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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

# Honouring Commitment, Embracing Change

STEVE STOLL



As we move through another remarkable year at Legacy WA, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the commitment, compassion, and unity that define our community. Our mission — to honour the service and sacrifice of our veterans by supporting their families — continues to guide everything we do.

Over the past months, I have witnessed firsthand the impact of your generosity, whether it's through volunteering, attending events, or simply sharing our story with others. Each act of support strengthens the fabric of our Legacy family and ensures that no widow, widower, or child of a veteran ever feels forgotten.

In the spirit of growth and renewal that your ongoing support makes possible, I am writing to share an important update from the Legacy WA Board. After 3.5 years of exceptional service, Brett Dowsing has decided to step down from his role as Vice President. Brett's dedication, wisdom, and steadfast commitment have been instrumental in guiding our organisation through a period of significant growth and development. On behalf of the Board and all Legatees, I extend our sincere thanks to Brett for his invaluable leadership and contribution.

I am pleased to announce that John Morrow will step into the role of Vice President. John has been a dedicated and engaged member of the Board, and we are confident he will bring strong leadership, energy, and clarity to this new position. Thank you, John, for taking on this responsibility.

With John stepping into the Vice President role, Daniel Jackson will be appointed to the Board as a Director. Daniel brings fresh insight and a deep commitment to Legacy's mission, and we warmly welcome him into this important role.

Please join me in thanking Brett for his outstanding service and in congratulating both John and Daniel on their new appointments.



# THANK YOU

Hancock Prospecting as our Major Supporter for the fourth annual Better Together Ball.

Your partnership is instrumental in helping Legacy WA and RSL WA continue our shared mission to support veterans and their families.

The Better Together Ball unites two of WA's most respected ex-service organisations with one shared mission: to raise critical funds for those who've served and the families who stand beside them.



THE  
Better  
Together  
BALL

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## CEO'S ADDRESS

# A Message from the CEO

ALLISON STEPHENS



Reflecting on the past six months at Legacy WA, I am reminded of the strength and generosity of our community. Whether it has been through volunteering your time, attending our events, or sharing the Legacy story, your support ensures that the families of veterans are never forgotten. From regional outreach visits to collaborative projects with community partners, each initiative has strengthened our ability to provide practical and meaningful support.

It has been a busy and rewarding period, marked by events and initiatives that not only raise vital funds but also deepen the connections within our Legacy family. From commemorations to community activities, each occasion has been made possible by the tireless efforts of our Legatees, volunteers, staff, and supporters. I am proud to see the way we come together, united in our mission to honour service and sacrifice.

It has been wonderful to see camps return to the calendar, beginning with the successful Family Camp over the WA Day long weekend. We are also preparing for our Widows' Camps, to be held in October and November in Busselton, which will bring widows together to share time, friendship, and support. These camps remain a cornerstone of our work, offering opportunities for connection, recreation, and resilience-building among those we support.

The past months have also been defined by some of our most important community events. Legacy Week once again gave us the chance to share our story with Western Australians and raise vital funds through our street appeal and activities. The Better Together Ball, held in partnership with RSLWA, was another highlight — a wonderful evening that showcased the unity and generosity of our community while raising much-needed funds for veterans' families.

At the same time, Legacy WA is experiencing a period of change and transition, as we adapt to meet the needs of our community today and into the future. Change is never easy, but it brings with it opportunity — the opportunity to strengthen our foundations, renew our approach, and ensure that Legacy remains a trusted and enduring source of support for generations to come.

The Christmas in July High Tea was also a great success, and I thank everyone involved, including His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson for his attendance. Looking ahead, our Christmas Jingle at South Fremantle Football Club on 5 December will be another wonderful opportunity to gather our community, celebrate the year, and enjoy time together.

I extend my sincere thanks to the Legatees, staff, and volunteers whose dedication ensures we can meet the needs of veterans' families today while building the foundations for tomorrow. Together, we will carry the spirit of Legacy forward through every season of change.

# PIVOT HEALTH GROUP

*Serving Those Who Served Us - WA's Allied Health Experts*

## Physiotherapists

Physiotherapists support DVA clients by providing hands-on treatment and rehabilitation to manage pain, improve mobility, and aid recovery from injury or surgery.



## Exercise Physiologists

An Exercise Physiologist is a university-qualified health professional who uses tailored exercise programs to help prevent and manage chronic conditions, injuries, and improve overall health and function.

## Podiatrists

Podiatrists assess and treat foot, ankle, and lower limb conditions, providing expert care through hands-on treatment, custom orthotics, and footwear advice to improve mobility and reduce pain.



## Pivot Health Coordinators

Pivot Health Coordinators provide emotional support, community outreach and practical assistance—helping individuals access social events, manage support claims, and connect with programs such as household assistance to enhance their overall wellbeing and independence.





## A Warm Welcome to our Newest Board Members



### SEAN L'ESTRANGE

Sean L'Estrange is a senior leader with a multidisciplinary background spanning defence, politics, and strategic advisory roles. He served as a Colonel in the Australian Defence Force, including operational postings in Afghanistan where he led strategic improvement initiatives in capability, training, and operational analysis. He continues to contribute to national defence through advisory roles in air domain posture and operational certification.

In addition to his military service, Sean was a Member of the Western Australian Parliament for eight years, holding senior cabinet roles including Minister for Mines & Petroleum, Finance, and Small Business. He also chaired the Public Accounts Committee, overseeing public sector budgets and major state portfolios. This experience provides deep exposure to economic oversight, policy reform, and stakeholder engagement at government level.

Sean holds multiple postgraduate qualifications, including an MBA with Distinction, a Master of Educational Leadership, and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. His professional background supports governance in areas such as public finance, strategic planning, defence engagement, and corporate risk. His combination of military leadership, policy development, and executive consulting provides a broad platform for contributing to board governance and stakeholder oversight in complex environments.



### DANIEL JACKSON

Daniel Jackson is a senior executive and veteran with over 25 years of experience across defence operations, infrastructure delivery, corporate governance, and organisational leadership. His early career in the Royal Australian Navy included active service in Iraq and Afghanistan as a Clearance Diver and Special Forces operator, providing him with direct insight into veteran experience and transition.

He currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of Gascoyne Gateway, where he leads a \$600M infrastructure project involving strategic planning, governance oversight, investor engagement, and regulatory navigation. He also holds governance roles on public and not-for-profit committees, including as a member of Edith Cowan University's Quality, Audit and Risk Committee. His executive experience spans the public, private, and startup sectors, with a focus on risk management, ESG leadership, and stakeholder strategy.

Daniel's qualifications include an MBA, postgraduate certification in governance, and specialist credentials in security and risk. He is an Associate of the Governance Institute of Australia and actively involved in veteran-related organisations, including Legacy Kids WA and the Navy Clearance Divers Trust. His background reflects a combination of operational understanding, strategic leadership, and board-level experience within complex, mission-driven environments.

### Legacy Widow's Prayer

*Let us be genuine with one another,  
and see in each the best that we can find.  
So many lives depend on us for brightness,  
Lord, keep us brave and help us to be kind.*

### The Ode

*Fear not that you have died for naught,  
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.*





## LEGACY WA Spotlight

### Mick Kirby

#### Mick Kirby from Department of Defence Raises Funds for Legacy WA

Mick Kirby, a dedicated officer from the Department of Defence, has once again demonstrated his commitment to supporting veterans' families through his fundraising efforts for Legacy WA. In 2024, Mick raised an impressive \$927 for Legacy WA through a variety of initiatives, including sales to colleagues in the Australian Embassies of Spain, Italy, Greece, and Cyprus, as well as the general public at his work building.

This marks the fourth consecutive year Mick has contributed to Legacy's cause. His fundraising journey began in 2021, when he raised \$682, followed by \$537 in 2022. Each year, Mick has shown remarkable dedication to the organisation, recognising the important role Legacy WA plays in providing support to veterans' families.

In addition to his sales efforts, Mick also raised €75 (approximately \$120) during ANZAC Day last year in Madrid, further contributing to the funds for Legacy Week 2024. These combined efforts have made a tangible difference in the lives of the families that Legacy WA supports.

Legacy WA plays a vital role in ensuring that the sacrifices made by veterans and their families are honoured and supported. Mick's consistent fundraising efforts reflect the deep respect he holds for the organisation's mission and the ongoing need for community support.

Mick's dedication not only highlights the importance of raising awareness for the ongoing needs of veterans' families but also serves as an inspiration for others to get involved. His fundraising efforts, spread across multiple years and international locations, embody the spirit of service that is so central to the work of both the Department of Defence and Legacy WA.

Through initiatives like Mick's, Legacy WA continues to receive the resources it needs to support the families of those who served, ensuring that their sacrifices are never forgotten.



### Linda Hill

#### Celebrating Dedication: Linda's Impact at Legacy WA

For over three years, Linda has been a cornerstone of the Legacy WA volunteer team, generously dedicating her time and energy to supporting staff with administrative tasks and various other responsibilities. Her unwavering commitment and consistent presence on her scheduled days have made her invaluable to our Legacy WA family.

Linda's warm smile and cheerful disposition brighten the office every day. Her willingness to lend a helping hand wherever needed exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism. Her contributions are crucial to our daily operations, ensuring everything runs smoothly and efficiently.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Linda for her dedication, positivity, and tireless support. Legacy WA would not be the same without her.





# A Tribute to the Women Who Served: Honouring Army Nurses



In a moving ceremony at the Australian Army Nurses Memorial in Augusta, WA, community members, veterans, and dignitaries gathered to honour the service and sacrifice of over 50 Australian Army nurses who lost their lives during World War II. I had the privilege of attending and laying a wreath in memory of these extraordinary women.

These nurses were more than caregivers, they were symbols of courage and resilience. Serving in some of the harshest conditions, they provided care and comfort while facing immense personal danger.

One of the most tragic moments in their history occurred in 1942 on Radji Beach, Bangka Island, where 21 nurses were massacred after surviving the sinking of the SS Vyner Brooke. Their only "crime" was fulfilling their duty to care for the wounded.

Many others were captured and endured years as prisoners of war, continuing to serve with compassion despite inhumane conditions. Their strength in captivity remains a powerful testament to the human spirit.

The Augusta memorial service was a poignant reminder that their legacy is not just history, it's a call to remember the cost of service and the values these women embodied. Their stories are woven into the fabric of our nation, reminding us that true service often comes with great sacrifice.

**Lest we forget.**

**STEVE STOLL**



*Historic images of WA Army Nurses courtesy the WA State Library Collection.*



# Legacy WA Benefits From Generous Bequest

MAJOR (RET) DAVID HARRIS

Ross Austin (Gus) Barker was a man as big as the Kimberley in Western Australia where he spent much of his adult life.

