



NEWSLETTER

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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN QUEENSLAND

On Thursday 22nd August a RPAT lunch gathering was held at the Alexandra Headland Surf Club, on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. The Lunch was attended by a total of 35 members, their partners and guests and once again was the best attended gathering we have held in Queensland to date. 23 of the attendees were holidaying in the area, escaping the Tasmania Winter the remaining 12 were locals. Interestingly a lot of our Queensland based members were overseas, perhaps escaping the Queensland Winter, and could not attend on this occasion.

During the lunch Executive Committee Member, Syd McClymont presented Brian Morgan with a certificate of Honorary Membership in recognition of Brian's legal advice and assistance to the Association over many years.

Of interest on the day was the fact that one member left Tasmania Police in 1968, some 10 years before one of our more recent retirees joined the Force retiring this year after 41 years of service.

The location once again proved popular and everyone had the opportunity to mix and socialise. One more



Queensland function is programmed for 2019 on:-

Thursday 21st November at 11.30am for 12.30pm at the Southport Surf Club, McArthur Parade Main Beach in Surfers Paradise. *Again all members, partners and their guests are welcome to attend.*

Gary has been asked several times for the dates of the 2020 functions as many visiting Tasmanians like to book their holiday so they can get to one of our lunches.

Queensland lunches for 2020

21st May 2020 (Thursday) 11.30am for 12.30pm Queensland RPAT Lunch, Southport Surf Club, McArthur Parade, Main Beach Queensland

20th August 2020 (Thursday) 11.30am for 12.30pm Queensland RPAT Lunch Alexandra Headland Surf Club, 167 Alexandra Parade, Alexandra Headland

19th November 2020 (Thursday) 11.30am for 12.30pm Queensland RPAT Lunch, Southport Surf Club, McArthur Parade, Main Beach Queensland

Do you realise that in about 40 years we will have thousands of old ladies running round with tattoos?

Money can't buy happiness but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Jaguar than in a Ford.

Business conferences are important because they demonstrate how a company operates without people.



(Standing L-R) Col Fogarty, George and Jean Johns, Ken and Delma Maroney, Anne and Lyndsay Baldock, Jo Green, Mark Beech-Jones, Elaine Jenkins, Leo Hutchings, Mick Fama, Roger Richardson, Peter Edwards, John Hooper, Paul Kethro, Gary Richmond and Gary Eastwood (Sitting L-R) Ken Walsh, Hans Vervaart, Ros Walsh, Patricia Vervaart, Maureen Fogarty, Chris Chivers, Kathie FAMA, Paul Gray, Nola Richardson, Gwen Gray, Shiela Hooper, Sally McClymont, Julie Eastwood, Brian Morgan and Syd McClymont.



FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT DAVID



Hello all,

I hope you and your families are all in good health and if not you are managing okay, if not please reach out and let some of us do what we can to help.

The Facebook page has proven a significant success and I am in contact with many of you through that forum, which has proven to be very beneficial.

Just remember it is a page not just for members of RPAT but ex-members who for whatever reason have not joined us just yet. Accordingly, it is certainly not an official site for the RPAT but just a means of passing on advice and information and at the same time enjoying the camaraderie of past years.

Recently I was talking to Commander Robert

Blackwood at the Tasmania Police Academy and we discussed the opportunity to recognise retiring members at Academy Graduations. We discussed the opportunity for recently retired members to be invited to the Graduation of new members and the Commissioner formally recognising their service as he also welcomes the newest members to Tasmania Police. Whilst I may think this has merit we are still only talking about it but I will keep you updated.

Also, if you have any ideas that you believe could be beneficial for members or just want to pass on some advice then please contact me, or let Roy know for inclusion in this Newsletter.

Hopefully I will catch up with many of you soon in person and so until then all the best.

*Cheers
David Plumpton*

NOTICES RELATING TO RPAT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with Rule 20, Members are advised that the 2019 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Police Academy, Rokeby at 11am on Tuesday 3rd December, 2019.

The purpose of the meeting is to confirm the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting; to receive committee and auditors reports and to elect the officers and committee members of the Association for 2019.

Kerrie Whitwam, Hon Secretary

AGENDA ITEMS FOR AGM

Rule 22 requires the Secretary to give at least 14 days notice to members via the newsletter of items for discussion. In order for the Secretary to comply with this requirement, items should have already been forwarded.

