



# RETIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION.TASMANIA

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## DON'T LEAVE IT TO LATE.

Recently I went to the Doctor to re-new a prescription, I take medication for blood pressure, anyway whilst I was there the doctor said it had been 12 months or more since I had had my blood test for the usual, cholesterol, diabetes, PSA (prostate) etc, and the dreaded rectal examination. I told him that I had another appointment after this visit to him and we would fix it later, he insisted that whilst I was in his surgery he would do it now. Anyway when he had finished he said that he had detected a slight increase in the size of the prostate but he thought it might be an age thing. After the blood test I had a call from his surgery asking me to go and see him. My PSA had gone from 3 to 6.5 which he said warranted further examination. I had none of the usual symptoms, I pride myself that I was as fit as anyone in my age bracket (nearly 74) but off I went to hospital for a morning to have a biopsy. The result, cancer.

As I said ,I had no symptoms or any trouble, yes I got up a couple of times a night, but I could go to the toilet without any trouble, I was in no pain of any

## MEMBERSHIP.

Our membership is still growing at a pleasing rate, we have nearly reached the 400 mark.

New members are:-

Edward(Scott) Dunn from Howrah.

Ross Paine from Granton.

Paul(Lou)Armstrong from Old Beach

Carolyn Carlson from Margate

Tim Welch from Launceston

description. Further tests of the waterworks found evidence of cancer on my kidney. So over the Christmas - New Year period out come the prostate, in hospital four days, a little tender of course and a rubber tube sticking out of an embarrassing spot on my body but all in all no problem. The doctors will work on the kidney problem this year. I again say, I had no idea what was in my body, if I hadn't gone to the doctor for that prescription, more importantly if the doctor had not insisted that he do the test, I don't know how far the disease could have spread, I am not looking for sympathy ,but I am telling everyone, DON'T LEAVE IT TO LATE. Men and women have the opportunity to do these simple tests at no or very little cost to you, take the time to do them. They may save your life. I hope it has done so for me.

**PLEASE DON'T LEAVE IT TO LATE.**

**Brian**

Richard McCreadie from Howrah.

Chris Iles from Lewisham

John McCormack from Cambridge.

A.S.G.(Bob) Hook from Howrah

Steve Timmins from Launceston

Claas Visser from Launceston.

That now gives us a total of 392 To our new members, welcome, we hope to see you at some if not all of our functions throughout the year.

## SUPPORT FOR OUR PATRON

Just before our AGM in December our President was contacted by our Patron Sir Max Bingham. Sir Max was concerned because he had heard that there was discontent amongst the membership over his position as our Patron. Sir Max felt that it may be better if he resigned from his position. Adrian told Sir Max that he felt that his concerns were not warranted but to allay his fears he would bring the matter up at the forthcoming AGM. As promised Adrian raised the matter at the AGM, A short discussion followed and it became apparent that the members present felt that this matter had been discussed at a previous meeting and the membership was wholeheartedly behind Sir Max and indeed we were lucky to have a person of his standing as our Patron.

## RETIREE'S KEEPING FIT.

It has been suggested that retired Police officers may wish to use the facilities at PCYC's with the aim of keeping fit. At a recent State meeting of the PCYC's it was resolved to let clubs consider providing free membership to retiree's and request a gold coin donation, unless they were providing a service to the club .i.e Committee member, volunteer, then no cost should apply. It should be remembered that each club operates independently under their own committee structure and are separate incorporated bodies. So it would be up to each person to approach the serving police officer at the respective club to make arrangements to use the clubs facilities. The clubs that are members of the State Association are:-

**Hobart. 300 Liverpool Street.**

**Clarence.10.Scott St.Bellerive Bridgewater. Green Point Road. Next to the police station.**

**Launceston. Corner of Abbott and Wentworth Streets. Newstead.** Thanks to member Kim Smith for this information.

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- SUPPORT FOR OUR PATRON.
- IMPORTANT HEALTH MESSAGE.

**LADIES/PARTNERS NIGHT.****THANKS FOR YOUR  
GENEROUS SUPPORT**

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

The Police Association of Tasmania.