The youngest child of Keith and Corrie Barker, Gus was born in Cottesloe, WA, on 22 February 1951 and spent a carefree childhood at home in Mosman Park with his older sister Frances, his brother Bruce and at school at Christ Church Grammar in suburban Claremont. Sadly, Gus passed away in his beloved north-west town of Wyndham on 6 October 2023 at the age of 72. With his brother Bruce – a renowned Broome pearl diver, pearl lugger owner and skipper – Gus would also make his mark throughout the Kimberley working in the pearling industry and on stations throughout the region, finally settling on his own property 'Brown Hound Downs', which he has left to the charity Save the Gouldian Fund, a not-for-profit raising funds for the research and conservation of the Gouldian Finch, a highly endangered Australian bird that survives in isolated populations in the Northern Territory and the Kimberley in WA. Gus also made generous bequests to various Wyndham community groups, the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Legacy WA.

While never having served in the Australian Defence Force himself, Gus and his siblings were the children of World War 2 veteran Major Keith Austin Barker who was commissioned an officer in WA's 16 Battalion in 1937 before being called up for full-time service in 1941. Keith Barker would serve throughout the War training our troops on Queensland's Atherton Tablelands. According to family members the Army had determined him too old at the age of 43 to serve overseas.

Gus was a keen student of Australian military history and most likely would have been part of the Christ Church Army Cadet Unit during his time there. Friend and long-time fellow Wyndham RSL member Christine McLaughlan, who is also the secretary of the Wyndham Historical Society, said Gus had a considerable library of military books. "He was an avid reader and student of military history," she said. "Gus was a member of the Wyndham sub-branch for well over 20 years and spent many hours preparing for the annual Anzac Day dawn service and Remembrance Day commemorations."

Sadly, the Wyndham sub-branch is no longer operational as recent deaths have meant less than 10 members are left in the area. But the legacy left by Ross Austin (Gus) Barker to Legacy WA will live on in the hearts of all those who knew him and by those who will benefit from his most generous gift.

# Your legacy can support theirs.



Leaving a gift in your Will to Legacy WA ensures veterans' families receive the care and support they need, today and into the future.



## PRIVACY

Your Will is personal, and we honour that

## FLEXIBILITY

Circumstances change; so can your Will

## RESPECT

Your choice is yours—no obligations, no pressure

## IMPACT

Your generosity will be used wisely to maximise its impact



# Honouring the Legacy of HMAS Perth (I)

## A Tribute to Our Naval Heroes

On 1st March 2025, I had the honour of representing Legacy WA at the official opening of the HMAS Perth (I) Memorial, a solemn and significant tribute to the brave crew who served aboard this distinguished vessel. The ceremony brought together veterans, dignitaries, and community members, united in remembrance of the courage and sacrifice displayed by those who served on HMAS Perth (I), particularly during its fateful engagement in World War II.

HMAS Perth (I), a modified Leander-class light cruiser of the Royal Australian Navy, was commissioned in 1939. Initially serving in the Mediterranean theatre, it played a vital role in the Battle of Greece and the Battle of Crete before being redeployed to the Pacific. In early 1942, the ship was assigned to defend the Dutch East Indies against advancing Japanese forces. During this critical campaign, HMAS Perth (I), alongside the USS Houston, faced overwhelming odds in the Battle of Sunda Strait on the night of 28 February – 1 March 1942.

Outnumbered and outgunned, both ships fought valiantly against an overwhelming Japanese fleet. HMAS Perth (I) and USS

Houston were ultimately sunk despite their courageous resistance. Of the 681 men aboard HMAS Perth (I), only 218 survived the battle, many of whom were captured and endured years of brutal captivity as prisoners of war. Their ordeal is a testament to the resilience and determination of Australia's naval servicemen.

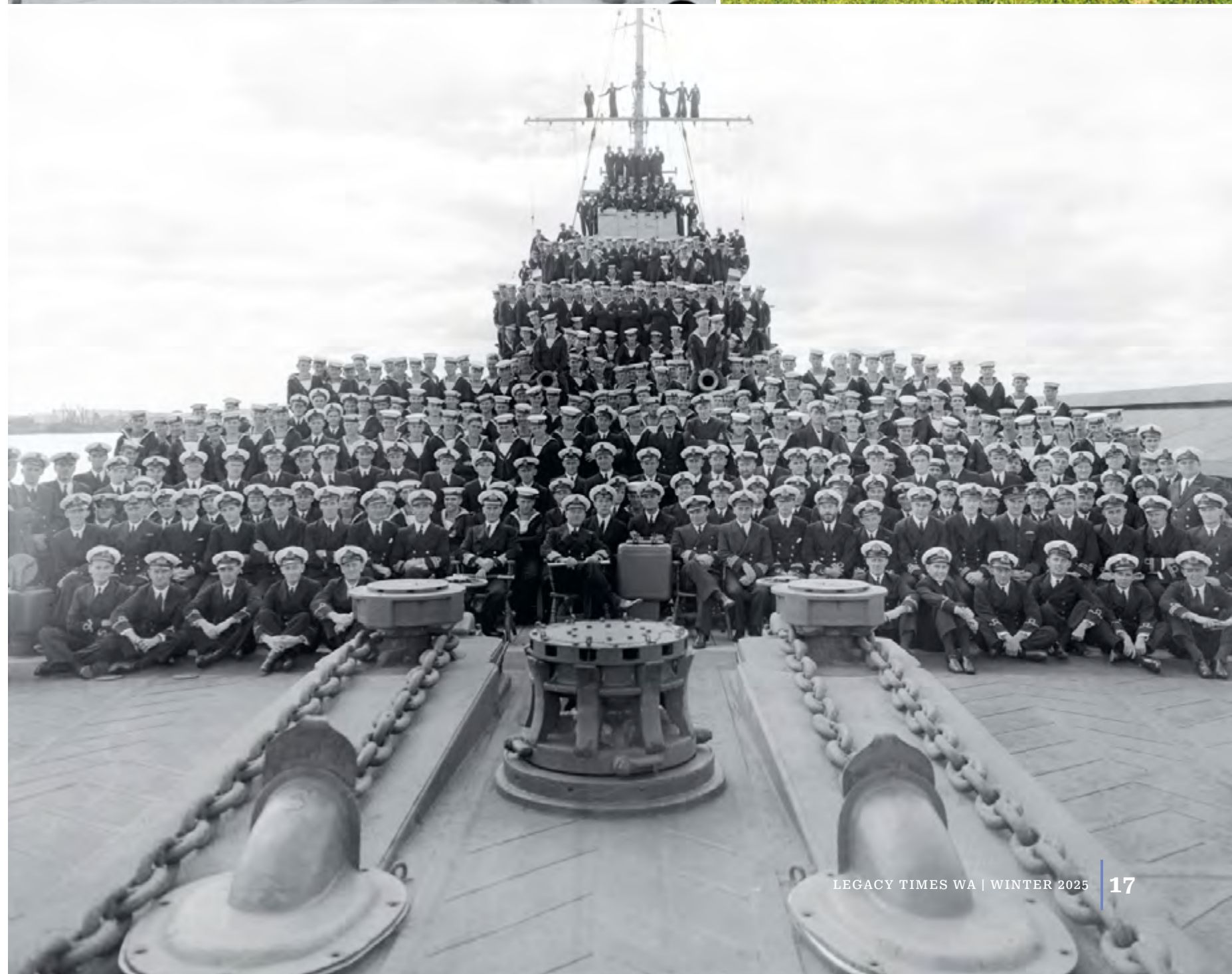
As an organisation dedicated to supporting the families of our veterans, Legacy WA stands with the naval community in recognising the profound sacrifices made by our servicemen and women. The HMAS Perth (I) Memorial serves as a lasting symbol of gratitude and remembrance, ensuring that future generations understand the cost of our freedoms and the legacy of those who served.

It was a privilege to be part of this moving occasion, reflecting on the service of HMAS Perth (I) and reaffirming our commitment to supporting those left behind. Their legacy endures, and we honour them with unwavering respect and gratitude.

**Lest We Forget.**

**STEVE STOLL**

*Image Top Left & Bottom:  
HMAS Perth Crew, August 1941. Courtesy  
the WA State Library Collection.*







## LEGACY WA Spotlight

### Mike Radwell

#### Honouring a Lifetime of Service: Mike Radwell's Enduring Legacy

For over 40 years, Mike Radwell has been a pillar of support for veterans' families through his tireless work with Legacy WA. A former member of the Australian Defence Force, Mike's dedication to service didn't end with his military career, it evolved into a lifelong commitment to helping others.

As a Legatee, Mike has consistently gone above and beyond in every role he has undertaken, offering not just leadership but also support to countless families, especially widows navigating life after loss. His involvement in Legacy WA's special aid program has provided critical, personalised assistance to those facing financial hardship or emotional challenges, always delivered with compassion and care.

Mike has also played a key role in Legacy WA's Busselton Camp, helping create a safe and nurturing space for children impacted by a parent's service. His efforts have helped these young people build resilience, connect with others, and find joy in shared experiences.

Legacy WA was founded on a promise, to never forget the families of fallen soldiers. Mike Radwell has embodied that promise every day for more than four decades. His unwavering dedication, empathy, and leadership have left a lasting mark on the community and the lives of those he's served.

## Korean War Veterans' Remembrance Service

### *72nd Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice*

On a crisp and wet winter morning at the State War Memorial in Kings Park, Legacy WA was honoured to mark the 72nd anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. I attended the Korean War Veterans' Remembrance Service. I had the privilege of laying a wreath on behalf of Legacy WA, paying tribute to those who served and sacrificed during the conflict that began in June 1950 and formally ended with an armistice on 27 July 1953.

The service opened with the Last Post and a moment of silence, observed by veterans, serving personnel, families, and members of the public. Wreaths were placed by representatives of the Commonwealth and allied nations, veteran service organisations, and community groups. As I approached the cenotaph, the weight of history was palpable, each step a reminder of the courage and resilience shown by the "Forgotten War" generation.

Legacy WA has long supported the families of veterans, providing a community of care for those who have borne the costs of service. By participating in this service, we reaffirm our pledge to honour not only the memory of the 1,500 Australians who made the ultimate sacrifice in Korea, but also the thousands more who returned with physical or psychological scars.

My wreath, a simple arrangement of native WA flora, was laid with solemn respect. As the wreath touched the granite of the memorial, I reflected on the promise that we would never forget their sacrifice. Representatives from the Republic of Korea's Consulate and the Korean Veterans' Association Australia also laid wreaths, underscoring the enduring partnership between our nations.

As we observe this 72nd anniversary, Legacy WA invites the broader community to join us in supporting our veterans and their families. Whether through volunteer service, community engagement, or simply attending commemorative events, each act of remembrance strengthens the bonds of gratitude and respect that define our nation.

We extend our thanks to all who attended the service, to the organisers who ensured its solemnity and dignity, and above all to the veterans, the living keepers of history.