Exercise program...

Take one Weetbix.

Take an Aero chocolate bar
Crumble the Aero over the Weetbix.

Voila!

AEROBIX !

My mum is very possessive. She calls me up and says, "You weren't home last night, Is something going on?"
I say, "Yeah mum, I'm cheating on you with another mother. "

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2019

In accordance with Rule 33, members are advised that the election of Officers and ordinary Committee members for the 2019 Executive Committee, will be conducted at the 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) mentioned above left.

Current financial members who wish to be candidates are required to submit a nomination form containing their consent and signed by two financial members.

In accordance with Rule 33, this form must reach the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the AGM. The appropriate form is available from the Secretary.

*Kerrie Whitwam
Hon. Secretary*

Police Association of Tasmania Offers

Contact the PAT at 107 New Town Road, New Town or by ringing (03) 6278 1900 between 9am and 5pm business days for information about discount offers.

Name Tags can also be obtained by contacting Greg on (03) 6424 1656 or his email -gshyland3@bigpond.com

POLICE FAMILY OF THREE GENERATIONS (continued)

Commissioner John Johnson continued from July newsletter

In 1991 the position of Commissioner of Police in Tasmania became vacant following the resignation of Commissioner Bill Horman. John applied and was appointed as Tasmania's twelfth Commissioner of Police in July 1991, the last of three Commissioners appointed from outside the ranks of the Tasmania Police since the death of Eric Knowles in 1976.

'Outside' Commissioners were generally greeted with a range of attitudes from those bordering on open hostility to mild resentment because the Government hadn't had sufficient confidence to appoint a Tasmanian to the vacant position. (Of course, this attitude wasn't peculiar to Tasmania or to any Australian police force).

John's appointment was met with some resentment but he soon demonstrated his capabilities as a police administrator as well as his ability to win the confidence of those with whom he worked. His reported comments in the Sunday Examiner newspaper that he may even be a 'sensitive new age guy' and that, in his view greater use should be made of female police, did, however, raise the eyebrows of many conservative senior Tasmanian police officers.

He was appointed at a time when police numbers were down and reported crime was causing the Department and the Government some grief.

Amongst other problems the new Commissioner had to manage included unprecedented industrial action, orchestrated by the Police Association over unkept promises made to them by the Government, and a secret investigation being conducted into a senior State Service employee.

Later he became embroiled in another secret investigation (so secret that even he was initially unaware of it) into one of his senior officers by two other senior officers of (lesser rank). This became known as the 'Tracking Enquiry' and led to the resignation of the two senior officers who instigated the enquiry in the first place.

His achievements as Commissioner of Police were numerous. He took little time in winning over those who were opposed to another 'Outside' appointment and to restore the confidence of the community in the ability of Tasmania Police to keep Tasmania safe.

He oversaw the introduction of speed cameras into Tasmania as a road safety measure although never satisfying all motorists that the cameras were a little more than revenue raisers for the Government.

He also oversaw the introduction of video taped suspect interviews into Tasmania. John also looked upon the continued professionalism of the Special Operations Group (SOG) during his term of office as being amongst his most outstanding achievements, particularly following their handling of the Port Arthur incident of 1996.

One of John's important initiatives was the introduction of part time service allowing female police with children (who had earlier resigned to care for their children) to return to the ranks on a part time basis.

At the time of his retirement John commented that he had been proud to command such a professional, competent and loyal group of men and women who serve Tasmania as members of Police Service.

John lives in retirement with his wife, Pat, at Point Lonsdale in Victoria, but remains active.

In 2002 he was invited by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services in Victoria to conduct a Ministerial Administrative Review of the Victoria Police, investigating and reporting on issues including planning, operational independence and associated issues. His final report was handed to the Victorian Government in 2003.

He is currently a Commonwealth Government representative on the Australian Bravery Decorations Council, a member of the Course Advisory Board for the Master of Emergency Management Degree at Charles Sturt University, President of the Queenscliff Carnival of Word Festival and is a past President of the Point Lonsdale/Queenscliffe Probus Club.

Their son Peter served for 26 years with Victoria Police and currently serves in the AFP as does their daughter Elizabeth.

John—Congratulations on your initiatives with the Tasmania Police Force—Well done.

