

Message from the President



Recently I had the opportunity together with David Cull, Chief Executive to attend the Australian Veterans and Defence Services Council (AVADSC) Annual General Meeting to address this gathering of representatives from a number of ex-service organisations. It was surprising how many did not fully understand what Legacy does even within such an ex-service community group. This is just another case that confirms that we still have much to do in promoting awareness of Legacy's core business.

One area where considerable interest was shown was that Legacy can enroll the wife of a veteran while he is still alive. Now I can hear some Legatees say 'not so' where did he get this from.

If you have a look in the Melbourne Legacy Contactors' Book you will find the Code of Legacy detailed on pages 15 – 35. "Eligibility to receive Legacy Benefits" is set out in Annex B to the Code (Pages 21-24). Now turn back to Annex A to the Code (Page 19) and note that definitions include "deceased" in following terms: *"In addition to its usual meaning, shall be deemed to include persons suffering from an illness considered to be irreversible or terminal and who, as a result, are incapable of managing the affairs and welfare of their dependants"*.

One could use those provisions for example to enroll a widow whose husband is suffering from dementia, and has been diagnosed as being in a terminal situation.

A number of veterans came to us at the end of our presentation and said that they knew people who were in this position and the wife didn't know where to go for help.

Why did I raise this subject? Either you personally or your Branch or Group may be approached by someone who is in this position seeking Legacy support and I would like to think that the soon to be widow would receive such support. Another reason is to bring this to the notice of all Legatees because you may just get an enquiry.

Kindest regards

Bill Rogers
President

ITEMS OF INTEREST

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT meeting – 26 February 2008

➤ 2007 Annual General Meeting – 11 March 2008

An unaudited summary statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2007 has been sent to members, with a copy of the 2007 Annual Report and the Notice of Meeting for the Annual General Meeting to be held on 11 March 2008.

➤ Staff News

Consultants are to be engaged to assist implement an internal staff retreat exercise over several weeks, focused on cultural renewal and future directions, including addressing commitment to service, team effort, individual performance and professional standards.

David Cull commences a period of annual leave on 17 March 2008 and will resume duty on 5 May 2008. Ms Frances O'Reilly will be acting Chief Executive and Ms Michelle Moon will be acting Manager



Message from the President

I have taken the liberty of publishing the following paper under the Presidents Message, with the permission of Legatee Deirdre Nixon. Recruitment has and continues to be a major issue for Legacy. Legatee Andrew Dobbyn, Chair of Recruitment Committee is developing strategies to attract new Legatees and I commend the following paper.

Recruitment is a word that has been avoided for a while!

Legacy is a crossroad at this stage in our eighty-fifth year. Born out of the need to assist the dependants of fallen comrades and honour the promise to "look after the missus and kids" Legacy has carried out the task admirably.

The task is incomplete with elderly widows, a very small number of children and increasing numbers of disabled dependants in our Legacy family. But the role of Legacy is more than welfare, counselling, caring and money. The Australian public has, until the last generation, been acutely aware of the role of ex-service organisations. And now with 25 percent of the population born outside Australia, coming from most countries of the world there is little knowledge of our traditions in many communities.

Our heritage with the true Australian/Anzac spirit must be fostered to retain our values. The resurgence of Anzac Day services throughout the country and at Gallipoli is a step in the right direction. The younger generation is seeking an identity and many have developed a need to connect with the history of our nation. The first Anzac Day is far removed in time from the school children of today. There is a constant thirst for knowledge about our past.

We as Legatees must look to spreading the word. It is especially important to learn of the deeds of all who served especially the fallen as well as of those who served. Information through these children will help to develop respect for our ideals in the homes of those who came here to experience the freedom and to live a life without conflict.

The settlers after the two World Wars were mainly from Europe and the United Kingdom. These people had knowledge of the Australian contribution to gain freedom for all. The influx of people from varied cultural backgrounds in the last 20 years has changed attitudes and perceptions.

Many people are unaware of our traditions and there has been no connection with Australia before the granting of residence.

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Message from the President (cont.)

Legacy is endeavouring to address some of these issues. Legacy's Anzac Commemoration Ceremony for Students and the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award have enormous support and children from all areas and backgrounds participate. Legacy must continue its work but as a respected social and welfare organisation we as Legatees must follow the paths of our forefathers to let the message go out to the people.

Our newer Legatees have grown to understand and enjoy the comradeship that grew from the trenches. Junior Legatees understood as children from their trusted and loved Legatees. New recruits need to be encouraged to join Legacy for many reasons:-

- 1. to assist Legacy in its work*
- 2. to experience comradeship and to become part of the Legacy family*
- 3. to help the Club grow*
- 4. to spread the ideals of Legacy and the great Australian heritage and tradition throughout the country.*

Legacy is invited to many Community events. Branches and Groups should be encouraged to always send a representative – not to just leave the Public Relations to the Board/Council/Staff Members. We have been less inclined to take part in the Community in recent years. Again this has much to do with the lack of numbers.

We need a recruitment drive to encourage people who believe in Legacy values and who have something to contribute to help to make this Club as influential as it once was.

The approach to prospective members should cover the obligations to assist Legacy and the work we do. However and most importantly potential Legatees must be informed of the meaning of Legacy, its traditions and the need to retain the profile of Legacy.

The Public relations side must be on-going. A Legacy presence in the public arena is paramount to promoting the Club. Quality recruitment must be a major priority to maintain the strength of the membership. This will allow the Club to grow to be recognised and respected in all corners of our society.

Courtesy Legatee Dierdre Nixon

Best wishes

Bill Rogers
President

Message from the President



A new year and with it brings the many changes of Presidents within our Groups and Victorian Clubs. February and March are particularly busy months with changeovers every weekend. I am looking forward to attending many of these before I hand over to Incoming President, Legatee Graeme Standish. Joy and I have made many friends with Legatees and their wives/husbands from around the State. It will again be an opportunity for us to reflect on the year of office.

By now you would have received information about the first meeting of the 2007 – 2009 Legacy Review Team. It is with your help that this Review Team can make their presentation to the 2009 Legacy National Conference in Fremantle. I have already received one response that identifies a couple of issues on how we operate in the future. I would ask our Group and Branch Legatees to consider how they see the organisation operating in 10 to 15 years time. Submissions need to arrive at Legacy House by 12th March 2008 so they can be passed on to Legatee Jim Hughes who is Melbourne Legacy's representative on the Review Team. This item will also be discussed at the Victorian Presidents Forum to be held at Warrnambool on the 9th February 2008. Legatee Barbara Phipps represents all Victorian country Clubs on the Review Team.

Melbourne Legacy Annual General Meetings (AGMs) will be conducted on Tuesday 11th March 2008 and I would ask all Legatees to mark it in your diaries. Obviously we need to ensure there is a quorum. However most importantly to have a vibrant organisation requires that we have a good attendance at the AGMs. It is your opportunity to ask questions and receive information. It also is a time to formalise the nominations of your Incoming President and new Board and Council of Management. Legatees attending the AGMs not only elect the Board and Council of Management but also offer a gesture of support for those who have agreed to nominate and are elected to serve for the year ahead.

Best wishes

Bill Rogers
President

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



Len Dingwall DCM Memorial Diggers Bowls Day

Men's Affiliated Fours

Saturday 5th April 2008 – 10.00 am start

Maffra Bowling Club (Inc)

3 games – 12 live ends

Fee \$12.00 per player - Lunch & afternoon tea provided

Entries and any enquiries to Legatee Maureen Paliew, North Gippsland Legacy – 5145 6834

List on board at Maffra Bowling Club – 5147 1974

Message from the President



Happy New Year to our Legacy Family, I trust you had a great time over the Festive Season with family and friends and all New Years resolutions no longer exist. As we look forward to 2008 there will be new challenges to be met and times to reflect on our past achievements.

Over the last two years I have sometimes used my message to identify areas that are of particular importance to Legatees in their work with our Widows. The

following case relates to the need for Legatees to become properly trained **and** competent in their dealings with our Widows and in particular that the information they provide is accurate.

Recently a widow contacted Legacy to seek assistance in applying for a War Widow's Pension; she was subsequently visited by a Legatee. It was established that the veteran had eligible service but no qualifying service. The widow (lived in a defacto relationship and met the veteran long after the war had ended) was asked to obtain medical reports from all the doctors the veteran had visited. As the widow did not qualify for Legacy assistance, no enrolment form was completed. During the ensuing months, the widow had contacted the Legatee and Legacy House staff to ascertain what was happening to her claim. Finally she contacted Department of Veterans' Affairs and stated that she was getting little assistance from Legacy. She was advised that she could submit the claim herself, which she did. Some nine months after her initial contact by Legacy, the widow was granted a WWP and backdated three months. Because no informal claim was lodged the widow will receive less than the maximum possible entitlement in terms of back payments.

The Manager Operations and I visited the widow to listen to her concerns and try to establish the facts of the case. When I told her that her partner only had eligible service and she was not entitled to Legacy assistance, she responded saying that if it had been explained to her earlier she would not have continued with Legacy. She also asked why she was asked to obtain medical reports when DVA had obtained medical reports on her behalf.

This case remains under investigation; however the following points need to be addressed:

- The widow must be given correct information,
- If a veteran only has eligible service, the widow should be advised accordingly and directed to where she can get help,
- The Legatee may choose to assist the widow completing the application, this practice often happens,
- The widow be advised that if she is granted a WWP she then becomes eligible for Legacy benefits, and finally,
- If unsure of the answer to a widow's question, please ask at your Branch or Group.
- In cases where there could be a delay in lodgment of WWP claims for whatever reason make arrangements for an informal claim to be lodged.

In this litigious society it is incumbent on each and every one of us to ensure that we are both properly trained **AND** competent when dealing with Legacy matters.

Kindest regards



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EDITORIAL



Christmas Message from the President

As I write this I am listening to Christmas Carols playing in the street below my office. There is a feeling of Christmas in the air with the decorations and the usual flurry of people shopping for Christmas. I would go as far as to say that the festive spirit is alive and well with strangers offering a smile or a hello. It's a happy time.

During the last year I have continued to meet many Legatees, their wives and husbands together with a number of the widows we care for.

It has been a busy time with the Legacy National Conference in Townsville. This was a great time for the Legacy Clubs to exchange ideas and debate our service delivery.

As I reflect on my term as President and work towards handing over to Legatee Graeme Standish I have learnt to be more patient and tolerant and to listen more carefully to the opinions of others. I have also had the privilege to build relationships with the Australian Defence Forces. I said earlier, "It's a happy time" but not for all as we remember the families who have lost a loved one whilst serving overseas. We also remember the many widows, who for the first time this Christmas will be without their husband.

As we enjoy the festive activities, let us remember those less fortunate than ourselves.

May this Christmas bring you peace, joy and happiness, with a coming together of friends and family to share this special time.

Joy and I would like to extend to all in our Legacy Family, Friends and Staff a most joyous and happy Christmas and may 2008 bring you peace and fulfillment through out the year.

Have a very happy and safe festive season.

Kindest regards

Bill Rogers
President





Message from the President

With the election over, we don't have to listen to any more election advertising. What a relief! We can now get back to normality.

I have just finished reading the plans for Veterans' issues presented by both the Coalition and the Labor Party. There are a lot of similarities in both documents and regardless of who wins the election I think that the veteran community can feel they are getting something out of it.

One area of interest is aged care with around 71% of Australia's veterans being older than 75 and many having complex care needs. I have also been talking with the War Widows Guild and Vasey/RSL Care; both expressed the difficulties in accessing public transport. Vasey/RSL Care are also looking at how to assist their residents with chores around the home, many that we take for granted; simple things like taking the garbage out, carrying the shopping in from the taxi and keeping their people active and involved.

Another area where both parties have focused attention is in respect of our younger veterans. The tempo of the Australian Defence Force's overseas operations is higher than at anytime since the Vietnam War. This is resulting in a growing number of younger veterans requiring care and assistance. No doubt the flow-on effect will involve Legacy. Time will certainly tell just what the outcomes will be for our Veterans and War Widows.

The next Bulletin will be the last for the year, it seems no time since I was putting together the various committees for my term of office in 2005. Legatee Graeme Standish is now currently doing the same. Initial work has begun on the planning for the change-over in March 2008 as well as the preparation of the annual reports.

I have come to the realisation that as one gets older everything moves along at a great rate of knots. With Christmas only about three weeks away and my daughter deciding to get married in between, I'm starting to believe that "life wasn't meant to be easy."

Best wishes.

Bill Rogers
President

**NOTE IN
YOUR DIARY**

LEGACY HOUSE CLOSURE CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR BREAK



Legacy House will close on Friday 21st December, 2007 at 12.00 noon and re open on Wednesday 2nd January, 2008 at 9.00 am.

Message from the President



Last week provided me with a few different emotions. On the 5th November I attended a function celebrating the first ten years of ISIK College in Victoria, a Turkish educational facility established in 1997 by the Selimiye Foundation. The College is non-denominational and welcomes students from all backgrounds and is in the top 10% of high performance schools in Victoria.

During the various addresses the theme that came across most strongly was the principles of love, care, compassion, tolerance and respect for one's fellow man. These principles are taught in a broad educational curriculum that emphasises musical, sporting and academic achievements.

On the 7th November I attended the Jewish Holocaust Museum and Research Centre. This visit evoked some very different emotions from the evening of the 5th November.

