the Economic Regulation Authority, and was the Chancellor of the University of Western Australia.

Michael was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 1996, and elevated as a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2006. He was named Western Australian Citizen of the Year in 2001 and received the Centenary Medal in 2003 for "service to the public, engineering and the Greek Community".

Governor of Western Australia, Michael's vice-regal appointment was announced on 6 June

2005, and he was sworn in at Government House, Perth on 18 January 2006 by the Premier Alan Carpenter, witnessed by Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Western Australia and Lieutenant-Governor, David Malcolm.

In 2006, Michael was named the patron of the Fremantle Football Club, following in the footsteps of Lieutenant-General Sanderson who was also patron at Fremantle. He has been a member of the club since 1994 as an inaugural Quay Club member. Michael is also the state patron of The Boys' Brigade.

Michael was appointed Chairman of the Western Australian Cricket Association in December 2016.

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## Andy Robertson

Dr Andrew (Andy) Robertson is the Chief Health Officer and Assistant Director General within the Public and Aboriginal Health Division in the Western Australia Department of Health (WA Health). With specialist qualifications in Public Health Medicine and Medical Administration, he served with the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) from 1984 until 2003, including completing three tours to Iraq as a Biological Weapons Chief Inspector with the United Nations Special Commission in 1996 and 1997 and sea-postings on HMAS CANBERRA, HMAS SYDNEY and HMAS PARRAMATTA. Dr Robertson continues to serve in the Active Naval Reserve and in 2015 was promoted to Commodore and took up the role of Director General Navy Health Reserves in the RAN.

Since retiring from the Permanent Navy in 2003, Dr Andy Robertson has played an integral role in Western Australia's health sector, holding the position of Director, Disaster Preparedness and Management in WA Health from 2008 until 2018. Through this position, he has coordinated responses to the 2005 Bali Bombing amongst other significant local and international disasters. Since 2008, he has also acted in the roles of Chief Medical Officer (2012) and Chief Information Officer (2013) within WA Health.

He is an active Council Member of the Australasian Military Medicine Association and the current Editor of the Journal of Military and Veterans Health. He has published over 30 journal articles, primarily on disaster response, military medicine and CBR defence, in a range of journals.

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## Penelope Williamson

Penelope is committed to the ideals of facilitating business opportunities for members of the Chamber both in Australia and overseas. With a background in international trade and marketing, she has been responsible for markedly increasing the profile of Australia's premier international business organisation since being appointed to her role in 1995.

Penelope has changed the focus of AmCham's (Australian Chamber of Commerce in Australia) membership to include primarily oil and gas, defence, engineering, mining, and resource-based companies, while increasing the profile of AmCham by speaking at numerous high profile functions.

# Legacy Community Service Update

Legacy WA is excited to introduce Michelle Saleeba as our new Community Services Manager. In her new role she will be working with the wider community to foster partnerships for Legacy. So far, Michelle has developed relationships with Pets of Older Persons, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation and Alison Bickell career coaching and is in discussion with more organisations to deliver exciting opportunities for beneficiaries young and old going forward.

## Pets of Older Persons (POOPS)

Pets of Older Persons or POOPS as it is more commonly known as, is a volunteer run organisation that aspires to carry out its mission of 'Keeping People and Pets together.' Ann, a Busselton resident has been living with macular degeneration for the past 20 years. Having this condition which is the leading cause of blindness in Australia, as well as suffering heart failure last year changed how she lives day to day. Ann lives alone and was particularly concerned about her little dog Sophie as she could no longer take her for her walks.

With a helping hand from volunteers at POOPS, Sophie is now getting out and about on a number of walks every week. But it's not only Sophie who feels the benefits of these regular walks. Ann enjoys her visits from her volunteers who she says love to chat as much as she does and has said of her experience with POOPS:

"I think it's the best thing that's ever happened to me since I've been here, because before I was getting really down, not down in the dumps but you're just on your own a lot and now I've got



people coming nearly every day... Sophie and I have a very busy life meeting people and I love meeting people I really do."

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

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

## Food Bank



Foodbank is Australia's largest food relief organisation, operating on a scale that makes it crucial to the work of the front line charities who are feeding vulnerable Australians. Foodbank provides more than 70% of the food rescued for food relief organisations nationwide.

Last year, Foodbank sourced the equivalent of 77 million meals for our 2,600 charity partners. Without this food, millions of vulnerable Aussies would go hungry.

Our work makes a positive difference in the lives of Australians, with recipients of food and grocery relief reporting they feel less hungry,



# Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation



Legacy WA has partnered with Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation to provide some exciting opportunities for our beneficiaries. Legacy is looking forward to offering opportunities for beneficiaries to engage in these adventures in the future. Watch this space!

