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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.

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President's Address

Steve Stoll



Dear Legacy WA Community,

Well, what a difference a couple of months makes.

Since my last article, Legacy WA has experienced several noteworthy developments, and I would like to address the major ones. These include the temporary suspension of Legacy-run camps, the extension of Allison's interim contract, the resignation of our Board's Treasurer, and the success of Legacy Week.

Suspension of Legacy-Run Camps

The Board of Legacy WA has made the difficult decision to temporarily suspend our Legacy-run camps. This decision was not made lightly, as we understand the crucial role these camps play in the lives of the widows, children, and families who attend them. However, after careful consideration, it became clear that this step was necessary for the long-term sustainability of our organisation and the services we provide.

The evolving expectations and regulatory changes in our sector have posed several challenges, particularly in the support we offer and the execution of our camps. This suspension will allow us the opportunity to reassess and enhance our programs, ensuring that we can better serve our community in the future.

I want to emphasise that the camp is still operating safely and effectively. Private bookings for the camp

continue to be available, and interested parties can book via the web page or by calling Legacy House. For our Legacy beneficiaries, there is no charge.

Extension of Allison's Contract

In light of the ongoing challenges and the outstanding work Allison has accomplished, the Board has determined that Legacy WA is not yet ready to commence the recruitment process for a permanent CEO. Consequently, Allison has been asked to extend her role as Transitional CEO for an additional 12 months. This extension will provide the necessary time to fully understand our long-term potential and develop strategies to ensure Legacy WA continues to offer support, opportunities, and connections to veterans' loved ones for the next century.



Steve Stoll & Rear Admiral (RADM) Wendy Malcolm AM, CSM RAN



Steve & Angie Stoll - Brigadier - Comannder 13th Bigade and husband

Resignation of the Board's Treasurer

We regret to announce the resignation of our Treasurer, Daniel Clarke, who stepped down due to personal reasons. During his tenure, Daniel made significant contributions to the Board and the Legacy WA team. We are grateful for his dedication and for making the difficult decision to step down before his situation could negatively impact both himself and the organisation.

We are pleased to introduce Graeme Testar as the interim replacement for the position of Treasurer. Graeme brings a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of our mission, making him an exceptional choice for this role. His expertise and dedication will undoubtedly be invaluable as we navigate this period of transition. We are confident that Graeme will be a valuable addition to our team, contributing significantly to our ongoing efforts to support veterans' families.

A permanent, member-elected Treasurer will be appointed at our next Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 30 November 2024. We will provide further updates once this appointment is formalised, ensuring a smooth and transparent transition in our financial leadership.

Legacy Week - A Resounding Success

Legacy Week, our annual event, was once again a tremendous success, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to its achievements. This cornerstone event is pivotal in raising awareness and generating essential funds for Legacy WA. This year's Legacy Week surpassed our expectations, thanks to

the unwavering dedication and enthusiasm of our community members.

A special mention goes to the volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Their efforts in organising events, managing logistics, and ensuring everything ran smoothly were invaluable. The community's support, whether through direct involvement or simply spreading the word, made a significant impact.

Legacy Week is more than just a fundraising event; it is a celebration of the Legacy of our veterans and a demonstration of our commitment to supporting their loved ones. The success of this year's event reaffirms our collective resolve to continue this vital work. We look forward to building on this momentum in the coming year, further strengthening our community and expanding our support for those who have sacrificed so much for our country.

Moving Forward

These changes reflect our ongoing commitment to ensuring that Legacy WA remains a robust and supportive presence for our community. We appreciate the understanding and patience of everyone involved as we navigate these transitions. Our focus remains on creating a sustainable future for Legacy WA and continuing to honour and support the families of our veterans.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours in Legacy

CEO's Address

Allison Stephens



To all Legacy WA beneficiaries, Legatees, and contributors,

Reflecting on the recent developments at Legacy WA, I am honoured to share my insights alongside our President, Steve, and Vice President, Brett. Our organisation is navigating a significant period of transformation and evolution. As we face the challenges common to the charitable sector, our commitment to strengthening Legacy WA remains unwavering, ensuring we continue to provide exceptional support to our beneficiaries.

The temporary suspension of our Legacy-run camps, while challenging, is a crucial step towards reassessing and enhancing our programs. This pause allows us to realign our services with current expectations and regulatory standards, ensuring we maintain the high level of support our community deserves.

The extension of my role as Transitional CEO is a testament to the Board's dedication to managing these changes thoughtfully and strategically. This extension will afford us the time necessary to develop and implement robust strategies, ensuring Legacy WA remains a pillar of support for veterans' families for many years to come.

I want to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of our former Treasurer, Daniel Clarke, and welcome



Allison Stephens & Steve Stoll at the Legacy Week Street Appeal

Graeme Testar. Once again, as an interim officer in this period of significant change, Graeme's expertise will be invaluable and assist in ensuring that he continues to build on a strong foundation.

Demonstrating the strength of Legacy WA in the community, our events are growing and well received. Legacy Week, 24 August - 7 September, was a resounding success that delivered \$18,090 for Legacy WA.



Vince Connely, Allison Stephens & Steve Stoll at The Better Together Ball

Also, our Jingle in July saw more attendees than in previous years, with The Better Together Ball highlighting our supporters' enduring spirit and dedication.

Our focus remains firmly on enhancing our operations and honouring the legacy of our veterans. I am deeply grateful to everyone involved in this journey. Your service and commitment are the cornerstones of our progress. In my time here, I have had the privilege of meeting many remarkable individuals, and I look forward to connecting with more of you as we work together. My door is always open, and I am determined to work alongside you to build a resilient and impactful future for Legacy WA.

With resolve,
Allison



Peter King & Helen Wauchope from DVA, meeting with Allison Stephens at Legacy House



Steve Stoll, Allison Stephens & Hon Andrew Hastie at the IODS Conference

Vice President's Address

Brett Dowsing



To all of our beneficiaries, volunteers, staff and Legatees,

It is a real pleasure to add my words to those of our President, Legatee Steve, and Transitional CEO, Allison. Please understand that what I say must be read in conjunction with their addresses.

Legacy WA is undergoing a transformational transition. This has been brought about by the challenges facing our organisation and our ability to continue providing the high level of support and services to our beneficiaries. Let me be clear though that the necessary changes we are making are in response to issues facing almost all of the charitable organisations in Australia at this time.

Fundamental to our needs is an ability to raise funds and to effectively and efficiently disperse these to our beneficiaries. In today's climate the costs of the associated services are increasing. So, this means achieving corporate-level sponsors and the pursuit of a greater share of Federal and State Government grants.

In turn, achieving these funds, we as an organisation must professionalise and be open to scrutiny of our operations. Again, this and the increasingly regulatory environment we are in, are being faced by all major charities.

The transition we are undergoing in no way reflects on our fantastic staff, volunteers and Legatees. We need to match our future needs with the skills, care and passion that they provide, and we will almost certainly need to augment them with some capabilities as part of this professionalisation. And this will be done with a view to a continuous improvement culture across our organisation.

So, a lot is happening, and it is happening quickly with the Board and staff's diligence and care, but always with our beneficiaries at the forefront of any consideration.

Not everything is changing and, this is evidenced by a lot of our recent activities.



L/Brett Dowsing & Vice Admiral Tim Barrett, AO, CSC, RAN (Ret)



What a hoot it was having our Jingle in July at Government House in the company of His Excellency the Governor and Mrs Dawson, and one of our major sponsors, RPS.

Nearly 300 of our magnificently dressed ladies enjoyed all of our normal fun together, and we were particularly pleased to have a 104-year-old in the room with us, who was gifted one of our giveaway prizes on the day. This was special, and we are especially indebted to all our staff, volunteers and Legatees who ensured the success of this wonderful occasion.



Governor and Mrs Dawson especially enjoyed joining with many of our ladies and being mobbed for 'selfie' photographs on their departure!

This year, our Better Together Ball underwent a significant change in that it was piggy-backed on the biennial Indo-Pacific Defence and Security Conference. Along with our normal partner, RSL WA, we were also joined by Police Legacy in the spirit of unity. With over 500 attendees, this dinner and dancing night raised much needed funds for Legacy and other charity partners. The Army band provided music and the occasion was addressed by Minister Papalia, a

distinguished veteran himself. The Conference was attended by the Naval heads of Australia, the UK and the USA, along with senior administrative leadership in discussions largely around regional strategic issues and those associated with our acquisition of nuclear-powered submarines.



Brett Dowsing & Steve Stoll at The Better Together Ball

Finally, I wish all our beneficiaries the best of health and happiness, and I thank all of our staff, volunteers and Legatees for their continued service and passion. I especially look forward to our journey forward together.

