

2025–2026
Annual Report

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Board Attendance (Sep 2025 –Aug 2026)

11 Board meetings per year

Board Member	Total
L/Heather Willis	11
L/Meredith Wyles	10
L/David Cunningham	10
L/Sue Andrew	10
L/Alex Brown	8
L/Fred Hull	7
L/Karin Davies*	6
L/Philip Harris**	3

*Filled casual vacancy from March 2026

**Resigned Nov 2025

Committees and Chairs

Finance, Audit and Risk
Chair L/Alex Brown

Governance, Nominations and Remuneration
Chair L/Heather Willis

Membership
Chair L/Robert Willis and previously L/Philip Harris

Beneficiaries
Chair L/Meredith Wyles

Marketing and Development
Chair L/David Cunningham

Centenary
Chair L/Heather Willis

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President's Report


Heather Willis

For over a century, Legacy has kept The Promise to Defence Force veterans whose families have needed our help to grow and thrive despite their loss. Today the Legacy Club of South Australia and Broken Hill is keeping the flame alive with a renewed focus driven by the revised Code of Legacy.

This year has seen significant positive impacts through programs driven by our Strategic Plan aimed at achieving our core purpose - to care for the dependents of deceased and incapacitated veterans - and our vision - that no dependent of those who gave their lives or health as a result of serving our country suffers financial or social disadvantage.

We have abiding relationships with organisations in the veteran community and these are growing. Proximity to the Returned & Services League means mutual support at State and local levels reflecting the bond established by our respective national bodies through a memorandum of understanding. This is also true of our network of corporate supporters - businesses across the spectrum, including health, banking, retail and Defence-related industries, are proving that they understand the need and are willing to go the extra step. I thank the American Chamber of Commerce in Australia in particular for our 3-year partnership which is helping to build this network.

Legacy depends on the ongoing generosity of the public through fundraisers large and small, and individual donations and bequests. Heartfelt thanks also go to service clubs and 'friends' of Legacy who support youth programs, allied health, garden/home maintenance, legal services and much more. The annual Legacy Week in September is a perfect demonstration of public support and this year will see a new initiative as we undertake a regional tour across the north of our State and as far Broken Hill.

Our Members, known as Legatees, continued their invaluable work providing an essential connection to many Legacy families throughout the year, and we are ably supported by a compact, skilled and professional staff with new faces this year who have been learning and innovating. The challenges right now are to encourage more like-minded people to join us and for us to find those families in our community who still need our support.

To our Patron, Her Excellency The Honourable Frances Adamson AC, thank you for your generous support throughout your tenure. We all wish you and Mr Bunten the very best for the future. I also thank Government Ministers and their agencies who are focused on veterans and families issues for your engagement with us this year. We can achieve much together.

As I end my term as President, I reflect on our achievements over the past few years. Transition to the Torrens Training Depot has proven highly beneficial and we are well established within the precinct. We have been building relationships and boosting our profile, overhauling corporate and financial functions, strengthening compliance and transforming our business systems to ensure our Club is well equipped to operate as effectively as possible. Careful financial management will be needed to ensure the benefits of these significant and necessary investments are fully realised. Our own centenary is approaching in 2028 and I acknowledge and thank all of my predecessors for their care, energy and vision in stewarding Legacy along the way, as well as the Legatees and Staff who have contributed selflessly to our success.

Everyone's needs evolve and we remain committed to supporting our beneficiaries regardless of their stage in life, whether their journey with us is long or short, whether they need complex and long-lasting assistance or simply a cup of tea and someone to listen from time to time. We do this because we believe in the mission and we see what can be achieved when families flourish, when young people emerge as self-sufficient and engaged in the world, when parents feel heard, supported and fulfilled, and when older people are safe, connected and happy. I look forward with optimism to an other successful year for Legacy in 2027.

Chair's Report


Meredith Wyles

This year has been one of consolidation as we use organisational and governance changes to ensure we are working as efficiently and sustainably as we can. This has included some staff changes, a more in depth look at marketing strategy, and, with a view to the compliance requirements of our own organisation as well as external bodies, an update of all major policies and procedures. Along with access to all governance documents, legatees now receive an updated Member Handbook that details their role as a Legatee, and a Support and Services Handbook informing them of the assistance available to our beneficiaries via our own staff or external providers.