Money will buy a fine dog but only kindness will make him wag his tail



Southern Branch News



*The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Academy on Tuesday 3rd December at 11:00am followed by Lunch
(More information on page 2)*

The Annual Partners Lunch will be held at the Shoreline Hotel on **Sunday 20th October** (11:30am for 12 noon). All are welcome to attend this function.

Ye Olde Polite Traffic Police Luncheon is at the Black Buffalo Hotel on **Monday 18th November** (More information on page 10)



LETTERS TO EDITOR

It is a small world !!

A couple of Newsletters ago I provided a short article titled 'Its a small world', which in part detailed the following:-

A few years back my wife Julie and I were in San Francisco in a bar for dinner and a few drinks. As the night progressed, we detected some Australian accents at the adjoining table.

On speaking to the Australians, we discovered that by chance that they were also from Tasmania and in fact also from Hobart. What a coincidence given the number of bars in that City.

Julie, who still worked with the Police Association at that time, asked if they knew any police officers in Tasmania, to which the nice young man replied yes, my dad and mum are in the police force.

It transpired we were speaking with the son of serving members Chris and Kendra Hey.

Last week Julie and I were in down in Sydney from the Sunshine Coast for a few days and one morning found ourselves in Paddy's Market (*not my choice*).

As we wandered around we came across Chris and Kendra Hey who were on a short holiday in Sydney from Tasmania!!!

Coincidence?? or are the Hey family stalking us??

It's a small world.

Gary Eastwood

George was going up to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window.

George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" and he said no. Then they said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available.

George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now cause I've just shot them all." Then he hung up.

Within five minutes three police cars, an Armed Response unit, and an ambulance showed up at George's residence.

Of course, the police caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the policemen said to George: "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

[REMINDER...This is only humour, not advice...]

Three drunk guys entered a taxi.

The taxi driver knew that they were drunk so he started the engine and turned it off again. Then said, "We've reached your destination"

The first guy gave him money; and the second guy said. "Thank you."

The third guy slapped the driver.

The driver was shocked thinking the third drunk knew what he did.

But then he asked "What was that for?"

The third guy replied " Control your speed next time, you nearly killed us."

Marriage is like a deck of cards.

In the beginning all you need is two hearts and a diamond.

By the end you wish you had a club and a spade.

Dear David ,

Please accept my appreciation, and that of my mother, Betty, my siblings and our families, for the involvement of RPAT at the recent funeral of my father, Ross Lewis Gibbons, at Ulverstone, Tasmania on 17/09/19. This support added dignity to the event and assisted my family greatly with our grieving.

Thank you for your personal support at this time and could you also pass on our extreme gratitude to Rockie Lee for his assistance, and to other RPAT members who either assisted or attended the funeral and to the many who offered their condolences.

Regards Doug Gibbons

A SENIOR'S VERSION OF FACEBOOK

This is for those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists:

I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, everyday I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before. What I will do later and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give them 'thumbs up' and tell them I 'like' them.

And it works just like Facebook.

I already have four people following me:

two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

(signed) anon

**I GOT STOPPED FOR SPEEDING
YESTERDAY!!
I THOUGHT I COULD TALK
MY WAY OUT OF IT UNTIL THE
OFFICER LOOKED AT
MY DOG IN THE BACK SEAT**



When you are bored....just think about a few things that don't make sense like...

1. If a poison use by date expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
2. Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?
3. Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
4. Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?
5. Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and It just takes 75-100 years to fully work.
6. Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
7. The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims"
8. 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.
9. If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them

Four great confusions still unresolved

At a movie theatre, which arm rest is yours?

*If people evolve from monkeys,
why are monkeys still around?*

*Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
Who knew what time it was*

when the first clock was made?

Vagaries of English Language!

Wonder why the word funeral starts with FUN?

Why isn't a Fireman called a Water-man?

How come Lipstick doesn't do what it says?

*If money doesn't grow on trees,
how come Banks have Branches?*

If a Vegetarian eats vegetables,

what does a Humanitarian eat?

How do you get off a non-stop Flight?

Why are goods sent by ship called CARGO

and those sent by truck SHIPMENT?

Why do we put cups in the dishwasher

and the dishes in the Cupboard?

Why is it called 'Rush Hour'

when traffic moves at its slowest then?

How come Noses run and Feet smell?

Why do they call it a TV 'set' when there is only one?

What are you vacating when you go on a vacation?

