



NEWSLETTER

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Ye Old Traffic Polite Men (20 years)

On Monday 19 Nov 18 we celebrated our 20th Anniversary at the Black Buffalo Hotel. 37 members attended including Bob Knights from Adelaide, Jim Byrne & Don Bennett from Launceston & a number of members from country areas. The Committee thanked all members and donors for their support over a long period of time some of which have been with us for the 20 year period.



This Photo accidentally came into the hands of the Editor.

Special thanks must go to the following donors for making it a great day:

**Black Buffalo Hotel
Shoreline Hotel**

**Horseshoe
Long time members
Garry Doran,
Dave Fleming,
Vic Belbin &
Laurie Cowan.**



After lunch some 30 odd prizes were won by members present and the stand out was LUCKY Lloyd Lucky who won 5 prizes.

The prizes included 4 X \$50 Vouchers, 4 Meat Trays, 10 Bottles of wine some with glasses, 2 large containers of honey & 2 large pieces of fresh salmon. There were also 6 lucky door prizes.

The profit on the day of \$120.00 has been donated to the Cancer Council. This brings our total donation to date of \$1,240 for Prostate Research in Tasmania.

The wheels are in motion for next years function which will be held at the

BLACK BUFFALO HOTEL

ON MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER, 2019 AT 11.30 am.

Any enquiries please phone Leo Hutchings on 0418 103 719 or email hutchie8@bigpond.net.au or Brian Bick on 03 62 399380 email cireldo1@bigpond.com.au



Everyone is welcome.



FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT DAVID



2018 PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Hello all,

I hope you are well or if not, recovering. I am aware that some of our members are facing health difficulties and to you and your families I, in particular, send my best wishes. Remember, if there is anything we can do we will always do our best, and if you feel like a visitor or company just shout out, bearing in mind 10 minutes of my company may seem a lifetime.

The past year has again been a good year overall for the RPAT, with excellent social functions allowing so many to get together and apparent positive movement from the RBF in relation to the pension for the spouse of deceased members. We will keep you updated.

As we approach Christmas can I wish you all the very best, and even better for your families. I hope you have a truly great start to the New Year that only improves as the year goes on. And back on my "hobby horse" can I reiterate that if any of you are feeling down, depressed or suffering from the ravages of a career well worked then please reach out. Or if you know someone who may have difficulties at this time of the year, please reach out to them. I have attached a list of Mental Health Service Providers for those who may be interested – just in case.

Again all the best for 2019 and I hope we can catch up in person at some stage..

Cheers

David Plumpton [APM]

RPAT President

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Well another 12 months have passed and it has gone very quickly but once again I believe we have achieved some significant success for our members and can I thank you all for your support and assistance. We now have a very strong membership of 477 members, predominately here in Tasmania obviously, however the Queensland group is markedly increasing every year.

Through the sterling efforts of our Secretary Syd we have managed to achieve, what I believe to be a significant success with the RBF relating to the spouse pension of deceased members. Whilst there is still work to do on this subject it would appear that the introduction of an interim pension for deceased members partners, with the appropriate notifications, will go a long way to alleviating many of the issues that had arisen in the past.

On a personal note I have taken a position of attempting to improve and assist in the mental health of our members. I am of the view that we can do much for members who, for no reason of their own, become subject to the damages of poor mental health. Whilst there may not appear to be a significant number of members in need of assistance, the true situation is unknown and I don't want to wait until it becomes an obvious and debilitating issue. Hence, I have pursued the assistance of *Relationships Australia* to assist as we go forward.

Tasmania Police have greatly improved the support they provide to their people in relation to mental health and only recently introduced a \$6 million Wellbeing program which is a comprehensive package of physical and mental health initiatives across police, fire, SES and Ambulance Tasmania. They do so in light of the results of a National Mental Health Survey of Australian emergency services employees that reinforced research that emergency services workers are far more likely than the general population to be affected by mental health conditions,

post-traumatic stress disorder and suicidal thoughts.

My argument is based on the belief our membership has engaged in the exact activity now believed to increase the likelihood of poor mental health outcomes and yet there is no structured program once you leave the organisation.

I will do as much as I can to introduce relevant programs for assistance but the long term focus will be on having our members provided with the same programs that serving members are entitled to. The motto being *if they broke you they can fix you*. I can indicate that already 12 members have indicated their willingness to be support peers within the RPAT community for members who may need advice, guidance or assistance. We need a lot more to come on this into the future.