Central to the mission of the Holocaust Centre is a very strong commitment to supporting the principles of democracy and in providing opportunities for raising awareness of the need to preserve our Australian democratic institutions, and the memory of those people whose lives were forfeited in protecting them. I toured the Centre with a survivor of the Holocaust and listened to her story of loss and the barbarity of what took place. The thing I found most interesting was, there was no hatred in her voice, and she spoke of tolerance, respect and remembrance. These were the same words I listened to from ISIK College, although they are two worlds apart; one 62 years ago where a generation was in the process of being exterminated, the other, young Turkish students talking about how they can make this world a better place through tolerance and respect. Both spoke of the freedoms and democracy of living in this wonderful country. Many of the Turkish families came to Australia for the freedom and what this great land had to offer as did many of the survivors of the Holocaust. Australia has the largest number of survivors living outside of Israel.

What impressed me the most was attitude; the attitude of the people from both communities who valued what they have and the contribution they can make to society by showing tolerance, compassion and respect. It all helps to put life into perspective.

Bill Rogers
President

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David Cull
Chief Executive

Message from the President



On Wednesday, 23rd October 2007 a function was held for the Legacy Torch Society - this time the venue was the Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens Melbourne. About eighty benefactors enjoyed listening to Mr. Peter Meehan, Corporate Communicator, who spoke about Australia's role in Peacekeeping.

Every so often one needs to be reminded that not everyone is aware of the different programs that are on offer from Melbourne Legacy. I was recently asked; "What is the Legacy Torch Society? Although some of our Legatees know about the program, many do not. This comes back to regular communication with our Legatees, not only with the Branches but also the Groups and other Clubs.

What is the Legacy Torch Society? The Society was named after the symbol of Legacy; it was formed to recognise the support of those who make the most important gift to the vital work of Melbourne Legacy.

All too often, we first hear about a bequest to Legacy after a supporter has passed away. The Society allows us to celebrate the support of our most important benefactors whilst they are still with us, at the same time as encouraging others to consider this form of support.

Membership of The Legacy Torch Society is open to anyone who confirms in writing that they have left a bequest of any nature (size of bequest is never asked) to Legacy. Its members are highly valued supporters of the organisation. The Society members are invited to luncheons on a regular basis to hear interesting speakers, meet like - minded friends and learn what their support will make possible.

If you have questions or know of anyone who may wish to make a bequest, please contact Ann Logan, Community Liaison Officer at Legacy House Melbourne (9663 3564). Any bequests that come from another Club or Group area will be returned to the particular Club/Group.

On Thursday 29 November 2007 Melbourne Legacy in partnership with John Allison Monkhouse will be conducting a training session on Loss & Bereavement for Legatees at Legacy House. This will be a great opportunity to assist us in dealing with our recently bereaved widows. Information about this session has already been sent to all Group & Branch secretaries – see page 5.

Best wishes

Bill Rogers
President

Shrine of Remembrance

Ceromnies

Sunday 11 November, 11am

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day marks the end of World War 1. At 11am on Remembrance Day, a Ray of Light shines onto the sacred Stone of Remembrance contained in the Sanctuary of the Shrine. A public service of remembrance will be held on the Shrine



Message from the President



75th National Conference of Legacy Clubs of Australia is over. We will gather again on the other side of Australia in 2009 at Fremantle. It ended with a wonderful Conference Dinner where we were addressed by Lt. Gen. Peter Leahy, AC Chief of Army.

It was quite ironic that he spoke about the relationship between Legacy and the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and how Legacy was there to support the families of our current serving members. No sooner had I returned home to hear about the death of Trooper David Pearce after his light armoured vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Trooper Pearce leaves behind a wife and two young daughters. On behalf of all Legatees, we send our condolences to the family and I know that Brisbane Legacy will be there providing comfort and support. It was also timely that the "Charter of Legacy" was amended to embrace ADF personnel who die as a result of their Defence service.

A recent outcome of National Marketing Committee (NMC) was to engage with Defence Chiefs in the establishment of a workplace giving program for Legacy. This was an outstanding result as it means that ADF personnel can make regular deductions from their salaries to Legacy if they so choose. It is now up to us to actively promote Legacy to both Reserve and Regular units. NMC are to be congratulated for their persistence in this matter. Well done to all.

Now for some of the outcomes from Conference:

- The establishment of the 2007-2009 review team including a representative from Melbourne was carried 47-2,
- Adelaide motion to amend the Charter of Legacy to include ADF personnel was carried 39-10,
- Removal of the embargo on awards was carried 31-17,
- NMC to become a standing committee of conference was carried 47-2, and
- Increase in the badge appeal levy from 2.5% to 5% was carried. There will be more on this subject when the record of proceedings is through.

Starting from this issue of the Bulletin you will find an article titled "Behind the Badge" (page 5) this is something started at South Eastern Group where a Legatee spends about 5 minutes giving an insight into his/her life. It has proven very popular, and I thought it may be something that would create interest in the written form. I would hope that Legatees would send in something about their own life. To kick things off Legatee Norm Smith a former Junior Legatee has committed pen to paper. I hope you enjoy.

Best wishes

Bill Rogers
President

Message from the President



One would have to say that Legacy Week Badge Appeal has been a great success - as we go to print we are well up on last year's figures. What this says to me is that so many of our Legatees continue to put in an enormous effort during this fundraising period, and the community are equally willing to contribute to such a respected organisation. It also says that people recognise the Legacy brand - they may not be quite sure what Legacy does but they know that Legacy is a great organisation worth supporting. There have been, many people who acknowledged the organisation by saying that Legacy looked after their Mum, and others commented on the Badge Appeal promotion in the papers, radio and television. This national advertising campaign was organised through the National Marketing Committee. On behalf of us all I say well done to all of

the team! I also extend congratulations and thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Legacy Badge Appeal so successful.

The annual Melbourne Club Conference was held at Legacy House Melbourne on Saturday 15th September 2007. There was an excellent attendance with only a couple of the far flung Groups sending an apology. There was good debate particularly on the motions for the National Conference. It also provided an opportunity for an interchange of ideas between the Groups and Branches. I am always of the belief that while there is open dialogue there is learning and while we are learning we are keeping the Legacy Torch alive.

Many of the outcomes of the Melbourne Club Conference I will be taking to Albury for our State President's Forum on Saturday 22nd September 2007. There are three Club President's Forums, one at the beginning, middle and towards the end of the year. These forums have become a valuable tool in allowing the Presidents of all Clubs in Victoria to discuss a number of topics that will impact on us all.

I know I have mentioned this before; but the most rewarding part of my Presidency is meeting with many of our Legacy widows. This came to the fore again when I attended the annual luncheon of the combined Legacy Widows Clubs of the Yarra Valley Legacy Group. It was a privilege to share this day with such a wonderful group of ladies and I enjoyed dancing with a few of them - thankyou ladies for the privilege.

Best wishes

Bill Rogers
President

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



COLAC LEGACY CLUB

56th ANNUAL CHANGOVER LUNCHEON

SUNDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2007 (12 noon for 12.30pm)



A cordial invitation is extended to Legatees and their wives/partners to attend the Annual Changeover Luncheon of Colac Legacy Club. The luncheon will be held at the Colac Bowls Club (by the lake) cnr Armstrong & Moore Street, Colac 12.00 noon for 12.30pm when Legatee Ross Alexander will be installed as incoming President.

COST: \$70 per couple and \$35 single

RSVP: Friday 19th October, 2007 the Honorary Secretary Stan Bullock, Colac Legacy Club Box 11, P.O., Colac 3250 phone: 5231 4500 & 5231 5792

For those wanting to stay in Colac Saturday 27th October please advise Colac Legacy and accommodation will be arranged. A warm invitation is extended to those staying overnight to join members in a "Happy Hour" on Saturday night at 6.00pm at Legacy House, 45 Gellibrand Street Colac. Please advise Colac Legacy if you a wanting to attend.

Message from the President



With a few warm days, it looks like spring is fast approaching and the hope of abundant rains fading. A little of the rain they had on the Sunshine Coast would have been nice. I know many of our widows are most diligent in saving water, with buckets in the showers and other water saving devices. It is important however that the need to save the shower water does not increase the dangers of having a fall. Maybe it is something that we can talk to our widows about.

It has been a big week throughout Legacy with Clubs, Groups and Branches getting ready for Legacy Badge Week. In Melbourne we have had a huge response from the Army, Navy and Air Force to help sell badges. (To all the salties out there, I know Navy is the senior service, but I was Army and we have to be up the front sometimes).

Legacy Badge Week was launched at Queens Hall Parliament House on Thursday, 30th August with the hope of some good follow-on publicity.

On Friday the 31st August we had over 200 service personnel in uniform, selling badges including the Commanding Officer of the School of Signals, Lt. Col. Gainsford. The city was divided into seven sectors with a Sergeant in charge of each sector. All run with true military precision.

On Sunday the 26th August saw a wonderful turn out of runners at the Defence Lake Attack, in perfect weather for running. There was lots of entertainment with the Army band playing, a number of static displays, the Roulettes and a parachute display. It turned out to be a wonderful family day with most people soaking up the atmosphere.

My thanks to the many Legatees who volunteered to help set up on Saturday and during the event, also to Carmel McConnell for her valuable contribution.

Saturday 15th September is the date for the 2007 Melbourne Club Conference; we need to know numbers for catering purposes. Please advise Lynette Furlan at Legacy House of the names of those attending - the cost of lunch and comradeship is \$15.00.

Best wishes

Bill Rogers
President

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Chief Executive

Message from the President

"When the war is over, it's the families who then live with those nightmares forever.

Legacy has forged and earned a special and respected status in the community."



This statement was part of an article about Legacy in the July edition of 'Rotary Downunder' magazine. It was brought to my attention by Legatee Graeme Standish whose son is a member of Lismore Rotary Club. It has recently appeared in the 'Probus' magazine.

I was enlightened that there are many within our community that believe in the work of Legacy. That Rotary has chosen to publish such an article indicates that we remain a much respected and valued organisation within the community. The full article has been re-produced on page 6 of this Bulletin.

For those who missed our luncheon on the 24th July 2007 where Professor Paddy Dewan delivered a most inspiring address about his work in developing countries and his foundation; 'Kind Cuts for Kids' you have an opportunity to hear him on the 19th October 2007 at Prahran Town Hall. Details are on page 7. Professor Dewan is a former Junior Legatee, which therefore makes him one of Legacy's special family, he has moved on through life after losing his father due to war to become one of Australia's outstanding paediatric surgeons.

Sunday the 18th August 2007, Legacy was again part of 'Back to Caulfield' commemorations, an annual event in the Melbourne Racing Club's calendar. I would like to acknowledge and thank the Melbourne Racing Club for the valuable support provided to Legacy over the past 12 years.

This is the last issue of The Bulletin prior to our 2007 Legacy Badge Appeal. I thank all our Branch and Group Legatees, volunteers and supporters who are out there selling badges during the week and trust that you have a satisfying and rewarding time.

Best wishes

Bill Rogers
President

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

Legacy Sunday

An Open Invitation To Join Us On Sunday 2nd September, 2007

SHRINE SERVICE:	11.00 am
LUNCHEON:	12.15 pm AT ZINC, FEDERATION SQUARE
COST:	\$18.00 per person
CHURCH SERVICE:	2.30 pm – Scots' Independent Church Cnr Collins & Russell Streets



A shuttle bus is running between restaurant and church, saving the hike up Russell Street. A number of Legatees from our Groups will be in attendance. Come meet and renew acquaintances

Raffle prices to be won including Hotel Accommodation

To book for the Legacy Sunday Lunch, please contact Barbara Ireland at Legacy House on 9663 3564 or email: barbara.ireland@legacymelb.com.au
Payment can be made by cash/cheque/money order

Message from the President



Many Legatees may not be aware that there have been three changes to staff over the last couple of weeks. The departures are Nicola Ryan, Lorraine Erenstrom and Judith Cooke. All positions have been filled and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new staff members, they are; Fundraising Project Officer, Ms Simone Pereira; Operations Administrator, Mrs Dot Byrne and Operations Manager, Mrs Frances O'Riley. The other member of staff who has now been with us for about two months is John Fullelove, John is settling in well and is already a great contributor to the area of widow support.

One of the really pleasant duties as President is the opportunity to meet with and listen to the many stories that our former Junior Legatees have to tell. On Sunday the 29th July, I had the privilege of attending a reunion for former JL's. The bond that has been created between these people is truly outstanding and the words of praise and fondness for their Legatees and the organisation that helped them were great to hear. Having looked at the many photographs and listened to the stories, it brought home to me how Legacy has changed and how well our widows and their children were supported. It also helped to emphasise the need to improve the way we currently operate and maybe return to the standards of service of our forefathers. To achieve this we need to actively promote Legacy and attract new members.

Application forms are being mailed to all Clubs and Groups for the ANZAC Day Proceeds Fund; please note the closing date and if you don't ask, you don't receive.

