



Legacy 100th Anniversary

Legacy Australia Inc (Legacy) is marking its 100th anniversary in 2023 and the Australian Government is contributing to its program of commemorative activities to acknowledge this milestone by providing a one-off grant of \$0.4 million.

Why is this important?

Legacy is a volunteer-based organisation which supports the families of Australian service personnel who have died or lost their health as a result of their service. Legacy provides emotional, social and financial support to veterans' families. Legacy was formed after the First World War when returning service personnel volunteered to support the families of their fallen comrades; these volunteers became 'Legatees', and today over 3,600 Legatees support service families. Over 44 Legacy clubs operate in local communities around Australia, and one in the United Kingdom, supporting over 43,000 partners and children of veterans who have died or been injured as a result of their service. Legacy's remit has expanded, to support families of those service personnel who are still alive but have had their health or mental health compromised by their service.

The Legacy emblem is the 'torch of remembrance' as depicted in the ode by RW Lilliard which states:

*Fear not that you have died for naught
The torch you threw to us we have caught.
And now our hands will hold it high
Its glorious light shall never die.*

2023 marks Legacy's 100th anniversary and this initiative provides funding to contribute to Legacy's program of commemorative activities to mark this significant milestone, in particular a torch relay from Pozieres in France, to London, and onto Australia. The Legacy torch will visit different communities around the Australia, stopping at each Legacy Club, finishing in Melbourne. This public event aims to raise community awareness of the experience of veterans and their families, the impacts of service, and the work of Legacy.

Who will benefit?

All veterans and their families may benefit from the increased public awareness of the work of Legacy.

Date of effect?

The grant funding will be paid in 2022-23.

How much will this cost?

\$0.4 million in 2022-23.

