



BRISBANE WATER (NSW) LEGACY CLUB

MONTHLY BULLETIN

DECEMBER 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2023		
Tuesday 19 Dec	12 noon	Members Monthly Meeting – Special Meeting Legacy Hall, Point Frederick, 12 noon RSVP: If you wish to attend, please RSVP to the Legacy Office no later than 14 December 2023. E: legacy@bwlegacy.com.au T: 4323 4977 *Please include any dietary requirements.
Friday 22 Dec	12 noon	Legacy Office will be closed until Tuesday 9 January 2024. Over this break, the emergency on-call maintenance phone will be monitored by staff. Emails to legacy@bwlegacy.com.au will also be monitored.

JANUARY 2024		
Tuesday 9 Jan	9:00am	Legacy Office reopens.
Tuesday 23 Jan	10:00am	Widows Social Club Planning Meeting – For Legatee Liaison Officers only. Legacy Hall. Light morning tea will be provided.
Friday 26 Jan	All day	Legacy Office will be closed for Australia Day.

Please note:

Advocacy Committee	No meeting in January. Next meeting 6 Feb 2024.
FIRM Committee	No meeting in January. Next meeting 13 Feb 2024.
Board of Directors Meeting	No meeting in January. Next meeting 13 Feb 2024.
Monthly Meeting	No meeting in January. Next meeting 20 Feb 2024.

Wattle Widows Social Club	Resumes 1 Feb 2024.
Sunflower Widows Social Club	Resumes 2 Feb 2024.
Toukley Widows Social Club	Resumes 5 Feb 2024.
Rosemary Widows Social Club	Resumes 13 Feb 2024.
The Entrance Long Jetty Widows Social Club	Resumes 19 Feb 2024.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Remembrance Day Representation

I laid a wreath at the RSL Remembrance Day Service the Gosford Cenotaph on Saturday 11 November 2023 on behalf of Brisbane Water Legacy.

Legacy Centenary Torch Relay Outcomes

On 27 November 2023, I wrote to LA Inc as previously discussed and expressed disappointment at the forecast financial outcomes of the Legacy Centenary Torch Relay (LCTR). I asked two questions. The first relating to the processes followed by the Centenary of Legacy Committee when planning and overseeing delivery of the LCTR; and the second, relating to how LA Inc proposes to address the anticipated financial loss of somewhere between \$400,000 and \$600,000.

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2. The Chairman provided an overview of the LA Inc National conference in respect to the specific questions raised prior to the conference. He advised the paper prepared by this club would be forwarded to Legacy 2030 committee. This paper addressed:
3. Objective 1 – Strengthening our service delivery
4. Objective 2 – Working together for a common purpose
5. Objective 3 – Shaping a vision in a changing charities and business environment
6. Presentation – Vision for Legacy – Consensus for change

Legatee Patrick Gallagher
President

COMPANY SECRETARY / CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

1. Village

Finalisation of the agreement with Grindley was completed during December, and the next actions include further follow up of the rental options, which is progressing. A valuation of the site will be conducted in January 2024, which will include consideration of the value of the approved Development Application.

2. Constitution

Notice of general Meeting provided to all members for the meeting on 19th December 2023, in accordance with Clause: 82.1.

If the name change to Central Coast NSW Legacy is approved at this meeting, a number of further approvals of the constitution are required, from Australian Charities and Not for profit Commission (ACNC), Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) . The name registration can then proceed through various NSW Government Departments in areas like fundraising etc. which will lead to Bank Changes etc.

3. Organisation Support Structure 2024

In January 2024 I will review the current business support structure, along with the Business plan. This will consider changes in the Village, reduction in Beneficiaries, and Legatees at pre covid roles, along with considering what support is required to committees.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Legatees and your families a Merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy new year.

2023 has been a challenge for all staff, and we all appreciate the wonderful caring support we receive from Legatees.

Peter Lawley
Company Secretary / CEO

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

1. Minutes of meeting held December 2023.

A. VALE LIST

EVANS, Louise – Umina	GORDON, Shirley – Kincumber
FOWLER, Edna – Umina	LOWE, Joyce – Avoca Beach
CHATFIELD, Lorna - Lisarow	
LITTLEFIELD, June - Ourimbah	
WOOLLEY, Rona – Lake Haven	

B. TOTAL WELFARE REQUESTS APPROVED

Nil

REPORTS

a. Pension Sub Committee Report:

- i) It was requested to have the Advocacy Agenda provided in advance so that the Pension Chairman can provide further information regarding those beneficiaries who are Pending Eligibility.