Although the safety of all our beneficiaries has always been paramount, following the example set by Legacy Australia Inc this year, the Board wholeheartedly endorsed a written Child Safe Statement of Commitment. It can be read at page 12 of this report.

Last year I noted that we must align our suite of support and services to the needs of today's families. It has become even more necessary in 2026. In October 2025 the clubs that make up Legacy Australia agreed to remove the need for a veteran to have had operational service as one of the criteria of eligibility for Legacy support.

This is a major change to the Code of Legacy and should have a twofold effect – opening the doors for many more families to receive our assistance and making Legacy itself far more relevant and attractive to today's contemporary veterans and their families.

A close eye continues to be kept on our financial and investment strategies, and risk factors such as cybersecurity. We have partnered with a specialist cybersecurity provider to reduce the latter risk and maintain a long-standing partnership that keeps our investments secure.

Thank you to all Directors, Legatees, and staff who have supported me so well in my role as Chair this year. Many thanks also to our corporate sponsors (new and old), friends of Legacy, and individual sponsors who have made our 98th year so rewarding. We look forward to your continued support as we move ever closer to our centenary year of 2028 and the excitement that will bring.

CEO's Report


Dan Demaria

It has been a busy financial year for Legacy South Australia and Broken Hill.

We have continued to deliver on our FY26-28 3-year Strategic Plan across our five strategic pillars:

Support & Care
This year we welcomed REDARC Defence & Space with a 3-year partnership which will fund a new mental health wellbeing program for our Beneficiary Families. We also continued mental health training for our Legatees to better equip them for interactions with our families. We secured RAA as a corporate partner to deliver driving lessons for our youth. We expanded our Community Services team with an additional Social Worker in Amy Drews and promoted Emma Waites to Senior Social Worker with a focus on more complex case management.

Our Community Engagement
Besides REDARC and RAA above we also welcomed Beyond Bank as corporate partners and are in advanced discussions with others. Thank you also to all who bought a table to our Legacy Week Corporate Breakfast, bid on an item at an AMCHAM lunch or sponsored our Race Day. Thank you also to the American Chamber of Commerce in Australia for a third year of strong partnership. BAE continued to fund our education grants with 55 grants being distributed to Legacy SA&BH children. Veterans SA also funded an additional grant to help produce our Centenary Podcast. We thanked Minister Joe Szakacs for his support and welcomed him as a Legatee. With a change of portfolio we enjoyed strong early support from incoming Veterans Affairs State Minister Chris Picton as well as incoming DVA Deputy Commissioner SA Jenn Buckler. We strengthened our partnership with our senior ADF leaders and also forged a new partnership with the Law Society of South Australia with the aim to grow our Gift in Will revenue.

Brand & Marketing
With a relatively new marketing team (now called "Engagement & Development") we launched a new approach to our marketing featuring our Beneficiary Families talking about their positive experience of Legacy – this activity aims to attract more Beneficiary Families, Corporate Partners, Donors and Gift in Wills. We had strong activity in our fundraising program which delivered 18% above budget. We also planned and delivered over 50 events across fundraising, friend-raising, commemoration, Beneficiary and Member meetings. While Gift in Will revenue was down and largely out of our control, we introduced new programs to raise awareness including partnerships with online Will provider Safewill, the Law Society and advertising in the Tributes section of The Advertiser and Sunday Mail.

Governance
All club policies were reviewed and revised and the annual ACNC self-audit completed. A fully populated Risk Register was developed with regular review of the Board and FAR Committee. NPC and WWCC compliance had a major focus and I thank all Legatees and staff who ensured their checks remained current.

