

CHARITY NUMBER 1085603

LONDON LEGACY

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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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
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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 13/01/2022)
Markus Ray	Hon secretary (from 13/01/2022)
Lindsey Birrell	Trustee (from 13 /01/2022)
Paul Wrighter	Treasurer

Bankers: Santander Business Banking
Bridle Road
Bootle
L30 4GB

Independent Examiner: Mr Ketan Ramesh Patel F.C.C.A.
Merchant & Co.
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Ealing
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Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 December 2022

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 2022.

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 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 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

2022 was a busy year for London Legacy with a full return to normal functioning post the COVID lockdowns. The club celebrated its 75th Anniversary at the Annual Reception in June, visits were made to our beneficiaries throughout Britain, and the bequest funding enabled the club to provide additional services to beneficiaries. Planning commenced for the 2023 Centenary of Legacy Australia. In early 2022 our patron, His Excellency the Hon. George Brandis, completed his four-year term as High Commissioner. Stephen Smith, former Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Rudd and Gillard governments, was named as the next Australian High Commissioner to the UK, taking up his post in early 2023.

New Legatees

Two new legatees joined during the year: Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Birch and Lieutenant Calum Hutcheson, both of whom bring an impressive set of skills and experience to the club. Cathlyn Davidson stood down as a legatee during the year. Her many years of service and selfless support to our beneficiaries was much appreciated.

Beneficiaries

As at 31 December 2022 the club actively supported 29 Beneficiaries, comprising 24 widows, 1 veteran and 4 dependents. Additionally, there were 6 beneficiaries living in the UK with whom contact has been unsuccessful to date.

Bequest

Legacy benefitted during the year from the bequest of one of its beneficiaries, Catherine Constant, who died in December 2020. A final payment was received into our bank account of £173,236 in October. This supplemented the advances already paid of £60,000. The bequest has enabled us to undertake several

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support initiatives on both a short term and long term basis:

- Providing education allowances for the Brient family

- Providing financial assistance to some of our beneficiaries in response to specific situations and circumstances including rent arrears, decorating and transport costs for medical appointments

- Offering TV Licence subsidies, Christmas gift cheques and cost of living subsidies

- Nominating 3 of the Brient children to attend the 2023 Junior Legacy Camp in Busselton, Western Australia.

Activities

The annual reception held in June was a success. The reception was held in the Downer Room at Australia House. Approximately 50 people attended, including the Acting High Commissioner who provided the opening remarks and took time to speak with the beneficiaries in attendance. Given the bequest funding, we were able to use external catering and to provide two night's accommodation (instead of one) to beneficiaries and legatees attending from across Britain. This was well received by beneficiaries who appreciated the extra time to rest and socialize.

During the second half of the year, there was an extensive programme of visits by the President and legatees to beneficiaries throughout Britain. Specific lunches/visits were made to Christiane Blair, Linda Kaye (and family), Billie Martin, Angela Brient, Rita Thompson, Jean Hain (and daughter Maxine) and Mary Nicholson. These visits were in addition to regular meetings by legatee Loftus with Billie Martin and by legatee Briggs with Jane Tripney.

The President had the privilege to represent London Legacy at the following events:

- After a two year pause due to COVID, Anzac Day services in London resumed in person on Monday 25th April. She laid wreaths at the Dawn Service at Hyde Park corner and at the Wreath Laying Ceremony and Parade at the Cenotaph, before attending the Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey;

- In July, the President attended a dinner with the Honorable Dr. Jeanette Young, Governor of Queensland, at the RAC Club. The Agent General for Queensland arranged the dinner for patronages and community associations associated with the Governor. The Governor is patron of Queensland Legacy;

- On Remembrance Day, the President laid a wreath at the Australian War memorial at Hyde Park Corner;

- In December, the President attended the Ceremony of the Christmas Cake at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, home of the Chelsea Pensioners.

Quarterly zoom meetings were conducted throughout the year, attended by legatees and representatives from Canberra Legacy.

We are extremely grateful for the support we receive from the Australian High Commission. We thank our past patron the Hon. George Brandis and the Acting High Commissioner Lynette Wood, for their unwavering support and use of Australia House. We also thank Brigadier Grant Mason, Head of Australian Defence Staff and Wing Commander 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.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial results

The results for the year are set out on pages 6 - 9. The net result for 2022 of £154,908 (2021: £46,879) was enhanced by the final payments of £173,279 of a legacy from Catherine Constant.

The reserve at the end of the year of £204,276 (2021: £50,488) was substantially increased by the above legacy payment.

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.

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Trustees' responsibilities

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records and ensuring that reasonable accounts of any time the financial position of the Charity and assets and liabilities have been drawn up for accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for the setting, monitoring and reporting on the provision and achievement of financial and other objectives. The Charity has created and ratified key financial management policies to this effect.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees



Paul Wright (Trustee)

Date 21/10/23

**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 2022 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.
Independent Examiner
Merchant & Co.
Chartered Certified Accountants
2 Craven House
Ealing
London W5 2UA

Date:

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Receipts & payments accounts - Summary for year to 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Total receipts	173,488	60,000
Total payments	<u>18,580</u>	<u>13,121</u>
Surplus of the year	154,908	46,879
Cash balance brought forward	<u>51,293</u>	<u>4,414</u>
Cash balance carried forward	<u>206,201</u>	<u>51,293</u>

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Receipts for the year to 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	209	-
Legacy	<u>173,279</u>	<u>60,000</u>
Total receipts	<u>173,488</u>	<u>60,000</u>

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Payments for the year to 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Ball expenses	1	555	-
Charitable purposes	2	16,264	12,137
Legacy Australia		286	-
Independent examination fee		982	-
Administration expenses		405	984
Bank charges		67	-
Sundry expenses		21	-
Total payments		18,580	13,121

- 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 2022

	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
Notes	£	£
ASSETS (all unrestricted)		
Bank - Current Account & Saver Account	<u>206,201</u>	<u>51,293</u>
LIABILITIES payable within one year		
Creditors and accruals	720	720
Independent examination	1,205	85
Expense payments	<u>1,925</u>	<u>805</u>

These accounts were approved on 27/10/23 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.