The next event on the Legacy calendar is, "Back to Caulfield" at the Caulfield Racecourse on Saturday 18th August 2007. This is a good day at the races with entry being free to veterans and war widows. This year commemorates 60 years of Peacekeeping. It also provides Legacy with the opportunity to sell Legacy badges, if you want to help, have a day at the races and help sell a few badges please register your name with Simone at Legacy House on 9663 3564. I look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes
Bill Rogers
President

ITEMS OF INTEREST

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT meeting – 31 July 2007

- **Reclassification of Widows**
Encouraging response has been received from Branches to the proposed re-classification of Branch Legacy Widows. Lists are due to be returned to Legacy House by 31 October 2007.
- **Computer Systems**
Data transfer and cut-over to the new Legacy Computer Database system. took place over the weekend 21/22 July, and overall progress with implementation of the new system has been very pleasing.
- **2007 Budget Review**
Revised 2007 Budget was approved.

Staff News

- Following interviews for the Operations Manager vacancy, Ms Frances O'Reilly has been selected for appointment to the position and will commence duty on Monday 6 August 2007.

David Cull
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Message from the President



Having just returned from Sydney after attending their change-over luncheon and the NSW Legacy State Conference I thought I would provide some feedback on the highlights of the conference, in particular some interesting outcomes from a recent 'Brand Audit' conducted by Sydney Legacy. I thank Sydney Legacy for their wonderful hospitality; as usual it was first class. My visit provided a good opportunity to engage in some meaningful conversation with Legatees from throughout NSW.

The 'Brand Audit' provided two studies with interviews conducted in metropolitan, rural and regional areas in NSW and other capital city clubs including Melbourne. Interviews focused on Legacy stakeholders and the general community. Ages were 25 to 60 with a segment of ADF members and families. Apart from the usual information provided by such a survey, this 'audit' provided some encouraging information. The following are a range of some outcomes:

- **Can you name a charity that helps widows and dependants of veterans?**
- 31% named Legacy, 28% RSL and 23% Salvation Army.
- **Where does Legacy fit with other big charities?**
- Legacy came in 6th with 84%, the Salvation Army came in 1st with 99%, this was predictable as they spend millions of dollars on promotion.
- **What do you think about Legacy?**
- Trustful, extremely worthwhile organisation, important work, well thought of, traditional and conservative.
- General public does not know that Legacy is a voluntary organisation!
- **Do you have confidence in what Legacy does?**
- Not sure. 80% people don't know about the work of Legacy in detail or unsure.
- 72% knew that Legacy sold badges. Young people feel this is just another fundraiser.
- **After explaining the work of Legacy. People were asked. How do you feel about Legacy?**
- Believe Legacy takes good care of people, have traditional values, respected, feel good about the organisation but don't know why.
- Legacy's role was very important to the general public, very positive.
- **Following questions dealt with Legacy going into the future:**
- 31% of the public felt that the services of Legacy should be expanded to living veterans.
- When asked about merging with another ESO, people were less than excited, suggested that we improve our services. Merging with any other charity was not viewed as positive.
- The question of Legacy's future was raised, with widows and veterans numbers declining, together with a reducing volunteer base.
- Majority were of the belief that there would always be a role for Legacy while we have ADF members serving overseas and there are widows. (since 1999 there are another 90,000 veterans).

There were many other positive outcomes and certainly the one that stood out is that Legacy's work and traditional values are well respected by the general public. They just need to know about it. "Food for thought."

Best wishes

Bill Rogers
President

Message from the President



Twice in one month saw our Tuesday Luncheon with no guests. Why should I raise this? Since my involvement with Melbourne as President it is the first time we have had no visitors for comradeship or lunch. A number of Legatees have also expressed their surprise that there were no visitors.

I therefore ask the question. What are we doing wrong, if that is the word? The food has improved with variety and quality, certainly the comradeship is first class and the guest speakers are constantly of a very high standard. Are we becoming complacent?

Last week the Stan Savige portrait was returned to Legacy House together with the Changi violin, both looking great. As we display these pieces it will provide for a more homely and Legacy focused facility.

I therefore ask all of our Legatees both in Branches and Groups to consider inviting a friend into our Tuesday luncheon. Look for the excellent forthcoming guest speakers and their topic. For Legatees that haven't been in to Legacy House, I have no doubt you will have a most enjoyable time. Comradeship starts from 12 noon, with lunch at 1.00pm. Cost is \$15.00; I look forward to seeing more new faces and visitors.

I attended the opening of the RSL State Conference on Wednesday the 4th July. It was most rewarding, listening to both the Minister for Veterans' Affairs and the Shadow Minister. I can tell you, we are in election mode. The one thing that came across to me was that regardless of who wins the next election we have two MP's who are totally committed to our Veterans and War Widows.

Best wishes

Bill Rogers
President

GUEST SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, 24TH JULY, 2007

PROFESSOR PADDY DEWAN
FORMER JUNIOR LEGATEE
"KIND CUTS FOR KIDS, SURGERY FROM THE HEART"

TUESDAY, 31ST JULY, 2007

MR CAMPBELL ROSE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
WESTERN BULLDOGS FOOTBALL CLUB

TUESDAY LUNCHEON VISITORS

At the Luncheon held on 3rd July, 2007 the following visitors were present:

Guests of The Club

Judith Cooke, Lorraine Erenstrom and Nicola Ryan

Visiting Legatees

Eric Causer, Hamilton Legacy

At the Luncheon held on 10th July, 2007 the following visitors were present:

- Peg Parker - } Wife and Guest of Legatee Trevor Parker
- Members of the Altona Widows Club - } Guest of Legatee James Mulholland

Visiting Legatees

Jim Dickson, President - Mornington Peninsula Club



Message from the President

Last week I received a document titled "A Fairer Victoria" from the Department of Victorian Communities. This document outlined a number of strategies and case studies that apply to our Veteran community and in particular our ageing WW2 widows.

One of the Strategies that stood out was "Helping older Victorians stay independent" with an emphasis on, **active**. A considerable investment is being made to promote a better quality of life through healthy eating, exercise programs and walking clubs. I mention this because, under the direction of Barbara Ireland Widows' Co-ordinator, Melbourne Legacy is playing its part. There are regular exercise classes, a walking group and swimming. Barbara is also negotiating with Nutrition Australia the possibility of conducting "Cooking for One" classes at Legacy House.

These are all great healthy activities, but they go further, providing a good social atmosphere. The programs and dates are all listed in the Answer. It is up to us as Legatees to help promote and encourage our Widows to participate.

The Department of Victorian Communities under the Victorian Veterans Council is taking a lead in encouraging greater understanding across the community of the sacrifice made by our Victorian Veterans. Through the Veterans Council, funding is available for educating our young. Melbourne Legacy intends making application to the Council for the funding of an educational display in the windows located in the foyer of Legacy House Melbourne to display all service medals from WW1 through to our current conflicts and Peacemakers.

There are a number of other opportunities that Legacy Clubs and Groups may be able to access:- helping to reduce energy and water costs, the use of an energy auditor for electricity, the various water authorities assist with changing shower heads. I would encourage Legatees to log on to the Department of Victorian Communities web site at; www.dvc.vic.gov.au to ascertain what assistance is available. That is if you have access to the internet. Funding is often made available by Governments at Federal, State and local level for community projects; however, much of it is not spent because people don't ask!

Best wishes

Bill Rogers
President

Victorian Veterans Sector Study

The Victorian Government has asked the Victorian Veterans Council to facilitate a study into the impact of demographic change on the veterans' sector. The Study will focus on those aspects of support to the veteran community where the Victorian Government has a direct responsibility or delivers services on behalf of the Commonwealth Government.

I was recently asked by Major General Peter Haddad, AO (Retd), Chairman of the Victorian Veterans Council to nominate a Legatee to serve on the Steering Group. My nominated representative, Legatee David Kelly, has been accepted with the first meeting to be held on 2nd July 2007.

In addition to Legatee Kelly the Steering Group will include the following members:

- David McLachlan, Returned and Services League of Australia (Victorian Branch)
- John Wells, Carry-On (Victoria);
- Bob Solly, Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- Tony Newman, Department of Human Services.

I will keep you informed of the progress through the Bulletin.

Bill Rogers
President

Message from the President



As you can see, the photograph is back. A couple of months ago I thought it was time to delete it as most would have known who I was. I have since had comments from a number of Legatees, particularly from Groups that suggested it should be returned. So, for those who forgot, it's back.

Having recently taken part in an interview of a "Brand Audit" organised by Sydney Legacy and my recent attendance at Legacy Co-ordinating Council Meeting, where debate took place on National Conference motions and papers - Conference Theme being, "*The Changing Face of Legacy.*" I began to think about the number of surveys, inquiries, reports and recommendations on a variety of

subjects, together with the number of requests from both government and corporate organisations to take part in some project or another that come across my desk. I began to think whether many of the results ended up in land fill.

I am not against future planning or the development of future strategies to assist organisations and governments. In fact to do nothing will eventually mean we go backwards. I do ask the question though, where do all the reports and outcomes end up? How much of the research gained is actually used to produce results that benefit those intended? In tossing this question around, I decided to go through past conference papers and found a number of topics relating to the Future of Legacy, going back many years. The end result has been much the same, with the conference notes gathering dust in a cupboard. Yes, the comradeship has been great, but from a business/management point of view I see these conferences as "more of the same". I know many of our long time Legatees would disagree with me, and yes I am relatively new into Legacy. However, this is the way I see an organisation made up of autonomous Clubs and Groups with a National Council that has a number of management restrictions. We spend so much time doing the talk when the general philosophy is; "It has worked this way since inception". I agree that we don't need to change for the sake of change, but we do need to have an action plan and do more than just talk.

I would hope that the Townsville and Fremantle National Conferences will end up more than social gatherings and will produce some solid results that will be implemented.

Bill Rogers
President

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Thursday, 31st May, 2007

- Represented by President Elect, Legatee Graeme Standish, at the Remembrance Service to honour the military contribution of Indigenous Servicemen and women, held at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne.
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Message from the President

My thanks to President Elect, Legatee Graeme Standish for taking over the helm during my travels throughout New Zealand. It was a most enjoyable trip. However, I am glad to be back on deck. An interesting aspect of my trip was a visit to Dunedin in the South Island where I saw a World War 1 Memorial – there on this high column was the Legacy Torch with the wreath of Laurel, points inverted in Remembrance. I was unable to establish when this Memorial was built or the relevance to the Legacy Torch in New Zealand, considering there is no "Legacy".

Maybe some of our Legatees would be able to enlighten me as to when the Legacy Torch was first introduced and where. Was it developed in Australia by our founding fathers or did it come from New Zealand as part of ANZAC?

Our next event will be the meeting of Contact Secretaries and Branch Chairmen on Tuesday, 5th June 2007, commencing at 10.30am on the 1st floor, Legacy House. This is an important meeting as I wish to discuss how we as Legatees can improve the contact with our Widows and their dependants. I trust that you have by now received and discussed the relevant papers that have been sent out. I look forward to meeting with you and invite you all to lunch and comradeship.

Best Wishes

Bill Rogers
President

2007 Legacy Badge Appeal

The official dates for the 2007 Legacy Badge Appeal in Victoria are as follows:

Legacy Week 2007: Sunday 2 September – Saturday 8 September 2007

Selling of Legacy badges in Melbourne suburbs and Victorian country areas is being organised throughout that entire week. Friday 7 September is nominated as the traditional Legacy 'Badge Day'.

However, please note that our main selling day within the Melbourne CBD will be Friday 31 August 2007. Approval has been obtained for Legacy to sell badges for this extra day in the Melbourne CBD only, to avoid a clash with another organisation that will be fundraising at city train stations on 7th September.

The active involvement in the Legacy Badge Appeal by members of RSL Sub Branches across the State is of major importance to marshalling the large number of the volunteer collectors necessary for a successful Appeal outcome each year. Requests for support at the local level are being made by Legacy Badge Appeal representatives working in close liaison with their established contacts in the RSL Sub Branches. Also, our need for support in this way is being highlighted by a notice to be published in the June 2007 issue of Mufti.

It is always most helpful to have Legacy's link to the Services highlighted by having members of the Australian Defence Forces involved in selling Legacy badges to the general public throughout Legacy Week. The Badge sales achieved by members of the ADF in recent years have been most impressive and that input has contributed significantly to the successful overall results achieved. We have been advised that we will again have that support for 2007.

Recruitment of extra volunteer collectors for the Badge Appeal is again to be given high priority. We hope to highlight our need in that regard via notices and articles in local newspapers over the next two months. We will also be canvassing widely among other external organisations asking that they encourage the involvement of their members as volunteer badge collectors.

Your suggestion as to further organisations that could be approached in our efforts to find more new volunteer collectors would be much appreciated. Please pass on such ideas to your local Badge Appeal representative, to Nicola Ryan at Legacy House (9663 3564) or direct to me personally.

Denise Milic,
Convenor, Badge Appeal (Tel: 9873 2726)

Message from the President

In case you think that I am still working on Legacy matters while in New Zealand, sorry, "not so..." I am enjoying the beautiful sights. This is something I prepared earlier.

You will see on page 7 the first of the promotion by John Allison/Monkhouse. We are also pleased to be in partnership with Rob and his family business and look forward to developing a number of initiatives. One of these I would like to comment on is in the area of Loss and Grief. When we lose a loved one, we go through many emotions. In the past we dealt with the loss and generally didn't talk much about one's feelings. Today there are professional counsellors, trained to recognise when someone is not coping and to make known what advice is available to help them through this difficult time. Yet, we as Legatees call and visit our newly bereaved widows at a time when they are most vulnerable and later ask questions when preparing a pension application.

