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Guy Barnett, Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Legacy Week

Tasmanians are encouraged to give generously during Legacy Week 1-7 September, to help care for the families of our Veterans, who have passed away or are incapacitated.

Legacy assists more than 60,000 Australians by providing services to families in need after the injury or death of a spouse or parent, during or after their defence force service.

Supporters are encouraged to buy one of Legacy's iconic badges and wear them with pride as a token of appreciation and support for our service men and women.

In Tasmania, Legacy Hobart assists 859 widows and widowers and 19 children, and in the North, Launceston Legacy supports 1,159 widows and widowers and five children.

This state has a special connection with Legacy, as the charity originated here in 1923 when Major Sir John Gellibrand founded the Remembrance Club in Hobart to encourage returned servicemen in business.

Gellibrand played an important role in founding the Remembrance Club, which provided the inspiration for the network of clubs to focus on the care of widows and children of deceased servicemen.

Legacy's work illustrates the value of volunteers to community members and the importance of supporting families through bereavement.