### From Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation:

On board, you'll experience things you have never done before - climbing the rigging of a tall ship, setting and furling the sails, taking the helm and standing watch during the night. Actively involved in all ship operations, you'll discover new strength, a joy in working together

and of communicating and laughing as you learn the intricacies of maneuvering an 1850's style 3-masted barquentine.

Our highly experienced Leeuwin crew will provide the support you need on board to ensure a safe and incredibly fun adventure. Relationships Australia are on board too to provide support and advice about navigating the teenage years. You'll be challenged. You'll be tired. But most importantly you'll feel exhilarated by this unique experience and for having shared a simply amazing weekend together!



are able to focus and concentrate, are less stressed and more hopeful.

Foodbank not only plays a lead role in fighting hunger, but also a vitally important role in tackling Australia's \$20 billion food waste problem and helping the environment. Our food and grocery rescue operations last year saved 81 million kilograms of CO2 emissions.

For every kilogram of food distributed by Foodbank, the social return on investment has been valued at \$23. This means the impact of Foodbank's work in the community is worth almost \$1 billion annually.

Contact [marketing@legacywa.com.au](mailto:marketing@legacywa.com.au) if you would like to find out more information on how Foodbank can help you.



# Legacy Community Service Update

## Career Coaching - Alison Bickell



Career coaching can provide individuals who are re-entering the workforce or who are simply looking for a new career trajectory, personalized and expert help. Legacy WA has partnered with Alison Bickell to provide Legacy's beneficiaries with the opportunity to receive some guidance. If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please contact Michelle Saleeba at [msaleeba@legacywa.com.au](mailto:msaleeba@legacywa.com.au) with your EOI.

### What is career coaching?

The goal of career coaching is to empower professionals by assisting them in making informed decisions regarding their career. Career coaches follow a solution based approach and focus on results.

### How will career coaching help you?

Career coaching will give you the methodology and mindset to make professional decisions that focus on what you are good at and what you want from life.

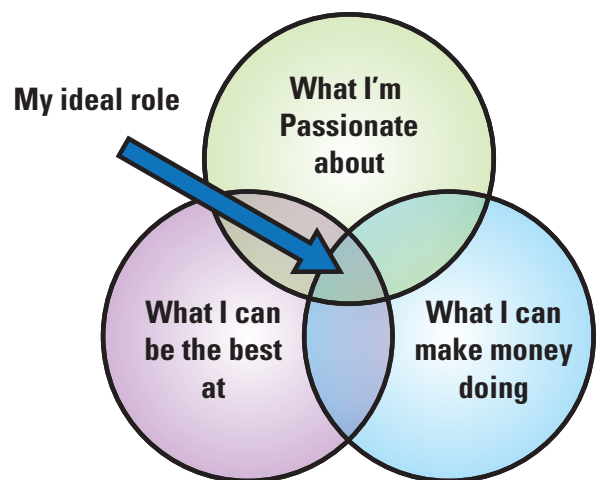
### How will you benefit from career coaching?

With the help of your career coach, you will get personalized, expert advice, targeted to your particular situation. You will also have the opportunity to challenge yourself and explore new pathways in a safe environment.

It is however important to note that you cannot expect your career coach to do everything for you. It is still the responsibility of the client to produce their own resume and cover letter.

### Who is Alison Bickell?

Alison is a highly effective coach and counsellor with over 8 years' experience working with a broad range of adults with varying needs and goals. Her unique skill-set means that she has the capacity to work with both high-functioning individuals and individuals experiencing



anxiety, fear of change, and low enthusiasm. Her ability to gauge the needs of the client and tailor her approach is what sets her apart from her colleagues.

At the heart of Alison's approach is her ability to encourage clients to engage with their own strengths, resourcefulness and resilience. She supports clients to connect with what is most important to them through values clarification and to identify preferred career options that align with their values and strengths.

The scope of her coaching and counselling experience includes grief and bereavement, forced redundancy and resignation, relationship breakdown, stress prevention and management, workplace bullying, wellbeing, low confidence and self-esteem, anger management, and career enhancement.

Alison's coaching and counselling practice is underpinned by more than 20 years' in the workforce in a variety of roles in management and marketing and communications across local government, the not-for-profit sector, and private enterprise.

# Haynes Leeuwin Barristers & Solicitors

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Everyone knows it is good to make a Will, however many people do not spend enough time planning their Will and choosing an executor.

The financial and emotional implications of a loved one's death are complex. Taking time to plan your affairs now will help make a difficult time easier for your family and ensure your estate is distributed the way you choose.