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QPM

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Mr. Ivan Dean

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Mr. John Elson

Mr. Leo Hutchings

The generous support of these members together with the Police Association enable 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.

**EXTRACT FROM THE  
MERCURY NEWSPAPER  
2ND July. 1954.**

*DAY BY DAY.*

Directs Traffic, But Still Smiles. Various cities of the Commonwealth have distinctive personalities, and it sometimes does not take them long to become known. For years Melbourne had its famous traffic policeman known world wide as "Whistling Rufus" as he signaled cars by, he was forever whistling some popular melody, Hobart now has a famous policeman, who also directs traffic, but whereas Melbourne's man was a whistler, Hobart's is a smiler. Constable Littlejohn is mostly stationed at the intersections of Macquarie

and Argyle Streets. And sometimes its Argyle and Liverpool Streets and he always has a friendly smile for the motorist who is anxious to obey the traffic rules, and even when its necessary to admonish he does it nicely.

Others could well follow the example of this officer, who perhaps more than anyone else, is helping to bring back the joy of motoring.....

Neil hasn't changed, even though he is still battling cancer of the throat and cannot speak ,he always greets you with a huge smile when ever you meet him.



At last years AGM held at the Academy in December, Laurie Leaver and Roy Axelsen nominated Jim Byrne for Life Membership of the Association. Jim has been the Northern Vice President of the RPAT for the last twelve years and Laurie and Roy told the members at the AGM in support of their nomination that without Jims input they felt that the Northern Branch would have gone backwards. The nomination was put to the vote which passed unanimously. Well done Jim. The only other Life Member is Past President Aubrey Canning.

Christmas and New Years Greetings from the U.K.

Remember Bill Hallsworth? Bill served with us for many years and then with a rush of blood went back to the U.K. He is a member of the Association and sends his best wishes for Christmas and the coming New Year to all his old mates and says he would like to hear from you via Gloria and bill@talktalk.net

Ladies/ Partners Night last year, November 2011 was almost a record for attendance, I say almost because for one reason or another three couples failed to turn up, If they had of done we would have had 96 people at the function. We have been trying for some years to get to 100, we will I am sure this year if the word gets around after the last one, I havn't heard a bad word about the evening, in fact it was all praise and some even tried to book for this year. The food was good the evening was nice and warm and the music was great., so with the company of another eighty odd people around you the atmosphere was tops. If there were complaints it was the seating arrangements, Some people didn't like where they were sitting or they all wanted to sit with me, next time I am thinking of making up tables of ten or so and have no formal seating plan, you sit where you can find a seat, how will you like that arrangement, please let me know. It really is hard to please every one when it comes to seating.

Recently I was given a limited edition porcelain doll by Mrs. Janet Smith. She has been collecting the dolls for some years and now that she and Charlie have stopped playing with them, she has donated one to us to use as a fund raiser. As we don't have many fund raising events I thought I might auction the doll. Its called SHANNON ,it's a limited edition collectors item from 'The Ashton-Drake Galleries', its about 12 inches high in the old scale ,still in the original box, Who is going to start the bidding? Bid on cireldo1@bigpond.com. Thanks Janet.

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in and have a chat and look his  
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sizes and colours.*

## **WELFARE MATTERS**

I have a note here from Phil Gregory up on the NW Coast, Phil has been in touch with Ray Childs wife, Patsie, Ray is laid up these days with hip and leg problems and will probably never be able to attend any more functions as he has lost his mobility. Patsie has asked Phil to mention that it would be nice for Ray if any of his old mates were able to call on him to have a chat, it would cheer him up no end. Also Wayne Cooper is also having treatment for throat cancer, so to all on the North West Coast who are having a bad run, we wish you well. In the North Richard Stevens is still on the sick list, he's battling cancer. I'm also told that Peter Sands is in hospital. Down South John Bird is still in there fighting and Anne although sick herself is right there alongside him. To all on the sick list-we wish you well.