**Lest We Forget.**





## HMAS Stirling Community Event Brings Navy and Locals Together

On 7 March 2025, the Rockingham Naval Association hosted the HMAS Stirling Community Event, one of the highlights of Navy Week across Australia. It was a fantastic afternoon where locals had the opportunity to connect with the Royal Australian Navy and learn more about life in the service.

Throughout the afternoon, the base came alive with interactive exhibits and hands-on activities. Visitors explored displays from the Fleet Support Unit, Clearance Diving Team 4, and the Navy Band. There were also fascinating insights into torpedo maintenance and survival gear, showcasing the skill and preparedness of our Navy personnel.

A standout moment was the flypast by a Hawk 127 fighter jet from No. 79 Squadron. It roared overhead, leaving the crowd in awe of the speed and precision of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Beyond the military exhibits, the event offered a festive atmosphere with live music from the Navy Band, food trucks, and exclusive guided base tours, making it a memorable experience for families, veterans, and naval enthusiasts alike. Children were

especially delighted to meet Bosun, the Navy Bear, who brought plenty of smiles.

A big thank-you to Justin Manuf, L/ Tiffany Jones, and L/ Angie Stoll for running the Legacy WA information desk. Their dedication in answering questions and sharing Legacy WA's mission helped raise awareness and support for veterans' families.

Special guests included Captain Ken Burleigh, Commanding Officer of HMAS Stirling, and Rockingham Councillor Caroline Hume, who joined in the celebrations.

All in all, the HMAS Stirling Community Event was a great success—bringing together service members, veterans, and the local community for a day of connection, learning, and fun.





# Honouring Aboriginal ANZACs: Students Lead Moving Reconciliation Week Tribute



Hundreds of students from the Follow the Dream program gathered at Kings Park during Reconciliation Week to honour nine Aboriginal Anzac soldiers in a powerful and emotional ceremony.

Delivered in partnership with the Polly Farmer Foundation, Follow the Dream supports Aboriginal students in achieving their educational goals. This special event brought together students, families, and service personnel to pay tribute to nine Aboriginal soldiers who served and fell during World War I.

Commemorative plaques were presented to each soldier's family, symbolising a lasting tribute to their service and sacrifice. The initiative was led by Shenton College and supported by eight Perth-

based Follow the Dream schools, including Ballajura, Belridge, Warwick, Mount Lawley, Carine, Duncraig, and Churchlands Senior High Schools.

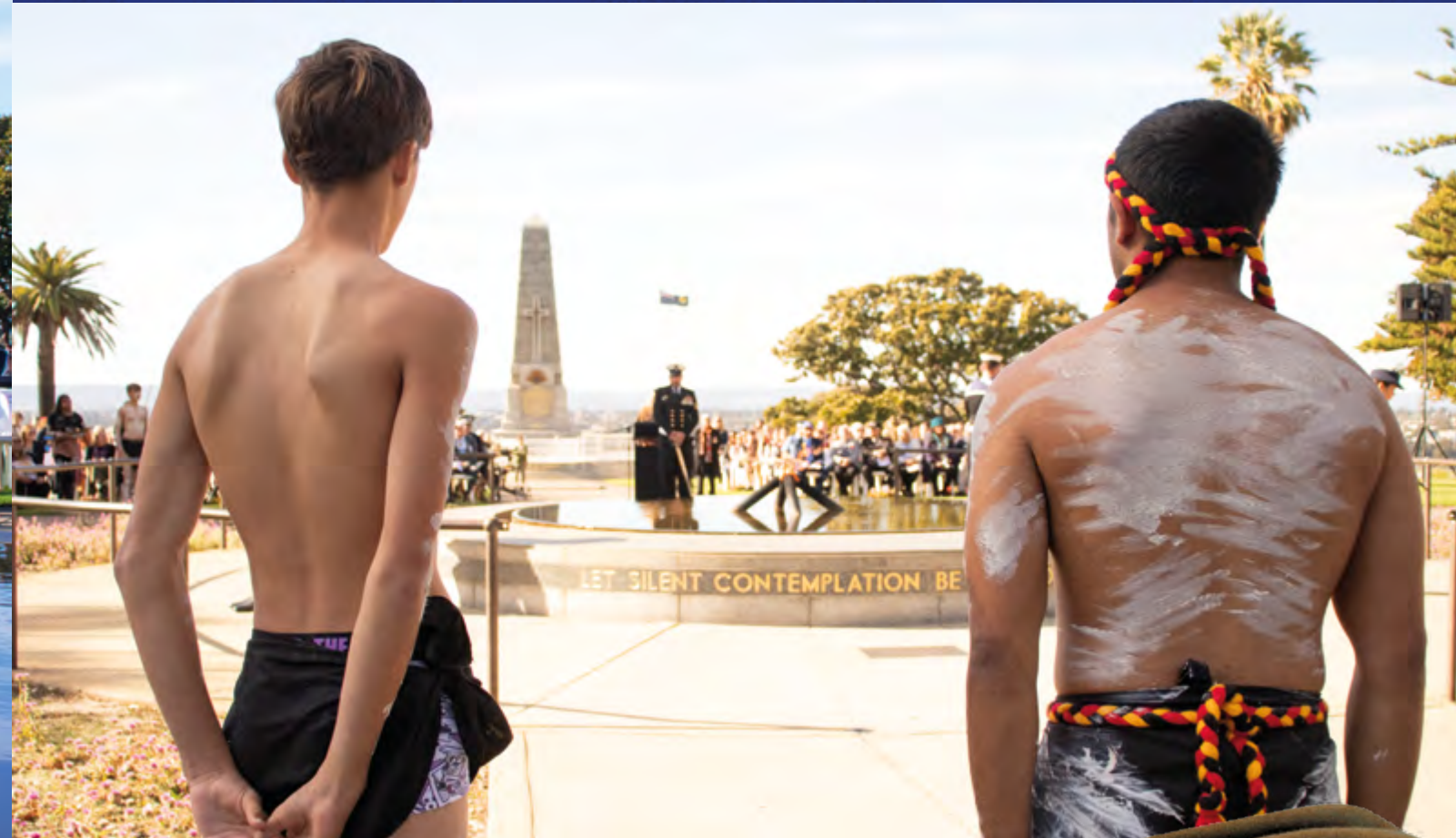
As part of a two-year research project, students worked closely with the soldiers' families to uncover personal stories and historical records. During the ceremony, students proudly shared the stories they had uncovered, restoring dignity and recognition to these long-overlooked servicemen.

The nine Aboriginal Anzac soldiers honoured were:

*Michael Connor  
Augustus Pegg Farmer  
Larry Farmer*

*Thomas Henry Ford  
Stanley Hedley  
William John Jackson*

*Charles Latwood  
Henry Mason  
Edward Henry Rawson*



A traditional smoking ceremony and didgeridoo performance by Elders from the Farmer family added cultural depth and reverence to the occasion.

Mount Lawley Follow the Dream Coordinator, Ms Tina Deegan, described the project as a powerful way to bring Aboriginal history and recognition to the forefront. "It's important to teach the next generation about the sacrifices their ancestors made and to take pride in being Aboriginal," she said.

Student James Anderson reflected on the emotional impact of the day: "Seeing the families become emotional was powerful. They've carried that grief for a long time."

**Lest we forget.**





## Legacy WA Secures Grant to Help Older Australians Improve Digital Literacy

Legacy WA is thrilled to announce that it has successfully secured funding through the Australian Government's Be Connected program. This grant will support the delivery of digital literacy training to 30 older Western Australians, helping them improve their confidence and skills in navigating the digital world.

The Be Connected program is part of a nationwide effort to address the digital divide, especially among older Australians. The training will offer essential digital skills, from online safety to using devices and mastering email, social media, and apps. With the initial grant secured, Legacy WA plans to apply for additional funding to expand the program and assist even more 50+ clients in the future.

### Bridging the Digital Divide

Legacy WA's initiative comes at a critical time when one in four older Australians is at risk of being left behind due to a lack of digital skills. The program aims to empower participants by providing the tools and knowledge necessary to stay connected, secure and informed online.

### Training and Courses Available

Seniors interested in developing their digital skills are encouraged to register their interest for the upcoming training sessions. The courses available include:

- Introduction to digital devices (computers, tablets, smartphones)
- Email and Internet basics
- Online safety and privacy tips
- Social media for beginners
- Scams and fraud prevention
- Online banking and shopping

These courses are designed to meet the diverse needs of older Australians, helping them gain the confidence and skills to thrive in an increasingly digital world.

### About Be Connected

The Be Connected program, managed by the Good Things Foundation, is a national initiative to support older Australians in improving their digital literacy. By working with community partners like Legacy WA, the program ensures that older Australians can stay safe and connected online.

**To register your interest in training, call Legacy House on (08) 9486 4900.**



## Alyssa Cahill: Amazing Solo Effort

This past May, Alyssa, one of our proud Legacy family members, took part in the HBF Run for a Reason and absolutely smashed her fundraising goal — raising an incredible \$2,104 for Legacy WA, far surpassing her \$500 target!

Alyssa chose to support Legacy WA because it's a cause that's deeply personal to her. As part of the Legacy family for the past 14 years, she's seen firsthand the vital support we provide to families of those who have served our country. That support has had a profound impact on her life — from emotional assistance to lifelong friendships forged with others in the Legacy community.

We are truly honoured and grateful for Alyssa's dedication and generosity. Her efforts not only raise vital funds but also spread awareness of the work we do to support veterans' families.

Thank you, Alyssa — your strength, spirit, and story inspire us all.





# Better Together Ball 2025: A Night of Connection and Celebration



On Saturday 2 August, the ballroom of the Pan Pacific Perth came alive as more than 300 guests gathered for the Better Together Ball—a night dedicated to connection, celebration, and raising vital funds for WA veterans and their families.

The event, a partnership between RSLWA and Legacy WA, was more than just a fundraiser. It was an evening that brought together people who share a deep commitment to improving the lives of those who have served our country. Through the generosity of attendees, we can continue delivering essential programs and services—from financial assistance and claims advocacy, to education support, emotional wellbeing services, and opportunities for connection and belonging.

Guests embraced the spirit of giving through a successful silent auction and raffle, which offered an array of amazing prizes. The excitement and generosity on display made a significant contribution to the night's fundraising success, ensuring even greater impact for our veteran community.

The evening was filled with moving moments, none more powerful than Sally Sturgess's speech, which shone a spotlight on the impact of Legacy WA and



RSLWA's work in supporting veterans and their families. The message was clear: together, we can achieve remarkable outcomes.

We extend our deepest thanks to our major event partner, Hancock Prospecting, whose support made this event possible, and to Raytheon, Griffin Marine, Programmed, and Resolute – For Those Who Serve for their generous contributions.

As the final notes of the evening's music faded, the sense of community and shared purpose remained strong. The Better Together Ball is a reminder that by working together, we are indeed better together.

To everyone who joined us—thank you for celebrating this extraordinary community. We look forward to welcoming you again next year.