If you do not plan properly, the result could be a legacy of disappointment and discord that you will not be able to change.

Here are some tips to consider with your Will:

## **Get professional advice**

Your Will is one of the most important documents you will ever sign. It should be legal, binding and up to date to cater for the needs of your loved ones after your death.

A carefully planned Will simplifies administration of your estate for your Executor and ensures that your hard earned assets are distributed in the way you intended.

Invest in legal advice to make sure that you understand areas such as superannuation benefits, insurance policies, testamentary trust options, tax implications, possible challenges to your Will, etc.

Haynes Leeuwin assists clients to prepare carefully planned Wills that give them peace of mind knowing their loved ones are looked after when they are gone.

## **Keep your Will up to date**

Reviewing your Will every three to five years or when there is a change in your family circumstances will ensure it reflects your current wishes and family's needs.

In particular, sign a new Will after a marriage or divorce, as both these events revoke an existing Will.



## **Finding the right help when you are an Executor**

Being appointed as an Executor can be a daunting task. Applying to the Court, dealing with assets, paying liabilities and distributing to beneficiaries can seem overwhelming.

Haynes Leeuwin can assist an Executor with some or all of the tasks involved in administering a deceased estate, helping you navigate the complexities of estate administration.

## **About Haynes Leeuwin**

Haynes Leeuwin provides friendly professional legal advice on wills, estate planning, probate, contesting Wills, Family Provision Act claims and assist executors with administration of estates.

The team at Haynes Leeuwin is very excited to assist Legacy in providing advice on Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney and Enduring Powers of Guardianships for their members.

Marguerite Lourens is one of the directors of Haynes Leeuwin and has extensive experience in the areas of wills, estate planning, probate applications, letters of administration applications and estate administration.

Marguerite is looking forward to meet the Legacy members and help them with their estate planning needs.

Please note that this article is intended to give a broad outline on estate planning and wills. It is intended as a guide and is in no way a substitute for legal advice.

# A Festive Evening

By Valerie Latimour

In the midst of a record-breaking heatwave, over 100 people gathered at Government House on 13 December 2019 for Legacy WA's Christmas party.

Special guests included Dr Andrew Robertson, editor-in-chief of the Journal of Military and Veterans' Health; the Hon. Dr Ken Michael AC, former Governor of Western Australia; Penelope Williamson, General Manager of the American Chamber of Commerce. Ms Williamson was also MC for the event, introducing keynote speaker the Hon. Peter Tinley, Matt Moran of Defence West, and Vivian Blycha, CEO of Legacy.

Other distinguished guests included Legacy board members, volunteers and staff, as well as military personnel, heads of NGO's and select Legacy supporters from industry and SMEs.

The evening was supported our Diamond Sponsor Defence West and our Gold Sponsors MDR Certification Engineers and Defence Health.

After a gracious introduction by Ms. Williamson, Minister Tinley acknowledged both the traditional owners of the land and the contributions of indigenous servicemen and women to our military.

The main thrust of Minister Tinley's speech concerned the contribution that veterans can provide to the community. It was essential, he

said, to move away from the bias towards the 'Wounded Digger' narrative and to acknowledge that the vast majority of veterans are looking to contribute to society. He spoke of portions of the Western Australian Defence and Defence Industries Strategic Plan that are weighted around helping veterans move into their desired career at the conclusion of their service. He acknowledged the vital importance of veterans' families to both veterans and the community.

Speaking of Legacy, Minister Tinley noted that it is an organisation in transition. Legacy's heritage is part of the identity of both WA and Australia. It was important, he said, to honour and commemorate the dead, and celebrate the living. Legacy does this by supporting veteran's families.



Matt Moran, Executive Director of Defence West, presented next. He also spoke about the importance of supporting not just Defence but also our veterans and their families. Mr Moran understands the challenges inherent in the transition from service to industry and employment. Other topics touched on by Mr Moran included the prediction that 2020 will be an extremely bright year for the defence industry, and an assertion that a Team WA approach is essential.

The final speaker for the night was Legacy CEO, Vivian Blycha, herself a veteran. In thanking the audience for their attendance and support of Legacy, Ms Blycha noted that the cause is not Legacy, rather the families of veterans. Legacy, she said, is uniquely Australian, and nearly 100





years old. In referring to a century of tradition, Ms Blycha said, 'We can't live in the past, but the past lives in us.'

Looking to the future, Ms Blycha spoke of the challenges faced by Legacy. Acknowledging that the current economic climate is unfavourable for not-for-profit organisations, she also explained that the changing landscape of military service is presenting emerging needs we have not seen before, and the ability to adapt to these changing needs will be vital in Legacy's future support of veteran's families.