In many cases we do not have the advantage of the professional training to deal with these situations. In many cases we fail to monitor how many of our widows are coping with their loss. I know many of you will be saying that you have been doing this for many years and have built up a relationship with your respective widow. What about our newer Legatees and how can we do things better? Or even for our Legatees when we lose a wife, husband or partner, can we identify the various strategies to help cope with such a loss.

Also consider our younger veterans with young children, as a Legatee how do we help children cope with loss & grief.

Through Ian Allison, John Allison/Monkhouse is prepared to conduct a series of seminars to not only enable our Legatees to better understand this very personal and important area of grief, but to also assist our widows.

I know many of you feel that stepping into the area of funerals, death and dying is something to be left to the families, but I would ask you to keep an open mind and if we can ease the burden in some small way, then we are Caring for People.

Rob Allison and his grandson Ian will be speaking at our luncheon on Tuesday 29th May 2007. I would encourage as many as possible to attend.

Best Wishes
Bill Rogers
President

LEGACY RAFFLE 2007 - REMINDER

Please return all raffle books (sold or unsold) to Legacy House Melbourne by **Friday 1st June.**

David Cull
Chief Executive

Message from the President

Although we all want to see rain, it held off for both Legacy's Annual ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony for Students and ANZAC Day Remembrance activities.

Our Students Ceremony saw about three thousand students attend the Shrine of Remembrance in beautiful sunny conditions. Our thanks to the many Legatees who helped on the day together with the National Servicemen's Association who continue to provide excellent organisational support. We value their ongoing support. We were entertained by Mike Brady, singer/song writer who launched his new song, 'Road of Honour' commemorating the building of the world's largest war memorial, the 'Great Ocean Road', that was built by soldiers that had returned from the Great War and found themselves in the midst of a depression. We also heard from student Alex Whitford who spoke about her greater understanding of the ANZAC tradition and the sacrifices made by our Veterans. Alex was a recipient of the Premiers Spirit of ANZAC Award.

Again we had the support of Melbourne High School who provided the music and the Guard of Honour together with MacRobertson Girls High School who provided a wonderful and talented choir. We at Legacy are indebted to these two schools.

On ANZAC Day I was again privileged to see many of our Legatees march and I trust that wherever you spent your day you all had a most enjoyable time, as I did meeting up with old mates over a pot or two.

Now that the business of the last few months has passed, Joy and I have decided to take some time out; we are off to New Zealand from the 6th to the 24th May, touring both islands. Joy is doing the organising; I'm going for the ride. Legatee Graeme Standish, Incoming President for 2008/09 will be taking over the helm while I am away. This will also give Graeme the opportunity to get a better feel for the job he is about to take on.

Best wishes
Bill Rogers
President

New Honours & Awards Website

The Department of Defence's Directorate of Honours & Awards has launched its new website.

The website has been updated to make it easier to find information about medals and other Defence honours and awards.

New features include:

- ❖ comprehensive information about individual medals, including the Australian Defence Medal,
- ❖ Frequently Asked Questions, and
- ❖ more links to other useful websites.

The website can be accessed at: www.defence.gov.au/medals

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David Cull
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

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- Sunday, 25th March, 2007 ➤ Represented by President Elect, Legatee Graeme Standish at the Annual Luncheon of Mornington Peninsula Legacy Club, held at the Mornington Golf Club.
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GUEST SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, 17TH APRIL, 2007

MR GEOFFREY CARRUTHERS

"CHAMPIONS OF THE BUSH"TUESDAY, 24TH APRIL, 2007

ANNUAL ANZAC COMMEMORATION FOR STUDENTS

"NO LUNCHEON"TUESDAY, 1ST MAY, 2007

MRS ROBYN COLLINS

"COMMERCIALS I HAVE MADE"TUESDAY LUNCHEON VISITORS**At the Luncheon held on 27th March, 2007 the following visitors were present:**

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| ➤ Brian & Leslie Ramsay | - } | Guest of Legatee Harold Ramsay |
| ➤ Air Vice Marshal Christopher Spence | - } | Guest of The Club |

Visiting Legatees

Brian & Sue Milner, Central Gippsland Group
 Ian Manson, North Gippsland Group
 Lindsay Rotherham, Yarra Valley Group
 Barry Jacquier, Yarra Valley Group

Neville Wilson, South Eastern Group
 Ken Marshman, South Gippsland Group
 Glenda Marshman, South Gippsland Group
 Bob & Linda Schirmer, Numurka Nathalia Group

At the Luncheon held on 3rd April, 2007 the following visitors were present:

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| ➤ Martha Clarke | - } | Guest of The Club |
| ➤ Judith Turner | - } | Wife of Legatee John Turner |
| ➤ Mrs Davidson | - } | Visiting Widow / Guest of Legatee David Ford |

Message from the President

On Wednesday the 4th April 2007, seventy two benefactors and supporters of Legacy attended the Legacy Torch Society Luncheon at Crowne Plaza. We heard from Mr. Bert Dennis of Dennis Family Homes who provided Melbourne Legacy with the proceeds from a house and land package last year. Bert told his story of how Legacy had helped his Mum and siblings after the death of his Father. It made one appreciate the challenges in life and where Legacy has quietly come to the rescue.

For many of us ANZAC Day will be of particular significance as we remember the mates we lost during war and for the opportunity to catch up with those we see on an annual basis, be it at the Dawn Service, the march or at the various reunions around the State.

This year I will again have the privilege of viewing the ANZAC Day March from the official dais. As I watch our World War 2 Veterans march proudly up the Shrine forecourt I can't help but feel humbled by sharing this day with such wonderful and brave men and women. Proud, because of the sacrifices they made and what they have given for freedom and this great country.

At the other end of the scale I see our younger Veterans, very proud of their service to Australia and their commitment to role they play in our current conflicts, many of them fighting in the same areas as our World War 1 and 2 Veterans fought.

We hear on the radio and read in the newspapers about footballers and other sports people being referred to as heroes. I must say that I get angry and frustrated with the use of this term; to me they are **not** heroes. The real heroes in my mind are the men and women who served their nation as they march on ANZAC Day; the veteran who is in hospital unable to march with his or her mates and the thousands of soldiers, sailors and airmen and women who didn't make it home from a far away country and to all those who died before their time. To the doctors and nurses who put the broken bodies back together and showed us tenderness and love.

They are my true Heroes.

Best wishes
Bill Rogers
President

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (cont.)



BALLARAT LEGACY CLUB

81st ANNUAL LUNCHEON

SUNDAY 20TH MAY, 2007

(12 noon for 12.30pm)



A cordial invitation is extended to Legatees and their wives/partners to attend the Annual Luncheon of Ballarat Legacy Club.

The luncheon will be held at The Midlands Golf Club (Heinz Lane, Ballarat) commencing at 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm on Sunday 20th May when Legatee John Dellaca will be reinstalled as President.

COST: \$35.00 per person (**pre-payment only**)
RSVP: Wednesday 11th May, 2007 the Honorary Secretary, Ballarat Legacy Club
5 Raglan Street South, Ballarat 3350.
Phone 5331 3242 **Fax:** 5331 3828 Email: legbalrt@ncable.net.au

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David Cull
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Message from the President

After a successful Annual General Meeting on the 13th March 2007, I now look forward to continuing my second year of office with the support of the Legacy Family. I would like to welcome Legatee Graeme Standish as the Nominated President for 2008/09 and Vice Chairman, Fundraising and Public Relations to the team. It is good to see that Graeme plans to continue the two year term as President.

A special feature of the Annual President's Luncheon held on the 18th March 2007 was the speech given by Mr. Les Carlyon, Author and Historian who spoke about the birth of Legacy out of the Great War; the title of his latest book (we will try to publish the highlights of his speech in a future edition of The Bulletin). His talk was well supplemented by the responses he gave to a number of interesting questions.

The next edition of the Highlights Report is in the mail. This edition will feature the partnership between Legacy and Hocking Stuart Real Estate. Greg Hocking is a former Junior Legatee who is now a successful business man, mainly because of the guidance provided by Legacy. Greg has now expressed his desire to assist Legacy in its on going support to our widows and their dependants. I thank Greg for his support.

Legacy is again one of the recipients of the Defence Lake Attack, a charity run around Albert Park Lake, in late August. You don't have to run, bring the family and have a pleasant walk around the lake. Money raised from this event is divided equally between Legacy and three other charities. This event is continuing to grow with the involvement of the Lord Mayor of Melbourne the Honorable John So and the Herald Sun Newspaper. The launch of the event will be held on the 28th March at Victoria Barracks.

The ANZAC Students Commemoration Service will be held on the 24th April at the Shrine of Remembrance. This is a great opportunity for Legacy Clubs and Groups to invite a local school to take part in this special event.

Once again I look forward to re-acquainting myself with the many Legatees and Widows throughout the State during my second year of office.

Best wishes
Bill Rogers
President

Shrine of Remembrance Calendar of Events & Exhibitions



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Public Program

Pilgrimage – Monday 23rd April, 11 am

Presenter: Carrie Hutchinson

Carrie's book, *Pilgrimage: A Traveller's Guide* to Australia's Battlefields is an exploration of the places Australians have fought from Gallipoli to Timor, in words and photographs. In ANZAC week, Carrie will show pictures and discuss the Gallipoli battlefields and memorials and the stories they tell us today.

Message from the President

On Tuesday the 20th February 2007, after almost 60 years, the Legacy Wives Association was disbanded in its present form, but will remain as a Social Group. As Legatees we owe so much to our wives for their support. While we are out either at work, leisure activities or attending to the general business of Legacy it is our wives who answer the phone and in many cases deal with a widow's problem at the time, they are also there lending a listening ear to a recently bereaved widow who may find it easier to talk to another female. They help us sell badges, accompany us to Legacy functions and attend Widows' Clubs. Without their support our job as Legatees would be so much more demanding. They are also a source of new ideas!

It is this support that saw the emergence of the Legacy Wives Association when the wife of Legatee Norm Harris ran the first jumble sale at a local town hall in 1950. This jumble sale became an annual event at the Malvern Town Hall for many years. Many of the wives of Legatees became involved, not only to raise money for Legacy but also as a means of social interaction.

In 1988 the Christmas Decoration Group was formed, this group grew and spent many happy hours throughout the year sewing and making many decorations and gifts. With new members came new ideas. This group has raised in excess of \$30,000. Regular monthly group meetings were held throughout the metropolitan area. As with Legacy, comradeship between the ladies was a very important part of their association.

The Stamp Group run by Beryl Billing was another valuable function to come out of the Legacy Wives Association raising tens of thousands of dollars.

Over the years these ladies have literally raised millions of dollars for Legacy.

As President, I have enjoyed meeting with many of these ladies and always look forward to their visits at our Tuesday luncheons.

On behalf of all Legatees, my sincere thanks for your hard work and valuable assistance to Legacy over the many years. Change is inevitable, so as you continue as a Social Group you will continue to be a very special group of ladies within Legacy. I look forward to welcoming our *wives, husbands and partners* to our luncheons. (How things change!)

Best wishes
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Public Program

The Western Front: Battlefields of France and Belgium – 16th April, 11am

Presenter: Ron Austin

Ron Austin has taken 17 tours to the Western Front and will insightfully present some of the significant sites from the Australian perspective. Highlights of Ron's tours include the Somme, Bullecourt and Fromelles in France and Ypres in Belgium.

Message from the President

On the 10th and 11th February, I had the privilege of attending both East and Central Gippsland Groups' annual dinner and luncheon. At East Gippsland I was invited to induct six new members into Legacy. With such a vast area to cover I am sure they will be put to good use in delivering Legacy's services to our widows and their dependants. It was also pleasing to see that President Margot Kerby has continued for a second year, joining many other Clubs and Groups in adopting a two year term as President. I believe this brings a degree of stability and continuity to Legacy in general.

In attending the Central Gippsland Group, I had the pleasure of installing Legatee Sue Milner as President. Sue is dedicated to assist the Veteran community with a sound involvement in Legacy, together with husband Brian.

I spoke to both Groups about the upcoming National Conference theme the *"Changing Face of Legacy"*. It was encouraging to see the interest in the topic and how the many Legatees want to ensure that the services to our widows and dependants continue at the highest possible standard. To ensure that there is a full and open consultation process for both Branches and Groups a **Forum to discuss the "Changing Face of Legacy" will be held on Tuesday 27th March 2007 from 10.30am to 12.00noon at Legacy House.** I will be sending discussion items prior to this forum so that Legatees can provide direction on how they want Melbourne Legacy to present this issue to the National Conference.

The forum will be followed by comradeship and lunch where you will hear from Professor Paddy Dewan.

It will be necessary to advise Legacy House on 96633564 of your attendance at the forum and if you are staying for lunch, cost \$15.00.

Best wishes,

Bill Rogers
President

ITEMS OF INTEREST

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT meeting – 30 JANUARY, 2007

- A Code of Conduct for Melbourne Legacy staff and volunteers other than Legatees was approved. In addition, a process of consultation is to be initiated with a view to having the Code extended to also apply to Legatees.
- Plans are to be finalised for a working arrangement and partnership agreement with Hocking Stuart Real Estate Agency. Former Junior Legatee Greg Hocking has confirmed his agreement to having a personal feature item published in the next issue of Melbourne Legacy "Highlights" publication, together with outline of the new partnership arrangement.
- Legacy Raffle books are being distributed with the February 2007 issue of 'The Answer'.
- Details of planned new welfare assistance for ancillary medical costs are to be notified via a memo to Melbourne Legacy Branches.

