



# NEWSLETTER

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## RETIRED POLICE ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA inc

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Secretary Kerrie Whitwam

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### Southern Branch News



On Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June we had a Social Function at the Globe Hotel where 27 RPAT members attended.

Feedback indicated that everyone had enjoyed themselves. We used the concept that we were able to move around and mix with different members.

We had some members attending who had not previously been to other RPAT functions.

A very big plus was that we gained a new member. The Globe Hotel is located in Hobart on the corner of Davey and Antill Streets.

The next function is a mixed luncheon at the Shoreline Hotel on the Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October

*Cheers  
Tom Lahl*



### Ye Old Traffic Polite Men



Ye Old Traffic Polite Men have raised \$1,240 for Prostate Research in Tasmania. .  
Their Dinner this year will be at the  
**BLACK BUFFALO HOTEL**  
ON MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019 AT 11.30 am.  
Any enquiries please phone Leo Hutchings on 0418 103 719 or email [hutchie8@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hutchie8@bigpond.net.au) or Brian Bick on 03 62 399380  
email [cireldo1@bigpond.com.au](mailto:cireldo1@bigpond.com.au)  
**Will you be there to support them**

### ARE YOU FINANCIAL ??

Did you realise that seven per cent of Retired Police Members are unfinancial??

Did you realise that the Annual subscription is due on 31<sup>st</sup> December each year (just after our Annual Meeting)??

Did you realise that (in spite of increasing costs) we have succeeded in keeping the annual dues at \$15 for several years??

Did you realise there is a special Family Subscription Rate of \$10 per head when both husband and wife are ordinary members??

Did you realise that you can confirm or clarify your Membership status by contacting the Treasurer, Steve Collidge??

You are welcome to phone or email the Treasurer, Steve Collidge to confirm or clarify the status of your subscriptions !!!!!

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## 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.

Just a bit of an update – the social media page on Facebook seems to be going very well. Over 170 members with quite a bit of input and advice.

Remember, this page is not just for members of the RPAT but any ex police officer and is aimed at engaging broadly with those who may be interested in life after policing. Some great pictures have been put up and it is great to see the various 'get togethers' going ahead.

If you are on Facebook and want to be a member just let me know. Remember, it is not an "official" site but just a means to enable contact and camaraderie.

On the Mental health of members front I can advise that I recently wrote to the Commissioner requesting TasPol consider providing access to their Welfare Officers for ex members who may be suffering poor mental health as the result of their police service.

As many of you may know TasPol recently received significant funding to assist with managing the welfare of serving members and have appointed two more Welfare Officers. I also sent a copy to the Police Association for their information as it is their members who could be affected when they leave policing.

I can advise the Commissioner responded in a very supportive tone, however is unable to assist with what I requested at this time.

He did provide opportunities for some of our "Peers" to attend training and already I have had a very positive response from those members.

*Roy has been good enough to include the Commissioner's response in this Newsletter for your review. (see page 5 of this newsletter)*

There have been some really good gatherings in recent times with increasing numbers attending. With more to come throughout the State please try and attend and catch up with old mates, or just to see how others are going, or for the gossip - it would be really good to see you. Some of the stories being told are getting better as the years go by.

*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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, members are advised to notify the Secretary of any items they wish to discuss at the AGM.

These items are to be forwarded to the Secretary or Executive Committee members ***in sufficient time (mid-Sept)*** to be included in the **October** RPAT newsletter which is the last publication for the year before the AGM.

*Kerrie Whitwam  
Hon. Secretary*

### 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.*

# POLICE FAMILY OF THREE GENERATIONS



William Johnson is in training at the Victorian Police Academy and is due to graduate in December this year.

He is pictured here with his grandmother, Pat Johnson.

So what—you may say !!

He is the third generation of the Johnson family to be involved in Australian Police Forces.

His uncle, Peter Johnson is a Detective Sergeant with the Australian Federal Police; and, of course his grandfather (John Johnson AO, APM, QPM, FAIM, JP ) you will all remember was our eleventh Tasmanian Commissioner from 1991 to 1996.

*I wonder how far William will follow in his grandfather's foot steps?*

Grandfather John was born at Warrnambool on the 12th of July 1936, and started his working life as an electrician with the Nestles factory in Warrnambool. He had attended the Warrnambool State primary school and later, the Warrnambool Technical School.