Ms Blycha introduced the evening's special guests, providing the audience with some background on each and thanking them for their support and attendance.

Before and after the formal portion of the event, guests mingled and networked in the elegant surroundings of Government House. The atmosphere was relaxed and festive, with a great deal of chatter and laughter, as drinks and canapés were served.



# Event update



**11 DAYS. 1100KM ACROSS THE DESERT. FOUR VETERANS  
PUSHING THEIR MINDS AND BODIES TO THE LIMIT.**



## 'The Late Arrivals' Nullabour Charity Run

The Late Arrivals club led by Jason Ey are raising funds for Legacy WA by completing a grueling 11 day run across the Nullarbor. The challenge aims to not only raise funds for Legacy but commemorate Ey's late grandfather, Reginald "Mick" Ey who was one of three Australian soldiers who miraculously escaped death when their plane came down in enemy territory in 1942. Along with Pommy Mills and Johnny Hunt, the three men survived in the Libyan dessert with limited food and water for 11 days and walked 225 kilometres before they were rescued.

Jason Ey is himself a veteran and worked as a clearance diver in the Australian Navy for 10 years. Veteran mates - Josh Thornhill, Heath Whitfield and Steven Dean will join Ey on the commemorative run and collectively the men will complete a distance of 1100 kilometres.

Jason is excited to be fundraising for Legacy and stated "It's so important that we support Legacy



so they are there to support the young families who are left by themselves." The Late Arrivals Club is aiming to raise \$50,000 for Legacy and any donations would be greatly appreciated. To donate, head to <https://www.mycause.com.au/page/216899/the-late-arrivals-club-commemorative-run>

# Mark Our Place



Legacy WA was privileged to partner with Rugby WA to coordinate an exclusive viewing of the documentary 'Mark Our Place' at Event Cinemas Innaloo on 16 December 2019.

The film, produced in Western Australia by local filmmaker Ashley Morrison, tells the true story of "three Irish lads with parallel lives: they play for the same rugby club, they play rugby for Ireland, and each is awarded the Victoria Cross."

Ashley Morrison has extensive experience working in broadcasting and media with 32 years in the industry. His vast resume extends across a number of different fields including broadcasting and sports commentating. Legacy had the pleasure of interviewing Ashley about his documentary.

## 1. What inspired you to make a documentary on this topic?

I came across the fact that these three rugby players had all played for the same club, all played for Ireland and all been awarded the Victoria Cross, and as a sports commentator and broadcaster was surprised I did not know about them, so I started looking into their history. I found that very few rugby fans had heard of their unique achievement and so felt compelled to tell their story.

## 2. How are the characters in 'Mark Our Place' unique

Only four International rugby players have been awarded the Victoria Cross, for three to be from one country let alone one club makes their achievements unique. It is doubtful it will ever happen again.

## 3. So far, how has 'Mark Our Place' been received by the community?

From the screening the feedback was very positive, now we just have to try and have the television stations air it. It is hard to tell, but of that was a test audience I would say feedback was very positive.

## 4. What do you hope the documentary will ultimately achieve?

The aim of the documentary was to make more people aware of these three men. It also explores whether it was their upbringing, Wanderers Football Club or the sport of Rugby that made them the heroes they became. I think that it shows the important part sport plays in life. I would hope that more people will be aware of the three of them and that even all these years later they may be given some recognition for what they achieved on and off the rugby field.

The evening was enjoyed by all who attended including Ruth Leyland-Cowan who stated that "Ashley generously offered the Cinema Preview of his documentary Mark Our Place as a fundraising initiative for Legacy WA, and even supplied artwork from the documentary as prizes on the night. The resounding audience response at the preview was Mark Our Place is very engaging and a story that needs to be shared."

The event was an extraordinary success with over 100 people attending and all proceeds donated to Legacy WA.

# Annual Children's Camp at Busselton

The children's camp was held once again at the Holiday Camp in Busselton, during the January school holiday period. Over 70 children were able to attend, including five from the New Zealand Defence Forces and seven children from Police Legacy.

As an observer of the camp, I was delighted to see the kids get off the buses and joyfully meet and greet their friends from the year before. Noticeably, the nervous energy was greatest from the camp supervisors who could not contain themselves, as they waited for over two hours for the buses to finally arrive.

As the kids dragged their suitcases and pillows to the grassed area of the camp, they awaited instructions from Ryan ("Cowboy"). Once allocated to their camp groups, their supervisors began to make introductions and get the kids ready for the first of many activities to take place over the next 10 days. Activities ranged from swim tests, trampolining, survival, trivia and quiz nights, then the long awaited trip to Simmos Ice creamery.