Our Future
We reappointed our investment partner Morgan Stanley after completing a mandatory review. MS have continued to deliver strong returns for our Club. We invested in a new club database to better manage the relationships with all of our stakeholders. We continued to invest in our staff, Legatees and our community and corporate Volunteers to ensure we have the right skill-set and resourcing to deliver our services.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board for their ongoing support and, in particular, Board Chair L/Meredith Wyles and outgoing President L/Heather Willis for their personal mentorship and support for my role.

Treasurer's Report


Alex Brown

The 2025/26 financial year was a challenging one for Legacy from an operating perspective. The Welfare Account recorded a deficit of $773,797, compared with a surplus of $135,644 in the previous year. This was principally attributable to a significant reduction in bequest income, together with increased employee and administration costs during the year.

There were, however, several positive aspects to the result. Revenue from Legacy's ongoing activities increased by approximately $186,000 to $642,239, with Anzac Day donations and appeals increasing by approximately $62,000 and grant income by approximately $47,000. Bequests remain an important, although inherently variable, source of income. Other income reduced from approximately $875,000 in 2024/25 to $430,000 in 2025/26, largely due to a reduction of approximately $441,000 in general bequests.

Operating expenditure also increased. Employee benefits expense rose by approximately $374,000 to $1.244 million, reflecting additional staff engaged during the year, while administration and office expenditure increased by approximately $96,000 to $272,000. These increases reinforce the need to maintain appropriate financial discipline while ensuring Legacy has the resources required to properly support our beneficiaries.

The financial assistance provided to our beneficiaries remains central to everything Legacy does. During 2025/26, expenditure directly associated with beneficiary welfare and support totalled $727,000. This included assistance with household and energy costs, education and youth development, health and wellbeing, accommodation, social activities and emergency support. This expenditure reflects our continuing commitment to The Promise.

Our investment portfolio again made an important contribution to Legacy's overall financial position. Investment revenue for the year was approximately $812,000, while financial assets increased by approximately $1.094 million to $15.361 million.

Despite the operating deficit, Legacy's overall net assets increased by approximately $706,000, from $16.666 million to $17.372 million as of 30 June 2026. We acknowledge and thank Morgan Stanley for its ongoing management of the portfolio and its contribution to preserving the long-term financial strength of the Club.

Cash and liquidity will require continued attention in the year ahead. Cash and cash equivalents reduced from approximately $657,000 to $283,000 during the year and the 2026/27 forecast anticipates a further operating deficit. Importantly, the auditors concluded that there was no material uncertainty regarding Legacy's ability to continue as a going concern, recognising the substantial liquid financial assets available to support the organisation as required.

The Members Account remained healthy, standing at $135,000 as at 30 June 2026 compared with approximately $144,000 at the end of the previous year. Membership subscriptions and Members' activities continue to be carefully managed to ensure the account remains sustainable while supporting the fellowship and activities of Legatees.

The audit for the year was completed at the time of reporting and subject to the normal year-end formalities, William Buck advised that it expected to issue an unmodified audit opinion. This is a pleasing outcome and provides Members with confidence in the integrity of Legacy's financial reporting.

As always, our primary focus remains the needs of our beneficiaries. This must be balanced with responsible stewardship of Legacy's resources so that we can continue to honour The Promise, both today and for future generations. I acknowledge the dedicated efforts of our Chief Executive Officer, Staff, fellow Board Members and Legatees throughout the year. While the 2025/26 operating result requires continued attention and disciplined financial management, the Club remains in a sound overall financial position, with net assets of approximately $17.4 million and a substantial investment portfolio. With prudent management, careful oversight of expenditure and investments, and ongoing community support, we can look forward with confidence to continuing to provide much-needed assistance to our beneficiaries for as long as it is required.



Core Purpose

To care for the dependents of deceased and incapacitated veterans in South Australia & Broken Hill.



Our Values

Personal Service.
Empathy.
Understanding.
Commitment.
Caring.



Our Vision

That no dependant of those who gave their lives or health as a result of serving their country suffers financial or social disadvantage.



Support & Care

Build and provide a diverse range of relevant services and support for all beneficiary families.

Our Community Engagement

Build strong and valued relationships for our internal and external stakeholder ecosystem.



