

## The Hon Victor Dominello MP

Minister for Citizenship and Communities Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

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## GIVE IN FORCE FOR LEGACY WEEK

Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello MP has urged the public to support Legacy, the iconic charity that cares for the families of deceased Veterans.

Mr Dominello, who has responsibility for Veterans' Affairs and Volunteering, today attended the national launch of Legacy Week at the Cenotaph in Martin Place.

Legacy Week this year runs from Sunday 28 August to Saturday 3 September, culminating in Badge Day on Friday 2 September.

"Each year during Legacy Week, Australians take the time to remember the families left behind when Veterans pass on," Mr Dominello said.

"Legacy assists more than 100,000 widows and 1,900 children and dependants with a disability.

"As the recent losses of Australian soldiers in Afghanistan attests, there is still a real need for Legacy and the important services it provides.

"This year, Sydney Legacy aims to raise over one million dollars to help fund services such as counselling, special housing, medical, advocacy and social support.

"Funds raised will also help Legacy contribute towards children's education.

"On Badge Day this Friday, there will be more than 10,000 volunteers around Australia, offering Legacy badges, pens and wristbands for a donation.

"I urge everyone to make a donation and wear their badge with pride.

"We owe it to the brave servicemen and women who put their lives on the line defending our country.

"I would also particularly like to thank the volunteers who make Legacy Week possible."

For more information on Legacy Week, please visit www.legacy.com.au.

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