Who thinks this stuff up?

Are you still bored??

Have you thought about this???

Today Gary had an enquiry from a RPAT member seeking the telephone number for a second member to assist with a welfare matter concerning a third member.

It transpired that the telephone number listed was no longer current, and in fact the address of the original enquiring member was also out of date. Hopefully with email contacts we have been able to establish the desired contact and it all works out.

It is probably an appropriate time to remind members if you have changed address, telephone numbers or email address, please let Gary know so he can update our records.

Gary would rather be advised twice of any changes than not at all, so if you are not sure drop him an email or text message and he can check the database, and (if necessary) make the required amendments.

Have you advised **Gary Eastwood** of your changes?
Or are you not sure?

Gary would sooner be told twice than not at all.

Phone No **0414 933 917**
Email garyandjulie@me.com
Or rpatas1@gmail.com

An Asian fellow has moved in next door.

*He has travelled the world, swum with sharks,
wrestled bears and climbed the highest mountain.*

*It came as no surprise to learn his name was
Bindair Dundat.*

Paddy says "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador .

"Blow that" says Mick "have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"

NAME BADGES AND CAR STICKERS

Greg Hyland is still arranging Name Badges for members. These require a lapel pin, that every member should have received when joining RPAT.

However, a new lapel pin can be arranged at a cost. The name badge cost is \$16.00.

The newest item is the popular Car Sticker.

In the last 12 months , 77 stickers sold

These have been printed as an inside sticker, measuring 150 L x 50 H. They are \$3.50 each (including postage).

It depicts the standard award ribbons issued to all Police Officers.

To arrange a purchase you can send Greg an email at gshyland3@bigpond.com

Bank payment details are:- G. T. Hyland; **BSB 807009 Acc 30087506**

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Van Diemen's Land Branch of the Queensland Retired Police Association



On Saturday night 29th September the Van Diemen's Land Branch of the Queensland Retired Police Association presented Jim and Geraldine Byrne with certificates indicating that they were both Foundation Members of Van Diemen's Land Branch of the Queensland Retired Police Association. Jim also received a certificate of Veteran Membership (presented by Andy Beasant—President of the Van Diemens Branch)

The certificates were presented by the President of the Queensland Retired Police Association Mr Greg Early, who travelled down to Tasmania especially for the Annual General Meeting. (Greg Early is an ex Deputy Commissioner of Queensland Police.)

Congratulations



THE PROJECT - Island Study Linking Ageing and Neurodegenerative Diseases

Dear ISLAND participants,

We now have nearly 9,000 Tasmanians who have registered their interest for the ISLAND Project – we can't believe how quickly we've got to this number of registrations and we'd like to say thanks again to you all.

We still need to recruit at least 10,000 Tasmanians who are 50 and over years of age, so please keep helping us to spread the word.

Since we last contacted you, we've been getting organised with the main initial elements of the ISLAND Project, which will include online surveys, and for those who may be interested, engagement in our Massive Open Online Course (or MOOC) on dementia risk.

We have also been recruiting the staff and building the

resources for the initial phase of the project. There is nothing you need to do at this stage, and we hope to have this new program up and running by October.

Thanks again for helping us to reach this amazing number of registrations in such a short period of time. We couldn't have done it without you.

We can't wait to get going so watch this space....we will be in touch again very soon by email, and you can also follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/islandprojWDC/) or on Twitter (@IslandprojWDC).

If you have any questions for us, please get in touch via island@dementia.utas.edu.au.

Professor James Vickers
Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre

NORTHERN BRANCH NEWS



The Northern Branch has continued to meet at the Riverside Motor Inn at 12 noon on the first Wednesday of each month. About 20 members regularly attend. Any visitors are welcome.

(Note that as the 1st January is the first Wednesday we have cancelled that meeting.)

About 60 members attended at the Riverside Golf Course on Wednesday 10th July for the Commissioners Annual Lunch. It was very pleasing to see several members travel up from Hobart (and Burnie) just for this function.

Looking forward we have the Christmas Luncheon and Annual General Meeting on 11th December (noon) at the Riverside Golf Club.

Laurie and Barbara Leaver have now moved "Japara" Care Home, Corminston Road, Riverside. They are on the second floor of the home in rooms 239 & 240.

Visitors are welcome BUT would appreciate to 15th October to settle in.

