



# BRISBANE WATER (NSW) LEGACY CLUB

## MONTHLY BULLETIN

### NOVEMBER 2023

### UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2023		
Sunday 19 Nov	1130am	<b>BOMAS SMC Ride for Legacy</b> Finishes at Ourimbah Lisarow RSL, 20 Pacific Highway, Ourimbah. Please contact Legatee Beetle Bailey.
Tuesday 21 Nov	12noon	<b>Members Monthly Meeting</b> Legacy Hall, Point Frederick, 12 noon <b>Menu:</b> Mixed sandwiches with hot savouries followed by fruit & cake platter. <b>RSVP:</b> If you wish to attend, please RSVP to the Legacy office <b>no later than Friday 17 Nov</b> to: E: <a href="mailto:legacy@bwlegacy.com.au">legacy@bwlegacy.com.au</a> T: 4323 4977 *Please include any dietary requirements.
Tuesday 28 Nov	10am	<b>Pensions Committee Meeting</b>
Wednesday 29 Nov	8am	<b>Legatees Day – Newcastle</b> See inside bulletin for more details.

DECEMBER 2023		
Friday 1 Dec	11:00am	<b>Beneficiaries Christmas Luncheon</b> Please see inside Bulletin for more details.
Tuesday 5 Dec	10:00am	<b>Advocacy Committee Meeting</b>
Thursday 7 Dec	12 noon	<b>Legatees and Partners Christmas Party</b> Please see inside Bulletin for more details.
Monday 11 Dec	9:00am	<b>Delivery of Hampers to Beneficiaries</b> Please see inside Bulletin for more details.
Tuesday 12 Dec	10:00am	<b>FIRM meeting followed by the Board of Directors Meeting</b> – Boardroom (will include a light lunch)
Tuesday 19 Dec	12 noon	<b>Members Monthly Meeting – Special Meeting</b> Legacy Hall, Point Frederick, 12 noon
Friday 22 Dec	12 noon	<b>Legacy Office will be closed until Tuesday 9 January 2024.</b> Over this break, the emergency on-call maintenance phone will be monitored by staff.

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

### **Legacy Conference and Legacy Australia AGM 2023**

On 17 October 2023, Members were briefed on the preliminary outcomes of the Legacy Conference (held 13-15 October) and Legacy Australia AGM (held 15 October).

On 20 October 2023, we received copies of the key points arising from the three conference sessions, which are consistent with that initial briefing and they are enclosed with this report.

As advised on 17 October, there were no changes to the AGM agenda, and the Special Resolution relating to our name change from Brisbane Water (NSW) Legacy to Central Coast (NSW) Legacy was agreed by all delegates and the questions on notice we submitted were all answered satisfactorily.

Next AGM will be held on 16 October 2024 in Melbourne.

### **Remembrance Day Representation**

I will attend and lay a wreath at the RSL Remembrance Day Service to be held at the Cenotaph on Saturday 11 November 2023 on behalf of Brisbane Water Legacy.

***Legatee Patrick Gallagher***  
***President***

## **COMPANY SECRETARY / CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT**

### **1. Constitution**

Following approval at the Legacy Australia Inc. AGM to alter the name of Brisbane Water (NSW) Legacy Club to Central Coast NSW Legacy, there are a number of 'administrative' processes to step through.

The major component is altering our Constitution to reflect this change, and with this in mind the Board are recommending to members the proposed changes.

To accept this, a Special General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023. A formal notice will be distributed on this matter to all members.

This meeting will be an additional Members Monthly Meeting and will include a Christmas Style light luncheon.

As the Constitution is 41 pages, an electronic copy is provided with the Bulletin. If any members would like a printed copy please contact the office.

If approved by members in December, ACNC /ASIC will be requested to approve, and then registration of name and change of other authorities will commence. As a result, the formal change is not expected until late January 2024.

### **2. Website**

Peter Groom has returned to work (in a part time capacity) and has progressed the development of the new "Central Coast NSW Legacy: website, which will include Members areas, Director's areas etc. This will be ready to operate once the name change is complete.