Yours aye,

Brett

Legacy Updates

Graham Follington

Written by Graham Follington

I commenced work as a Pension Officer at Legacy in 2012, shortly after retiring from the Department of Veterans' Affairs. I have enjoyed every minute of my time here. Our team (all that makes up the Legacy family) has always been so friendly and good fun, and a group that always focused on doing the right thing by our widows, and I loved being a part of it. I have particularly loved the interactions with our widows that I've experienced over this time. Such a special (and resilient) group. Rarely a day goes by when a widow I'm helping does not surprise me with a sharp mind, wit and often incredible physical capacity in spite of their years. There is an element of satisfaction in being able to help people along the way. It has been a privilege to be with Legacy, and I will unquestionably miss it all, although I am planning to continue as a Legatee. Twelve years here has instilled a real sense of family in me with the staff and Legatees over the years, and I will miss this. Nonetheless, it is time to move on. I'm not getting any younger, and we have bought a new caravan!



'Graham goes about his work in a quiet and efficient manner. He works tirelessly to submit War Widows applications for our widows. His knowledge and years of experience have enhanced the knowledge of those around him.'

Graham is known at Legacy as a jokester as well as a helpful person; he has often been seen doing the dishes following a beneficiary event.'

- Tracey Hamel

'As many of you know, Graham has been a valued member of Legacy WA staff for over 12 years and as a Legatee for over 11 years. Graham has made the decision to step back and enjoy his retirement for a second time around. He will continue to stay on as a Legatee to provide invaluable support to his beneficiaries.'

Graham, along with his humour and many stories, will be missed in the office.'

- Kathryn Robbins



Graham & his wife, Robyn

Legacy SRECC Award

At Legacy House, we are excited to announce a new monthly award recognising staff who exemplify our Legacy Values: Service, Respect, Excellence, Care, and Collaboration.

June Winner - Peter Bruce

To inaugurate this initiative, our President Steve, presented the June award to Peter Bruce. As the camp caretaker in Busselton, Peter has diligently worked to maintain and enhance our camp facilities. Despite the recent change in our camp program, Peter has stood out for his adaptability and has showcased exceptional service, respect, and care throughout this period.



July Winner - Joanna Cooper

In July, the award was then passed onto Joanna Cooper from Peter:

'The SRECC Award is held for a month, and I am pleased to pass it on to Joanna Cooper from Community Services. Joanna's exceptional support with all the camps and her embodiment of our core values make her a deserving recipient.'

Thank you, Joanna, and thank you to everyone for your continued support.'

August Winner - Lauren Durey

In August, the award was then passed onto Lauren Durey from Joanna:

"I wanted to recognise Lauren for the growth I've seen in her since I started at Legacy WA a little over a year ago.

Particularly, she increased strength in bouncing back from challenges and setbacks (which we know in the events space can pop up at any moment), care and respect for her colleagues and being a great collaborator on a recent camp project we've worked on.

Believe in yourself!"



New Addition to the team - Michael Bush

Written by Michael Bush

I am thrilled to introduce myself as an advocate for veteran families and community support in my role as the Veterans' Family Case Officer. I am a passionate and proactive individual committed to enabling people to enhance their futures and be seen as they wish.

As a former ADF member and a parent with a military background, I have developed a unique understanding of the complexities of military life and its impact on families.



Reflecting on my journey, I realise that my experiences have endowed me with a deep understanding of the families that Legacy WA supports. Being a father of four wonderful children and a loving husband, I've seen firsthand the challenges and joys of nurturing a family. These experiences have strengthened my ability to connect with the families we serve on a personal level.



Honouring The Legacy Of Sergeant Todd Langley

Written by Steve Stoll

In the heart of Western Australia, the spirit of the Aussie Digger burns brightly through the memory of Sergeant Todd Langley. Todd, a beloved son of Val and Neville Langley, grew up in the towns of Katanning and Broome Hill, embodying qualities of loyalty, hard work, and deep respect for others. Privately, he cherished his role as a loving husband and father to three daughters and a son who inherited his father's remarkable personality.

Sergeant Langley's commitment to service led him to Afghanistan, where, as a Commando Section Commander, he embarked on his seventh operational deployment. Tragically, on 4 July 2011, Todd made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Todd's dedication to his country and his family continues to inspire. His father, Neville Langley, was



Steve Stoll - George Azar - Previous President of the The Pigeon Racing Federation, presenting Legacy a cheque to assist in the upkeep of the Legacy Bus at the Holiday Camp Busselton

deeply involved in the Pigeon Racing Foundation of WA. Alongside George Azar (Past President), Neville pioneered a noble initiative within the club, directing their efforts towards raising funds for Legacy WA. In 2016, their dedication resulted in a significant donation of \$25,000, contributing towards the purchase of a bus to transport Legacy Families in the southwest, particularly in Busselton. Neville and George ensured that the bus's ongoing operational costs were covered, with subsequent donations exceeding \$25,000.

As we reflect on Todd Langley's life and sacrifice, let us also remember the selfless efforts of Neville Langley and George Azar, who continue to honour his memory through their contributions to the community.



The Arrival of Much-Needed Rain and Exciting Camp News

Written by Peter Bruce

In recent months, our camp has been blessed with an abundance of rain. It's been raining consistently, and I can confidently say that we've received a substantial downpour, which is more than welcome after a prolonged dry spell. February 2024 saw our bore water supplies dwindling, largely due to two years of inadequate rainfall coupled with a significant increase in the regional population. Despite these challenges, we managed to keep the lawns green through the winter months with a few adjustments here and there. While there may be much speculation about the cause of this rainfall, we extend our heartfelt thanks to whoever is responsible!

The camp has been relatively quiet over the past couple of months, with the widows' and beneficiary camps currently on hold. I must admit, I miss the lively presence of the widows, who would gather under the Grand Tables at the Great "Tree Of Knowledge" in the late afternoons. Their animated debates about the mysterious "Secret Widows Stuff" were always a highlight. Although the camp remains open for bookings, ladies must now book, arrive, and stay independently. It was a pleasure to host the Campbell Barracks Family Camp recently and see the parents and children enjoying their time at the camp once again.

Our annual Disaster Relief Australia (DRA) work wrapped up just last week. Typically held in October, this year's event was moved to August due to specific circumstances. August is usually quite wet and challenging for such work, but we managed to avoid the worst of the rain and complete the job. The primary goal was to clear the fuel buildup in the nature reserve between Caves Road, the office, and east of the main entrance. This accumulation of dead trees, branches, and other debris posed a significant bushfire hazard. The DRA team, consisting of seven members, tackled the job efficiently with two large chainsaws, box trailers, and utes - we were fortunate to have a free tip pass to dispose of the waste.

Among the completed tasks was the removal of two unsightly commercial garbage bins that greeted visitors at the camp entrance. These bins, reminiscent of a dog's mess on a pristine lawn, have been replaced. A big thank you goes to the DRA crew and Chris Reynolds from Tade Hire for providing equipment at no charge - your help was invaluable!

I look forward to welcoming you back to camp very soon.

Cheers,

Legacy Camp Caretaker, Peter Bruce

General News



The Decommissioning of HMAS ANZAC

Written by Steve Stoll

On 18 May 2024, I had the honour of representing the Chairman of Legacy Australia and Legacy WA at the decommissioning ceremony of HMAS ANZAC held at HMAS Stirling. This solemn event marked the end of an era for the Royal Australian Navy, as HMAS ANZAC, the longest-commissioned vessel in its fleet, was formally retired after 28 years of distinguished service.

Commissioned on 18 May 1996, HMAS ANZAC served the Royal Australian Navy with unwavering commitment and distinction. Over nearly three decades, this formidable warship participated in various key operations, including peacekeeping missions, international naval exercises, and efforts to combat piracy and provide disaster relief. Its decommissioning is not merely the retirement of a vessel but the closing chapter of a significant part of Australia's maritime history.

The decommissioning ceremony at HMAS Stirling was a poignant affair attended by the Federal Minister

for Brand, the Honourable Madeleine King, as well as Naval officers, Veterans, dignitaries, and family members.

HMAS ANZAC's service record is a testament to the Royal Australian Navy's operational excellence.

While the decommissioning of HMAS ANZAC marks the end of its active service, the legacy it leaves behind will continue to inspire future generations of naval personnel. The ship's name, derived from the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC), will forever symbolize bravery, camaraderie, and sacrifice.

In closing, it was a privilege to represent the Chairman of Legacy Australia and Legacy WA at this historic event. HMAS ANZAC's decommissioning is a reminder of the enduring values of service and sacrifice that define our armed forces, and it is a chapter of naval history that will be remembered with great respect and admiration.

71st Anniversary Commemoration of the Korean War Armistice

Written by Steve Stoll

It was both a pleasure and an honour to attend and represent Legacy WA at the 71st Anniversary Commemoration of the Korean War Armistice held at the Kings Park Memorial on 27 July 2024. The event saw a remarkable turnout, reflecting the community's deep respect and remembrance for those who served.

