

LEGACY LACROSSE CLUBS

Legacy was founded in Australia in 1923, emerging from the aftermath of World War I to fulfil a promise made by soldiers to "look after the missus and kids" of deceased or wounded comrades. The organisation was established in Melbourne to provide support, mentorship, and education to the widows and children of veterans.

Around 60,000 Australian service personnel were killed, and over 150,000 wounded during WW1, leaving a massive population of vulnerable widows and children. Veterans felt a profound obligation (To provide a "legacy") to continue looking after their comrades' families and ensuring they were not forgotten or left alone.

Legacy continues to this day serving over 28,000 partners and children of veterans who have died or whose health has been severely affected by service in various conflicts.

The Junior Legacy Club in Adelaide first entered a team in 1930 with 15 registered players, and was a member of SALA for many years. Royston Lillecrap was the initiator of lacrosse in S.A. for legacy boys and he was the legatee for players like Graeme Gatley after his father had passed away in the 1960's.

Allan Gandy was born in 1930 and at 5 years of age became a member of Adelaide legacy Junior Boys Social Club, and commenced playing lacrosse in 1940 at the age of 10 for the Legacy Lacrosse Club. Allan Gandy started playing with the Legacy B Grade team in Adelaide as a 16 year old, along with his brother Edward. Allan followed his brother to North Adelaide at the age of 18, possibly 1949.

Some well-known products of the Legacy Lacrosse Club in Adelaide from the early days include Allan Gandy, Don and Bryan Gomer, and Basil Greenhalgh, and in later years Keith and Roy Masson, Graham Morris and the Tape brothers (Who played in the 50's).

Roy Masson believes the Legacy Lacrosse Club ceased to be after 1955 and as a result the Legacy players went to other clubs.

While Graeme Gatley and Ian Wittenberg didn't play with the legacy lacrosse Club, probably because it ceased to be when they started playing lacrosse, they are still involved with Legacy as Legatee's working with war widows and their children to make sure they are receiving all the support they are entitled to.

Allan Gandy was involved with Legacy throughout his life and on retirement became a legatee working with war widows to make sure they were receiving the relevant pensions they were entitled to and suitable housing.

Allan's father Horace left Adelaide on the HMAT Port Lincoln in April 1915 bound for Camp Mena – operations Gallipoli. In January 1916 he was transferred to Camp operations in Egypt and Palestine. Only 38 of the original 400 men who left Australia in February 1915 with the 9th Light Horse Regiment returned.

Was there a legacy lacrosse club in Broken Hill?



Back row: ? ,Basil Greenhalgh, ?,?

Middle row: ?,?, ? Bill Watts,?,?

Front row:???



Legacy B Grade Grand Finalists - 1948

Someone must have a better shot of this?

The Legacy Club of Victoria was formed in Melbourne in 1924 and the first president was Harold Cohen.

There is little record of the lacrosse club in Victoria but it was formed in 1930 and played in C grade, and there are records of games played in 1930 against YMCA (Which they won), Box Hill and Caulfield.

The Legacy Club also played a team from Ballarat on 2 June 1934.

There is also a record of a game in 1936 against Williamstown, where Legacy was defeated 17-9. Best players from that game were Kilvert, Ibbott, Gilbert, and Corrie, with goals thrown by Cheevers, Kennedy, Robins, Ibbott, McWilliam and Corrie.

Little more is known about the Victorian legacy lacrosse club other than it ceased to exist in 1938.