



**MINUTES
THE LEGACY CLUB OF BRISBANE LIMITED
ACN 608 282 631**

**10th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
4:00PM, THURSDAY 3TH APRIL 2025**

**Convened at Legacy House with members attending in person and
via Zoom Meeting**

1. Opening and Remembrance

The President, Legatee Dr Annabel McGuire, welcomed everyone in attendance, be they attending in person at Legacy House or via Zoom. The President welcomed Reece Jory from UHY Haines Norton. The President noted that this is the 10th Annual General Meeting of the res-structured Club and would have been the 96th AGM of the original Club.

The President called on Legatee Bill Crossman to recite *In Flander's Fields*.

The President recited a list of departed comrades since the 2024 AGM:

- Legatee Kevin Byrne – Retired Warwick
- Legatee Norman Clarke – Retired Legacy House
- Legatee Dennis Collyer – South East
- Legatee Peter Hughes – Retired Gympie
- Legatee Valerie Klingberg – North West
- Legatee Donald Lewis – Moreton Bay
- Legatee Ian McVie – Redlands
- Legatee Mavis Robb (and Legacy Widow) – Retired Sunshine Coast
- Legatee Peter Smith – Retired North West
- Legatee Erroll Weatherall – North West

The President asked everyone to remain standing for one minute's silence in remembrance.

The President read the *Legacy Ode*.

2. Roll Call and Apologies

L/Bill Crossman reported attendance and stated there were 15 Legatees in attendance at Legacy House and 10 Legatees via Zoom. All 25 attendees are entitled to vote, and no proxy votes were received.

The list of attendees and apologies can be found on Appendix 1 of these minutes.

The President stated that the meeting required 21 voting members, who are entitled to vote, to be present. We therefore have a quorum, and all details have been provided to the Secretary for recording in the Minutes.

The President acknowledged that the Club has convened at Legacy House and extended using Zoom. The benefit of using such technology readily included our regional members. The President advised that as the meeting progressed, Adele Elze would be at the laptop to provide assistance to those on Zoom.

3. Previous Minutes

The President advised that the minutes of last year's AGM were circulated with the Notice for this meeting. The President asked for a proposer and a seconder to accept the Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday, 4 April 2024.

Proposer: L/ Rob Murray

Seconder: L/Merritt Watson

Resolution: Carried

4. President's Report to the Membership

On behalf of the Legacy Club of Brisbane, the President, L/Dr Annabel McGuire, delivered the President's Report, highlighting the following key achievements and updates for 2024:

- **Beneficiary Support:** Legacy Brisbane supported over 3,900 beneficiaries across Southeast, Central, and Western Queensland. This included 3,613 widows and widowers, 115 people with disabilities, 191 Legacy youth, and 66 partners and children of incapacitated veterans. Support was delivered through wellbeing contacts, social activities, advocacy, and service linkages.
- **Volunteer Engagement:** The President acknowledged the efforts of Legacy's 286 Legatees, staff, and volunteers. Special mention was made of the work undertaken by the 39 Laurel and Care Clubs in reducing social isolation.
- **Engagement with Legatees:** The President and Board members Kerry and Anne attended several contact group meetings. These engagements provided valuable insights and informed Legacy's strategic planning.
- **Intergenerational Connections:** A successful collaboration with the Australian Catholic University connected Vietnam War widows with students, fostering meaningful intergenerational relationships and reducing social isolation.
- **Strategic Planning:** A new Strategic Plan (2025–2029) was endorsed, focusing on five key pillars:
 1. Leadership & Governance
 2. Service Delivery
 3. Financial Sustainability
 4. People & Culture
 5. Philanthropy, Fundraising & Communication

The philanthropic pillar was highlighted as a key development to support sustainable service delivery and volunteer engagement.

- **Legacy House Project:** The "Bring it Home" campaign concluded successfully. Construction of the new Legacy House at Greenslopes is scheduled to begin in 2025, with the aim of housing multiple veteran support organisations under one roof.
- **Board Changes:** The President acknowledged the resignations of L/Rob Murray and L/Kerry Parry from the Board. L/Murray was commended for his work on the Learning Management System, while L/Parry's ongoing commitment to grassroots Legacy work and her financial expertise were gratefully noted.
- **Closing Remarks:** The President expressed deep gratitude to all Legatees, staff, volunteers, and supporters. With the new strategic direction and upcoming projects, Legacy Brisbane is well-positioned to meet future challenges and continue its mission.

The President proposed acceptance of the President's report.

Proposer: L/Annabel McGuire

Seconder: L/Anne Irwin

Resolution: Carried

5. 2026 Members Subscription

In accordance with the constitution of the Legacy Club of Brisbane, this item is included in the General Meeting agenda. Members of Legacy Brisbane, have an obligation to pay an annual subscription.

The amount payable is the sum determined by the directors and approved by the Club in the general meeting. The annual subscription has been set at \$20. These funds are used to cover Club expenses that are not related to the support of our dependants, and it also confirms your wish to continue to serve as a Legatee for another year.

It was proposed that the Legacy Club of Brisbane Annual membership subscription remain at \$20 for 2026.

Proposer: L/Phil Lilliebridge

Seconder: L/Bill Crossman

Resolution: Carried

6. Presentation of the Financial Statement

The Treasurer, L/Kerry Parry, presented the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2024 as tabled.

The Treasurer proposed that the Legacy Club of Brisbane Financial Statements be accepted.

