

CHARITY NUMBER 1085603

LONDON LEGACY

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

London Legacy is a registered charity.

Charity Registration No.: 1085603. Registered on 16 May 2001

Governing Document Constitution adopted 13 July 2000 as amended 9 January 2003

Administration c/o Defence Branch, Australia
High Commission, Australia House
Strand
London
WC2B 4LG
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Trustees:

Simon Kleinig	President (resigned 13/01/2022)
Yvonne Smith	President (from 13/01/2022)
Mark Daley	Secretary (resigned 13/01/2022); Deputy President
Adam Gale	Hon secretary (from 13/01/2022 - 08/07/2022)
Yvonne smith	Hon secretary (from 14/10/2021 - 13/01/2022)
Markus Ray	Hon secretary (from 13/01/2022)
Paul Wrighter	Treasurer

Since the year end, the following trustee was appointed

Lindsey Birrell Trustee (from 13 /01/2022)

Bankers: Santander Business Banking
Bridle Road
Bootle
L30 4GB

Independent Examiner: Mr Ketan Ramesh Patel F.C.C.A.
Merchant & Co.
Chartered Certified Accountants
20 Exhibition House
Addison Bridge Place
LONDON W14 8XP

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Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees of the London Legacy present their report together with the Independently Examined financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is established under its Constitution based on the guidance from the Charity Commission.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the policy, organisation and rules set out in its Constitution.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

To improve the conditions of life of widows of Australian and New Zealand Servicemen in Great Britain and elsewhere and their dependents, who may be encountering difficulties due to isolation or the effect of bereavement or old age.

Principal activity

Supporting families through the UK, Ireland, France and Belgium, who are suffering after the injury or death of a spouse or parent during or after their Australian defence force service.

Public Benefit

We appoint Legatees to oversee the well being of our widows and families.

Support comes in many forms, including practical assistance in such matters as accommodation, medical and overall general welfare.

Legatees make regular visits and phone calls to help those requiring aged care, community visits assistance with claiming entitlements and benefits and social activities.

Statement on Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission, including public benefit guidance as set out in its constitution.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Despite a resurgent Covid-19 pandemic, the year saw a period of consolidation and a partial return to normal for London Legacy. Visits were made to our beneficiaries throughout Britain, and the club hosted its first Reception in over two years.

At the end of the year the charity had 34 dependants (2020: 29 dependents) listed.

Communications and funding

Bequest funding enabled the club to recommence our quarterly newsletter. The club was also in the position to send out Christmas cheques to our beneficiaries, and to implement several new ideas all which will appear in the body of my report below.

In the early 2021 a new Legacy Australia website was launched and London Legacy's page formed part of that restructure.

On 12 February 2021 the President, Simon Kleinig, was advised that the club is to be part-beneficiary (together with Sydney Legacy) of a residuary bequest from one of our dependants, Catherine Constant, who died in December 2020. Two amounts of £10,000 and £50,000 were received into our account, and the balance will be deposited following the settlement of a property in Bristol in early 2022.

Initiatives for our beneficiaries

Legatee Adam Gale embarked on a number of new initiatives: the sending out of care packages to all beneficiaries, and bouquets of flowers on Valentine's Day and beneficiaries' birthdays. He also made contact with a number of ladies who had been without an allocated legatee, or with whom the club had lost contact. Although Legatee Gale resigned from the club in early July 2021. The initiatives begun by Adam Gale were voted on at subsequent meetings to be continued as part of the ongoing fabric of support for our beneficiaries.

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Events

Anzac Day was again cancelled as a public event, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, closed ceremonies were held at the Australian War Memorial and at the commemorative service at Westminster Abbey. The President attended at the invitation of the High Commissioner and Australian Defence Staff. HM The Queen was represented by HRH The Princess Royal.

Annual reception.

No planning was put in place for our June Annual Reception at Australia House because of the uncertainty and risk of the COVID-19 pandemic. Legatee Birrell suggested the club host an event at Australia House to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mary Nicholson in December 2021. Legatee Birrell offered to organise the event. The event went ahead on 15 December 2021, observing strict government guidelines, including vaccination for all attendees or a negative lateral flow test result. Other protective measures included social distancing, and the compulsory wearing of masks.

The Reception was held successfully in the Exhibition Hall at Australia House, to maximise air circulation, to facilitate social distancing and to minimise risk of COVID-19 infection. Approximately 60 people attended the Reception including 10 legatees and 11 beneficiaries, most undertaking long journeys across Britain to attend. WG CDR Jim Xinos was fundamental in ensuring the success of the event.

Quarterly Meetings

Quarterly Zoom Meetings were conducted throughout the year. These were attended regularly by legatees. Important and constructive contributions were made by the Chairman of Legacy Australia Inc., legatee Rick Cranna and the President of Canberra Legacy, legatee Mark Lax.

At the 8 July 2021 Quarterly Meeting, the President advised that he will be resigning as President at the end of the year and returning to Australia. He will continue as a legatee with Adelaide Legacy.