## BAE Systems Australia: Strengthening Community Through Support for Legacy WA

BAE Systems Australia continues to demonstrate its deep commitment to supporting veterans and their families through its ongoing partnership with Legacy WA. As part of this collaboration, BAE has hosted a series of successful fundraising events, including an ANZAC Day Remembrance Fundraiser, a Golf Challenge Day, and an upcoming early morning Legacy Week fundraiser. These events not only raise vital funds but also foster community awareness and engagement around the needs of veterans' families.

Beyond fundraising, BAE Systems Australia is widely recognised for its broader support of the veteran community. The company actively promotes the health, employment, and rehabilitation of Australia's veterans, defence service personnel, and their families. Their commitment goes beyond corporate responsibility; it's embedded in their culture. Veterans are actively recruited across all areas of the business, valued for their unique skills, experience, and perspectives.

This dedication has earned BAE national recognition, including the Prime Minister's Veterans' Employer

of the Year Award (Large Employer Category) in 2021 and the Defence Connect Veteran Program of the Year Award in 2023. These accolades reflect the company's leadership in creating inclusive workplaces and meaningful career pathways for those who have served.

Legacy WA is proud to partner with BAE Systems Australia, whose values align closely with Legacy's mission to support the families of those who have served. Through fundraising, employment, and advocacy, BAE continues to make a lasting impact, honouring service and strengthening community.



## Legacy Claims the Shield at Rarebirdie Anzac Day Challenge

Saturday 26 April marked a spirited and memorable day on the greens at Collier, as the long-running Rarebirdie Anzac Day Challenge teed off once again in support of Legacy WA.

With thanks to Game Day Sponsor and Anzac Patron Peter Bowen, this year's event introduced a new Invitational Shield, prompted by the strong turnout from Legacy WA players. Teams were evenly matched, and in a close contest, it was Legacy WA who emerged victorious, claiming the shield in its inaugural year.

Legacy WA President Steve led from the front, taking out top honours with 19 points. Fish from the Rarebirdies followed closely with 18 points, and Mike Radwell (Legacy) placed third with 17. The Legacy team not only claimed the shield but also swept up many of the day's prizes and novelties.

A big thank you to Peter Bowen for the generous prizes, and to all players for their support and fundraising efforts. The shield now rests at Legacy House until November's Remembrance Day Challenge, when the Rarebirdies will have their chance to win it back!





## Reflecting on the Success of the 59th Militaria Auction

The 59th Militaria Auction, held at the Claremont Showgrounds on Sunday, March 9th, was a resounding success, bringing together collectors, history enthusiasts, and supporters of Legacy for an unforgettable day. With viewing open on Saturday, attendees had the opportunity to admire an extraordinary collection of historical items, sparking great interest and anticipation for the auction itself.

This year's event showcased an impressive array of Japanese swords, a highlight that captivated many collectors. Alongside these remarkable pieces, bidders had the opportunity to secure medals, books, knives, prints, clothing, and many more unique historical artifacts. The diversity and quality of items on display ensured that there was something for everyone, making for an engaging auction.

A big thank you goes out to the dedicated volunteers, vendors, and bidders who contributed to making this event such a success. The hard work and commitment of our volunteers ensured the smooth running of the auction, while the vendors provided an outstanding selection of militaria for attendees to appreciate and acquire. To the bidders, your enthusiasm and participation not only made for a successful auction but also contributed to the ongoing support of Legacy and its mission.

As we celebrate another successful event, we look ahead with great anticipation to our milestone 60th Militaria Auction later this year. We invite all collectors, vendors, and enthusiasts to join us once again for what promises to be a special occasion. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you there!



— 60<sup>th</sup> Legacy —

# Militaria Auction

*Every year, Legacy Auctions raise thousands of dollars with at least 15% of proceeds supporting widows and families.*

**Coming this October**

Date will be announced soon.





## Breezy Fun on the Swan River

On Sunday, February 23rd, Junior Legacy families gathered on the beautiful South Perth foreshore for a fantastic day of fun, connection, and adventure.

With the perfect summer weather as our backdrop, families enjoyed the day sailing catamarans, playing cricket, reconnecting with friends and enjoying the views of the beautiful Swan River.

This year's conditions were ideal, with just the right amount of wind to send the colourful sailboats whizzing across the water and it was wonderful to see some of our members experiencing the thrill of sailing for the first time. Throughout the day, a fierce cricket battle unfolded on the grassed area with children and adults alike showing off their skills and sharing plenty of laughs.

A delightful picnic lunch provided the perfect opportunity to relax and recharge under the shade of the trees and to top it all off, the arrival of the ice-cream van brought delicious treats for everyone. Later in the afternoon the more adventurous boys added a splash of excitement by jetty jumping and cooling off with a refreshing swim in the river.

We were thrilled with the excellent turnout of Junior Legacy families this year and are so grateful to everyone who joined us. It was a joy to see so many friends getting together and to witness the supportive and welcoming spirit that makes our Junior Legacy community so special.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers and families who helped make this day such a success. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as we did and look forward to seeing you all again next year for more adventures and cherished memories!

**SALLY STURGESS**

*This event was made possible thanks to the generous support of Telethon.*





YEAR 9 WINNER  
TABITHA LAWSON

 YEAR 10 WINNER  
JASMINE HAMILTON


### Mount Barker Community College Award Recipients

**YEAR 9 WINNER:**  
Tabitha Lawson  
**YEAR 9 RUNNER-UP:**  
Beau Hokianga-Baker

**PRIMARY SCHOOL  
WINNER:**  
Elias Bailey

**YEAR 10 WINNER:**  
Jasmine Hamilton  
**YEAR 10 RUNNER-UP:**  
Abbey Tomlinson

*Congratulations to  
these students and a  
sincere thank you to all  
those who participated.*

## The Anzac Legacy Lives on in Schools

In preparation for ANZAC Day, two competitions are held annually in schools across the Shire of Plantagenet. The first is aimed at Primary School pupils in Yrs 3 to 6 and the second at Secondary School students in Yrs 9 and 10. The schools involved are Mount Barker Community College (Primary and Secondary) and South Stirling, Kendenup and Franklin River Primary Schools.

Each year, Mr Wayne Hood and staff at Mount Barker Community College meet together to decide on a theme for the competition. This consultation means that the chosen theme can align with the curriculum guidelines of the schools. This year's theme was Medics in the ADF (Australian Defence Forces) and, while the secondary students' presentations took the form of models or dioramas, the primary students' entries were in written form (narratives, poetry, recounts, diaries and so on).

The winner of the Primary School competition in each of the participating schools is awarded a medallion sponsored by the Mount Barker RSL Sub-branch. The Secondary School Legacy Award winners (Yrs 9 and 10) are awarded medallions sponsored by the Hood family and the runners-up receive certificates. The Legacy Award acknowledges the work of Legacy WA and its continued support of widows/widowers and dependents of deceased ADF Veterans.

As ANZAC Day falls during the school holidays, the Mount Barker Community College winners were presented with their awards at a service held on 10th April. The remaining Primary Schools are holding their Commemoration Ceremonies after the holidays and the winners will be announced then.

*Information provided by Wayne Hood.  
Article courtesy of Plantagenet News:  
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## The Road to Independence

Once a week after work, Justin volunteers his time to support Legacy youth Brayden in working towards one of life's key milestones, earning his driver's licence.

Brayden is currently completing a pre-apprenticeship and has recently secured a plumbing apprenticeship position. He also plays a vital role in caring for his nine-year-old brother. Gaining a licence will not only provide him with independence and flexibility but will also be essential for both work and family commitments.

The pair began driving lessons in a quiet, newly developed industrial area with wide streets. It was the perfect spot for a beginner to build confidence behind the wheel. Starting with the basics, Brayden has quickly grown more comfortable navigating the roads. They have tackled a variety of driving conditions and Brayden is now well accustomed to Perth's rainy winter nights. These more challenging sessions have helped prepare him for real-world scenarios.

Justin's weekly commitment is one example of how the Legacy community continues to support the next generation in practical, meaningful ways, helping young people like Brayden take the next step forward.

*"I'm so grateful  
for everything  
Legacy has  
done for me."*

**BRAYDEN**



# Legacy Family Camp: June Long Weekend Reflection

the fire to share stories, toast marshmallows and enjoy a quiet moment together. One night, a ring-tail possum was spotted in a tree nearby, adding a little magic to the evening.

Sunday brought a special opportunity for the adults to enjoy some well-deserved respite with a relaxing lunch outing, while the children took part in a fun-filled program. They decorated tote bags, embarked on a nature scavenger hunt, played dress-ups and celebrity heads, and prepared hilarious and heartwarming skits to perform when the adults returned. The mini concert was a definite highlight, full of laughs and entertainment.

A big thank you to Nick, Adrian and Brad for keeping everyone well-fed throughout the weekend with

delicious meals, from BBQs and pizza night to a mouth-watering roast and generous breakfasts. Nick also went above and beyond to secure food donations from the community. We're especially grateful to Telethon, Dardanup Butchering Company, Coles in Clarkson and Vasse Farmers Market for their support in helping make the camp a success.

Thank you also to Legatees Sally and Michael Sturgess, L/Tonya Tueno, Justin Manaf and Peter Bruce for their efforts in organising such a successful and meaningful camp.

To all the Legacy families who joined us, thank you for being part of a weekend filled with love, laughter and companionship. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

## Busselton Legacy Camp Friday 30 June to Monday 2 July

It was a joy to see so many Legacy families come together over the June long weekend for a warm and memorable few days at the beautiful Busselton Legacy Camp. From Friday afternoon to Monday morning, the grounds were filled with laughter, connection and a strong sense of community spirit.

Each morning began with a meaningful flag-raising ceremony, where Legacy members led the reading of the Ode, reminding us all of the significance of Legacy and the enduring promise to care for the families of those who served.

Despite some on-and-off showers over the weekend, families made the most of every sunny break. The kids wasted no time enjoying cricket, football, fishing, ball games, table tennis and hours on the playground, with the much-loved climbing tree being a firm favourite.

The weekend was packed with activities that brought out plenty of smiles and a touch of competitive spirit. A highlight was the high-energy quiz night, where families battled it out to test their general knowledge. The paper airplane-making and throwing competition was another hit, with creativity and aerodynamics put to the test. In the evenings, families gathered around





## Retro Gaming with the Legacy Family

Junior Legacy families had the opportunity to step into a world of flashing lights and nostalgia at the 2025 West Coast Pinball Festival on the 9th March. The event was a wonderful mix of discovery and throwbacks, with many parents introducing their kids to the classic games they grew up with. One parent summed it up perfectly: "We taught the boys that gaming back in the day didn't occur online."

A big thank you to the team at the West Coast Pinball Festival for inviting and supporting the Junior Legacy families. It was a fun, hands-on experience the whole family could enjoy together, with plenty of smiles and even a few bragging rights earned along the way.