Even after 62 years, the relevance of the camp remains. The consequences of having a parent serve in the Defence Force can be devastating for children. Through attending camp, these

vulnerable children receive support from their supervisors and fellow camp-goers whilst engaging in character building activities.

Whilst the camp was fun and exciting, the kids also learnt some valuable lessons including teamwork, communicating with others, respect and the importance of caring for your friends and peers. This year the older children were allocated a junior to mentor. The care and support provided by the older kids was greatly appreciated by the younger ones whilst they learnt the ropes.

As the camp came to a close for the year, it was uplifting to speak with many of the children who reflected on their time at the camp. Most shared the common experience of the camp









being 'the best place on earth' and where they had made 'lifelong friends'.

As the kids and supervisors prepared to say goodbye for another year, a last minute exchange of emails and phone numbers was conducted, along with the odd tear here and there. The strong relationships built as a result of the camp are priceless and will last forever.

Of course, a camp like this cannot be undertaken without the support of members

of our Australian Defence Force, Legatees and volunteers. The generous donation and in-kind support of the Belfer Trust, The Military Brotherhood Motorcycle Club, and a whole range of local business owners from the Busselton Shire also helped make the camp possible.

On behalf of Legacy, we thank you all for your time, donations and support.

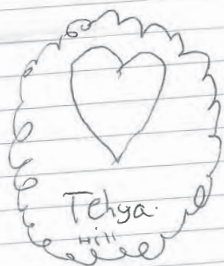


Thank you so much for making us able to go to this camp. I really appreciate how you spend so much of your time to set up this camp. The camp was very fun and I'm happy to tell you I really enjoyed it.

Thank you from Jude

Dear Legacy  
thank you for letting me go on this camp it was AMAZING my favorite part was the beach I loved it!

Thank you



Thank you Legacy!

Thank you for letting us go on this camp it has been one of my funnest adventures ever all the SAS soldiers were so fun and funny and the activities were the best  
Thank you

from Kian



# Fun Cats



Junior Legacy held its regular Funcat Day on Sunday 23 February 2020 on the banks of the beautiful Swan River at South Perth. With the Perth city skyline as a backdrop, camp supervisors, Police Legacy and members of the Legacy family enjoyed a perfect day out. This year's activity was again very well attended with more than 80 people present including Legacy children and their families, Special Air Service Regiment (SASR) members, Companions, and a number of Legatees and their families.

As is the regular custom with almost all Junior Legacy activities, WA Police Legacy children also attended. With a number of SASR members present (including the Commanding Officer and Regimental Sergeant Major), the children were given the opportunity to reconnect with their supervisors from the most recent Legacy Children's Camp. Despite the threat of a storm, the sun came out for a very enjoyable day, with light winds conducive to enjoyable catamaran sailing. Some fine sailing skills were displayed out in the middle of the Swan (we won't mention those who had to be towed back to shore though). A special thank you to Funcats Watersports. Andrew and his team have generously supported this event for many years by providing catamaran hire for our Legacy children.

After a couple of hours on the water, a delicious spit roast and salad lunch was served to all. Following lunch, the inviting melody of the ice-cream van was heard and attendees were



allowed the choice of a selection of refreshingly cool soft-serve ice creams to round off the afternoon. Many thanks to L/ Tammy Davy and the Junior Legacy Committee for organising this wonderful social event that provided Legacy the opportunity to thank those supervisors from the recent Children's Camp, as well as providing another enjoyable activity for our Legacy children and their parents.

# Legacy Widows Luncheon



On Thursday, the 28th November, I had the pleasure of the company of five Legacy War Widows at our annual luncheon. We all met at the Mount Barker Community College where we were treated to a beautiful meal prepared and served by the students under the expert guidance of their teacher, Kathleen Hopper. Roze Holland, Joan Dean, Nora Wynne-Houchin, Gwen Hook and Gloria Checkley thoroughly enjoyed the meal and the subsequent reminiscing. The ladies were presented with a Christmas card and a Legacy Christmas pudding pack along with a pen to mark the occasion. Our thanks to Gloria's twin sister Judith for bringing her along to the Luncheon and Corrie Van Dooran for accompanying her sister in law Roze. The accompanying photo is of all those ladies flanked by the MBCC students with their boss, Kathleen.

We were also joined by Georgia and Kate from "life live it" Occupational Therapy. They, through

the Department of Veterans Affairs, provide occupational therapy in addition to advising and supplying aids and advice on residential modifications to assist eligible widows in their daily tasks.

