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### **Support for Mornington Peninsula Legacy**

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**Mr MORRIS** (Mornington) — I am pleased to rise tonight to raise a matter for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, and the action I am seeking from the minister is that he find a way in which support can be extended to the Mornington Peninsula Legacy Club to assist it in the exceptionally valuable work it does in supporting our veteran communities.

I am sure that no-one in the house needs to be reminded of the work that Legacy does. It is a group of veterans, current serving servicemen and women and volunteers from across the board who together support widows and children of those who have given their lives in the defence of this country and who lost their lives as a result of their military service.

The Mornington Peninsula Legacy Club has a long and proud history. While the current name of the club has only been around since 1995, prior to that it was the Melbourne Legacy-Peninsula Group, founded in 1954.

While its head office is in my electorate, the group covers an area that might be described as the greater Mornington Peninsula, extending from Edithvale in the north to Hastings in the east and down to Portsea in the south-west, so it covers a very big area. It has some 120 members and serves the needs of 2300 widows, children and disabled dependants.

The club undertakes a variety of tasks including advocacy for pensions and welfare, provision of financial assistance, the support of widows clubs, children's education and camps, disabled and dependants' camps, transport dependants and junior legatees holidays. However, like many other community groups, the Mornington Peninsula Legacy Club suffers from the challenges of attempting to provide adequate communications and support services.

Essentially, the action I am seeking from the minister is that he assist the club in providing communications to its members and clients and, in that way, support the exceptionally valuable work it does for the Mornington Peninsula community.