The Korean War, often referred to as the "Forgotten War," began on 25 June 1950, and ended with an armistice on 27 July 1953. This conflict involved many nations under the United Nations Command, with Australian forces playing a significant role in the fighting and subsequent peacekeeping efforts. Australia contributed over 17,000 personnel to the conflict, with more than 340 Australians losing their lives and many others returning with injuries. In particular, it was incredibly humbling to witness



Korean War Veterans Frederick & Noel Wilson. The West Australian.

Brothers Frederick and Noel Wilson, both of whom served in the Korean War, received citations from the South Korean government on Saturday. Their recognition serves as a touching reminder of the sacrifices made and the enduring bonds between nations forged in times of conflict.

The ceremony at Kings Park Memorial not only honoured the bravery and dedication of those who served but also highlighted the ongoing importance of remembering and learning from past conflicts. The community's participation underscored a collective commitment to preserving the legacy of those who fought for freedom and peace.

As we commemorate this significant anniversary, we are reminded of the profound impact of the Korean



War and the contributions of Australian forces. The stories of veterans, and brothers, Frederick and Noel Wilson, continue to inspire and remind us of the enduring strength of the human spirit in the face of adversity.

Legacy WA remains dedicated to supporting veterans and their families, ensuring that the sacrifices of those who served are never forgotten. The 71st anniversary commemoration stands as a testament to the lasting gratitude and respect we hold for all who served in the Korean War.



Legacy WA's Peter Heeny with recipients Portia Sorolli, Jane Taylor and Dianne Scott at the rear with Valerie Ward and Janet Bradshaw, front. Picture: Laurie Benson

Article Published in the Albany Advertiser, 18 June 2024: Korean War Veteran Medal Presentation

Legacy's Youngest Beneficiaries

On 4 August 2024, we had the privilege of celebrating the first birthday of our youngest beneficiaries, twins Luca and Milena. They have a wonderful older sister, Lyla, who is four years old and an ideal companion for both the twins and their mother. Despite the loss of their father, Jacinta is a remarkable and devoted mother to her children.

We extend our warmest wishes to Jacinta and her beautiful twins on their first birthday.



Jacinta's Story

My name is Jacinta, and I'm a 24-year-old mother to three wonderful children: my four-year-old daughter, Lyla and twins Luca and Milena. My partner Luke, a Police Officer and reservist with the 16th Battalion of the Australian Army, passed away in February 2023 when I was 15 weeks pregnant with the twins. They are among Legacy's youngest beneficiaries.

The last 18 months have been extremely tough. I've faced major depressive disorder, anxiety, and PTSD while grieving, adjusting to life changes, and raising the babies. Despite these challenges, I continued working full-time until I was 37 weeks pregnant and have focused on my mental health through therapy and medical appointments. I've recently returned to work at WA Police with a supportive team.

Luca and Milena have been a tremendous source of healing for Lyla and me. They bring so much joy to our lives and have made this difficult time more bearable. We are blessed to have amazing support and love from those around us.

Lyla has been my rock through this journey, managing her own grief while being the best big sister imaginable. She is a wonderfully down-to-earth little girl with an immense amount of love for everyone, especially her twin siblings. Luca is a typical boy, already into all sorts of mischief, but he is also incredibly snuggly and sweet. Milena is a delightful little angel, so cheerful and affectionate. I feel truly blessed to have these three wonderful children to navigate life with.



Winner Of The Legacy Times Survey Prize!

As many of you will know, we hosted the Jingle in July at Government House. We conducted a survey at the Jingle with a \$50 voucher up for grabs for someone who completed the survey. The randomly selected winner of the voucher is:

Frances Oliver!

Frances came to collect her voucher from Legacy House and expressed how grateful she was to be selected. She said that she will use the voucher to treat her grandson.

Thank you Frances for your excellent participation and feedback for The Legacy Times!



Legacy National Advocacy Forum

Written by Kathryn Robbins

On the 8 and 9 August, I attended the Legacy National Advocacy Forum in Canberra. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with representatives, including staff, Legatees, and stakeholders from Legacy Clubs across the nation. The forum featured insightful presentations from DVA Secretary Alison Frame, First Assistant Secretary Leanne Cameron, Jane Anderson from the Veteran Review Board, Commissioner Gwen Cherne, Siobhan Glyde from the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation, and Michael Burvill from Open Arms. Other Legacy division representatives also spoke, offering a valuable perspective on the challenges faced by various clubs and common themes related to the Legacy 2030 vision.

We were also updated on the current plans for a bill proposal submissions from Legacy Inc., which aim to benefit all 44 clubs nationwide.

In summary, there was a recurring theme over the two days that engagement with Government and other External Security Organisations (ESOs) was valuable and informative. It was great to be provided with context to the challenges we as an organisation are aiming to address with Government.



Photo taken by Kathryn at the Australian War Museum

While waiting for my flight, I visited the Australian War Memorial Museum. The building is currently undergoing construction, but the displays inside were incredibly interesting. It was humbling to learn more about Australia's history. If you haven't been there yet, I highly recommend a visit.

A Moving Tribute on Vietnam Veterans' Day

Written by Steve Stoll

On 18 August, we marked Vietnam Veterans' Day, a day deeply etched in our collective memory as it coincides with the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan. This date serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by almost 60,000 Australians who served in the Vietnam War from 1962 to 1972.

Representing Legacy WA at this year's commemoration and laying a wreath in honour of the fallen was a profoundly moving experience. The ceremony underscored the depth of our collective gratitude and remembrance for those who served and sacrificed.



<https://govhouse.wa.gov.au/2024/08/honouring-vietnam-veterans/>

The Battle of Long Tan, fought on 18 August 1966, remains one of the most significant and intense engagements involving Australian forces during the Vietnam War. In the dense rubber plantations near Long Tan, soldiers from Delta Company, 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment faced an overwhelming force of approximately 2,000 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops. The battle unfolded under relentless tropical downpours and in exceedingly muddy conditions.

By the end of that day, 17 Australians had lost their lives and 25 were wounded, with one of the wounded later dying from his injuries. This battle resulted in the highest number of casualties in a single operation since the establishment of the Australian Task Force base at Nui Dat the previous April. The valour and tenacity displayed by our soldiers in such dire circumstances is a testament to their remarkable courage.

Vietnam Veterans' Day is not only a time to honour the specific events like the Battle of Long Tan, but to remember all the battles fought by Australian forces throughout the Vietnam War. We reflect on

the contributions of every member of the Australian military involved—whether they served on the ground, in the Royal Australian Navy or the Royal Australian Air Force. Each role, from combat to support, was integral to our efforts and deserves our deepest appreciation.

On this day, we pause to say 'thank you' to those who gave their lives during the conflict, returned home with wounds, illness, or injuries, have since passed away or continue to carry the physical and emotional scars of their service.

We also take time to reflect on the enduring impact of their service on veterans' families. Their resilience and support has been crucial in shaping our collective memory and honouring the legacy of those who served.

As we remember and pay tribute, let us be ever mindful of the profound bravery, teamwork, and endurance demonstrated by our Vietnam veterans. Their sacrifices continue to inspire and remind us of the true cost of conflict and the enduring spirit of those who served.



Steve Stoll & L/Creagh Bramley at The Vietnam Memorial

<https://govhouse.wa.gov.au/2024/08/honouring-vietnam-veterans/>



Spotlights

Beneficiary Spotlight

Alison "Ann" James

Written by Peter Heeney

At age two, "Ann's" father was sent to Staff College in Camberley, UK. Ann loved military parades but nearly died of heat stroke at age four while watching a horse show. Her father quickly used ice from a local fishmonger to cool her down and get her medical help.

Ann's early years included holidays to Ireland, Edinburgh, and Germany, where she learned ice skating—a passion she continued into her 80s. She excelled in sports like hockey, tennis, netball, and swimming, earning lifesaving certificates. Her Girl Guides involvement began young, and after moving to Western Australia in 1967, she led a group at City Beach, later becoming Ranger Guide Leader and Commissioner for Girl Guides in WA.

Ann was cared for by a German governess named Tut, who was tragically lost to the Gestapo when Hitler rose to power. At boarding school in the UK, Ann eagerly joined her family in India when invited by her father, a Brigadier in the Quetta Brigade.



Captain Ann (right) with her father after she graduated from Staff College Quetta.



General Sir Alexander Frank Philip Christison, 4th Baronet, GBE, CB, DSO, MC & Bar

During World War II, Ann's brother Captain John Christinson was killed in Burma in 1942, deeply affecting her. In 1945, she completed a five-month officers' course at Staff College in Quetta, graduating as a Captain and serving with Allied Land Forces in Southeast Asia.

Ann's life was marked by the significant date of 3 September: she married Captain Dennis Clode James on 3 September 1945, moved to Western Australia on 3 September 1963, and welcomed her granddaughter Caroline on 3 September 1980. Ann became an Australian citizen in 1976. Her husband, Dennis passed away on 2 October 2012, and Ann became a beneficiary of Legacy.

