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Guy Barnett, Minister for Veterans' Affairs

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## Legacy Centenary events underway

The Legacy Centenary events have commenced around the world with the notable start of the Legacy Centenary Torch Relay on 23 April 2023 in Pozieres, France.

``This was an extremely special moment, marking the official start of the torch relay, which I was proud to attend with the Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize Tour," Minister Guy Barnett said.

``The Legacy Torch will be travelling through London, which is the only Legacy Club outside of Australia, with his Majesty King Charles attending the official start of the London leg at Buckingham Palace.

``The torch then travels to all 44 Legacy Clubs in Australia arriving in Launceston in October 2023 and then on to Ouse and Hobart.

``Legacy was formed in 1923 following General Sir John Gellibrand's founding of the Remembrance Club in Hobart, which inspired Captain Stanley Savige to start Legacy in Melbourne months later.''

The Tasmanian Government is a proud and passionate supporter of our veterans and the legacy family that supports them and has provided \$25,000 towards events and activities in Tasmania to commemorate this signifant anniversary.

This includes:

Distribution of the 100-year history of Hobart Legacy history book;

Printing of brochures and materials to help raise the profile of Legacy;

Receptions and light lunches at the start and conclusion of the Torch Relay at locations in Tasmania;

Transportation for widows to attend events, and

Launch of the Grevillea plant known as the 'Legacy Flame'

Legacy is aiming to raise \$10 million nationally during the Centenary to continue their important work for families of those who have served our nation.

Funds raised will help Legacy support about 43,000 Australians, including widows in their senior years, younger widows with children and veterans' dependents with a disability.

Further information on the Legacy Centenary is available at www.legacy.com.au/centenary/

The Tasmanian Government is also proud to provide annual funding to Launceston Legacy and Hobart Legacy of \$20,000 each year in recognition of their support for Tasmanian veterans and their families.