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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



Peter Emmett

After many years of planning, the Legacy Centenary Torch Relay is well underway. It was terrific seeing the images from France and London in recent weeks, especially seeing former Legacy WA beneficiaries with the Torch speaking with King Charles III.

The Torch kicked off its Australian leg in Albany, followed by Fremantle and then Perth on the 6th of May. It was amazing to see how many of our current and former beneficiaries and Legatees were involved, carrying the torch along the various legs. I had the honour of carrying the torch into Wellington Square and lighting the cauldron on the last day on behalf of the whole Legacy family, and I must admit, it was quite an emotional moment for me. It was great to have a busload of widows from Mandurah join us at Wellington Square too, braving the rain and cold conditions.

Legacy WA has just concluded a successful but busy period in the lead-up to Anzac Day. Events included:

- Annual street appeal
- Fundraising events at South Fremantle Football Club, Western Force, West Coast Fever Netball and Ascot Race Course
- Attendance at the Kings Park Dawn Service to lay a wreath on behalf of Legacy WA, and
- Participating in the Anzac Day march in the CBD.

I'd like to publicly thank all Legatees and volunteers who helped out and participated over this busy period, but I'd like to make a special mention of all the staff at Legacy House who have gone above and beyond over the last few weeks to ensure all events were successful.

I'd like to remind all of our wonderful beneficiaries that the Busselton Campsite is there for your use, and I would encourage you all to get down there whenever possible, be it on a scheduled widows camp, or just a weekend getaway with the family, or on your own.



You can find a booking link on the Legacy WA website, or call the office for assistance.

I hope you are all keeping well, and look forward to seeing you at a Legacy event sometime soon.

Yours in Legacy,

L/ Peter Emmett
President Legacy WA

CEO's Address



Matt Granger

Hello all,

As I write this contribution, having just arrived in Albany in preparation for the launch of the centenary torch relay at Middleton Beach on Wednesday morning, I reflect on what has been an incredibly busy time for all at Legacy House and Peter at the camp: especially the marketing and events team since the last Times. Scarlett, Lauren and Emily have worked tirelessly—in particular over the last four weeks—having organized activities that have raised in excess of \$100,000 for Legacy WA. These events included the traditional street appeal, Lake Karrinyup Country Club golf day, South Fremantle Football Club game day fundraiser, Western Force rugby union match, West Coast Fever netball, Ascot Racecourse on behalf of Perth Wagering and Gaming, and Bunning's stalls and sausage sizzle.

What is becoming evident from all of these fundraising activities is just how difficult it is to keep an adequate income flowing into Legacy WA, given the tightening economic situation by which we all are affected by. One way to help Legacy provide that vital hand up, not a handout, to beneficiaries in need is to consider leaving a bequest.

A bequest is a gift that is made through a will or trust and is a meaningful way to support Legacy's mission and make a lasting impact. By leaving a bequest, you can help to ensure that our programs and services continue to make a difference in the lives of those we serve for generations to come.

There are many ways to make a bequest, including leaving a specific dollar amount or percentage of your estate to Legacy WA; or designating a particular asset, such as a piece of property or a stock portfolio. By working with a professional advisor, such as an attorney or financial planner, you can create a bequest that aligns with your goals and priorities while also providing support to Legacy.



We understand that making a bequest is a deeply personal decision and one that should be made with careful consideration. That's why we are here to support you every step of the way. We can provide you with information and resources to help you make an informed decision and ensure that your wishes are carried out.

As a not-for-profit organisation, we rely on the support of our generous donors to continue our work. By including us in your estate plans, you can help to ensure that your organisation remains strong and sustainable for years to come.

Kind regards to all,

Matthew Granger
CEO Legacy WA



Photo by Katy Anne on Unsplash

Vale - Legatee Marlene Robins

Unfortunately, in March this year, Marlene Robins passed away. The time and energy Marlene dedicated to the Legacy WA community has been inspirational and the connections that Marlene formed in her lifetime were unmatched.

Over the years, Marlene played a vital role in the growth and development that Legacy WA saw. In the late 1990s, Marlene was a key advocate in shaping the future of Legacy WA when she became the first female Legatee in the Perth region.

In addition, one of Marlene's biggest attributes was her ability to form solid connections with our widows, ensuring everybody's voice was heard. An event that Marlene will always be remembered for, is our classic Christmas Jingle, where she showcased her skills in planning and executing events.

Marlene will always be a valued member of the Legacy WA family and we will forever remember Marlene and the contributions she made.



ARMY ART WA
48TH ANNUAL

ART EXHIBITION



Maliepaard, Michelle, (2022).
Flower vase [Mixed media].



Eddy, Pamela, (2022).
Flying Over The Break [Acrylic].

\$35

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This service provides free, confidential and independent legal support to people who want to share their story with the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.

Key dates

Submissions to the Royal Commission must be received by October 13 of this year. But if you want to have a private one-on-one session with a Royal Commissioner, you must submit your request by April 28 of this year.

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Join us for a
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11TH JULY



11:30 - 2:30PM

South Perth Civic Centre
Crn South Terrace and
Sandgate Street,
South Perth

Please RSVP to your Laurel Club Leader
by 10th June

or

If you are not a member of a Laurel
Club, please call Legacy House
9486 4900



The Legacy Centenary Torch Relay



After many years in the making, The Legacy Centenary Torch Relay Presented By Defence Health has officially kicked off!

Western Australia first saw the torch at Middleton Beach, Albany. We had such a great turnout at the opening ceremony down on the beach with lots of members of the public stopping to watch. The Honourable Kim Beazley AC was our inaugural torchbearer. Mr Beazley has had a long connection and is deeply rooted with Legacy WA.



After Albany, the torch made its way up to Fremantle to commence this leg of the relay. We had Legatee Steve Stoll as our first torchbearer for the day. L/ Stoll has and continues to do some great work for Legacy, in particular at the Legacy Camp in Busselton. The torch then made its way through Fremantle before finishing at Monument Hill where a small ceremony was held.



The final stop for WA was Perth City where we saw the Honourable Matt Keogh MP lighting the flame to start the day. Mr Keogh is a passionate advocate for Legacy WA and

shows great support, especially at our street appeals. Though the rain was coming in thick, the flame shone brightly all the way through Kings Park and the city. The relay finished up at Wellington Square where the Community Day was happening.



It has been wonderful to see this relay bring our Legacy community even closer. To all of our torchbearers, you did such an unreal job representing Legacy WA. You were chosen for a special reason and we are so happy that you were there. Volunteers at Albany, Fremantle and Perth deserve a special shoutout for the time dedicated on their days.

There are way too many people to individually mention, but to everybody involved thank you! This was such a special milestone for Legacy Australia and we appreciate the excitement and passion that was shared by all.

Now WA has said goodbye to the torch, it is making its way onto South Australia before the rest of Australia. If you are interested in following the torch, there is an app "Torch Relay" which you can download and track its movements.





Albany







Fremantle







Perth







The Torch Goes Up North!

To continue celebrations, we took the torch on a tour up north to visit our ever-growing regional communities. The torch made its way through Geraldton, Carnarvon, Onslow, Karratha, Port Hedland and Broome. We met some incredible people on the journey, all having a special connection to Legacy and stories to share.

In Geraldton, we were honoured to have Mayor Shane Van Styn come to the Geraldton RSL reception and in Carnarvon have the ABC join us.

A massive thank you goes out to everyone involved, and specifically the individuals who opened up their RSLs for us during and after

hours so we could use their facilities to host our receptions. Thank you Geraldton RSL, Carnarvon/Gascoyne RSL, Karratha RSL, Port Hedland RSL and Broome RSL.

We are so glad that we got to show the torch off to everybody and include the wider community. The relationships between these RSL sub-branches and Legacy WA are stronger than ever, and we are grateful that this trip has allowed us to do so.

It was a very successful trip that received such good feedback from all. We are happy that we have made these connections and will continue working to grow them.

