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President's Address



Ian McNee

Twelve months ago our then new President, Matt Granger, spoke of the changes that had taken place over the previous few years with so much more compliance and regulations that had impacted on our organisation as well as the structure of the Board. And now, in the last few months more change with our CEO, Vivian Blyncha resigning after approximately two and a half years in the role and then, following an exhaustive recruitment program, our President Matt becoming our new CEO.

As a result, I as Vice President, will fulfill the president's duties until we can conduct an election for a new president – this will likely occur in February 2022.

One thing that hasn't changed is the dedication and support our legatees and staff continue to provide to the widows(ers) and families of deceased veterans and the families of veterans with ill-health. In spite of lockdowns, this service continues to be paramount in our day to day activities.

The only thing we can be certain

of these days is that change will continue to happen. We only have to think of what has happened here in Australia and overseas with the COVID-19 pandemic over the past two years. Let's hope we all can stay safe and healthy.

With border closures, we in WA have looked within our own State to travel and also there has been a significant number of small organisations (golf clubs, bowling clubs, garden shows, quiz nights) that have attracted people in their communities to raise money for Legacy. With the tremendous support provided by Kelly and the Marketing/Fundraising Team these contributions are a 'godsend' but also continue to get the Legacy name out there in the community.

Legacy WA cannot operate without significant support from our major grants and in particular, this year, the ANZAC Day Trust. I know that over the past couple of years, Vivian Blyncha as CEO, has been trying to have 'grant organisations' provide support over a number of years rather than

having to continue to complete grant applications on a short term basis every year. To her credit, we were very excited to be told by the ANZAC Day Trust that they will provide us with funding of \$1.14million over three years. This will provide us with funds required to run the Busselton Camp and our other major services that we provide to our beneficiaries. I was very privileged to meet with the Honourable Paul Papalia, Minister of Veterans' Issues when he announced this grant on the eve of Remembrance Day at King's Park.

One comment that the Minister made, on several occasions, was that whilst the State Government is helping us to cover the running costs of the Busselton Camp, we should be seeking capital cost grants from the Federal Government. To this end, the CEO has already had an initial discussion with another to follow soon with the local Member for the Busselton area.

It is fortuitous, that your Board established a Camp Working Group to look into the requirements of the Camp over the next 10 years bearing in mind that our lease is due for renewal in 2032. I expect to see further developments in this area in the coming few months. It is planned that an interim report can be provided to members at our State Conference which will be held in February.

It has been several years since our last Conference here in WA, so a planning team has been established to put together topics that will provide members with information and seek feedback over a one-day conference. The Governor, Kim Beasley, has indicated that he would like to 'open' our Conference that will be held on 12 February 2022. More details will be distributed in the coming weeks.

At our recent Annual General Meeting, three new Board members were appointed. Kim Harmer as Treasurer, and Chris Lequaietermaine and Damien Commons as Directors. Each of these new Board members bring expertise to the Board that will enhance our ability to serve our organisation on behalf of our members.

I would like to formally take this opportunity to thank our three retiring Board Members, Tony MacLean as Treasurer, and Georgina Hall and David Durant as Directors for their dedication and hard work during their periods on the Board. It is a thankless task that also required many hours of additional time on Board Committees. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

We have a very committed team of enthusiastic staff whose high morale is noticeable every time I come into the office. They are there every day to support our legatees in ensuring our beneficiaries' needs are met.

The Legacy of today has to operate differently to the Legacy of yesteryear. Changes in corporate law, charity and not-for-profit laws, public expectations and ceaseless variations in information technology has necessitated a continual review of the way we do business to ensure we provide an appropriate service to our beneficiaries.

In closing, I would like to thank all our legatees, staff and volunteers for their efforts during the past year and wish you all and ESPECIALLY ALL OUR BENEFICIARIES a happy and safe festive season, connect with your loved ones, especially those who are in the Eastern States or overseas.

Yours in Legacy,
L/Ian McNee
Vice President.

CEO's Address

It was a great honour to commence my tenure as Legacy WA CEO late October 2021. Many of you will know me as previously holding numerous roles with Legacy WA over recent years which I expect will assist enormously understanding the nuisances of this vital and complex role. I am looking forward to the challenges ahead.



Matt Granger

I would like to wish the outgoing CEO, Vivian Blycha, the very best with her future endeavors – who continues to contribute to Legacy WA behind the scenes.

Thankfully, I was able to attend both the Busselton and Northern Jingles this year. It was heartwarming to see so many friendly faces. Time constraints meant I missed the Southern Jingle however, I hope to catch up with those I missed next year.



I was also grateful for an invitation to share a lovely meal with around 30 Legacy ladies at the Australian War Widows WA lunch recently.

For those able to access the internet, The Department of Veteran Affairs launched *DVA TV* in October 2021. Content on *DVA TV* will range from information about accessing support from DVA, recognition of commemorative events and veteran's stories plus important announcements from the Department. Access *DVA TV* via this link <https://www.youtube.com/DVATVAus>

Plans are underway for the Friends of Veterans Ball to be held at the Optus Stadium Function room overlooking the Swan River, 12th November 2022.

April 2022 will see the formal launch of the Legacy Torch Relay. After first

visiting the Legacy Club London, the first point of contact in Australia will be in Perth during the first week of May 2023 as it travels to Albany and back through the Southwest to Fremantle, before visiting the remaining Legacy clubs throughout Australia.

For those wondering how the flame is kept alight in flight, the torch is securely contained in a purpose-built container using a process similar to that used for the Olympic torch.

As part of the upcoming Legacy Centenary celebrations, a special grevillea has been bred in Tasmania and will be ready to be introduced into WA in coming months. The *Grevillea Flame* will be available for purchase in WA soon.

Many of you may have already been contacted as part of our Beneficiary

Data Cleanse project. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of this initiative, designed to ensure we have accurate information regarding our beneficiaries. Without this data, Legacy WA cannot develop accurate future strategies regarding the allocation of limited resources. When we phone, our team will identify themselves as being from Legacy WA and ask for around five minutes of your time. Please co-operate when they phone.

As we advance into the future we have moved the reservation system for the Legacy Busselton Camp online. Please book via this link <https://www.legacy.com.au/clubs/wa/perth/busselton-camp/>

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to wish our entire Legacy family and their friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Heidi

Legacy was privileged to interview Legacy Beneficiary – Heidi Green – for our recent Legacy Week campaign. Here is a snapshot of Heidi's story:

The Legacy Week Appeal has been running since the 1940's and is a time for all Australians to show their support for the widows and children whose loved ones have served our country. The Legacy Badge is a special emblem of support for our veterans' families, symbolising our nation's greatest values of mateship, compassion and fairness.

Legacy started in 1923 to support the families of those who never made it home from war. Today, Legacy has evolved to also support the families of veterans' who have given their health in service to Australia.

Heidi and her boys are one of those families. Heidi is a navy veteran and single mum to Finn (12), Will (9), Hendrix (5) and Quade (4) – with her oldest two

boys on the Autism spectrum. Before Legacy, she and her boys were doing it tough. Heidi had many sleepless nights worrying about how she could best provide for her family and their growing needs.

