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Mayoral Message



In the trenches on the Western Front in 1917, at Pozieres in France, a soldier comforted his dying mate and said to him: *"I'll look after the missus and the kids"*.

That final exchange between the two diggers became known as The Promise, a promise which was the inspiration that led to the formation of Legacy in 1923.

A promise which lives on today, supporting over 40,000 widows, partners and children of veterans across Australia who lost their lives or were badly injured while serving our country.

This is a historic year for Legacy, celebrating 100 years of caring, love and commitment.

To commemorate the anniversary, a torch will be lit at Pozieres on **23 April 2023** and will make its way, similar to the Olympic Torch relay, from France, to London and on to Australia.

The torch will travel over 50,000 kilometres through 100 locations, carried by approximately 1,500 Torch Bearers.

Our City, which boasts one of Sydney's largest Legacy divisions, has been chosen to be a part of the Centenary celebrations with the Torch being officially received at a ceremony at Paul Keating Park on **20 July**.


The War Memorial will be the backdrop of this exciting event with the President of Sydney Legacy handing the Torch to me before passing it on to a local Legacy beneficiary with a disability.

It will be attended by Legatees, Legacy beneficiaries, and their families, Defence Forces personnel and many others.

I called on Council at last night's meeting to support this important event and host a morning tea style reception at the Council Chambers.

A milestone to keep The Promise alive in our City, as we enter into the centenary year and beyond.

Yours sincerely,



Clr Khal Asfour
MAYOR