Services Guide

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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Total Membership is 476
includes 8 Life / Honorary Members

Members: Male - 44(93.6%); Female – 30 (6.3%)
South - 276 (57.9%); **Northwest** — 64 (13.4%)
North - 82 (17.2%); **Interstate/Overseas**— 54 (11.3%)
Associate Members — 12

Members 80+ - - 815 (16.7%)

Workmates who have passed away since June 2019

WALKER , Neville Douglas	3 rd June 2019
McJANNETT , John (Jock)	18 th June 2019
EDWARDS Alan Alfred (Snowy)	1 st July 2019
SCHMIDT , Ronald (Ron) Frederick	26 th July 2019
GIBBONS , Ross Lewis	6 th September 2019
WHITE Graham Ross	29 th September 2019

CORNELIUS Clifford Douglas	27 th June 2019
KRUSHKA Mitch	8 th July 2019
WELLS Reginald John	25 th July 2019
THOMAS Gerald	27 th July 2019
MORGAN Derek	1 st September 2019
REECE Kenneth	6 th September 2019

Wives of workmates who have passed away.

DANIELS Lorraine (wife of Kerry)	24 th August 2019
CHILDS Patsy (wife of Ray)	8 th September 2019

A BIT OF BULL

A DPIW representative calls on (local Farmer) an old farmer. He tells the old guy, I need to inspect your farm for Lucerne Flea infestation.

The old guy says, "Okay, but don't go in that paddock over there."

The DPIW rep says, "With all due respect sir, I have the authority of the Government with me. See this card? This card means I am allowed to go WHEREVER I WISH on any agricultural land. No questions asked or answered. Have I made myself clear? Do you understand?"

The old guy nods politely and goes about his work.

Later, he hears loud screams and sees the DPIW Rep running for his life and close behind is the rancher's bull. The bull is gaining with every step. The Rep is clearly terrified. The old farmer immediately drops tools, runs to the fence and yells at the top of his lungs..

"Your card man! Your Card! Show him your card!"

AND THEN

Three guys being chased by bull.

"What can we do what hope have we got?"

"Try praying do you know any prayers?"

"Only the one grandma taught me to say before meals, will that one do?"

"Yes, Yes say it Quick before it is too late."

"For what we are about to receive may we be truly thankful."

Diary Dates 2019

20th October (Sunday 11:30am for 12 noon) (All welcome)
Southern Branch partners lunch at Shoreline Hotel, Howrah

23th October (Wednesday—1:30pm)
Executive Meeting, Hobart

6th November (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn

18th November (Monday) 11.30am for noon)
Ye Old Traffic Police Luncheon, Black Buffalo Hotel, North Hobart

21st November (Thursday 11.30am for noon) (All welcome)
Queensland RPAT Lunch at Southport Surf Club, McArthur Parade, Main Beach, Queensland

3rd December (Tuesday 11:00am) (Retired Police Staff only)
RPAT Annual General Meeting followed by Commissioners Lunch at Police Academy, Rokeby (at 12 noon)

4th December (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn

11th December (Wednesday 11:30am for noon) All welcome
*Northern Christmas Luncheon at the Riverside Golf Club
 Includes Northern Branch AGM*

1st January (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - **Meeting Cancelled**
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn

2nd February (Sunday) 11.30am for 12md start
*NW Barbeque at Turners Beach,
 (all members and partners welcome to attend)*

5th February (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn

4th March (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn

27th March (Friday) 6.00pm for 6.30pm
*Northern Ladies Night at the Riverside Golf Club
 (all members and partners welcome to attend)*

15th April (Wednesday) 12md for 12.30pm
*NW Branch Lunch meeting at Bass and Flinders Motel, Ulverstone
 (all members and partners welcome to attend)*

21st May (Thursday) 11.30am for 12.30pm Queensland
*RPAT Lunch, Southport Surf Club, McArthur Parade, Main Beach
 Queensland (all members and partners welcome to attend)*

Members addresses & contact details

Have you changed your address, phone - number, or email address since joining RPAT ?

Did you advise **Gary Eastwood?** Or are you not sure?

Gary would sooner be told twice than not at all.

Phone No **0414 933 917**

Email **garyandjulie@me.com**

or **rpatas1@gmail.com**

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).