"The stresses of being a Mum, doing it alone, the special needs, and then being behind in bills. It's probably the worst feeling."

After being told about Legacy, Heidi contacted Legacy WA and found out that they could support her family – something that came as a massive relief.

Legacy has helped Heidi and her boys by assisting with bills, school fees and uniforms and even speech therapy lessons for Finn and Will. Legacy has also been able to provide a trampoline and specialised bikes so they can relax and have fun as a family.



“Legacy gave him a trampoline and that provides the sensory stimulation he needs to get through the day... And that frees me up to support my other kids as well.”

As a bonus, Heidi’s family has also found friendship and support with the Legacy volunteers and Legatees they interact with.

Legacy helps 43,000 partners and children nationally through their dedicated and caring volunteers – who they call Legatees – who provide personalised support for veterans’ families doing it tough. Depending on a family’s circumstance, it could be anything from helping with paperwork to making a claim with the Department of Veterans Affairs, advocating on the family’s behalf, or giving them a person to talk with who has been through similar circumstances.

Finn and Will have also been able to experience Legacy camps, where they interact with other kids just like them. Clubs across Australia hold camps that are designed to make them feel happy and comfortable, while also giving them a place where they belong.

“The fact that kids with special needs can attend Legacy camps, that’s huge. Because, in my experience, there’s no such thing available to them anywhere else... now they’re just counting down the days to the next one.”

Legacy means a lot to Mums just like Heidi, and kids like Finn, Will, Hendrix & Quade. But more than that, it means certainty for the future.

“To always have Legacy...right through to adulthood: it’s a big weight off my shoulders.”

There’s added peace of mind for Heidi

because Legacy will always be there for veterans’ children with special needs. Regardless of their age.

Having grown up in a military family, Heidi was familiar with the Legacy logo. But she didn’t understand what it stood for...until she reached out to Legacy for help.

“When I see that little badge now, I get emotional about it. Even the boys know what Legacy has done for us... Legacy has brought us happiness as a family.”



Angela Brient

"The Terry who came back ... was a different person to the Terry who left."

How do you tell your children – four precious children under the age of 11 – that their dad has died? That he has taken his life because he could no longer cope with the physical and mental torment that had become his reality?

That was the impossible question Angela Brient asked herself in the wake of the shocking passing of her beloved husband, Terry: a proud RAAF Sergeant who devoted 22 years of his life in service to this country.

Terry was Angela's first love.

Angela describes Terry as "...an absolutely devoted father" and "the most even-tempered man around". He was, she says, someone who loved a laugh, and who would welcome people into his circle with open arms.

"That was Terry", Angela says with pride. "No one had a bad word to say about him."

They met when Angela had just finished Year 12 and was preparing to move to New Zealand to study medicine at University. Terry, then a Leading Aircraftman, was a Communications Electronics Technician with the RAAF 1CCS Squadron, based at Richmond in Sydney.

After a 12-month long distance relationship, Angela moved to Sydney to take up university studies in Advanced Biology. Just two weeks later, Terry left Australia for his first deployment to East Timor. It was a frightening time for Angela, who did not know if he would return, or if he would come home bearing the scars of war.

Deployment would interrupt the couple again months after they married in Perth in 2004 when Terry was again deployed to the Middle East. Angela would later discover that she had been two weeks pregnant with their first child when she tearfully farewelled her husband on that deployment.

The couple's first born, Logan, would be joined over the next four years by Hannah, Conner and Annabelle.

Like so many Defence Force families, Angela, Terry and their children moved often: from Perth, it was on to Canberra, then Sydney, Malaysia, Darwin and finally Adelaide.

It was from Adelaide that Terry left on his third and final deployment on Australia Day 2016.

Tragically, while on his third deployment, Terry suffered a severe injury to his neck and spine. Angela struggles to talk about what followed. "The Terry who came back in June 2016

was a different person to the Terry who left," is as best as she can explain it.

"He was quite incapacitated due to his injury. He could walk – with difficulty – but was in constant pain. He couldn't even hug the kids because it hurt. It was just so demoralising for him."

It was not just the spinal injury that was causing Terry so much grief. "Other things were definitely getting harder," Angela recalls. "Things he had witnessed on that last deployment – those memories triggered depression. I would say he was in torment."

On 31 July 2017, this courageous member of the Australian Defence Force took his life.

Angela describes this time as "Devastating." At the time I was in a real fog: just managing to put one foot in front of the other. Desperately worried about the children and how they were coping. Desperately worried about finances.

"Those first five or six months were just a blur," she says with brutal honesty. "I mean, I know what happened, but I don't remember how I felt. I lost 16 kilos in two or three months..."

I honestly don't know what I would have done without Legacy during that time.

It was just a matter of weeks after the

family lost Terry that Angela was first put in touch with Legacy.

Over the coming months, as he remains today, Angela's Legatee, Steve, was by the family's side: ensuring that Legacy helped to ease the burden wherever we could. Helping Angela claim her rightful entitlements. Offering constant family support. Helping the children on their road to healing through Legacy Children's Camps.

Angela describes Steve as 'a Godsend'.

We had the pleasure of talking to Angela about her family's recent move to Scotland and how she and her children have been in the years following Terry's passing.

1. Can you tell me about how life has been and how you and your family have come together in the years following Terry's passing? I never imagined being a single parent. Never. So when I found myself suddenly alone, it was quite an adjustment to make and I struggled to meet the challenges of my new reality. After a year of wading through the depths of grief and being overwhelmed by single parenthood, I forced myself to reevaluate my life, to recognize what I'd lost and what I still had, and to make the difficult choices I needed to in order for myself and my children to be happy. I quit my job and focused entirely on family and this one decision completely changed our lives. My children have had my undivided attention for

the past 3 years and that time has allowed us to grow closer and to communicate more effectively with each other. We still have our bad days, but we're there for each other no matter what.

2. What support was available to you through Legacy and how has Legacy's support made a difference for you? What has made the greatest impact in helping your family grieve? Legacy was fantastic from the moment of first contact just six weeks after Terry died. They handled all my DVA claims paperwork and organised for me to get a new Will written up. They really went out of their way to support me. But it was the support that they provided for my children that had the biggest impact. Through the annual Children's camps and school holiday events my children have been able to connect not only with some pretty amazing supervisors, but most importantly with other children who can relate to their circumstances. Together the Legacy children are able to talk, to share and to establish bonds that will provide lifelong friendships.

3. What advice would you offer other families and parents in similar situations? Reach out for support. Don't try to do it all by yourself because you'll only drown in overwhelm and grief. I spent the first year trying, unsuccessfully, to cope by myself. Asking for help was so hard, I still struggle with it

today, but going it alone is worse. Sometimes just being part of an organisation is enough, maybe join a Facebook group and scroll through the posts, you don't even have to engage if you don't want to, not until you are ready, it really helps. I know just talking to other widows gives me so much strength. You don't have to go through it by yourself.