David Cull
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Message from the President

All Branches and Groups will have received the background paper provided by Legacy Co-ordinating Council titled "The Changing Face of Legacy", which was prepared in connection with the 2007 National Conference. The paper aims to stimulate discussion and for any individual Legatee who has not yet had a chance to read this paper, may I suggest you talk to the Secretary of your Branch/Group. Already comments are starting to flow in and discussion already taking place. This is a good start. It is important that Legatees understand that the topic for the Conference is to set in progress a number of initiatives and strategies to move Legacy forward and to address the important issues of how we continue into the medium and long term future to provide care and assistance to our Widows and their dependants.

Earlier I spoke of Melbourne Legacy conducting a Forum in February to discuss how the membership wished to deal with the Topic – "The Changing Face of Legacy". The February date was a little ambitious on my part, we now plan to delay the Forum until March, (the date yet to be finalised). We plan to circulate documents that were provided by Legatee Ian Wills, Chair, National Pension Committee prior to the March Forum.

A few Legatees have asked if there will be a Conference later in the year. The answer is yes – most likely during September - prior to the National Conference when we can present papers, receive feedback and answer any queries you may have. Incidentally the 2007 National Conference is to be held from 4-7 October in Townsville. Registration Forms and the latest Conference Bulletin are available by contacting Lynette Furlan at Legacy House Melbourne.

Already we are nearing the end of January, Joy and I are looking forward to meeting up with a number of Group Legatees at their Changeover lunches/dinners during February.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13th March 2007 at Legacy House, I would like to see as many Legatees as possible attend. Please mark the event in your diary.

Best wishes,

Bill Rogers
President

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

NUMURKAH / NATHALIA GROUP ANNUAL CHANGEOVER LUNCHEON SUNDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 2007

A cordial invitation is extended to Legatees and their wives/partners to attend the Annual Changeover Luncheon of Numurkah Nathalia Group of Legacy when Legatee Bob Schirmer will be installed as the Group's President for 2007. The Luncheon will be held on Sunday 25th February 2006, commencing at 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm at the restaurant of the Numurkah Golf and Bowls Club.

PLACE: Numurkah Golf and Bowls Club
TIME: 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm
COST: \$25.00 per person
RSVP: Tuesday 20th February, 2007 Legatee Greg Monk,
Box 185, Numurkah 3636 or phone: 58651315



Message from the President

My warmest wishes to all Legatees and their families for a very Happy New Year. I trust you have had an enjoyable Festive Season with family and friends and didn't over indulge as I did. I think I am still paying the penalty!

2007 is looming to become a busy year with focus to be on the National Conference, to be held in Townsville from the 4th to 7th October. The theme for the conference is the "Changing Face of Legacy". We will be seeking your input to prepare suitable papers for presentation to the conference. More about that later.

I have had the pleasure of spending four days at the Disabled Dependants Camp at Somers last week. It was great to see dependants coming from Ballarat, Warrnambool and Mornington Peninsula. It was an inspiration to see how our young leaders and carers manage to care for those less fortunate than ourselves. It also makes one realise that despite our aches and pains and whatever other ailments we have, it is nothing compared with the varying disabilities experienced by our disabled J. L's.

I will be in Perth from the 12th to the 19th January and am hoping to make a visit to the Camp at Busselton during that time. For those unaware, this year we have combined with other States to send our Junior Legatees to the camp in Western Australia providing them with the opportunity to experience many outdoor activities conducted by members of the Special Air Service Regiment. They see this as their way of supporting Legacy.

Best wishes
Bill Rogers
President

ITEMS OF INTEREST

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT meeting – 12 December, 2006

- Legatee Graeme Standish (Nominated President for 2008) was appointed to the Board of Management with effect from 12 December 2006.
- Widows' Christmas Concert held at the Town Hall on Monday 4 December 2006 was most successful with the new variety format being very well-received.
- Victorian Veterans Council will pursue a major consultation process with all Victorian veteran bodies across the State, in January and February 2007. As part that process Council Chairman Major General Peter Haddad will be Guest Speaker at the Melbourne Legacy members' Luncheon at Legacy House Melbourne on Tuesday 13 February, 2007 and invitations have been sent to Melbourne Legacy Groups and Victorian Legacy Clubs to send representatives to that lunch meeting.

David Cull
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



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EDITORIAL



Christmas Message from the President

As another year goes by, I reflect back to 2005 when I committed to take on the Presidency of Melbourne Legacy. For Joy and I it has been a most satisfying and rewarding time. As we traveled around the State and visited the country clubs during their changeovers, we have met some wonderful people many will remain long time friends. The widows that we met have been truly inspirational as we have listened to their stories. They and their Legatees have added a new dimension to our lives, for which we are so grateful. I have enjoyed the role of President immensely, particularly the comradeship with so many wonderful people both from within Legacy and the Ex-Service community. I have also been given the opportunity to form strong bonds from within the Defence Force.

We at Legacy have achieved much during the year particularly with the refurbishment of Legacy House. I also value the many Legatees who continue to provide guidance to me, the Committees, Council & Board of Management and most importantly the Staff at Legacy House, without them the wheels of the organisation would not keep turning.

2007 will produce new challenges as we prepare for the National Conference in Townsville and look forward to developing plans as to how we can improve our service delivery. I also look forward to continuing to serve as your President for a second term.

As we approach Christmas it is time to focus on life, to focus on those around us and to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. We remember our Defence Force personnel serving overseas on deployment and their families, and for those who have lost loved ones.

May this Christmas bring you peace, joy and happiness, with a coming together of friends and family to share in this special time.

Joy and I would like to extend to all in our Legacy Family, Friends and Staff a most joyous and happy Christmas and may your new year bring you peace and fulfillment through the year.

Have a very happy and safe festive season.

Kindest Regards

Bill Rogers
President



GUEST SPEAKERS – TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY, 2007

LEGACY JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD STATE FINALISTS

MISS ALEXANDRA ADORNETTO, WINNER & MISS ELISE PULBROOK, RUNNER UP

Message from the President

At our Tuesday luncheon on the 14th November 2006 I had the pleasure of introducing Legatee Graeme Standish as the Nominated President for 2008. Graeme will bring with him a wealth of knowledge and experience in both management and finance.

After much discussion it was felt that to announce Graeme's nomination at this early stage would be most beneficial to Legacy. On behalf of all Legatees I welcome Graeme to the team and trust he will enjoy, as I am the comradeship and fulfillment that the role provides.

As we approach the end of 2006 there is much work to be done throughout 2007 and in the lead up to the National Conference in Townsville. The theme for the conference is "The Changing Face of Legacy", and already discussion is underway. As an organisation and as individual Legatees we need to manage our future and with that comes some hard decisions. A discussion paper has already been developed by Legatees David Ford and David Grierson with the view to stimulating thoughts about the changes we will face and how we deal with them, changes to those we support, Widows, Junior Legatees and Disabled Dependants and let's not forget our WW2 Legatee base.

Because this is such an important issue that affects all Legatees both in the country and the metropolitan areas, I will be providing you with updates as we progress towards this important decision-making process.

I would like to have input from all Branches and Groups so that we can make this conference a decision-making process and just not another talk-fest.

Best wishes
Bill Rogers
President

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Government House Open Day – Australia Day Thursday 26th January 2007

The Event

All citizens of Victoria and visitors to the State are invited to visit Government House, Melbourne on Australia Day 2007. Visitors will be able to view the State Apartments, the Private Apartments and the Governor's Study. Many of these rooms are not normally open to the public.

Activities

- Visitors are invited to tour the House and picnic in the grounds
- Refreshments available for purchase
- Childrens' entertainment in the grounds
- Musical performances in the grounds and inside the House
- Sporting demonstration matches played in the grounds

Where: Government House Drive, Melbourne. Melways Map Reference 2G, A11

Parking: Birdwood Avenue and St. Kilda Road

Admission: Free Gates open at 10.00a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Ease of access for people with disabilities

For Further Information, Contact:

Deborah Roberts – Administration Officer. Telephone: 9655 4211 or

deborah.roberts@govhouse.vic.gov.au

Message from the President

After seven months as President I will assume that you all know what your President looks like – so no more photograph. Two points - one; more space for my ramblings and two; I was starting to feel that I was losing the image of team work – too much focus on the President particularly when I am a small cog in a big wheel. Legacy is bigger than any individual. Therefore the image of that one individual has been made redundant.

On Thursday, 19th October we held the 2006 Melbourne Legacy 'At Home'. At that event we said thankyou to the many individuals, other ex-service organisations, Australian Defence Force and the many volunteers who assisted in selling badges during Legacy Week and to the many people who contributed to keep the work of Legacy going throughout the year.

During the course of the 'At Home' we were presented with a cheque for \$8,111.40, being the proceeds from the sale of Legacy badges by Blackburn RSL. We thank them sincerely for their very kind assistance. It is wonderful to receive this type of assistance from RSL's. It is also most helpful that many of our Branches, Groups and Widows Clubs are able to use the RSL facilities for functions and meetings at no charge. These are very pleasing examples of where RSL and Legacy are working together for a mutual cause.

On Tuesday 17th October we had a visit from North Gippsland Group who travelled to Melbourne by bus to view the refurbished Legacy House and to partake in comradeship and the luncheon. I understand they had a great time and we at Melbourne certainly enjoyed their company. Maybe other Groups and Clubs would like to make a day of it and enjoy some hospitality at our Tuesday Luncheons. If you are planning to make the journey to the "big smoke" as a group, would you please give Barbara Ireland a call at Legacy House so that she can cater for the extra numbers. I can assure you that we'll also have an adequate supply of refreshing drink to go with a very warm welcome. Remember Legacy House belongs to you all.

Best wishes
Bill Rogers
President

GUEST SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 2006

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR PAUL JOHNSON
INFECTIOUS DISEASES DEPARTMENT
AUSTIN HOSPITAL
"THE BAIRNSDALE ULCER"

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 2006

PROFESSOR GEOFFREY BLAINEY, AO

TUESDAY LUNCHEON VISITORS

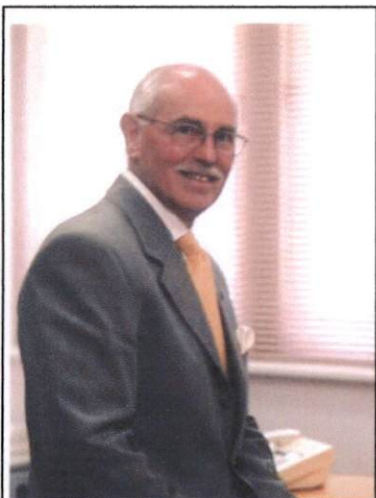
At the Luncheon held on 24th October, 2006 the following visitors were present:

- Trish Woodcock - } Guest of Legatee George Collins
- Dorothy Collins - } Guest of Legatee George Collins
- Peg Parker - } Wife and Guest of Legatee Trevor Parker
- Michael Maguire,
President Blinded Soldiers Assoc. & (Ollie) - } Guest of The Club

At the Luncheon held on 31st October, 2006 the following visitors were present:

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Message from the President



On Friday 6th October 2006 I attended the second meeting of the "Younger Veterans Forum" held at ANZAC House. The forum was designed to bring together the various Ex-Service Organisations and representatives from the Army, Navy and Air Force to assess and evaluate how best we, the ESOs, can identify how we can best support the current serving and ex-service members of our Defence Force.

You may ask why Legacy was invited to join this Forum. The answer is obvious when one considers the number of Defence Force personnel that have been deployed on operational service since 1975 and the escalating numbers who are now assigned to a variety of peace keeping and humanitarian operations, together with the increased numbers of personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan. Legacy will continue to play an important role in the changing needs of those young veterans.

The Forum was facilitated by the RSL and brought together organisations such as Peacekeepers & Peacemakers Association, TPI Association, Regular Defence Welfare Association, Naval Association, Special Air Service Association, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service, Melbourne Legacy and representatives of the three Services.

It was immensely gratifying to see how all of the organisations entered into positive dialogue, working together for the betterment of our service and ex-service community. There were many positive comments on how good it felt to have so many ESO's and our Defence personnel sitting around the one table working together to achieve a common goal.

My thanks to Anne Pahl, Chair of the Forum and the RSL for their forward-thinking. Maybe we are on the way to forging closer alliances with our ESO colleagues.

Best wishes
Bill Rogers
President

GUEST SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 2006

MRS WENDY GRANT

"THE OLYMPIC GAMES"

TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 2006

MELBOURNE CUP DAY
LEGACY HOUSE CLOSED

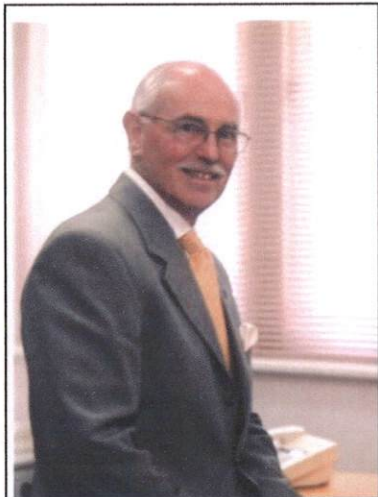
TUESDAY LUNCHEON VISITORS

At the Luncheon held on 17th October, 2006 the following visitors were present:

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| > WO1 Leanne Iseppi | - } | Guest of Legatee Denise Milic |
| > Jack Rennie | - } | Guest of Legatee John Capp |
| > Chris Anderson | - } | Guest of Legatee John Capp |

Visiting Legatees

Members of the North Gippsland Group of Melbourne Legacy



Message from the President

On Saturday, 23rd September 2006 the Melbourne Club Conference was held at Legacy House. It was pleasing to see most Branches and Groups represented with a good number of observers.