Proposer: L/Kerry Parry

Seconder: L/Don Roach

Resolution: Carried

7. Election of Directors

At the conclusion of the 2024 AGM, the Club had elected 9 directors.

In accordance with the constitution of the Club, the directorships of Legatee Crowley, Irwin, Johnson, McGuire, Middleton, Roach and Mr Smith will continue for another year.

L/Murray retired from the board 25 November 2025 and with effect from the end of this meeting, Legatee Parry will retire from office.

Three vacancies therefore exist on the Board.

The following written nominations for election to the position of director have been received:

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| Legatee Anthony Birch | Proposed: L/Annabel McGuire | Seconder: L/Don Roach |
| Prof Elisabeth Findlay | Proposed: L/Don Roach | Seconder: L/Andrew Middleton |
| Legatee Phill Lilliebridge | Proposed: L/Anthony Ralph | Seconder: L/Rex Isherwood |

The number of candidates for election is equal to the number of vacancies on the Board, I therefore declare Legatees Birch, Findlay and Lilliebridge as duly elected as directors.

The 2025 Directors will be:

- Legatee Anthony Birch
- Legatee Todd Crowley
- Professor Elisabeth Findlay
- Legatee Anne Irwin
- Legatee Dr Amy Johnson
- Legatee Phillip Lilliebridge
- Legatee Dr Annabel McGuire
- Legatee Andrew Middleton
- Legatee Simon (Don) Roach
- Mr Paul Smith

In accordance with the Constitution, office bearers will be elected by the Directors at their meeting next week, Monday, 7th April 2025.

The President congratulated the election of all directors.

8. Presentation of 2024 Annual Review

The 2024 Annual Review contains

- The President's report from L/Annabel McGuire
- The CEO Report
- And highlights from the year's activities and achievements alongside those who Legacy supports - across southeast, central, and regional areas of Queensland.
- Summary financial statements

The Review is also available via the Legatee Online Guide

I commend the 2024 Annual Review to you to read and share.

9. Appointment of Honorary Solicitor

Legacy Brisbane has been supported well over recent years by the partners and staff of Murdoch Lawyers. The Board of Directors advises that, pending any comment by members, Murdoch Lawyers will be appointed as the Honorary Solicitors for 2025.

The President called for a proposer and a seconder that Murdoch Lawyers be appointed Honorary Solicitor for Legacy Brisbane for the ensuing year.

Proposer: L/Anne Irwin

Seconder: L/Kerry Parry

Resolution: Carried

10. General Business

No items of general business were raised.

11. Close

The **President** thanked members for attending and invited them to stay for refreshments. The President declared the meeting closed at 4.23pm.

Confirmation

Confirmed as an accurate record of meeting held on Thursday, 3 April 2025.

Confirmed:.....

Dated:

Legatee Annabel McGuire
President

IN FLANDERS' FIELDS

"In Flanders' Fields" was written by a Canadian Physician, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae on May 3, 1915. It remains one of the most memorable war poems ever written. Legacy has adopted "In Flanders' Fields" as its own.

**In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hand we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.**

THE LEGACY ODE

The Legacy Ode was adapted from the second verse of the American Poet RW Lilliard's "An American Answer" written in 1918 as an answer to the challenge within "In Flanders' Fields". The Legacy Ode is often read at Legacy functions, meetings, handover lunches and dinners and at other special events.

**Fear not that you have died for naught
The torch you threw to us we caught.
And now our hands will hold it high
Its glorious light shall never die,
We'll not break faith with you who lie
On many a field.**

Lest we forget.

The Charter of Legacy

The Spirit of Legacy is Service.

The care of dependants of those who served their country; namely, veterans who gave their lives or health on operational service or subsequently, and Australian Defence Force members who die in service as a result of their service, affords a field for service.

Safeguarding the interests of dependants, especially children, is a service worth rendering.

Personal effort is the main essential.

Inasmuch as these are the activities of Legacy, it is our privilege to accept the legacy of the fallen.

Appendix 1

List of Legatees in at Legacy House:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>L/Sue Holder</i>• <i>L/John Holder</i>• <i>L/Anne Irwin</i>• <i>L/Verona Lowndes</i>• <i>L/Rob Murray</i>• <i>L/Glenn Willmann</i>• <i>L/Meritt Watson</i>• <i>L/Tony Ralph</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>L/Bill Crossman</i>• <i>L/Peter Ruff</i>• <i>L/Andrew Middleton</i>• <i>L/Don Roach</i>• <i>L/Annabel McGuire</i>• <i>L/Phil Lilliebridge</i>• <i>L/Bev Summers</i> |
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List of Legatees via Zoom:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>L/Graeme Inglis</i>• <i>L/Malcolm Rerden</i>• <i>L.Alexandra Roy</i>• <i>L/Diane Applewhite</i>• <i>L/Robert Holmes</i>• <i>L/Andrew Craig</i>• <i>L/Doug Parry</i>• <i>L/Paul Power</i> | |
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List of Board directors via Zoom:

- *L/Kerry Parry*
- *L/Amy Johnson*

List of Legacy Staff in attendance:

- *Ms Pam Krueger (Company Secretary)*
- *Mr Brendan Cox (CEO)*
- *Ms Adele Elze (Minute Taker)*

List of Guests in attendance:

- *Mr Reece Jory (Auditor)*

List of Legatees apologies:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>L/Dr Christian Rowan</i>• <i>L/Donna Seeney</i>• <i>L/Amanda Choice</i>• <i>L/Ian Aves</i> | |
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