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ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER.

You may be aware that we now have a web page, thanks to both the Police Department and the Police Association. Early last year(2010) we the Executive Committee were asked to look at the possibility of setting up such a beast.

It was felt that we needed a host to assist us in this endeavour so Syd our Treasurer and David Fleming and Lyn Jones set about the task of finding a host. Syd made enquires with the Police Association and Lyn and David went to the Police Department. The approval from both these sources came almost together so it was decided to go with both.

It now means that as well as receiving your Newsletter via the post you can also go online and get it through the Police Departments web site on;- <http://www.police.tas.gov.au/useful-links/retired-police-association-of-Tasmania/> or Police Association on www.Pat.asn.au/rpat.cgi

This should now cover all bases, if you are one of those people that are fortunate enough to travel as a grey nomad you will still have access to all the news via these sites.

The following information was recently posted on the "Its an Honour" website and provides the latest information on the new National Medal.

National Police Service Medal Announced. On the 2nd March 2011 the Minister for Home Affairs, the Hon Brendan O'Connor,MP and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister,Senator the Hon Kate Lundy, jointly announced the formal establishment of the National Police Service Medal (NPSM).

The executive Committee of the Retired Police Association of Tasmania would like to thank Mark Kadziolka and Julie Lillico for all the assistance they have given us to get the site finalized. We would also like to thank the executive of the Police Association for providing this service to our members.

Our thanks also go to the Commissioner of Police Mr. Darren Hine and his department for their assistance and allowing us to use their site.

I have been asked to make mention and a special thank you to Inspector Mark Mewis and Abbie Jacobson who actually got the site up and running.

The committee, on your behalf would also like to thank Syd, Lyn and David for all the work that they put into this project.

The National Police Service Medal recognises the special status that sworn police officers have because of their role in protecting the community. It represents a police officers past and future commitment to give ethical and diligent service. It will be awarded to sworn police officers who were serving on or after the 30th October 2008 and have given at least 15 years of ethical and diligent service. The first awards of the National Police Service Medal should take place in the second half of 2011. Currently the Executive of the RPA is awaiting information from other jurisdictions as to our next action in trying to have the date 30/10/2008 backdated so that more of our members can apply for the medal. You will be kept up to date as to our progress in later newsletters.

ASSOCIATION CLOTHING AND OTHER ITEMS.

As we have had an influx of new members I would like to remind everyone that the association has a range of items for sale. These range from shirts, men and women's, they come in various styles and colours, sizes etc with the associations logo over the left breast.

There are key rings, ties and name badges, caps and other items.

For more information and to order any of the above please contact committee member Andy Beasant on 62 595 755 or e-mail:-

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY

For those not familiar with the concept, the idea started some years ago with a few members going to the pub at Derwent Bridge where members Dave and Carol Fitzgibbon will welcome you with a fine feast, fire and if you want to you can roll in the snow. It will take place this year over the weekend of the 23/24th July. Contact either Dave or Carol on 62 891 144 or Andy or Karen Beasant on 62 595 755

YE OLDE TRAFFIC REUNION

33 members attended this function on the 21st March and it was great to see Jim Byrne, Don Bennett, Bill Marshall, John Deeth from Launceston and Ken Britton, Phil Sharpe and Andy Beasant from our country areas. The attendance was good considering the number of members holidaying on the Mainland. The 24 raffle and door prizes won were evenly spread around our members. Special thanks to the BLACK BUFFALO and SHORELINE HOTELS and all members who donated prizes. We will be donating \$50 to Prostate Cancer Research which now takes our total donation to \$500. Many thanks to all Our next function. 14th November Black Buffalo Hotel.

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• POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEDAL.

- Several queries have been received in relation to the progress of our application to the Commissioner to have his medal awarded to our members.
- The file is currently with Commissioner Hine and we are awaiting a decision. Tasmania and Victoria remain the only two police jurisdictions in Australia where officers who retire prior to 1999 are not awarded this honour.

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 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.

_Adrian Loring

President

Retired Police Association of Tasmania.

11th 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 that had 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)

115 Glaneuse Road.

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MEMBERS HEALTH AND WELLBEING

A lot of time and effort is spent on trying to ensure that the entitlements of members are not eroded and they continue to enjoy a standard of living that reflects the Nation's obligations to care for people who have been of service to their State or Country.