Can I also take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the Executive committee for their advice and assistance. We say goodbye to Mark Beech Jones and Michelle Powell, who leave the Executive after a number of years of excellent service, and to them I offer my sincere thanks for their outstanding work but more importantly friendship.

We again into 2019 will have a number of social functions, just as we have this year, and whilst many – in particular the Northern, Western and Queensland functions - are very well attended sometimes the Southern functions don't draw as large an attendance. Considering the Southern base is the largest this seems a bit contradictory. So, Tom Lahl our Southern Vice President is looking at exactly what we can do to improve attendance. If you have any suggestions please let Tom know.

Again thank you and hopefully I will see you at one of the functions or events in 2019.

David Plumpton APM

Clock's Warning

Numbers on the dial of a warehouse clock in Melbourne in the 1920s were replaced with the letters COMEPUNCTUAL!

RPAT AWARDS 2018



Past Secretary of the Retired Police Association of Tasmania, Syd McClymont was presented with a Life Membership of the Association for his services rendered to RPAT. Presentation was made by Immediate Past President, Dave Fleming. *Congratulations, Syd.*

Also at the meeting Commissioner Darren Hine presented the Commissioners Medal to Ian Cochrane (20 years service) and new RPAT Secretary, Kerrie Whitwam (35 years service).

Congratulations to Ian and Kerrie.

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were \$70!!! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web

**I start a new job in Seoul next week.
I thought it was a good Korea move.**

Three certificates of appreciation were awarded and presented to: -

Michelle Powell for over 2 years' service to the Executive Committee
Mark Beech-Jones for his services to the Committee, and
Gavin Hallett for support in providing Administrative Assistance to the RPAT.

Congratulations to Michelle, Mark & Gavin

Southern Branch News.



On Sunday 21st October 21 members of the Southern Branch enjoyed each others company over lunch at the Shoreline Hotel at Howrah.

Over this coming year (2019) the Branch is planning on having a further three meetings (luncheons). The dates and locations have yet to be finalised.

Do you have any preferences as to when (and where) these functions should be?

If you have any suggestions (or ideas) your Southern Branch Vice President Tom Lahl would like to hear from you (phone 0409 320 683 or email tomlahl1@bigpond.com)
Tom would love to know what the members would like.

Do you know REX BARTSCH

The person I am seeking is one Rex Bartsch and his wife. . (A Retired Police Officer from West Australia (Class 3/1975) We graduated in January 1976. Next Re-union is November 2019

Ask Rex to contact one of the following re-union reps:

Keith Davies Mobile 0417 333 356

Email keithdavies6@igpond.com

Tony Martinovich Tony.Martinovich@pta.wa.gov.au

David Parkinson davidparkinson@westnet.com.au



The first words little Mickie Kennedy spoke baffled his parents—'Mummy dead and Daddy gone'.

He repeated them for three years at the property in the Western District of Victoria where the family lived during the 1840s. He repeated them until one night, on his parents ninth wedding anniversary, his father murdered his mother.

I can't think what made me do it, unless it was the devil,' said Patrick Kennedy.

On the same day and at the same hour that he was sentenced to death, Mickie stopped the continual crooning of those first words — and suddenly and unaccountably died!

Fact from Ripley's Book Believe it or Not

28th October—3rd November
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Get Fit, Get excited and Get to Mandurah



What a Games!!! The 2018 AP&ES Games was an amazing week for all that participated. We started our week with an outstanding Opening Ceremony which kicked the week off on a high. There were 50 different sports run across the 7 days and smiles all around.

Our MARQUAY was the place to be in the evening and it definitely didn't disappoint! Last but not least we hope you enjoyed all our goodies that our lovely sponsors and we provided to you during the week. We couldn't have asked for a better week of competition and camaraderie. It was truly the best games yet!



Want More?

Have you caught the Games bug? If you are looking for motivation to start training again, then look no further as Chengdu China will host the World Police and Fire Games in 2019.

With 56 sports to compete in, joining your fellow emergency services at a world class event. The Games commence on the 8th of August 2019.

Register today <http://www.chengdu2019wpfg.com/en/index.html>

OR
See you at the
2020 Games



A retired older couple return to a Mercedes dealership where the salesman has just sold the car they were interested in to a beautiful, leggy, busty blonde in a mini skirt and a halter top.