It was resolved that Agenda papers will be reviewed with L/Taylor and available before each meeting, with Members given 30 minutes at commencement of meeting to review.

- ii) Legatee Smith Report:

November 2023

Total Claims Being Worked On - 16	
New Claims	
Claims Under Investigations	3
Internal Reviews	3
Freedom of Information Lodged (DVA / Dept Defence)	3
Freedom of Information Received (DVA / Dept Defence)	3
Claims Lodged	2
Claims Rejected	2
Appeal / Reconsideration Lodged	1
VRB Withdrawn	1
Cases Closed	1

Cases Ongoing from Previous Months	
Submitted Claims Awaiting DVA Decision	4
Appeals/Reconsiderations Awaiting VRB (Appeal) Decision	3
Appeals Awaiting AAT Decision	1
Ongoing Claims Under Investigations	8
Internal Reviews	2

b. **General Business**

Item 23/117 General Business: Mental health training for Legatees. L/Taylor to review options. Legatees to be provided with details of EAP (Employee Assistance Program) in next revision of Members Handbook.

- c. **Bus Defibrillator:** The CEO advised of previous risk assessments for a Defibrillator to be included in the Legacy Bus. It was agreed the decision not to locate a defibrillator in the bus was appropriate.

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 were due by **11 December 2023**. You may send them in via email (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.

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
684	Dec-23	2	0	0	7	679

Legatee Anne Taylor
Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

Legatee Kath Hayes – Provisional Active Legatee. 6 month provisional status to end 19 December 2023.

Legatee Jenni Bouchier
Chairman

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

14 Applications received, that includes 5 from a Local School. Review to be conducted in mid-January.

Legatee Jenni Bouchier
Chairman

FUNDRAISING/PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. BOMAS Hamper Ride. Cheque presented on 9th December 2023. Hampers in progress of delivery, and balance of funds will be utilised for Care pack Hampers to be delivered on as needs basis to beneficiaries.
2. Legatee Christmas event Thursday 7th December 2023. The Directors acknowledged and noted thank you for all the work of the PR committee on setting up and running a most successful event.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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



Happy Birthday to our Legatees who celebrate their birthday in January

Legatees Rae Larfield, Carolyn Nunn and Lindsay Williamson

FAMILY BENEFICIARIES CHRISTMAS BOWLING DAY



LEGACY BENEFICIARIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



LEGATEES AND PARTNERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



BOMAS – PRESENTATION



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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

Chairman's Message - November 2023

In my final newsletter to all Legacy Clubs, Legatees, staff and volunteers as Chairman of Legacy Australia, I would like to send a very sincere thank you to each of you for the support that you have given to me, the Legacy Australia Board and all our beneficiaries over the past twelve months. We have had an exceptionally busy time with TLCTR as well as continuing to manage the day-to-day activities of supporting normal Legacy Club functions.

Since the completion of the AGM and the National Conference I have had time to reflect on the past few years which has covered many areas of Legacy activities and administration.

There have been several "first" events. These events have included a significant response from major Defence contractors to provide funding for TLCTR and other beneficiary projects; there has been firm indications of ongoing support for Legacy. Some Clubs have already benefitted from these companies with significant financial support for junior education grants, assistance with grants for holiday camps and some emergency relief funding.

We have completed several visits to the Governor General who, with his wife, Mrs Hurley, have continued and re-affirmed their ongoing support to Legacy; this augers well across our nation with several public presentations made by the Governor General. In addition, our CEO and I have travelled to Canberra many times for meetings with the CDF and each of the Chiefs of the Navy, Army and Air Force. These visits culminated in another "first" where, at the Gala Dinner following the National Conference, the Governor General, Chief of the Defence Force, Chief of Army Chief of Air Force and a representative for the Chief of Navy were in attendance. The attendance of these Officers highlights the high regard that Legacy is held within the Commonwealth and our Defence Force.

Over many years some of our older Legatees have expressed views on how long actions take within Legacy to finalise projects or activities. Fortunately, over the past twelve months we have had committees progressing the 2030 Project, the Service Beyond Service and the National Investment Fund project. Each of these are nearing a final resolution. I would like to thank the Legatees and LA Inc staff who have been involved in each of these projects; a considerable amount of personal time and effort has been given by all concerned to bring about outcomes which have been unanimously accepted at the National Conference.