Our Strategic Plan

Brand & Marketing

Build and live what we stand for as a brand through owned, earned and paid assets.

Governance

Build effective governance through strong leadership and accountability.

Our Future

Build a sustainable future across financial, organisational and cultural objectives.

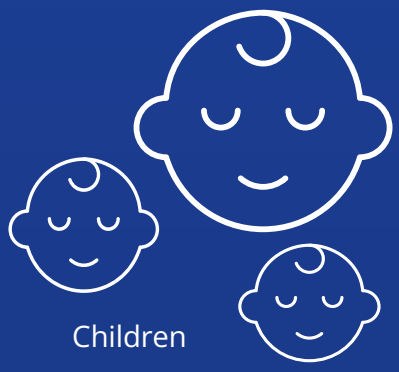
Our Impact

Beneficiaries



Partners

1,926



Children

102



53 Adult People with a Disability

Events

1,621

Beneficiaries in total attended Legacy events



Beneficiary Events

26

(Luncheons, Christmas Party)



5 Youth Events

Youth



4

Health Costs



102

Christmas Vouchers



15

Personal Development Grants



102

Birthday Vouchers



34

School Uniforms



40

Sports Grants





9

Computers purchased for Education



50

Driving Lessons



55 Education Grants

Our Impact

Support

30 Bus Trips

82 Utility Grants

TAXI

35 Cab Charges

36 100th Birthday Flowers

Accommodation

23 Holiday unit bookings at Victor Harbor

15 Residents housed in Broken Hill including Legacy Beneficiaries

Crisis accommodation unit in the city **1**

Other General Grants

1,664 Christmas Puddings delivered to Beneficiaries

1 Aviation Headset brought for a student pilot

1 Mobility Scooter Purchased

1 Paediatrician Assessment

2 Orthodontic treatments funded

1 Elite Sailing pathway funded

2,374 Social Work Team contacts with beneficiaries

Child Safe Commitment

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CHILD SAFE
STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Legacy South Australia and Broken Hill is committed to the safety, wellbeing, and empowerment of all children and young people who engage with our organisation.

We uphold the rights of every child to feel safe, to be heard, and to thrive in environments that protect and value them. As an organisation entrusted with the care and support of young people, we take seriously our legal and moral responsibilities to create and maintain a child safe culture.

The Board of Legacy South Australia and Broken Hill fully supports and endorses the implementation of Child Safe Standards, and all relevant legislative obligations.

This statement is endorsed by the Board of Legacy South Australia and Broken Hill and will be publicly available on our website and in all operational sites.

Director Name	Signature	Date
L/Meredith Wyles (Chair)		02/2026
L/Heather Willis (President)		02/2026

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Finance Audit & Risk

The Finance, Audit & Risk Committee met throughout the year with the CEO and management to oversee the Club's financial performance, investment position, governance and key organisational risks. Particular attention was given to the emerging FY2025/26 operating deficit, liquidity management and the development of the FY2026/27 budget. Monthly and interim financial reporting to Committee members was also improved during the year to enable more timely oversight of financial performance.

Investment governance remained a major focus. Following a review of the Club's investment arrangements, including asset allocation, fees, historical performance, service standards and liquidity requirements, the Committee recommended the continued appointment of Morgan Stanley as investment manager for a further three years. The Committee also supported adjustments to the portfolio from a higher-growth position toward a more moderate growth allocation and established a $1 million liquidity buffer to assist in meeting operating and beneficiary commitments while managing investment and market risk.

A significant amount of work was also undertaken to strengthen the Club's financial governance framework. The Committee reviewed and progressed a revised Finance Policy, together with work on Budget, Bequest and Fraud Avoidance policies. Financial reporting processes were strengthened, liquidity risk was formally incorporated into the Risk Register, and work continued improving GST accrual reporting and financial controls.

Risk management remained an important area of responsibility. The Committee reviewed and refined the Club's Risk Register, with significant risks elevated for Board oversight. Focus was given to declining beneficiary numbers, liquidity and market volatility, data migration and the future scope of services provided by Legacy. The Committee also recommended the appointment of Legatee, Philip Harris to strengthen its legal, governance and risk expertise.