The old man was visibly upset. He spoke to the salesman sharply. "Young man, I thought you said you would hold that car till we raised the \$55,000 asking price," said the older man. "Yet I just heard you closed the deal for \$45,000 to the lovely young lady there."

"And if I remember right, you had insisted there was no way you could discount this model." The salesman took a deep breath, cleared his throat and reached for a large glass of water.

"Well, what can I tell you? She had the cash ready, didn't need any financing help, and, Sir, just look at her, how could I resist?", replied the grinning salesman sheepishly.

Just then the young woman approached the senior couple and gave the car keys to the old man...

"There you go," she said. "I told you I could get that idiot to lower the price...."

"See you later, Dad, Happy Father's day."

OPTIMISM IS GOING AFTER MOBY DICK IN A ROWBOAT AND TAKING TARTAR SAUCE WITH YOU!

RPAT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2019

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PETER EDWARD BIRCHALL

25th September 1944—3rd September 2018

Peter Edward Birchall was born on 15/9/44 and was an only child to Rita and Cecil Birchall of New Norfolk. He attended Magra Primary School, New Norfolk Primary School and New Norfolk High School.

After leaving school he worked for Australian Newsprint Mills for over 12 years and helped build the New Norfolk Club Rooms and other buildings around the New Norfolk and Derwent Valley area.

In 1970 Peter married Rhonda Cantwell and they have three children.

Peter was interested in joining the Tasmania Police Force and completed the adult training course at the Bellerive Police Station in 1974 before his first police posting in Hobart.

Peter transferred to New Norfolk where he performed CIB and general duties in the Derwent Valley before transferring to Bothwell for over thirteen years.

Peter loved the outdoor life, and became friendly with several of the Highland property owners. He was renowned for always keeping an eye open for poachers and trespassers in the Central Highlands. His strong



commitment to his police work endeared him to the local farming community.

Sadly, just over 12 months ago while on holidays in Queensland he was diagnosed with leukaemia resulting in him spending two weeks in Queensland Hospitals.

When well enough to return to Tasmania he was admitted to the Royal Hobart Hospital for 6 weeks and commenced chemotherapy. His condition became terminal and he passed away on 3rd September.

Bothwell Country Races were being operated by a local committee who were experiencing difficulties in getting insurance for the event. Peter was aware of the citation and decided to help by canvassing people in Bothwell to form a Lions Club.

28 locals were interested and willing to sign up. Under Peter's Coordinating the Club was chartered in 2004. and were able to provide the insurance for the Country Races at Bothwell.

Peter achieved an amazing amount in his life and was indeed a great example of lending a hand or two for Lions International.

Peter, congratulations for a job well done.

RBF SPOUSAL PENSION PROPOSAL

RBF have put forward the following proposal for future spousal pensions: -

The current annual document sent to all members to update their personal details will be upgraded to an affirmation type form.

Superannuants will be able to attach to this file their birth and marriage certificates, drivers' licences, tax file numbers and other required documents for themselves and their spouse. (the application form, together with the required documents as listed on the **Surviving Partner Application Checklist** have previously been circulated to RPAT members, and are available on the RBF website).

These forms may be submitted prior to death so when the Superannuant passes to a higher authority, the required documentation would already be stored electronically at RBF. The only extra documentation required by RBF after death would be a death certificate, spouse bank account details and any missing documentation not previously submitted.

The populated affirmation type document would be sent to the superannuant annually and any changes would need to be amended. If a divorce or separation has occurred the process would need to be recommenced.

The day following a Superannuants death, the surviving spouse would be paid a 2/3rd allowance of the superannuants pension entitlement, for a maximum period of six (6) months. This would allow time for the spouse to gather the documentation needed to complete the application. However, if the points above have been followed, required documentation would be minimal. The normal six-monthly indexation increase will not apply to this allowance. Once the spouse entitlement has been approved and a pension (if applicable) paid, indexation will once again commence. *(Remember that a spouse will be offered a full pension, full lump sum or a part pension and part lump sum).*

This proposal has been agreed to in principle by the Executive Committee of the RPAT. The Committee is awaiting the production of the Regulations which are required before these proposals can be implemented.

The proposals have been explained to the members who have attended the two specific briefing sessions held in Hobart and Launceston in December 2018.

