



# NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message

It is an honour and privilege to have been nominated and elected President of the Retired Police Association of Tasmania. I will certainly do all I can to ensure I maintain the excellent work and efforts of the returned committee members and executive.

Can I thank all of you who have taken the time to forward messages of support and encouragement— I sincerely appreciate your words and I will do all I can to live up to your expectations.

I would also like to thank outgoing President Dave Fleming who has provided me with guidance after performing the President's role for the past four years and doing so with integrity and a high level of professionalism.

I hope to catch up with as many members at possible at various functions and events throughout the State and if you have any issues, concerns or matters you believe I, or the RPAT, should address please do not hesitate to contact me.

It is my strong belief that you, the members, should be provided with the opportunity to not only engage in one another's company as a member at various RPAT functions but also be recognised and supported for having provided service to the State as a member of Tasmania Police.



In that regard one particular issue I intend to pursue at the earliest opportunity is the delay the partners of deceased members seem to suffer when transitioning pension payments. This matter has recently been brought to the attention of the RPAT and I am personally aware of occasions when a partner has had to wait six months before the pension is transitioned to their benefit.

This is their pension and nothing more than they are entitled to; any delay at a time of significant grief is

unacceptable.

This is a situation that would no doubt also affect serving police officers and their families. I therefore intend to liaise with the Police Association of Tasmania so we may present a united approach.

Addressing processing issues with RBF and providing members with advice as to what they can do to minimise delays in this respect will hopefully ease the difficulties at what is already a stressful time for members. I will keep you informed of any progress in this regard.

Again, thank you for your support and hope to see you soon.

*David Plumpton*

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## MESSAGE FROM PAST PRESIDENT DAVE (Our Newest Life Member)



*PP Dave Fleming being presented with his  
Life Membership Certificate by  
Vice President Tom Lahl.*

### Reflections of Past President

On retiring from Tasmania Police on 11 July 1997, I joined the Retired Police Association of Tasmania (RPAT) on 16 July 1997. I was nominated to the Committee of the RPAT on 3 December 2002 by the late Mr Aub Canning, who was then President.

Later, I was nominated to the position of Vice President which I held until my nomination to President unopposed on 3 December 2013.

It was an absolute honour and privilege to be elected President of such a worthy and expanding organisation.

During my three years as President I have had the pleasure of working with good and loyal Committees who through their continued efforts and initiatives have enhanced the image of the RPAT. Special thanks go to our Secretary, Mr Syd McClymont, Assistant Secretary, Mr Gary Eastwood, and Treasurer Mr Steve Collidge for his contribution to the New Constitution and editor of the Newsletter, Mr Roy Axelsen.

In the past three (3) years the RPAT has achieved the following:

Acquired P O Box 546 Rosny Park, Tas 7018 as the Mailing Address for RPAT

ABN and Tax File Number to permit the RPAT to have its own identity

Memorandum of Understanding with PAT and COP

Update the old Constitution to keep it relevant

Work with PAT to gain membership rewards (e.g) Kathmandu discounts

Chaired regular meetings with the Committees

Regular meeting with COP and President of PAT

Close liaison with Presidents of Interstate Associations

Introduction of Membership cards for Members

Campaign for NPSM and Police Commissioners

Medal resulting in nearly 200 medals being granted

Upgrading of computerised membership lists and data base

Re-organisation of the Committee to give every member a distinctive role

Computerisation of bank accounts and account records

Computerisation of RPAT records and minutes

Re-invigorated the newsletter and introduced email notices to members in a timely fashion

Certificates of Appreciation produced to be presented to worthy recipients

New set of Rules to replace the ageing Constitution

Incorporation of RPAT

New Logo "Retired Police Association Tasmania Inc"

Directors Insurance and Public Liability Insurance obtained

Increased and varied social activities throughout the State and also in Queensland.

Travelled to the three (3) geographical areas and other parts of the State in the role of President.

I have very much enjoyed my time as President of the RPAT and I believe that our achievements have been vast and varied. I would like to wish the Committee of the RPAT and the incoming President, Mr David Plumpton all the very best for the future.

I wish to thank the Members for their cooperation over my term of office and I hope to still meet and enjoy your company in the future.