*"We taught the boys that gaming back in the day didn't occur online!"*

LEGACY PARENT



# Register now for the Widows, Laurels & Lillies Camps

## Camp 1

Friday Oct. 31 to Thursday Nov. 6

## Camp 2

Friday Nov. 7 to Thursday Nov. 13

*The Legacy Camp at Busselton offers a peaceful coastal retreat for widows to relax, connect, and enjoy their time at their own pace. During the camp dates, the facility will be reserved exclusively for Legacy guests, ensuring a private and supportive environment.*

*All registered widows are welcome to attend.*



## Register today!

*Please fill out the separate form insert included with this copy of the Legacy Times.*

The Legacy Busselton Camp  
Relax. Refresh. Reconnect.





## A Jingle to Mingle

On a crisp, sunny July, more than 250 Legacy WA beneficiaries gathered in the majestic surrounds of the Government House Ballroom for a very special Jingle in July high tea.

We are deeply grateful to His Excellency The Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM, Governor of Western Australia, and Mrs Darrilyn Dawson for generously hosting us in such a beautiful setting. The warm and welcoming atmosphere set the tone for a day filled with connection, joy, and celebration.

Our Jingle events hold a cherished place in the hearts of our Legacy widows, offering the chance to reconnect with old friends and form new bonds within the Legacy family. This year, Laurel Club members from across the state mingled and shared laughter, accompanied by live music from the talented Marty, special visits from Father Christmas and the Legacy Bears, and a delicious high tea.

Legacy WA extends sincere thanks to our event funders — The Perron Foundation and The ANZAC Day Trust — whose generosity makes events like this possible. Special appreciation also goes to Legatee Peter Heeney for his wonderful MC duties, photographer Callum Smith for donating his time, our dedicated volunteers and Legatees, and the Legacy WA staff — especially Ann-Marie, Justin, and Rob — for their hard work in bringing the day to life. Thanks also to Hire Society, Impressions Catering, and Pinnacles Bus Service for their valued contributions.

For many guests, this was a rare opportunity to attend a social gathering, and the joy on every face was a reminder of how meaningful these occasions are.

Until next year's Jingle — thank you to everyone who helped make this day so special.





# Reaching New Heights – Junior Legacy Treetops Adventure

On Sunday 4th May, our Junior Legacy families gathered for a day full of excitement, connection, and challenge at the Yanchep Treetops Adventure Course. Designed for our 11-17-year-olds, the experience offered the perfect mix of fun and personal growth, with a wide variety of rope courses that tested balance, bravery, and resilience.

From climbing vertical ladders and edging across moving planks to flying through the trees on zip lines, our Legacy kids threw themselves into every obstacle with enthusiasm. It was a joy to witness the courage, perseverance and positive spirit on display, as each young person pushed beyond their comfort zone and embraced the adventure.

What stood out just as strongly was the camaraderie among the group. Kids supported one another throughout the course, offering encouragement and lending a hand when needed — a true reflection of the Legacy values of mateship and mutual support.

The morning wrapped up with a well-deserved pizza lunch, giving families time to relax and connect after a big couple of hours among the treetops.

We extend our sincere thanks to Telethon for their generous support in funding our Junior Legacy Treetop Adventure, as well as to all who attended and helped make the day such a success. We are incredibly proud of our Legacy youth. Their adventurous spirit, resilience, kindness and strength continue to inspire us all.

SALLY STURGESS







## Thank You 513 Cadets!

On 5 April, the 513 Army Cadet Unit (ACU) held a successful fundraiser at Bunnings Midland, raising an impressive \$1,486 to support the work of Legacy WA.

The event not only generated valuable funds but also helped raise awareness of Legacy's mission to support the families of veterans.

Legacy WA extends its sincere thanks to 513 ACU and CAPT (AAC) Teresa Claxon for their dedication and organisation of the fundraiser. Your support makes a real difference to the lives of the families we serve.



## Annual Legacy Game a Day to Remember

On a overcast winter's Saturday on the 14th of June, Legacy WA was proud to be the official Match Day Charity Partner for the South Fremantle Football Club (SFFC). The day was filled with footy action, community spirit, and a shared commitment to supporting the families of our veterans.

Funds were generously raised through the sale of our much-loved Legacy teddy bears, and we thank everyone who purchased one. A special thanks goes to our dedicated staff and volunteers whose hard work made the day a success.

Some of our Legacy kids enjoyed unforgettable experiences — meeting the team, joining the pre-game rev-up in the changerooms, leading the Bulldogs onto the field, and even taking part in the coin toss.

Capping off the day, the Bulldogs claimed a thrilling 97-87 victory over the East Perth Royals.

Legacy WA extends a huge thanks to SFFC and our community for their incredible support, helping us continue our mission to serve veterans' families.

*"Thank you... I don't think we could wipe the smile off his face all day!"*

LEGACY PARENT



# Laurel Club News from Around WA



## Albany

The Albany Laurel Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month, usually at the RSL on Stirling Terrace. The gatherings are hosted by Legatees Gail Guthrie, Jean Webb, Shirley Hodge, and Wayne Hood.

At this month's meeting, Legatee Jean Webb shared highlights from her recent adventure to Antarctica, presenting a selection of photos and recounting memorable moments from her journey. Fittingly dressed in her cold-weather gear, Jean's outfit matched the chilly Albany weather on the day.

Also featured was a small display of photographs taken by Legatee Gail Guthrie during her travels through New Zealand last year, offering another glimpse into the beauty of the region.

Attendance typically ranges from 15 to 25 beneficiaries, who enjoy afternoon tea and the opportunity to connect with one another.

Next month, the group will be heading out to the Strawberry Farm for a delightful afternoon tea.

GAIL GUTHRIE



## Bunbury

Greetings and warm wishes to all.

While our group has grown smaller in numbers, our spirit remains strong! We currently have five dedicated members, with Rosemary Ricetti soon relocating to Collie.

Our monthly gatherings have shifted from the Bunbury RSL to more relaxed lunches at various local venues. A recent lunch (pictured) was missing Marie Cross, who was travelling to the United Kingdom to visit family at the time.

Another member, Zetta McCormack, recently enjoyed a lovely stay at the Legacy Camp in Busselton, making the most of the good weather.

We always welcome new faces! If anyone would like to join us for lunch, please feel free to get in touch through Legacy.

MARIA DENTON

## Floreat

Hello everyone hope you have missed the dreaded flu and are keeping warm.

Pleased to have Betty back with us after her stay in hospital. She has retired and I am now the contact person.

When we began our year in March, the management of Parklands Villas where we meet, provided us with a very tasty morning tea. Most enjoyable way to start the year.

ANZAC Day meant we wouldn't be meeting again officially for another six weeks, so instead we decided to meet at the Herdsman Tavern for lunch two weeks later.

In April member Gloria Lygne turned 100 years old and her daughter organised a wonderful party for her.

Recently our members had to rack their brains with a quiz on Australia. The goon bag question raised some discussion.

In June we had a lovely and informative visit from Justin from Legacy. We taught him how to play the Beetle Game. Nine members attended the Jingle in July at Government House. Always nice to catch up with members from other clubs.

Last meeting was the coldest day in Perth for some time. Unfortunately Parklands had electrical problems, hence no heating in our room. We tried to keep warm by eating all the chocolates left over from the quiz prizes. Eventually the power was restored and we had a very welcomed hot drink.

Keep safe everyone.

RUTH SPILSBURY

## Geraldton

No update available at time of publishing.





## Kalamunda & Districts

Hello again!

We're still here and enjoying the change of season. Our monthly catch-ups at the Jack Healy Centre in Kalamunda are always a highlight, sharing stories over a cuppa and enjoying the company of dear friends and family memories.

We also look forward to our monthly bus outings and lunches, complete with scenic drives home, thank you, Warrick, for making those journeys so enjoyable! Exploring new lunch spots is always a treat, and we especially look forward to the Jingles each year.

A special thank you to our wonderful travel coordinator, Audrey Long; she truly has the touch of a travel agent!

To close, here's a thoughtful affirmation for the day:

"Love cures people—both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it."

**WARRICK RANKIN**



## Lillies

The Legacy Lillies have continued our regular bi-monthly lunches, both north and south of the river, along with a few lovely coffee mornings sprinkled in between. These gatherings remain a cherished time for us to connect, share stories, and support one another.

A group of us had the opportunity to visit Shalom House, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility open to anyone seeking to break free from addiction. It was an eye-opening and inspiring experience. Shalom is run by a team of compassionate yet firm individuals, many of whom have walked the path of recovery themselves and now dedicate their lives to helping others.

We were guided by Joel, a graduate of the program who now works at Shalom in various roles, including hosting tours. His story and the pride he takes in his work were truly moving. Everyone we met had a role to play and seemed genuinely happy to be contributing. After the tour, we enjoyed a relaxed lunch at a nearby café, reflecting on what we had learned. It was a meaningful and informative day.



We also welcomed Vanessa Cooke, a Lymphoedema and Lipoedema Practitioner and Senior Occupational Therapist, to speak with our group. Vanessa shared valuable insights into the signs, symptoms, and treatments for both conditions.

Vanessa emphasised the importance of seeking a DVA referral from your GP to access appropriate care and diagnosis. She kindly provided helpful websites, videos, and contact details for practitioners located both north and south of the river.

Another highlight was our tour of Optus Stadium, led by a guide whose passion for the venue was contagious. His knowledge and enthusiasm made the experience truly enjoyable. We walked approximately 2.4 km through the stadium, followed by a lovely lunch at the stadium café. It was a day filled with fun, learning, and laughter.

**TRICIA SMITH**



## Mandurah Murray

Hello to all members of the Legacy family!

The Mandurah club has enjoyed reconnecting with members over three lovely lunches so far this year. In March, we celebrated a very special milestone, Mildred Underwood's 100th birthday, with a lunch at Sandy Cove Tavern, complete with a beautiful cake made by my sister, Kathy.

In April, 14 ladies gathered for a delicious meal at a local Chinese restaurant, and a few brave souls faced the wet weather for a cosy lunch at Ravenswood.

Earlier that month, Yvonne Towler, Lyn Truswell, and I enjoyed a peaceful few days at the Busselton Camp. With the whole camp to ourselves, it was a wonderfully relaxing retreat. I'm already looking forward to the regular camp in November and catching up with old friends.

Sadly, we said goodbye to the lovely Doreen Cranswick this year, she will be dearly missed.

We're pleased to welcome new member Annie Jarvis and hope she finds many new friendships within our group. Congratulations also go to Deborah Wilmot, who celebrated a special birthday in July.





At our June meeting, we were joined by Jan Applin and Justin Manaf. Justin, who recently joined Legacy as the Community Events Officer, did a fantastic job organising the trip to Government House. Eighteen members attended the Jingle, many thanks to Legacy for making it such a memorable event.

