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Northern Branch Meetings



The Northern Branch meets regularly at the Riverside Motor Inn on the first Wednesday of the month (12 noon).

Social meetings are held each Friday at 4pm at the Plough Inn, Brisbane Street, Launceston



Recently the Northern Branch remembered the assistance our ladies provided. We held a Ladies Night at the Riverside Golf Club.

Next main function is the Commissioners Lunch at the Riverside Golf Club on Wednesday 12th July.



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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 you.)

Recently I have caught up with quite a few retired and ex members all leading varied and interesting lives, either in new careers or relaxing doing their own thing. This got me thinking that we could use that scourge - social media - to increase contact.

So, I am hoping in the very near future to set up a contact page on Facebook just for interested members who are willing to engage with others and share their various stories, travel tips, ideas or just update on events members may be interested in.

For example Johnny Shea can give us his best fishing spots, Phil Gregory can tell us the best camping spots travelling the mainland, Col Little can exhibit his artwork (yes, he is a very accomplished painter of still lifes) and maybe John

Hinchen can tell us the best coffee establishment in Southern Tasmania.

Seriously though, it can be an opportunity for just a quick exchange of news or advice members may find of interest.

I recently joined a site for Western District members run by Sue Hyland and that seems to work a treat. It is also quicker than the exchange of information from when I first started and did shifts in the Burnie radio room (VL 7DF Burnie and VL7AY Devonport) "stand by I am on the telex machine". Even some stories about the good old days" can be posted.

Anyway, wait and see, and it will only be for members who want to join and will be administrated to prevent outside interference.

Hopefully I will catch up with many of you soon in person.

Cheers

David Plumpton

Dear Son,

Just a few lines to let you know I am still alive. I am writing slowly because I know you can't read very fast. You won't know the house when you come home—we moved.

About your father, he had a nice new job—he has 500 men under him. He cuts the grass at the cemetery. There was a washing machine at the new house when we moved in. But it hasn't worked too good, Last week I put in 4 shirts, pulled the chain, and haven't seen the shirts since.

Your sister Mary had a baby this morning but I haven't found out if it's a boy or a girl, so I don't know if you are an aunt or an uncle.

Your uncle Dick drowned last week in a vat of whisky in the Dublin Brewery. Some of his workmates tried to save him but he fought them off bravely, they cremated his body and it took three days to put out the fire.

I went to the Doctor on Thursday, and your father went with me. The Doctor put a small tube in my mouth and told me not to talk for 20 minutes. Your father offered to buy it from him.

It only rained twice this week, the first for three days and then for four days. Monday was so windy our chickens laid the same egg twice.

We had a letter from the undertaker. He said if the last payment on your grandmother's plot wasn't paid in 7 days "Up she comes"

Your loving Mother.

PS I was going to send you \$10 Dollars, but I had already sealed the envelope.

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*What happens to an Irishman who doesn't pay his garbage bill.
They stop delivering.*

NORTHWESTERN BARBECUE

Good weather, great location and a fantastic roll up of 33 RPAT members and families was a good recipe for a great time of fellowship at the Turners Beach Barbecue area on Sunday 3rd February.



(above) The Bretts; the Hylands and Mrs Singline (Top right) —President David addressing the Lewis' & below Mike Cleaves.
(below) Keith Popowski; Wayne Cooper; Rudi de Vries ;



Future Meetings
Bass and Flinders Motel, Ulverstone
Noon for 12:30pm on Wednesday
17th April
and
Wednesday
11th September
All welcome



(foreground) Pat McMahon and Kaye Youd.

IF THEY BROKE YOU THEY CAN FIX YOU

On 27th March 2018, the Australian Senate referred the following terms of reference to the Education and Employment References Committee for inquiry and report by 5 December 2018:

- (i) the nature and underlying causes of mental health conditions experienced by first responders, emergency service workers and volunteers;
- (ii) research identifying linkages between first responder and emergency service occupations, and the incidence of mental health conditions;
- (iii) management of mental health conditions in first responder and emergency services organisations, factors that may impede adequate management of mental health within the workplace and opportunities for improvement, including: i.e. reporting of mental health conditions,
- (iv) specialised occupational mental health support and treatment services,
- (v) workers' compensation,
- (vi) workplace culture and management practices,
- (vii) occupational function and return-to-work arrangements,
- (viii) collaboration between first responder and emergency services organisations,
- (ix) post-retirement mental health support services, and
- (x) resource allocation; and
- (xi) any other related matters.