The Committee also broadened its focus beyond expenditure control to the sustainability of future income. The significant reduction in bequests during the year was identified as a key financial risk, resulting in increased attention to gifts-in-wills, engagement with estate planning professionals, the SafeWill initiative and greater community awareness of Legacy's ongoing role. Government-funded veteran and Defence family wellbeing programs and corporate partnerships were also identified as opportunities to diversify future revenue.

In formulating the FY2026/27 budget, the Committee recognised that the forecast deficit could not represent a sustainable long-term operating position. The budget was nevertheless supported as a period of targeted investment in beneficiary services, fundraising, marketing and future income generation, subject to disciplined expenditure management, realistic income assumptions and carefully planned investment drawdowns.

The Committee has continued to work closely with the Board, CEO and management to ensure that Legacy maintains appropriate financial discipline while retaining the capacity to deliver meaningful support to our beneficiaries. I thank my fellow Committee members, the CEO and staff for their contribution throughout the year.



Our Legacy Youth leading the 2026 ANZAC Day March

Governance

The responsibilities of the Governance, Nominations and Remuneration (GNR) Committee include: oversight of compliance with legislation, regulatory obligations and the Club Constitution; shaping of policies and codifying best practice; planning for Board and committee succession; assuring appropriate induction, development and performance evaluation of Directors; and CEO recruitment, evaluation and remuneration.

In relation to compliance, in mid-2025 the Committee and CEO undertook an internal audit of Club adherence to the Governance Standards published by our regulator, the Australian Charities and Non-for-Profits Commission. The result was positive and the identified improvement strategies have been addressed progressively over the last twelve months. The audit was a highly valuable exercise. It confirmed the Club is being administered appropriately and has allowed strengthening in areas that needed some attention. To acknowledge the importance of compliance the Board recently approved the new Legal Compliance Policy, Compliance Management Framework and related procedures.

More broadly, the Board set an agenda in 2024 to overhaul the Club's information systems including the refresh of all governing documentation and its accessibility through modernised business tools. The hard work to release new and updated policies is now largely complete. Subordinate procedures, handbooks, guides, forms etc are also well advanced and remaining items are due for release by the end of this year.

This has been an extensive exercise with research, analysis, drafting and peer review undertaken by committees and staff, and with the help of numerous Legatees exploiting the broad expertise available within our organisation. In the process, under the guidance of our CEO, the Club has also launched a new and improved website, modernised the electronic business tools and is finalising the transfer of all records to the new CRM database. These new tools provide easy access, allow targeted monitoring and reporting, and facilitate continuous improvement into the future. Training for system users will follow shortly. Many thanks go to all who have been involved in this significant and transformative endeavour.

The GNR Committee has been supporting the Board in its own governance improvements with a formal Director Induction program now in place, and the Directors skills survey and self-evaluation programs have also been established as part of a revised annual Board calendar. These features allow the Board to address Director education and continuing development for best performance and ensure it has a strategically focussed agenda throughout the year.

A review of the Club Constitution has identified some required administrative changes as a result of the revised Code of Legacy. These changes have been endorsed by the Board and are collated for consideration at the Club AGM in September 2026. The GNR Committee also supports the President and Board in some matters referred from Legacy Australia. Most recently, the Committee reviewed a proposed new Legacy Movement Strategic Plan that is discrete from Legacy Australia and gives the Movement its own planning vehicle. It is pleasing that the Club's contribution has been largely adopted.




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Membership

The Membership Committee has a dual function in managing policies relating to membership including training and development, as well as an oversight function delegated by the Board for encouraging and processing new membership, transfer of members, and ensuring members remain current with regulatory requirements. The committee normally meets bi-monthly.

The main tasks for the year were completion of the Member Handbook for publication as well as drafting a new Membership Policy. The Member Handbook was finalised and launched in early 2026. This is the companion to the Member Directory and provides an overview of the organisation and operation of the Club for new and existing members.

