



Retired Police Association of Tasmania

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THE RETIRED POLICE ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA - THE BEGINNING

There once existed an organisation called the Retired Officers Association - reserved for those in the Tasmania Police Force who rose to the dizzy heights of Inspector and above, .i.e. officers. It seems that their meetings were blessed with no more than five to ten members and it was what could now be considered, with due respect to those involved, a rather haphazard and informal organisation.

It was quickly recognized that this organisation, as such, was not going to be highly successful and it was suggested by our past President of the RPAT, Aub Canning, that the membership should be opened up to all those members of Tasmania Police who had resigned or retired after having served at least eight years.

As a result, a meeting was held on 4 December 1990 at the Police Academy with approximately sixty retired police in attendance. The President at the time was the late George Billing who addressed the meeting on the proposal that the Retired Police Association be formalized by the adoption of the Constitution. A draft Constitution had been previously circulated amongst the members at the meeting. The Constitution was formally adopted by the members present.

As a matter of interest, the following members were elected to the committee at the inaugural meeting:

- President - G C (George) Billing
- Vice Presidents - F G J (Fred) Shepherd and D (Don) Williams
- Secretary/Treasurer - A P (Aub) Canning > a position held by Aub until the end of 2002 when he was elected President.
- Committee Members - K A (Ken) Bradford, A (Arthur) Woods, L (Lloyd) Webster and D J (Dave) House.

The minutes of the first committee meeting record that there were eighty two members registered and that four hundred and ten dollars had been collected in subscriptions. This seems to indicate that initially the subscriptions were five dollars per year. At the moment our membership stands at 365.

The concept of the Ladies Night (later named Ladies/Partners) originated from an idea from Mr Aub Canning who felt that it was appropriate that those police officers who had working in country stations should show their appreciation to their wives, who in the absence of that officer from the station, was often burdened with the telephone calls, requested to renew registration and numerous other miscellaneous tasks.

At the 2004 Annual General Meeting, the Constitution was changed to allow ex-members to join the RPAT after having served only five years with Tasmania Police rather than the eight years.

Of course it is not only members of Tasmania Police who are eligible to join. We have members who have served in all the State and Territory Police Services plus many from overseas. All have to meet certain criteria.

The reason I have included this article in this issue of the newsletter is that I have been asked many times recently as to our origins. I must confess that the research was done by our President, Adrian Loring who used it for an article he wrote for the Police Association Journal. I must also thank Vice President, David Fleming who archived the piece and brought it up to date.

MEMBERSHIP

I'm pleased to say that we are still coming along in leaps and bounds, we have seven new members giving us a total of three hundred and sixty five members. Our new members are:

- Harold Priest from Ulverstone
- Victor Kelly from Devonport
- Bernard Webb from Midway Point
- Michael Brazendale from South Arm
- Mark Davis from Howrah
- Johannes Timmerman from Bakers Beach
- Kim Smith from Glenorchy

On behalf of all of our members I would like to say welcome and I hope to see you with your partners at one of our upcoming functions soon.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

The Retired Police Association of Tasmania wish to gratefully acknowledge the generous support of:

- The Police Association of Tasmania
- Mr Gary Hurst
- Mr Ken Gorman
- Mr Jim O'Sullivan
- Mr Marcus Hindrum
- Mr Phil Butler
- Mr Graeme Geard
- Mr John Johnson AO APM QPM
- Mr Graeme Richardson
- Mr Ivan Dean
- Mr David Farrell
- Mr John Elson
- Mr Leo Hutchings

The generous support of these members, together with the Police Association enables our Association to keep our costs to a minimum. I must also acknowledge the very generous support given to us by the Tasmania Police Service, particularly the Police Academy who assist with our printing and other matters. On behalf of all our members to you all, Thank you.

LETTER FROM RETIRED POLICE COMMISSIONER - JOHN JOHNSON

Adrian Loring
President
Retired Police Association of Tasmania

11 January 2011

Dear Adrian,

Please find enclosed my cheque as a contribution towards the cost of administering the Retired Police Association of Tasmania. I look forward to receiving the Association's Newsletter every couple of months. Reading the events and happenings involving my old colleagues gives me a great deal of pleasure.

