

Events 2012

Junior Legatees Sailing Day - 2 December 2012



Each year Narrabeen Lakes Sailing Club hosts Junior Legatees and their families for a morning of sailing on Narrabeen Lagoon.

Among the sailors who stepped up for this year's lessons were Charlotte and Anna who decided the catamaran would be a challenge for them. After learning to duck the boom, reef the sheets and tack, the girls were confident enough to fly a hull! Anna went airborne for a bit, but both thought it was great fun and the girls loved their new sport!

Other Junior Legatees learned new skills on the herons with the more confident also giving the cat a go. Afterwards the children joined club members for a bbq lunch, then Santa arrived by boat with gifts for the Junior Legatees and sailing club children.

Legacy thanks all the members of the Narrabeen Lakes Sailing Club for their generosity in sharing their time, skills and nautical equipment and the fun of their Christmas party as well!

Governor's Legacy Golf Day - 19 November 2012



More than 110 players teed off in bright sunshine at The Royal Sydney Golf Club, Rose Bay, at for the 77th Governor's Legacy Golf Trophy.

The shotgun start meant all players were finished by midday – when the weather had changed, with temperatures rapidly dropping and light rain setting in.

Players moved to the elegant surrounds of the Bay window dining room in the club house.

The Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AO CVO accompanied by Sir Nicholas Shehadie arrived soon after and were escorted in by Sydney Legacy President Colin Dunston and The Royal Sydney Golf Club President Sandy Dawson.

Her Excellency spoke of Legacy's efforts over 90 years in supporting the families of incapacitated and deceased veterans.

She presented the Governor's Legacy Golf Trophy to Robin McDonald of Pymble Golf Club and the Runner Up Trophy to Jonathon Walker of Monash Golf Club.

The Governor's Legacy Golf Trophy is an important event on the Legacy calendar as it recognises the fundraising efforts of the golfing community throughout the year. Clubs which fundraise are invited to send players to the event, held each November alternately at The Royal Sydney Gold Club and The Australian Golf Club. Sydney Legacy thanks all those who contributed as the money raised allows us to continue our work in supporting the families of incapacitated and deceased veterans.

Legacy Remembrance Lunch - 8 November 2012



In the tradition of a "Legacy of Leadership" Lieutenant Colonel Scott Corrigan leads the men who operate in the dangerous space between "spears" (allied forces) and enemies (threat forces). As Commanding Officer of the highly trained Special Operations Engineer Regiment, he sends teams of specialists into areas of war, conflict and peacekeeping, always aware of the danger they face.

Former Junior Legatee Blair Whitaker, who became part of the Legacy family after his father died when he was a teenager, spoke. He credits Legacy, the opportunities of education and mentorship Legacy provided in helping him become a happy adult with a great life, despite the loss of his father. His three sisters also graduated from tertiary education with Legacy's help.

A wonderful lunch in elegant surroundings was enjoyed by all and there was enthusiastic bidding for the prizes – most of which are unavailable elsewhere.

Successful bidders won the following adventures:

- Four people to join the Special Operations Engineer Regiment at Holsworthy to face their own challenges: the obstacle course, shooting live rounds at the rifle range, lunching with the SOER, touring Special Forces Training facilities, an explosives demo and trying on bomb suits.
- A 10 day trek with Adventure Kokoda to walk in the footsteps of Australian heroes on the original Kokoda trail. They will gain an insight into the military history of the Kokoda campaign, explore battle sites on the way with detailed briefings on the history of each.
- Two people to head out for a Day with the Royal Australian Navy to view the action below decks as sailors demonstrate damage control skills, observe the fighting capability of the ship in the ops room, spend time on the bridge and dine with the crew.
- Another duo to spend a day with the Royal Australian Air Force at Richmond base, touring a C13 Hercules Aircraft, a moving flight simulator experience with take offs and landings and low flying sequences before greeting the RAAF Military Working Dogs.

City2Surf, August 12, 2012



The 2012 City2Surf was held in blustery conditions. This didn't seem to have a huge effect on runners who finished in more than decent times.

Runners and walkers came out to support Legacy, with serious athletes as Gold Charity starters to be near the front of the race. They put in a remarkable fund raising effort, more than \$32,000 was raised.

Starting a little later in the race was 2UE presented Jason Morrison, accompanied by listeners and staff. Not only did they put in a magnificent effort on the walk, they raised more than \$8000 for Legacy. Their "after party" was a lovely lunch at the Bondi Golf Club featuring plenty of mushrooms (the Australian Mushroom Growers Association was a major sponsor for their effort).

Kuttabul Commemoration 70th Anniversary Cruise, 31 May 2012



Descendants of those who died on the Kuttabul, which bore the brunt of the Japanese midget submarine attack in Sydney Harbour on May 31, 1942, marked the 70th anniversary aboard a special cruise.

The Kuttabul, a converted harbour ferry, used to accommodate sailors, sank after a torpedo aimed at the USS Chicago missed, hit the sea wall below the Kuttabul, causing it to sink off Garden Island.

The sub that fired the fateful shot was missing for 64 years until divers found it off Sydney's northern beaches in 2006. Three of those divers joined 3 Kuttabul "survivors", sailors not on the ship that night.

The cruise was organised by Gary Traynor, founder of NFP website Medals Gone Missing, which helps reunite people with lost medals. Historian Steven Carruthers, author of 2 books on the Japanese midget submarine raid – Australia Under Siege and Japanese Submarine Raiders 1942: A Maritime Mystery commented. He says the little known East Coast Sea War has been over-shadowed by other events in the Pacific and Northern Australia, even though the casualties were higher.

The government of the time didn't want to scare people so didn't let them realise that, for a short time, Sydney Harbour and the waters off the eastern coast were a battleground with more people killed (670) than on Kokoda (624) or the sinking of HMAS Sydney (645).

Descendants of sailors killed pinned poppies onto a wreath. If a descendant was not present, an alternative representative or a member of ADFA undertook this task. A poignant moment during the cruise was when the youngest descendant on board Luke Martignago, and Junior Legatee, Kaylea Allcroft, laid a wreath upon the water over where the remains of the Kuttabul and were 21 sailors died.

Almost 300 people were on board the cruise and donated around \$2200 to Sydney Legacy.