4. Tell us about Scotland! How was the transition in relocating your family across the world and how are you and your children settling in? After 3 years of focusing solely on my family and helping us heal and move forward with our lives, I felt ready for more. So when the opportunity to study in Scotland was offered to me I jumped at the chance. It hasn't been easy, I never expected an international move to be easy, and COVID certainly added a few extra challenges that I could have done without! Still, we made it. Life in Scotland is certainly different and the children and I are still working on settling in, but it's only early days. The people here are really friendly, so that helps a lot, but there are differences that will take getting used to. The food, for instance, is not quite what we're used to. Pies don't taste the same, the bread is sweeter and they have ketchup instead of tomato sauce. School is also different, the children are in a single large building and spend almost the entire day inside, and obviously getting used to the Scottish accent is going to take some time. Let's not even mention the weather. It's not all negative, of course. Scotland is a beautiful country and just looking out my window brings a smile to my face. With time I know we'll love our new home and when we finally return to Australia we will carry memories of this wonderful experience.





Peter Heeney

As a Vietnam Veteran, Peter is passionate about the mission of Legacy WA and the significant contribution the organisation makes in the lives of their beneficiaries. He has spent the last 40 years advocating for Legacy and doing everything he can to provide support to the families of ill health and deceased Veterans.

Since becoming a Legatee in 1981, he has worked with numerous Legacy branches across Australia. He held the position of President of Yarra Valley Legacy in Melbourne from 1987-1988. Between 2006 and 2008 and once again in 2018, Peter was the President of Perth Legacy. As well as his work in directly supporting Legacy's Beneficiaries, he has also been on every Legacy Committee. Peter is now in his 7th year on the Legacy Board of National Directors and sits as the Chair of the National Marketing Committee.

Peter describes Legacy's Beneficiaries, Legatees, Volunteers and Staff as one big 'Legacy Family' and is deeply passionate about the work that Legacy does. He regularly gives his time to support Legacy's Beneficiaries, whether it is a day trip to the Swan Valley or lunch in Perth City – Peter

never fails to ensure that his Beneficiaries are supported.

As well as his work for Legacy, Peter is also the State President of the Royal Australian Regiment Association and is currently working as the Project Lead on the Korean War Memorial which is to be constructed in Kings Park. Moreover, he is also in his fourth year as the Master of Ceremonies for Vietnam Veterans Day and Korean Armistice Day.

Some of his favourite Legacy memories include organising the Legacy Blues concert and the City of Canning ANZAC show as well as abseiling down QV1 Building in Perth City as part of a Legacy fundraiser. However, Peter's favourite Legacy memory was the 1994 Tiger Moth trip around Australia. The trip saw Peter and Legacy Ward - Brian Edwards, circumnavigate Australia in 23 days whilst visiting over 30 Legacy clubs across Australia.

Although Peter has decided to take a step back from his work at Legacy in recent years to give the new generation an opportunity to learn, he is still an active member of the Legacy community.

What's been happening at Legacy House?

Tribute to Viv

After two and a half years as the CEO of Legacy WA, in September, Vivian Blycha resigned from her position at Legacy. Viv's hard work and dedication to serving Veterans' Families is inspiring and she made an incredible contribution to the organisation throughout her time with Legacy WA.

A big thank you to Viv for everything she has accomplished throughout her time with Legacy and we wish her all the best for the future.



Welcoming Tracey

We are thrilled to have Tracey Hamel as the newest member of our Legacy team! We had the pleasure of speaking to Tracey about working for Legacy in Community Services as well as what she enjoys doing in her spare time.

"I joined Legacy in early August as the Community Services Officer. I have experience in the private sector, Government sector and the Community Service sector.

I chose to work at Legacy because Legacy's key values of assisting women and children is a cause after my own heart. My passion derives from gaining a double major degree in Women's Studies and Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Island Studies and I feel privileged to be able to use my degree for this valuable cause. My years working in administration will also help me to succeed in my new role.

I am a huge West Coast Eagles Supporter, but I love all sports except for boxing and golf. I like to be in my garden and tend to my 22 roses, read autobiographies and romance novels. I have a beautiful grandson and another on the way. My grandson Rupert is the love of my life and I love spending time with him, my family and my friends. I also love food, especially chocolate."

Legacy Week



Lunge for Legacy

This year's Legacy Week saw the Legacy Team partake in a variety of different fundraising initiatives to raise money to support Veterans' Families. The focus of Legacy Week 2021 was the inaugural Lunge for Legacy Challenge, an initiative developed by the WA Team, which saw participants complete 1000 lunges (500 each leg) to represent the 500+ Veterans who have lost their lives since 2001. The Challenge raised over \$35,000 nationally.

Legatees, Volunteers, Defence

Personnel and Staff braced the rain on the morning of the 2nd of September to shake tins around Perth City. Unfortunately, the weather did not hold out for Legacy's street appeal and an alternative plan was arranged. The Team came back to Legacy House for some morning tea before the lunges for Lunge for Legacy kicked off. We were pleased to have MP's Peter Tinley, Hugh Jones and Kim Giddens attend the event as well as the Triple M road crew.

A big thank you to everyone who was a part of the Legacy Week activities.





Battle of the Bases

Thank you to the Australian Defence Force personnel across Australia who raised a phenomenal \$40,352 for the Battle of the Bases competition!

The winners were:

- 1st: 5/6 Battalion, Royal Victorian Regiment
- 2nd: 21 Squadron RAAF
- 3rd: HMAS Watson
- Highest Fundraiser Overall: HMAS Cerberus

Congratulations to all the winners this year and we look forward to more Bases participating in 2022!

Teddy Bear Picnic

The Teddy Bear picnic saw families across Perth come together and enjoy some time as a family.

Thank you to Gather and Graze for donating several hampers and offering a 10% discount for Legacy families.



Community Fundraising Spotlight

The team at Lakelands Country Club have been generously fundraising on behalf of Legacy WA since 2012. As such it is fitting Legacy WA shares the history of the Country Club and the story of Merv Cashford – a life member of Lakelands Country Club and a dedicated advocate for Legacy WA.



The idea for Lakelands Country Club came to life when five gentlemen, including Founding President, Stan Griffiths, met at a pub and decided to open the club. In order to raise funds to construct the Country Club, the founding members reached out to the community. From this, 500 men paid a \$700 debenture (including Merv) and 100 women paid a \$350 debenture. The Country Club opened in April 1984 and despite some

difficulties in the first few years, Lakelands is now a thriving Country Club.

In 2004, Merv was awarded a Life Membership at the club, becoming only the second person to be awarded this title.



Merv Cashford

Merv Cashford was born in 1936 and lived in Kent, England, until the age of 12.

He left school at age 14, finding work as a 'butcher's boy' where he was responsible for delivering meat on his bicycle that had a big basket on the front. He would travel long distances to deliver the meat.