There have been a number of reports of our members and or their partners suffering from ill health. I wish those people a quick recovery. For those members and or their partners who have lost love ones, I offer my sincere condolences.

I hope you and your love ones had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind Regards

*David J Fleming  
Past President*

## COMMISSIONERS LUNCH AT ACADEMY

The luncheon went off really well and Vice President Tom received good feedback about food and function. The raffle which ran with the help of Michelle Powell raised over \$500 for a charity (RPAT committee has yet to decide which charity)..

Approx. 130 attended the lunch including the Commissioner

and the deputy. There were a few late apologies' due to sickness or other reasons.

We look forward to another successful year. We intend to run another luncheon on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at the Glenorchy RSL. (Noon to 12:30pm)

## AGED CARE

Over the next few newsletters, topics relating to welfare, health, and ageing issues will appear. The aim is to supply information as to where, and how, to source material to assist you and/or your family.

In July 2013, the Australian Government introduced the MY AGED CARE website to help direct people to information on many various topics linked to aged care, and how to find Commonwealth-funded aged care services. The link to the website is

[www.myagedcare.gov.au](http://www.myagedcare.gov.au)

The site covers a vast amount of information, particularly relevant to the area that you live in.

For example - if you are wanting to know what help is available for you or a family member to stay in your/their home, undertake the following steps:-

1. Go into the website

[www.myagedcare.gov.au](http://www.myagedcare.gov.au)

2. Click on **Help at Home** which is written at the top of the screen

3. Read through the information and click on the term **Service Provider** about half way down the page.

4. Type in your postcode and click on what service you require.

**Click SEARCH.**

A list of providers will appear outlining their contact details,

availability, whether they are Commonwealth subsidised etc.

Help at Home covers an enormous amount of topics. Some of the topics are listed below-

**Help at Home:** *what to expect and how services are delivered;*

Personal Care;

Domestic Help;

Meals;

Social Support and activities;

Transport;

Counselling and Support;

Nursing Care;

Home Maintenance and modifications;

Support Aids;

*A full comprehensive list has not been provided as there are too many topics to list here.*

The My Aged Care Website also

covers off :-

Home Support Assessment;

Types of Care Packages;

Costings ;

Aged Care Homes;

Caring for Someone;

Financial and Legal Requirements;

Health and Active Engagement

*and*

Numerous other topics,

*each with subtopics.*

The site really is an extremely

comprehensive, informative tool that is easy to read.

It has been designed to give people more choice, more control, better information and easier access points to a full range of aged care services.

There is a **My Aged Care Contact Centre (1800 200 422)** available between 8am and 8pm weekdays and between 10am and 2pm on Saturdays. The Centre is closed on Sundays and National Public Holidays.

If you are unable to access the website I would suggest contacting a friend or family member for assistance. It is advisable to access the website first if you can, and then ring if you have further queries. Only because, there is so much information on the site, and it would save you from being on the phone for a period of time.

*Prepared by:*

*Executive Committee Member -*

*Michelle Powell*

*Qualifications – Cert111 in Aged Care (2014)*

*Cert111 in Home & Community Care (2014)*

## Road Safety Sign !!

Farmer Dave once lived on a quiet rural highway but as time went by, the traffic slowly built up and eventually got so heavy and so fast that his free range chickens were being run over at the rate of three to six a week;

So Farmer Dave called at the local police station to complain, "You've got to do something about all these people driving so fast and killing my chickens" he said to the local copper, Jim.

"What do you want me to do?" Asked Jim, "I don't care," said Dave "just do something about those crazy drivers!"

So the next day Jim had the Council erect a sign that said, "SCHOOL CROSSING."

Three days later Farmer Dave called Jim and said, "You've still got to do something about these drivers. The School Crossing sign seems to make them go even faster."

So again they put up a new sign,

"SLOW: CHILDREN AT PLAY"

That really sped them up. So Farmer Dave called Policeman Jim and said "Your signs are no good. Can I put up my own sign?"

In order to get Farmer Dave off his back, Jim said, "Sure, put up your own sign."

The phone calls to the police station stopped. But curiosity got the better of Jim, so he phoned Farmer Dave.