The President was advised that our nomination for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service had been unsuccessful. The President said there had been positive outcomes from the nomination, including a wider community awareness of the work of London Legacy. The club voted to cover the cost of TV licences for our beneficiaries. Seven beneficiaries have accepted the offer.

At the 14 October 2021 Quarterly Meeting legatee Yvonne Smith accepted the position of Hon Secretary, effective immediately. Legatee Marcus Ray was welcomed to the club, having completed the induction process and was being mentored by legatee Simon Kleinig. Legatee Johanna Peterson has now been allocated to widow Bryher Dansby. Former legatee Amy Fallon has returned to London and has been reinstated as a legatee.

On Remembrance Day the President laid a wreath at the Australian War Memorial at Hyde Park Corner.

Visits to beneficiaries

During the year the President resumed visits to our beneficiaries throughout Britain notably Wales, Essex, Scotland, and Kent. This was always done following government COVID-19 guidelines, and only after receiving written approval from the trustees.

I regret to inform the club that we lost the following beneficiaries during the year: Ivy Leitch (aged 106), Rita Tosh, Catherine Blow, Annette Stone and Jane Hunt.

We have six new beneficiaries in Cumbria and Glasgow the latter being a family of 5 from Perth Legacy. The Brient family joined us from Western Australia in August, where they were under the care of Perth Legacy.

Trustees including President

In November Hon Secretary Yvonne Smith advised that she was prepared to accept the role of President of London Legacy for 2022.

The President advised that he will be returning to Australia on 20 December 2021, and that President-elect Yvonne Smith will assume the role from that date, to be formally elected at the next AGM.

Patron the High Commissioner and Heads of Australian Defence Staff.

All legatees thanked our Patron the High Commissioner for his support, also CDRE Guy Holthouse and BRIG Grant Mason as Heads of Australian Defence Staff, and WG CDR Jim Xinos, Chief of Defence Staff for their significant contributions to this charity.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

As outlined above due to the most welcome legacy from one of our beneficiaries we aim to continue the support and will consider extending to families of defence personnel involved in other conflicts.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial results

The results for the year are set out on pages 5 - 9. The net result for 2021 of £46,879 (2020: £362) was enhanced by advance payments of £60,000 in total toward a legacy from Catherine Constant. The reserve at the end of the year of £50,488 (2020: £4,414) was substantially increased by the above advance payments.

Reserves policy

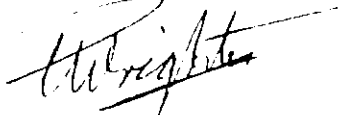
The trustees aim to keep a minimum reserve for use in emergency to cover any regular expenses plus certain project and any emergency funding.

Trustees' responsibilities

The accounts have been drawn up on the 'receipts and payments' basis in accordance with charity regulations for small charities.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Charity has created and ratified key financial management policies to that effect.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees:



Paul Wrighter (Trustee)

Date: 25/10/2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
to the Trustees of London Legacy**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of London Legacy ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the summary of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

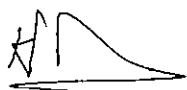
An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no audit opinion on the accounts and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- * accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- * the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr Ketan Ramesh Patel F.C.C.A.
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Date: 28th October 2022

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Receipts & payments accounts - Summary for year to 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Total receipts	60,000	1,763
Total payments	<u>13,121</u>	<u>1,401</u>
Surplus of the year	46,879	362
Cash balance brought forward	<u>4,414</u>	<u>4,052</u>
Cash balance carried forward	<u><u>51,293</u></u>	<u><u>4,414</u></u>

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Receipts for the year to 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Ball income and donations		-	1,757
Legacy (In progress) - Advance received	1	60,000	-
Interest		<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>
Total receipts	1	<u>60,000</u>	<u>1,763</u>

1 Donations : The determination of a legacy is still in progress
This amount is an initial advance payment on account
released from an estate.

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Payments for the year to 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Ball expenses	1	-	-
Charitable purposes	2	12,137	1,157
Administration expenses		<u>984</u>	<u>244</u>
Total payments		<u>13,121</u>	<u>1,401</u>

1 Ball expenses. No ball was held in 2021.

2 Charitable purposes. Grants to approved beneficiaries based on needs.

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31 December 2021

	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Notes	£	£
ASSETS (all unrestricted)		
Bank - Current Account & Saver Account	<u>51,293</u>	<u>4,414</u>
LIABILITIES payable within one year		
Creditors and accruals		
Independent examination	720	-
Expense payments	<u>85</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>805</u>	<u>-</u>

These accounts were approved on 25/10/2022 and signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees by



Paul Wrighter (Trustee)

1. Accounting Policies
These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a 'receipts and payments' basis.
2. No amounts were paid to Trustees in the year, other than bona fide reimbursements.
3. VAT is not reclaimable on expenditure made from this Fund.
4. Related parties - This charity is registered in the UK. It is independent from Legacy Australia. However the charity receives advice from Legacy Australia and help with coordination of events.