

## Legacy Service 2004

It is an interesting phenomena that often when someone mentions a word then our minds immediately associate that word with another.

Like Football I think of Broncos.

Like Food I think of Chocolate

Like Family I think of fun.

When I was I asked to be part of this Legacy service after I thought of "make sure I am on time".

The very next word that came into my mind was serve.

As I thought about the organization Legacy I thought of the word serve.

As I thought about what I could say this morning the word serve came to my mind.

I then looked in my little guide to War Memorial Services, "On Guard" that is produced by the RSL Sub Branch and Womens auxiliary and as I opened up to the page about Legacy guess what the title was? "The Spirit of Legacy is Service"

Amazing.

Legacy is an organization that serves people.

It serves by providing care for the families of those who served our country at war.

There is that word again serve.

Legacy seeks to serve those that have lost a loved one who served our country.

Legacy serves some 122 700 widows, some 700 disabled dependants and some 1400 children.

It is a huge effort, Legacy does a fantastic job. Even with the small numbers of volunteers that they can call on. They still seek to serve to the best of their ability.

Sometimes it may seem too overwhelming and not significant but every act of service is significant.

An old man was walking along the beach at dawn, noticed a young man ahead of him picking up starfish and flinging them into the sea. Catching up with the bloke , he asked what he was doing. The answer was that the stranded starfish would die if they were left until the morning sun hit them.

"But the beach goes on for mile and there are millions of starfish," countered the old man. "How can your effort make a difference?"

The young man looked at the starfish in his hand and then threw it to safety in the waves. And said " It makes a big difference to this one."

Each act of service by each legacy member matters.

Serving another makes a huge difference to the one who is served.

Jesus said "I did not come into the world to be served but to serve and gives my life as a ransom for many."

Jesus the King of Kings, God's son said his aim was to serve and not be served.

That is how important service is.

Jesus showed the ultimate act of service by going to the cross taking on our greatest enemies of sin and death defeating them by rising again and by doing this gives us the opportunity to defeat sin and death too if we give our lives to the one who gave his life for us.

What an act of service.

Serving someone, it matters.

Legacy serves by caring for those families that have been ravaged by war.

Jesus served those that are ravaged by sin and death.

Legacies service matters.

Jesus service matters.

We need to be thankful for all those who serve us even in the little things.

We need to be thankful to Jesus for his service to us in the biggest things.

Lets pray

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We come to you this morning to remember those that have served us and to say thankyou.

We thankyou for those that served us by giving their lives so that we could live in a free and democratic society.

We thank you now for those in Legacy for their gracious acts of service to those that have lost loved ones to the ravages of war.

We thank you Lord for their tireless acts of service in big ways and even in the smallest acts of kindness.

Lord we pray for those families who have felt the pain of losing someone they love. May they know your love and care at this time.

May we never forget those who have served us to protect us.

We also thankyou for Jesus for His example of serving us, may we serve like Him.

For his ultimate act of service of giving His life so that we too could live for ever.

Help us never to forget that and be people who follow Jesus in serving others.

We pray this in Jesus name Amen