During my time on the LA Inc Board the Directors have always provided serious discussion on achieving a more balanced gender-based Board. This can be more readily achieved from the support of all Legacy Clubs. I strongly request Legacy Clubs to encourage more women join your boards so that they can gain experience with an aim to becoming a Director at the National level.

As mentioned above, LA Inc has had wonderful support from national sponsors for several grants and projects. One has been the recent Kokoda Trail project for some of our "older" juniors. Along with staff member David Gaddes I had the pleasure of recently attending the departure briefings for this activity in Brisbane. I was in awe of these young people for what some of them have experienced in their short lives and what they have achieved despite some very harrowing experiences. All these young people had a very positive outlook and are fine examples of the younger generation for which Legacy provides assistance.



As each of you are aware TLCTR has reached the finale with what I believe, great success. I know that all of us experienced some trepidation leading up to the event taking place in the individual localities, however the feedback that I personally received at each location, or shortly after, was that all Legacy Clubs were exceptionally happy with the eventual outcomes.

We enthusiastically approached TLCTR with hope that the overall profit would be in the vicinity of several million dollars, however as a result of COVID and other global financial changes this did not eventuate. As a direct result of TLCTR, Legacy has benefitted from funds of over \$600K which have already been dispersed to several Legacy Clubs for education, Junior Legatee camps or youth development grants. In addition, one Defence contractor has committed to increased funding of approximately 50% based on previous years support. Other Defence contractors have indicated an ongoing commitment to Legacy. Further to this support we have had an increase of funds from one of our long-term benefactors for youth development and emergency support to beneficiaries; these funds have also been distributed to several Legacy Clubs.

The final outcome of cost and funds resulting from TLCTR will not be available until the end of this current financial year as some committed funds have not been received. This information will be available to Clubs at this time.

Another outcome of TLCTR is that of increased interest shown from people who would like to become Legatees or assist Legacy in the work that we do. There have been many enquiries regarding becoming Legatees which has resulted in new inductions in several Clubs. I have been advised that there has been between four and fifteen new Legatees in some Legacy Clubs. This was especially noticeable from members of the Defence Force who assisted on the many legs of TLCTR and it has been exceptionally pleasing that some of these young service men and women have either completed their applications or are in the process of being inducted as Legatees.

After the National Conference, Centenary Dinner and AGM I received many accolades for Legacy from attendees at each event regarding their success. This can be attributed to each of you for your participation and input, also to the hard work given by the LA Inc and Melbourne Legacy staff who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of these events. I have received exceptionally high praise for Legacy from the Governor General and Mrs Hurley as well as CDF and each of the Defence Chiefs.

In finishing my tenure as Chair of Legacy Australia I would like to thank each of you for the efforts that you have given to Legacy and our beneficiaries and also for the support that has been extended to the Legacy Australia Board and staff.

I send to you my best wishes for a very happy and healthy Christmas and an exciting and fun filled 2024.

Yours in Legacy
Eric Easterbrook
Chairman



National Chairman's Message
29 November 2023

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Memo

Ref: 63/23

To: Secretary, All Legacy Clubs
From: Secretary, Legacy Australia Inc.
Date: 5 December 2023
Subject: Election of Office Bearers

1. The following Legatees have assumed the role of Directors of the organisation:
 - Mark Bouchier - (South Australia and Broken Hill and Northern Territory Region)
 - Gavin Briggs - (Western Australia Region)
 - Paul Crew - (Tasmania Region)
 - Eric Easterbrook - (Sydney)
 - David Grant - (Rural NSW Northern Region)
 - Kate Hazelton - (Rural NSW Southern Region)
 - Peter Keane - (Brisbane)
 - Mark Lax - (Canberra and London)
 - Malcom McCullough - (Rural Queensland Region)
 - Wayne McNee - (Melbourne)
 - Charmian Morris - (Rural Victoria Region)
2. At the Board Meeting held on 30 November 2023, and in accordance with Rule 48, the following Legatees were elected to the Officer Bearer positions on the board of LA Inc:
 - **Chairman:** Legatee Wayne McNee
 - **Vice Chairman:** Legatee Mark Lax
 - **Secretary:** Legatee Malcom McCullough
 - **Treasurer:** Legatee Charmian Morris

Yours in Legacy



Legatee Malcom McCullough
Secretary

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