The energy, community involvement, and sheer zest of life for this lady is awe-inspiring.

Legatee Spotlight

Paul Hudson

Written by Paul Hudson

My career with Legacy started way back around 1985 when I was attached to the RAP at SASR as a Medic. Around Christmas that year, I was asked to accompany the PTIs, cooks and members of training to be the Medic for the camp down at Busselton. Unbeknown to me there would be approximately 70 children of all ages up to 18 years of age about to step out and experience adventure, fun, games, and make new friends for life. They were all in the same boat (as to say) and did exercises from the crack of dawn until lights out for 12 days.

My job as the Medic was to look after everyone for coughs, colds and any injuries/medical problems that arose. I did this for three or four camps and found shortly thereafter, I was posted to 11 Field Ambulance in Queensland. As soon as they found out that I was the Medic for the camps in Perth, I was volunteered to do the Legacy Camps near Bathurst.

On my return to Perth, I found myself invited by Mike Radwell to a Legacy meeting in South Perth. Mike Radwell asked if I would like to become a Legatee and was sworn in that night. I did the training/information session and the rest is history.

During my first years in the Defence Force, I wasn't aware of any organisations that helped widows and their children with the hardships of losing their family members to war service. Because of my location (Baldivis), I was attached to the Mandurah Murray area. There, I was introduced to my first Newly Bereaved "client"; it opened my eyes to see how alone and afraid they were for the future. Thanks to my former OC, Colin Percell, and John Delgado for guiding me, I would have remained unaware of how our beneficiaries managed, which deeply saddened me.

That made me even more determined to help out our extended families (beneficiaries). This desire comes from the lack of support services and information reaching our beneficiaries. The widows have lived a sheltered life being in the Defence Force, and to find themselves on their own is daunting/scary.



As a Legatee, I find myself as an informant/educator/supporter and ear for my beneficiaries because today, I understand that to lose a network of friends and (military) family is the biggest hill to climb on their own. I love sitting and chewing the fat with my beneficiaries. If I sit at their home for 1 hour or 4 hours to assist them in their transition of their massive loss, I will. My visits have no time limit, and I don't mind going backwards and forwards to calm the anxiety of my beneficiaries. I think the words "Lest we Forget," also extends to our beneficiaries.

I love what I do, but I couldn't do what I do without the support of Kathryn, Joanna and Tracey from the Legacy Team.

Paul is an honourable edition to the Legacy Community, and we are very grateful for his dedicated support and commitment to our beneficiaries.

Volunteer Spotlight

Isabel & Bob Gildare

Written by Bob Gildare

I enlisted in the Royal Australian Navy in January 1969 and served for six years. During my service, I was deployed to Vietnam and completed my training as a diesel stocker. I was then posted to HMAS Snipe and took part in a tour of Papua New Guinea. After leaving the Navy, I pursued a flying career by joining the Royal Australian Air Force, where I spent the last decade as a helicopter crewman operating Iroquois and Squirrel helicopters. Upon completing my 20 years of service, I left the Defence Force.

Returning to Western Australia, I ran a nightclub but unfortunately fell victim to the economic downturn. I then moved on to work as a helicopter crewman for National Parks & Wildlife in New South Wales. Later, I took over the family business, focusing on shot firing and fireworks displays, eventually expanding into drill and blast operations before retiring in 2018.

My love for motorcycling was rekindled with my wife, Isabel. I began my journey with a 250cc BSA when I was just six years old. As an avid Ducati enthusiast, I connected with Dazza, and both Isabel and I enjoy motorcycle rides and meeting new people.

As a Legacy volunteer, I have the opportunity to support children of service personnel, both past and present, on a flexible basis. The most fulfilling part of this role is knowing that I'm helping service families access support that might otherwise be unavailable.

One of my favourite experiences with Legacy is participating in the street appeals, which highlights the strong community support for Legacy's mission.



Written by Isabel Gildare

I grew up in rural Victoria and completed my Registered Nurse Training at Prince Henry's Hospital in Melbourne. I spent 10 years living and working in London, which I loved, having so many opportunities to work and travel. Most of my time since then has been spent in Western Australia, where I particularly enjoy Broome, the Pilbara, and our stunning coastline. Myself and Bob have been married for 30 years.

I began volunteering for Legacy through our connection with Dazza, who introduced us to the Legacy Street Appeal and various fundraising activities. Through our volunteering efforts, we've been able to raise crucial funds and meet many fascinating people. Most recognise and support Legacy's mission generously, and we often hear compelling stories about people's family military histories, which reinforces our commitment to helping out.

Our advice to others is to get involved and contribute. You'll meet a lot of interesting people with incredible stories while supporting Legacy. My favourite part of volunteering is participating in the Legacy Street Appeal, especially when Dazza is in the bear suit. Hearing the stories from people with unique military backgrounds inspires us to do more and stay engaged with the community.



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Fundraising Events

WA Scale Model Expo

Legacy WA is thrilled to announce that we were the chosen charity for this year's WA Scale Model Expo! The event took place at the Cannington Exhibition Centre on 3 and 4 August, and it was a fantastic weekend of creativity and community spirit.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our incredible volunteers and the passionate scale model community. Your support was instrumental in helping us raise \$578.70 over the weekend. Additionally, the generous organisers of the expo contributed \$500.00, bringing our grand total to an amazing \$1,078.70!



Bunnings Harrisdale

Bunnings Harrisdale hosted a Mother's Day Night Market event on 9 May that Legacy WA was delighted to be invited to.

At the market, Legacy WA had a merch stand, as well as volunteering to look after the popcorn stand. We received a \$100 voucher from Bunnings Harrisdale for volunteering at the popcorn stand, so we want to share big thanks to Steve and Angie Stoll for volunteering at the event. They made sure no one went without some tasty popcorn.

Thank you again to Bunnings Harrisdale for inviting us and providing us with the opportunity to reach your local community.



We are immensely grateful to the WA Scale Model Expo organisers for inviting us to be a part of this wonderful event. A huge shoutout to all our dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure the weekend's success. Your efforts and enthusiasm made a significant impact, and we couldn't have done it without you.



Karrinyup Shopping Centre

Legacy WA was delighted to have a stall in Karrinyup Shopping Centre on 11 May. Legatee's Roddy and Sally Van Rooyen kindly volunteered to run the stall. It was a great day to spread awareness about Legacy WA to

the local community and sell some merch for Mother's Day the next day. We want to share our thanks to Karrinyup Shopping Centre for having us and to Roddy and Sally for volunteering.

Trash & Treasure

Earlier this year, the Guides at Carlisle Starlight Girls Guides held a fundraiser for Legacy WA.

The Guides learnt about Legacy WA and the work we do, resulting in them hosting a "Trash and Treasure" fundraiser for Legacy WA. They were asked to bring in items they no longer used or wanted, and they were donated to the stall. They then swapped \$10 for \$20 "Legacy Money" and purchased items they wanted. Although the parents might not have been as happy with them taking home their new "treasures," the kids loved it.

Legacy WA wishes to extend our appreciation and gratitude to Carlisle Starlight Girls Guides. Contributions like these are a vital part of our Legacy community.



ADF Open Day

On 31 August, the ADF once again held their open day at Irwin Barracks. Legacy WA was delighted to be invited and to set up amongst all the other incredible ex-service organisations, and to be joined by the RSLWA and their service dogs in training.

Our stall featured some amazing hand crafted dog bandanas and vests sewn out of old army uniforms by the ladies of Karrakatta Community House, a fundraising initiative organised by CAPT Paul Sanders.



Legatee's Ross Doherty, Tracey Halliwell, and John Arco were such an incredible help on the day and even with the less than perfect weather, we managed to raise \$2,763.

Thank you once again for the continued support of the ADF, the community, and our Legatees for ensuring that we had another successful day.

Generous Donation From Aus Post

Written by Steve Stoll

In a heartwarming gesture of support, Legacy WA received a bundle of retail products donated by Australia Post. The donation, which included valuable items such as a Samsung Galaxy Tab and a Canon printer, was made possible through the advocacy of Malcolm Sequiera and Cyndy Schriver from Australia Post.

Cyndy Schriver is deeply connected to Legacy due to her father's long-standing involvement as a Legatee (L/ Glen Hibbert). This played a crucial role in securing the donation. Cyndy's initiative in suggesting Legacy WA as the beneficiary ensured that these items, originally written off by Australia Post, found a meaningful new purpose.

We are immensely grateful to Cyndy, and Malcolm and Australia Post for their generous contributions. These donations will make a significant difference in supporting our mission to assist families of veterans.



Their involvement underscores the importance of community and corporate partnerships in advancing our cause. Malcolm and Cyndy, whose efforts facilitated the donation, were commended for their dedication and support.