"How's the problem with the speeding drivers. Did you put up your sign?"

"Oh, I sure did and not one chicken has been killed."

Jim was really curious and thought he'd better go out and take a look at the sign. He also thought the sign might be something the police could use elsewhere to slow drivers down.

So Jim drove out to Farmer Dave's house. His jaw dropped the moment he saw the sign,

"NUDIST COLONY"

'Slow down and watch for chicks.'



# RETIREMENT BENEFITS FUND

## RBF SURVIVING PARTNERS PENSION ENTITLEMENTS:-

Over the past few months it has been drawn to the attention of the RPAT Committee the difficulty some spouses have experienced when trying to make application for their 2/3 of the RBF Lifetime pension upon the death of their spouse (usually husband).

Contact has been made with RBF management through Tasmanian Association of State Superannuants (TASS) and the following advice has been received:-

*The application must be accompanied by the necessary certificates, death, marriage etc. which have been issued by the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages. RBF cannot accept certificates issued by churches or other bodies such as Registry Offices.*

They will require further documentation such as utility accounts in joint names. (eg. Council Rates). The documentation trail becomes more complex outside of a

traditional marriage with alternative documentation being required.

RBF advises that a surviving spouse should contact their office as soon as possible after the death to gain information on the documentation that they will accept.

In any event please remember that this process is going to take time to complete and members should be aware that there can be a delay of some weeks before the spouse pension is paid to the recipient.

RBF are putting together a sheet which will hopefully advise on the type of documentation required.

RBF have indicated that they will be sending a senior member of their staff to the RPAT Executive meeting in February to discuss the issues raised in this article.

Further information will be provided in the next newsletter.

Syd McClymont, Secretary

## "Why do I need to back up my data?"

Have you ever had this experience? You sit down at your computer with a cup of coffee in hand and hit the power button. A few seconds later you're staring at a black screen with a white flashing cursor flicking on and off – "what the.....?"

Nine times out of ten, this indicates that the hard drive in your computer has just failed. The hard drive in most computers (except solid state drives) consists of a spinning platter with a needle that reads and writes data – like an old record player. It's one of the few moving parts inside a computer and, due to the laws of heat, friction and movement of metal parts, it will fail eventually.

The result? Unless you have \$1,500+ spare to send the drive to Melbourne for the drive to be examined by dedicated data recovery experts, your data is gone. Roughly 15% of the systems I work on have hard drives that have started to fail and unless you know what you're looking for, a hard drive won't tell you it's about to "pack it in". I've seen some drives running after ten years of use, some have only lasted several months. Irregularities in the manufacturing process, insufficient quality control, rough handling and excessive heat all contribute to the varied lifespans of hard drives.

To prevent the loss of your treasured fishing photos, wedding videos, work documents and photos of the grand kids, due to hard drive failure, it's time to start **BACKING UP**. If you already do – congratulations. If you haven't yet, don't stress, 75% of my clients (400+) hadn't back up their data either.

How to back up your data? For most people using an external hard drive is the easiest and most convenient

method. They have large capacities (up to 4 terabytes), are reliable and low cost (around \$85 – 1,000 Gb). I have seen people use USB sticks to back up their important files and photos. As a rule, USB drives are very cheap to make and are a bad choice for backing up data. USB drives are good for transferring data between systems, but can fail easily. Another solution is to use cloud based storage (I'll explain this one another time).

So let's focus on using an external hard drive. Once purchased, connect your hard drive into a USB port and let the computer recognize and load the new driver's software. Once completed, Windows Vista, 7, 8.1 and 10 have an inbuilt backup function. Simply type, 'backup' into your search window and the 'Backup and Restore' function will sit at the top of the results list. Click on this and follow the prompts – it's that easy.

How often should you backup your data? It depends on how much data you put on your computer and how important it is to you. I have some business clients who back up every hour of the day. For the average home user, once a week is usually sufficient and the Windows function can schedule your backups without you having to remember (don't forget to turn your computer on prior to the scheduled time and day). Other backup software solutions are available and I'm happy to point you in the right direction if you aren't happy with Microsoft's version.

Have a question? Email or call me, but remember - back up your data!!!!