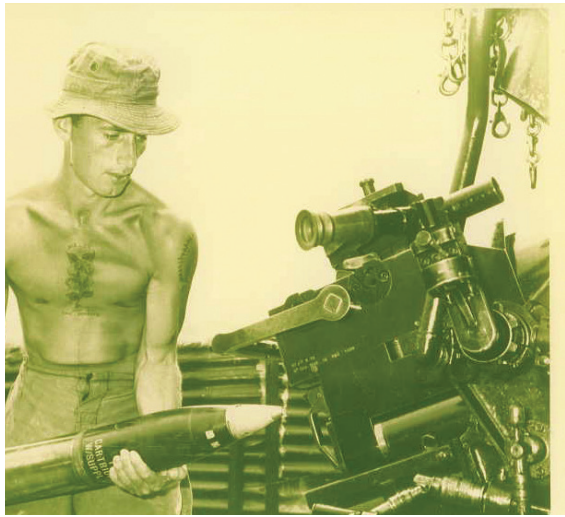
Growing up in a naval town, Merv enjoyed the opportunity to watch naval ships come and go. Combined with his family's history of military service, it is unsurprising Merv was inspired to join the Merchant Navy - which he did at age 16.

During his time in the Navy, Merv travelled the world working as a cabin boy. His responsibilities included cleaning and working in the galley. Following this, he then spent three years in the Army.

When he was 23 years old, Merv met his wife Helen and the couple had three children – Chris, Karen and Darren. To support his family, Merv left the army and worked 12 hour shifts at a factory. Sadly, over the year that Merv worked for the factory, he hardly saw his family. For this reason, in 1960, Merv reenlisted in the Army, which gave him more time to spend with his wife and children.

Of the 22 years Merv served in the Army, 19 years were with the same regiment. They completed three tours of Northern Ireland, two of Borneo and two of Malaysia. In his spare time, he played cricket for the regiment (as the opening batsman) and enjoyed playing rugby, soccer, and field hockey.

Merv's brother and son also served in the same regiment. He talked about how this was hard for his son at times, as his peers would reflect their anger onto him if Merv needed to discipline someone. On completion of his time served in the Army, Merv had reached the position of BSM BTY SGT Major.



Merv also shared some of his experiences from the time he served in Northern Ireland. He recalled one particularly distressing incident involving a soldier who was shot during an extremely traumatic encounter. When a soldier was shot in Northern Ireland, families across England, including Merv's, would wait in fear for that dreaded knock on the door. Merv described how it wasn't until he was much older that he understood the stress his service placed on his family.



For this reason, Merv is incredibly passionate about the work Legacy WA does to support the families of veterans. He is also proud of how Legacy WA supported Vietnam Veterans when other organisations and institutions failed to recognise their service.

In 2012, Merv met a Chinese family who he now regards as his 'second family'. He was introduced to the family when he was asked to help them improve their English. He

agreed, and since then Merv has developed a very close bond with the family.

There is no doubt Merv is a survivor. From his time in the military and other experiences he has endured, Merv continues to persevere and this is reflected in his character. While speaking with Merv, I was consistently in awe of his dedication to helping people, even if his own safety was at risk.

In one instance, Merv helped a mother and her young son leave the mother's abusive partner and was not deterred when the women's partner began sending him death threats. After helping the family find a safe place to live, Merv was attacked by the abusive partner and an artery in his mouth was ruptured. He was rushed to hospital and was lucky to have survived.

Now at 85 years of age, Merv is still active and heavily involved in his community. To keep himself busy, he now spends much of his time at the Lakelands Country Club and Scarborough Sports Club as well as building model ships and making jam. Merv talks about how his jam has made him lots of friends – especially his famous strawberry jam!

If he had the opportunity to speak to younger generations he would give three pieces of advice: treat people the way you would like to be treated, don't ask anyone to do anything that you're not prepared to do yourself and don't be afraid to tell people you care about them.

Merv is incredibly proud to be a member of the Lakelands Country Club who have continued to support Legacy WA by fundraising - the Board matching everything Merv raises.

Along with Steve Chapman, Merv co-sponsors the Australia Day and ANZAC Day trophies, with money

raised from the ANZAC Day trophy donated to Legacy WA.

When talking about his favourite memory from the years he has spent at Lakelands, Merv described the bonds he has formed with other volunteers and the support they have offered as 'priceless'.

However, the Community Work Order is what he is proud of. Through this program, people will give their time once every two weeks to help look after the Club – particularly caring for the grounds. The program has now been running for seven years and Merv works with these people throughout their shift to support them with whatever they need. This work is very rewarding for Merv who is ardent about making a difference in the lives of people who have previously run into trouble. Merv's passion for treating everyone equally and giving people new opportunities is deeply inspiring.

We would like to thank the Board and members of Lakelands Country Club for continuing to support Legacy WA over the last 10 years. An even bigger thank you to Merv for his dedication to Legacy WA and commitment to supporting the families of veterans'.



Community Fundraising

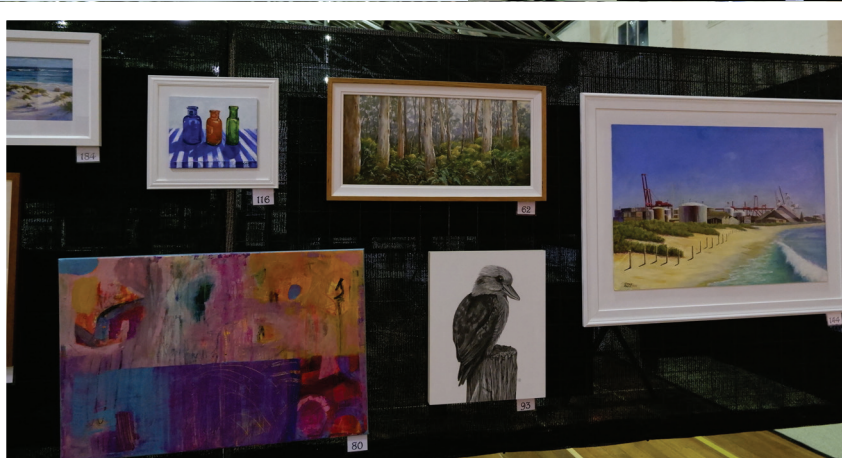


Militaria Auction

As always, the bi-annual Legacy Militaria Auction was a major success with an incredible \$19,500 raised for Legacy WA! Thank you to everyone involved.

Army Art

generously chose Legacy WA as the beneficiary of their recent art exhibition, where they donated \$10,000 to Legacy WA. A big thank you to the team at Army Art as well as Steve Mills for hosting the event. Another big thank you to Ray Green who purchased Millsy's artwork for \$2000.





Meadow Springs Golf Day:

with thanks to Thomas and Elise \$7915.22

Military Brotherhood Motorcycle Club Legacy Ride

19 Sept - \$14,200: the amazing people at the Military Brotherhood Motorcycle Club raised \$14,200. A huge thank you everyone who helped make the day a success.



Chevron:

\$6152.77 – Onslow, Barrow Island and Perth Office collection for Legacy Week

Bunnings Midland:

\$2932.30

Street Appeal:

\$2765.05

RSL Broome:

\$2341.15

Warnbro Bowling Club

\$1803.65

Ray Ward + Carmel

\$1051.40

Lakelands Country Club

\$529.10 Community event
\$529.10 Lakelands County Club
Total \$1058.20

The Derbal Lodge of Industry No 136 W.A.C

\$1000

13 Brigade Irwin Barracks

fundraiser \$783

Murphy's Irish Pub:

\$739

Kalgoorlie ex-servicemen's memorial club

\$520

Pirate Bar

(a big thank you to Rick Steel and band): \$398.35

Offshore Patrol Vessel Systems Program

\$361.65

Swan vale Golf Club inc.

