

## David Harris

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# Media Release

## Legacy Week launches today

### Monday, 2 September 2024

Legacy Week will be officially launched this morning at a commemorative service at the Cenotaph in Martin Place, attended by members of the veteran community and their families.

The Legacy Week appeal has been running since the 1940s and is a time for all Australians to show their support for the widows and children whose loved ones have served our country.

In 1923, Legacy made a promise to help veterans' families carry on with their lives after the loss or injury of their loved one.

Fast forward 101 years and it is a promise that Legacy keeps today, providing the same stability, guidance and assistance that a partner would normally provide to his or her family.

Nationally, Legacy supports 34,000 partners and children of veterans who gave their lives or health serving our country, including 10,000 in NSW.

The Legacy badge is a special emblem of support for our veterans' families, symbolising our nation's values of mateship, compassion and fairness.

Legacy badges will be sold throughout the Sydney CBD and across NSW this week. More details are available on [www.legacy.com.au/donate](http://www.legacy.com.au/donate).

#### Minister for Veterans David Harris said:

"Legacy Week is a time to give back to the families of veterans who have given so much.

"I encourage everyone to make a small donation and purchase a Legacy badge this week to make a big difference to helping the families of veterans in need."

#### Sydney Legacy President Ian Thompson said:

"The Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide has recognised the vital importance that family plays in a veteran's health and the fact that service impacts not just veterans but their families.

"Legacy will always be there to support the families of our veterans who have given their life or health in service of their country. I urge the public to buy a badge or make a donation this week."

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