3. **Single page “Fact Sheet”**

As a result of a recent Veteran Forum, and coinciding with the launch of the ‘new Central Coast NSW Legacy’, a single page fact sheet for all Legatees will be developed that can assist in informing the Community and other groups of our history, services etc.

4. **Village**

Confidential Negotiations have commenced on securing long term rental apartments for our Legacy residents in the Village. I anticipate being in a position in early December to provide a detailed update.

*Peter Lawley*

**Company Secretary / CEO**

**ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

1. Minutes of meeting held November 2023.

2. Report:

**A. VALE LIST**

KING, Gwendoline – Woy Woy	GREEDY, Kathleen – Toowoona Bay
PACKHAM, Rita – Lake Haven	SMITH, Violet – Bateau Bay
FOX, Patricia - Kincumber	STEWART, Eileen – Woy Woy
GALLEAR, Norma – Gwandalan	WEBB, Violet – Point Clare
GRAY, Patricia – Erina	

**B. REPORTS**

a. **Pension Sub Committee Report:**

i) Legatee Smith Report:

**OCTOBER 2023**

<b>OCTOBER 2023</b>	
<b>Total Claims Being Worked On</b>	11
<b>New Claims</b>	
<b>Claims Under Investigations</b>	1
<b>Internal Reviews</b>	1
<b>Freedom of Information Lodged (DVA / Dept Defence)</b>	1
<b>Claims Accepted</b>	1
<b>Claims Rejected</b>	1
<b>Appeal / Reconsideration Lodged</b>	1
<b>Cases Ongoing from Previous Months</b>	
<b>Submitted Claims Awaiting DVA Decision</b>	6
<b>Appeals/Reconsiderations Awaiting VRB (Appeal) Decision</b>	2
<b>Appeals Awaiting AAT Decision</b>	1
<b>Ongoing Claims Under Investigations</b>	8
<b>Ongoing Internal Reviews</b>	2

**Central Coast Community of Practice (CCCP)**

Brisbane Water (NSW) Legacy Pension Advocates attending the Central Coast Community of Practice meeting in October taking part in a workshop that was conducted on Compensation.

Advocates from across different ESO's on the coast worked in groups on challenging case studies for compensation claims. It was a very rewarding exercise, in sharing and building an understanding and appreciation of each other's expertise across ESO's and the different compensation claim processes, also Professional Development points were allocated toward maintaining currency. It was decided by all attending that this was a process worthy of repeating.

### **National Advocacy Working Committee (NAWG)**

MyService (online) Claims Enhancements project, that is being delivered under the Modernisation Program, delivered new capabilities for Initial Liability (IL) claims on 15 October 2023. DVA claim the new capabilities in MyService will improve the claiming experience for veterans and their families.

While this information does not affect BWL Pension Advocates or widow/er's at the present time as a Widow/ers compensation claim cannot be completed online. It may in the future however, and it is concerning as those doing their own claim's do not have experience or an understanding of the complexities of proof in having a claim accepted.

### **Defence & Community Forum 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

The forum was attended by 7 representatives of Brisbane Water (NSW) Legacy.

Caroline Mackaness – Director, NSW Office for Veteran Affairs was the Master of Ceremony introducing presentations from:

