



About Legacy

Australia has lost around 100,000 service men and women in conflicts around the world. Sixty thousand of those were in World War I alone. Beyond that, there are many more badly injured, both mentally and physically.

Legacy is a charity providing services to Australian families who are suffering financially and socially after the incapacitation or death of a spouse or parent, during or after their Defence Force service. It was founded by ex-servicemen in 1923 when a promise was made to a World War I Digger in the trenches, that his family would be looked after.

Ninety years on Legacy continues to keep this promise. There are 49 clubs across Australia, each responsible for the widows and their families living in the local area.

Legacy is run by over 5,900 volunteers, called Legatees. Legatees act as mentors and give their personal time and effort to support Legacy widows and their families.

Legacy relies on donations from the Australian public to continue its important work. It also calls on the community to volunteer and participate in Legacy events and fundraising activities such as Legacy Week.

Who Legacy helps

Legacy currently cares for around 90,000 widows and 1,900 dependants, ranging in age from 14 months to 109 years of age.

The people Legacy help includes:

- young families and children
- widows
- disabled dependants.



How Legacy helps

Legacy provides a broad range of support and services for Defence families such as:

- counselling
- special housing and housing maintenance assistance
- medical support
- social support
- assisting widows with pension claims
- assisting with training or obtaining qualifications for widows re-entering the work force
- supporting children's education by contributing to school fees, books and uniforms
- access to youth development programs such as Outward Bound and Young Endeavour
- holiday camps
- recreational and social activities.

Today, Legacy continues to care for Defence families from past wars, as well as from current conflicts or peace keeping missions, humanitarian or disaster relief operations, hazardous service or training at home or overseas.

Legacy is an iconic cause that is part of Australia's history and culture. Legacy was founded on the ANZAC tradition and represents important values such as mateship, compassion and service that should be celebrated and sustained.

Links

Legacy Website - www.legacy.com.au

Legacy Facebook - www.facebook.com/LegacyAustralia

Legacy Australia YouTube Channel - www.youtube.com/user/Legacy1Videos

Resources

Australian War Memorial - www.awm.gov.au

Anzac Centenary - www.anzaccentenary.gov.au