Narrogin Legacy Golf Day

Written by Julie Chitty, Secretary of Narrogin Legacy

Unfortunately, the weather on the day was very wet and cold, with only a small number of players participating. However, those who did attend really enjoyed themselves and we managed to raise \$612. This is an outstanding result considering the small group.

Our Sponsors for the day were Brian Evans, Narrogin Freightlines (McKenzie Transport), Chicken Treat Narrogin, LiquorBarons Narrogin and Legacy WA.

Thank you very much for your continued support, you are really appreciated. The funds raised will be part of the Annual Donation to Legacy WA from Narrogin Legacy.

Murphy's Irish Pub Meat Raffle

Written by Steve Stoll

It was an honour to attend the Friday night meat raffle to express my deepest gratitude to everyone at Murphy's Irish Pub in Mandurah, who contributed to the meat raffles throughout the month of April. Thanks to their incredible support and generosity, they successfully raised \$1,500.

Their enthusiasm has made a significant impact on our community. This donation will go a long way in supporting the Legacy WA beneficiaries, offering them the care, resources, and support they need. It's a gesture of solidarity and appreciation for the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women and their families.

Their kindness and community spirit have truly made a difference.



South Fremantle Football Club

Written by Steve Stoll

Legacy WA and South Fremantle Football Club: A Winning Partnership for a Worthy Cause

This catch cry has been the cornerstone of South Fremantle Football Club's promotional efforts leading up to the event—and it all came together Saturday 24 August 2024!

We joined for an exhilarating football match that promised to be more than just a thrilling contest; it was an opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the lives of veterans' families. By pre-purchasing tickets online for the South Fremantle Football Club game, participants actively supported Legacy WA's vital work. For every ticket purchased online, \$2 was donated directly to Legacy WA. This contribution not only supported our ongoing mission but also symbolised the power of community spirit.



I also want to extend a special shoutout to L/Jarrold Irvine, L/Darryl 'Dazza' Walton, Lauren, Bob and Issy for managing the merchandise store with such enthusiasm. Your contributions not only raised much-needed funds but also helped spread awareness about Legacy WA's mission to the broader community.

In addition, my deepest thanks go to future Legatee Peter Reed, L/Leanne Shepherd and Peter, and L/Angie Stoll for their support at the guest table during the South Fremantle Presidents Lunch. Your presence and dedication helped strengthen our connections within the community, advancing Legacy WA's cause, and allowing us to further our impact.

Together, with the support of South Fremantle Football Club and passionate individuals like you, we are making a real difference for the families of our veterans. Thank you for standing with us.



I'm profoundly grateful to the South Fremantle Football Club for their dedication to community support. Their decision to name Legacy WA as their charity of choice during this event exemplifies the strong partnership we both hold. As we look toward the future, we eagerly anticipate growing and nurturing this relationship in the months and years ahead.

A sincere thank you goes out to Cameron Britt, CEO of South Fremantle Football Club, whose leadership and vision have been pivotal in organising this exceptional event. His efforts are helping us make a tangible difference in the lives of veterans' families, and for that, we are immensely grateful.



Legacy Week Street Appeal



This year's Legacy Week Street Appeal took place on 5 September 2024, and even though the weather was less than ideal, the turnout was fantastic. We had over 50 volunteers out on the streets of Perth; Legatees, volunteers, members of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Army, and students from Lumen Christi College.

Our marquee on Murray Street Mall featured a Bushmaster on display that was organised by the 13th Brigade. We also had two members of the 10th Light Horse Troop from Rockingham attend the street appeal. This additional support definitely grabbed the attention of the Perth community and helped immensely with our fundraising efforts.

We also had the fantastic opportunity to fundraise in the BHP office during the appeal, which helped raise a lot of funds and awareness for our cause.

Legacy WA was also delighted The Hon. Paul Papalia CSC MLA attended on the day, greeted by our Interim CEO Allison Stephens and President Steve Stoll. His support of Legacy WA is greatly appreciated, and we hope to have him join us at future events.



The Legacy Week Street Appeal raised an amazing total of \$18,090, which definitely wouldn't have been possible without all our amazing volunteers on the day.

Thank you once again to all who took part, and we can't wait to do it all again next year!



Bunnings Activations

This September, our volunteers were out in full force at Bunnings locations across Perth and the Southwest. There was a lot of positive feedback received from shoppers, they were happy to see Legacy out in the community. This was a perfect way to wrap up a very successful Legacy Week.

We would like to give a special thank you to the following Legatees and volunteers who gave up their Saturday to support Legacy Week.

- Legatee Russel Monk at Australind Bunnings
- Legatee Hugo Kalkman at Busselton Bunnings
- Legatee Darly Walton (Dazza) and Legatee Veronica Scott Killner at Bunnings Harrisdale
- Legatee Christian Thom and the Rockingham Laurel Ladies at Rockingham Bunnings
- Legatee Damien Commons and Legatee Laraine Shea at O'Connor Bunnings
- Legatee Peter Heeney and Legatee Ian McNee at Innaloo Bunnings
- Legatee Dave Jones at Wangara Bunnings
- Legatee Peter Scott at Belmont Bunnings
- CAPT (AAC) Teresa Claxon and 513 Army Cadet Unit Eastern Hills at Midland Bunnings.

Thank you to all involved, together we raised over \$6,000.00.



BAE Henderson

Another early morning this year fundraising at BAE Henderson on 3 September. The employees at BAE have always been incredibly supportive of Legacy WA, and because of them, we managed to raise \$1264.45 in only 3 hours. Big thanks to Legatee's Paul Hudson and Matt Granger for volunteering and to BAE for their continued support over the years.

58TH Legacy Militaria Auction

Legacy Auctions raise thousands of dollars every year with **15% of all proceeds going to help our war widows and families.**

Some individual items have raised thousands. Bring your objects in and support a great Australian tradition. **You could be sitting on a fortune!**



Sunday 13th October from 10am

The Banksia Room (off the Wattle Room) Claremont Showground

Viewing on

Saturday 12th October 10am-4pm

Sunday 13th October 9am - 10am

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For more information contact **John Burridge** on **0417 189 883** or **john@jbma.com.au**



Legacy Connect



Junior Legacy - Army Museum

Written by Sally Sturgess

On a bright and sunny 4 August, the Junior Legacy families gathered at Clancy's Fish Pub for a delightful lunch get-together. The kids had fun playing on the playground or with the board games provided by Clancy's before lunch. It was the perfect spot for everyone to catch up and enjoy each other's company.

After lunch, the group headed to the Army Museum in Fremantle. The museum was packed with interesting displays, detailed information, and impressive military vehicles. The highlight for many of the children was the chance to dress up in army clothes, sparking their imaginations and bringing history to life in a personal and engaging way. Additionally, the kids had a great time participating in a scavenger hunt, eagerly finding clues throughout the museum to complete their forms.

This outing was a fun and educational experience for our members, and the day reinforced the importance of our connections and companionships within the

Junior Legacy family. We look forward to catching up with you all again very soon.

We would like to thank our corporate sponsor, RPS and The Army Museum of WA for supporting this activity, your contributions are greatly appreciated.



Jingle In July

This year, we had the remarkable opportunity to host our Jingle in July at the elegant Government House Ballroom. This beautiful heritage-listed venue provided our guests an enchanting atmosphere and an unforgettable experience. We were honoured to have His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM, Governor of Western Australia, and his wife, Mrs. Darrylin Dawson, grace us with their presence.

We were also delighted to welcome RPS staff, who have been longstanding sponsors and supporters of Legacy WA. Their recent involvement with our Junior Legacy activities made their attendance even more special.

The event commenced with MC Legatee Peter Heeneey, followed by speeches from the Governor and Vice President Legatee Brett Dowsing. After the speeches, the incredible Peter Delle Coste took to the stage, setting the tone for a lively and engaging afternoon. The lunch and desserts were exceptional, contributing to a wonderful day for everyone involved.



Some memorable highlights included our prize giveaways, one of which was gifted to the oldest lady in the room, who is an impressive 104 years old! We also had the pleasure of celebrating a couple of birthdays with some wonderful ladies on the same day, making the occasion even more special.

A heartfelt thank you to all the staff and volunteers who made this event possible. Your dedication, especially those who consistently support Jingle in July, was instrumental in its success.

We hope all attendees had a magical time, reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. Look out for invitations to our December Jingle, which promises to be just as memorable!



The Better Together Ball

This July, The Better Together Ball was held in collaboration with the Indian Ocean Defence & Security (IODS) conference. IODS was presented by Defence West, the Western Australian Department of Jobs, and organiser AMDA Foundation Limited.

This year, we joined forces with RSLWA and Police Legacy to raise much-needed funding for our veterans and their families. We saw a very successful event that welcomed over 900 attendees on the night.

The event included some interesting speakers including the Honourable Paul Papalia CSC MLA, Vice Admiral Tim Barrett AO, CSC, RAN (Ret) and Professor Kylie Russell. Like always, the Army Band put on an incredible show for everybody, and their performance was a highlight of the evening.