David can be contacted on 0400 518 924 or email vcwc@outlook.com.au All members are invited to call in and see his group at work. (Open Tues, Wed, Thurs)

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH

Wednesday 11th September saw Northwest President Rockie Lee get 37 retired members meeting at the Bass and Flinders Motel at Ulverstone for lunch and fellowship.

Six Northern members travelled to Ulverstone for the meeting.

The next function will be the annual Barbeque at Turners Beach on Sunday 2nd February 11.30am for 12md start (all members and partners are welcome to attend)

Don't forget that the Northwest Branch also meets on the last Sunday of each month at the Ulverstone Golf Club. (11:30am for a noon start)

(A two course buffet lunch is \$25 per head.)

Out of politeness to the Chef it is preferable to book by contacting Rockie on 0427 870 964 or by email rockiejlee@bigpond.com or Greg 0407 671 757 or by email on gshyland3@bigpond.com



All the toilets in new York's Police Stations have been stolen. Police have nothing to go on.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough

Don't worry about old age—It doesn't last

This girl said she recognised me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

*I'm reading a book about anti gravity,
I just can't put it down.*

Paddy takes his new wife to bed on their wedding night. She undresses, lies on the bed spreadeagled and says "You know what I want don't you?" Yeah, says Paddy, "The whole bed by the looks of it."

Paddy, the electrician, got sacked from the US Prison Service for not servicing the electric chair.

He said in his professional opinion it was a death trap!!

DRIVER: "WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH THIS SPEEDING TICKET?"



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also on facebook under homesite album.

Hospitality

Wilderness Hotel. Derwent Bridge.

Contact Dave and Carol Fitzgibbon on 6289 1144

THE PROGRESS OF POLICEWOMEN OVER THE YEARS

Ros Peters nee Kelleher was sworn in as a police officer in June of 1965, sporting leather gloves and a brown leather handbag.

She was among three women to graduate from the academy that day and the group became the first uniformed female officers to officially join the Queensland Police Force.

Her badge number was PW 11 — PW for Police Woman — to distinguish her from her male colleagues.

The women often made headlines for their fashion on the beat, turning the heads of surprised onlookers, but Ms Peters (now 81), soon found herself alone in the female ranks.

"For some reasons I don't know, Brenda resigned and not long after Sandra resigned," Ms Peters, said.

"At one stage, I was the only uniformed police woman in Queensland. "I was just over the moon, I couldn't believe it."

Now there are more than 3,000 females in the workforce, and Queensland police has just appointed its first female commissioner.

'People used to stare at you'

Ms Peters trained at Petrie Barracks in Brisbane.

"We did exactly the same training as the men," she said

"I think there was about 97 men, and there were originally four girls and then it went down to three.

"We were all treated very good, I couldn't complain at all."

Her first day on the job was as a constable in the Roma Street police station on general duties.

"I was working on anything that came along, from domestic violence, traffic accidents, traffic duty. I also worked in the consorting squad, the licensing branch, and CIB " she said.

"Because I was the only female ... I was regularly called on, so I did get a variety [of jobs] which I really loved," she said. She said she was frequently taken along to sexual assault matters and domestic violence incidents, because victims preferred to speak to a woman.

"People used to stare at you, never seen anyone like this before ... but we were really well accepted, very much accepted," she said.

Ms Peters often made the newspapers, many times featuring the police woman's "latest fashion".

"If all the women police are as attractive as Constable Kelleher, Brisbane crime-doers will be clamouring to be arrested," one article in the Courier Mail stated.

While another headline read, "A policewoman, people say — then look again!"

"We had a khaki skirt with a top, then we had a khaki suit and a green dress... no pants," Ms Peters said.

Even her eventual engagement to a fellow police officer made the newspaper.

"Because that had never happened. I was the first female and the first one to become engaged [within the force]," she said.

Ms Peters was forced to resign due to legislation at the time not allowing married women to continue to work.

"I'm still passionate to this day... it was very, very hard. Possibly the hardest thing I've ever had to do, give up my position, but in those days they didn't have married women," she said.

"It was very heartbreaking having to leave the job."



Ms Peters said she would encourage any female thinking about becoming a police officer, to go for it.

"It's been really a great experience, and I would highly recommend anybody that was going into the police force to go, I wouldn't hesitate," Ms Peters said.

'It will take many years to address the balance'

The number of women in the police force is still significantly lower, than the more than 8,500 men recorded this financial year.