"Since 1923 Legacy has kept a promise to help the families of our fallen heroes, so far we've helped over 100,000 and stand ready to support a new generation of Australians who continue to serve in great danger". "Should the unthinkable happen Legacy will be there, but we can't do this on our own". On Friday, 24th of April 2020 we will be holding our annual badge day and urge you to give generously, all contributions, no matter how small are greatly appreciated. In the relatively few short years I have been involved with this day the local community has donated in excess of \$15,000, support that is greatly appreciated by Legacy and the widows/widowers they assist.

# 100th Birthdays

## Dorothy Vallence

Dorothy did voluntary work with The Australian Red Cross for 30 years, earning a long service award medal of which she is very proud.

She was born in Yarloop, delivered by her Grandma who was also the local midwife.

She has lived on a farm in Boyanup where she milked cows and worked in the local shop. Donnybrook where she was grading apples during the war.

Dorothy was engaged at 19 and married at 22. Her husband saw his child just before he went off to jungle training in Queensland then to war for 2 1/2 years. Only getting to know his son on his return.

Dorothy loved all sports and in 1939 was chosen to represent W.A. in Adelaide at the National Championships which her team won.

Dorothy attributes her longevity to always reading food labels and checking on the sugar and salt content, good-clean living and



gardening. She is having a big party to celebrate with family and friends.

## Winifred Macaloon

Winifred MacAloon lived on a farm near Brookton until she was six years old and ready to go to school, then the family moved to 58 Goodrich Street Perth so she could attend Primary School. The house is now listed with the Heritage Trust.

After leaving school Win went on to night school and learnt shorthand and dressmaking. She loves a bit of sewing and is currently knitting one of her daughters a jumper. Another love of Wins is scrabble, watching Hot Seat, the news and going out for cappuccinos

Her first husband Ted died as a POW while working on the infamous Burma Railway in Thailand.

Win met her second husband Bill after WW2 on the cruise ship Duntroon and she married him in 1948.

Win has 5 daughters, 13 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren

Today she celebrated her birthday with her three sisters age ranging from 93, 95 and 96 years her daughters and neighbours



On Saturday she will be having her second party with all her family including Grandchildren and Great grandchildren

She attributes her longevity to a good diet, good genes and an occasional little nip of brandy.

## Ruth Probert

Mrs Ruth Probert was born in Tasmania and at the age of 21 decided to leave home, and go to Melbourne to join the WAAAF. Ruth served in Melbourne for three years then spent a year in Queensland working in the communication section. She found serving in the forces for filling and it also made her very happy.

Ruth met her husband in 1946 and they were married in 1947. They moved across to West Australia and spent 20 years living in some of the country towns. Namely Moora, Northam and Kalgoorlie.

Ruth has 2 children and 3 grandchildren, loves to play Scrabble and has been a member of a Scrabble Club for 30 years. She not only loves the game but also loves the company.

Ruth thinks she has lived in the best of times and attributes her longevity to being healthy all her life



## Joyce Bridge

On Saturday the 29th February I had the distinct privilege of presenting a card and flowers to Joyce Bridge, on behalf of Legacy, in celebration of her 100th birthday on the 3rd March.

Joyce was accompanied by her son Adrian, daughter Marie and Marie's husband Robin who came into the Aged Care Unit specifically to be with her for this presentation. The main celebration was on the Sunday where her family travelled internationally and interstate to be with her on this special occasion.

