

# OUR EMPLOYER CHALLENGE



TAKE UP THE "CHALLENGE" AND BECOME PART OF THE AGRI VETERAN'S FAMILY FUND. ASK US ABOUT EMPLOYING AN AUSSIE VETERAN TODAY.

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# THE AGRI VETERANS FAMILY FUND

## INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYERS

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When you employ a veteran as part of the Agri Veterans Program, you are contributing direct financial support to the families of our fallen servicemen and women.

This is your chance to pick up the Legacy Torch first handed down in World War 1 when an Aussie Digger promised his dying mate that he would take care of his family.



## ABOUT THE PROGRAM



With the endorsement of Legacy, Agri Veterans donates a percentage of the placement fee for each veteran our agriculture employers take on. Legacy Brisbane uses these funds to provide Emergency Assistance relief payments for Legacy Families and Widows in distress, as well as Education Support (payment of education expenses for Legacy Children) and Youth Scholarships for Legacy Children to attend leadership development programs.

A note from Legacy Brisbane CEO Brendan Cox

*“Legacy Brisbane is extremely proud of our partnership with Agri Veterans. Legacy Brisbane is committed to caring for 7,000 widows, children and families across South East and Central Queensland. As a national organisation Legacy cares for 70,000 widows and children. Legacy’s vision is to ensure these families suffer no financial or social disadvantage due to the loss of a fallen Australian Defence Force (ADF) Member or the incapacitation of an ADF member.”*

*Agri Veterans is an important partner in ensuring this commitment is fulfilled, particularly within regional Queensland communities where Legacy Brisbane operates. We hold the Agri Veterans partnership in high regard due to the values and vision we both share.”*



## THE FUND IN ACTION

### CASE STUDIES

1. We assisted **a mother and her five children** in north Queensland whose father – a Vietnam Veteran – had passed away. The family had struggled with unemployment, ongoing illness, education costs, social isolation and the fact that English was their second language.

We provided relief in the form of education assistance, including school fees, text books, uniforms and computers for the younger kids. Emergency Assistance was also provided when we covered transport and accommodation costs for the mother to be with one of her daughters during an emergency trip to hospital in a major city. We also arranged for the family to travel to Brisbane for a family weekend away.

2. Agri Veterans assisted **a mother and her two children** in central Queensland when their father – a Timor and Malaya Veteran – passed away. The youngest son’s education had suffered significantly after the loss of his dad 12 months ago, causing the family added stress. The Agri Veterans Family Fund provided Education Assistance in the form of a high-level tutor across all subjects. As a result, the boy’s schoolwork improved.

3. We provided relief for **35 Legacy Widows** throughout western Queensland. Many are socially isolated and struggle financially. It is hard to know what assistance they require without first meeting them in person. Our fund allowed for a Legacy Welfare Officer to tour this region and visit widows to identify what support was needed. This has enabled Legacy to prioritise financial and social assistance for them.

### NEXT STEPS

**In the future, we intend to give regional Legacy Children the opportunity to attend the Annual Legacy Brisbane Youth Camp. Legacy Children face unique challenges such as social stigmas, depression and behavioural issues.**

**The fund will assist by covering travel costs to the camp, where children will be encouraged to overcome challenges in a supervised, supported and fun environment.**