Though that number has slightly dropped since 2016, while the number of females has risen.

The slight increase could be contributed to a recruitment policy — introduced by Police Commissioner Ian Stewart in 2016 — to offer 50 per cent of its academy placements, to women.

But the latest figures show Queensland Police Service is still struggling to attract enough women to meet the target.

"We don't always meet the goal ... and the 50/50 was never a hard and fast quota it was always an aspirational target," Commissioner Stewart said.

"It will take many, many years to address that balance and maybe it won't ever get there."

The service said traditionally fewer women applied but Mr Stewart said the standard of recruits being accepted into the academy has never dropped, simply to fill the quota.

"There is no one telling this organisation that we must have an X number of females in the organisation," he said.

"We've never dropped our standards — there is a hard and fast standard about what is acceptable for us as a recruit, and we've never gone below that."

Currently, women comprise 28.2 per cent of the officer workforce, a ratio of one woman to every 2.5 men.

Meanwhile, 12.8 per cent of police officers in leadership are women, a ratio of 1 to every 6.82 men, which has slightly improved since 2016 when women comprised just 8.4 per cent of police officers in senior ranks.

Because the Queensland Police service has a low turnover rate, it is anticipated the trend towards a higher proportion of female officers will be gradual.

'I'm evidence, you can come up through the ranks'



(continued in January Newsletter)

Why did the turkey join the band? Because it had the drumsticks!

How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?

One that's deep pan, crisp and even!

Why did no one bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay?

Because they were two deer!

Ye Olde Traffic Polite Men

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Public Sector Superannuation Reform Act 2019

The Bill will amend the *Public Sector Superannuation Reform Act 2016* in order to:

clarify that the Superannuation Commission must have regard to the Heads of Government Agreement in relation to superannuation, rather than adhere to strict compliance, which is the intent of the Agreement.

amend the definition of "agency" and "agency manager" to ensure that the definitions capture Government Business Enterprises within the meaning of the *Government Business Enterprises Act 1995*;

amend the definition of "salary" to ensure that it includes "payments made in lieu of notice on the termination of employment" rather than all payments made on the termination of employment. This amendment will have effect retrospectively from 31st March 2016;

provide that, for the purposes of financial reporting pursuant to section 14 of the *Audit Act 2008*, the accountable authority of the Superannuation Commission will be the Secretary of the Department of Treasury and Finance;

facilitate the closure of the TGIO Provision Account and have the employer share of benefits met by the Government on an emerging cost basis consistent with the Retirements Benefits Fund defined benefit scheme; and

incorporate the Tasmanian Ambulance Service

Superannuation Scheme Trust Deed and the State Fire Commission Superannuation Scheme Trust Deed in the *Public Sector Superannuation Reform Regulations 2017*.

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The drafting for the amendments to the Regulations is well advanced and is consistent with the outline provided to you in my letter of 5 April 2019.

A copy of the amended Regulations will be forwarded for your consideration once drafting is finalised.

There are some issues that are still being dealt with by the committee and any input would be appreciated from members. Information should be sent to Syd McClymont per email smcclymont@bigpond.com

Further information is available at:-

http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/bills/Bills2019/pdf/41_of_2019.pdf

Second Reading Speech, Fact Sheet and Clause Notes can be found here.

http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/bills/Bills2019/pdf/notes/41_of_2019-SRS.pdf

http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/bills/Bills2019/pdf/notes/41_of_2019-Fact%20Sheet.pdf

http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/bills/Bills2019/pdf/notes/41_of_2019-Clause%20Notes.pdf

A mid-level executive was so frustrated at being passed over for promotion year after year, that, in frustration, he went to a brain-transplant centre in the hope of raising his I.Q. 20 points.

After a battery of physical and psychological tests, the centre's director told him that he was an acceptable candidate.

"That's great!" the executive said. "But I understand that this procedure can be really expensive."

"Yes, sir, it can," the director replied. "An ounce of accountant's brain for example, costs one thousand dollars; an ounce of an economist's brain costs two thousand; an ounce of a corporate president's is twenty-five thousand. An ounce of a politician's brain is seventy-five thousand dollars."

"Seventy-five thousand dollars for an ounce of a politician's brain? Why on earth is that?"

"Do you have any idea," the director asked, "how many politicians we would have to find to get an ounce of brain?"

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