The new policy gathers the policy aspects of a number of older Administrative Instructions, updated where required and published in one document. This was done through a review of existing documentation, clarifying regulatory requirements for volunteers in organisations like Legacy, and codifying practices which had developed outside existing guidelines. The policy was approved by the Board on 31 July 2026.

Some time has also been devoted to developing Legatee training and development documentation. This includes a revision of the existing Administrative Instruction on the subject into an updated policy document, as well as setting clear training objectives for new Legatees. The Category One and Two training content is being updated and new training materials capable of being conducted online are being tested and will be introduced gradually.

The committee also manages the running of the monthly Members luncheon meetings and has been able to select interesting guest speakers at these events. The Naval, Military and Air Force Club has been the venue of choice during the past year but the committee remains mindful of alternatives so that the meetings are accessible by all metropolitan Legatees.



Beneficiaries

In October 2025 the 43 Clubs which together make up the Legacy movement in Australia made an exciting decision that lead to a significant change to the Code of Legacy. This change removed from the Code the necessity for a veteran to have either died or been injured *during* service or to have seen *operational* service before their family could be eligible for Legacy support. The removal of the need for operational service has opened up the possibility of Legacy support to the families of all veterans (including those who had a period of Continuous Full Time Service as Reservists) and to families of currently serving veterans who are medically separating from the ADF under Medical Employment Classification 5 and will no longer be able to support their families.

This major change will ensure that Legacy remains relevant for contemporary veterans and their families, whilst also extending eligibility and support to families of older veterans.

Amendments to the Code have seen the Beneficiaries Committee kept busy, with a number of new or amended policies being required to cover all aspects of the changes. An overarching Beneficiary Policy to define the new criteria, a Beneficiary Protection Policy (including a new Child Safe Commitment Statement of Commitment), a Beneficiary Activities policy, and a Beneficiary Club and Social Group policy have all been approved by the Board after consideration and drafting by the committee with the invaluable input of the Community Services Manager. All policies now include reference to a trauma informed approach when interacting with beneficiaries.

As well as the new policies, the Board has approved a “Support and Services Handbook” to assist all Legatees in their work with beneficiaries. Thank you to all committee members and the CSM for bringing this lengthy process to fruition.

Monthly lunches continue to combat social isolation and bring joy to the lives of many of our metropolitan beneficiaries – as do the two-monthly Sunday lunches attended by our Intergenerational group in the metropolitan area. With the addition of an extra social worker to the team the CSM has been able to personally reach out to beneficiaries in the regions so that they too can enjoy more of the benefits of being a member of the Legacy family.

The Phone Out service and the Christmas Pudding Run continue to reach those who may not have regular contact. Many thanks to the legatees and volunteers who make possible both programs.

Sadly, our numbers remain in decline, mostly due to the age of partners of deceased WW2 veterans. On 30th June 2025 there were 2,385 beneficiaries whilst at 30th June 2026 there were 2,112 – comprising 1,956 partners/widows, 102 dependent youth under 25 years, and 54 adult dependents with a disability. We trust that awareness of the new eligibility criteria will see an increase in the number of contemporary families seeking support in the future.

The Youth Committee continues to provide fun family days for beneficiaries, and specialised training for those legatees who choose to work with families with children. Some older youths have taken up roles as Youth Ambassadors and provide exceptional support and mentoring to younger beneficiaries. Legatees and staff work hard to ensure that all younger beneficiaries are well equipped for school, tertiary education, employment, and life in general.

Thank you to all committee members and staff for your dedication and support throughout the year. Your work truly does help Legacy achieve its core purpose of caring for the dependents of deceased and incapacitated veterans across South Australia and Broken Hill.









Our Legacy Army Bear at the Global Information Summit

Marketing & Development

The Marketing and Development Committee continued to provide strategic oversight of Legacy's fundraising, brand and engagement activities throughout FY2025–26, focusing on delivering the Strategic Plan while building the capability required to support Legacy's long-term sustainability. Working closely with the Engagement and Development team, the Committee oversaw significant progress in fundraising, digital transformation and supporter engagement.