Geraldton RSL





Carnarvon/Gascoyne RSL



Karratha RSL



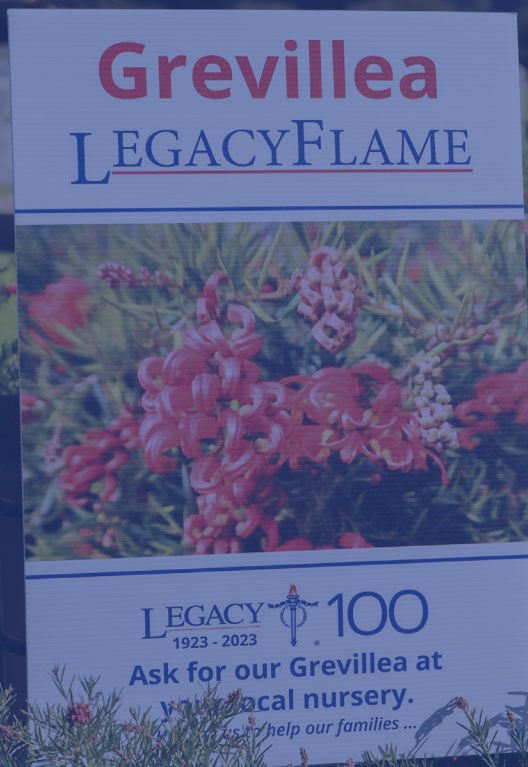
Port Hedland RSL



Broome RSL



Grevillea LegacyFlame





One of the many ways Legacy has chosen to commemorate its centenary was to endeavour on releasing a new Grevillea into production. On the 28th of April, Legacy WA had the privilege to launch Grevillea 'LegacyFlame' to the public at the Perth War Cemeteries in Karrakatta.

The project to create Grevillea 'LegacyFlame' was headed by Suzanne Curry in Hobart, Tasmania. The genus of Grevillea was specifically chosen for its abundance of long flowering red/orange flower spikes that resonates with the Torch symbol of Legacy. The Torch signifies the undying flame of service and sacrifice of those who gave their lives or their health for Australia. The plant is an easy care, water wise, beautifully coloured, bird attracting and will grow across most of Australia's plant hardiness zones.

With the release of the Grevillea, royalties from every plant sold go to the 44 Legacy Clubs across Australia to assist them in looking after their families. You can find the Grevillea in your local nurseries and selected Bunnings stores across the country.

If you are interested in purchasing a Grevillea, Legacy House has a limited availability of the plant. Please call the office on (08) 9486 4900 to inquire. They are \$15 and pick up only.



Torch Relay Events

Fremantle Torchbearer Reception

To conclude the Fremantle leg of the torch relay, we held a reception in the City of Fremantle's Civic Centre. The idea for our reception was to celebrate the torch leaving Fremantle, before it made its way on to Perth City.

It was a lovely evening, giving our community a chance to catch up in a relaxed setting. Churchlands Senior High School provided us with a beautiful string trio.

A thank you goes out to the Honourable Matt Keogh MP and the Honourable Klara Andric MLC for attending the night.

It was great to see such a positive turn out on the night. A huge thank you to Brett Dowsing who was our amazing MC on the night!

In addition, thank you to the City of Fremantle who sponsored our event and gave us access to their amazing facilities.



Perth Community Day

Unfortunately, we used all of our luck with the weather in Albany and the community day was a bit cold and wet. No doubt the weather turned away some people however, the patrons that were there all had an amazing time. We had some lovely vendors who all helped to make the day extra special.

The Army Band, like always, were amazing and was just what the day needed! We have had the pleasure of working with the Army band a lot over the past month and they seem to get it right every single time. We are big fans!!

It was so great to see our Laurel Ladies who made the trip up from Mandurah! We were all so excited that you came and had so much fun with you. Hopefully, we see you at more events.

Thank you to everybody who came down and got involved, we hope you all had as much fun as we did.

A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers for coming out and sticking out the bad weather! Gavin Briggs, Steve Stoll, Angie Stoll, Tonya Tueno, Tammy Davy, Vicky Curtis, Sandie Newman-Laws and of course the Legacy House Staff Kylie, Lauren, Emily and Scarlett. The day wouldn't have been possible without you!

Thank you to Lockheed Martin who sponsored our community day and thank you to Perfect Events who worked tirelessly to bring the Community Day together. Regardless of the weather, we had such a great day that received such positive reviews.

Please remember, if you see an upcoming event that you want to attend but need assistance getting there, please call Legacy House on 9486 4900. We are more than happy to work something out.





Volunteer Spotlight: Linda Hill

Linda Hill has been a volunteer for Legacy WA since March 2022, she came on board during the start of our data cleanse and has been in a volunteer admin role ever since. She wanted to give back to Legacy as she understands just how important Legacy is to the community of beneficiaries we look after. Linda's late husband is a Korean War Veteran, so Legacy is a cause that is especially close to her heart.

Linda enjoys being able to use her admin skills for the better and be able to get up in the morning knowing she is helping a cause that is close to her heart. Linda enjoys coming into the office and getting to know the staff and contributing in any way she can; she prefers this to going out for tea any day. She is in every Monday and Wednesday morning with a huge smile on her face, prepared to get started with the day's various tasks.

Apart from volunteering, there is one thing Linda loves more and that is her grandson. When she isn't in the office or playing Mahjong every Tuesday, you will most likely find her looking after her beloved grandson. Linda also has a very big passion for dance, unfortunately for her, her late husband had two left feet! Linda is also very into fitness, having played tennis in the past, and being very into aerobics and indoor cycling at the gym.

Linda is striving to help Legacy in any way she can for as long as she can, and all of us in the office are hoping that means she will be around for a long time, bringing her joy and love for Legacy into all of her work. Thank you, Linda, for being such a valuable member of the Legacy House team, it wouldn't be the same without you!





Legatee Spotlight: Tracey Halliwell



Tracey Halliwell is one of the newer Legatees here at Legacy WA joining in December 2022. She comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience and a heart of gold with our beneficiaries right at the centre of it. Tracey is an ex-soldier, a war widow and has a big family history connected to the military.

With a rich military family history on all branches of her tree, her father was a returned soldier of the Korean War, with his father (Tracey's grandfather) serving in the First World War. Her grandfather had four brothers who also served, all sadly were lost in the war. Tracey's grandmother lost three of her brothers. The aftermath of the war led them to move to Perth, Western Australia. On the other side of her tree, Tracey's mother joined the Army in Melbourne, being one of the first in the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps (WRAAC).

Growing up in Manning, she spent most of her childhood sitting and listening to all their stories about the army. This led her to join the WRAAC at 17, flying over to Sydney to do her basic training. In 1981 she was posted to Brisbane and became a dental nurse. By the time of 1983, she marched out of the WRAAC as it dis-

solved and went into the Royal Australian Army Dental Corp (RAADC).

In 1982, the day before Anzac Day, she met her husband Wayne "the most beautiful man in the world". They married in 1985 and had a wonderful life together. Together, they were a big part of the Currumbine Surf Club and the Currumbin RSL Sub-Branch in Queensland.

Tracey lost her husband in 2012 and she became a war widow as his death was attributed to his service. At the Currumbin Surf Club, they host a large-scale nationally televised Dawn Service every year where surfers swim out with the ashes of those Veterans' who had passed during that year. The Anzac Day following his death, Tracey watched by as surfers swam out to the sea with Wayne's ashes which was an emotional experience, to say the least.

She did not join Legacy right away; she was lost and wished she knew sooner about the work Legacy does. From this experience, it is the catalyst of why she wants to give back and help people who are just like her. As she receives a war widow's pension, she is determined to serve her community in the ways that she can.

Tracey was chosen as a torchbearer in the 2023 The Legacy Centenary Torch Relay Presented By Defence Health. Later on in the week, Tracey joined the Legacy WA team to head up North and show the torch off to our community.

Thank you Tracey for all the work you do.



Community Fundraising and Events

Rottnest Channel Swim

In February, Kate, Callan, Andy, Steph, Nathan, George, Tommi and Del formed a team for the Rottnest Channel Swim and chose the name Drowning Dogs. The team picked Legacy as the charity to fundraise for. It was a great day and a massive effort by all involved. In total the team raised a total of \$2740.00 for Legacy WA. Thanks team!



International Women's Day

To celebrate International Women's Day this year, Legacy WA sponsored staff, beneficiaries, and board members to attend the "Women Writers as Agents of Social Change" event presented by Dr Leckie Hopkins and The Karrakatta Club on the 7th of March.

Thank you to The Karrakatta Club for letting members of Legacy WA attend this presentation, and thank you to Dr Leckie Hopkins for such a wonderful presentation to celebrate International Women's Day with.

Dr Leckie Hopkins presentation was very thought provoking for all those who attended, the presentation included topics on how the theories of masculine and feminine thinking have evolved through women writers and make readers view the world from a different point of view and in not such a linear way. As Dr. Leckie Hopkins stated, to provoke change you need to change the way people think, cause without that your actions only make a small impact.





Southside Scooterist

Earlier this year, Southside Scooterist held their own mini relay. The members met and rode as a group finishing at Clancy's Fish Pub in Fremantle.