Our meetings are held at the Mandurah RSL on the third Monday of each month at 1:30pm. All are welcome!

Keep warm and best wishes until next time.

**BARBARA KEILLOR**



## Menora

A warm hello from the Menora Laurel Club!

We now meet at the Australian War Widows Hall on Plantation Street, Menora, on the second Monday of each month at 10:00 am. Many of us arrive a little earlier to enjoy a cuppa and a chat, everyone is welcome if you're in the area.

The past few weeks have been especially chilly, and I hope everyone has managed to stay warm. I must admit, getting out of bed for the gym has been a real challenge!

Our first social event for the year was a great success, lunch at the Hyde Park Hotel, where we enjoyed delicious food and wonderful company. We aim to hold one of these outings each semester, and they're always a highlight.

We also had a lovely time at the "Jingle in July" at Government House. The high tea was scrumptious, and everyone I spoke to thoroughly enjoyed the morning. We're already looking forward to our Christmas Jingle in Fremantle.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the high tea such a fabulous success.

Wishing all Laurel Club members good health and happiness until we meet again.

**JAN MCLEOD**



## Midland

On Wednesday 5th March, we gathered once again at the Bassendean RSL, with 16 members, our dedicated Legatee Trish Smith, and 4 apologies. It was a warm and friendly afternoon filled with laughter and a fun game of bingo, chocolate bars were the sweet reward for our lucky winners!

In April, we were pleased to welcome a guest from DVA, and in May, we enjoyed a delightful lunch outing to Pasta in the Valley, which was a hit with everyone.

Our group has grown into a close-knit circle of friends, and we're especially grateful to Trish Smith. Her dedication, warmth, and tireless support have made her an integral part of our club, her service is truly appreciated.

At our June meeting, held again at Bassendean RSL, we welcomed special guest De'Arne Prosser alongside our 16 members and Trish. With 4 apologies, we still had a lively group, full of conversation and laughter. We discussed the upcoming High Tea and the cyber training session on the horizon.

We wrapped up with a quick game of bingo. A lovely tradition at our meetings is when one of our ladies brings along a container of home baking, it's always a treat and makes us feel truly spoilt!

**VICKI BATES**

## Northern Districts

Greetings to all Laurel Club members!

The Northern Districts Laurel Club continues to thrive, and we're delighted to welcome a few new members. A warm welcome to you both—we're confident you'll enjoy being part of our vibrant community.

We're still meeting twice a month, and despite the chilly, wet weather, attendance has remained strong. It's heartening to see such enthusiasm and commitment.

Our monthly lunches remain a highlight. The most recent gathering was at the Currambine Tavern, and in May, we enjoyed a delightful meal at TAFE Joondalup. For those who've dined there, you will know the meals—prepared by talented apprentices—are always impressive.

Our latest bus trip took us to the Kalamunda Historical Village, the largest folk museum in Western Australia. It's easy to lose track of time exploring the exhibits and learning about the unique lifestyle of the hills in days gone by. We followed it up with a lovely lunch at the Mundaring Hotel, making for a thoroughly enjoyable day out.

A special mention goes to our Jingle in July event at Government House—what a spectacular venue! This year marked the first time Legacy hosted a high tea for the occasion, and it was a great success. A massive thank you to our dedicated Legatees, Jeff and Keith, and to all the volunteers who helped make the day so special. Your efforts are truly appreciated—without you, there would be no jingle.

We'd also like to extend our gratitude to the talented Mr Peter Delle Coste, whose music has graced nearly every jingle I've attended. His performances are always a joy. And a big thank you to Legatee Peter Heeney, who did a wonderful job as MC for the day.

That's all for now. I'll leave you with a charming quote from my cat calendar: "Everyone smiles in the same language." A lovely reminder that kindness and joy are universal.

**PAMELA MURPHY**



## Perth

The Perth Laurel Club is a modest club with only a handful of members able to attend any one event, including Friday Fellowship events at Legacy House. The Jingle at Government House on Friday July 11th was attended by five Friday Laurel Club members. The ladies enjoyed the Jingle and are looking forward to future outings.

PETER HEENEY

## Rockingham

After a quiet Christmas, it was wonderful to see so many of our ladies attend the first meeting of the year. We began with a special visit from Emily Cook, President of the War Widows Guild WA, who shared the history and ongoing mission of the Guild in supporting War Widows through loss and connection.

On 6th March, Sharon McCaskey brought smiles and laughter as she spoke about Lucy Shaw, the first nurse in the Rockingham area, and shared fascinating stories about the quirky history of Rockingham.

On 20th March, Joan McLean from DVA joined us to provide valuable information about the support available to War Widows.

April 3rd saw several members enjoy a delightful three-course lunch at Mandurah TAFE. On 17th April, although we were expecting a makeup demonstration, Jay brought along a variety of products for us to try, offering helpful guidance on their use.

On 1st May, we were treated to beautiful weather and a relaxing ride along the Rockingham foreshore, best of all, no pedalling required! Then on 15th May, we proudly raised \$700 for the Cancer Foundation during our fundraiser.



Despite a little rain on 29th May, we enjoyed a lovely morning tea and garden walk at Kim's family home. The effort put into maintaining the garden was truly impressive.

On 12th June, Jan Applin from Legacy gave a short talk about Legacy's future plans. Then on 26th June, we had a cheerful day filled with laughter, bingo, and morning tea. Justin, Legacy's Community Engagement Officer, spoke about upcoming activities. We're also grateful to the Port Kennedy RSL for their delicious meals and the kindness of their staff.

That wraps up the first half of 2025, we're looking forward to what the second half brings!

DEE HART



## Southern Suburbs

The new Southern Suburbs Laurel Club was proudly formed in November last year and has quickly grown to around 25 members, with regular monthly attendance.

We meet at the RAFFA Club in Bull Creek, usually for a relaxed morning tea, though we occasionally switch things up with a lunch meeting. Most of our members are new to Legacy Laurel Clubs, and it's been heartening to see some lovely friendships already forming.

Our meetings begin at 10:00am, and we warmly invite all Legacy Widows in the Southern Suburbs to come along and join us, you'll be made to feel very welcome.

We're also planning a couple of outings later in the year, which we're all looking forward to.

If you'd like more information or are interested in joining this friendly new club, please contact Legatee Laraine Shea via the Legacy office.

LARAIN SHEA

## Vasse

Hello to all Legacy ladies.

We began the year with our first meeting in February at the Busselton RSL, where nine members gathered for a lovely catch-up.

ANZAC Day was well attended, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to Daphne Preston for creating a beautiful wreath. I had the privilege of attending the Dawn Service in Birdsville, which was surrounded by water, it was a deeply moving experience.

Our Annual General Meeting was held in June, with ten members in attendance. It was a productive and positive gathering.

On the second Tuesday of each month, we continue our tradition of dining out at various local eateries in Busselton. These outings are always enjoyable and a great way to stay connected.

Cheerio for now, stay safe and well.

LINDA BUTTON





## Laurel Club Schedule and Information

LAUREL CLUB	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
<b>ALBANY</b>	Second Tuesday	2:00pm	Albany RSL 14 Stirling Tce, Albany
<b>BUNBURY</b>	First Thursday	9:30am	RSL Hall - Spencer St, Bunbury
<b>FLOREAT</b>	Last Friday	10:30am	Parklands Retirement Villa
<b>GERALDTON</b>	First Monday	10:00am	Birdwood House 46 Chapman Rd, Geraldton
<b>KALAMUNDA</b>	Second Friday	1:00pm	Jack Healy Centre 21 Mead St, Kalamunda
<b>LILLIES</b>	Please contact Legacy House for more information		
<b>MANDURAH MURRAY</b>	Third Monday	1:30pm	Mandurah RSL Unit 5/20-22 Rouse Rd, Greenfields
<b>MENORA</b>	First Wednesday	10:00am	War Widows Guild 15 Plantation St, Menora
<b>MIDLAND</b>	First Wednesday	12:00pm	Bassendean RSL 10 Kenny St, Bassendean
<b>NORTHERN DISTRICTS</b>	First & Third Thursday	9:00am	'Mildenhall' Duncraig Senior Citizens Club 49 Beddi Rd, Duncraig
<b>PERTH</b>	Fridays	10:00am	ANZAC House 28 St Georges Tce, Perth
<b>ROCKINGHAM</b>	Fortnightly Thursdays	10:00am	Port Kennedy RSL - Cnr Paxton Way & Helmshore Wy, Port Kennedy
<b>SOUTHERN SUBURBS</b>	Third Wednesday	10:00am	RAAFA Club 2 Bull Creek Dr, Bull Creek
<b>VASSE</b>	Second Wednesday	10:00am	Busselton RSL Hall 10 Rosemary Dr, Busselton



**Save the Date!**  
*Christmas Jingle*  
**2025**

**Friday, December 5th**  
**South Fremantle Football Club**

Invitations will be mailed out in October, so keep an eye on your mail!



## Milestone Birthday Celebrations



### Audrey Jackson - 101

LEGATEE VISIT: *Daryl Walton*

Audrey celebrated her 101st birthday with lunch with family & friends at Mahogany Inn at Mahogany Creek once again.

She married in 1945 after her husband came home from WWII. Her husband went through nearly all WWII practically unscathed until the last days when he got a head injury. Audrey has four siblings, has two children, three grandsons, one step granddaughter (deceased from a fall whilst horse riding) and two great-grandchildren.

She really enjoyed being a Legacy Volunteer which she did until 90 and said she would love to pop in and say hi one day.

She has no regrets on her life. She has loved and enjoyed every bit of her life and wouldn't change anything.



### Betty Farmer - 100

LEGATEE VISIT: *Steve & Angie Stoll*

Betty Farmer recently celebrated her 100th birthday, a milestone reflecting a life of resilience, love, and deep family roots.

Betty's story is intertwined with history and devotion. With her late husband, Colin Conway Farmer, a recipient of the Military Medal for his service with the Australian Army's 2nd/24th Infantry Battalion, 26th Brigade, at Tarakan during WWII, she built a life marked by humility and strength. Though Colin passed in 2007, his memory lives on through family stories and values passed down through generations.

Betty and Colin raised four children, two of whom survive her, Danny and Dianne, who now care for her with steadfast love. Their family includes nine grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. On May 29, a small celebration at the hospital, organised by Danny and Dianne, honoured her with warmth and treasured memories.

Betty's milestone is not just a marker of age, but of a life lived with quiet grace and enduring spirit.

Happy 100th Birthday, Betty Farmer. Your legacy shines brightly through your family and community.



### Betty Pinker - 100

LEGATEE VISIT: *James Maughmer & Angie Stoll*

Today, local war widow Mrs. Betty Pinker celebrates an incredible milestone – her 100th birthday.

Born in Geraldton on 23 July 1925, Betty was a twin, though heartbreakingly her sister passed away at just 18 months due to pneumonia. She later moved to Pinjarra, where she formed a lifelong friendship with Irma, who introduced her to her future husband and stood beside her as maid of honour.