*This article was prepared by former TasPol Sergeant, Andrew Fitzgerald. Andrew is a keen IT enthusiast (8 years) having setup TasPol's Telecommunications Interception section with former TasPol Inspector, Hank Timmerman, in 2005. Andrew has recently moved to Mooloolaba, Queensland.*



## Services Guide

### Hospitality

#### Gretna Green Hotel.

Contact Phil and Colleen Sharpe on 6286 1332

### Hospitality

#### Wilderness Hotel. Derwent Bridge.

Contact Dave and Carol Fitzgibbon on 6289 1144

## OLD TRAFFIC POLICE LUNCHEON



On Monday 21 November 2016 the Old Traffic Police held their Christmas Reunion at the Black Buffalo Hotel. 46 members attended.

It is pleasing that interest being shown by members is now on the increase, with our numbers the best we have had in the past 6 years.

We had some new faces as well as our regular members including Greg Inch from Queensland and Bob Knights from Adelaide. It is pleasing to see members travel from all over the State to attend this function.



Some 35 prizes were won on the day including \$50 Vouchers, 4 meat trays, bottles of wine and glasses and a variety of other prizes donated by our members.

Special thanks to the Black Buffalo, Shoreline & Horseshoe Inn Hotels for their valuable support.



As a result of the raffle sales \$70 was donated to the Cancer Council for Prostate Cancer Research in Tasmania which now brings our total donation to \$1,000.00 (Well done everybody).

Our next function will be held on:-

MONDAY 20 NOV 2017 at the Black Buffalo Hotel at 11.30 am.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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Mobile 0418 103 719 or

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OR

Brian Bick (03 6239 9380) :

or email [cireldo1@bigpond.com.au](mailto:cireldo1@bigpond.com.au)

## QUEENSLAND NEWS

The third Queensland RPAT lunch was held in Surfers Paradise on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2016. The lunch was again well supported with a total of 12 members and their guests attending.

Given the success of our three Queensland lunches in 2016, a further three lunches have been programmed for 2017.

•25<sup>th</sup> May (Thurs) 11.30am for 12md Queensland RPAT Lunch Surfers Paradise RSL.

•24<sup>th</sup> August (Thurs) 11.30am for 12md Queensland RPAT Lunch Alexandra Headland Surf Club, Alexandra Headland.

23<sup>rd</sup> November (Thurs) 11.30am for 12md Queensland RPAT Lunch Geebung-Zillmere RSL Club, Zillmere (Brisbane).

As with all Queensland functions partners are most welcome to attend, and dress is casual in keeping with the climate.



(Left - front to back), Delma and Ken Maroney, Julie and Gary Eastwood, Kate Fitzgerald and Jock McJannett.

(Right, front to back) Dale and Gail Watson, Peter Gibson and his partner Kerrie and Ian Cochrane and his son.

## Services Guide

### Two Double Bedroom Cabins (WA)

(one with full kitchen; other with en suite only) & space for caravans at 10 Savannah Way, Derby WA. (20 Km from Derby just off Gibb River Road.. (Google grid reference 17.319 123,764.)

RPAT member Mike Titherington ph 0408 485 372 or email [mikeandapples@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandapples@gmail.com) also on facebook under homesite album.

### Wood and Gardening Supplies

Contact Gary Hurst on 0408 136 835

### Hyway Tours

If you need a tour bus for any function give Greg Hyland a ring on 0407 871 757 or 6424 1656.

**Name Tags** can also be obtained by contacting Greg on (03) 6424 1656 or his email [gshyland3@bigpond.com](mailto:gshyland3@bigpond.com)





*Sarah Courtney (Liberal Member for Bass) at the opening of The Shed at Kings Meadows. RPAT Member David Brooks and Young Town Rotarian Chris Westlake help with the official opening.*

Saturday 19th November saw the official opening of the Veterans and Community Wood Centre Inc at Nunamina Avenue, Young Town.

The construction of the shed has been very much supported by the Rotary Clubs of Young Town and Kings Meadows.

It was with pride that we saw RPAT Member David Brooks assist with the opening of The Shed. David is President of the new venture. Congratulations on your involvement with the Community.

If you want to call in to "The Shed" David always has the kettle on the boil.



## LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Roy

I received my latest RPAT newsletter and thought I would take the opportunity of responding to your request.

I served in the Tasmania Police from 1972 until 1976 (Number 776) and read with interest the article on Elizabeth 'Betty' Hughes who I worked with in the General Squad at the Hobart CIB. In those days I was the young bloke in the CIB, doing what I was told and learning the ropes from John Kruse, and Dave Fleming amongst others. My time down there held me in good stead for my time in the NSW Police Force from 1981 until 2012.

Many years later in 2008 when appointed as the Commander of North Shore LAC I was to have a very switched on Sgt Wotherspoon under my command. It wasn't long before I realised he was the grandson of Jim Wotherspoon who I had known during my time in Tasmania. It certainly is a small world.

I also read with interest the article concerning the Retired ID Card for Retiring NSW Police Force members. I am the proud recipient of Card No 7. It was during my time as the Director of the 150th Anniversary of Policing Project in 2012 that we proposed this occur in appreciation for the many years of dedicated service given by members. It was supported by the



Commissioners Executive Team and has been implemented since 2015.

I understand that there are a number of protocols a member must satisfy before the Card is issued. It indicates that the bearer is a retired member of the NSW Police Force. It certainly does not give entitlement to any benefits etc.

I often travel to Tasmania to catch up with my old work mate Phil Coxan and to go on walking trips with him. On one such trip we visited the Tasmania Police Museum. Russ Ames is to be congratulated along with his volunteers for the wonderful job they have done. It might also be of interest to readers who worked in Hobart CIB in those years to cast their minds back to a North Hobart family and their tribe of children.

In the 80's I was working at Waverley Detectives office in Sydney when a certain member of that family came to our attention, six degrees of separation. He was surprised to see me!! He also got locked up.

Although happily retired I still 'soldier on' as an Army Reserve Major in the Military Police which helps pay for walking trips.

Kind regards to all and thanks for the memories of all those years ago.

Terence C. C. Dalton APM

(Ed. Apologies for the marks on the photograph)

## A Fingal identity...

'Vic' Jones, a member of RPAT since 1991, has fought a number of battles in his long and eventful life. It would be fair to say that simply growing up in working-class England during the depression was a battle. There was his stint as a boxer; the battle with parents who were unwilling to agree to his marriage. Then came a much larger and more life-changing battle which took place on the world's stage in the 1940s, in which Vic took part, and lastly, some skirmishes as a police officer between 1953 and 1989.

Vic was born on the then new Victoria Housing Estate in Whitefield, near Manchester, in England's North West. He was the son of James Herbert and May Ogden Jones. His father was a foreman at the Chloride Exide battery works and later found employment with Mark Fletcher & Sons, textile dyers, printers and finishers.

It was a 'rough and ready existence'. He lost his youngest sister to meningitis when she was five years old, and he left school at 14 and went to work with his father.

At 18, Vic enlisted and was stationed in the Middle East with the 4<sup>th</sup> Royal Tank Regiment as a turret gunner and later, gun fitter. High explosive shell extractions when shells jammed were "hairy experiences", he commented!

On 5 May 1951 he married Jean Rainford and to his parents' horror, they emigrated in September of the same year, arriving in Melbourne on the Orient liner Otranto on 5 November 1951. It was his uncle (having fought alongside Australians in World War I) who influenced the move to Australia. It was also the preference of his new wife, and I suspect that this may have been the stronger influence.

In Hobart, Vic found work with Silk and Textile Printers at Glenorchy, who had offered him employment as a textile technician prior to leaving England. Eventually, they set up house in Chapel Street, Glenorchy, where they stayed for two years until Vic parted company with Silk and Textiles.

Sadly, Vic and Jean lost their first child. She was born on 24 December 1952 and died the following day – not the most welcome Christmas gift.

Having applied to join the Police Force, Vic was appointed constable number 834 at Hobart on 13

October 1953. These were the days of 'The Blue House', namely Ma Dwyer's pub, which has provided many an old-time copper with memories they wouldn't forget in a hurry.