## **GRETNA BARBEQUE 2011**

The Annual BBQ was held again at Gretna in October, around thirty people attended and during the BBQ a raffle was conducted which raised one hundred dollars. It was decided that the money would be donated to the Police Charity Trust. On Ladies Night the 11th November, President Adrian presented the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Scott Tilyard with a cheque for the

money. I was away so was unable to attend the BBQ, I was told it was a great day with the added bonus of the money collected. Well done to the members and to the organisers of the event Andy and Karen Beasant. and the hosts of the Gretna Hotel, Colleen and Phil Sharpe.

Just before Christmas Lyn and Brian decided to go into town to do some last minute shopping, they decided to split up and meet in the centre of the mall in two hours. At the appointed time Brian is waiting and waiting and then gets on the mobile to ask where she is. Lyn replies, "Do you remember that jeweller that we went into to look at that Rolex watch you so wanted?" "Yes" said Brian, "The one that I said one day I may be able to afford to buy you" said Lyn. "Yes" said Brian now quite excited. "Well " said Lyn, "I'm in the dress shop next to that jeweller, I'll be another half an hour".

## **VALE**

It is with deep sadness that I report the passing of three of our members since the last issue of our Newsletter, they are :-

Robert Mervyn OAKLEY on the 26th September. 2011.

Graham GALLOWAY on the 5th October.2011

Tyrone HILL on the 29th December.2011.

Our condolences go to the families of those members.

Non Members but none the less respected past colleagues.

Ernest ROFFE in Queensland October. 2011

Richard (Dickie) DINELEY. 6th December.2011.

## **NEW TREASURER**

At last years AGM Syd our treasurer decided that he would step down from his position.

Dale Watson has agreed to take over the position. So any enquiries regarding financial matters that you may have can now be directed to Dale, his details are listed on page four.

Our thanks to Syd for the job well done over the past few years

## **OVER EIGHTIES CLUB**

This Year we will have some new members of the over eighties club:-

Ray Arkless	3.1.32
Ken Britton	3.12.32
Gus Draper	7.11.32
Brian Duniam	9.10.32
Tony Gatward	3.11.32
Dick Hayde	7.4.32
Laurie Leaver	29.9.32
Geof McIntyre	17.5.32
Bernie McCann	24.6.32
Terry Plunkett	4.6.32
Peter Sands	28.12.32
Joe Skeggs	20.3.32
Ken Wills	4.7.32

Congratulations to you all.



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*On Monday 14th November 2011 Ye old Traffic Police held their Christmas function at the Black Buffalo Hotel with 45 members attending from various parts of the State. It was pleasing to see some new faces as well as the old ones. Some members travelled long distances to attend. The 26 prizes won on the day were distributed to members from right round the State. We would like to thank members for their generous donations towards our function and also a special thanks to the Black Buffalo and Shoreline Hotels. A donation of \$60 has been forwarded to the cancer council for prostate cancer research in Tasmania. Our total donation for this research now totals \$560. Many thanks to all who assisted with the function and remember that everyone is always welcome.. Our next function is on Monday the 19th March 2012 at the same location. If you have any enquiries please contact. Leo Hutchings on 03 62472291 or 0418 103 719 or hutchie8@bigpond.net.au*

Doctors at a famous research institute have discovered a food that once eaten could ruin you for the rest of your life—its called wedding cake.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2012**

**North West Coast Events:-** Thursday the 29th March 2012  
Lunch at the Devonport RSL Club. McFie Street. 12 for 12.30pm

Mid Year Commissioners Lunch Launceston. Date to be advised.  
Bus will be provided.

Thursday 6th September. Lunch RSL Devonport. 12 for 12.30pm  
provided.

**Northern Branch Ladies Night.** Friday the 30th March.2012 at  
the **Riverside Golf Club.** 6.30p.m for 7pm. **Cost. \$34.00** per  
person. **Contact:- Jim Byrne.63448291 or**  
**jamesby@bigpond.com RSVP.** 24th March.2012

**Traffic Office Re-union.** Monday 19th March. Black Buffalo

**Commissioners Mid Year Lunch.** Launceston date to be an-  
nounced.

**Commissioners Christmas Luncheon.** Tuesday 4th Decem-  
ber2012

I have no doubt that there will be other events throughout the year  
when they are finalized I will publish the dates.

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