Betty and her husband built a loving family, raising five children. Today, their family has grown to include eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Throughout her life, Betty has embodied resilience and positivity. She remains active, enjoying shopping trips with her daughters, and has always led a full life—playing tennis, golf, and bowls, knitting scarves for soldiers' care packages, and travelling to destinations across the world. Her greatest happiness, however, remains spending time with her family and the family dog.

Today, we celebrate Mrs. Betty Pinker's 100 years of life, service, and community spirit, and wish her health and happiness for the years ahead.





## Christine Ryan - 100

LEGATEE VISIT: *Ross MacArthur*

Born on 26 March 1925 and raised in New Norcia, Christine Ryan's life is a testament to resilience, creativity, and enduring love for family. During her early years, she learned knitting and embroidery, skills that would become lifelong passions. At 18, her talent was recognised when she won first prize for her handiwork at the Mullewa Show.

Christine met her husband, Frank, in Geraldton. A veteran, Frank enlisted in the Army in 1942 and served for 4 years. Together, they raised seven children. Today, Christine lives with her youngest son, who cares for her with devotion.

A long-time Home and Away fan, Christine was thrilled to receive a special birthday message from "Dr Levi" of the show and has even visited the famous "Summer Bay" set.

Her story is one of quiet strength, shaped by creativity, family, and the simple joys that bring lasting happiness. Happy birthday, Christine.



## Dorothy Siggins - 100

LEGATEE VISIT: *Veronica Killner*

On 20 March 2025, Dorothy Siggins marked her 100th birthday, a celebration of a life filled with purpose, love, and quiet strength.

Born in Perth in 1925, Dorothy dedicated much of her life to service as a Salvation Army Officer, living out her values through faith and community care. Her husband served in the Royal Australian Navy, and together they raised three sons.

Dorothy's hobbies reflected her creative spirit, she enjoyed painting, knitting, and crocheting, and spent many happy hours bringing beauty into the lives of those around her.

Her secret to a long and healthy life? A simple and steadfast motto: no smoking and no drinking.

Dorothy's century of life is a testament to devotion, discipline, and the joy found in family and creativity.

Sadly Dorothy passed away on the 15th of June and will be missed dearly by her loving family.



## Eileen Hopkins - 104

LEGATEE VISIT: *Tricia Smith*

In March 2025, Eileen Hopkins celebrated an incredible milestone, her 104th birthday.

Though she spent a few days in hospital, including her birthday, the occasion was made special thanks to the warmth and care of the hospital staff. From the kitchen team who decorated her breakfast tray with a birthday banner to the nursing staff who gathered to sing her a rousing "Happy Birthday," Eileen was surrounded by kindness and celebration.

Upon returning home, Legacy presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers to mark the occasion. Now comfortably back in her own home, Eileen is doing well and continues to inspire those around her with her grace and strength.



## Eleanora Christmas - 101

LEGATEE VISIT: *Angie Stoll*

On 17 May 2025, Eleanora Christmas (née Goodwin) celebrated her 101st birthday, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in 1924 in Collie, Eleanora faced hardship early in life with the loss of her father to pneumonia at the age of two. Her family later moved to Katanning.

At 18, she joined the Australian Army, serving for three and a half years in Stores during World War II. Her husband also served, spending time in New Guinea before being urgently flown home with malaria. He spent six months in hospital recovering. Her brother-in-law, who served with distinction, was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, but sadly lost his life in Tarakan.

Eleanora went on to raise a family of four, one son and three daughters, and now has ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, the eldest aged 24. She still lives independently, supported by her family.

Throughout her life, Eleanora enjoyed sewing, gardening, and playing lawn bowls. Her 101st birthday was marked with a joyful family gathering, celebrating a life of strength, service, and enduring love.





## Florence Hull - 103

LEGATEE VISIT: *Vickii Irvine & Angie Stoll*

On 8 April 2025, Florence celebrated her 103rd birthday in style with a family lunch at Crown Casino and a cheerful spin on the poker machines.

Born in 1922 in Bairnsdale, Victoria, Florence grew up in a family of service—her father in the Army and her mother a nurse. During World War II, her future husband served as an Anti-Aircraft Gunner in Fremantle and Rottnest before being deployed to Lae, New Guinea. The couple later married and raised three children.

Florence is known for her warm heart and active lifestyle, filling her days with knitting for babies, playing tennis, and dancing with her husband in their younger years. She also loved camping trips across Western Australia and driving across the Nullarbor on family adventures.

Her life is a beautiful reflection of strength, family, and gratitude, and her 103rd birthday was a celebration worthy of such a remarkable woman.



## Gloria Lygne - 100

LEGATEE VISIT: *David Jones*

Born on 17 April 1925 in Kalgoorlie, Gloria's life has been filled with talent, dedication, and quiet achievement.

Taught piano by her mother as a child, Gloria's love for music blossomed early. She completed high school, earned a psychology degree from UWA, and obtained two music diplomas. At just 20, she played full choral services on the organ at St John's Cathedral in Kalgoorlie.

Gloria went on to teach at Eastern Goldfields Technical College and Perth Girls School. In 1952, she married John, and they lived in Venezuela for several years before settling in Australia to raise their two children. Today, Gloria enjoys time with her grandson and great-granddaughter.

For over 40 years, she was organist and Music Director at St Edmund's Church in Wembley, faithfully playing for services including Anzac and Remembrance Days. Remarkably, she last played for Anzac Day in 2023, at age 98.

A lifelong bird lover, Gloria is known for her special bond with galahs, starting with one that rode on her bicycle handlebars as a child.

Gloria's story is one of grace, intellect, and a deep love of music and nature.



## Josephine Winstone - 103

LEGATEE VISIT: *Vickii Irvine*

Born 26 July 1922 in Forrestdale, WA, Josephine Winstone celebrated her 103rd birthday at Joseph Cooke House, Shelley, with her children Leslie, Suzanne, Cheryl, and Joanne. She said her cake was lovely and she ate every crumb.

Josephine grew up on her parents' 105-acre cattle farm in Forrestdale. Her father served in the RAAF and had a hand in the landing at Gallipoli, while her English-born mother adjusted to life on the land. Her happiest childhood memories were spent riding her horse, Bluey—her trusty companion and favourite means of transport.

She fondly recalled the day she met her husband, Leslie, while serving as a Flight Rigger in the RAAF during WWII. After a posting to Kalgoorlie, they were introduced in a hangar—each having already asked about the other. A year later, they married and remained inseparable. Leslie, a WWII RAAF pilot, and Josephine raised five children, though they sadly lost one, and she now has many grandchildren.

Her advice to her younger self: keep life simple, stay happy, and avoid drinking, smoking, or swearing—values instilled by her mother. Josephine says she is very happy with her life.



## Joyce Wood - 100

LEGATEE VISIT: *Nicki McKenna*

On 25 April 2025, Joyce Wood celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by family at her home, a joyful occasion marking a life of strength, love, and quiet determination.

Born in 1925, Joyce was an only child. Her early years were shaped by frequent moves, as her father worked as a station master. Sadly, he passed away when Joyce was just 16.

At 19, Joyce married her husband just before he was deployed overseas with the Army during World War II. Together they had three children, but tragedy struck when her husband passed away at the age of 50, leaving Joyce to raise their family on her own, a role she embraced with strength and devotion.

Joyce has always had a love for dancing and a passion for gardens, finding joy and beauty in movement and nature. Her life, guided by simplicity and integrity, reflects her personal motto: live a clean life—no alcohol or cigarettes.

As she marks her 100th year, Joyce continues to inspire her family with her resilience, wisdom, and graceful approach to life.





## Lesley Larson - 100

LEGATEE VISIT: *Angie Stoll*

On March 8, 2025, Lesley Larson celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by family at her son's home, a joyful occasion filled with love, laughter, and treasured memories.

Born in Bunbury in 1925, Lesley grew up in the heart of the South West. Before marriage, she worked in a solicitor's office, mastering secretarial work, typing, and shorthand. During World War II, she proudly served in the Navy, while her future husband also served before they married.

The couple went on to raise four children, three sons and one daughter, and built a life full of movement and change as her husband's railway career took them across the state. They eventually retired in Mandurah.

Today, Lesley is a proud grandmother of six and great-grandmother of five. In her younger years, she was a keen golfer and even achieved a hole-in-one.

Asked for her secret to a long and happy life, Lesley offers simple but timeless advice: "Enjoy life and love your family."

A century on, Lesley continues to be a source of inspiration through her humour, wisdom, and unwavering love for those closest to her.



## Lorna Findlay - 100

LEGATEE VISIT: *Ross MacArthur*

On 27 April 2025, Lorna Findlay, known affectionately as Judy, celebrated her 100th birthday, surrounded by the love of family and friends.

Born in Perth in 1925, Judy spent her early years in North Perth alongside her sister Shirley, brother Bill, and her childhood best friend, Win. During World War II, she lived in Sydney, returning to Perth once the conflict ended.

In 1962, Judy married Kenneth Findlay, and the couple made their home in Geraldton, a place filled with friendship, laughter, and many cherished memories. Kenneth, who worked for Wesfarmers after the war, sadly passed away in 1997, but their years together remain a treasured part of her story.

An active member of the community, Judy was one of the early members of the Spalding Park Golf Club. She also loved playing cards and games, and had a flair for dressmaking, a creative outlet she enjoyed for many years.

Her secret to a long and happy life? Simple but wise: "Enjoy every day."

Congratulations to Judy on reaching this remarkable milestone, a century of life filled with warmth, resilience, and joy.



## Mary Pearson - 100

STAFF VISIT: *Peter Bruce*

Mary Pearson was born in Kirup South West WA and moved to Kulin with her parents as a youngster where she eventually studied nursing at Attadale Collage.

As fate has it Mary married a young Herbie Pearson who served with the Army Engineers in Borneo during the Second World War. It didn't take long for Mary and Herbie to start a family resulting with 7 children, one of whom

They named George, Her "favourite Scallywag" she said, and a familiar name here at Legacy for his wonderful contributions to the Busselton Camp.

Mary recons the greatest invention to bestow the Human race was the washing machine, and with seven Kids, you just can't argue with that. As the years rolled on Mary was involved with the CWA for 37 years, Sang with the

WA symphony orchestra and won blue ribbons for embroidery at both the Sydney and Perth Royal Shows. With that Mary proclaimed, that in life; "just do your best"

Well done Mary and we look forward to your 101st.



## Mildred Underwood - 100

LEGATEE VISIT: *Peter Heeney*

On 4 February 2025, Mildred marked her 100th birthday—a remarkable milestone in a life dedicated to caring for others, building community, and cherishing family.

Born in Narrogin in 1925, Mildred grew up on a farm in country WA. At 19, she entered the nursing profession, a career that spanned 45 years and created lifelong friendships. Her nursing journey took her to Kalgoorlie, where she met her husband, a former tank driver who had served in the Army and was then working in the gold mines.