Matt, Scarlett and Lauren all went down to meet the members and say thank you for their efforts. It was a great afternoon meeting the team and everybody involved with Southside.

The team at Southside have been exceptional, they continue to show Legacy so much support and commitment. A special mention to John and his wife Kelly who set up and co-ordinated the day, much appreciated!



Bunnings and RSL Broome Fundraising

A big thank you to Broome Bunnings and Broome RSL for their fundraising efforts. It is so great to see community members all over WA spreading awareness and collecting donations for Legacy WA.



Lake Karrinyup Country Club

This April, Lake Karrinyup Country Club held their annual Legacy Day which saw an amazing turnout. Lake Karrinyup Country Club have been such a vital partner of Legacy WA and we look forward to continuing our partnership. The day ended up raising a total of \$40,000 for Legacy WA. Legacy WA would like to extend our thanks to all of the members and supporters who made the day so successful.



RSLWA Bowls Section Inc Legacy Day Yokine Districts Bowling Club.

Sixteen teams or 64 players turned up for the annual RSL Legacy bowls day event which took place at our host venue, Yokine Districts Bowling Club.

The sun was shining, greens were running very true and slick, and 64 bowlers were eager to get out and play bowls, enjoy the conditions, and the opportunity to support Legacy, which holds a special place in the hearts of many Veterans and Veterans' families' lives.

Thank you to Lauren and Scarlett who attended the Legacy stand to sell their wares of cakes, puddings, pens and cuddly "corps" bears to the RSL bowlers.

As usual, everyone dug deep for Legacy and raised \$1,663.95.

Congratulations to the winning team of:
Murray Piggott (S)
Mike Carey (3)
Michael Hughes (2)
Frank Weber (L)

On behalf of the Executive and Members of RSLWA Bowls, may we take this opportunity to wholeheartedly thank ALL RSL bowlers, family members and visitors who participated in and supported this annual event. Well done – again.

Phil Griffiths

President
RSLWA Bowls Section Inc





Rarebirdies Anzac Day Challenge

The shields gone....back to Gingin.

With tremendous conditions, both weather and course, and with players from Legacy WA, Gingin and the Rarebirdies, the scores were tight, the pressure was on. In the end, it was Gingin with a more consistent scoring average (83pts) touching up the Rarebirdies (77) to win back the Rarebirdie/Gingin shield – well done Gingin guys, please keep the trophy polished.

The Anzac Day Challenge was just as keen, with the Gingin guys dominating the prizes – overall winner on the day was Belly from Gingin with 18 points, with Trevor (GG) in second spot from Foo & Alby (GG) in a countback (all on 17) – well done Belly, well deserved and special thanks to Prim & Matt and his team from Legacy WA for the great prizes. For those fortunate enough to win a Legacy gold coin, the word is keep it safe.

We are pleased to say we raised over \$270 for Legacy WA on the day, proceeds have already been passed on, special thank you to everyone for your contribution.





Bunnings Appeal - 15th of April

This Anzac Appeal, we had many volunteers across the state lend sometime on their Saturday morning to shake tins, sell bears and even some fire up a BBQ at Bunnings stores to help us raise awareness for our appeal.

Bunnings Claremont

A successful day were we raised \$878.25 while cooking up a storm of tasty Bunnings snags. Thank you to Ian McNee, Owen Ashby, Ruby Harris, Peter Scoot, and Brett Dowsing for your amazing cooking skills and help on the day!

Bunnings Melville

Run by Will Fox and Peter Gleeson, the duo raised an amazing \$717.35 at this activation.

Bunnings Joondalup

This activation was run by Dave Jones who raised \$539.60 during the day.

Bunnings Midland

Thank you to the 512 Army Cadet Unit Eastern Hills led by CAPT (AAC) Teresa Claxon who ran this activation. The unit raised \$2043.20 throughout the day.

Bunnings Innaloo

Run by Peter Heeney and Steve Danaher who shook tins and sold bears all day. They raised \$328.20 at this activation.

Bunnings Harrisdale

This activation was run by volunteers Nisha Rose Joseph and Sharon Kappen. Overall, they both raised \$558.50.

Bunnings Albany

Run by Gail and Dave Guthrie, Philippe Eloy, John Maxwell, Wayne Hood, and Shirley and Danny Hodge. Overall, they raised an amazing \$1542.64.

Bunnings Bunbury

Great support from our Bunbury activation where \$118.65 was raised.



Street Appeal - 19th of April

Once again, our annual Anzac Day Street Appeal was a great success bringing together our community and raising some much-needed funds.

We had close to 40 volunteers who dedicated time to roam the streets of Perth city, selling merch and taking donations. We met so many amazing people on the day who we enjoyed chatting with.

We were very pleased to have had The Hon Paul Papalia CSC MLA, The Hon Matt Keogh MP, The Hon Kim Beazley and Lord Mayor of Perth Basil Zempilas all in attendance on the day. Their ongoing support for Legacy is noticed and greatly appreciated.

A special mention to Ray Ward who did very well shaking a tin and selling merch at Warwick Train Station.

Secondly, a special mention to Dave Jones who came in the day before to help us pack pin boxes and get everything sorted for the day.

Thank you to everybody that contributed to our Street Appeal this year, together we raised over \$23,000!! A massive achievement by all.

We have another street appeal coming up at the end of August for Legacy Week. If you are interested in getting involved please contact us (events2@legacywa.com.au) we would love



THE PERTH KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE INC

퍼스 한국전쟁 기념비 추진위원회

Invitation to the Unveiling Ceremony, Commemorative Service & Lunch Perth Korean War Memorial, Kings Park, Western Australia

On behalf of the Perth Korean War Memorial Committee, I extend an invitation to you to attend the unveiling ceremony for the Perth Korean War Memorial performed by Hon Mark McGowan MLA, Premier of Western Australia, and H.E. Mr Kim Wan-joong, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Australia. This will be immediately followed by a commemorative service which also marks the 70th Anniversary of the Armistice.

Korean War Veterans and their families, VIPs from government and economic circles, as well as service organisations and representatives of the Korean community will be in attendance.

As an honoured guest, you are also invited to join the Premier, the Ambassador, VIPs and our Committee at a lunch to mark this special occasion.

Details of the service and the lunch are follows:

Date: Thursday, 27 July 2023
Venue: Perth Korean War Memorial
cnr Saw Avenue & May Drive, Kings Park
(seated at 10.45am for 11am start)
Lunch: State Reception Centre
60 Fraser Avenue, Kings Park
(from 12.30 for 1.00pm start)
RSVP: by 30 June 2023

Are
you a Korean
Veteran War Widow and
interested in
attending?

Legacy WA will help you with
travel arrangements, just
call the office!



We sincerely hope to see you or your representative on 27th July and look forward to your reply to the Secretary, phoeney@smartchat.net.au confirming details of attendees.

With kind regards

Bill Munro
Chairman
Perth Korean War Memorial Committee

9 May 2023



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West Coast Fever - Anzac Round

The West Coast Fever held a Legacy round in April, giving us the opportunity to promote Legacy and collect donations.

As expected, our bears were a massive hit, especially at quarter time when they got to play a game on the court with Fifi the West Coast Fever's mascot. A special mention to Gavin Briggs, Sharon Briggs, Peter Heeney

and Kylie Sullivan who held the flags during the Anzac Day ceremony. A thank you goes out to Dazza, Kat, Sue, Kathryn, Ruby and Jasmine for volunteering. Thank you to the West Coast Fever for the dedication they showed to ensuring the ANZAC Service was done correctly and respectfully.



Western Force - Anzac Round

On Saturday the 22nd of April Western Force hosted their Anzac Round at HBF Park. Legacy WA was excited to be included as the chosen not-for-profit for the game. Overall, during the game we raised \$2,312.90 and we couldn't have done that without our amazing volunteers! Thank you once again to Roddy Van Rooyen, Adrien Mills and our lovely community services team, Tracey, Kathryn, and Hannah for coming out and shaking tins!





South Fremantle Football Club - Anzac Round

This year, South Fremantle Football Club hosted an Anzac Day Game with Legacy WA as their chosen charity. It was a fantastic day that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A massive thank you to all of our volunteers who helped with shaking tins and selling merch; Charlotte, Olivia, Sue, Mark, Gavin, Dazza, Bob, Isabel, Trish and Tonya.

We would also like to thank South Fremantle Football Club for their support.



