

COMMENTS ON THE PRESIDENTIAL YEAR - 1976.

This year has seen the introduction of a re-structured Board and Junior Legacy Committee. I believe that the two Councils, namely, the Family Activity and Contact Activity Councils, which have replaced Junior Legacy Committee, are working as envisaged by Planning Committee - but like all organisational changes, improvements can and will be made, as experience indicates areas in which some streamlining can be effected.

In common with other Past Presidents, I see close contact with our suburban Branches and our country Groups as a most important part of a President's year. This personal contact is vital, I believe, particularly in the case of our Western and Northern Branches, where the workforce is rather meagre for the contact task. This also applies to two or three of our smaller groups.

The innovation of small functions held at Legacy House with guests representing Service organisations and Government Departments has proved to be a very worthwhile exercise. It has given Board and other members of Melbourne Legacy a chance to discuss with these representatives, matters of common interest, and is an activity that future Presidents may care to follow and enlarge upon.

While it is necessary for a President to delegate representation at many functions - I would recommend that Presidents endeavour to attend at least one or two Junior Legacy activities in their year. Obviously these functions will diminish in number in the next three to four years, but they serve a very worthwhile part of our Legacy Family activity, and the attendance of the President is appreciated by our Junior Legatees.

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