Legacy WA would like to thank the AMDA Foundation for their efforts in ensuring the event ran smoothly and making it such a memorial evening. Thank you to our event sponsors who made our event possible - L3 Harris (Platinum Sponsor), Built Australia, Deloitte, JFD, Northrop Grumman, SSI and Synergy Group. The Better Together Ball is a major fundraising activation for Legacy WA, we appreciate the support from our community to make this successful.

A special thank you must go to Legatee's Tracey Halliwell and Tonya Tueno for giving up their Thursday evening to volunteer. It was a big help having you both there, and it was greatly appreciated.

We are excited to bring The Better Together Ball back in 2025, watch this space for details.





Legacy Puddings

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Small (4 x 100g) puddings - \$10 each

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Total pudding order \$ _____

Payment

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Time for Holiday

The Legacy Busselton Camp

The Legacy Busselton Camp is a beautiful campground, situated just metres from the beach in Busselton and right on the doorstep of the magnificent South West!

The Camp is designed to provide current and ex-serving Defence Members, Emergency Service workers and their families an opportunity for respite. Legacy beneficiaries and Legatees are also welcome to stay at the camp.



Book Here!

Make your booking through the online system to secure the best accommodation and timing. Payment must be made to secure the booking.

If you are a beneficiary family, after your stay, please submit a reimbursement claim to Legacy House.



Laurel Club News

Midland

Written by Vicki Bates

We held our meeting on 1 May at Bassendean RSL. We had 18 members, Trisha our Legatee and Graham Follington as our special guest speaker. One of our treasure ladies, Betty, is about to celebrate her 97th birthday, making her our oldest member.

Graham spoke well, and the ladies really enjoyed and appreciated the information he gave. There were plenty of questions on DVA and pension entitlements.

June Meeting

We were off to Pasta In The Valley for a delicious Italian lunch. Graham also presented Gloria with a much cherished photo of a helicopter that her husband worked on in Vietnam. A great get-together was had.

July Meeting

On 3 July, we held our monthly meeting with 20 ladies and our Legatee was in attendance. Our ladies are super excited about the Jingle in July at Government



Vasse

Hello Laurel Club ladies!

We continue to enjoy our monthly meetings, with around ten to twelve members attending each time. Recently, we gathered at the Ship Hotel and the Vasse Hotel, both of which served delicious meals.

A warm welcome to our new member, Shirley Batty.

Stay healthy and happy, everyone!



House. It is an honour to have lunch in such a prestigious building.

August Meeting

We are delighted to officially welcome our newest member, Debbie Hutton. Debbie has been a familiar face for years, attending as a carer for her late mother. Now, following her husband's service, she is able to join in her own right as a valued member of our Laurel Club.

September Meeting

For our 4 September meeting, we had a BBQ cooked for us by the Bassendean RSL. There were 18 members and 2 Legacy Representatives. As always when we get together, a good day was had by all and very much appreciated.

At our October meeting, we'll be playing games, promising plenty of fun and laughter for everyone.

To improve how we welcome new members, we've decided to introduce them gradually by having them meet two ladies at each meeting instead of everyone at once. This new approach has been well-received and complements the laid-back, enjoyable atmosphere of our gatherings.

Mandurah

Written by Barbara Keillor

Hope you all are keeping well and warm!

Mandurah Laurel Club would like to welcome new ladies to our club: Cora Milroy, Leerie Doohan, Kristina Sarat, Deborah Wilmot and Margaret McRoberts who is now living in Mandurah. Margaret and her late husband Jack have been longtime supporters of Legacy. Jack was president in 2009 doing a lot of work when Legacy moved from South Perth. Both Jack and Margaret always did so much to assist the widows.

Many thanks to Legacy for our nice bus ride to Government House where we enjoyed a lovely meal, great music and wonderful company. It's always good to catch up with old friends. Lovely that our past president who is in residential care now, Anne Dunlop was able to attend thanks to daughter-in-law Anna.

Evelyn Lanigan is now in care and quite enjoying it. Many thanks to her daughter, Yvonne, who has done such a great job caring for her mum.

This year Yvonne, Towler, Lyn Truswell and I visited Canberra. We visited the war memorial and attended the daily last post ceremony, which was quite moving. We did a lot of walking, visiting old and new Parliament House, museums, art galleries and luckily had good weather.

Its unfortunate that the Legacy-Run Widows Camp is postponed, but we are looking forward to attending in November anyway. We reverted to the old days when we took our own linen and did our own thing.

Northern Districts

Written by Pamela Murphy

Greeting to all Laurel Club members. Well, time waits for nobody, and we are now over half the way through the year. The Northern Districts Laurel Club remains busy with outings, bus trips and of course, the Christmas in July Jingle.

Where to begin? So, I will start at the beginning. Our Legatees, Keith Jones and Jeff Edwick and our President Vivien Nathan attended the Anzac Day Dawn Service at North Beach and laid a wreath on behalf of the members of the Northern Districts Laurel Club.

We continue to host our monthly lunches on the second Thursday of each month at different taverns and restaurants around the area.

We have also had a couple of bus outings, including one where our Legatee Jeff Edwick was the driver.



The club had a lunch at Sandy Cove Tavern in Yunderup, enabling those who can't make the trips to Perth a chance to catch up with members. Thanks to Legacy for supporting us.

Barbara is looking forward to escaping the cold and going to Cairns in August, she has family there including two great-grandchildren to meet. There is also a 2RAR reunion that she will attend as well.

Mandurah Laurel Club took the ladies for a history lesson and trip down memory lane in August by going to local Old Blythwood Pinjarra former home of the McLarty family, then to Premier Hotel for lunch. We just don't take the time to do local.



On that day, we enjoyed a lovely morning tea at Mrs Rabbits Tea Rooms in the Swan Valley, followed by a lovely lunch at Portofinos at Quinns Rocks.

Christmas in July, what a great day and what a stunning venue! Aren't we lucky to have the Governor as a Legacy Patron and being able to hold the Christmas in July Jingle at Government House? The food was very good, with a comment overheard saying that the meat was 'heavenly'. You can't get better praise than that! So again, a big thank you from the ladies to Legacy for all your hard work and effort. A big thank you also to our Legatees Jeff and Keith, for looking after us at the jingle. Your efforts are well appreciated.

Recently at one of our coffee and chat mornings, our President Vivien Nathan conducted a quiz that was enjoyed by all.

To our members who are missing meetings due to sickness, we hope you get better soon. We miss you!

Rockingham

Written by Barbara Ayling

These last few months have seen a visitor from Bunnings once more to show us how to assemble a potted succulent, a visit from a dietician (hopefully we took on board all her suggestions), a tour of the small museum at the Port Kennedy RSL and a lunch out at a local restaurant.

We also did our usual Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer and raised \$500 as we did last year. Thanks to all the ladies who donated.

A few weeks ago a small group of the Rockingham ladies attended Government House for the Christmas in July lunch. We believe that next year it will be slightly different, and we look forward to this as well as the upcoming Christmas Jingle.

At our last meeting, we held our Birthday lunch - 33 years and still going, quite an achievement. Our large cake was organised by Jan, and we were pleased that our President Steve and his wife Angie were able to join us. Thank you to the kitchen staff at the RSL for putting on a great meal.

Our club has made changes to the way we run the meetings: no committee, just a point of contact who will be our last Secretary Jan and a back up by Margaret. We still have a few of our usual jobs to do, but we pleased to say that we are all organised.

President's Visit

Written by Steve Stoll

The Rockingham Laurel Club recently celebrated its 33rd birthday with a luncheon held at the Port Kennedy RSL. The event was a significant occasion for the club and its members, reflecting on over three decades of community service and camaraderie.

The luncheon featured a great meal provided by the Port Kennedy RSL, which was met with enthusiastic praise from attendees. The exceptional quality of the food was a highlight of the celebration, contributing to the event's festive and appreciative atmosphere. I had the honour of addressing the gathering, expressing deep gratitude and admiration for the club's achievements.

Kim Farmer, the coordinator of the Rockingham Laurel Club, was specially recognised for her exceptional leadership and organisational prowess. Her meticulous planning and dedication to the club's activities were acknowledged as key factors in the event's success and the ongoing vitality of the club.



Sadly, we have had several of the ladies quite poorly. In particular, our past President, Ann had another fall and ended up in hospital then in rehab. The latest news is that her family have persuaded her to go to residential care. Lea had a knee replacement. Pat, June and Jan, our VP have also been unwell. Take care ladies, we would love to see you all back soon.

We have a lunch out at Birdie (attached to the Golf Club) in a week's time, which is a new venue for us to try. We have several ideas for the upcoming months, so look forward to some nice meetings.

Stay warm and dry everyone and hope that you all stay healthy as well.