Over the next 10 years, Vic would be transferred to Westerway, Wivenhoe, Burnie, Rossarden and Ouse. It was while stationed at Ouse that he was awarded a high commendation for his action in attempting to rescue Loudon and Louisa Robinson from their burning house on 23 October 1962. Both were in their 70s. Unfortunately, the attempt was futile and with the inadequate resources at their disposal, nothing could be done to save the couple. Together with locals Ray Lane and Peter Puiselli he was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Queen's Certificate of Merit for Bravery.

A transfer to Launceston followed in 1965 and to Hobart Watch House the year after.

On 12 November 1966, Vic resigned.

Before a year had passed, he realised that he had made what he described as "a bad mistake" and was re-appointed constable at Hobart as gaoler. Transfers to Queenstown and Avoca followed and on 17 August 1982 he was promoted to 1/C constable 2/G.

After almost 16 years at Avoca, Vic retired on 1 May 1989, having served just over 35 years in the job.

He bought a cottage in Fingal, moved into it on 1 May 1989 and has lived there ever since. Much of his time was taken up with assisting the elderly until Jean's health failed and she became a permanent resident of the Campbell Town Community Health Centre. Sadly, they lived apart until Jean's passing on 16 September 2010.

Most of Vic's retirement years were spent walking the bush around the Fingal Valley, shooting, gold prospecting and generally enjoying life while renovating his 1865 cottage.

Towards the end of his book, published in 2009 and aptly titled "It's been a funny life", Vic says "I do not regret one part of my life and would not have missed it for all the tea in China."

In his own words, "Life is sure funny."

*(Prepared for RPAT by Honorary Historian Darcy Erwin)*

*(I would like to thank Vic's neighbour, Tina French, for kindly taking the photo for me.)*



## Services Guide

### **Police Association of Tasmania Offers**

Contact the PAT at 107 New Town Road, New Town or by ringing (03) 6278 900 between 9am and 5pm business days for information about discount offers.

### **RPAT Merchandise**

For a wide range of RPAT merchandise such as shirts, ties and caps contact :-

Committee Member Andy Beasant on (03) 6259 5755  
or email [akbeasant@bigpond.com](mailto:akbeasant@bigpond.com)

An Irish woman is cleaning her husband's rifle when it discharges. She immediately dials Emergency.

Woman: "It's my husband, I've accidentally shot him, I think I've killed him!"

Operator: "Please calm down ma'am. Can you first make sure he is actually dead!"

**BANG!!!**

Woman "Okay, I done dat, what's next?"



## REPORT ON RPAT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

The Retired Police Association of Tasmania Annual General Meeting was held at the Police Academy on Tuesday 6 December 2016. Fifty members attended the AGM which was a good turn out given the early start to the Meeting to accommodate the medal presentations prior to the Commissioner's Christmas Lunch.

No major Rule changes were implemented, which is not surprising given that on the 27 July 2016 a Special General Meeting was held at which time new RPAT Rules were adopted, to replace the previous Constitution, which also allowed for the RPAT to progress to Incorporation.

The retiring President, Dave Fleming, provided his President's report highlighting his activities for the year and the achievements of the RPAT which included the previously mentioned new Rules and Incorporation. Dave thanked the Committee for their support of him during his time as President, and particularly mentioned Roy Axelsen for his work in preparing the RPAT

Newsletter.

Other procedural matters were progressed by the AGM including the Treasurer's report which was endorsed. The only other major issue of note was the election of the new RPAT President. Two nominations for this position had been received, one from Jim Byrne, the second from David Plumpton. Following a ballot David Plumpton was declared the successful nominee and the President for the following twelve months.

At the AGM the issue of proxy voting for future Executive Committee positions was raised and will be referred to the next Executive Committee Meeting for consideration. An extension of that issue was the possibility of holding a Special General Meeting to consider that proposal prior to the next AGM where it may become an issue.

The names of the full Executive Committee for the next twelve months are detailed below: -

President	David Plumpton	0417 309 114	davidplumpton@yahoo.co.uk
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Committee Member	Michelle Powell	0417 560 551	pmpowell@bigpond.com

*Q. Why did the boy take a ruler to bed with him?*

*A. Because he wanted to see how long he slept.*

### The Coin & Stamp Place



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110 Collins Street, Hobart, Tasmania, 7000

A blonde and a brunette are sitting in a bar and watching the 11:00 P.M. news. A man is standing on the ledge of a high-rise building, contemplating suicide.

