

Info Sheet – Agri Veterans and Legacy

Agri Veterans and Legacy changing the lives of Regional Families

AGRI VETERANS AND LEGACY JOIN FORCES TO CONTINUE A 100 YEAR OLD PROMISE

Through a unique partnership Agri Veterans and Legacy Brisbane are working together to ensure that the families of veterans who have given their life or their health serving our country are cared for.

At the start of 2017 Legacy Brisbane and Agri Veterans discovered they had a unique shared commitment to Veterans and their families. Agri Veterans, an organisation dedicated to bridging the gap between deployment and employment, was also committed to the families of veterans, particularly families in regional areas.

Legacy Brisbane, an organisation that covers almost half of regional QLD, found that by working together with Agri Veterans they could increase the care and support that was being provided to regional families of veterans.

Together, Agri Veterans and Legacy have created the Agri Veterans Family Fund. This unique fund, entirely financed through the generous support of Agri Veterans, is used to provide urgent support to fund the needs of regional families of Veterans.

Over 8,000 regional widows, children and families of Veterans who have given their life or health serving their country are supported by Legacy with over 16,000 in QLD alone.

Currently the Agri Veterans family fund has been providing support for young families in the Emerald region of central QLD. Through the fund Legacy has been able to provide

- Education Assistance – Through the purchase of school uniforms, text books and payment of schooled fees four children of a deceased veteran have been able to continue their education and make their father proud
- Emergency Assistance – During a medical emergency the Agri Veteran's family fund provided support for the mother of a child to fly with the child and support them in hospital. This meant that a vulnerable child, who had already lost their veteran father, was supported through a difficult time.

The immediate impact of the partnership between Agri Veterans and Legacy has been immense. In only the first 6 months of this special partnership the families of Veterans in Emerald have been significant.

Background information

About Legacy Brisbane

Legacy is dedicated to caring for the families of deceased and incapacitated veterans. Today Legacy's caring and compassionate service assists over 90,000 widows and 1,900 children and dependants with a disability.

Legacy is a voluntary organisation supported by veterans, servicemen and women, and volunteers drawn from all walks of life. Our support and services now extend to include the dependants of members of today's Australian Defence Force who lose their lives or their health as a result of their military service.

Legacy is dedicated to enhancing the lives and opportunities of our families through innovative and practical programs aimed at:

- the protection of individuals and families basic needs
- advocating for their entitlements, rights and benefits;
- assisting families through bereavement; and
- Helping people thrive, despite their adversity and loss.

There are over 5,900 volunteers around Australia who act as mentors to the widows and their families and who ensure Legacy's promise to care for the families of deceased veterans is kept

Legacy history

Legacy was founded in 1923 by a small group of World War I veterans. They believed they had to accept a legacy of responsibility for the welfare of the wives and children of their comrades who were killed in the war or died subsequently.

Legacy has met that commitment over the intervening years and continues to deliver some of the stability, guidance and assistance that a partner would normally provide to his or her family.

The Spirit of Legacy is Service, and the key element is the personal contact which is maintained by individual Legatees with those widow(er)s and other dependants whom they assist.

It is this personal contact that makes Legacy care special and gives the work of Legacy its unique character.