I am most impressed at the quality of the men and women who serve on the Committee of the Association. They were all committed and professional members of the force in my time as Commissioner. They never let me down when there was a difficult job to be done and I have no doubt that they support you in the same way in the administration of the Association.

Please pass on my best wishes to all my old colleagues and friends in the Association. I hope that one day I can meet with you all again.

Kindest Regards,

John Johnson
Commissioner of Police (Ret)
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THE BET

Lyn and Brian were at a friends funeral recently, after the first hymn Brian began to laugh. Lyn turned to him, gave him a glaring look and told him to be quiet and then said "Whatever is the matter with you?" "I'll tell you what the matter is", said Brian, "Fred and I had a bet as to who would live the longest, I've just realised that I have won the bet. I knew the bugger would get out of paying somehow".

MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS GOING PUBLIC

This is for Australia Mobiles. From November last year all mobile phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sale calls. You will be charged for these calls. Below is the link where you can enter your phone numbers on-line to put an end to these calls. Don't just delete these calls, otherwise you will find that you have signed up for all sorts of extra services that you did not want to know about, like special chimes, music etc. This is the link: <https://www.donotcall.gov.au/>

*You have heard of course that some people are having a problem with 'wickyleaks'.
I have it on good authority that our President is having a problem with 'dickyleaks'.*

A REMINDER FROM OUR TREASURER

There are 27 members who have not paid their membership dues since 2009 and a further 5 who have not paid since 2008. The latter group will have a formal letter sent to them from the Secretary in the coming days. To remain financial these 27 members need to pay \$20 to be financial for 2010 and 2011. The fees per year are only \$10 of which the majority of monies are expended on Newsletter and newspaper notices.

To continue our work it is essential that members dues are paid promptly. If you are in any doubt as to your current status, phone Syd on 0407 847 718 or e-mail smcclly-mont@bigpond.com.

YE OLDE TRAFFIC POLICE REUNION

On Monday 15 November 2010 we had our Christmas reunion at the Black Buffalo Hotel with some 39 members attending. It was great to see Jock McJannet from Queensland, Bob Knights from Adelaide plus some local members from Dover, Bothwell and Gretna. Also attending were some of our office ladies - Wanda, Kathy and Sandra. A donation of thirty dollars will be made to the Prostate Cancer Research programme which will make our total donation to date four hundred and fifty dollars. Many thanks to all those who donated on the day.

Our next function is on Monday, 21 March 2011 at the usual located. Please remember that everybody is welcome. Any enquiries please contact Leo Hutchings on 6247 2291 at home or 0418 103 719 or e-mail hutchie8@bigpond.com.au.

SERVICE GUIDE

(If you wish to advertise here just ring me or email cireldol@bigpond.com)

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- Wood Turning - Contact Dave Fleming on 6229 7490
- Hospitality - Gretna Green Hotel - Contact Phil and Colleen Sharpe on 6286 1332
- Wilderness Hotel Derwent Bridge - Contact Dave and Carol Fitzgibbon on 6289 1144
- Gattonside Heritage Accommodation, 51-53 Sandy Bay Road, Sandy Bay - Contact Nicole Gourlay on 6224 1200
- Motoring - Radiator Repairs, Argyle Street, Hobart - Contact Ken Gorman on 6234 1504
- Suncoast Shoe Store, 1/2 Pendrigh Place, St Helens, Tasmania - Member Jed Elson invites you to come in and have a chat and look his stock over.
- South East Tyre Centre, Sorell - Contact Barry McDonald on 6265 1066
- Tours Etc - Hyway Tours. If you need a tour bus for any function - Contact Greg Hyland on 0407 871 757 or 6424 1656
- Medical - Need a Doctor, Hospital or Chemist - If you are travelling and out of your district and need to contact one for a quick and easy reference contact - <http://www.doctor4u.com.au>
- Mulders Mobile Maintenance, Commercial, Domestic and Marine repairs and cleaning \$30 and hour + materials - Contact Tony Mulder on 0428 685 337 or tonymulder@gmail.com

WELFARE MATTERS

Our condolences go to both Vic Jones and Neil Littlejohn who lost their wives in September last year. Neil has the added burden of fighting cancer in throat. Our thoughts go out to both these members.