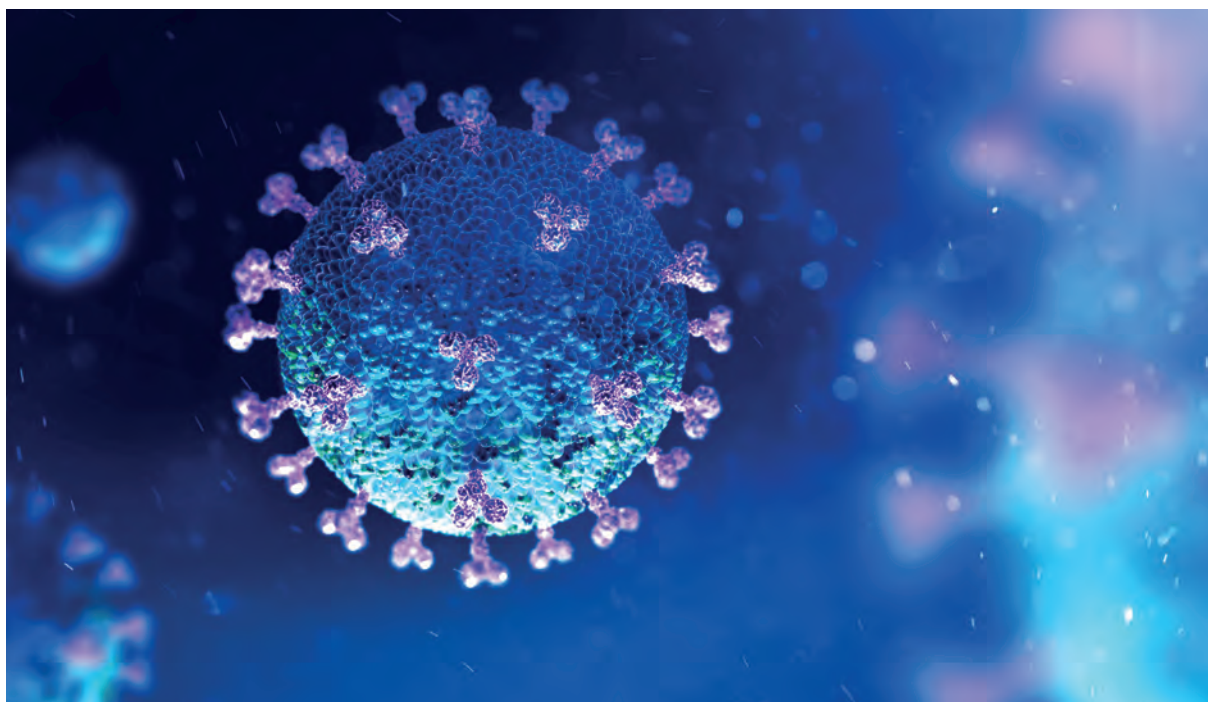
I first met Joyce in 2003, before I was a Legatee, when the late Legatee, Roy Webb, took me to meet her in Cranbrook. The visit was to drop off Legacy badges for Joyce to collect on our behalf on Badge Day. This assistance has been carried out for many years, until Joyce herself felt that she was unable to continue. This had to be her decision as I was genuinely advised by family that should I choose to prevent her from collecting she would have had a contract taken out on me! A very lovely lady whom, over the years, single handed, would have raised several hundreds of dollars for our organisation. May



Joyce continue in relatively good health.

*Wayne Hood  
Legatee  
Mt Barker WA*

# LEGACY HOUSE RESPONSE TO COVID 19



As the world comes to terms with the COVID-19 pandemic, Legacy WA has undertaken preparations to ensure our services continue with as little disruption as possible. Your health and safety is our primary concern, as such, we are ceasing all home visits with effect immediately. The phone lines at Legacy House remain open during business hours and we will keep you updated as the situation changes.

## **USEFUL INFECTION CONTROL MEASURES**

We strongly encourage you to follow guidelines from the World Health Organisation on infection control. These include:

- frequently cleaning your hands by using alcohol-based hand sanitiser or soap and water
- when coughing and sneezing, covering your mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue, throwing this tissue away immediately and washing your hands, and
- avoiding close contact with anyone who has fever and cough.

For more information you can go to <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

## **Garden Maintenance**

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LegacyWA would like to remind all beneficiaries of the opportunities available for garden maintenance through the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). DVA offers lawn mowing and gardening as well as other general maintenance including cleaning of gutters. One of our widows, Mrs Kerry Wall was very pleased

by the work completed on her back yard and stated that "they [DVA] were on time, completed everything they said they would and were very kind." If anyone is interested in having some assistance in the garden, please contact DVA on 1800 555 254 to find out what you may be entitled to.



# From the Laurel Clubs



## Mandurah Laurel Club

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Hello to everyone from the Mandurah Murray Club. Hope you all are well and looking forward to 2020. Mandurah has been in recess since November but we all enjoyed our Christmas lunch at Dudley Park Bowling Club. 26 ladies attended with our legatee Mike Burgess and enjoyed the meal and company. Mike presented our President Anne Dunlop with the Korean Peace Medal which she accepted on behalf of her late husband.

Those of us who attended the jingle enjoyed the new venue and meal. Always a good time to catch up with the widows we only see a few times during the year.

We will be attending the SW Picnic in March and as always look forward to going to Busselton

and the Camp. If you haven't attended camp, you don't know what you are missing out on. Just do it!

I have been going to camp for over 20 years and am looking forward to going to Yvonne's in February. There are always lovely, interesting widows who are delightful and the atmosphere is relaxing.

Mandurah has its first meeting on 17th February and we welcome old and new members. Meetings are at the Baptist Church 1:30 the 3rd Monday of the month.

Thanks to all our hardworking Legatees and best wishes to all at Legacy.

**Barbara Keillor**  
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## Midland & Districts Laurel Club

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We welcomed in our 1st meeting for 2020 on the 5th of February with 18 members. We were excited to have Marlene and our legatee Warwick join us. They also brought our new diaries and updated us on relevant plans for the Laurel clubs.