\$350

Waroona Bowling and Social Club:

\$223.30

Collie Cardiff RSL

\$200

Army Golf:

\$148

Pinjarra RSL Sub-branch:

\$135

RSL Dwellingup WA Sub-branch:

\$100

7RAR Association WA Branch (incorporated)

\$50

We are pleased to announce the Lakelands Country Club doubled the funds raised through their fundraising efforts showcased in the last edition of the Legacy Times.

**Totals are correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of publication.*

Community Services



Strength for Life

What is Strength for Life?

Strength for Life is an individualised strength and balance exercise program designed to help people over 50 get fit, stay strong and improve their balance. The program is delivered by specially trained exercise physiologists, physiotherapists and fitness professionals in a range of locations and settings. There are no membership or subscription fees and your accredited instructor will develop a tailored exercise plan, just for you. You can then work towards your goals with like-minded people in a fun and friendly group setting, with support and encouragement

to become stronger and fitter. Staying fit and active will improve your balance, cardiovascular fitness, leg muscle strength and wellbeing. Tailored exercise plans will help manage chronic conditions.

How does Strength for Life work?

The Strength for Life program is delivered across two tiers, designed to accommodate participants with a range of needs. Tier 1 is delivered by qualified and accredited exercise physiologists and physiotherapists and is designed for people who are managing complex health conditions. Tier 2 is delivered by qualified and accredited fitness professionals and

suitable for people of all fitness levels and abilities who have few medical risks and may be managing chronic conditions. You can enrol for Strength for Life or you can be referred by your GP.



For more information please ring 08 9472 0104 or visit:
<http://www.cotawa.org.au/sfl-landing/participants/>

Open Arms

Open Arms – Veterans & Families Counselling is Australia's leading provider of high quality mental health assessment, clinical counselling and support services for Australian veterans and their families. If you or someone you know needs support call Open Arms on 1800 011 046 - 24 hours a day, seven days a week or visit www.openarms.gov.au to learn

more about our full range of services including group programs, self-help resources and more.

Open Arms also hosts an anonymous 24/7 support line – Safe Zone Support – Safe Zone Support's specialist counsellors understand the military and can offer help to veterans and their families without needing to know who you are. Calls to 1800 142 072 are answered 24/7, and are not recorded.



For more Information visit:
www.openarms.gov.au/safe-zone-support

Legacy Busselton Camp

The Legacy Busselton Camp can now be booked online.

Simply go to the Legacy WA website and click on the Legacy Busselton Camp tab or visit <https://www.legacy.com.au/clubs/wa/perth/busselton-camp/>

For those attending the Widows Camps, bookings can also be made by filling in the form included in the Legacy Times.



Volunteer Call Out

Beneficiary Data Cleanse Project

This is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to help vulnerable people directly and make a positive impact to people's lives almost immediately.

The Beneficiary Data Cleanse Project is an urgent and vital initiative that is required to be completed by 21st January 2022. This deadline is essential to enable the CEO of Legacy WA, Matt Granger, to present accurate base line figures to the Legacy WA State Conference in February 2022.

In the lead up to Christmas and

throughout January next year, volunteers are invited to join the staff at Legacy House, West Perth, to phone beneficiaries and confirm their contact details. Callers will use the phones at Legacy House to update forms. This role does not involve data entry into computers.

Volunteers will require standard Legacy checks including a Police Clearance (or equivalent) and sign a non-disclosure agreement.

Please contact Alyson, Operations Office, on (08) 9486 4900 or alyson@legacywa.com.au

Become a Legatee

By becoming a Legatee, you will become a part of Legacy's proud traditions and actively live its values. These traditions and values have been passed on from generation to generation of Legatees in caring for the families of veterans.

The role of a Legatee can vary with each family or individual, although ultimately Legatees serve to ensure Legacy's vision and mission is met.

For more details visit <https://www.legacy.com.au/get-involved/become-a-legatee/>

Volunteers

Legacy is fortunate to have dedicated members, known as Legatees.

However, as our work continues to grow, Legacy is looking for passionate people to lend their time, share their skills and assist in various activities.

Volunteers are especially needed during our signature campaigns times however we are always looking for those wanting to lend their time to help with any number of tasks including:

- become a community visitor,
- raising funds and awareness,

- administrative volunteering
- becoming a friendly voice
- corporate volunteering
- lend a skill
- support during Legacy Week;
- help out at one-off events.

For more details and to sign up visit <https://www.legacy.com.au/get-involved/volunteer-with-us/>



Are you interested in volunteering for Legacy WA?

Please contact our Fundraising and Volunteer Coordinator, Kelly at events@legacywa.com.au

Peter Keillor Award



Peter Keillor

Connie Eikelboom ESM from the Armadale State Emergency Service, was this year's recipient of the Peter Keillor Award.

Widow, Barbara Keillor, made the presentation at this year's SES Award night.

As a local manager and peer supporter, Connie Eikelboom was recognised for being available to people when they are most in need. She spent four weeks in Kalbarri and Northampton to support crews through the devastation of Cyclone Seroja. At home in Armadale, Connie makes herself available for a cup of tea and a chat to support her community when people need someone to listen.

The Keillor Award is the most prestigious and highest individual honour in the SES Awards and is presented to a dedicated volunteer who has made an exemplary contribution to the SES during their time as a volunteer and specifically in the previous 12 months. The award was named after Murray State Emergency Service Unit volunteer Peter Keillor, who used a wheelchair following an injury received during active service in Vietnam, in recognition of his courage, willpower, dedication and respect for others.

The first award was made in 1995. Each year, Mrs Barbara Keillor presents the award to the recipient at the yearly conference.

Dates for Your Diary

8 – 18 January 2022 Annual Children's Camp	19 February Caring for the Fallen Legacy event (more details in the new year)
26 January Australia Day event (TBC)	7 – 16 March Widows Camp 2
11 – 22 February 2022: Widows Camp 1	25 April ANZAC Day fundraiser
12 February Legacy WA State Conference	22 April Western Force x Legacy game
13 February Junior Legacy FunCats day	30 – 11 May: Widows Camp 3

check www.legacywa.com/wa for updates on all our events*

Laurel Club Meeting Times and Locations

Laurel Club	Meeting Times	Location
Bunbury	1st Thursday 9.30am	Bunbury RSL Hall
Floreat	4th Friday 1:00pm	Scarborough Community Centre 173 Gildercliffe St Scarborough
Fremantle	Fortnightly Tuesdays 10.30am	Bicton Palmyra RSL 30a Foss Street Bicton
Geraldton	1st Monday 10.00am	Birdwood House 46 Chapman Road Geraldton WA 6530
Gosnells & Districts	2nd & 4th Wednesday 11.00am	Gosnells Football Club Terrence Street Gosnells WA 6110
Kalamunda & Districts	3rd Friday 1.00pm	Jack Healey Centre 21 Mead Street Kalamunda WA 6076
Mandurah-Murray	3rd Monday 1.30pm	Mandurah RSL Unit 5/20-22 Rouse Rd, Greenfields WA 6210
Menora	3rd Monday 10.00am	War Widows Guild 15 Plantation Street Menora WA 6050
Midland & Districts	2nd Wednesday 1.45pm	Bellevue RSL 2 Purton Place Bellevue
Northern Districts	1st & 3rd Thursday 9:00am	"Mildenhall" Duncraig Senior Citizens Club 49 Beddi Road Duncraig WA 6023
Perth	Fridays 9.00am	ANZAC House 3/66 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000
Rockingham	Fortnightly Thursdays 10.00am	Port Kennedy RSL Cnr Paxton Way & Helmsshore Way Port Kennedy WA 6172
Vasse	2nd Wednesday 10.00am	Busselton RSL Hall 10 Rosemary Drive Busselton WA 6280