On 18th October 2018, the Senate granted an extension of time to report until the second sitting Wednesday in February 2019. Subsequently, on 29th November 2018, the Senate agreed to a reporting date of 14th February 2019.

The committee received 161 submissions, and held seven public hearings including one in Hobart on 31st July 2018.

The Commissioner of Police and the then President and Vice President of the Police Association of Tasmania appeared before the committee in Hobart.

The committee made a total of 14 recommendations. These recommendations particularly related to serving members, however at Chapter Five they addressed **Return to work and Poster Retirement Support** and commented, inter alia, (at 5.42):

The committee notes that insufficient data exists on the prevalence of mental health conditions in retired first responders. However, anecdotal evidence suggests that this cohort may be at even higher risk of suffering from conditions such as PTSD than colleagues who are still working. This may be due to the combined effects of prolonged cumulative exposure to trauma and abrupt loss of any existing support from colleagues and possibly management.

The committee is particularly concerned about this in light of the recent discussion about increases to the retirement age, which could add to the already considerable pressure cumulative exposure to trauma places on first responders. The committee is of the view that urgent attention should be given to funding the collection of national data on the prevalence of mental health conditions in retired first responders, and that strategies must be put in place to ensure that first responders are not simply forgotten when they do eventually retire.

They then made two recommendations pertinent to retired members:

Recommendation 13

5.44 The committee recommends that the Commonwealth Government make funding available for research into the prevalence of mental health conditions in retired first responders.

Recommendation 14

5.45 The committee recommends that ongoing and adequate mental health support services be extended to all first responders who are no longer employees of first responder organisations around the country.

Whilst I was unaware of such an Inquiry it would appear that nothing more could have been obtained by any submission/appearance on your behalf, however, arising from the Inquiry I now intend to pursue whatever benefit and opportunities that may exist for retired members. Hopefully by pursuing opportunities for members of the Retired Police Association we can reduce the likelihood or possibility of reduced mental health for our members and any other retired police officer.

To this end I intend to:

Engage with Relationship Australia, who are funded to provide assistance to community groups in this area, and initiate whatever research can be conducted for Tasmania;

Discuss the capacity for the RPAT and the PAT to work together to achieve an overall positive outcome for serving and retired/ex members;

Advise the Commissioner of Police of our intentions and seek whatever support is available.

Engage with Victoria Police retired members and ascertain their current arrangements – Victoria Police are apparently the most advance on this issue

Continue with the implementation of our peer support group to assist members who may suffer from reduced mental health.

If you have any concerns or comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cheers

David Plumpton

A group of egotistical TV personalities visits a senior citizens' home when one casually sits beside a resident and asks expectantly: "Do you know who I am?"

"No", comes the reply, "But if you go to the front office I'm sure they will tell you."

A young real estate agent was pushing hard to sell an apartment to an old codger.

After highlighting its many features, he ended his hard sell with, "Remember, Mr Brown, this is an investment for the future."

"Listen, young man," said Mr Brown wearily. "At my stage of life, I don't even buy green bananas."

RETIRED POLICE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

THE UNOFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

Comments by the Editor.

Coppers are coppers and then they retire—so who do they talk to? Retired Coppers of course because they talk the same language.

To assist in this the Retired Police Association organises specific functions during the year. These functions are advertised through the Newsletter or per the email system encouraging everyone to attend..

However Retired Police Officers are attending several “unofficial functions” in all parts of our State. Most are only advertised by word of mouth.

In my opinion it is very good therapy for retired officers to associate together—even if it is only over a couple of beers.

For this reason I am highlighting these functions in this quarter's newsletter and I would appreciate information (with or without photographs) that I can use in future newsletters.

In Southern part of the State

The Globe Hotel on the corner of Davey and Antill Streets, Hobart is a frequent place of meeting. (3:30pm onwards on a Wednesday) .

Next get together for catchup drinks is on Wednesday the 3rd of April start time between 3.30 to 4.00pm till approximately 6.00pm (Counter meals are available for those who want to stay on.)

Anyone can turn up just for a quick drink or just for a chat.

Advance notice - Tom Lahl has planned a partners lunch at the Shoreline hotel on Sunday the 20th of October 12.00 for 12.30pm.

This will be the same as last year and will be a sit down in the dinning room. (More details in July & October Newsletters)

If the Globe Hotel function is successful and we get a few members turn up we will have a couple more of them during the year.



