



**Supporting
our veterans'
families**

Key Messages

Remembrance Day

As the nation pauses to reflect on the sacrifices of our veterans this Remembrance Day, 11 am, November 11, please also spare a thought for their families. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. Just as we will always remember the fallen, Legacy will always be there for their families.

In 1923, Legacy made a promise to help families continue on with their lives after the loss or injury of a loved one in military service. 100 years on, we still ensure these families always have someone to turn to for support – currently supporting over 5,700 widows, widowers and families across South-East, Central and Western Queensland.

About Legacy

Legacy is an iconic Australian charity dedicated to supporting the families of our veterans. Our vision is for no spouse or child of a veteran to suffer financial or social disadvantage as a result of their loved one's death or injury from recognised military service.

Legacy strives to ensure the families of our veterans can fully realise their potential. In practical terms, Legacy provides long-term social, emotional, developmental and financial support to over 40,000 people.

Legacy is the only organisation of its kind in the world and is affectionately known as 'Australia's Biggest Family'.

As one of 44 Legacy Clubs in Australia, Legacy Brisbane supports more than 5,700 people, including 5,446 widow(er)s, 170 youth and 125 people with a disability across South-East, Central and Western Queensland.

Who we are

Legacy is one of Australia's oldest and most trusted charities. In 1923, Legacy made a promise to help veterans' families carry on with their lives after the loss or injury of their loved one.

It was a simple promise Legacy keeps today. Providing the same stability, guidance and assistance a partner would normally provide to their family.

With a group of dedicated volunteers, known as Legatees, Legacy currently supports around 40,000 widow(er)s, children and people with a disability across Australia.

How to help

Your support, as a volunteer or as a donor, can help our veterans' families in their time of greatest need.

We work every day with families experiencing grief, loss and hardship.

Your support can deliver personal, long-lasting help. Together, we can serve the families that have given so much for us.

Our Vision

No dependant of a veteran suffers financial or social disadvantage as a result of their loved ones' death or injury from service.

Our Mission

Legacy strives to ensure that the partners and children of veterans who gave their lives or health in recognised military service can fully realise their potential.

Who we support

Legacy cares for thousands of spouses and children of Australian Defence Force (ADF) members impacted by the death or serious injury of their loved one.

- Across Australia, Legacy clubs supports 40,000 people to ensure they suffer no social or financial disadvantage due to the loss or incapacitation of a veteran.
- Across South-East, Central and Western Queensland, Legacy Brisbane supports 5,446 widow(er)s, 170 youth and 125 people with a disability. To ensure Service delivery within each community, Legacy Brisbane relies on the support of 253 dedicated volunteers known as Legatees and staff. The club supports 25 partners of veterans who have given their health through the Family Assist Program.
- Across Country Queensland: Legacy Brisbane supports 173 widow(er)s, 14 youth, 2 people with a disability, and relies on the support of dedicated Legatees.
- Across Rockhampton and Central Queensland, Legacy Brisbane supports 285 widow(er)s, 13 youth, 5 people with disability, and relies on the support of dedicated Legatees.
- Across the Fraser Burnett region, Legacy Brisbane supports 453 widow(er)s, 7 youth, 3 people with disability, and relies on the support of dedicated Legatees.
- Across the Sunshine Coast, Legacy Brisbane supports 751 widow(er)s, 25 youth, 17 people with disability, and relies on the support of dedicated Legatees.
- Across Greater Brisbane, Legacy Brisbane supports 3,278 widow(er)s, 178 youth, 94 people with disability, and relies on the support of dedicated Legatees.

How we do it

Legacy relies on more than 3,600 volunteer members around Australia, known as Legatees.

Legatees are strongly committed to the ethos of “keeping the promise” and work directly with families. They provide support, friendship and mentorship to those most impacted by military service.

Legatees are the backbone of Legacy and, supported by paid staff and other volunteers, continue to deliver on Legacy’s promise.

As a volunteer member organisation, Legacy Brisbane relies on community support, donations and grants for service delivery. Legacy maintains an active and positive relationship with government but receives no regular funding.

Legacy and the Australian Defence Force have a strong relationship based on the understanding that Legacy stands by to provide a lifetime of support to a veteran’s family if needed. The ADF and ADF members volunteering their time are critical for Legacy to fundraise and provide service for those we serve.

Our history

Legacy was founded in 1923 by a small group of World War I veterans. They believed in accepting a legacy of responsibility for the welfare of the wives and children of their comrades who were killed in the war or died subsequently.

Since then, Legacy has met that commitment and continues to deliver some of the stability, guidance and assistance that a partner would normally provide to their family.

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