Ascot Race Day - Diggers Cup

On Tuesday the 25th of April, Ascot Racecourse hosted their Diggers Cup event for Anzac Day with L/ Graham Follington representing Legacy WA. The event helped raise funds for both Legacy WA and the RSLWA. On the day we raised \$425.30 via tin shaking and selling bears thanks to our volunteers Mark and Melanie. Racing and Wagering WA also donated \$5,000 that will be split between Legacy WA and the RSLWA, we would like to

share a big thank you to them for all their support for both our organisations!





Community Services

Junior Legacy - Fun Cats Day

We were fortunate enough for a beautiful day at the South Perth foreshore to welcome back the Junior Legacy beneficiaries, their families and the support staff from the recent Kid's camp in January at Busselton.

It was nice to welcome some new families too! It's a great opportunity to join in and meet the friendly welcoming bunch of like-minded beneficiaries with Legatees and some staff from Legacy House. So if you're a bit shy or unsure we can almost guarantee you'll be kicking yourself for not joining in sooner!

Once again the children loved heading out after the quick debrief on the gorgeous Swan River on the surf cats. It was lovely to see family groups and the older kids uniting together to make their groups and having that special bonding time again.

After the troops had built up their appetites it was time for a great roast roll lunch and a very special visit from the ice cream van where everyone had their choice of dessert. (Never too old for ice cream)

It was a wonderful afternoon of catching up, relaxing, meeting new friends and having relatable conversations. Thanks to Tammy for organising another great day and we all look forward to seeing you all and hopefully some new faces too at the next Junior Legacy activity in late April.

Written by Legatee Kim Farmer





Junior Legacy - Penguin Island

The weather was fantastic when 45 people from Legacy families spent the day on beautiful Penguin Island. The day started early with half the group setting out on a Dolphin, Sea Lion cruise and the rest catching the ferry to the island.

The cruise of Shoalwater Bay treated us to dolphins, sea lions and many species of birds.

There were also interesting rock formations with interesting names such as Camel Rock and Whale Rock.

After both groups had some time to explore the island and cruise the bay, it was all together for the penguin feeding.

The little fairy penguins were really cute and the talk provided by the ranger taught us all about their lives.

We finished the day with lunch in the lovely shady picnic area followed by a ferry ride back to the mainland.

Written by Legatee Tonya Tueno



Annual Children's Camp

2023 Annual Children's Camp

Now what a camp! It was the first camp back in a while since we have had international and interstate children attend. Great to see everyone back together again; new faces and faces you couldn't forget, it was a great mix.

From Western Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, The United Kingdom and New Zealand, we saw 96 participants come down to Busselton for nine days of absolute fun!

Throughout the camp, the children participated in activities that encouraged our '10 Camp Core Values' which are the backbone of the program. These activities included:

- Bushtucker and Canoe Tour,
- High Ropes,
- Silent Disco,
- Arts and Crafts,
- Skit Night,
- Beach/Bushwalk (Younger Children),
- Survival (Older Children),
- and much more!



Day one saw the kids arrive down in Bus-selton at lunchtime. After lunch, tent groups were assigned, and the fun began with a quick “get to know you” activity. It was a long day for all (and even longer for some), so it was a relaxed night.



Day two kicked off with a morning PT session with everyone. The juniors then went off to resilience and mentoring team games, whilst the seniors started on some art activities which included creating their own journals. We all joined together to go swimming at the Geographe Leisure Centre. By night time, the juniors split up to battle it out on some board games and the seniors started to prepare for ‘Survival’!



‘Survival’ took part over two days. Day one saw the kids venturing off to do some canoeing and a bit of first aid training. Then they travelled to Pemberton where they put up their hootchies. After a BBQ dinner, they did some celestial navigation and settled for the night.



Day two of ‘Survival’ started with an early morning as they travelled to Lake Yeagarup. From there they walked to the sand dunes and attempted some tobogganing (mostly got stuck in the sand). This is where the “Legacy 2023” picture was taken! From there it was back to Pemberton for a swim and obstacle courses. The night wrapped up with a lantern stalk and they hit the hay.



Day five of the camp saw the senior arriving back at the camp and the juniors heading to an adaptive coping strategies session. After that the juniors went to ‘Next Level Monkey Business’ to complete a high ropes course. A good time by all!



After dinner, a projector was set up in the mess tent, with mats and sleeping bags for the children to have a movie night. The little ones watched some episodes of Bluey, and after they went to bed, the older children watched a movie and enjoyed some hot chocolates and biscuits.



The rest of the day's of the camp were anything but unforgettable with the skit night, silent disco and the formal night!

Thank you to all of those people who volunteered and worked tirelessly in the weeks and months leading up to the camp. You all rock and have created memories for a lifetime!



The 2023 Torch Awards

This year, the Junior and Senior Torch Awards went to Spencer Mills and Rohan Watt. Eligibility for these awards extends to beneficiaries of Legacy WA, interstate Legacy Clubs, Police Legacy WA and Fallen Heroes NZ.

Selection criteria for these awards are distilled from the ten Legacy WA Kids Camp Values. These include are:

- Resilience
- Teamwork
- Mentoring and positive role modelling
- Social engagement & relationship development.

Spencer won the Junior Torch Award. He is an impressive boy who has embodied the value of the torch award throughout his time at the 2023 Legacy Camp. He has the ability to lead by example, a valued member of Team

3 during mini-dip, competing to an excellent standard in all events, built new relationships, shown resilience and is all round a great person.

Rohan won the Senior Torch Award. He is a very worthy recipient in this as it was his last year at the camp. He is a great positive role model for the junior kids, great leader who is encouraging and motivating, positively engages with his tent mates and contributes to an inclusive culture that is the camp.

Congratulations to Spencer and Rohan.



Legatee Inductions

Meet our newly inducted Legatees in Geraldton!



L/ David Broom and L/ Kevin Forrest



L/ Max Jones and L/ Chris Cox



Vice Chairman Geraldton Jeff Klar
and L/ David Broom



L/ David Broome, L/ Kevin Forrest,
L/ Max Jones and L/Chris Cox

Geraldton Answers Call For Help!

Geraldton Legacy was advised that a very severely potholed driveway was in need of repairs.

Legatees Brian Millett and Chris Cox took the project on.

As can be seen there was a considerable amount of work required in preparing and completing the job, cleaning out all the pot-holes and then compacting the ground as shown by the photo. But by the end of the day, a job well done by the two members.





Legacy Stories

Commitment, Courage and Achievement

John (Jack) Edward Smart DFC

John Edward Smart was born on the 2nd of April 1924 and was brought up in Katanning a rural wheat and sheep farming area in Western Australia. He received his Junior Certificate (year 10) from Katanning High School at age 15 and in early 1940 joined Elder Smith & Co. Ltd, a well-established Australian stock firm in Katanning. Jack was living with his parents Stephen and Sarah Smart and three siblings. Jack enlisted for war service on 24th of May 1942 seven weeks after he turned 18. He completed his medical the same day and after undertaking various aptitude tests was accepted into the RAAF for pilot training with the rank of Leading Aircraftman.

Jack took leave of absence from Elders and commenced his training at Cunderdin on 23/10/42 flying DH 82 Gipsy Moth aircraft. He then transferred to Geraldton and then to Cootamundra in NSW for more advanced training on Avro Anson aircraft before gaining his wings on the 23/6/43 and allocated RAAF number 427158. Jack had a total of 220 hours of training logged when he arrived in the UK on 10/9/43 and was posted to 12th Squadron

Wickenby, a Lancaster base and one of 29 airfields established in Lincolnshire. He received a further 225 hours experience with the RAF and was well trained on Lancaster's until September 1944 when he was promoted to Flt/Sgt and given his crew to fly solo.

Jack has his complete logbook showing his first flight over Europe – Calais, flying 2nd Dicky with F/Lt. A.J. Thompson. Jack signed on for 30 missions (ops) and with his same crew was fortunate to return every night and complete his 30 ops on 23/2/1945. He and his full crew then agreed to sign on for a further 30, completing another five ops. before the war ended in May 1945. His logbook shows a total of 726 hours flown including training and Ops.

Jack's logbook records that on the 16th of March 1945 he was asked by Bomber Command to allow his rear gunner – Sgt. Neil McNicol to fly with Flight/Lt. Keith William Daymond, a Canadian who was on his 27th op, to fill in for him on one mission to Nuremberg. Their Lancaster (PD 275) was shot down and crashed at Kammerstein with only one survivor who was taken prisoner. Jack and

his remaining crew were devastated that Neil McNicol had been killed as they were a tight knit group and had been together for all their 30 ops.