In May 1957 he decided on a police career and was appointed as a Probationary Constable with the Victoria Police. After his initial sixteen weeks recruit training course he was stationed at Russell Street Headquarters on general duties for three weeks before being attached to the Victoria Docks as part of the special Pillage Prevention Team.

John only spent a relatively short time with Victoria Police before taking up an appointment with the Australian Capital Territory Police Force in Canberra. The ACT Police was a small force whose jurisdiction extended throughout Canberra and that part of Jervis Bay (on the NSW coast) that formed part of the ACT.

In 1977 he was elevated to the rank of Deputy Commissioner of Police of the Australian Capital Territory Police.

John served in Canberra during some difficult and trying times. The Nation's capital was the centre for many of Australia's major political demonstrations including opposition to the Vietnam War, opposition to apartheid in South Africa and in support of Aboriginal land rights. John found himself at the centre of many of the demonstrations commanding the police response including commanding the 300 officers tasked with the removal of the so-called Aboriginal embassy outside old Parliament House .

In 1978 the Australian Government invited former Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Force (UK) to Australia to consider and report on options for the creation of an Australian Federal Police Force which would absorb Forces such as the Commonwealth Police

and the ACT Police into a single agency. John was part of the interdepartmental committee that oversaw the creation of the new Force and, in 1979 became the first Assistant Commissioner (Personnel and Training) of the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

He recalled that negotiations with other Government agencies and legislative bodies when forming the AFP was both demanding and frustrating. The former Commonwealth Police had been controlled to a great extent by the Attorney General's Department and the Public Service Board, neither of whom were willing to give up their power over the proposed AFP.

Ultimately, after several months of argument and compromise, the AFP Bill was tabled for debate in the Federal Parliament. The Opposition Attorney General introduced 29 pages of amendments to the Bill, said to have been the most extensive list of amendments ever introduced for inclusion in a Bill. It was with some relief that the Bill passed without the amendments in October 1979.

In 1979 he was honoured by the award of the Queen's Police Medal (QPM) for his distinguished police service to that time and, in 1990, he was again honoured by the award of the Australia Police Medal (APM) for his continuing distinguished Police service, one of very few Australians to receive both awards. As a further honour to his services to policing John was made an Officer of the General Division of the Order of Australia (AO) in the 1996 Queen's Birthday Honours List.



The following year (1980) he was selected to attend the prestigious Senior Command Course at the Police Staff College at Bramshill in the United Kingdom, one of a small handful of senior Australian Police Officers to attend the course (of several months duration) up to that time. He returned to Canberra to be appointed as Assistant Commissioner (Crime) and periodically served as Acting Deputy Commissioner until that position was confirmed and he became Deputy Commissioner (Administration), the youngest Deputy Commissioner of Police in Australia.

John considers that the highlights of his lengthy Police career were being appointed Deputy Commissioner of the ACT Police at the age of 41 years, persuading the Federal Government, along with two of his colleagues, to form the AFP and later being appointed Deputy Commissioner of the new Force, representing Australia at meetings of the UN and INTERPOL on numerous occasions and, most importantly, being appointed as Commissioner of the Tasmania Police.



*More about John Johnson in the RPAT October Newsletter.*

*(To be continued)*

## Legal

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email [mikeandapples@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandapples@gmail.com),

also on facebook under homesite album.

## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN QUEENSLAND??



Attendees included: (back row L-R) John Blue, Jackie Watt, Steve Ransley, Julie Eastwood, Garry Richmond, Gary Eastwood, John Boyes, Nick Watt, Peter Maloney and Fish Bligh, (seated L-R) Nat Kenshole, Chris Gray, Lee Renshaw and Kate Fitzgerald. John Blue came direct from a doctors appointment, hence the bandaged nose.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2019 we held our first RPAT Queensland lunch for the year. The lunch was again held at the Southport Surf Club and was well supported by locals and members in the area on holiday.

A total of 14 attended, with Jock McJannett and family sending their apologies, as Jock was stuck in hospital and unable to get to the lunch. Miff Bligh was also a last minute withdrawal as she was also stuck at the doctors with a foot injury, Fish just remembered at the right time to phone and check on how she was going.

The next lunch is programmed for Thursday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019 at the Alexander Headlands Surf Club. (Alexander Headlands on the Sunshine Coast.)

Followed by a return to the Southport Surf Club on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2019 for the final gathering for the year.

