

Legacy Week 2017

A week to give back to those who have given everything

Australians can show their support for the families of those who served their country by buying a badge during Legacy Week, **Sunday 27 August to Saturday 2 September 2017**.

For 75 years, Legacy badges have been offered as a token of appreciation for donations made by the public during Legacy's national fundraising appeal.

This year is also the 75th Anniversary of the Kokoda Campaign. To mark this, 23 Legacy Youth, accompanied by 17 serving Australian Defence Force veterans will trek the Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea during Legacy Week.

Operation Legacy Australia Kokoda Challenge 2017, a joint mentoring initiative with Australian Defence Force, is a unique leadership development activity.

"The young Australians participating will have a chance to commemorate the service and sacrifice of their loved ones and those who served 75 years ago," said Legacy Australia Chairman, Mr Tony Ralph.

"An organisation rich in history, Legacy strives to meet the changing needs of our families in this modern era. With the support of generous Australians, Legacy can continue its good work.

"Veterans mentoring Legacy youth reflects the true spirit of Legacy. By bringing these young adults and the current generation of serving veterans together during Legacy Week we are fostering the qualities of leadership, resilience, courage, initiative, respect and teamwork.

"All these will develop during the life changing experience of trekking 96km across the Owen Stanley Ranges."

Whilst this activity is happening Legacy continues to care for around 65,000 widow(er)s and 1,800 children and disabled dependants throughout Australia.

Mr Ralph encourages all Australians to buy a badge and wear it with pride this Legacy Week.

"You will play an important role in supporting the families of veterans who have given their life or their health for their country.

"Whether on deployment, peacekeeping, peace enforcing or disaster relief, the bottom line is when a member of the Australian Defence Force goes to work, there is always a real risk they may not return, and if they do, it may not be in the same state as when they left.

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

Legacy merchandise, including badges, pens and the very popular Legacy bears will be available across the country during Legacy Week. To make a donation or volunteer your time visit www.legacy.com.au or call 1800 534 229.

For further information or interviews please contact:

Carly Forrester, Legacy Australia Phone: 0437 617 351 or Email: media@legacy.com.au

LEGACY and the Torch Logo are trade marks of Legacy Australia Incorporated and are used with its permission.