Jack's commitment, courage, discipline, flying skill, his training and perhaps just pure luck got him through WW2 without a major incident. For a young man just 21 at the end of the war it's remarkable considering that less than 70% of aircraft returned each night and that 12th Squadron suffered the second highest percentage losses in Bomber Command.

Some of the statistics are: -

- The average life of a Lancaster was 40 Hours flying time. There were 7377 Lancaster's built, with 3736 lost during the war.
- There were two squadrons at RAF Wickenby – 12 and 626.
- A total of 1143 aircrew were killed flying from RAF Wickenby during WW2.
- 2.7 million tons of bombs were dropped on Germany.
- 57,205 members of Bomber Command were killed or went missing in action.
- Lancasters flew 156,000 sorties/ops with only 1 in 3 crews surviving 30 ops.

Jack recalled two missions that could have ended in disaster for him and his crew.

1. October the 25th 1944, Jack was bombing Essen. An incendiary bomb was dropped from above and lodged in the fabric of the wing of Jack's Lancaster and with luck didn't explode. Their bomb load was dropped, and they returned to Wickenby where Jack states that he did his best landing, taxied off to the end of the runway and quietly left with his crew, leaving engineers to extract the bomb.

2. Jack was lining up to drop his bombs on Nuremburg – 2/1/45 and his forward gunner urgently called out dive skipper, dive, dive, dive which he did. His reaction was immediate, and he barely missed another Lancaster coming straight at him. Unfortunately, his aircraft lost its gyro compass due to the sudden drop in height and the weight of the bombs. After dropping his bombs, he requested the navigator to give him a course home to England. They flew all night blind not



knowing where they were, no lights on the ground or over water. None of the modern instruments of today and with no compass Jack and his crew would have been very worried! With the first glimmer of dawn the navigator announced to Jack – Jack you have just won the lottery because you are flying over the house that I was born in, Wales. Running dangerously low on fuel the navigator gave Jack direction and he landed at Wickenby very late, with all four engines stalling on landing.

There are other recorded incidents of flak hitting Jack's Lancaster without major damage/injury.

Flight/Lt. Smart flew another five (5) ops before Germany surrendered in May 1945. He flew (35) bombing raids over Germany and was awarded, the 1939-1945 Star; the France & Germany star; the Defence Medal; the Air Force Cross and the Distinguished Flying Cross. The citation for the DFC read, "Flying Officer Smart has completed numerous operations against the enemy in the course of which he has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty".

Following the surrender of Germany Jack transferred to Squadron 466 for a few months flying Halifax and Oxford aircraft before an available ship was able to return him

to Fremantle. Jack was approached (in the UK) by Qantas who were looking to recruit five pilots. He declined their offer.

After surviving 35 bombing missions over Germany, the responsibility of commanding a heavy four engine aircraft with six crew and seeing the destruction and loss of aircraft and crews at a young age would have been mentally concerning, so all Jack wanted to do was to come home to his family in Katanning and get on with his life/career in Elders. He rarely spoke about the war.

Wickenby Museum advised that an amusing article appeared in a UK newspaper after the war. Just imagine that you are looking for a flight to central Europe and come across the following: -

Same day return flights to Europe available from various airfields in Lincolnshire. Facilities include sitting on a padded plank of wood (please note that these do not recline, nor is there a food tray or TV screen). The plane does not have air conditioning. Because the ambient temperature will be well below zero for most of the flight, people on board will be requested to wear sheepskin coats, gloves, and boots, and whilst this will impair their movement it will help reduce the effects of frostbite! There will be no hot drinks on board, but thermos flasks will be provided, the contents of which must last for both outbound & return journeys.

As the aircraft is not pressurised everybody will be required to wear oxygen masks. Toilet facilities will be provided in the form of a no flush chemical unit located at the rear. Everybody on board must be knowledgeable in the use of a parachute as there is a less than 70% chance that your plane will complete its journey. Those fortunate enough to complete the round trip can expect a total journey time of 6/8 hours. Free breakfasts are available in the airfield canteen for those lucky enough to return unscathed.

Probably you are thinking nobody is going to

fly under such conditions, but you are wrong! More than 120,000 young men volunteered to fly under these conditions, 57,000 of whom never made the complete trip. So next time you are on board a plane complaining about the lack of leg room, or the poor quality of the in-flight meal, spare a thought for those affectionately known as "The Bomber Boys" for without them there might not have been a central Europe.

These young men who joined Bomber Command were effective in taking the fight to Germany! They paid a terrible price and demonstrated such unbelievable bravery to get into bombers every night - 6 to 8- hour ops, cramped conditions, freezing cold, frightened, and worried they would let their mates down. Their story is one of endurance, teamwork, and understated heroism!

Thus, the next chapter in his life!

After arriving back in Perth in March 1946, Jack met with the State Manager of Elders to advise that he had arrived back from the war and to request his job back. The State Manager advised Jack that there were no positions available and that he would not be reemployed. Jack returned to Katanning to the welcoming arms of his parents and then called into the Elders branch to meet with friends.

The manager of Elders Katanning (Mr. Robert Scott) was due to retire within a few days. When hearing that Jack had met with the State Manager who had declined to reemploy him, he exploded and with Jack in his office phoned the State Manager to remind him that legislation made it compulsory for Elders to reemploy Jack and furthermore his presence at his retirement function the following week with clients attending would not be appreciated and that he should not attend. Jack got his job back and the rest is history.

It should be noted that Jack's war history was not well known or acknowledged except by his family and friends; certainly not by Elders and Jack quietly and efficiently gained promotion into branch management positions in WA and in 1958 was appointed Stock

Department Manager for Queensland, a smaller state than WA. When Elders merged with Goldsborough Mort & Co. Ltd in 1962 Jack was promoted to Divisional Manager for Queensland and some years later returned to WA as Divisional Manager. In 1971 Jack returned to Queensland as State Manager.

In 1980, Jack was approached by Elders Chairman John Elliott to take on the CEO position of the Pastoral House at Head Office in Adelaide. Jack declined the offer and accepted the position of State Manager/Executive Director of Elders West in Western Australia, the position he held until he retired in 1986.

Jack and his 2nd wife Di have extensively travelled to many parts of the world. They spent more than twenty years in Queensland following his retirement and since 2001 have lived in Augusta WA in their dream home with views of Flinders Bay and the Southern Ocean. They live a quiet life, although they have both been very active with gardening and extensive house renovations until recently as Jack has had some major health issues.

Sadly, Jack passed away on the 3rd Of June 2022, aged 98.



Have you got a story to share?

Email it to legacytimes@legacywa.com.au today, we would love to hear it!

Laurel Club Meeting

Times and Locations

Laurel Club	Date	Time	Location
Bunbury	First Thursday	9:30am	Bunbury RSL Hall
Floreat	Monthly on Friday <i>Contact Betty (08) 9384 2436</i>	10:30am	Parkland Retirement Village (where we used to meet)
Fremantle	Fortnightly Tuesdays	10:30am	Fremantle Park Centre 38 Ellen St Fremantle
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	12:00 noon	Bassendean RSL 10 Kenny Street Bassendean
Northern Districts	First and Third Thursday	9:00am	"Mildenhall" Duncraig Senior Citizens Club 49 Beddi Road Duncraig
Perth	Fridays	9:00am	ANZAC House 28 St Georges Terrace Perth
Rockingham	Fortnightly Thursdays	10:00am	Port Kennedy RSL Cnr Paxton Way & Helmsore Way Port Kennedy
Vasse	Second Wednesday	10:00am	Busselton RSL Hall 10 Rosemary Drive Busselton

WIDOW'S CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

I would like to attend:

☐

Widows Camp #4:
6 - 16 Nov 2023

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Widows Camp #1:
9 - 20 Feb 2024

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Widows Camp #2:
8 - 19 Mar 2024

Name of registered widow

First Name: _____ Middle name: _____ Surname: _____

Date of birth: _____

Residential Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Landline: _____

Email: _____

Next of kin

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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 Widow's Camp ☐ No ☐ Yes

If YES please provide your vehicle registration number: _____

Community

Do you want a call from Legacy WA Community Services?
E.g. pensions, wills, POA, social activities, special aid? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Mail to Legacy WA, PO Box 1983, West Perth BC WA 6872

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 with 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-Fri

Sun-Thurs

Fri

East Perth

☐ 9:00am

☐ 12:15pm

☐ 4:00pm

Arrival Points

Cockburn Central
(Stand 7)

☐ 9:30am

☐ 12:45pm

☐ 4:45pm

Busselton

☐ 12:48pm

☐ 3:55pm

☐ 7:57pm

Return Journey

Departure Points

Sun

Mon-Sat

Mon-Fri

Busselton

☐ 5:12pm

☐ 10:05am

☐ 4:50pm

Arrival Points

Cockburn Central
(Stand 7)

☐ 8:02pm

☐ 1:22pm

☐ 8:02pm

East Perth

☐ 8:30pm

☐ 2:00pm

☐ 8:30pm

South West Coach Lines - Daily

Departure Points

Morning Route

Afternoon Route

Perth Elizabeth Quay Busport

☐ 7:30am

☐ 1:20pm

Perth Airport - Domestic Terminal (T3/T4)

☐ 8:00am

☐ 1:50pm

Perth Airport - International Terminal (T1/T2)

☐ 8:10am

☐ 2:00pm

Cockburn Central Station

☐ 8:40am

☐ 2:35pm

Bunbury Bus Station

☐ 10:30am

☐ 4:25pm

Busselton Terminal

☐ 11:15am

☐ 5:20pm

Return Journey

Departure Points

Morning Route

Afternoon Route

Busselton

☐ 7:40am

☐ 1:25pm

Perth Elizabeth Quay Busport

☐ 11:45am

☐ 5:00pm

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____



NEED A HOLIDAY?