- The Honourable David Harris MP the NSW Minister for Veterans and other portfolios,
- Faabienne Viago Senior Policy Officer NSW Government Office for Veterans Affairs, gave an update from the NSW Government Office & Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs,
- Nick Elston spoke about Services on the central Coast and analysis of the Veteran Landscape from the 2021 Census. With the Central Coast having the highest number of veterans both male & female as well as in all age brackets.
- Dave Anderson Executive General Manager RSL LifeCare and James Dallas. Spoke about the Veteran Wellbeing Centres and other services they provide.
- Fran Brock War Widdows talked about the meetings on the Central coast at The Entrance Long Jetty, Toukley, and Umina.
- Legatee Tony Morton outlined the function and activities of Brisbane Water (NSW) Legacy. Legacy was not included in the agenda but was put on the spot on the day by Caroline Mackaness requesting someone from Legacy to speak. Legatee Morton provided an impressive impromptu presentation.
- Victoria Bens - Deputy Director Commissioner NSW/ACT DVA. Discussed the 8 existing and 4 planned additional hubs for NSW; Public consultation; Combining of the Legislation of VEA, DRCA and MRCA to one ACT under MRCA; Backlog of claims. There being no backlog in widow/ers compensation claims, However veterans claims are still taking an average of 400 days and Appeals still have a considerable backlog.
- Isaac Ohlin - Head of Veterans Policy & Programs Delivery RSL NSW spoke about National ESO Forum

Attendees will receive a copy of the presentation and at that time I can forward them on to anyone requiring more information. The statistics could be potentially useful.

## C. STATISTICS

Widow Statistics						
Previous	Month	New enrol	T/In	T/Out	Deaths	TOTAL
899	Mar-22	2	0	2	11	888
888	Apr-22	4	1	3	30	860
860	May-22	4	1	1	15	849
849	June -22	0	1	1	6	843
843	Jul - 22	1	1	1	19	825
825	Aug – 22	1	6	2	28	802
802	Sep – 22	3	3	2	10	796
796	Oct – 22	1	0	0	10	787
787	Nov - 22	1	0	2	11	775
775	Dec – 22	5	1	2	12	767
767	Feb - 23	4	2	2	13	758
758	Mar – 23	5	3	2	11	753
753	Apr-23	1	4	1	8	749
749	May-23	1	1	1	7	743
743	Jul-23	0	4	5	22	720
720	Aug-23	0	1	1	5	715
715	Sept-23	4	2	2	17	702
702	Oct-23	2	0	2	11	691
691	Nov-23	1	2	1	9	684

**Legatee Michael Hickey**  
**Chairman**

### MEMBERSHIP

1. Legatee Bill Lewis – Provisional Active Legatee. 6 month provisional status to end 16 November 2023. (L/Tony Morton – Advisor). For confirmation of Active status.
2. Legatee Nigel Parker – Provisional Active Legatee. 6 month provisional status to end 16 November 2023. (L/Tony Lord – Advisor).  
Moved: L/JL Bouchier                      Seconded: L/ME Hickey                      CARRIED

### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

1. The committee has received 8 applications to date.

### FUNDRAISING/PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Next Event, BOMAS Hamper Ride 19<sup>th</sup> November.
2. Legatee Christmas Lunch at The Entertainment Grounds 7<sup>th</sup> December.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Office Closure Christmas/New Year  
Closes:            Midday Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023  
Reopen:           9am Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024



*Happy Birthday to our Legatees who celebrate their  
birthday in December*

**Legatees Beetle Bailey, Bob Lowry and Kathy Patterson**

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

### **LEGACY BENEFICIARIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2023**

We require support from our Legatees for the annual Legacy Beneficiaries Christmas Luncheon. It will be held in the Legacy Hall on Friday 1 December 2023.

At present, we only have one volunteer on our list. We need a minimum of 10 Legatees to assist with the service of meals (must be able to carry two plates), drinks, and assisting with any requests from our beneficiaries.

**If you are available to assist on this day, can you please advise Heather Wilby AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

An email will be sent out to Legatees on Wednesday 29 November 2023 with final details regarding this very important event.

## **HAMPER DELIVERIES**

This year, the Legatees will be personally delivering Hampers to a number of enrolled beneficiaries within the Central Coast. The hampers consist of a number of non-refrigerated items in two bags (the bags are quite heavy).

Legatees Beetle Bailey and Nigel Parker will allocate the hamper deliveries, and advise Legatees accordingly.

Hampers are to be collected from the Legacy Hall on Monday 11 December between 9am and 11am. Deliveries must be made on Monday 11 December or Tuesday 12 December.