All members, their partners and guests are warmly invited to attend these functions if you are in the area.

(Contact Gary Eastwood at [garyandjulie@me.com](mailto:garyandjulie@me.com) or by mobile on 0414 933 917)

### Employment Opportunity - Integrity Sampling

RPAT has received the information relating to a part time employment opportunity from Livio Tomas, Victorian Regional Manager 'Integrity Sampling'.

I work for Integrity Sampling Australia, in Victoria.  
([IntegritySampling.com.au](http://IntegritySampling.com.au))

We are a workplace Drug and Alcohol testing organisation servicing clients all around Australia.

We are currently looking for someone to work as part of our team to service Hobart areas. As there are not many clients currently, this is purely a part time position. I believe the position would suit someone who has retired, and possibly looking for some part time work.

Our organisation has many retired ex police working for us and our director is Michael Wheeldon who was also a former police officer.

The preferred candidate will ideally be Mature Aged, retired or semi retired, with the availability of conducting testing when required.

If you are interested Please contact me and I will provide further information.

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### Where is Rod Carrick?

RPAT member Kim Smith is attempting to contact **Rod Carrick**.

Rod is not a member of RPAT but if anyone has contact details for him could you please forward them to Kim, or email them to [rpatt1@bigpond.com](mailto:rpatt1@bigpond.com) address and I will forward them onto Kim.

## ACCESS TO WELLBEING SERVICES BY RETIRED/FORMER POLICE OFFICERS

Thank you for your correspondence dated 20 May 2019 with respect to the ongoing wellbeing of retired police members and exploring the ability for them to engage with current support services post career.

I recognise the demanding nature of police work and the cumulative effect this can have on our members throughout their careers. This is one of the reasons why the current wellbeing program is such an important initiative that is being implemented for launch in the second half of 2019. Additionally DPFEM are developing a wellbeing strategy that will seek to inform the framework that guides our future direction in this field.

We are mindful that wellbeing, particularly mental health, is important for our staff to actively manage throughout their career. We have commenced the introduction of Mental Health First Aid courses to all recruits who attend the Academy. This two day course is aimed at both educating participants regarding their own mental health and recognising the signs that someone who may be struggling may exhibit. In the past three years, nearly three hundred employees have undertaken this training. We have also commenced a specifically designed mental health educational course for our managers and supervisors to aid them in engaging with staff that may be experiencing mental health related challenges.

Whilst I'm aware that many of the measures I've discussed don't go directly addressing your concerns or the immediate interests of our retired members, it is important to acknowledge that significant ground is being made to address this issue in the workplace.

The benefits of the programs being put in place now will continue to assist officers as they transition into retirement.

Whilst I am empathetic to the challenges retirement and separation from Tasmania Police may pose to retired and former officers, I am not in a position to support your request for these members to be able to access the services of Wellbeing Support Officers (formerly known as welfare officers). These officers provide significant service to the current DPFEM employees, workers, volunteers and their immediate families.

Whilst we have recently appointed two additional Wellbeing Support Officers, there is simply not the capacity to provide a service to retired and / or former police or other former emergency service members.

However these officer are available to provide a level of training to your peer network to aide in the service they can provide. DPFEM Relief Wellbeing Support Officers undergo an annual two day training program and I am prepared to extend this training to a small number of RPAT peers. In effect thus will provide the RPAT with the capability to provide wellbeing support to former police officer by peers who understand the challenges faced after the separation from policing. If this is something that would be of interest to you I would encourage contact with Inspector Troy Morrisby, People Support on 6173 2822 or [troy.morrisby@police.tas.gov.au](mailto:troy.morrisby@police.tas.gov.au)

In closing I commend you and the RPAT on the steps you are taking to support and educate former and retired members relating to their mental health.

*(Copy of letter to RPAT President David Plumpton from Tasmania Police Commissioner, D L Hine)*



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*I used to eat a lot of natural foods until .....  
I learned that most people die of natural causes*

*If you don't have a sense of humour.....  
you probably don't have any sense at all.*

### 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.

*Since the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, 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](mailto:gshyland3@bigpond.com)

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

PLEASE put **YOUR NAME** in the description when you fill out the deposit slip.

*Once your money is deposited, I will send out your stickers.*

## AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE FORMER MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

On 11th April 2019), Mike Doroshenko, President of the Australian Federal Police Former Members Association inc. (AFPFMA) and Greg Ranse Vice-President launched the AFPFMA as an official association.