Look no further than the Legacy Busselton Camp!

Starting in 2023, resident Western Australian Legacy beneficiaries and their dependants or carers who are registered with, and recognised by, Legacy WA can stay at the camp free of charge while we are in receipt of funds from the ANZAC Day Trust. This includes:

- Any Beneficiary with children in our database can stay for free. Any other family members who join them are required to pay.
- Widow and carer: both stay for free.
- Able-bodied widow or beneficiary taking some friends to the camp. However, the widow/beneficiary stay for free and their friends have to pay.

Make your booking through the online system as current practice. Payment at the time of booking must take place to ensure the 100% discount. Once your stay is completed, submit a claim to Legacy House.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the office.



Legacy Camp News

Well 'Hooroo' to those Hot Summer days, and what an absolute delight the various Camps have been over the last six months or so. As Dame Edna Average would say:

"It was a bit of a Liquorish All Sorts Possums !!!!". From the many Widows Camps, Kids Camp, PWB Camps, Special Ops groups, Family Getaways, and Golf groups we had them all, and for good measure a couple of weddings "To Boot".

This year's Kids Camp, from my perspective, went off with a minimum of fuss. There were near on 100 Kids in attendance, and somehow all those hardworking volunteers, headed up by their fearless leader.

Peter Kershaw managed to get the whole "shebang" across the finish line. I have to say to all those who gave of their precious time, seriously, you each deserve a medal.

While I'm on the subject of medals, Barbara Keillor marked twenty years attending the various Camps as a Liaison Officer and celebrated with all the Ladies and Special Guest Win Palmer (former Camp Manager). Well done Barbara.

Also of note; Legacy Camp now has a display at the one and only Gnomesville, and well may we all have a chuckle at that very fact!

However, I've had several emails and texts from several mates outside of the Legacy Family informing me of their delight at seeing our display.

In a nutshell, we've entertained a myriad of wonderful groups, and it's been smooth sailing and a real pleasure to Caretake the Camp. As such I look forward to welcoming you all to Camp, very very soon.

Cheers for now,

Peter Bruce





Widows Camp

Widows' Camp #1

10/02/23 – 21/02/23

11 ladies attended the Legacy Holiday Camp for 10 days/11 nights of relaxation and the enjoyment of other Widows' company. The ladies enjoyed beautiful weather with warm days and cool nights. Three new ladies attended the Camp, two of them were new Widows and a new carer. The ladies spent their days relaxing under the Peppy trees in the reclining chairs, visiting friends, playing cards or reading.



Activities for the Camp included a High Tea, a Greek theme meal and a visit on Friday to the Busselton Senior Citizens for their Friday Roast Lunch.

We also had a visit from the staff from Legacy House who were organising logistics for the Torch Relay from Albany to Perth to celebrate 100 years of Legacy Australia. We enjoyed a BBQ and fellowship inviting L/Terry Keys to join us all. Dinner was cooked by Peter Bruce the current caretaker.

Evening meals were cooked by Yvonne Cocker (LO) with assistance from Elvie Cartmell and were delicious with enough to feed an army.

As usual Happy Hour at 5pm with a great selection of cheeses and dips provided by Dianne and Pat was enjoyed by all. It was a great way for casual conversation and a wind-down of the day prior to dinner.

The camp was attended by Legatee Stoll to ensure any issues that may have arisen were dealt with quickly.





Laurel Club News

Midland & Districts

Wednesday 5th April – Mystery Bus Trip

15 ladies from Midland and four from Perth had an amazing Mystery Bus Trip.

We left Midland at 10am and travelled south along Canning Highway and arrived at Wireless Hill where we met up with the Perth ladies and had morning tea. After a much needed cuppa we looked thru the museum and took time to sit and chat. From there we headed west to arrive at the Leopold Hotel for lunch. The meal was exceptional and we all left with very full tummies.

We then travelled west and followed the coast till we had to turn back towards the hills and Midland.

Our bus driver Ron and his lovely wife Christine made the day so special for all of us and we gave them a big thankyou before getting off the bus.

In all a well planned and enjoyed outing.

Our next meeting on 3 May is back at Bassendean RSL where we will have lunch and play Bingo.

Lillies

We started our year off with celebrating Chinese new year, and once again we were very spoiled with the amazing spread that was presented to us by molly who each year generously opens her house for us.

Another generous lady in our group is Cheral who each year opens her house for our AGM and is also followed by an excellent lunch and a swim. We really do appreciate these ladies doing this for us.

We continue to have our monthly lunches held north and south of the river alternatively, the buzz that goes around the table

at these functions is great to hear, we have around 15 to 20 people attend each one. I also notice that there is a lot of chatting about upcoming holidays and cruises which is creating excitement amongst the ladies that are going.



Once again a group of our ladies ventured off to Busselton for their regular R&R, this year they stayed the whole week experiencing beautiful weather and plenty of time to relax. (Some even went swimming). Of course when you put these ladies together they have to venture out to the shops and help support the locals and then that is followed by great lunches, and of course there is the markets, wineries etc.

Many thanks to camp manager Peter for lighting up the campfire for everyone to sit around and eat, drink and solve the problems of the world. It was great that there was new ladies attending, and in such a relaxed atmosphere it is very easy to feel welcomed.

Upcoming events –
We have the rose & crown 29th April, on the 11th May at RSL house a lady will be coming to talk about “stroke safe”, that is being held 11.45 with lunch between 12-1pm



Then in May we are going on the Hotham Valley rail trip from Dwellingup.

Good luck to all participating in the 100th anniversary torch relay 6th May.

Cheers,
De'arne Prosser

Fremantle

The photo below is of our merry band of ladies enjoying their fine cuisine in style at their brand new digs overlooking the fantastic grounds at the Fremantle Park Centre.

They all thoroughly enjoy the modern surrounds with everything at their fingertips watching school kids playing tennis and a few lawn bowlers doing what they do best. Liz completed an exhaustive 10 games of

Bingo straight with choccies as prizes, a raffle, coffee and cake (bought by Patsy) and a lot of friendly chatter and good times had by all.

I wish to thank the ladies for what was a great transition from the old Bicton Palmyra RSL Club to this wonderful venue and wonderful staff.



Ann Laurinsen, Liz Funnell, Patricia Blunt, Patsy Llyod, Jean Bailey, Sheila Gill and Maria Brown.

Geraldton

Hello dear readers. I trust all are well and have enjoyed the festive season and survived to do it all again shortly....yes ..one third of the year already a memory.

Autumn is upon us, the rains will soon burst from the heavens, the cold and chill will descend and we will be looking to welcome summer again...just like the world...round and round it goes.

"wherever you go ... no matter what the weather ... always bring your own sunshine."

We gathered at Birdwood house on Monday 5th December for our Christmas lunch. Even though we had some scratchings due to a variety of reasons, we still had a gathering of 30 with all attendees adding more memories to the already bulging albums.

We thank the RSL for providing the venue and the efforts of their very capable bar staff (Paul & Gillian).

We enjoyed pre-lunch refreshments and award presentations. Dulcie Valenti was acknowledged with a Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of service to the Geraldton Laurel Club. Well Done Dulcie...we applaud you.



"Life is not about getting and having ... it is about giving and being"

We ran a rather large "guess the number of black jelly beans" in a very large jar of mixed lollies and chocolates. Paula's grand-daughter Jordan was the enviable winner. Enjoy Jordan...a great reward for your efforts in helping out on the day.