Also on the sick list are:

- Josh Randall
- Don Bedelph
- John Bird and his wife Annie
- Gary Hurst
- Dave Hislop and his wife Lorraine. Lorraine was knocked down by a car in the car park of a shopping centre (I always told Lynn that those shopping centres were dangerous places and she was to keep well away from shopping).

We wish everyone a speedy recovery and if there is anything that we can do to help please let one of the committee members know.

DECEASED MEMBERS

It is with profound sadness that I have to report the death of Donald Leslie Bedelph who passed away on 22 January 2011. Our sympathies go to Don's family. He was given a Police funeral.

OVER EIGHTIES CLUB

There will be some new members of the over eighties club with the start of the New Year. The new members are:

- Wilfred Elvey, Sandy Bay
- Don Turner, Bellerive
- Keith Barwick, Midway Point
- Don Bennett, Launceston
- Carl Woodberry, Burnie
- New member Jock McJannet
- Josh Randall, Launceston
- Gordon Brown, Bellerive

Congratulation to you all.

GRETNA BARBEQUE 2011

It's on again! The fifth annual barbeque at the Gretna Green Hotel will be on Sunday, 9 October 2011, commencing at 11am. This is always a great day for members and their families.

Remember to put it in your diary for this year. Those that have been previously will tell you it is a great day. The invite is open to all members of the RPAT and their families. The cost will be \$15 for adults, the children are free.

Let us know if you can make it. Please ring either Phil or Colleen Sharpe on 6286 1332 at the Gretna Pub or Andy and Karen Beasant on 6259 5755 so we can cater accordingly.

For those who don't know where to find Gretna, it is about 20 minutes from New Norfolk west along the Lyell Highway. See you there.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY - DERWENT BRIDGE

This will be on again in 2011. As yet the final date has not been set so watch the next edition of the Newsletter.

If you have any questions before then you can contact Andy Beasant on 6259 5755.

ARTICLES SENT IN FOR THE NEWSLETTER

A good number of readers send in articles for me to put in the Newsletter, most of the time I can put them in, sometimes due to lack of space I am unable to. Please do not stop sending your articles in, I put them in a file and when space permits I promise they will go in. If it's urgent I really do try to squeeze them in, thanks.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Traffic Office Reunion - Black Buffalo Hotel, 21 March 2011. All Welcome.
- Ladies/Partners Night - Now please do not forget about this night, you will not get an invitation, it will be up to you to let me know that you are attending. Let's try and make the hundred guests this year; it's a great event, Brian. Venue - Police Academy, Friday, 4 November 2011.
- Commissioner's Christmas Lunch - Police Academy, Tuesday 6 December 2011 (You will get an invitation for this one). Now don't forget prior to the lunch the AGM will be held.
- Annual General Meeting - AGM of the Retired Police Association of Tasmania will be held at 11am on 6 December 2011 in the Police Academy Auditorium.

RETIRED POLICE ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Patron - Sir Max Bingham Q.C.BCL.LLB.LLD
- President - Adrian Loring, phone: 6244 4415
- Vice President - David Fleming, phone: 6229 7490
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 - > Lyn Jones, phone: 0427 294 901
 - > Leo Hutchings, phone: 6247 2291
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MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL BRAZENDALE

I have been asked to distribute this message far and wide with the apology that the time frame is a little tight, Brian. Many of the retired officers would now know that I finished up on 10 December 2010, after 41 years. Darren Hine has kindly arranged a function for me at the Brunswick Hotel in Liverpool Street, 4pm on Friday, 14 January 2011. I would be pleased if you could let the retired members know because my career has been enjoyable not just because of those now serving but many who were great mates and colleagues that are now on the pensioners list. I understand that you buy your own drinks and there will be a few nibbles provided. Kind Regards, Braz.