Should members have any queries or additional proposals they should contact the RPAT project officer, Syd McClymont on 0407 847 718

GEEBUNG-ZILLMERE RSL CLUB (QLD)



Attending the lunch from left to right are:
Sally McClymont, Tony Grundgeiger, Fish Bligh,

Gary Eastwood, Julie Eastwood, Syd McClymont,
Lee Renshaw, Glenn Frame and Kate Fitzgerald.

The 22nd of November saw the last of three RPAT lunches held in Queensland for the year.

Given the success of our 2018 lunches. In 2019 we will again program three lunches for the year.

Our holidaying / caravanning Tasmanians have headed home for the Tasmanian Summer, and so the attendees were predominantly Queensland locals, with Syd McClymont and his wife Sally the only fly ins for this lunch.

23th May (Thursday) Southport Surf Club,
22nd August (Thurs) Alexandra Headland Surf Club,
21st November (Thurs) Southport Surf Club,

The following questions were in an examination
These are genuine answers (from 16-year old)

Q. What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty
A. *He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery*

Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes
A. *Premature death*

Q. What is artificial insemination
A. *When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow*

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour
A. *Keep it in the cow*

Q. How are the main 20 parts of the body categorised (e.g. The abdomen)
A. *The body is consisted into 3 parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity.*

The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels: A,E,I,O,U

Q. What is the fibula? A. *A small lie*

Services Guide



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RPAT member Mike Titherington ph 0408 485 372 or email mikeandapples@gmail.com, also on facebook under homesite album.

RPAT Merchandise

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

*Committee Member Tony Buckingham
email rpatas1@gmail.com*

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Total Membership is 473—includes
8 Life / Honorary Members

Members: Male – 443 (93.7%); **Female** – 36 (6.3%)

South - 274 (57.9%); **Northwest** — 64 (13.5%);
North - 86 (18.1%); **Interstate / Overseas** —49 (10.3%)

Associate Members — 12

Members who have passed away since November 2017

BAIRD, Robert Bruce 28th May 2018 (Ex Vicpol)
JOHNSTONE, Edwin James (Jim) 24th June 2018
ARCHER, Alwyn Roy (Torchy) 25th June 2018
McGOWAN, Syd 27th July 2018
BROWN Ernest John 9th October 2018
BIRCHALL, Peter Edward 3rd September 2018

Non-Members but work mates

KELLY Danny 2nd November 2017
PATTERSON, Chris 3rd November 2017
BAXTER, Bill 8th November 2017
DePAOLI, Matt (*Philippines*) 10th November 2017
INCH, Greg 11th May 2018
FIELDING Robert Geoffrey 15th June 2018
BROWN, John 29th July 2018
HAWES, James Ormond 3rd October 2018
GODMAN, Horace George 11th October 2018
HARVEY, Jim 16th November 2018

Serving Members:

REYNOLDS Paul (Beau) *Snr Sgt* 13th September 2018
GILBERT Maureen (*Constable*) 2nd October 2018

Family Members

JONES, Mrs Barbara 13th January 2018
(*Wife of late Inspector Jim Jones*)
GATWOOD, Lillian (*Wife of member Tony Gatwood*)
DREWETT, Gwen 9th November 2018
(*Wife of ex-Inspector Don Drewett*)

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Annual subscription fee remains at \$15 a year and can be paid to the Secretary or Treasurer, or by way of electronic funds transfer (EFT) to the Retired Police Association of Tasmania Incorporated Account:

Bank –MyState BSB – 807 009
Account Number – 60118738
Reference—Your name.