Instead of individual gift giving we had an abundance of door prizes on offer. The raffle prizes were wrapped to camouflage the identity of the gift...both interesting and puzzling... adding to the fun.

"If you cannot convince them ... confuse them"

The lunch was superbly catered by Joyce and her band of merry ladies. We are indeed grateful for their efforts...the meal was delicious and beautifully presented.

As Orson Wells famously said ... "ask not what you can do for your country ... but ... ask what's for lunch"

We gathered for the first time this year on Monday 6th February for a "coffee and cake" gathering. It was warming to catch up with the ladies again who are all well apart from the mandatory ageing ailments.

We discussed forward planning activities and settled on a Mother's Day lunch the first Monday in May at Mia's Restaurant and a Jingle in July to be held on Monday 3rd July.

Our March gathering was well attended with home prepared chocolate ice creams being served for morning tea. (Mmmm that will not happen again.)

Our April gathering was held as a sausage sizzle. Masterchef and Legatee extraordinaire, Max Jones excelled as always. He was ably assisted by Legatee Jia-wen and Legatee Jeff. Resounding accolades all round. Again another very successful event with, exceptional attendances.

Our Legatees now have a young legacy child under their "guidance". Our Laurel ladies put an Easter basket together for Nigella. The basket was overflowing with Easter goodies. Barb and Legatee Jeff presented this to Nigella at her home after school just before Easter. Nigella's squeals and giggles were warming and rewarding. I don't think there was much room for meat n three veg that night. We are so blessed to have such a supportive group of ladies...the warmth and friendship on display is heart-warming and shared by all with pride.

A reminder to Laurels who have not attended our gatherings and would like to do so, my number is 0417 098 905. Everyone is warmly welcome. Please contact me or through your Legatee if would like to attend our meetings.

Perth

Hello everyone,

Time does fly; it is only a few weeks since Perth Laurel Club had the pleasure of meeting Jan, who brought a few copies of the Summer Legacy Times and now I am writing for the Autumn version. So sad to lose Marlene so soon after the jingle when she announced her resignation. What a full life she lived.

Last December our club lost our President, Betty Rochford, who always said she was determined to reach the magic 100 years. She had been unwell for some 18 months but was always cheerful when phoned. "I am getting there" she would say, "in two weeks I

Transport can be arranged for those who require travel assistance.

That's it precious people, the wind continues to blow, little George is demanding "throw ball time" and the shopping trolley beckons.

"Challenges are what makes life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."

Stay safe and well... until we read again.

Cheers and warmest thoughts
Barb

will be back" but sadly she never did. Our group gets ever smaller as ladies get less inclined to get out and about. It is difficult to arrange outings for small numbers.

However we recently joined another club and had a very pleasant day out. Morning Tea at Wireless Hill, some sight seeing, then to Leopold Hotel for lunch. A delightful change for us. Thankyou, Margaret and Linda. Thanks also to Legacy WA for paying this bill.

I hope everyone is looking forward to the next jingle in july

See you then.

Northern Districts

The northern districts Laurel Club have been busy with monthly lunches and outings all have been well attended.

The club has made one change and that's the meeting held on the 1st Thursday of the month, it is now a social morning i.e coffee and chat and is proving to be quite popular with the members. We still meet twice a month on the first and third Thursday. If there are any legacy widows who wish to join us in our social morning you will be made most welcome.

Recently the members enjoyed a bus trip to Mandurah and a boat cruise and to top it off a fish and chips lunch. A great day was enjoyed by all.

Before i sign off I will leave with another gem of advice from Murphy's law

The other line always moves faster

Cheers,
Pamela Murphy

Rockingham

Starting off the year, we all enjoyed the Christmas Jingle once again...

At Rockingham, our first meeting at the beginning of February was taken up by discussions about what we would like to do during this year, as well as our usual morning tea and general chatting.

The second meeting was ...A SURPRISE ...meeting... All members were moved from their usual sitting places to another table so that we could mingle with other members and chat about what we liked to do, where we came from and about our families. I think that most members enjoyed this, though have to say, that at the next meeting, we seem all to have resumed our places in our ... COMFORT SPACES!!

In March we had a speaker from STAY ON YOUR FEET, which was very interesting and we all went home with lots of pamphlets to read.

The 3rd of April saw us having our Easter meeting. Five members donned homemade Easter bonnets and all five received prizes for their efforts .. Eleanor supplied buttered Hot cross buns, for morning tea and all members got a small chocolate egg.

On the 20th of April, we were sharing stories of husband's exploits, with lots of medals and photographs. We had agreed to lay a wreath at the Anzac service at Rockingham on Anzac Day and on a very cold and wet day, I had the honour of laying the floral tribute at the service.

Our next two items are a Mother's Day Lunch at The Steel Tree in Baldivis on the 4th of May and on the 18th our BIGGEST MORNING TEA fundraiser for the Cancer Council.

We have, this year welcomed some new members. Jan Applin, Pat Comben, Joy Nicholson, Ann Thurston, Shirley Gilmour and Fiona Russell. We do hope you enjoy the companionship and friendly atmosphere at Laurel's.

Sadly we have said goodbye to two members who have passed away. Val Bastow and Brenda Goodwin. Val's funeral was attended by Lea McIntyre, sadly it was too far for lots of the members to travel. Brenda did not have a funeral service here as she hailed from Melbourne and only had her daughter here in WA. Both ladies had plaques added to our memorial board at The RSL clubrooms.

Sad to report that Jun Lumbers went down with Covid and Helen Corti had a fall in her kitchen whilst cooking and has burnt her arm. We wish them both well.

Our longest-serving member, who in recent times has been in the Shoalwater Nursing Home, turns 100 years of age on the 28th of April ... A very large card, signed by all the members was sent to her.

Lastly, we were all so very sad to hear that our lovely Marlene passed away. We remember fondly that she came to visit as often as she could fit it into her busy life and always made us laugh at the stories she told of her life and work. She is sadly missed. A lady with a big heart, always willing to help others, always with a big smile .. and a great asset to Legacy over many years ... a hard act to follow

Wishing all the best to all our fellow Legacy ladies and the staff at Head Office ...

Stay warm and healthymore next time.

Vasse

Greetings from the ladies of the Vasse Laurel Club.

We had our first meeting of the year at the Busselton RSL in February. The programme for the first six months of the year was planned.

Each second Wednesday of the month we will eat out at local establishments. We still have ten to fourteen ladies attending each month

which is heartening.

Many of our ladies attended the ANZAC day services with Daphne Preston laying a wreath on our behalf.

Thank you,
Linda Button
Secretary

Menora

Anzac Day has now just passed, and most of our ladies went to various services, Sue Wilson laid a wreath at the War Widows Village where she lives.

Thirteen of our ladies went on a fabulous river cruise which we all enjoyed because we hadn't had a Laurel Club outing for several years, unfortunately, half of the ladies got COVID, lucky that we were mostly up to date with our injections so only one lady got a little more unwell than the others.

The weather is beginning to cool down so rug up ladies and look after yourselves we don't want to get the flu.

Another year has come and gone and sadly we are now without Marlene, a lot of people including some from the Laurel Clubs were in attendance at her funeral. It was a huge affair, she was very well respected, I had no idea of the range of charities she was involved with besides Legacy. She will be sadly missed.

Bunbury

Greetings from the Bunbury Laurel Ladies!

Although our numbers are gradually diminishing we were able to get together recently for a lunch at the Parade Hotel. Sadly since then, Grace Lloyd has passed away at the age of 101 years... A dear, engaging lady who assisted by her daughter Colen Dlifton, loved to come along to camps, dinners and all functions where she could catch-up with her fellow Laurel Ladies. We shall miss her.

Keep warm this winter.

Regards,
Maria Denton



Mandurah

Hello all Laurel Clubs and Legacy family,

Congratulations to Legacy for 100 years of helping and supporting the widows and children of service personnel.

Great job by all.

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of our friend Marlene who did so much for our widows. Will be missed by all who knew her.

Congratulations to Jill Smith who turned 101 in April, Olga Radford who turned 99 on 25th of April and Pearl Christmass who reached 100 yrs also on Anzac Day. The club gave Pearl an afternoon tea with about 36 members including family. Many thanks to all who supplied lovely food and made it a special day. Thanks to Legacy and Legatee Angie Stoll who presented flowers on behalf of Legacy.

Thanks to Legacy for supplying us with a bus to attend the 100yr celebrations in the city,

we look forward to a great day.

