

Message from the Immediate Past President



As I commenced writing this final message as your President I did so with mixed emotions. Two years is a long time and it is hard to single out any one event or period that stands out among any other. In my first message on the 23rd March 2006 I said that by contributing regular columns in the Bulletin I could keep the lines of communication open. In so doing I believe I have achieved my goal. With the feedback I have received I know Legatees read my message and in many cases will make comment on what I have said.

The other statement I made was that I looked forward to meeting the many Widows and their Legatees as I visited Clubs and Groups throughout the State.

I have had the privilege of visiting most Clubs, Groups and Branches twice during my term and have enjoyed their comradeship and warmth. Both Joy and I have had the privilege to meet so many wonderful people who have a passion and commitment to care not only for our widows and their dependants but also our long serving Legatees. It never ceases to amaze me as to how much effort is put into meeting the needs of widows particularly in the country.

The role of President has allowed me to make many friendships not only from within Legacy but also from the many people I have met from other ex-service organisations and Government Departments. This I believe was made possible by serving a two year term. The support I have received from Legatees, particularly the Committees and their Chairmen, the Board and Council of Management have made my role most enjoyable.

My sincere thanks for the dedication and support of David Cull and his staff, without which this organisation would not function. I have enjoyed and valued my relationship with the staff at Legacy House who have always been there for me, thank you.

As one moves on another comes in with new ideas, vigour and enthusiasm. Legatee Graeme Standish comes into the chair with much more. I have enjoyed working with Graeme as Chair of the Fundraising and Public Relations Committee and as Vice President. I now look forward to working with him during his term as President. I congratulate Graeme on his appointment as President of Melbourne Legacy and wish him well throughout his term. Background notes on Graeme can be found in the editorial on pages 1 and 2.

Finally, my apologies for my non attendance at the Annual General Meeting and the Changeover Luncheon. I am most disappointed to have missed those special events but it was taken out of my hands as my surgeon decided he needed some more practice at slicing and dicing!!

Thank you to all for your support; it has been a privilege and an honour to serve as your President.

Best wishes

Bill Rogers
Immediate Past President

On Friday 7 March Melbourne Legacy Immediate Past President Legatee Bill Rogers underwent major surgery at St John of God Hospital Berwick.

He has had a section of small bowel removed and some associated glands. The latest report is that he is making good progress and should make a full recovery.