The luncheon not only celebrated the group's impressive history but also honoured the commitment and hard work of its members. The Rockingham Laurel Club continues to be a vital part of the local community, and the anniversary event was a fitting tribute to their enduring contributions and a hopeful look towards future accomplishments.

Lillies

Written by Tricia Smith

Well, once again, the Lillies have been very busy.

We are still doing our lunches once a month at either the Odin Tavern or The Mount Henry Tavern with good attendances.

There has been an overnight stay in Yanchep with a beautiful Christmas dinner enjoyed by all who attended. We had a wonderful lunch at Bentley TAFE. It was nice to see young people learning new skills.

Another great lunch was held at Pasta in the Valley (excellent garlic bread). Then, a beautiful venue and a lovely lunch was held at the Rose & Crown.

We are all looking forward to an overnight stay in Toodjay, where hopefully the wild flowers will be out.

This month, we are also introducing a causal coffee morning for any of the Lillies who would like to attend.



Geraldton with Kathryn & Jo!

Written by Kathryn Robbins

Joanna and I had the pleasure of being invited to attend the Geraldton Laurel Club Mother's Day Luncheon on 6 May. After a meeting where Legatees and some of the ladies were gifted awards for their highlighted contributions, I was asked to talk about Legacy's Community Services Department. I shared information relating to DVA Homecare and other methods of support that Legacy WA can provide and advocate for.

We were treated to a hot roast lunch with all the trimmings, followed by dessert. The ladies organised a raffle, and prizes were a plenty. We hope there were some big wins from those scratchie tickets.

It was a joy to see how these ladies interacted with one another and it certainly felt like a warm family environment. The Legatees that are linked to this group show genuine care and support for their needs. Over the years, you can see the bond they all share.

Joanna and I want to thank you for welcoming us so warmly, we look forward to coming up again sometime soon.

If you are ever in Geraldton, you can reach out to Legatee Jeff Klar, registered tour guide who facilitates tours of the stand out War Memorial, HMAS Sydney II. These photos don't do the location justice; you can find it on Gummer Avenue.



Geraldton

Written by Barbara Duncan

Hello dear readers – trusting all is well in your world and, like the rest of us, looking to the long range forecast for a spot of rain.

For my part, I have been recovering from foot surgery, six weeks not being able to drive or walk. To the "soldiers" who visited, phoned and offered support, thank you. Back on my feet again, albeit "baby steps".

"She stood in the storm, and when the wind did not blow her away, she adjusted her sails."

Our wonderful group of ladies are continuing to support our successful monthly gatherings. On 6 May, we held our annual Mothers' Day lunch which was superbly catered by Joyce Nevill. Congratulations Joyce on another job extremely well done.



We were very lucky to have two ladies from Legacy Perth, Kathryn and Joanne join us. The girls gave a short talk on their roles within Legacy and highlighted some of the benefits available to social groups such as Laurel groups.

All good successful functions do not just happen and to this end I would like to offer hearty thanks to the support from Gillian and Theresa who go above and beyond to collect our ladies who reside in residential aged care. Without such support, these ladies would not be able to attend and enjoy a day out. My seconds in charge – Paula, Lynn, Roy and Jai-wen – thank you so much for gathering early to set tables, and in Paula's case, she has become the "Queen of raffle tickets".

I make a special mention to Pat who attended my home on Saturday arvo to help sort 32 individual chocolate mugs. My patience was stretched to the limit. A very frustrating exercise and without her calming manner there would not have been chocolate mugs. Thank you Pat for coming to the rescue!

"Red is such an interesting colour to correlate to emotion."

Sincere gratitude is extended to Jim from Jungle News for his most generous donations. Again no one went home an instant winner however much joy was spread scratching scratchies. Thank you Jim.

We gathered in the lounge of the RSL for pre-lunch drinks and novelty awards. Always a lot of fun. We also thank the RSL for their ongoing support in providing this venue for us and Paul Nevill for his "bar man skills" with running commentary.

Two door prize jars were on offer containing coins, scratchie tickets, sweet treats and powerball ticket. Esmae Ottway and Dave Broom were the lucky recipients.

Our raffle prizes were Owl hangers which were cleverly made by Brian Millet using recycled bottle tops...very clever Brian. Esmae and Pat were the joyful recipients. I believe they are hanging pride of place with visual appreciation. A very generous community member donated a brand new coffee machine which was won by Elaine.

We had several Scratchie boards, containing Shop Local cards and or lotto ticket with a generous selection of scratch tickets. These were won by June, Bev, Barb S, Barb D, Max and Paul. Whisper is happy



scratching but no millionaires. All up, a very successful Mothers Day lunch. We look forward to doing it all again next year.

“When we give without expecting anything in return, we have mastered the art of living.”

We gathered on the first Monday, being 3 June, at 10.30 for a “coffee n cake” morning. Although attendance was down due to winter chills and unkind weather conditions, a pleasant time was had. Dulcie celebrated her 90th birthday at the Wonthella Bowling Club on 6 July. An awesome turnout and more happy memories gathered. Dulcie’s family can be commended for their organising capabilities- A great turnout.

“It is not the years in your life that matter, but the life in your years.”

Our August meeting was a savoury morning tea, and



our September meeting was to commence an hour later to accommodate a finger food luncheon with bar facilities. The start time was around the 11am mark. The luncheon cost was covered, but drinks were a personal expense. September and October will be usual meeting times with morning tea provided.

We will be having a Melbourne Cup “fish n chip” lunch



on 4 November, with the usual “buy a horse” sweeps.

“Confucius said...A man who does not plan long ahead will find trouble at the door.”

As we look ahead, dear readers, stay safe and enjoy the adventures of life’s journey.

“Ageing is not for sissies...Smile while you still have teeth” and live for today – yesterday has gone, and tomorrow may never happen.”

Laurel Club Meetings

LAUREL CLUB	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
ALBANY	Second Tuesday	2:00pm	Albany RSL, 14 Stirling Terrace, Albany
BUNBURY	First Thursday	9:30am	RSL Hall Spencer St, Bunbury
FLOREAT	Last Friday	10:30am	Parklands Retirement Villa. Contact Betty 0893842436
GERALDTON	First Monday	10:00am	Birdwood House, 46 Chapman Rd, Geraldton
KALAMUNDA & DISTRICTS	Second Friday	1:00pm	Jack Healey centre, 21 Mead St, Kalamunda
MANDURAH - MURRAY	Third Monday	1:30pm	Mandurah RSL, Unit 5/20-22 Rouse Rd, Greenfields
MENORA	First Wednesday	10:00am	War Widows Guild, 15 Plantation St, Menora
MIDLAND & DISTRICTS	First Wednesday	12:00pm	Bassendean RSL, 10 Kenny St, Bassendean
NORTHERN DISTRICTS	First & Third Thursday	9:00am	“Mildenhall”, Duncraig Senior Citizen Club, 49 Beddi Rd, Duncraig
PERTH	Fridays	9:00am	ANZAC House, 28 St Georges Terrace, Perth
ROCKINGHAM	Fortnightly Thursdays	10:00am	Port Kennedy RSL, Cnr Paxton Way & Helmsshore Way, Port Kennedy
VASSE	Second Wednesday	10:00am	Busselton RSL Hall, 10 Rosemary Dr, Busselton
LILLIES	Please contact Legacy House for more information		

New Southern Laurel Club, Commencing Soon!

We will be in touch with everyone who has contacted us in regard to starting this Laurel Club up to advise meeting time, place, dates and further information.

At this stage, we are hoping to hold the gatherings at the RAFFA Club in Bull Creek, so if you haven't already advised us of your interest and would like to be part of this new Club, please contact Legacy House for further information on (08) 9486 4900.

Centenary Birthday's!

Celebrating Our Lovely Ladies' Milestones

- Alison James
- Audrey Jackson
- Bertha Kay
- Betty Belford
- Doris Wood
- Eleanora Christmass
- Emma Smoker
- Ethel Bell
- Gwendaline Robinson
- Heather Croaker
- Hilda Hunter
- Hilda Medley
- Joan Kerr
- Joan Tocock
- Joan Wilkinson
- Josephine Winstone
- Laurel Nazzari
- Lily Whelan
- Mary Hasleby
- Norma Atherton
- Norma McKenna
- Ruth Mickelson
- Una Abbott
- Veronica Mitchell



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Bettee Kay

**105th
Birthday!**

Legatee Visit: Ian McNee

Bettee proudly celebrated turning 105 years young on 26 May! Throughout her long and remarkable life, she often reflects on her favorite saying, "You get back what you give out." Her wisdom and positivity have truly made her a remarkable and inspiring lady!

Join us wishing Bettee had a wonderful and joyous birthday!

Joan Wilkinson

**103rd
Birthday!**

Legatee Visit: Josie Piccin



Doris Wood

**100th
Birthday!**

Legatee Visit: Josie Piccin



Joan Toccock

105th Birthday!