But sometimes we forget that this is only part of the story. We need to remember that it is very important for each of us to try and maintain the best level of health we can achieve. It is important because it will allow us to live a fuller and more active life with our friends and love ones, and will cause them less concern and stress by not having to worry about how we are.

Members of the RPAT have access to a wide range of treatment programmes and some are simply not taking advantage of what's on offer. There are tests which can help in early detection of conditions and that early detection can significantly lessen the impact on our quality of life.

Talk to your GP or other treating doctor and discuss the tests you should consider having on a yearly basis. Some of the more common tests are:-

1. Liver function
2. Cholesterol level
3. PSA Prostate
4. Digital rectal examination
5. Thyroid
6. Magnesium
7. Blood Pressure
8. Faecal occult blood test
9. Testosterone

10. Pap Smear. A pap smear or pap test can determine if there is any infections or abnormal cells growing in the cervix that can possibly lead to cervical cancer.

.Regular pap tests are recommended and should be discussed with your doctor.

Mammogram Screening. Breast Screen Australia services provide free screening to all women over 40 and especially target women aged 50-69 years. There are currently over 500 screening locations via fixed, relocatable and mobile screening units covering urban, rural and remote areas of Australia. Women over 50 should call 13 20 50 every 2 years to book their free screening mammogram at a screening and service centre nearest to them. A doctor's referral is not necessary. Men can also be diagnosed with breast cancer.

There are many other tests but the key is to discuss it with your GP and find out which are the ones most relevant to you, and then make sure that you have them on a regular basis.

While you are at it don't forget to encourage your family members to do the same. Encourage your partner and daughter's to have their mammograms and pap smears and your sons to have....whatever sons have.

David Paton tells us that recently he met Paul Sergeant and his wife Christine in Hobart. Paul and Christine were holidaying in Hobart visiting friends and enjoying the good clean living in Tasmania after Western Australia where they now live. Paul and Christine are enjoying the grey nomad life criss crossing the country and wish to be remembered to all their old friends and colleagues.



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Wood and Gardening Supplies.

Contact Gary Hurst on:-
0408 136 835

Hospitality

Gretna Green Hotel. Contact. Phil and Colleen Sharpe. On 62 861 332

Wilderness Hotel. Derwent Bridge. Contact. Dave and Carol Fitzgibbon. 62 891 144

Gattonside.Heritage Accommodation. 51-53 Sandy Bay Road. Sandy Bay.

Contact. Nicole Gourlay on 62 241 200.

Motoring

Radiator Repairs. Argyle Street. Hobart. Contact Ken Gorman on 62 341504

Suncoast Shoe Store. 1/2 Pen-drigh 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 62 651 066

Tours Etc.

Hyway Tours. If you need a tour bus for any function give Greg Hyland a ring on. 0407 871 757 or 64 241 656

Medical.

Need a Doctor, Hospital or Chemist. If you are travelling and out of your district and need to contact one of the above, for a quick and easy reference contact.

<http://www.doctors4u.com.au>

LUNCH ON THE NORTH WEST COAST

The North West Branch of the Retired Police Association will hold their next luncheon at the Devonport RSL Club in McFie Street on Thursday the 5th May.2011 commencing at 12 md for 12.30pm.

It will be an excellent opportunity to catch up with old mates for a chat and a meal together.

An invitation is extended to any member state wide who may be in the area on the day, or who may wish to make the trip up. Several new members will be in attendance. Please RSVP by Monday the 2nd May to Phil Gregory on either 62 245 382(answering machine service) mobile 0407 888 053 or e-mail warmand sunny2009@hotmail.com

THE FLY HUNTER

Lyn walked into her kitchen to find Brian stalking around with a fly swatter,"What are you doing?" she asked.

"Hunting flies" He said. "Oh, doing any good?". She asked. "Yes, three males and two females" he said, "How can you tell the difference" "Easy" he said, "Three were on a beer can, the other two were on the phone".

MEMBERSHIP DUES.