A small group of us attended Camp 3 and despite the weather and school holidays enjoyed some time watching movies by the fire and spending time with friends.

Thanks to Peter who always looks after us so well.

The next camp for me is Nov 6th to 17th hope to see new and old friends. Our meetings are at Mandurah Sub-branch RSL 3rd Monday of the month 1:30 all welcome.

A big hello and best wishes to Win Palmer and Sita Walker who had special birthdays this year.

Until next time good health to all.

Regards, Barbara Keillor

100TH Birthdays

A close-up photograph of a bouquet of roses. The bouquet features several large, vibrant orange roses, several pale pink roses, and one deep pink rose in the center. A single, small, round yellow pom-pom flower is nestled among the roses on the right side. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

Celebrating our lovely ladies milestones.

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Kay Turner 100th

Contributed by Helen Turner

Kathleen was born on 26 March 1923. She was the daughter of Norman and May Howard. She took her place in the family as sister to Athol, Dorothy, and later, younger sisters Norma and Vicky were born.

Although not easy financially, life would have been relatively carefree for Kathleen and her brother and sisters as they grew up on the banks of the Swan River. They had a wonderful childhood full of freedom and adventure. Norman her father was a launch driver and he drove the local ferry. "It was our job to run from home to the ferry dock with dad's hot lunch."

The family home was on a large block of land and there were always lots of vegetables and crops of peanuts and many kinds of fruit trees. There was always lots of wood to chop for the kitchen wood stove where Mother May, would cook beautiful sponge cakes.

The children spent their leisure hours catching crabs, fishing, swimming and playing in this environment. Many family gatherings were had on the riverbanks. There were picnics or prawns cooked in a kerosene tin by the water and bonfires in the sand. These days are fondly remembered by Kathleen.

Since the year of her birth, Kathleen has witnessed some incredible changes: The depression, World War II, the advent of the atomic bomb, the introduction of television, man landing on the moon, and the age of computers, smartphones and internet banking while you talk to your watch.

Kathleen left school at 14 and after a short working life as a dressmaker, she enlisted in the army, at the tender age of 18, in 1942. After four weeks of training, she was assigned to the heavy Artillery Battery, stationed around Fremantle.

Her posting was to Leighton - Buckland Hill, where she was trained on the height finders, radar and with predictors, passing information on to the gun crews and command post.

Sitting in a small hut above the ground, which the women had to crawl to under wire, they were quite a target for any hostile aircraft.

Kathleen had two stripes and was in charge of her crew. Their work was special and they were sworn to secrecy outside of camp. She remembers the Tin huts; cold in winter, hot in summer, cold showers all year round and the Hessian bag, straw-filled mattresses, on wire beds. She says "You were trained to do a job and you just got on with it."

After the war, Kathleen married Able Seaman Robert Turner. Together they built their war service home in Scarborough and raised their family. Kathleen and Robert had over 50 wonderful, devoted years together. Many of those years were spent volunteering on school committees and keeping herself fit playing tennis, exercising and walking, throwing pots at the Perth Potters Club, sewing for family and friends, helping care for grandchildren and great-grandchildren, travelling and camping and after Robert's passing in 2000 as a committee member of the Floreat Legacy group.

She is a fantastic role model as a homemaker and loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother always taking care of family and being a good neighbour and friend. Her Day of celebration was spent having a delightful high tea garden party, surrounded by all her family and friends.



Margret Mather 100th

Mrs Margaret Mather was born in Colchester England. Her Mother met her father whilst he was in the Army in England in the 1st World War.

She emigrated to Australia and married him after the war.

Margaret's father was a Post Master at Fitzroy Crossing where her sister was born. When her mother was pregnant with Margaret she was sent back to England for the birth. They returned to Australia when she was 14 months old.

She started school at Jarradale Primary then went on to schools in Greenbushes, Bickley, then Nan-nup.

Margaret's mother died when she was 8 yrs old.

When she left school Margaret worked for her father in the Post Office.

Margaret met her husband on a train, and they were married in 1948. They built a house in Joon-danna and lived there for 40 years. They have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

The couple moved to Marangaroo in their later years and her husband passed away in 2009. Only in the last 2 years Margaret has someone come in and do the vacuuming, and cleaning the bathroom. She still cooks for herself. Her son helps her in anyway she needs. Family and friends travelled from Queensland and country Western Australia to attend her one hundredth birthday celebrations.



Bertha (Bette) Kay 104th

Bette' Kay was 104 years 'young' on the 23rd of May.

She is still very bright and switched on - saying to her Legatee, Ian McNee, that she will enjoy the chocolates!

Happy birthday Bette!



Pearl Christmass 100th

Pearl Christmass was born 25th April 1923 at Fremantle. She had sisters Violet, Edna, Eddie and Hazel and brother Alf. She went to school in South Fremantle and left at 14 to work at the Weeties factory then at Tearooms in Fremantle.

Pearl moved to Pinjarra and worked at Copper Kettle now the Dome. Here she met future husband Ron Christmass.

They married at St Johns Church Fremantle. They lived in Pinjarra then back to Fremantle where Ron joined the Army. At this time they had 3 children Pam, Ron and Judith. Eventually they moved to Bickton and they had Rae, Susan and Debbie. The family always had holidays in Mandurah and eventually moved there.

They bought a deli/fish and chip shop and Pearl became famous for her pies. She sold the pies to raise money for charities.

Pearl made all the costumes for the girls dancing concerts and started the first and only Marching Girl group in Mandurah, selling pies to get money to compete in Sydney.

Pearl has led an active life with trophies in Tennis, Bowls and Darts. Ron and her travelled extensively and were keen fishers. When she lost Ron, Pearl travelled all over the world with friends and sister Hazel.

They both supported Legacy and attended many of our bus trips. Pearl had 6 children, 16 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. Pearl has lost husband Ron, daughter Rae, son Ron and brother and sisters but can still see the good side of life.

Her motto is be happy and have fun. Congratulations and well done Pearl!



Eunice Gould 101st

Eunice Gould turned 101 earlier in the year. Her smile lights up any room she walks into and from all of us at Legacy WA we wish her the happiest of birthdays.



Eileen Hopkins 102nd

Mrs Eileen Hopkins celebrated her 102nd birthday in March. Eileen is a lovely lady is still is living in her own home with minimal outside help.

She has a daughter and three grandsons.

She also had two celebrations for her birthday; a dinner with family and a high tea with friends.



Cecilia Murphy 100th

Cecilia celebrated 100 years with a party on the Sunday before her birthday and a family celebration on the day.

She was from Yarloop and her dad worked as a fitter and turner with Millers Mill. She was one of eleven children.

Cecilia met her husband at the Embassy Ballroom. Unfortunately he died in 1995. They had twelve children, all of whom are still living.

Her hobbies use to include crochet, but now as her fingers are suffering arthritis and she is unable to crochet she loves to read.

Her advice to her younger self is "Be careful!" This is left to interpretation.

Legacy Stories

The Story Behind a Pin

Recently, Legacy WA received an email about a Legacy Perth Badge found in someone's grandparent's shed! After a couple of exchanges, we realised they had a special Legacy connection and here is their story.

Private Edward Henry Martin was a part of the 3rd brigade 11th Battalion AIF.

He was living and working in Geraldton when war was declared and travelled to Perth with other young men to enlist. His low Service Number of 804 shows he was an early recruit. Private Martin was part of the initial Gallipoli landing and was wounded twice on April 25, in the back and knee.

He was evacuated to the 1st Australian General Hospital Heliopolis on 30 April.

His service record shows he was returned to duty in June but then repatriated to Australia 15 August from Suez on the Themistocles. He was eventually discharged with "nervous debility", now mostly known and connected to as PTSD.

He married Helen James OAM in 1928 and they lived in North Perth.



Private Martin sadly passed away in 1956 aged 68.

Mrs Helen E M James OAM was part of the Perth Legacy Laurel club up until her passing in 1978. Her Laurel pin which was found by her granddaughter is what sparked this story and we would like to thank her for bringing it to our attention.



Vale

Rest In Peace to all of Legacy's Beneficiaries who have recently passed away this year.

*Beryl Messenger
Rose Williams
Coralin McGrath
Fay Merritt
Margaret Brinsden
Marchje Scanlin
Joan Howard
Joyce Loan
Brenda Goodwin
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A photograph of a woman with dark hair hugging a young child with light brown, curly hair from behind. Both are looking down, and the scene is set against a soft, golden light, possibly at sunset or sunrise. The child is wearing a white t-shirt.

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