Widow's Camp

Leagcy WA is seeking your expression of interest to attend the annual Widows Camps in 2022. Please cut out this form and send back to Legacy House completed in the return envelope provided.

Please note that all camp dates are subject to COVID-19 restrictions and Legacy WA will work to any and all guidelines set out by the Western Australian Government.

I would like to attend:

Widows Camp 1:
11-22 Feb

Widows Camp 2:
7-16 March

Widows Camp 3:
30 April-11 May

Your Details

Name: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Next of kin

Name: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Name of Family Doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Additional Requirements

Do you require the use of a commode, walker or gopher? No Yes, a commode Yes, a walker Yes, a gopher

*Please note there are limited supplies of these items at Legacy Holiday Camp and any aids must be requested at the time of registration to ensure your needs can be met.

Transportation

Will be making your own way to the Widows camp No Yes

If YES please provide your vehicle registration number: _____



Bus information

If you wish to travel with TransWA please provide either your Gold Card, Seniors Card or Pension Card number so arrangements can be made by Legacy WA on your behalf.

For those wishing to use their free TransWA pass which is included with your Pension Card, please book directly TransWA as Legacy WA is unable to make this booking on your behalf.

Please note these dates and times are managed by TransWA & South West Coach Lines and may change.

Gold Card no.: _____ Expiry Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Seniors Card no.: _____ Pension Card no.: _____

Departures

Departure Points	Sun	Mon-Thurs	Fri	Sat
East Perth	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00am	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00am	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00am	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00am
	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:15pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:15pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:00pm	
Arrival Points				
Cockburn Central (Stand 7)	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:30am	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:30am	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:30am	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:30am
	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:40pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:40pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:45pm	
Busselton	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:48pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:48pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:48pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 12:48pm
	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:28pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 3:58pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:57pm	

Return Journey

Departure Points	Sun	Mon - Fri	Sat
Busselton	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:12pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:05am	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:05am <input type="checkbox"/> 5:12pm
Cockburn Central (Stand 7)	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:02pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:22pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:22pm <input type="checkbox"/> 8:02pm
	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:00pm <input type="checkbox"/> 8:30pm

South West Coach Lines - Daily

Departure Points	Morning Route	Afternoon Route
Perth Elizabeth Quay Busport	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:30am	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:20pm
Perth Airport - Domestic Terminal (T3/T4)	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:00am	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:50pm
Perth Airport - International Terminal (T1/T2)	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:10am	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:05pm
Cockburn Central Station	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:40am	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:35pm
Bunbury Bus Station	<input type="checkbox"/> 10:30am	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:25pm
Busselton Terminal	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:15am	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:20pm

Return Journey

Departure Points	Morning Route	Afternoon Route
Busselton	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:40am	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00pm
Perth Elizabeth Quay Busport	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:45am	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:00pm

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

100th Birthdays



Margaret Woods

Mrs Margaret Woods was born in Cornwall and migrated with her family to West Australia in 1924. The family settled in Denmark and lived throughout the south west until moving to Perth and settling in Subiaco where she still lives.

Margaret attended Perth Girls High School and later worked in Fitches Pharmacy in Perth. She really enjoyed this job and stayed for many years.

She married John Woods who was in the 2nd 16th Battalion.

Margaret is a mad Eagles fan and loves to watch Roger Federer playing tennis. She has been a dog lover for most of her life.

Margaret attributes her long life to healthy living and especially grape tomato's and avocados with lots of vegetables

Evelyn Lewer

Mrs Lewer was born in Gingin and is their 11th of 12 children. She lived on a farm and attended Gingin Primary School. Evelyn was a very clever and competent lady and worked at Hollywood Hospital. She met her husband Peter at the Embassy Ball Room in her late 20's. Being a very tall lady at 5ft 9 inches tall he easily spotted her across the ballroom. After the wedding announcement she came down with TB and spent nine months in hospital.

As she was an excellent dress maker she made her own wedding dress. They lived in the family home in South Como then moved to Booragoon on retirement. She worked part time and played golf and badminton and when she retired she played bowls at the Mt Pleasant Bowling Club.

Evelyn has two daughters and three grandchildren.



Elsie Slingsby

A special 100th birthday was celebrated over the weekend, as local Elsie Slingsby reached the milestone. Mrs Slingsby was born on September 17, 1921, in Jarrahdale to Harry and Maude Lillie. Elsie was the fifth child of 12, five sisters and six brothers and is the only remaining sibling.

Harry Lillie came to Perth from England to start a family, according to Elsie's daughter Robin Berry. They lived in a small house in Jarrahdale.

"They were a happy family, in their little house," she said.

"People wouldn't normally live in that kind of house now with a big family but they were happy."

In her early adolescence, Elsie worked in Manjimup in the tobacco industry during the Second World War. "A man met us on the train to go to Manjimup to work," Mrs Slingsby said.

"When I got out of the train this man saw me and said, 'See that girl coming down there?' he hadn't met me yet but he said 'I'm going to marry her.'"

That was when she met her husband Albert George Slingsby, and in 1942 they married in the registrar's office. "I didn't want a fuss made, we were going to married and I got my dress and artificial bouquets," she said.



"I went and saw a friend get married and said to my husband, I'm not going to go to all that fuss so let's go to the registry office and he said it was up to me. We went to the office and gave our names, which you had to do a fortnight before you got married, and we got married. We went and had a nice afternoon tea and had a cake. Later on, he went into the air force because he was called up and we couldn't have been happier."

Elsie has two daughters, Robin and Maureen, two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. Elsie now resides in Mount Nasura, living with her daughter Robin. Over the weekend the family celebrated Elsie's birthday with a party at Armadale RSL.

Elsie is the aunty of famous cricketer Dennis Lillee. "I love how modern she's stayed with her thinking and her memory, she still remembers everyone's name and birthday of all her relatives," Mr Lillee said. "She's as smart as they come and she's so with it. She's such a wonderful, loving and lovely person and I can always remember that right from when I was very young. She's always managed to keep in touch."