At the last State Committee meeting one member had to be removed from the list of members as a result of being unfinancial for three years. There remain three who are in a similar position for this year. Each was sent a reminder earlier in 2011. I would again encourage those members to contact me to make arrangements for payment.

Currently I have approximately 90 e-mail addresses of our

members and this makes it easy for contact where a reminder is necessary. I would appreciate more e-mail addresses if you haven't already provided yours.

I am often asked why invoices and receipts are not sent direct to members. This is not possible with a membership fee of only ten dollars. Most of the money would be expended in printing and postage. I am only to pleased to dispatch receipts where your payment is accompanied by a stamped self addressed return envelope.

This message from our Treasurer,.

MEMBERSHIP.

I pleased to report that our membership is still on the rise. In the last issue of the Newsletter I reported that our membership stood at three hundred and sixty five. Its now at three hundred and seventy.

The committee took the reluctant step of taking a former member off the Register for non payment of annual dues. I can promise

you that this is not something that we do lightly and its only after the member has failed to answer several reminders.

NEW MEMBERS:-

Lyell Brett(Bluey)from Latrobe.

Davis Randall from Howrah.

Robert Oakley(Bob) from Don

Thomas Burley(Tom) from Devonport

Michael Sherman(Mike) from Blackmans Bay

Mathew Buck from South Launceston.

John Johnston(Jack) from Tranmere.

On behalf of all our members I say to the new members, welcome and we hope to see you at one of our functions in the very near future.

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DECEASED MEMBERS

It is with profound sadness that I have to report the passing of two of our members.

**Donald Leslie Bedelph on the 22 January.2011.
Our sympathies go to Don's family. Don was given a police funeral at the request of he family.**

**Neil Patrick Brown on the 27th February.2011.
Our sympathies go to Neil's family. Neil was given a police funeral.**

It is also my sad duty to report the death of Lady Margaret Garrett Bingham, the wife of our Patron Sir Max Bingham QC.

Our sympathies go to Sir Max and his family.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mid Year Commissioners Lunch. Riverside Golf Club. Riverside.Launceston on Wednesday 22nd June.2011. Book for this event through Jim Byrne on 63 448291 or Allison Rutherford the Commanders Secretary at Launceston Police Headquarters.

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, lets try and make the hundred guests this year, it's a great event... Brian

The venue. The Police Academy. **The date.**

Friday the 11 November.2011. NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THIS ONE . IT'S THE 11TH NOT THE 4TH DUE TO A PUBLIC HOLIDAY UP NORTH. THE 11TH.

Commissioners Christmas Lunch. Police Academy Tuesday the 6th December.2011 (You will get an invitation to this one.) Now don't forget prior to the lunch the AGM will be held.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Annual General Meeting of the Retired Police Association of Tasmania will be held on the 6th December at 11am in the Auditorium at the Police Academy .

NORTHERN BRANCH LUNCH AND AGM.

The Northern Branch Christmas Lunch and AGM will be held on Wednesday the 14th December. AGM at 12 noon. Lunch at 112.30pm. At the usual venue. Riverside Golf Club .

TRAFFIC OFFICE REUNION. November 14th at the Black Buffalo Hotel. All welcome. Gold Coin donation. Ring Leo Hutchings 62 472 291 or 0418 103 719 or e-mail hutchie8@bigpond.com.au

WELFARE MATTERS

Unfortunately there are a number of people on the sick list that I am aware of. Neil Littlejohn is still undergoing treatment for his throat cancer. John Bird and his wife Annie are still undergoing treatment. Graham Galloway, Annie's brother is also very sick and is undergoing treatment. Gary Hurst, after his many problems is I understand coming along quite well. Bob Webb has been in hospital recently for a hip replacement and is now convalescing. David and Lorraine Hislop were coming along quite well, Lorraine you will remember was knocked down in the car park of a local supermarket and broke a leg, well now I understand she has had a fall at home and has injured her shoulder. (David told me that he was having her clothes made from bubble wrap so if she falls again it will ease the fall) Ken Walsh has had some surgery and his wife Ros has undergone major surgery. From the North of the State I understand Ray Dennis and Richard Stevens are on the sick list. We the members wish you all a speedy recovery. If there is anyone that I have missed I am really sorry but we wish you well too.