If you would like to assist with these deliveries, please advise the Legacy Office as soon as possible.

# B.O.M.A.S SMC



SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS FAMILIES

Annual



# RIDE for

# LEGACY 100



## Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Nov

*Ride Donation: \$20 per bike*

*[All proceeds go to Brisbane Water (NSW) Legacy]*

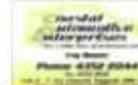
*Register from: 8:30am Stands Up: 9:30am*

*Meet: Heatherbrae Pies, 207 Pacific Hwy, Ourimbah*

*Finish: Ourimbah RSL, 20 Pacific Hwy, Ourimbah*

*Join B.O.M.A.S SMC (Bikers For Legacy) on a ride to raise funds to supply food hampers for our needy veterans families this Xmas. Raffles, prizes, games and the Remembrance Guitar winner drawn.*

*Special thanks to our generous sponsors:*



**LEGATEES DAY**  
**WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2023**

I'm excited to announce the Public Relations committee have arranged a Legatee's Day activity. All Legatees are invited to travel to Fighter World Aviation Museum Williamtown on **Wednesday 29th November 2023**.

Details are as follows:

Departing BWL at 0800 by bus and arriving in time for a morning tea about 9:30 -1000am with time for coffee and morning tea at the Fighter World Museum Cafe.

We have arranged for two experienced guides to show Legatees through the Museum and their maintenance facilities. After our tour about 2 hours maximum we can have lunch and tables will be reserved.

After lunch about 1300hrs I'm confident that we can observe the F35 Fifth Generation Fighter and other aircraft operating that afternoon depending on weather and the RAAF flying program. These aircraft operating from the duel runway can be observed from the viewing area. Cost for the day will be levied at \$15 per head (payable on the day) which will cover the Museum entry and some other minor expenditure. All other expenses are at members expense, if you wanted to bring your own drinks or food that's acceptable but cannot be consumed in the cafe.

Chris has kindly offered to drive the Legacy bus and we provide his entry cost and lunch.

The bus takes 18 so if we have more I will sort out additional transport options.

RSVP to the Legacy Office no later than Friday 24 November 2023.

Legatee Stephen 'Beetle' Bailey  
0421 213 489

**TELEPHONE AND VISIT CONTACT LISTS**

A reminder to Legatees who received telephone and visit contact lists in August – please note that your reports are due to the Legacy Office no later than **11 December 2023**. You may send them in via email ([legacy@bwlegacy.com.au](mailto:legacy@bwlegacy.com.au)) or drop them into the office.

If you have any questions regarding your lists, please don't hesitate to contact Michael Parsons.

# LEGATEES AND PARTNERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday 7 December 2023  
The Entertainment Grounds, Racecourse Road, Gosford  
Gates open at 12noon

The Public Relations Committee are excited to announce that we will be hosting an amazing Christmas Function on Thursday 7th December at The Entertainment Grounds, Gosford, in the beautifully appointed Chairman Lounge. Some minor details are still to be confirmed but below is some of the important information.

This is a "Race Day" and our function will be held in the Members Stand Chairman Lounge that looks directly down onto the winning post and bird cage horse parade area. The package includes track entry, race book and 3 course meal. Every Legatee is invited to attend with their spouse or partner at a cost of \$50 per head.

Cut off for payment and intention to attend must be finalised 14 days prior to this gala event which will be **midday Friday 24th November**. Payment can be paid electronically (below). Ensure you attach your name for administration tracking.

Name: Brisbane Water (NSW) Legacy Members Social Fund  
BSB: 032523  
Account: 194568

*RSVP and payment will also be accepted at the November (21<sup>st</sup>) Members Monthly Meeting – please see Maree or Shane at the front foyer.*

Additionally, email or txt me when you have paid for your attendance.

Stephen "Beetle" Bailey  
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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday  
8:30am to 1:00pm (office closed at 1pm however staff are onsite)  
2:00pm to 4:00pm