Mildred is the proud grandmother of six grandsons and one granddaughter, and great-grandmother to six great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters. When asked the secret to her long life, she simply says: "No drinking, no smoking, and always looking after your family."

Her century of life is a shining example of compassion, resilience, and service. Congratulations, Mildred, on 100 wonderful years.





## Florence Mitchell - 103

LEGATEE VISIT: *Peter Heeney*

Recently turning 100, this remarkable woman marked her milestone with a smile and a story to tell.

Born in the UK, she arrived in Australia at just two years old. She spent her working life in a machine factory, dedicating herself to her craft until retirement. Her father served in the RAAF in Papua New Guinea, a legacy of service she's always been proud of.

She attributes her long life to clean living, never smoking, never drinking - and adds with a twinkle in her eye, "And I've never been out with bad men!"

A century on, she continues to inspire with her strength, humour, and no-nonsense approach to life.

*"I've never been out with bad men!"*

MRS MITCHELL



## Thelma Strickland - 99

LEGATEE VISIT: *Daryl Walton*

Thelma Strickland recently celebrated her 99th birthday, and Legatee Daryl Walton had the pleasure of visiting her to mark the occasion. She was delighted by the visit and spent around 30 minutes warmly chatting and sharing stories, including how she met her husband and reflections on her life, truly fascinating moments.

Although Thelma Strickland hasn't been able to attend Legacy events recently due to mobility challenges, she asked to pass on her sincere apologies and assure everyone of her deep appreciation for Legacy's work. She especially enjoys reading the Legacy Times and remains a proud and engaged supporter.

Bright, engaging, and full of spirit, Thelma Strickland is a remarkable woman with an incredible legacy of her own. We're honoured to celebrate this milestone with her.



## Nancy Carlton - 102

LEGATEE VISIT: *David Dunn*

On 5 March 2025, Nancy Carlton celebrated her 102nd birthday, an incredible milestone for a woman known for her independence and sharp mind.

Nancy has two devoted sons, one she lives with, and another who visits regularly and takes her on outings. Remarkably, she only gave up her driver's licence at the age of 99.

With a clear mind and strong spirit, Nancy remains an inspiring example of graceful ageing and the power of family support.

*"I've had a simple, social, and fulfilling life."*

NORMA MCKENNA



## Norma McKenna - 101

LEGATEE VISIT: *Vickii Irvine & Jarrad Irvine*

Born in Northam on May 1, 1924, Norma McKenna recently celebrated her 101st birthday with a joyful family gathering at a Chinese restaurant in Aubin Grove. Surrounded by her four sons, their partners, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family, the celebration was a testament to a life filled with love and connection.

Norma grew up in Goomalling, enjoying a simple country life and playing tennis. She later worked at the local General Store, where she met her husband Neville. They married when Norma was 23 and spent over 74 years together in their Meltham (now Bayswater) home, a remarkable testament to enduring love and commitment.

Neville served in the Australian Army during World War II, while Norma raised their family and enjoyed knitting, sewing, and crafting. She now spends her time crocheting and teaching others at her retirement village, and remains a loyal West Coast Eagles fan.

When asked if she had any advice for her younger self, Norma offered a simple but profound reflection: she wouldn't change a thing. "I've had a simple, social, and fulfilling life," she said.





## Ruby Bales - 100

LEGATEE VISIT: *Vickii Irvine & Jarrad Irvine*

Born on May 1, 1925, in London, Ruby Bales recently celebrated her 100th birthday with a joyful weekend of festivities—a village party on Friday and a family gathering on Saturday. Her inspiring life was also featured in *The West Australian*.

Ruby's early years were shaped by war and resilience. At just 16, she joined the WWII effort as a fire officer during the Blitz, bravely helping to fight fires and guide civilians to safety amid nightly bombings. On VE Day in 1945, she joined jubilant crowds outside Buckingham Palace, a treasured memory. That same year, she married Leslie Bales, a young Australian serving with the Royal Australian Air Force, and soon after they emigrated to Perth, where they raised three children.

Throughout her life, Ruby has lived through the reigns of five British monarchs—George V, Edward VIII, George VI, Elizabeth II, and now Charles III—a span of royal history that reflects her extraordinary longevity. For the past 26 years, she has lived in a residential estate where she enjoys knitting and teaching mahjong. Her advice to her younger self: "Look before you leap."



## Sheila Lumbus - 100

LEGATEE VISIT: *Robert Niven*

On 4 February 2025, Sheila Lumbus celebrated her 100th birthday, marking a century of resilience, dedication, and community spirit.

Born to farming parents near Tambellup, Sheila's early life was shaped by the rhythms of rural WA. It was in Wickepin that she met her future husband, Ray, who had served in the Royal Australian Air Force during World War II. After the war, the couple married in 1947 and, sharing strong farming backgrounds, successfully applied for a Soldier Settlement Block in Rocky Gully.

Sheila served as her local church organist for many years, retiring only after the 2024 Christmas service at age 99. After farming, the couple moved to York and then Warwick, where Sheila continued teaching in Perth's northern suburbs. Her 100th birthday was marked by warm reunions and reflections on a life well lived.

Her secret to a long life? "Keep active, both physically and mentally."



## Vera Probert - 105

LEGATEE VISIT: *Nicki McKenna*

In February 2025, Vera Probert marked an incredible milestone, her 105th birthday.

Born in Tasmania, Vera joined the Air Force at the age of 21, moving to Melbourne during World War II. She served in administrative communications, contributing to the vital work behind the scenes during the war.

In 1947, she met her future husband, who had also served in the Air Force. The couple went on to build a life together and raised two children, a son and a daughter.

Vera's long life is a testament to resilience, service, and family. Her remarkable 105th birthday is a celebration of a life well lived.

*"Keep active,  
both physically  
and mentally."*

SHEILA LUMBUS



## Violet Hayter - 100

STAFF VISIT: *Peter Bruce*

Violet Hayter marked her 100th birthday this year, a celebration of a life rich in love, resilience, and quiet strength.

Just 20 years old when the Second World War ended, Violet experienced a time of immense change and rebuilding. A few years later, she and her husband Deryck, a war veteran who served as a private in North Africa, Italy, and Austria, made the bold move from London to Australia, eventually settling in Perth.

Together, Violet and Deryck built a new life, raising two sons while Deryck worked as a skilled carpenter. After Deryck's passing in 1989, Violet later moved to Busselton, where she continues to live independently.

A proud mother, grandmother to four, and great-grandmother to six, Violet is deeply loved by her family, who remain close and keep a caring eye on her.

Violet enjoyed playing golf well into her late 60s and, for many years, took great pleasure in crafts and knitting. Known for her sharp wit and warm humour, she brings laughter and joy to those around her.



## Vale

Our thoughts and deepest condolences go out to the families of Legacy WA's clients who have recently passed.

May they rest in peace.



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June MCGINNITY  
Margaret CARBON  
May ELVERD  
Wilma COX  
Ivy CHIESA  
Carol ARMSTRONG  
Dorothy FREESTONE  
Pauline HOGAN  
Lois DRAPER  
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Betty MONTGOMERY  
Anne GOOD  
Robert Jackson



## The Music, the Man, the Legacy – Remembering Rick Steele

Legacy WA is deeply saddened by the passing of Rick Steele, a beloved figure in the Western Australian music scene and a long-time supporter of our mission.

Rick dedicated countless hours to performing and fundraising for Legacy WA, lending his talent and energy to events such as Rock for Legacy. His music was more than entertainment — it was a vehicle for compassion, connection, and community spirit.

A cause personally close to his heart, Rick's support went far beyond the stage. He gave generously of his time, raised much-needed funds, and helped shine a spotlight on Legacy WA's work supporting the families of veterans. Many of our staff had the privilege of meeting and working with Rick, and all recall his warmth, humour, and genuine kindness.

Rick's generosity, passion, and commitment touched many lives. His legacy will live on in the families he helped and the hearts he inspired, and his music will forever be part of the soundtrack of our community.

Rest in peace, Rick — your song plays on.



## RECIPE: Soldiers Cake

COURTESY OF NANA LING

Nana Ling recorded this recipe for Soldiers Cake on the 8th October 1942.

At that time, the end of the Second World War was still a long 2 years and 10 months away, though the Australian Army was just days away from playing an important role in the Allied victory at El Alamein in Egypt.

Soldiers Cake is a fruit cake and this recipe contains instructions for sealing the cake in a tin. That, and the name, suggests it was intended to be packaged up and sent to those serving overseas.

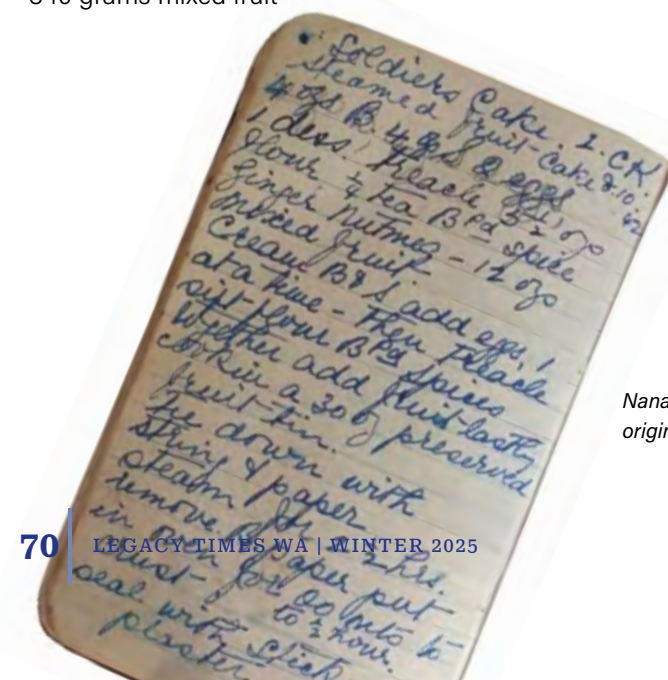
### Ingredients

- 115 grams butter
- 115 grams sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 dessert spoon treacle
- 155 grams flour
- ¼ teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon ginger
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- 340 grams mixed fruit

### Instructions

1. Cream butter and sugar.
2. Add eggs, one at a time.
3. Add treacle and mix well.
4. Sift flour, baking powder and spices into mixture and stir to combine.
5. Add fruit and mix well.
6. Put mixture into a small, deep cake tin which has been lined well with baking paper. (A 6 inch round tin works nicely with 3 layers of greased baking paper).
7. Cover cake tin with a piece of baking paper and tie to secure.
8. Steam for 2 to 2 ½ hours.
9. Remove paper cover and put into a slow oven for 20-30 minutes to crust.
10. Remove from oven, cover with aluminium foil and wrap in a clean tea towel to cool.

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