The brunette says to the blonde: "I'll bet you \$20.00 that the man jumps off that building and commits suicide."

The blonde thinks for a moment then replies: "OK, you're on!"

They watch for a few minutes and sure enough, the man jumps off the ledge. The blonde sighs and reaches for her wallet, but the brunette stops her, saying: "I can't take your money - I feel too guilty. I have to confess that I watched the 6:00 P.M. news this evening and I knew that the man would jump.

The blonde replied: "Oh! I watched the 6:00 P.M. news too, but I didn't think he'd jump off again!"

### Las Vegas Churches accept gambling chips

This one may come as a surprise to those of you not living in Las Vegas, but there are more Catholic Churches than Casinos.

Not surprisingly some worshippers at Sunday Services will give Casino chips rather than cash when the basket is passed.

Since they get chips from many different Casinos, the Churches have devised a method to collect the offerings.

The Churches send all their collected chips to a nearby Franciscan Monastery for sorting and then the chips are taken to the casinos of origin and cashed in.

This is done by the Chip Monks.



# NEW INSPECTOR POSITIONS

The communities in the North and North West of the state will benefit from two additional Inspector positions created within Tasmania Police.

"The Detective Inspectors will be appointed to the Western and Northern Districts, with responsibilities including volume crime (burglaries, stealing etc), serious crime, high risk family violence, drug investigation and forensic services," said Commissioner of Police, Darren Hine.

"Police numbers have continued to increase and the new Inspector positions will manage the additional responsibilities, enhance capabilities in emergencies and major incidents and significantly contribute to the Districts' response to crime and other operational responsibilities," said Mr Hine.

Inspector Debbie Williams and Detective Inspector Philippa Burk have each dedicated around three decades to serving the community through Tasmania Police.

Inspector Williams has served 26 years with Tasmania Police and is the first woman promoted to the rank of



Inspector Debbie Williams

Inspector in Western District. She takes up responsibility for Burnie Uniform Division in mid-December. Inspector Williams has two tertiary degrees and has served across all Districts during her career.

With 30 years' policing experience across a range of disciplines, Detective Inspector Philippa Burk will be an asset to the Northern District Criminal Investigation Branch, where she will work alongside Detective Inspector John King. Her role encompasses victim crime, forensics and family violence. Detective Inspector Burk places a strong emphasis on teamwork and mentoring.

"Gender diversity is an important goal in a modern police service, and Inspectors Williams and Burk boost the number of female Inspectors in Tasmania Police to six.

We are making progress in equality but we still have work to do," said Commissioner Darren Hine.

"I congratulate Detective Inspector Burk and Inspector Williams on their well-deserved promotion, they are well-respected, experienced and committed officers," said Mr Hine.