Legatee Visit: Owen Ashby

Joan was born in Swallowfield, Berkshire, and lived in Eversley, Hampshire, with her family. She attended local schools and learned to ride a bicycle early on, which was crucial for travelling and work. She worked in service and began nursing training but had to pause it when she married at 21.

Joan met Ted, her future husband, at a service job, and they married in 1940. During WWII, Joan worked as a nursing aid and on hospital trains. After the war, they started a family and moved to Australia in 1955. Initially heading for Melbourne, they settled in Perth instead. Joan and Ted lived in Swanbourne until Ted's death in 2011, and Joan continued to live there until early 2023. They were married for 71 years.

Joan enjoyed sewing, knitting for charity, and was an avid reader. She learned pottery and weaving in retirement, making many creative pieces. Joan was a founding member of the Friends of Lake Claremont and had a strong interest in local museums. She and Ted explored Australia extensively in their Kombi.

Joan didn't specify a favourite memory, but reflecting on her life, it seems marrying Ted and escaping WWII led to a fulfilling life in Australia. She feels she has had a good life, enjoying family and various experiences.

Joan's advice would be to "just get on with life and keep walking," reflecting her resilience through challenges. Recently, she advised to act on desires promptly and not delay.



Ethel Bell

100th Birthday!

Legatee Visit: Nikki Mckenna

Ethel, the fifth of eight siblings, left school at 14 to manage home duties. After marrying post-World War II, her and her husband settled in Boulder, WA, and started a poultry farm in Mundaring in 1949.

Despite amusing driving mishaps, Ethel never learned to drive, focusing on managing chook pens and collecting eggs. Ethel and her husband had two children who later expanded their family to include four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

Ethel pursued passions in knitting, painting, and gardening. Reflecting on her life, Ethel advises her younger self: "Look forward in life, be positive and be the best person you can be."



Hilda Hunter

101st Birthday!

Legatee Visit: Veronica Scott Killner

Hilda, born on April 6, 1923, in London, UK, has lived through a century of history, hardship, and joy. Hilda battled diphtheria at 11, enduring a hospital stay without visitors. Moving to Western Australia meant living in a tin shed in Margaret River, a stark change from London. Her mother's struggle with the new life led them to Perth, where her father worked as a yardman.

Hilda played baseball and enjoys knitting, reading, and crosswords. Her advice to her younger self: "Get on with it and mind your own business."

Hilda celebrated with a dinner with her daughter, cherishing warmth and memories.





Ruth Mickelson **100th Birthday!**

Legatee Visit: Bob Niven

Ruth celebrated with a family dinner and with visits from friends and colleague.

Born in 1924 as the eldest of two children in White Gum Valley. Her father was a head gardener, and Mother was a housewife.

She lived in White Gum Valley while at school and teacher training. Ruth became a teacher, working in various schools. She then married Albert (Bob) Mickelson in 1946; they have no children of their own but they were close to her younger brother's children. Bob worked in the timber trade. Ruth retired in 1985 after teaching deaf students.

She enjoys knitting, crocheting, and reading (unfortunately, now limited by eyesight). She also travelled extensively from 1974 to 1990.

Ruth is grateful for parents supporting her education but regrets not pursuing her own dreams more and feeling that she conformed to the societal expectations of her time.



Hilda Medley **102nd Birthday!**

Legatee Visit: Ian McNee

On her birthday, her family took Hilda out for lunch where she was joined by 20 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. From all reported, she had a wonderful time and a fabulous birthday celebration!

Born on 8 July, 1924, at South Perth Hospital and lived in Kookynie until age 3 or 4, then moved to Keysbrook. Lily attended school in Midland and trained in dressmaking at technical school.

She married Jack Whelan in 1945 during WWII; Jack, a naval sailor, passed away in 2014. Lily was one of five siblings, all deceased. She and Jack had five daughters, 11 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

She enjoys golf, bowls, knitting, crocheting, and previously participated in Swanbourne Nedlands Surf Life Saving Club.

Her personal highlights include achieving two holes-in-one in golf (Melville 1973, Claremont 1984) and camping at Meelup during Christmas holidays. She has no regrets and avoided smoking and drinking.

Lily celebrated her milestone with her entire family, including children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Lily sported a wonderful jumper on the day that read '100 and fabulous'.

Lily Whelan **100th Birthday!**

Legatee Visit: Owen Ashby





Audrey Jackson 100th Birthday!

Legatee Visit: Daryl Walton

Audrey celebrated her birthday with lunch with family, friends and her fellow tennis group ladies at Mahogany Inn at Mahogany Creek.

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 used to love playing tennis once a week with her women's tennis group and she played right up until she was 86. She really enjoyed being a Legacy Volunteer which she did until 90.

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



Norma Atherton 100th Birthday!

All immediate family gathered at Norma's place for a joyful time of reflection and fun which is the norm at their family get-togethers.

Born in Perth, Norma married Phil on 14 February 1948. She has three children, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Her hobbies include tennis, golf, pottery, and word puzzles.

Her longevity is attributed to good genes and a life spent walking everywhere, whilst never holding a driver's license.



Alison "Ann" James 100th Birthday!

Legatee Visit: Peter Heeney

One of the most rewarding duties to be performed by a Legatee is to visit a 100-year-old widow, presenting her with flowers, and singing Happy Birthday to her with her family. I had such a pleasure on 30 April to visit Mrs Alison "Ann" James. The energy, involvement in the community and sheer zest of life for this lady is incredible.

Alison was born on 7 May 1924 in Cologne, Germany. At the time of her birth, her father was Captain Philip Christenson and serving with the Queens Own Cameron Highlands on the Rhine and sent a friend to buy a cot for Alison. All he could get at that time was a clothes basket and Alison was very happy with that for the first couple of months of her life.

Her extraordinary life and that of her family, particularly her father General Sir Alexander Frank 'Philip' Christison, 4th Baronet, GBE, CB, DSO, MC & Bar, who is mentioned in Alison's spotlight.

Alison attributed her long life to keeping active and being surrounded by a wonderful family.



Josephine Winstone 102nd Birthday!

Legatee Visit: David Durant

Josephine, a lifelong Western Australian, has lived in Mandurah and Forrestfield. She raised four children who visit her often, Josephine also enjoyed a happy marriage to her husband, whom she met at an air base. Her life advice is to "deal with the situation and move on," and she credits her long life to avoiding alcohol and cigarettes. Now in residential care, she enjoys the care and friendliness of the staff and appreciates not having to manage household chores.



Emma Smoker **100th Birthday!**

Legatee Visit: Tracey Halliwell

Emma Smoker celebrated her 100th birthday on 16 August 2024, looking youthful and radiant in a blue suit and Birthday Girl sash. The day began with visitors and culminated into a party at The Cut Golf Course Restaurant in Mandurah.

Born in Caversham 16 August 1924, Emma was delivered by her grandmother, Nora Chatfield, a well-known midwife who travelled by horse and buggy. Emma's childhood was spent in isolation with her eight siblings, creating adventures in the local bush and grapevines, with a close-knit family environment.

During the Depression, Emma attended Caversham Primary School, where she met Gordon, a boy known for his bicycle tricks, who later became her husband. They raised a beloved family together after Gordon returned from the war.

Emma, a skilled seamstress, crafted numerous beautiful garments for her daughters, including wedding gowns.

She cherishes her time with Legacy WA, enjoying activities like card games and swimming at the Legacy Busselton Camp.

Her advice to the younger generation is simple: "play, enjoy each other's company, be happy, and stay well."



Heather Croaker **100th Birthday!**

Legatee Visit: Jarrad Irvine

Mrs Croaker's door had been highly decorated with enormous amounts of 100th birthday decorations and a very cute photo of Mrs Croaker as a young girl. All of her family flew from all over the country to celebrate such an amazing milestone with Mrs Croaker in Subiaco.

Born in Bendigo, Victoria, in 1924, Mrs Croaker grew up as an only child (her mother lost three babies before Heather.) She has vivid memories of riding her horses, Tubby and Gary, to school with friends. Later moving to Western Australia and all over the country thanks to her late husband's career.



Mrs Croaker has an incredible story of her own. Through WWII, she served in the Australian Woman's Army Service (AWAS) at LHQ School of Signals as a clerk from 1941 until 1946. The photo on the left showing just how proud she was to wear the uniform and support our nation through such a terrible time.

These days, Mrs Croaker loves to knit blankets and all sorts of stuffed toys; donating them to St Vincent's and Woman Refuges. She's currently working on some little mischievous elves to bring cheer to many.

Mrs Croaker also has a passion for Harley Davidsons and can't wait to go for a ride down West Coast Highway with the beach close by and the sea breeze in her amazing blue hair.

I couldn't help but leave meeting Mrs Croaker with an increased sense of positivity in life and her motto, "Live, Love, Be Happy." etched in my mind.

Vale

Rest In Peace to all of Legacy's beneficiaries who have recently passed

Judith Clark
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Patricia Ibbotson
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