A key priority was the continued evolution of Legacy's fundraising model. Alongside established campaigns including Legacy Week, Remembrance Day and End of Financial Year appeals, the Committee delivered a standout Anzac Day direct mail appeal and community activation at the Union Hotel. Legacy Week was also refined to streamline collection locations and improve operational delivery, establishing a stronger foundation for future years with a view to create moments of higher visibility and return.

The introduction of a Gifts in Wills program through SafeWill, alongside our capital city club counterparts marked an important step in diversifying Legacy's income and creating opportunities for long-term support.

The year also saw significant progress in Legacy's digital transformation. The implementation of Funraisin website, Humanitix for event management and continued integration with Salesforce has laid the foundations for a more connected supporter experience and improved donor stewardship. Supported by Secure State as our technology and cyber security partner, together with EnvyUs as website and social campaign development specialists, these investments position Legacy to better understand supporter engagement, strengthen donor relationships and deliver more personalised communications.

Strategic partnerships continued to strengthen Legacy's reach and capability. We value the ongoing support of BAE Systems and welcomed the development of new relationships withREDARC Defence & Space, the REDARC Group, Beyond Bank and RAA. Collaboration across the Legacy network

also increased, with capital city Clubs working together to streamline creative production, share resources and present a more consistent national message.

Storytelling remained central to our engagement strategy. The production of beneficiary stories, including the Hajek family film as part of The Living Promise Film project, together with continued growth in photography, video and digital content, has created a valuable library of assets to support future fundraising and awareness campaigns. We also experienced growing interest from organisations seeking corporate volunteering opportunities, reflecting increasing awareness of Legacy and its work supporting the families of veterans.

Working collaboratively with Legacy Australia and other Clubs, Legacy South Australia & Broken Hill contributed to the national public relations campaign supporting changes to the code and constitution, helping communicate expanded eligibility and raise awareness of Legacy's services among veterans' families. The Talk To Us campaign was adapted and delivered to increase the visibility of Legacy to prospective beneficiaries.

Community engagement remained a priority throughout the year. The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Awards again provided young people with an opportunity to develop their public speaking skills while learning about service, sacrifice and Legacy's enduring commitment to supporting the families of veterans. A display within the ADF precinct at the bp Grand Final car race increased visibility in the community and proved a fundraising success amidst 3 days of rain reducing track visitation.

The most significant achievement of the past twelve months has been the foundation established for the future. Through investment in modern systems, strategic partnerships, authentic storytelling and diversified fundraising, Legacy is better positioned to strengthen supporter relationships, grow sustainable, diversified income and further establish itself as a leading charity supporting the families of veterans across South Australia and Broken Hill.

The Committee thanks our Legatees, staff, volunteers, corporate partners and supporters for their continued commitment. Their generosity, expertise and advocacy enable Legacy to support the families of veterans today while building a stronger organisation for the future.



76th Annual Legacy Race Day 2025



2025 Legacy Week Corporate Breakfast



2025 ADL 500 Weekend



The finalists in The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Awards Final

Centenary

The Board established the Centenary Committee in 2024 to design a program in recognition of the century of Legacy in South Australian & Broken Hill. The milestone, 14 February 2028, is a historic moment in the life of the Club and deserves to be celebrated. It also affords the opportunity to attract new members and volunteers, collaborate with the veteran and business communities and the Federal and State Governments, and to educate the general public on programs that support Legacy Families now and into the future.

The Committee identified several key activities requiring early planning and has been working on these throughout the year, including authoring of a history book, collection of stories from those with lived experience and identification of iconic items that represent 100 years.

The manuscript of the book, written by one of our own, is currently well developed and undergoing review for inclusion of imagery. Collection of historical information continues and will contribute to the completed book. Publication in soft and hard bound books with a premium bound/numbered edition is planned for 2027. There is also potential for an author's spot during Adelaide Writers' Week in 2028.

The Living History project entails a series of interviews with Legacy families, Legatees, staff and supporters who have a story to tell.

