



It started with a promise. *Bring it Home*

Message from Steven Goakes, Campaign Chair

The Bring it Home campaign team wishes you a happy New Year. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead for the campaign and the start of the Legacy House build. I am delighted to say that we have now raised \$8.1 million for this ambitious project. We are now seeking to raise a further \$900,000 by Anzac Day to ensure the house can be built in a timely manner providing the best possible support to families and veterans.

This month, I am pleased to share that His Excellency the General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK AC(Mil) CVO MC (RETD) and Lady Lynn Cosgrove have given their support to the campaign. Sir Peter Cosgrove will work with Legacy to champion our innovative and collaborative approach to unified care for families with a veteran suffering from their military experiences.

This approach is directed at assisting veteran families with complex, multi-agency needs. Veteran families have relatively complex needs due to a confluence of factors. Compared to civilian families, they face several unique adjustment challenges that may place them at higher risk for poor health and wellbeing outcomes.

Recent research has shown that it is not just the individual (veteran) in trauma but also the family that is severely impacted and in need of support.

A collaborative model of care aims to support the family unit to navigate the complex environment of the Ex-Service Sector and Community organisations to provide holistic support that is wrapped around the family unit.

To implement a collaborative model of care, Legacy House will contain a collaborative cell where Veterans' Groups including, Mates4Mates (providing support for individuals and their partners), RSL Queensland (parenting and family support), and Open Arms (psychological and peer support) will co-locate.



Lexus Owners' Gift

Legacy Brisbane is delighted to be the recipient of the **Lexus Owners' Gift**.

For more than 20 years, instead of sending Christmas gifts to Lexus owners, the Lexus of Brisbane Group has chosen a local charity to support. In 2023, Lexus chose the Bring it Home Campaign to receive this gift for the next three years totalling \$100,000.

Allison Scifleet from the Lexus Group of Brisbane said, "The Sci-Fleet Motor group have a long-term relationship with Legacy and our staff are very aligned with their mission to support the families of veterans who sacrificed their life or health in service to our country."

"This is the first time we have taken the Lexus Owners Gift to the next level by supporting one organisation over three years. We couldn't think of a more worthwhile project to support than the Bring it Home Campaign for a new Legacy House."

The Lexus of Brisbane Group have been holding lunches for Lexus owners to learn more about the Bring it Home Campaign.

The Lexus Owners' Gift allows the successful charity the opportunity to heighten their exposure through the Lexus Owners' network and promote their charity at Lexus sponsored functions and in-dealership events. Legacy Brisbane is looking forward to being part of these events.



Sir Peter Cosgrove Visit

Legacy Brisbane recently had the privilege of hosting General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK AC(Mil) CVO MC (RETD) and Lady Lynne Cosgrove at the site of the new Legacy House in Greenslopes.



Front: L-R Montez Tahana - Keith Payne VC Unit, Emily Finley- Director of Clinical Services, Greenslopes Private Hospital, Miriam Kent, CEO Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation, Lady Lynne Cosgrove, Emma Whitehead, CEO Mates for Mates

Back: L-R Justin Greenwell, CEO Greenslopes Private Hospital, Brendan Cox, CEO Legacy Brisbane, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK AC(Mil) CVO MC (Retd), Katie Maloney, General Manager, Partnerships & Engagement, RSL Queensland

During Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Lynne Cosgrove's visit, they had the opportunity to meet with representatives from various organisations, including Legacy, RSL, Mates4Mates, Greenslopes Private Hospital, and Gallipoli Medical Research. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarise themselves with the innovative model of care that Legacy House Greenslopes will provide for veterans' families.

Sir Peter reminded us that , "Legacy is more than an institution, it is an instinct for all Australians to look after a mate and their family."

Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Lynne Cosgrove will be returning to Brisbane in April where Sir Peter will speak about his link to Legacy at Anzac commemorative events.



L-R General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK AC (Mil) CVO MC (Retd), Miriam Kent, CEO Gallipoli Medical Research, Justin Greenwell, CEO Greenslopes Private Hospital, Brendan Cox, CEO Legacy Brisbane

Celebrating Generosity and Support



By Emma Petterson

For decades, our wonderful Legatees have shared a 'cup of tea' with veterans' families. They have sat around the kitchen table to listen, understand, and respond with compassion and practical support.

To recognise our lead donors in the campaign, we've commissioned artist Emma Petterson to produce watercolour artworks that will incorporate donor names with visual references to Legacy and Legatees' experiences visiting the homes of veterans' families. Emma's vibrant style and visually striking watercolours will bring this concept to life and to the walls of Legacy House.

Since then Emma has been working on the art for the new Legacy House incorporating Legacy and Australian Defence iconography into her domestic scenery designs. We can't wait to display the final artwork in the new Legacy House.

We are delighted to share an advance view of the unfinished piece of Recognition Art to be hung in Reception:



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If you would like to know more or are interested in supporting this campaign, contact Kelly Burmester, Campaign Director at campaign@bringithome.org.au or (07) 3029 5620.