Diary Dates 2019

- 2nd January** (*Wednesday noon for 12:30pm*) - All welcome
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn
- 3rd February** (*Sunday*) 11:30am for noon start. –All welcome
NW Barbecue at Turners Beach.
- 6th February** *Wednesday noon for 12:30pm*) - All welcome
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn
- 13th February** (*Wednesday—1:30pm*)
Executive Meeting, Hobart
- 6th March** *Wednesday noon for 12:30pm*) - All welcome
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn
- 3rd April** *Wednesday noon for 12:30pm*) - All welcome
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn
- 10th April** (*Wednesday—1:30pm*)
Executive Meeting, Hobart
- 17th April** (*Wednesday noon for 12:30pm*)—All welcome
Northwest Branch Lunch Meeting – Bass & Flinders Motel, Ulverstone .
- 23rd May** (*Thursday 11.30am for noon*) (All welcome)
Queensland RPAT Lunch at Southport Surf Club, McArthur Parade, Main Beach, Queensland
- 12th June** (*Wednesday—1:30pm*)
Executive Meeting, Hobart
- 10th July** (*Wednesday 11:30am for noon*) All welcome
Northern Mid-year Commissioners Luncheon at the Riverside Golf Club
- 14th August** (*Wednesday—1:30pm*)
Executive Meeting, Hobart
- 22nd August** (*Thursday 11.30am for noon*) (All welcome)
Queensland RPAT Lunch at Alexandra Headland Surf Club, 167 Alexandra Parade, Alexandra Headland, Queensland.
- 11th September** (*Wednesday noon for 12:30pm*)—All welcome
Northwest Branch Lunch Meeting – Bass & Flinders Motel, Ulverstone .
- 9th October** (*Wednesday—1:30pm*)
Executive Meeting, Hobart
- 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
- 10th October** (*Wednesday—1:30pm*) (Lunch prior)
Executive Meeting, New Town
- 3rd December** (*Tuesday 11:00am*)
RPAT Annual General Meeting followed by Commissioners Lunch at Police Academy
- 12th December** (*Wednesday 11:30am for noon*) All welcome
Northern Christmas Luncheon at the Riverside Golf Club Includes Northern Branch AGM.

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Frank McCallum of Paisley, Scotland in 1850 (at the age of 18) was sentenced to deportation to Australia for seven years for snatching a Potato Pie from a push cart

STEWART, Thomas George Angus

Born 11 October 1909

Appointed constable at Hobart 2 August 1932

Registered number 279

Described on appointment as a labourer, 5' 11½" in height, single and a native of Tasmania

Transferred to Sandy Bay 1 January 1934

Transferred to Hobart 15 April 1935

Commended and awarded £4 in relation to the arrest and conviction of offenders responsible for a warehouse breaking and stealing committed on John White & Co. Pty. Ltd. In all, nine members were commended and rewarded.

Very highly commended for his meritorious action in giving blood transfusion 19 February 1936

Seconded for duty with the Transport Commission from 1 July 1939 to 1 May 1940

Transferred to Launceston 1 May 1940

Commended for his courageous and meritorious duty and rewarded £2.2.0 for his part in the arrest of Raymond Radcliffe and others; illegal use of a motor car 8 June 1939

Transferred to Hobart 1 April 1941

Commended and awarded £1 on 13 September 1943 for his extraordinary diligence and ability displayed in connection with the arrest of Percival Johnston and his subsequent conviction for the murder of Margaret Flakemore at Hobart on 5 June 1943

Promoted to senior constable 18 January 1945

Awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal 1959.

Very highly commended for his part in the arrest of Anthony Kaye Hitchens for the murder of Ida and Edward Smith at Glenorchy 17 September 1959.

Stewart and another officer, Peter Eaves, were aware that Hitchens had recently shot two persons, that he was armed and obviously desperate. In spite of this they advanced upon and seized him without any hesitation and effected his arrest after a desperate struggle.

Stewart was awarded the George Medal for the courage and devotion to duty he displayed in effecting the arrest of an armed man (Hitchens) in September 1959.

Highly commended for his leadership and devotion to duty in directing inquiries in connection with the Llewellyn Hope McChristie case (this related to a murder committed by David Sproule and Anthony Murray at Battery Point on 19 October 1961).

Highly commended for his leadership and skill in directing and co-ordinating inquiries in Tasmania and other States in connection with the murder of Helmer Huxley committed at Longley on 26 April 1962 by Anton Masnec.

Promoted to Superintendent C.I.B. Hobart 17 July 1964.

Appointed Officer in Charge, Southern District 21 February 1971.

Retired 9 August 1972.

More information will be in the April 2019 edition of the RPAT Newsletter (Courtesy—Darcy Irwin)

LETTER OF THANKS AND BEST WISHES

To RPAT Members

Thank you very much and please accept my apologies for not attending the Northern Luncheon as I have to take Gill to the Royal Hobart Hospital.

Gill and I would like to thank those RPAT Members and their partners for all their best wishes and get well messages Gill received over the past several weeks.

The most recent one being from the Vice President, Northern Branch, Mr Jim Byrne and his Members.

Some 8 weeks ago, Gill contracted E coli which entered her blood system and lodged itself in one of the vertebrae in her neck.