Interviews commenced last December with over 30 completed to date. These will be produced as podcasts to be aired during 2027 leading up to the centenary. Alongside this project sits the production of a series of videos by our Engagement and Development team featuring Legacy families, Legatees and others telling their own stories. Vignettes will be curated into a dedicated centenary video for use in 2028 and beyond. Who better to tell a powerful story than those who have experienced it themselves and we are hugely grateful to those who are contributing.

The Club Bulletin and Newsletter carried history articles throughout the year with topics ranging from Legacy Youth, formation of Legacy Groups, the first Club Staff and the two published books. This series will continue throughout 2026-27 and will itself become part of the ongoing historical record.

The plan to install commemorative bench seats in sites around Adelaide and metropolitan areas and in regional centres is progressing. The seat design is in work and engagement with local councils is about to commence. Other concepts, including a Legacy-branded floral clock, projected light displays, commissioning of a sculptural art piece and a marque gala event, are to be developed further in coming months with implementation culminating in 2028.




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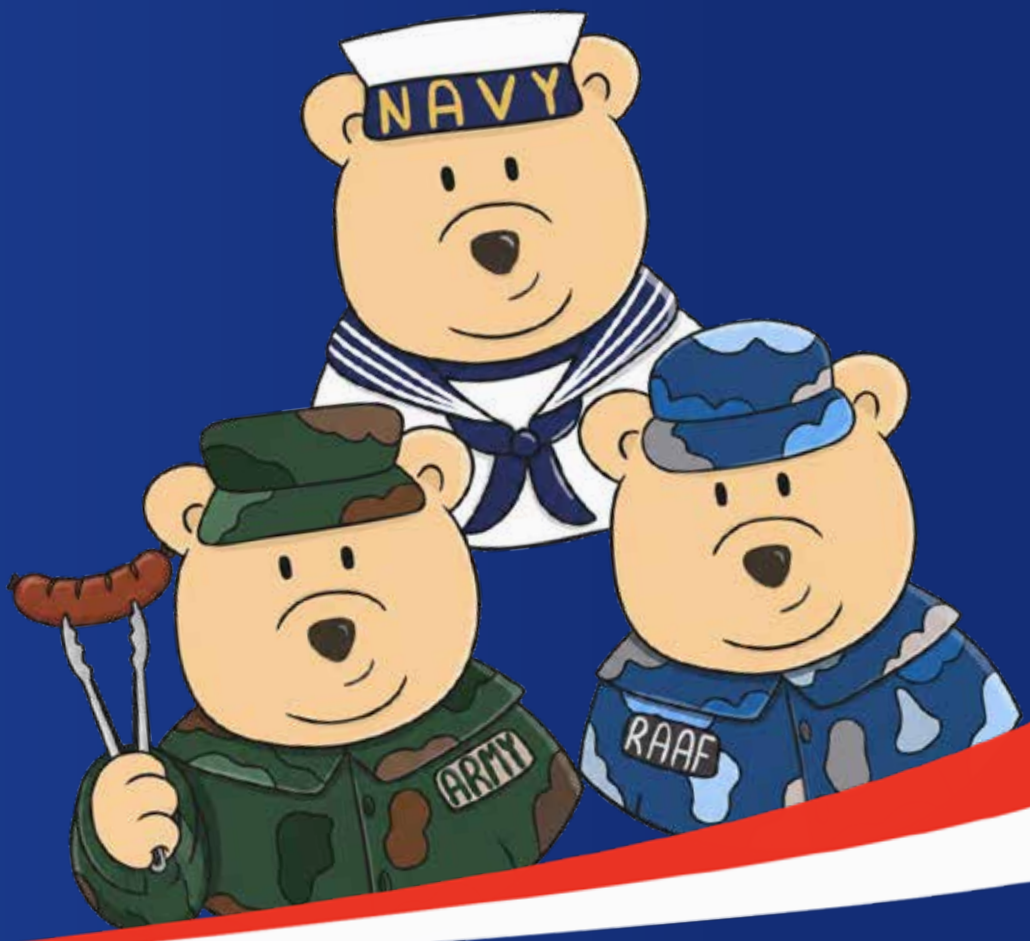
Overview of Legacy
Services and Supports



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