AFPFMA President Mike Doroshenko said that the official launch of the association is important, as that aims to bring together former members of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and provide them with a sense of community, camaraderie and support.

"Just like with former Defence Force members, police officers and professional staff that transition out of the AFP and become former members are sometimes at a loss of what to do after their long association with the AFP has ended. Being an AFP member is a career and a way of life, so once you leave that environment it can be a difficult adjustment for some.

"Prior to forming the AFPFMA there was no formal or official association that looked after former members and I see the AFPFMA as now being that association which will bring former members together and help to provide a stable presence and platform outside of the AFP environment," said Mr Doroshenko.

The aims and objectives of the AFPFMA include:

- foster a sense of community and camaraderie amongst members;
- promote a spirit of goodwill as well as esprit de corps;
- help reduce the feeling of isolation members often experience following separation from the AFP;

- work co-operatively with the AFP and Australian Federal Police Association (AFPA) to participate in programs, information sessions and activities to assist people transition out of the AFP;
- provide support and camaraderie to each other, particularly in times of ill health;
- maintain a Wall of Remembrance acknowledging members who have passed on;
- provide information to members who wish to connect with other former members;
- act as a conduit for members to access assistance on mental health issues, such as PTSD;
- create events such as reunions and activities for members.

"The AFPFMA Committee have some terrific initiatives coming up, to assist people transitioning out of the AFP, and programs such as computer workshops for older former members.

We will also soon be launching the Mates in Blue program to assist those former Police veterans and AFP staff who need assistance.

More of that can be found on our website, which also launches today," said Mr Doroshenko.

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### How is your golf ? ? ? ?

*Two men grow up together, but after college one moves to Maryland and the other to Texas.*

*They agree to meet every ten years in Florida to play golf and catch up with each other.*

**At age 32 they meet, finish their round of golf and head for lunch.**

**"Where you wanna go?"**

**"Hooters."**

**"Why Hooters?"**

**"They have those beautiful bosoms, the**

**tight shorts, and the gorgeous legs."**

**"You're on."**

*At age 42, they meet and play golf again.*

*"Where you wanna go for lunch?"*

*"Hooters."*

*"Again?"*

*"Why?"*

*"They have cold beer, big screen TVs, and side action on the games."*

*"OK."*

**At age 52 they meet and play again.**

**"So where you wanna go for lunch?"**

**"Hooters."**

**"Why?"**

**"The food is pretty good and there's plenty of parking."**

**"OK."**

*At age 62 they meet again. After a round of golf, one says, "Where you wanna go?"*

*"Hooters."*

*"Why?"*

*"Wings are half price and the food isn't too spicy."*

*"Good choice"*

**At age 72 they meet again.**

**Once again, after a round of golf, one says, "Where shall we go for lunch?"**

**"Hooters."**

**"Why?"**

**"They have six handicapped parking spaces right by the door and they have senior discounts."**

**"Great choice."**

*At age 82 they meet and play again. "Where should we go for lunch?"*

*"Hooters."*

*"Why?"*

*"Because we've never been there before." "Okay."*

Two dead bodies turn up at the mortuary, both with very big smiles on their faces. The coroner calls the police to tell them what has happened.

The Coroner tells the Inspector, "First body is an Irishman, 25 years of age. He won a thousand dollars on the lottery and spent it all on whisky.

"Died of alcohol poisoning, hence the smile."

"The Inspector asked, "What of the second body?"

"Ah," says the coroner, "This is a most unusual one. Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House, 66, struck by lightning."

"Why is she smiling then?" inquires the Inspector.

"Thought she was having her photo taken."



