

# Melbourne Legacy

1923 –

**Other Names:** • Legacy

**URL:** <http://www.legacy.com.au/>

## Details

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Legacy is a national organisation that was established in 1923 to assist men returned from the Great War and their families. Initially established to improve business prospects for returned soldiers, in 1925 Legacy's focus became the provision of assistance to the children of deceased servicemen. In the state of Victoria, Melbourne Legacy ran a number of Homes from 1942 until the 1980s.

From around 1942, Melbourne Legacy operated a number of residential homes for children. Its first Homes, Holmbush and Stanhope, were residential hostels for children or young people aged nine years and over attending some form of educational institution, including tertiary institutions.

In 1947, Legacy established a home for younger children in Beaumaris, known as Blamey House. In 1950, another hostel, Harelands, opened in Kew.

Children placed in institutions operated by Legacy were sometimes referred to as 'repatriation wards'.

According to the guide *Finding your story*, Legacy holds very little information about the operations of its children's Homes during the post World War Two period. Former residents and their families can make enquiries to Legacy's Privacy Officer for information about and access to records.

## Gallery

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### **Gift from the Victorian Red Cross to the Legacy Club**

**Description:** This is a copy of an image published in *The Argus* on Monday 10 December 1945. The image shows the Home that will become the next Melbourne Legacy Home. Caption reads, 'Gift from the Victorian Red Cross to the Legacy Club, this house, Stanhope, at the corner of Burke and Cotham roads, Kew, will be remodelled and furnished at a complete cost of [twenty-thousand pounds]. It will be used as a residence for legacy children while finishing their education.'

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## More info

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### Related Entries

## Ran

- [Blamey House \(c. 1949 - c. 1977\)](#)
- [Stanhope \(c. 1945 - 1982\)](#)
- [Holmbush \(1942 - 1956\)](#)
- [Harelands \(c. 1952 - 1977\)](#)
- [Blamey House, Kew \(1977 - 1980\)](#)

## Related Events

- [World War Two \(1939 - 1945\)](#)

## Holds

- [Melbourne Legacy Records \(1942? - 1982?\)](#)

## Resources

- [Christmas is party time ...](#), The Argus, 15 December 1952
- [The story of Legacy is a story of human kindness: Where no trumpets flourish](#), The Argus [Supplement: The Argus Magazine], 16 May 1952
- [Veteran's 'Adopt' Violin Prodigy](#), The Argus, 12 September 1951
- Ellis, Malcolm Henry, *The torch: a picture of Legacy*, 1970
- [Legacy - hostels and homes](#), Finding Records, No date. *Relevance*: See the 'List of records held by the department' section for information about records relating to Melbourne Legacy
- Ball, Alison Cathleen, [Document, memoir - Wisdom Days](#), 2017
- [From the collection of Melbourne Legacy](#), Victorian Collections, No date

## Records

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### Records

- [Voluntary Children's Homes Files \(1921 - 1989\)](#)
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