There was a full agenda with excellent participation by both delegates and observers producing excellent outcomes. It was also good to see most Legatees stay for comradeship afterwards.

One of the main items on the agenda was related to fundraising, in particular direct donation requests to Melbourne Legacy Branch Widows and Legatees. Legatee Geoff Webb, Chairman of Fundraising and Public Relations outlined the Board of Management's decision to enter into this type of fundraising, the methodology and the outcomes; at the same time taking into account the concerns of Legatees.

It was resolved that Melbourne Legacy would incorporate a survey on CHOICE in the next edition of the Highlights Report. This survey would give the widow the choice to determine whether she wished to continue receiving donation requests or not. If the widow responded in the negative she would be taken off the list. If she failed to respond she would only receive one annual donation request for a specific cause. After much discussion there was unanimous decision to accept this proposal. It was also agreed to keep the membership informed of the outcomes.

The other issue that has raised some concern was Legatee Tom Butcher's presentation of his paper on "No Praise, No Thanks, No Rewards". This paper was presented in two parts. The first proposal was to deal with the "No Praise No Thanks" element, it was agreed that by giving praise and acknowledging ones performance with "thanks/well done", was not only good manners but also a good management tool. This proposal was accepted that Melbourne Legacy would accept that we can give praise and thanks to Legatees when warranted.

The second proposal of "No Rewards" had a different outcome with many Legatees believing that Legatees should not receive awards for their Legacy work. As this was to be an item for the next National Conference, this item was deferred to the 2007 Club Conference where the views of all Legatees from Branches and Groups would be canvassed. A summary of the conference will be forwarded to all Branches and Groups.

Best wishes
Bill Rogers
President

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

NORTH GIPPSLAND GROUP OF MELBOURNE LEGACY

ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER

FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER, 2006

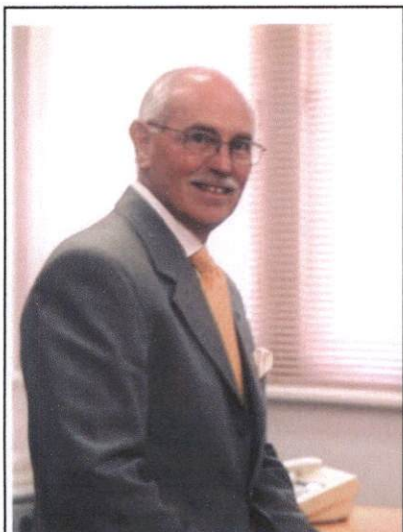
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A cordial invitation is extended to Legatees and their wives/partners to attend the Annual Installation Dinner of North Gippsland Group. The luncheon will be held at Duart Homestead 20 McLean Street Maffra on Friday 20th October, 2006 5.30 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

RSVP: by Monday, 10th October to Legatee Lyn McLindin
PO Box 17 Tinamba 3859 **Phone: 51451463**

Message from the President



Now that Legacy Week is over I am sure there will be many a sigh of relief. May I take this opportunity to thank all Legatees, Widows and volunteers who gave of their time to sell Legacy Badges. You come through each year even though it gets harder, your willingness and determination further brings out the true meaning of Legacy. **"Service above Self"**. May I congratulate you all for a wonderful effort. This year the Australian Defence Force played an integral part in helping us raise funds. Our thanks go to Army, Navy and Air Force for their outstanding contribution. Before all you **"Old Salties"** out there ring me about Navy being listed second, I know you are the Senior Service but I was Army and on this occasion I reckon Army should be first!! The publicity received this year has been outstanding, thanks to Carmel McConnell, Public Relations Officer.

Another highlight this month was the official re-opening of the re-developed Legacy House by Professor David de Kretser, AC the Governor of Victoria. Mr. Bruce Mildenhall MP, representing the Premier announced a Victorian Government grant of \$300,000 towards the re-development from the Community Support Fund. This has provided a great boost to the program and is most appreciated. The feed back has been positive with many compliments received.

Legacy Sunday on the 27th August 2006 was again promoted by Channels 2, 7, 9 and 10 with good coverage on all News time slots. The Commemoration Service at the Shrine of Remembrance under a grey sky saw about 400 Widows and a number of Legatees make this a very special event. Lunch at Zinc was another highlight with the attendance of the Lord Mayor of Melbourne and the Lady Mayoress. There were many photo opportunities as John So and Wendy Yeng moved around the tables, and the ladies were obviously delighted to meet them. I think for our ladies John So has taken on 'Rock Star' status. It was great to see our ladies having so much fun.

In conjunction with the Lord Mayor's office we are working on an idea of providing our country Widows Clubs with the opportunity of a tour of the highlights of Melbourne, with a morning tea at Legacy House upon arrival and the Lady Mayoress hosting an afternoon tea at the Town Hall, and the City of Melbourne Ambassadors acting as tour guides. We already have one Widows Club that we will be using as a trial. So Ladies and Legatees we would like to develop a program where our Country Ladies visit the City and the City Ladies visit the Country. I will keep you informed of the developments.

This message is a bit longer than usual as it has been a busy month. I trust you are avoiding the current round of colds/flu that is going around. However, if you have managed to become one of the many recipients of the bug, I hope you are over it soon.

Best wishes
Bill Rogers
President

Message from the President



Welcome to all. My apologies for incorrectly crediting East Gippsland rather than Latrobe Valley Group for all the hard work that went into producing the wonderful statue at Morwell of General Sir Stanley Savige, founder of Legacy, to be unveiled on 31st August. I did know the statue was in Morwell and would have arrived at the right venue. Must have been a senior's moment!!

By the time you receive this copy of the Bulletin, we will have had the official opening of the re-developed Legacy House building. We wanted to have maximum attendance at this special event, but unfortunately the numbers had to be limited. However I would like to now take this opportunity to invite all Legatees and Widows to come in and see the new premises for yourselves.

As you know Legatee John Crooks has been our librarian for many years. John will now be handing on the task of managing the library to Legatee Louis Lothian and his daughter Jill.

September the 23rd is the Melbourne Legacy Club conference. This conference provides the opportunity for Groups and Branches to put forward their ideas, how the Melbourne Club can best serve the interests of our Widows and Legatees. We have received a few items for the agenda but we need input from all Groups and Branches to make it worthwhile.

September also sees a further forum of the Presidents of Victorian Legacy Clubs – to be held in Albury – this follows a decision taken at Bendigo in May this year that all Victorian Club Presidents should endeavour to meet three times a year. The aim being to find better ways of working together and providing better outcomes for our widows and their dependants.

Best wishes
Bill Rogers
President

GUEST SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2006

MR JAMES MARETT
TUNNEL RATS ASSOCIATION
"TUNNEL RATS IN SOUTH VIETNAM"

TUESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2006

MR DAVID RYAN
"COMMONWEALTH SERUM LABORATORIES"

TUESDAY LUNCHEON VISITORS

At the Luncheon held on 15th August, 2006 the following visitors were present:

- Mrs Glenys McDonnell - } Wife and Guest of Legatee Norm McDonnell
- Members of the Melbourne Legacy Wives Association

Visiting Legatees

Harvey Lade, Mornington Peninsula Legacy Club

At the Luncheon held on 22nd August, 2006 the following visitors were present:

- Rick McGregor - } Guest of Legatee Greg McGregor
- Ron Courtney - } Guest of Legatee Greg McGregor

Visiting Legatees

Cliff King, Mornington Peninsula Legacy Club

Brian Wrigley, Geelong Legacy Club

Bob Mahaffey, Albury Legacy Club

Message from the President



For those who read my message you will know that Joy and I went to Perth for a couple of weeks. Great to catch up with family, the days were warm, the food wonderful and the wine fantastic. A good time was had by all. Now back to a busy month at Legacy.

We have a full and exciting calendar during August commencing with the Media Launch of the Dennis Family Homes, Charity Auction of a house and land package at Manor Lakes Estate, Wyndham Vale with all the net proceeds from the auction going to Legacy. The home will be auctioned on Saturday the 26th August 2006 by Greg Hocking of Hocking Stuart Real Estate. Both Bert Dennis and Greg Hocking are Junior Legatees who have seen the value of Legacy and want to give something back. More about the forthcoming auction later.

Friday the 18th is Vietnam Veterans Day and also commemorates the 40th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, I will be attending the Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance and would like to join all other Vietnam Veterans in remembering those who made the supreme sacrifice and for those Veterans and their families who are finding life a little difficult.

Saturday the 19th finds us at Caulfield for the annual "Back to Caulfield" Race Day this is a special day for Legacy and provides an opportunity to sell some Legacy Badges. Come along for a great day out, and what's more, it's FREE ADMITTANCE for all members of the Legacy Family.

Friday the 25th will finally see the official re-opening of the re-furnished Legacy House which will be opened by the Governor of Victoria Professor David de Kretser who is also the Patron of Legacy in Victoria. This will be by invitation only because of limited numbers; however, we will look forward to meeting up with Legatees at our Tuesday luncheons. Come in, see what's been done and be pleasantly surprised.

Sunday the 27th we launch into Legacy Badge Week, best of luck to all Clubs, Groups and Branches for a most successful week. I know many have been preparing for some time. We all know that the time and effort preparing and getting "feet on the street" will pay off.

I am also honoured to be invited to Morwell on the 31st August to unveil a statue to honour General Sir Stanley Savidge, founder of Legacy. A great deal of work has gone into producing this statue by East Gippsland Group, local Council and other ESO's. Well done to all those involved. Then of course it's all hands on deck for Legacy Badge Day. Once again may I wish all Legatees a most successful week of collecting.

Best wishes
Bill Rogers
President



Legacy Badge Appeal

Sunday 27th August – Saturday 2nd September 2006

Please direct all enquires or late offers of help to
Nicola Ryan, Fundraising Project Officer on 9663 3564
Denise Milic, City Captain

Message from the President



On Friday 7th July I attended the Change-over Dinner for Sydney Legacy where Legatee Nick Helyer was inducted as President. Lieutenant General Ken Gillespie AO, DSC, CSM spoke on Defence deployments and their relationship with Legacy. General Gillespie said there were about 80,000 new veterans since 1998. He also stated that the value of Legacy in the care of their dependants was so important to members of Defence "You can have all the insurance in the world but it is the care and support provided by Legacy that means the most."

On Saturday the 8th July I had the pleasure of attending Sydney Legacy State Conference – keynote speaker was Ms Jennifer Collins, National Manager, Primary Health –

Department of Veterans' Affairs. As ex-service organisations come to terms with their future – so too is DVA looking towards better service delivery and how they manage our ageing Veteran community from WW2, Korea and Vietnam. From World War 2 some 1 million Australians saw service with 170,000 veteran and widows on DVA books. About 60,000 saw service in Vietnam. Very few new claims from WW2 and Vietnam Veterans are being lodged with DVA – at present DVA process about 2000 claims per year. Research conducted by the Department of Veterans' Affairs shows that our older widows and Veterans have much more complex health needs. Legacy is very much aware of the needs of our widows as they age and it is therefore necessary that we develop new strategies to address these issues. As the Department of Veterans' Affairs works towards delivering the administrative legislation, Legacy provides the advice and social support. Relations between the Department and Legacy are particularly constructive. Ms Collins, spoke at length about the restructure of the Department of Veterans' Affairs (OneDVA) and the impact on the Veteran Community.

The newly appointed National Aged Care Co-ordinator, Legatee Hazel Bridgett, spoke in detail on matters of Aged Care. A concern raised was the necessary documentation required for the new National ACCESS Card by our Legacy widows. Representation will be made to Professor Alan Fels about these concerns. I will discuss these issues with Mitchell Moon, Aged Care Co-ordinator.

On Sunday 9th we were guests of HMAS Watson – attending the Legacy Church service and later enjoyed a BBQ at the Wardroom. This provided an excellent opportunity to network with other Legatees and exchange ideas. Finally, the theme to come out of the weekend was that Legacy must change to keep pace with current practices, if we want to continue providing the services that Legacy is known for.

Best Wishes
Bill Rogers
President

Message from the President



For those who missed out on the Army in Concert 2006 performance on 23rd June 2006 at Hamer Hall, you missed a great night's entertainment which included Guest Artist Tom Burlinson. It was good to see so many people attend considering the "publicity band wagon" took a while to get up and running. As Melbourne was the start of this National Tour we believe that we have set the scene for better things to come. We would hope to continue the concert next year, with a bit more planning, it would be good to include a matinee as well as a night performance. May I take this opportunity to congratulate Major Gordon Lambie, Music Director, Australian Army Band, Melbourne for staging such a wonderful concert. To Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Pickett, CSM, Director of Music – Army, what a great ambassador he is for Legacy. He has a total commitment to not only his music but also to Legacy.