We all thoroughly agreed how much we enjoyed the Xmas jingle at South Perth Yacht Club. Our club Xmas get together at 7th Avenue restaurant in Midland was also a lovely lunch and we enjoyed receiving prezzies from Santa.

Our raffle raised \$104 and it was a great way to end the year.

Finally, we are wishing all who have been affected by the devastating bush fires and other tragedies a better end to the year. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you as you rebuild for the future.

Our next meeting is at 1pm on Wednesday the 5th March. All welcome.

**Lilian Cottingham**  
Midland and Districts club member.

# From the Laurel Clubs



## Geraldton Laurel Club

Hello to all dear readers as we welcome another year of adventure...where did the last year go... wherever it went it was all too quick.

*The new year stands before us...like a chapter in a book...waiting to be written...happy 2020.*

Prior to the end of 2019, Dulcie, Frieda and myself were lucky enough to be invited to join our Legatees for their xmas lunch at which we were able to meet our new CEO, Vivian. The meal was very generous as Dulcie found out. The saying goes... "be careful what you wish for".....A pint or two was required to wash down these spoils. Dulcie did her best with encouragement from Frieda but eventually got the "doggie box out".



Geraldton Laurel members, Legatees and partners gathered at the Wonthella Bowling Club on the 2nd December for our Christmas Lunch. Our caterer Georgie did an exceptional job once again in providing a delicious spread and again we all went home carrying an extra pound or two. We held a rather large Christmas raffle with 10 prizes being offered and of course "Secret Santa", again, was a big success.

Thank you to all our members for attending the luncheon which in turn contributed to the success that it was.

*You cannot build a peaceful world on empty stomachs...*

Our very dear Betty Mitchell celebrated her milestone 90th birthday on the 31st December with a party at our RSL on the Saturday prior. Reports indicate that the event was most memorable and very entertaining. Well done Betty.



*We must always cherish our happy moments... as time goes by... they make a wonderful cushion.*

February 3rd 2020 saw us conducting our first meeting for the year. It was well attended and very encouraging to see that the links in our chain are still joined.

*It is not that diamonds are a girl's best friend... but it's your friends who are your diamonds.*

Well our dear hearts, there it is for another chapter... it has been wonderful catching up again...and until we read again wherever you may be..... our warmest thoughts go to you all for a wonderful and safe 2020.

*The bad news is... time flies... the good news is... you are the pilot.*

*Barb... Publicity Officer Geraldton.*

# From the Laurel Clubs



## Daisies Laurel Club

On behalf of the Daisies Laurel Club, I would like to wish all WA Laurel Club ladies, much happiness, good luck, and the very best of health throughout 2020.

Since the Daisies established in May last year, we have welcomed several new ladies in the second half of 2019, with plenty of new friendships being made, we have enjoyed several social outings, a Christmas in July at Perth Metro Bar & Grill, a Brunch at Point Walter Café in Bicton, and joining the beautiful Lillies Laurel Club ladies, for end of year Christmas Party at the Pagoda which was thoroughly enjoyed by

all. Many thanks to Legacy and the volunteer organisers for the wonderful Christmas Jingle at South Perth, it's always a highlight event with plenty of Christmas cheer. This year we plan to have a more Daisies attend this wonderful annual event.

If any widow born after 1959 is interested in joining the Daisies Laurel Club, please contact Legacy WA.

**Kelly Beake**  
*President*



## Lillies Laurel Club

The Lillies group have welcomed several new members and we look forward to getting to know, and support them during the coming months.

The group has had a great start to the new year with a picnic in Kings Park.

A get together at Cherals, which also included our AGM was a great success. Luckily the weather was a lot milder than the 47 degrees of last year. The Committee remains the same with the addition of two extra committee members, Kaye Batchelor and Tricia Smith.

Our next function is in March and is a River Cruise which also includes lunch.

Our Calendar is full of great excursions, lunches and dinners for the remainder of the year. Our

annual camp is in May and 'Christmas in July' staying at the Yanchep Inn overnight will also be a highlight.

A group of our Lillies have also organised to go on a cruise to New Zealand in March 2021 so lots of things to look forward to.

As always we strive to support our members with good times, laughter and support and we look forward to the coming year.

**Pam Deveson**  
*Secretary*  
*Legacy Lillies Laurel Club.*

# Giving a Gift of Remembrance

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

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

If you would like to know more about how you can become a **Legacy Torchbearer** please contact Legacy WA.

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



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Our Bequest Officer will be in touch with you shortly to discuss details and welcome you to the Legacy Torch Society.