



16 March 2023

THE PRESIDENT
LEGACY CLUB OF MELBOURNE
BOX 4312, GPO MELBOURNE, VIC 3001

Dear President

'LOOK AFTER THE MISSUS AND KIDS'¹

Please find enclosed your free Club copy of the history of Hobart Legacy Club. I commend it to your members.

An amazing son of Tasmania, MAJGEN Sir John Gellibrand started the 'Remembrance' Club in Hobart on 23rd March 2023. He saw service in the Boer War and WWI, commanding the 3rd Division 1st AIF in 1918. In the days before government assistance, Gellibrand came to the fore to give support to the bereaved veteran families of Tasmania. He had an exceptional influence on his young officers and encouraged others to form similar clubs where they lived. As we know CAPT later LTGEN Sir Stan Savige took up the challenge and established, what became the first 'Legacy' Club, in Melbourne. Savige was to say: 'close association with the grand hearted gentleman gave us a true perspective on the meaning of service to others'.

Currently in southern Tasmania, Hobart Legacy cares for 650 widows and widowers as well as 21 children.

As you know sale of the *Grevillea* 'LegacyFlame' and the Legacy Centenary Torch Relay are national Centenary activities. Enclosed please find a flier for each. I also invite you to Tassie. You may care to attend the Hobart Legacy Annual Dinner on the 15 July, 2023 or any other Centenary events on the attached list.

¹ The promise by one Australian Digger near Pozieres France during WW I to his dying mate to 'Look After the Missus and Kids.'. A Promise that is still kept by Legacy to this day.



In the trenches of the Western Front during World War I, a soldier said to his dying mate 'I'll look after the missus and kids'. This became known as The Promise – and it is still kept today.

In 2023 Legacy will commemorate 100 years of voluntary service to the families of Australian Defence Force personnel who were killed or injured as a result of their military service. Across the nation, Australians will be given the opportunity to acknowledge this proud milestone in Legacy's history.

Many Australians recognise the symbol of Legacy – its Torch and Wreath of Laurel. The Torch signifies the undying flame of service and sacrifice of those who gave their lives for Australia. The Wreath of Laurel with its points inverted is the symbol of our remembrance of them.

One national project being coordinated by Hobart Legacy volunteer Suzanne Curry is a new cultivar of the plant genus *Grevillea* (suzannecurrydesigns@gmail.com). *Grevillea* 'LegacyFlame' has been specifically chosen to resonate with the symbology of the Torch as it has an abundance of long flowering red/orange flower spikes. It is being released across Australia between January – April 2023.

The development of the *Grevillea* is for three reasons:

- to give Australian's the opportunity to thank Legacy by the purchase of the plant/s
- to increase awareness of the work of Legacy
- to raise money for Legacy's families (a royalty is attached to every plant sold)

Grevillea 'LegacyFlame' is a compact, low spreading shrub, 0.5 metre high by 1 metre across. It is easy care, water wise, beautifully coloured, long flowering, bird attracting and will grow across most of Australia's plant hardiness zones. It is low maintenance and small enough to grow in pocket sized gardens, rockeries or large tubs. It can be mass planted in larger gardens to great effect.