Credit: Annalise Hunt from the Examiner



Grace Lloyd

CENTENARIAN Grace Lloyd said she never thought she'd live to 100, but credits her full life of adventures and hard work to never relying on 'handouts' and just 'getting on with it.' In her 100 years, Ms Lloyd has eaten quokka for dinner, helped with the war effort during World War II, gotten married and had three children, starred in a feature film and travelled the world. Ms Lloyd was born in Bunbury in 1921, in a midwives house made available for pregnant women in both Bunbury and regional areas. After she was born, Ms Lloyd said her mother got sick and sadly died a few months later. She was the youngest of five and grew up on a farm in Capel, near Peppermint Grove Beach, aptly named 'The Stirling Estate'. When she was 14-years old, her dad remarried and had another four children, making Ms Lloyd one of nine. When World War II began, Ms Lloyd relocated to from Bunbury to Perth to work in ammunition.



Towards the end of the war, Ms Lloyd met her late husband, Morrie Lloyd. "I met Morrie at the Embassy Ballroom in Perth. It was a beautiful room with coloured lights under the floor. We danced the night away." They married at the Catholic Church in Bunbury in 1948, before having their three children Bob, Colleen and Sue. Grace and Morrie Lloyd built their home on Mangles Street, located adjacent to the Back Beach in the 1970s before travelling the world. Morrie Lloyd passed away in 1988 at 64-years-old. Ms Lloyd's daughter Coleen Clifton

threw a 100th birthday afternoon tea for Ms Lloyd on Sunday, August 29. Ms Clifton said all their extended family were invited, including Ms Lloyd's seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and great, great grandchild. Ms Lloyd also credits her long life to having meat and three vege every day and lots of cups of black tea. Grace celebrates her 100th Coleen Clifton threw a 100th birthday afternoon tea for her mother, Grace Lloyd, on Sunday, August 29.

- Credit: the Bunbury Mail and Pip Waller



Evelyn Foulkes Taylor

Mrs Evelyn Foulkes Taylor was as a child living with her parents on a farm in Beermullah in country WA. Her Mum died when she was 19 so Evelyn was left to look after her 6 siblings as her Father was a roo shooter who was away from the family for 4-6 month at a time.

She stayed on the farm until she met her future husband who she married in 1950. Still living on a farm Evelyn and her husband had five children. She would get up at 3am every morning to make the family bread then go out and milk the cows. To get the children to school she would also go out and saddle the horse as the children rode to school.

The family stayed on the farm until 1976 when they sold up and moved to Morley and then bought a block in Padbury and built a home. Evelyn's husband died in 1987 at the age of 68. She later looked after her brother-in-law until he passed away. She then lived with her daughter until moving to a nursing home in 2020.

Evelyn is a champion cook having won trophies in Bindoon, Wanneroo and Gingin and she also cooked at Guildford Grammar School for 300 students for a couple of years.

She attributes her long life to hard word, love of family and her love of growing both vegetables and flowers.

Laurel Club Updates



Daisies

The Daisies enjoyed a Christmas in July dinner and an overnight stay at the Rose and Crown Hotel in Guildford. Great company, wonderful food and lots of laughs were had. We enjoyed a lovely wander around the area on the Saturday afternoon, exploring the art and galleries, before a cocktail or two at The Guildford Hotel. We must have been having too much fun as we didn't end up with a group photo! Balancing being spread all over the city, work commitments and children can be challenging and for this reason we have also had smaller catch-ups for coffee in local areas over the winter months and continue to support each other in our online group.

Erin Posik
President (Acting) Legacy Daisies.

Menora

Good day to all the Legacy Laurel club ladies I hope you are all feeling well and coping with this ever changing weather at the moment.

We continue to meet on the first Wednesday of the month and whilst our numbers are down from previous times we still have several ladies attending if they can.

Marlene very graciously came and gave us a talk last month, it is always great to have her with us. We are

grateful that she is still able to do such a wonderful job for the Laurel clubs.

It is with heavy heart to hear the news that Viv is moving on she has been so good for Legacy over her time with them. We will miss her terribly. Good Luck Viv and thank you.

As we don't have our own bus trips now we will often join with Australian War Widows on their bus trips, we recently went to York with them

and had a fabulous day looking in the shops and having lunch at the Imperial Homestead. The food was lovely.

Christmas is coming up extremely fast so Menora Laurel Club ladies wish all other Legacy members the best of health and a very merry Christmas and a happy New year.

Janice McLeod.

Northern Districts



Greetings to all Laurel Clubs,
Time flies, it's hard to believe that we are only weeks away from Christmas. The Northern Districts Club has been busy, with our monthly lunches held at various venues including The Greenwood Tavern, Waldecks Nursery in Kingsley and Lofts Court in Woodvale. Considering the long cold wet winter we experienced this year, all lunch we well attended. As someone a lot wiser then I stated, 'Good food, good company'; what more can one ask for?

In July, the Northern Districts took a bus ride down south. We enjoyed a Christmas in July lunch at the Peel Manor House Karnup and a stroll around the secret garden. An enjoyable day was had by all. The monthly lunches and outings are made possible by the hard work and effort made by club members Rosie Chappell and Barbara Banfield. Thank you ladies for your time and effort, it is much appreciated.

We are all looking forward to the Jingle in December. Especially myself, as I was unable to attend last year's Jingle. The Christmas Windup for our Laurel Club will be at Kingsway Tavern on 16 December.

As this is the last Legacy Time for this year, on behalf of the Northern Districts Laurel Club, I wish all fellow Laurel club members, Legatees and the hard working staff at Legacy House a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Cheers,
Pamela Murphy.



Kalamunda and Districts

Greetings to all Laurel Club members,
All sorts of things and weather must be taken in together to make up a year!

Joy, surprises, sadness, but amongst it all, a loving friendly time when smiling faces come together.

We had some wonderful lunches in some wonderful places and the tours were lovely also. Wow! What lies ahead!

Our Legatee Warwick is a source of inspiration and courage always. Thanks.

Love in life may have some thorns but life without love, will have no roses.

Hazel Atkins.

Geraldton

A very warm hello to our dear readers...warm...yes...to help with easing cold bones and again I have it on good authority that summer is on the way....Hurry up we say.

Our attendance is continuing to be encouraging with no less than 16 or 18 attendees which is wonderful and made more wonderful by the willingness of our more mobile members in ensuring our less mobile are with us to share our meeting experiences. Sadly, with heavy hearts we said farewell to Wynn Barwick and Mitzy Schultz. Two links in our chain ... now resting peacefully.

"There is no real ending...just the place where you stop the story."

At our July meeting we discussed and agreed to put wheels in motion to gather up a "care package" for distribution to vulnerable members of our community including Women's Shelter occupants and those experiencing domestic violence or just in a "bad place" and in need of care and compassion.

"Hope when it hurts"

To this end we put together a rather large collection (the parcel has gone from just a few personal care items to a variety of needy assistance items, including blankets, throws, toiletries, laundry essentials, etc etc, etc.)

This grew as we all opened up our cupboards and realised we had so many items surplus to our individual needs. So many of us hoard (for just in case) including "gifts of no use" ... and let's face it... we have all had those experiences!!

