

Guy Barnett, Minister for Veterans' Affairs

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## Celebrating 100 years of Legacy supporting our veterans community

This coming year, 2023, marks 100 years of Legacy providing caring and compassionate service to assist widows, widowers, children, dependents of veterans and the wider veterans community.

Legacy was formed in 1923 following General Sir John Gellibrand's founding of the Remembrance Club in Hobart, which inspired Captain Stanley Savige to start Legacy in Melbourne a few months later.

Veterans' Affairs Minister Guy Barnett said the Rockliff Liberal Government was providing \$25,000 towards events and activities in Tasmania to commemorate this significant anniversary which includes:

- Distribution of the 100-year history of Hobart Legacy history book;
- Printing of brochures and materials to help raise the profile of Legacy;
- Receptions and light lunches at the start and conclusion of the Torch Relay at locations in Tasmania;
- Transportation for widows to attend events, and
- Launch of the Grevillea plant known as the 'Legacy Flame'

"National commemorative activities will include the Torch Relay, which will depart from Pozieres in France on Anzac Day 2023 and travel to London and then onto Australia," Minister Barnett said.

"The Torch Relay will pass through each Legacy Club across Australia, arriving in Launceston in October 2023 and then on to Ouse and Hobart."

Legacy is aiming to raise \$10 million nationally during the Centenary to continue their important work for families of those who have served our nation.

Funds raised will help Legacy support about 43,000 Australians, including widows in their senior years, younger widows with children and veterans' dependents with a disability.

The Rockliff Liberal Government is proud to provide annual funding to Launceston Legacy and Hobart Legacy of \$20,000 each per year to support Tasmanian veterans and their families.

Further information on the Legacy Centenary is available at <a href="https://www.legacy.com.au/centenary/">www.legacy.com.au/centenary/</a>