**Finally I understand why cars have these things...**

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

<b>Total Membership is</b>	<b>476</b>
<i>includes 8 Life / Honorary Members</i>	
<b>Members: Male</b> - 44(93.6%);	<b>Female</b> – 30 (6.3%)
<b>South</b> - 276 (57.9%);	<b>Northwest</b> — 64 (13.4%)
<b>North</b> - 82 (17.2%);	<b>Interstate/Overseas</b> — 54 (11.3%)
<b>Associate Members</b> — 12	
<b>Members 80+ -</b> - 815 (16.7%)	
<b>New Members:-</b>	
Stuart Slade; and Les Cooper	
<b>Workmates who have passed away since December 2018</b>	
<b>CLARK</b> Vernon	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
<b>LITTLEJOHN</b> Neil Leigh	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
<b>DARKE</b> , Simon	6 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
<b>WHITE</b> , Ivan	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
<b>LEWIS</b> , Colin Gordon	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
<b>ARNOLD</b> , Max	14 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
<b>BAKES</b> , Edward Douglas (Doug)	27 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
<b>DAVIES</b> Ross,	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019
<b>GATWARD</b> Peter	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019
<b>DREWETT</b> , Donald (Don) James	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
<b>BLACKLOW</b> , William Archibald John (Bill)	17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
<b>WALKER</b> , Neville Douglas	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019
<b>McJANNETT</b> , John (Jock)	18 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
<b>SCHMIDT</b> , Ronald (Ron) Frederick	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2019

## DIVE SQUAD RE-UNION

A re-union function was held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May to mark 65 years since the formation of the Tasmania Police Dive Squad.

40 divers attended including Ron and Maurice Massie who were part of the very early dive team .

One member Adam Coleman even returned from America to be there and another from NS W.

Commissioner of Police Darren Hine also attended.

It was a great afternoon with the current diving team exchanging stories with the retired members.

There is talk of celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2024.

For more information contact Steve Williams on:-  
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*Why was the chickens soccer match a bad idea?  
 Because there were too many fowls.*

Dennis O’Leary was an undertaker and one day a wealthy young woman came into his premises and identified a corpse as her father.

She gave orders for an expensive and elaborate funeral.

Just as she was about to leave the corpse’s lower jaw opened and exposed a set of false teeth.

“My father didn’t have false teeth,” she then shrieked, “Cancel that order.”

Dennis took the body out of the expensive coffin and said to it, “ You fool, you’d have had a first class funeral if only you’d kept your mouth shut.”

## Diary Dates 2019

- 3<sup>rd</sup> July** *Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome*  
*Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn*
- 10<sup>th</sup> July** *(Wednesday 11:30am for noon) All welcome*  
*Northern Mid-year Commissioner’s Luncheon at the Riverside Golf Club*
- 7<sup>th</sup> August** *(Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome*  
*Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn*
- 22<sup>nd</sup> August** *(Thursday 11.30am for noon) (All welcome)*  
*Queensland RPAT Lunch at Alexandra Headland Surf Club,  
 167 Alexandra Parade , Alexandra Headland, Queensland.*
- 28<sup>th</sup> August** *(Wednesday—1:30pm)*  
*Executive Meeting, Hobart*
- 4<sup>th</sup> September** *(Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome*  
*Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn*
- 11<sup>th</sup> September** *(Wednesday noon for 12:30pm)—All welcome*  
*Northwest Branch Lunch Meeting – Bass & Flinders Motel, Ulverstone .*
- 27<sup>th</sup> September** *(Friday 11am) -National Police Remembrance Day;*  
*Guests to be seated by 10:45am) Police Academy Rokeby*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> October** *(Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome*  
*Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn*
- 20<sup>th</sup> October** *(Sunday 11:30am for 12 noon) (All welcome)*  
*Southern Branch partners lunch at Shoreline Hotel, Howrah*
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October** *(Wednesday—1:30pm)*  
*Executive Meeting, Hobart*
- 6<sup>th</sup> November** *(Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome*  
*Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn*
- 18<sup>th</sup> November** *(Monday)11.30am for noon)*  
*Ye Old Traffic Police Luncheon, Black Buffalo Hotel, North Hobart*
- 21<sup>st</sup> November** *(Thursday 11.30am for noon) (All welcome)*  
*Queensland RPAT Lunch at Southport Surf Club, McArthur Parade,  
 Main Beach, Queensland*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December** *(Tuesday 11:00am) (Retired Police Staff only)*  
*RPAT Annual General Meeting followed by  
 Commissioners Lunch at Police Academy, Rokeby (at 12 noon)*
- 11<sup>th</sup> December** *(Wednesday 11:30am for noon) All welcome*  
*Northern Christmas Luncheon at the Riverside Golf Club  
 Includes Northern Branch AGM*

*Why was Thomas Edison able to invent the light bulb?  
 Because he was very bright!*

The nicest thing about the future is that  
 it always starts tomorrow.



# NORTHWESTERN BRANCH



Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April saw 40 retired members meet at the Bass and Flinders Motel at Ulverstone for lunch and fellowship.