Next stop is Perth, so we wish them well as they travel around this Great Land – Australia. Since we last spoke I had the opportunity to visit North West and Outer Eastern Branches. Those occasions are a time for meeting Legatees and provide a forum for the Branch Legatees to ask questions and to see who they have as their President. I believe that open dialogue is important for all and the betterment of Legacy. Tuesday, 4th July saw an excellent attendance at the Branch Chair & Contact Secretaries meeting; it was good to see a number of our Groups represented. From a management point of view there are a number of topics that need to be addressed. It is only with your input that Legacy can move forward. By the time this reaches you Joy & I will have attended Sydney Legacy changeover dinner and their State Conference. I hope to listen and learn and pick up some ideas from our Northern neighbours.

Joy and I head off to Perth on the 12th July for two weeks to visit our son Scott (who has just returned from Iraq) and his wife Jade. While I am away Past President Legatee Geoff Webb will be Acting President. My next message will be coming from Perth.

Best wishes
Bill Rogers
President

GUEST SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, 25TH JULY, 2006

MR PETER BLIZZARD

"SCULPTURES"

TUESDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 2006

MR SIMON OVERLAND

**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER – CRIME
VICTORIA POLICE**

TUESDAY LUNCHEON VISITORS

At the Luncheon held on 4th July, 2006 the following visitors were present:

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| ➤ Captain Kaye Crighton | - } | Guest of Legatee Cliff Elliott |
| ➤ Betty Melican | - } | Guest of Legatee Pat Melican |

Visiting Legatees

Brian Start, Central Gippsland

At the Luncheon held on 11th July, 2006 the following visitors were present:

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| ➤ Sue Cutler | - } | Guest of Legatee Colin Bannister |
| ➤ Philippa Bannister | - } | Wife and Guest of Legatee Colin Bannister |
| ➤ Peg Parker | - } | Wife and Guest of Legatee Trevor Parker |
| ➤ Maureen Carter | - } | Wife and Guest of Legatee David Carter |
| ➤ Ann Stevensen | - } | Wife and Guest of Legatee John Stevenson |

Visiting Legatees

Ron Becker, Allan Quayle and Bruce Coward, Mornington Peninsula Club

Message from the President



On the 11th June Joy and I attended Mildura Legacy for the re-installation of their President Legatee Tim Lewis. It was an extremely cold weekend, however the welcome and hospitality was very warm and friendly. Visiting the country Clubs has become a highlight of my Presidency.

As we have just passed the shortest day we can start to look forward to warmer times ahead. Winter is the time of year when many of us feel a little stiffness, a time when we tend to spend more time indoors.

Exercise classes continue for our widows and I would encourage, not only our widows but also Legatees to spend a little time each day to go for a walk. Something I should do more of!! I was shown a list of the widows who attend our exercise and swimming classes and I was amazed at the distances they travel to come to Melbourne to enjoy the activities and each others company.

We look forward to moving back into Legacy House and resume some sort of normality. It will be good to see our widows and dependants together with Legatees making full use of these facilities. There is still much work to be done in readiness for the official opening in August. More details as we get closer to the time. Carpet has just been laid on the third floor, which has caused considerable disruption with work stations being moved and everything packed into boxes. I am still trying to locate some of my own boxes.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all staff who have worked under some very trying conditions without complaint; they have gone the extra mile to keep the office running smoothly. I feel proud to be part of such a dedicated and hard working team. Well done to all.

Finally, book in for **Christmas in July to be held on Sunday the 16th July at 12.00pm**. This is a great opportunity to christen the new facility and enjoy great comradeship. This function is for ALL, Legatees and Staff.

**Best Wishes
Bill Rogers
President**

GUEST SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, 11TH JULY, 2006

LEGATEE COLIN BANNISTER

REFLECTIONS – SRI LANKA & INDIA

TUESDAY, 18TH JULY, 2006

LT. COMMANDER R. CURTIS, RAN

CENTRE FOR MILITARY AND VETERANS' HEALTH

TUESDAY LUNCHEON VISITORS

At the Luncheon held on 27th June, 2006 the following visitors were present:

➤ Frank Dimmick - } Guest of The Club

Visiting Legatees

Eric Causer, Hamilton Club

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

- Friday, 23rd June, 2006 ➤ Attended the Army In Concert 2006 National Tour, held at Hamer Hall, Victorian Arts Centre, accompanied by Joy. Officially thanking Lt Patrick Pickett, Director of Music – Army for organising the Army in Concert and for nominating Legacy to receive the proceeds.
- Tuesday, 27th June, 2006 ➤ Chaired a meeting of the Council of Management in Legacy House.
- Chaired a meeting of the Board of Management in Legacy House.
- Attended North West Branch Meeting, held at Coburg R.S.L.
- Wednesday, 28th June, 2006 ➤ Attended the Official Opening of the R.S.L. Victorian Branch 91st State Annual Conference by the Guest of Honour, Professor David de Kretser AO, Governor of Victoria, held at The Melbourne Function Centre, Caulfield Racecourse.
- Attended the R.S.L. Victorian Branch Conference Luncheon, held in the Blue Diamond Room, Caulfield Racecourse.

On 15 June 2006 Melbourne Legacy President Legatee Bill Rogers wrote in the following terms to the Patron of Melbourne Legacy, Professor David de Kretser AC - Governor of Victoria.

"All associated with Legacy in Victoria were delighted to learn that the distinguished contributions that you have made to public life in your professional work have received due recognition in the 2006 Queens Birthday Honours.

I take the opportunity to also record a sincere thank you for your agreement to be Patron of Legacy in Victoria. We see that as an important demonstration of your support for our work on behalf of the families of our deceased veterans.

Your meaningful participation with Mrs De Kretser in Legacy's 2006 ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony for Students in April was also genuinely appreciated.

We do hope that there will be further opportunity to have you both involved in other Legacy events later in the year.

Congratulations on your Companion of Australia (AC) appointment. Legacy salutes your special service to our Australian community."

The Governor's response is printed below:

Monday 19th June, 2006

Thank you so much for your very kind congratulations on my AC.

I am honoured and delighted by this award and most appreciative of your very generous words on behalf of Legacy In Victoria.

Yours sincerely,

Professor David de Kretser, A.C.

Message from the President



I have just attended the RSL 90th Anniversary Youth Program launched by The Hon. Bruce Billson, Minister of Veterans' Affairs. This special nation wide educational program for schools focuses on the history of the RSL over the last 90 years. It includes an interactive national education website, providing an insight into our civic awareness and nationhood. Although primarily aimed at secondary school students it is an excellent program for all, particularly other ex-service organisations. To access this excellent program, go to www.servingthenation.info

I have received comment from a number of our widows saying they don't see many Legatees at their functions. If any Legatees are available to attend their concerts/ functions please contact Margaret Armstrong. This is an excellent opportunity to catch up with many of our widows and do what Legacy does best. **Personal Contact.**

The latest Direct Mail has just been sent, details of this part of our Fundraising initiatives can be seen in the extended Fundraising & Public Relations report on pages 6 and 7.

As Legacy House moves closer to completion discussions centered on giving some of the rooms a name. For example, maybe call the area where we hold comradeship, the "Savage Room" after our founder or maybe the Doolan or Frank Doolan Lounge.

We will have a lounge area where the library will be situated, the main function room and the bar area. No doubt many of you will have ideas; we would like to know about them.

If you have suggestions please write or email bill.rogers@legacymelb.com.au

Finally, book your tickets for the Legacy – Army in Concert National Tour featuring Tom Burlinson, held at Hamer Hall – Victorian Arts Centre on 23rd June 2006 commencing 7.30pm.

Best Wishes
Bill Rogers
President

GUEST SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, 27TH JUNE, 2006

MRS JAN DIMMICK
"A TENNIS LINE UMPIRE"

TUESDAY, 4TH JULY, 2006

CAPTAIN TREVOR JENSEN
ANSETT/QANTAS/JET STAR
"RUNNING AN AIRLINE"

TUESDAY LUNCHEON VISITORS

At the Luncheon held on 6th June, 2006 the following visitors were present:

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| ➤ Pauline Evans | - } | Wife and Guest of Legatee Ted Evans |
| ➤ Gwen Butler | - } | Guest of Legatee Ted Evans |
| ➤ Noel Butler | - } | Guest of Legatee Ted Evans |
| ➤ Peter Butler | - } | Guest of Legatee Ted Evans |
| ➤ Peg Parker | - } | Wife and Guest of Legatee Trevor Parker |

Visiting Legatees

Ted Evans, Yarra Valley Group

At the Luncheon held on 20th June, 2006 the following visitors were present:

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| ➤ Beth Melican | - } | Guest of Legatee Pat Melican |
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Message from the President



By the time this Bulletin reaches you I will have attended the Victorian Legacy Clubs Conference in Bendigo. This conference was hosted by Bendigo Legacy Club and I will be advising the outcomes of the conference in the next Bulletin. I recently attended the change over luncheon of Ballarat Legacy Club where Legatee John Dellaca was installed as President. Many of you will know that the Legacy Club of Ballarat goes back to 1926 and therefore has much history attached. The comradeship that I enjoy when meeting with the different Clubs and Groups is most worthwhile and highlights the importance in communicating with all Legatees throughout the State. It has been a great opportunity to learn and discuss issues affecting Legacy from many of our elder statesmen, one that I certainly cherish.

Another update regarding Legacy House, the lift is just about there, the painters are about finished and carpet is down with the exception of the third floor, which is going to cause some disruption for staff. The foyer will become a very inviting introduction to Legacy House with displays of memorabilia and photographs, which we hope to rotate to keep it interesting. We look forward to putting everything in place and inviting both Legatees and Widows back into what will be an exciting new building.

A Remembrance Service to honour the military contribution of Indigenous servicemen and women will be conducted at the Shrine of Remembrance. Many of you, as I have, served with Aboriginal servicemen. This is an opportunity to recognise their contribution to this nation.

Best wishes
Bill Rogers
President

GUEST SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, 13TH JUNE, 2006

MAJOR GENERAL J BARRY, AM MBE RFD ED

“THE STATE OF THE RESERVES”

TUESDAY, 20TH JUNE, 2006

MR EWEN WALLER
 CFA MELBOURNE

TUESDAY LUNCHEON VISITORS

At the Luncheon held on 23rd May, 2006 the following visitors were present:

- Rick McGregor - } Guest of Legatee Greg McGregor

Visiting Legatees

Lex Lillie, Yarra Valley Group

Cliff King, Mornington Peninsula Club and Representatives of the Blinded Soldiers Welfare Trust

At the Luncheon held on 30th May, 2006 the following visitors were present:

- WO1 Ian Thomson, Defence Force School of Music } Guest of The Club

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

- Friday, 19th May, 2006 ➤ Attended the Australian Light Horse Memorial Park for the Official Launch of the Park Management Plan and Light Horse Park Exhibition, held at the Visitors' Centre, Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne.
- Saturday, 20th May, 2006 ➤ Represented by Past President, Legatee George Mackenzie at Royal Australian Air Force Association (Victorian Division) Official Opening of the Division's new Offices and Memorial Centre, Hawthorn East.
- Sunday, 21st May, 2006 ➤ Attended the 80th Annual Luncheon of Ballarat Legacy at The Midlands Golf Club, Ballarat, accompanied by wife, Joy.
- Tuesday, 23rd May, 2006 ➤ Attended the Department of Veterans' Affairs and The Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust function for the presentation of Award Certificates for the Long Tan Bursaries and other Grants, held at Department of Veterans' Affairs, Melbourne.
- Saturday, 27th May, 2006 ➤ Attended the Meeting of Victorian Legacy Presidents and Representatives, held at Bendigo Legacy Club, Bendigo, accompanied by Chief Executive, Mr David Cull.
- Sunday, 28th May, 2006 ➤ Attended the 80th Annual Changeover Luncheon of Bendigo Legacy at the R.S.L. Club, Bendigo, accompanied by wife, Joy, Chief Executive, Mr David Cull and wife, Margaret.
- Tuesday, 30th May, 2006 ➤ Chaired a meeting of the Council of Management in Legacy House.
➤ Chaired a meeting of the Board of Management in Legacy House.
- Wednesday, 31st May, 2006 ➤ Attended the Remembrance Service to honour the military contribution of Indigenous Servicemen and women, held at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne.

Upper Yarra RSL & Yarra Valley Group of Melbourne Legacy ANZAC Commemoration Service



Follow up photos to the Upper Yarra RSL & Yarra Valley Group of Melbourne Legacy Anzac Commemoration Service held on Wednesday 26th April, 2006 (refer article on page 5 of Bulletin 3113 18th May, 2006)

Message from the President



Once again Joy and I have enjoyed a wonderful time of comradeship with many other Presidents and Legatees from the Clubs and Groups at Shepparton Legacy Clubs' change over luncheon. It is a great opportunity for an exchange of ideas and to learn how Legatees operate in regional Victoria.

Over the last few months I have been discussing the submission of applications for a War Widows Pension. I was somewhat disturbed to find that there are still occasions where a Legatee is telling a widow that it would be a waste of time submitting an application for a WWP as she doesn't have much hope. May I suggest that it is not up to Legatees to determine whether the application has hope or not. That decision is made by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

If I could be so bold as to provide the following scenario. A widow is dissuaded from applying for a WWP, some five years later she is allocated to another Legatee who encourages her to apply for a WWP. It appears to be a simple application and she is granted a WWP. Consider the years of benefits via the gold card and five years worth of WWP. I leave it to you to do the maths. If the widow states that she doesn't wish to apply for a WWP ensure you make notes of the conversation and if possible ask the widow to sign the notes. Widows have been known to change their mind!

