



## MEDIA ALERT

### **\$50,000 DONATION TO LEGACY AUSTRALIA**

Legacy's Kokoda Challenge will return in 2020 following a \$50,000 donation from Dr Chau Chak Wing. The donation was presented to Legacy Chairman Rick Cranna OAM in a ceremony with Australian philanthropist Dr Chau Chak Wing.

The Kokoda Challenge has not been undertaken since 2017 due to a lack of funding.

The Kokoda Challenge will see Junior Legatees between the ages of 18 and 25 join ADF mentors, to undertake the challenging 96 kilometre trek through tropical rainforest, challenging mountain terrain and unspoiled villages along the legendary Kokoda Track.

Rick Cranna said that whilst it is disappointing for the trek to not be going ahead this year, it is extremely exciting to already have some of funding in place for 2020 with this generous donation.

"This donation will greatly assist with Legacy Australia's planning for the 2020 Kokoda Challenge which helps make a real difference to the lives of our Junior Legatees who have suffered as a result of the service of a family member," Mr Cranna said.

"During the Kokoda Challenge these young Australians will be given the opportunity to commemorate the service and sacrifice of their loved ones and those who have served."

Dr Chau Chak Wing congratulated Legacy for the outstanding work they do.

"Legacy and its volunteers provide an incredible service, and the work they do is so important in supporting the families of our servicemen and women," Dr Chau said.

"I am particularly proud to be able to support the 2020 Kokoda Challenge. I have no doubt the Junior Legatees will find undertaking the historic trek both challenging and personally rewarding."

The Junior Legatees are young people who have faced adversity in their lives through the death or incapacitation of a parent due to their Operational Service in the Australian Defence Force.

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