There was plenty of time for swapping

of (enlarged) old war stories.

It was pleasing to see several of the Northern members travel to Ulverstone from Launceston.

The next function of the Northwest

Branch will be at the Bass and Flinders Motel on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September noon for 12:30pm.

Recently they have also started a social gathering at the Ulverstone Golf Club on the last Sunday of each month. (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](mailto:rockiejlee@bigpond.com) or Greg 0407 671 757 or by email on [gshyland3@bigpond.com](mailto:gshyland3@bigpond.com)



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### Wonderfully British

In a train from London to Manchester, an American was berating the Englishman sitting across from him in the compartment ...

"The trouble with you English is that you are too stuffy ... You set yourselves apart too much.

You think your stiff upper lip makes you above the rest of us. Look at me: I'm me! I have a little Italian in me, a bit of Greek blood, a little Irish and some Spanish blood.

What do you say to that?"

The Englishman lowered his newspaper and replied, "How very sporting of your mother."

### Hospitality

**Wilderness Hotel.** Derwent Bridge.

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# NORTHERN BRANCH NEWS



**MAKING A HUGE DIFFERENCE.** Police Commissioner Darren Hine, main picture, has taken the lead on many important social issues. Inset, from top: Bob Clifford, Susan Finney and Greg Farrell. Picture: MICHAEL JURE

Twice a Year (July and December) we have a Commissioner's Lunch at the Riverside Golf Club.

The Mid-Year Commissioners Lunch is coming up on Wednesday 10th July (noon for 12:30pm).

RSVP to Jim Byrne by Monday 9th July.

Phone 0419 331 490

The Northern Branch still meets monthly at the Riverside Motor Inn on the first Wednesday of each Month noon for 12:30pm. for a meal and fellowship..

About 20 members attend. Next meeting is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Each Friday at about 4pm the Plough in Brisbane Street hosts several retired officers for a drink and fellowship.



**APHORISM** "A short pointed sentence that expresses a wise or clever observation or a general truth."

*Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.*

## THE PARACHUTE CLUB

Yesterday my daughter emailed me again and asked why I didn't do something useful with my time.

"Like sitting around the pool and drinking wine is not a good thing?" I asked,

Talking about my doing something useful seems to be her favourite topic of conversation.

"She was only thinking of me," she said and suggested that I go down to the Senior Citizens Club and hang out with the blokes.

I did this and when I got home last night I decided to play a prank on her.

I emailed her and told her that I had joined a Parachute Club.

She replied " Are you nuts?" You are 78 years old and now you're going to start jumping out of aeroplanes?

I told her that I even got a Membership card and emailed her a copy.

She immediately telephoned me and yelled, "Good Grief Mum, where are your glasses?! This is a Membership to a Prostitute Club not a Parachute Club"

"Oh boy, I'm in trouble again," I said, "I really don't know what to do. I signed up for five jumps a week!"

The line went quiet and her friend picked up the phone and said that my daughter had fainted.

Life as a Senior Citizen is not getting any easier, but sometimes it can be fun."

"You just go ahead," the man in the shopping mall said to his wife. "While you're shopping, I'll browse in the hardware store."

An hour later, she returned and saw him at the checkout counter. The clerk was ringing up the last of a pile of tools and supplies that would fill two wheelbarrows.

"Are you buying all this?" his wife asked incredulously.

"Well, yes," he said, embarrassed.

Then waving his arm toward the interior of the store, he added, "But look at all the stuff I'm leaving behind!"

An Australian Farmer and his girl friend were walking in the paddock where the cows were. Two of them were nuzzling each other.

Farmer said, "It would be nice to be doing that."

"Well," she replied, "they're your cows so you can do it when you want to."

Two blondes are walking down a road, one has a large sports bag.

*1<sup>st</sup> blonde:* "What have you got in that bag?"

*2<sup>nd</sup> blonde:* "Chickens."

*1<sup>st</sup> blonde:* "If I can guess how many chickens you've got in that bag, can I have one of them?"

*2<sup>nd</sup> blonde:* "If you can guess how many chickens I've got in this bag, you can have BOTH of them!!"

*1<sup>st</sup> blonde:* "Well, I think you've got three."