The building is looking good and we can finally see an end in sight, I believe you will all be pleasantly surprised with the final product. At this stage all is looking good for sometime in June.

PS: Keep your fingers crossed!!

Best wishes
Bill Rogers
President

GUEST SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, 30TH MAY, 2006

LT. COL PATRICK PICKETT
DEFENCE FORCE SCHOOL OF MUSIC
"MUSICIANS IN THE SERVICES"

TUESDAY, 6TH JUNE, 2006

MR BRUCE BUCKLER
"RUSSIAN NATURAL GAS SAKHALIN ISLAND"

TUESDAY LUNCHEON VISITORS

At the Luncheon held on 9th May, 2006 the following visitors were present:

- Australian Water Transport Association - } Guests of Legatee Trevor Parker

Visiting Legatees

John Sedgley, East Gippsland Group
Fred Flanagan, Geelong Legacy
Doug Heazlewood, Warrnambool Legacy
Russell Rachinger, Ararat Legacy

At the Luncheon held on 16th May, 2006 the following visitors were present:

- Heath Creig - } Guest of Legatee Jack Gunn
- Members of the Melbourne Legacy Wives Association

Visiting Legatees

South Gippsland Group – John Lindsay (President), Gary Parker, Krishna Methven, Bill White, Brian Arnold, Brenda Arnold and Andrew Dobbyn
Ian Cairns, Mornington Peninsula Club
Cliff Rainer, Mornington Peninsula Club

CURRENT NEWS

Upper Yarra RSL & Yarra Valley Group of Melbourne Legacy Conduct ANZAC Commemoration Service

About 8 years ago Yarra Valley Group of Melbourne Legacy together with Upper Yarra RSL conducted their first joint ANZAC Day Commemoration Service for the local schools.

This came about because the schools in the Upper Yarra region felt they could no longer attend Melbourne Legacy's Students Service at the Legacy Shrine of Remembrance. Rather than loose these schools, Yarra Valley Group stepped in with their schools. Grades 5 and 6 were then invited to attend a local Commemoration Service. It was decided that this service would be held on the Wednesday after ANZAC Day so as not to clash with the one held in Melbourne.

After discussion between the teachers, Yarra Valley Legacy Group and Upper Yarra RSL it was decided that the children should own the service. The only proviso was that certain elements determined must be included in the Remembrance Service by Legacy and RSL.

The first service took place the first Wednesday after ANZAC Day 1998, with the help of the local widows Club, the local RSL and many returned servicemen. After the service the schools broke up into 7 groups. While one group was provided with food and drinks the other 7 groups had Veterans assigned to them so they could learn and ask questions. They then rotated so they could learn from all Veterans present.

I had the privilege of attending the 2006 ANZAC Day Commemoration Service. The ceremony was held in the beautiful grounds of Upper Yarra RSL – each school contributed. The Master of Ceremonies was Tony Summers and Jesse Bowman, 2 grade 6 girls who did an excellent job. Students spoke about, the poppy, Simpson and his Donkey and a group told the history of a WW1 family who went to war. They were supported by members from the Army Reserve and a number of Veterans.

The highlight was the opportunity for the students to talk to the Veterans from WW2 through to a Veteran from our Peace keeping operations.

It was a delight to see how they all responded and the interest in what the Veterans had to say. The Vietnam Veterans Museum also provided a static display.

Our widows assisted with providing the food for the 263 grade 6 students. The RSL provided food and refreshments for the guests, widows and army.

The organisation of the event is now in the very capable hands of Lisa Peakie from Upper Yarra RSL. It is great to see the RSL and Legacy working together to keep the ANZAC spirit, alive and pass on to our young students the sacrifices that were made for our freedom.

Bill Rogers
President

Message from the President



I trust you all had an enjoyable ANZAC Day wherever you spent it. Last week has been busy with attendances at numerous ANZAC Commemoration functions. One of the most pleasurable days was the 75th Legacy Students Commemoration Service where I had the privilege of addressing some 3500 students from around the State. Of particular significance was the planting of a juvenile Lone Pine with the help of our youngest Junior Legatee Kaitlyn Brown, aged 7. She was the star attraction along with the Governor.

Another significant milestone was the launch of the Legacy Torch Society at the Radisson Hotel. We had a number of benefactors attend along with some potential bequestors. We plan to encourage and foster an on going relationship with our bequestors by holding more of these functions during the year. If you have questions regarding Wills or Bequests please contact Ann Logan, Community Liaison Officer, at Melbourne Legacy on 96633564.

A number of Legatees have enquired about results flowing from the engagement of fundraising consultants DVA Navion. I can report that they have been instrumental in new direct mail initiatives, including the November 2005 campaign which produced a net total of more than \$100,000 towards the cost of the 2006 Disabled Dependants Camp at Somers, and the March 2006 mailing of the Highlights Report which to date has resulted in more than \$25,000 in general donations. The consultants are also playing a major part in helping us to secure funding support for costs associated with the Legacy House Redevelopment Project. In particular they have assisted with a number of submissions and presentations to Governments and other potential partners with Legacy. We are very hopeful of some significant funding coming from those approaches. The most outstanding commitment of support received to date has been from the Dennis Family Homes Corporation – they have committed to give us the proceeds that will result from them building a house to be auctioned immediately prior to Legacy Badge Week. Many of you may know Bert Dennis; he was one of our Junior Legatees many years ago. What a great new corporate fundraising venture for Legacy – and certainly a most generous gesture of appreciation.

As I said at the beginning of my term as your President, communication is important in keeping Legatees informed. This is the beginning of that process of providing information to all Legatees.

Best wishes
Bill Rogers
President

GUEST SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, 16TH MAY, 2006

MR GARY MORGAN
ROY MORGAN RESEARCH

TUESDAY, 23RD MAY, 2006

MR TERRY McCRANN
HERALD SUN BUSINESS DAILY
"THE FUTURE LOOKS GOOD – NO GREAT"

TUESDAY LUNCHEON VISITORS

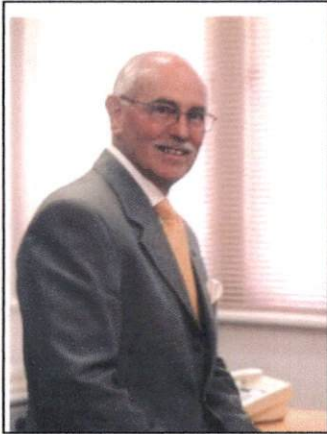
At the Luncheon held on 2nd May, 2006 the following visitors were present:

➤ David Miller - } Guest of Legatee Alastair Dowling

Visiting Legatees

John Sedgley, East Gippsland Group
 Bev Rahill, Tweed Heads/Coolangatta
 Terry Rahill, Tweed Heads/Coolangatta

Presidents Message



As we have now moved from daylight saving, I trust that you have all changed the batteries in your smoke alarms. It is also a good opportunity to remind your widows to do the same; it's another occasion for a contact visit and show that Legacy cares!

On another note, many of us will be attending ANZAC day reunions, as we remember the mates we lost during war and those who have since passed on, I believe it is appropriate to remember our current Defence Force personnel who are serving throughout the world and continuing the ANZAC tradition.

You will have read the comments made in the media by Brigadier John Deighton of the RSL commenting on the ANZAC march. I totally support his comments and believe that Veterans remember with dignity those who made the supreme sacrifice for their nation.

It is an opportunity to show respect to those who have given so much, there are some however, with the best intentions of remembering family do not show the same dignity and remembrance of our Veterans. I don't believe we have reached the stage or for that matter should reach the stage that our ANZAC day march be turned into a carnival type event.

I have no doubt that some may disagree with me, this is a personal view, and I am at one with the RSL on this matter.

Bill Rogers
President

GUEST SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, 9TH MAY, 2006

MS SALLY CAPP
ANZ SENIOR EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR COLLINGWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB

"THE BUSINESS OF SPORT"

TUESDAY, 16TH MAY, 2006

MR GARY MORGAN
ROY MORGAN RESEARCH

TUESDAY LUNCHEON VISITORS

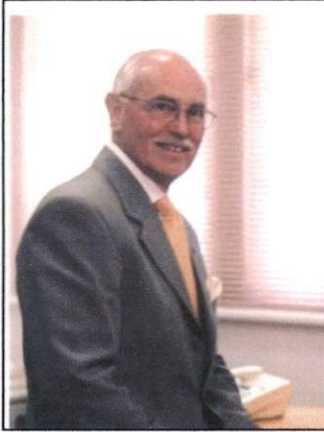
At the Luncheon held on 11th April, 2006 the following visitors were present:

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| ➤ Bob Solly, Deputy Commissioner DVA | - } | Guest of The Club |
| ➤ Lt Renee Blackwell, ADC | - } | Guest of The Club |
| ➤ Rocky Gerzina | - } | Guest of Legatee John Reimers |
| ➤ Alison Gilmore | - } | Wife and Guest of Legatee Ian Gilmore |
| ➤ Peg Parker | - } | Guest of Legatee Trevor Parker |
| ➤ Ann Stevenson | - } | Wife and Guest of Legatee John Stevenson |
| ➤ Garry Boscacci | - } | Guest of Legatee John Capp |

Visiting Legatees

Greg Gillespie, Warrnambool Club
Paul Gould, East Gippsland Group

A Message From The President



My first week as your President has provided the opportunity to meet with a number of Legatees in the regional areas. I attended the change over functions of Benalla/Euroa/Violet Town Group and Alexandra/Yea Mansfield Group over the week end. It was a great time to share in comradeship and find out what a wonderful service they provide to our widows. I also had the pleasure to present a number of 25 year certificates, which were well received.

You will soon receive a copy of the Highlights report in the mail, which is the first of three for the year. Edition one focuses on the great work that Legatee Geoff Webb and his team have done during his year as President. May I suggest that you make use of this report in your endeavors to recruit new Legatees? There will be spare copies at Legacy House, Melbourne should you require more.

On the 19th April 2006, we will be launching the Legacy Torch Society. This is a great opportunity to recognise the valuable contribution of our Bequestors and to invite others who value the work of Legacy to consider leaving a contribution in their will. The launch of the Torch society will be held with a lunch at the Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens, with Guest Speaker Michael Downes.

On a more personal note, I will be operating out of Legacy House on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. Should you wish to email, my address is bill.rogers@legacymelb.com.au however, you may wish to just pick up the phone.

I look forward to meeting more of my fellow Legatees and widows.

Kindest Regards

Bill Rogers
President

GUEST SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, 18TH APRIL, 2006

EASTER TUESDAY

} No Luncheon

TUESDAY, 25TH APRIL, 2006

ANZAC DAY

TUESDAY, 2ND MAY, 2006

MR MIKE FITZPATRICK
RHODES SCHOLAR, FORMER FOOTBALLER

TUESDAY, 9TH MAY, 2006

MS SALLY CAPP
ANZ SENIOR EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, COLLINGWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB
"THE BUSINESS OF SPORT"

TUESDAY LUNCHEON VISITORS

At the Luncheon held on 28th March, 2006 the following visitors were present:

Visiting Legatees

Ashley Mason, Mornington Peninsula Group
Lex Lillie, Yarra Valley Group
Bob Lancaster, Yarra Valley Group
Norm Stewart, Yarra Valley Group

The President's Message



It is with pleasure that I introduce myself as your new President. I am extremely honoured to have been given the opportunity to serve.

I come from South Eastern (formerly Dandenong/West Gippsland) Group and live in Berwick with my wife Joy. We have three children, two boys and a girl, with our oldest son currently serving in Iraq.

I served with 7 Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, Vietnam 1970 – 71. My term of office is for two years, subject to confirmation for the second year.

I propose to contribute regular columns in the Bulletin so that our lines of communications can be kept open. I see this as an opportunity to share ideas and comment on items that can provide debate. As a member of a Group I would like to see more dialogue with not only Groups but with other Legacy Clubs throughout the State. I have already visited a number of Clubs and have found that there are many areas in which we can share and learn from each other. I believe that our goal is to provide the best possible service in caring for our Widows and their Dependants.

I am a relatively new boy on the block. After having first been invited to join Yarra Valley Group in 1985 I found that work commitments precluded me from continuing. In 1995 I rejoined Legacy with Dandenong/West Gippsland Group and in 2001 - 2002 I served as President of that Group. Over the past year I held the post of Vice President, Fundraising and Public Relations.

I look forward to meeting many of our Widows and their Legatees as I move around the State.

Best wishes

Bill Rogers
President

GUEST SPEAKERS

TUESDAY, 4TH APRIL, 2006

SANDIE de WOLF
BERRY STREET VICTORIA

"WHAT'S HAPPENED TO OUR CHILDREN"

TUESDAY, 11TH APRIL, 2006

AIR VICE-MARSHAL CHRISTOPHER SPENCE, AO, AM
COMMANDER JOINT LOGISTICS

"ANZAC DAY ADDRESS"

TUESDAY LUNCHEON VISITORS

At the Luncheon held on 21st March, 2006 the following visitors were present:

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| ➤ Beth Melican | - } | Guest of Legatee Pat Melican |
| ➤ Mr D'Astoli | - } | Guest of Legatee Laurie Neville |
| ➤ Tony McAdam | - } | Guest of Legatee James Mulholland |