



# Robyn Preston MP

## Member for Hawkesbury

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### **SUPPORTING VETERANS' FAMILIES IN LEGACY WEEK**

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, is encouraging the Hawkesbury community to support Legacy Week, the annual appeal to care for the families of veterans who have served for our country.

Ms Preston said funds raised from Legacy Week assist approximately 60,000 people with services such as counselling, housing, medical, advocacy and social support.

“The families of our veterans suffer the loss of their loved ones in battle and they care for them when they come home injured,” Ms Preston said.

“Legacy Week is an opportunity to show our appreciation to veterans’ families and I encourage everyone in Hawkesbury to get online and show their support.”

Acting Minister for Veterans Geoff Lee said Legacy Week is now in its 78<sup>th</sup> year and will be held this Sunday, 30 August to Saturday, 5 September 2020.

“The current social restrictions should not stop us from supporting this very worthwhile cause,” Mr Lee said.

“Thousands of Australian men and women are currently serving overseas and Legacy stands ready to assist their families when needed.”

Legacy President Gregory Wrate said Legacy has held a badge day since 1942 to raise funds to support the widows and families of veterans who have died, been severely injured or left with mental health issues as a result of their military service.

“This year will be tough with the reduced opportunity to do any face-to-face fundraising and the inability to engage with the public but the health of the community and our many volunteers and supporters is more important,” Mr Wrate said.

“This Legacy Week, I am asking Australians to consider donating online to allow us to continue providing financial, educational and emotional support to our beneficiaries.”

To donate online, please visit [www.legacyweek.com.au](http://www.legacyweek.com.au).

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