Gill is slowly recovering since being released from hospital but will need to continue her medication for some 6 months.

Gill and I sincerely thank you all for your thoughts and kind words.

We trust you all had a Merry Christmas and will have a happy and safe 2019.

Much appreciated

Gill and Dave Fleming

I was at an ATM yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.

HOW DID IT COME ABOUT?

Tuning over the engine of his plane in the cold winter of 1916 while serving in England with the Royal Naval Air Service, 22 year old Queenslander Sidney Cotton had to take off in his greasy overalls in an emergency.

On landing other pilots complained of the biting cold, yet Cotton felt warm. He realised the grease in his overalls had helped keep his body heat in.

He developed a flying suit made of one piece like his overalls and it became widely used by airmen around the world

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning, can you believe that, 2:30am?! Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.

Two Muslims have crashed a speedboat into the Thames barrier in London ... Police think it might be the start of Ram-a-dam.

The Grim Reaper came for me last night, and I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner.

Talk about Dyson with death.

NORTHWEST DATES FOR 2019



The dates for the 2019 branch meetings are:-

Sunday 3rd February –

11:30 for noon start

BBQ at Turners Beach.

Wednesday 17th April

noon for 12.30pm start

Lunch Meeting at
Bass & Flinders Motel, Ulverstone

Wednesday 11th September

noon for 12.30pm start

Lunch Meeting at
Bass & Flinders Motel, Ulverstone



*Bought some 'rocket salad' yesterday
but it went off before I could eat it!*

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 1st 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

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.*

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*)

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Police Bank Ltd. is an Australian, member-owned mutual bank. Founded as NSW Police Credit Union on October 24, 1964 by a group of officers from the Clarence Street Police Station in Sydney, its members passed a resolution to enable "Police Credit Union" to become "Police Bank Ltd." on 3 December, 2012.

The Retired Police Association of Tasmania have been advised that Police Bank will open a Branch in Hobart by mid-year. Currently the bank is offering financial incentives to RPAT members who open a new account. Special interest rates are also available on loans. Currently transactions are available via Australia Post.

For more information visit their website:

www.policebank.com.au

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.

Hospitality

Wilderness Hotel. Derwent Bridge.

Contact Dave and Carol Fitzgibbon on 6289 1144

NORTHERN CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



On Wednesday 12th December about 60 RPAT members from around the State (and their families) met for a Christmas Lunch (and the Northern Branch Annual Meeting) at the Riverside Golf Club. Elected Committee for the north are Jim Byrne, Max Howard, Roy Axelsen, Don Bennett, Brian Catterall, Trevor Leary, and Bob Webb.



During the year Northern Members have attended Northwest meetings at Turners Beach, & Ulverstone; Remembrance Day at the Rokeby Academy, Traffic Police Luncheon in North Hobart; AGM and Commissioner's Luncheon at the Academy, as well as the two monthly executive meetings in Hobart.

Next meetings at Riverside are on Wed 2nd January & Wed 6th February.

For more information contact Northern Vice President Jim Byrne on 0419 331 490.

The Northern Branch meets regularly at the Riverside Motor Inn on the first Wednesday of each month for lunch. About 20 regularly attend.

We meet at 12 noon with a view to sitting down to the meal by 12:30pm. By 2:00pm most have left and gone on to other tasks.

The main asset is being able to talk and keep in touch with past workmates.

All are welcome to join us.



Our Northern Vice-President at the Mole Creek Hotel with his family and live cat on his knee. .



Sat opposite an Indian lady on the train today, she shut her eyes and stopped breathing.

I thought she was dead, until I saw the red spot on her forehead and realised she was just on standby



Copy of readers letter Birmingham Mail August 8th 1930

Sir,
I noticed a photograph in the Paper of a Policemen on point duty in Wolverhampton with a kind of sunshade over him, stating it was too hot for him. I thought it amusing I am sure they will have motor cars to ride about in and all out of ratepayers money.

The idea of paying a policeman 3pounds five shillings or 3pounds 10shillings when I have to work in front of a furnace for 2pounds 5shillings and nothing to shelter me from the heat.

Is a policeman worth this money and uniform being an unskilled man. No wonder our rates are high! Surely they're worth only 2pounds 10shillings"

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



OFFICER: "KEEP IT, WHEN YOU COLLECT FOUR OF THEM, YOU GET A BICYCLE."

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