Inspector Phillipa Burk

## Diary Dates 2017

<b>1<sup>st</sup> February</b> (Wednesday noon) <i>Northern Branch meeting at Riverside Motor Inn</i>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> October</b> (Wednesday) <i>Executive Meeting, Hobart</i>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> February</b> (Sunday 11am) <i>North West Branch Barbecue at Turners Beach</i>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b> (Friday) <i>Partners Night at Police Academy</i> <i>(partners welcome to attend)</i>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> February</b> (Wednesday) <i>Executive Meeting, Hobart</i>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> November</b> (Monday) 11.30am <i>Ye Old Traffic Police Luncheon, Black Buffalo Hotel North Hobart</i>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b> (Wednesday noon) <i>Northern Branch meeting at Riverside Motor Inn</i>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> November</b> (Thursday 11.30am for 12md ) <i>Queensland RPAT Lunch</i> <i>Geebung-Zilmere RSL Club, Zilmere (Brisbane)</i>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>RPAT April Newsletter is published</i>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> December</b> (Tuesday) <i>Commissioners Lunch and AGM at Police Academy.</i>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b> (Wednesday noon) <i>Northern Branch meeting at Riverside Motor Inn</i>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b> (Wednesday 11:30am for noon) <i>Northern Christmas Luncheon at the Riverside Golf Club</i> <i>Includes Northern Branch AGM. (partners welcome )</i>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b> (Wednesday) <i>Executive Meeting, Hobart</i>	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> April</b> (Wednesday 12md for 12:30pm) <i>N.W. Branch Lunch (Location to be advised)</i>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b> —(Tuesday noon for 12:30pm) <i>Luncheon at Glenorchy RSL</i>	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b> (Thursday 11.30am for 12md) <i>Queensland RPAT Lunch Surfers Paradise RSL</i>	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b> (Wednesday) <i>Executive Meeting, Hobart</i>	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b> (Wednesday) <i>RPAT July Newsletter published</i>	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> July</b> (Wednesday—11:30am for noon) <i>Commissioner's Northern Luncheon at Riverside Golf Club</i>	
<b>16<sup>th</sup> August</b> (Wednesday) <i>Executive Meeting, Hobart</i>	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> August</b> (Thurs 11.30am for 12md) <i>Queensland RPAT Lunch</i> <i>Alexandra Headland Surf Club, Alexandra Headland.</i>	
<b>20<sup>th</sup> September</b> (Wednesday 12md for 12:30pm) <i>North West Branch Lunch (Location to be advised)</i>	
<b>29<sup>th</sup> September</b> (Friday—Tentative Date)) <i>Police Remembrance Day at Rokeby Police Academy</i>	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>RPAT October Newsletter published</i>	

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## MEMBERSHIP & WELFARE

### Total Members 472

*Life/Honorary Members—6; Members 466*

### Members by location

*Southern 290; Northern 80; Northwest 56;  
Interstate/Overseas 46;*

### New Members

*Melissa Bailey; Alan Beeching; Colin Catto; Reginald Chatwin;  
Jaci Fyfe; Bill Rollinson;; Mick Young*

### Associate Members 9

*Jennifer Axelsen; Geraldine Byrne; Wendy Catterall;  
Jennifer Dillon; Barbara Leaver; Alice Lockhart;  
Wendy Schramm; Rosanna Shea; Nola Trower;*

### Annual Dues are (payable by 1st January):-

*Members \$15; Associate Members \$5;  
Family Membership (husband & wife) \$20;*

### Deaths

*Tony Anstey; Amy Bedelph; John Bird; Alan Gall;  
Keith Harper; Frank West;*

### Recovering

*Brian Catterall; Gerry Dale; Ken Fletcher; John Hooper; Kerry  
McNaughton; Paul Sargent; Bill Horman;*

**Note** *Bill Horman is in the Donvale Rehabilitation Centre*

If you know of any others we need to care for, please advise any member of the Executive Committee.

### Donations.

Senator Stephen Parry has recently donated \$500 towards the running of the Retired Police Association of Tasmania.

It is donations such as this that the Executive of the Association are thankful for.

*Thank you very much Stephen.*

## ALLIGATORS

*An elderly man in Rockhampton had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple, and peach trees.*

*One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over. He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit.*

*As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, =we're not coming out until you leave!"*

*The old man frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked.'*

*Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the alligator.'*

*Some old men can still think fast !!!*

## HOSPITAL REGULATIONS

Hospital regulations required a wheel chair for patients being discharged, however a student nurse found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet insisting he didn't need help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let her wheel him to the elevator.

On the way down she asked if his wife was meeting him.

'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'

## NORTHERN BRANCH

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December the Northern Branch held its Annual General Meeting, Presentation of Medals and Commissioners Luncheon at the Riverside Golf Club.

It was attended by 68 members from around the State.

Four members were presented with the Commissioner's Integrity Medal and Nine member were presented with the National Police Service Medal.

Northern Committee elected were Jim Byrne (Vice President—North); Max Howard, Roy Axelsen, Don Bennett, Brian Catterall. Trevor Leary, & Robert Webb.

**12<sup>th</sup> July (Wednesday—noon)**

*Commissioner's Northern Luncheon will be held at Riverside Golf Club.*



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### The Shed

David Brooks is Co-Ordinator of The 'Shed' (Veterans and Community Wood Centre) located at No. 1/33 Nunamina Avenue (located next to the Kings Meadows Indoors Bowls Club).

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