*A migrant from Poland travelled to Australia where he meets and marries Pamela, (an Australian Girl)*

*They marry and live happily together for a couple of years.*

*One morning he tells his neighbour that he is scared. "Pamela is going to kill him."*

*Neighbour replies, "But I thought you were happily married"*

*"I thought so, but I looked in the bathroom cabinet this morning and there is a bottle in there. The label says 'Polish Remover'*

The day finally arrived. Forrest Gump dies and goes to Heaven.. He is at the Pearly Gates, met by St. Peter himself. However, the gates are closed, and Forrest approaches the gatekeeper.

St. Peter said, 'Well, Forrest, it is certainly good to see you. We have heard a lot about you. I must tell you, though, that the place is filling up fast, and we have been administering an entrance examination for everyone. The test is short, but you have to pass it before you can get into Heaven.'

Forrest responds, 'It sure is good to be here, St.. Peter, sir. But nobody ever told me about any entrance exam. I sure hope that the test ain't too hard. Life was a big enough test as it was.'

St. Peter continued, 'Yes, I know, Forrest, but the test is only three questions'

**First:** What two days of the week begin with the letter T?

**Second:** How many seconds are there in a year?

**Third:** What is God's first name?

Forrest leaves to think the questions over.

He returns the next day and sees St. Peter, who waves him up, and says, 'Now that you have had a chance to think the questions over, tell me your answers.'

Forrest replied, 'Well, the first one -- which two days in the week begins with the letter "T"? Shucks, that one is easy. That would be Today and Tomorrow..'

The Saint's eyes opened wide and he exclaimed, 'Forrest, that is not what I was thinking, but you do have a point, and I guess I did not specify, so I will give you credit for that answer. How about the next one?' asked St. Peter. 'How many seconds in a year?'

Now that one is harder,' replied Forrest, 'but I think and think about that, and I guess the only answer can be twelve.'

Astounded, St. Peter said, 'Twelve? Twelve? Forrest, how in Heaven's name could you come up with twelve seconds in a year?'

Forrest replied, 'Shucks, there's got to be twelve: January 2nd, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>...'

'Hold it,' interrupts St. Peter. 'I see where you are going with this, and I see your point, though that was not quite what I had in mind...but I will have to give you credit for that one, too.'

Let us go on with the third and final question. Can you tell me God's first name?'

'Sure,' Forrest replied, 'it's Andy.'

'Andy?' exclaimed an exasperated and frustrated St Peter.

'Ok, I can understand how you came up with your answers to my first two questions, but just how in the world did you come up with the name Andy as the first name of God?'

'Shucks, that was the easiest one of all,' Forrest replied. 'I learnt it from the song, 'ANDY WALKS WITH ME, ANDY TALKS WITH ME, ANDY TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN.'

St. Peter opened the Pearly Gates, and said: 'Run, Forrest, run.'

*Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other is a husband*

In June 1965 Uniformed Police Women started in Queensland. (54 years ago.). (Picture right shows three constables graduated in 2019)  
In the October 2019 edition of the RPAT News I am proposing to bring you an article on Policewomen. Any information or stories would be appreciated.  
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In what cynics could interpret as a desperate attempt to get more Face Book friends, the RPAT President, David Plumpton, has created a Face Book Group which is open to RPAT and other former TasPol members.

(Obviously I am joking about his need for friends but) the Face Book Group is another means of reaching out and communicating with our former colleagues.

Below David has detailed information concerning the Face Book Group for those that may be interested and it will complement our RPAT Newsletter and email communications.

**Message from RPAT President, David Plumpton.**

Hi all, as some of you may know, I have created a private Facebook group to provide an avenue for retired and ex-members to exchange information, thoughts, ideas, photos or whatever they think may be interesting, with other members whom they may not see or be in contact with regularly.

Obviously you have to be on Facebook to access the group and I can only invite my Facebook friends but you may wish to alert/invite your friends who are ex-members.

It is just a forum for general information and maybe a laugh now and again. Whilst we can advertise RPAT news members can update on any issue they believe may be of interest. No one has to join or stay, and it is not intended as anything official. Also, you don't have to be a member of the RPAT, the page is open for all ex members. Already it has proved somewhat successful with over 100 members.

I repeat, it is a private site with members only added upon invite and subject to removal if absolutely necessary, which I seriously doubt will be required.

So, if you want to be added as my friend on Facebook let me know; or get a Facebook friend who is a member to add you. If you aren't on Facebook (well done) your information from RPAT won't change.

Cheers  
David Plumpton

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