We arranged for a representative of a local Crisis Care organisation to visit our meeting on the 6th of September. We enjoyed morning tea, heard of the work of this organisation, and presented them with our huge array of donations.

"A grateful heart is a recipe for miracles"

Winter being the cooler time of the year does not present well for outdoor activities, hence our social calendar has not been very entertaining, however we have lots to look forward to. Melbourne Cup is around the corner and already have enough "hands up" interest to fill two \$5 sweeps and a future issue of Legacy Times will inform dear readers of the winning horses and their appropriate "jockeys" who will probably have galloped off to spend winnings. Christmas is looming on the horizon and we have all our preparations in place for another memorable lunch. Yes!! We are an organised bunch.

"A little progress each day...adds up to big results"

We give a huge shout out to Frieda Moses who celebrated her 90th

birthday on the 22nd October 2021. An afternoon tea gathering was held at the local RSL to celebrate the occasion. Frieda is a valuable and much respected member of our "Troupe". We hope you had a great birthday dear heart - a sentiment which I am sure is echoed across our broad membership base.

"Frieda we send hugs smiles and kisses.... thank you for being the wonderful inspirational person you are."

Can I, on behalf of all our Geraldton Laurel Members, give a huge shout of thanks to our Legatees for their ongoing support, care and "jump to attention" attitude.

As an ageing War Widow group, we do at times find things a little too difficult and to know their support is always willing and available.... is a comfort beyond belief.

Thank you.....you know who you are.

"Appreciation is a wonderful thing..... it makes what is excellent in others... belong to us all."

Dear readers...there you have it for another edition. Please stay safe, warm and dry and if travelling..... travel safe.

The sun is out...the wind has stopped blowing... the garden beckons

Cheers for now
Barb.

Midland and districts

Greetings to all associated with Legacy as we look forward to Xmas festivities and catching up with family and friends either in person or by phone, letters, cards or as so often by email. I must admit I still prefer to send cards with a message as is so often the only written communication all year.

At the August meeting it was decided to continue meeting at the Bellevue RSL Club (2 Purton Place on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 12 noon). Members bring their own lunch and can buy a cuppa there.

17 ladies from our Laurel Group enjoyed a trip to Araluen on the 6th of October. The weather was lovely; however, the Araluen train was not running on the day which was a shame as Araluen isn't the most accessible place to walk around. Nevertheless, the day was enjoyed

by all and we sat around having nice chat.

Our last meeting for 2021 was on Wednesday 3rd November at 12 noon. We will also all catch up at the Christmas Jingle and our own Christmas lunch.

I will be attending the November Busselton camp and I am looking forward to seeing everyone I have

met on previous trips. It is always a very relaxing and fun time.

On behalf of all our lovely members and Legatees we wish you all a safe and Merry Xmas and best wishes for 2022.

Bye for now.

Lilian Cottingham,
Member of Midland and Districts.



Mandurah

Hello all in the Legacy family

Mandurah/Murray ladies enjoyed the bus trip to Collie and saw the spectacular mural.

We have lost member Margaret McDonald earlier this year and longtime member Greta Jolley, who was on the original committee 31 years ago and gave us loyal support all that time, being a helpful, willing member.

On July 17, our ladies and two Legatees and wives enjoyed a lunch at a Chinese restaurant.

Welcome to our new members Alison and Sita, we hope you enjoy our time with us.

President Yvonne and I attended a lovely lunch at Port Kennedy RSL where The Rockingham club celebrated their 30th birthday. Thank you all for a great day.

In September we had lunch at South Yunderup and October we will do a boat cruise.

Best wishes to past caretaker Nathan and Nadia and welcome to our new caretaker Peter Bruce. We hope you have an enjoyable stay.

Our Xmas lunch was on the 25th November at Dudley Park Bowling Club and the Jingle on the 6th December.

We did not have a meeting in Nov due to most of committee being down at camp.

Hope that all members of Legacy enjoy Xmas and new year and many thanks to all the staff as well as Marlene for your work.

Best wishes,

Mandurah/Murray Legacy Laurel Club
Barbara Keillor.

Rockingham

Greetings to all fellow Legacy ladies.

Hope you are all managing to stay warm and dry.

Our time since the last entry is not very exciting. We have had no outings and very few speakers, mostly due to the week-long lockdown mid-June and ongoing Covid restrictions. We did however have a visit from Marlene when she regaled us with tales of her time with Legacy. It is always a pleasure to see her down our way. We also had a speaker from Silver Chain, which was most enjoyable.

Early in June we had a cash collection instead of the "Big Morning Tea" and were pleased to be able to send a donation of \$250.

The very heavy storm resulted in quite extensive damage to Jasmine Hughes house, which, as of now, is almost back to normal.

We had a free lunch for members at The Drop Inn locally.

Our sick list includes Dot Cunningham, Val Bastow and our Legatee Kim Farmer with a very heavy cold. On 17th June, during the meeting, Helen Corti rose from her seat to go and pay her fine for not wearing her badge, she fell down, could not get up and her son was notified and an ambulance was called. She was taken to the hospital, on the gurney with what can only be described as a 'queenly' wave – she is very brave as she had caused herself to have a fracture. I am pleased to say that she is back with us, but with the aid of a walker! Just recently we had Karen Steer in hospital and hope she gets well very soon. In July we had the very sad news that one of our long serving members, Lorna Hunt had passed away. At the very next meeting, sadly, we lost another member, Glad Squance passed away



suddenly. Within two weeks we attended the funerals of these very popular ladies.

At our AGM on the 12th of August, we had a couple of changes to the committee. Ann Halsy has agreed to carry on as President as has Jan Thair as Vice President. Eleanor O'Rafferty has retired as Treasurer, after holding that position for many years. Barbara Ayling has relinquished the position of Secretary to take on the Treasurers job and our Tea Lady, Jan Wilcock is now our new Secretary. Eleanor has offered to be the Tea Lady... a most important task you will agree. We also have a group of members who are our regular helpers as a subcommittee and we thank them for their help.

We had our 30th Birthday lunch this month and have planned our own Christmas lunch and it was a popular decision to have free lunches locally on a regular basis as we are unable to organise other outings.

We welcomed one new member recently, Stephanie Burcham, we do hope you will enjoy your time with us. We are looking forward to the Jingle in December and I want to take this opportunity to wish all our fellow Legacy members, far and

wide, the very best of health and send warm wishes to you all from the Laurels at Rockingham.

At our recent 30th Birthday lunch, we welcomed Allan and Jane Leivers, Marlene and Maria and the Legatee from Fremantle and a few ladies from Mandurah. We organised a roast dinner and pavlova and fruit salad feast, which was enjoyed by all. As usual the cooks at the Port Kennedy RSL did us proud. We had a beautiful birthday cake, made by Pat Birch and iced by some friends. To do the honours of cutting the cake were our two longest serving members, Eve Forester and Daphne Dover. They were presented with some chocolates and a flower arrangement.

Recently we were very sad to hear of the passing of our previous Legatee, Mark Stevens. We will always remember his jolly demeanor. He was always welcome at our meetings and functions and on these occasions with HeatherVale Mark ...

Until next time
Barbara.



Busselton Jingle 2021.



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