In the North–Western part of the State

Sunday 10th March saw a mixed group of 16 people turn up at the Ulverstone Golf Club for a Social Gathering. (see pictures on this page) .

There are many who would like to come along to these casual functions.

Retired Police Association members as well as former serving members, and their partners were invited.

It is hoped that social functions like these will occur monthly and will be in addition to the functions held at the Bass & Flinders Motel (next function

is planned for Wednesday 17th April.)

It appears that RPAT will gain one new member as a result of this function.

(Note—Ulverstone Golf Club can provide a Buffet lunch (\$25) as well as the bar.)

It was pleasing to see Vic & Lynda KUBIAK and Ricky & Nola MAXWELL were at this function.

If you need more information get in touch with Rockie Lee or Greg Hyland.



In Northern part of the State

The Plough Inn in Brisbane Street, Launceston is a regular meeting place for a couple of beers at about 4pm of a Friday afternoon (and tea afterwards - if you would like.)

The Riverside Motor Inn is also a regular meeting place on the first Wednesday of each month (12 noon) for a meal . Some who like extra company often arrive by 11:30am for a couple of drinks and socialising.

For more information get in touch with Jim Byrne or Roy Axelsen

Come and talk to your fellow workmates—they need your company !!

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 was driving this morning when I saw a parked RACT van. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable.

I thought to myself, that guy's heading for a breakdown.

It's a small world

Google tells us that San Francisco has the highest percentage of bars and restaurants per capita than any other USA City. 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, which was a group of young people from around the world on a KonTiki type tour.

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 Chris and Kendra Hays who immediately sent his dad a text to say he was having a beer with Gary Eastwood in San Francisco, which had to be followed by a photo to be believed. It's a small world.

Google tells us the population of greater London is over 8.7 million. On a more recent trip we were in South East London, revisiting some memories from when I was much younger.

We had visited the homes where my grandparents lived when they were alive and I was trying to find a pub where my grandfather often drank, so I could have a beer for him. I couldn't find it where I remembered it to be and having searched the general area, we were standing on the side of a busy roadway about to give up.

A complete stranger approached us and asked us if we were lost, and I replied that I was just looking for a pub. He went on to tell us about a very nice pub just up the road that we should try. I quickly explained I was looking for a specific pub called the Dover Patrol where my granddad drank many years ago. He explained the pub had been pulled down a few years back to allow for a motorway extension and I thanked him for his help. As he started to move away he asked, 'who was your grandad' and I replied 'Basil Eastwood'. This information led to the revelation that he knew my grandfather very well, often drank with him at the pub, worked at the same place as him and in fact lived over my grandfather's back fence for thirty odd years. It's a small world.

(Obviously submitted by Gary Eastwood

*Do you have any stories others would be interested in??
Send them in to the editor)*

UPDATE ON RBF SPOUSAL PENSIONS

On the 20th February 2018, the Treasurer, the Hon. Peter Gutwein MP wrote:-

"I am willing to commit that under a re-elected Hodgman Liberal Government we will formally review the regulations relating to surviving spouse pensions within the first twelve months of returning to office."

In the period from February 2018 until the end of February 2019 new guidelines (as previously circulated) have been produced but the regulations have not been reviewed.

In a query to the Treasurer's Office the following response was received on 26th February, 2019:-

"The proposed policy regarding surviving partner pensions is part of a broader package of reforms that are currently being reviewed by the Treasurer."

Subject to the Treasurer's consideration of the policies, Treasury expects to commence consultation with stakeholders over the coming months."

At this time there appears little hope that the regulations will be reviewed in the time frame initially promised. Your committee and Mr. Ivan Dean MLC continue to pursue this important issue.

(Syd McClymont)

Retired Police Association of Tasmania

Project Officer

01 March 2019

FIFTY SHADES OF

You appeared from nowhere and shamelessly, without any reservations, you laid on my naked body...you sensed my indifference, so you applied your hungry mouth to me without any guilt or humiliation, and you drove me near crazy while you drained me. *Finally, I drifted off to sleep.*

Today when I awoke, you were gone, I searched for you but to no avail, only the sheets bore witness to last night's events. My body still bears faint marks of your enthusiastic ravishing, making it all the more difficult to forget you.

Tonight, I will remain awake, waiting for you.....

F...ing mosquito!

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Total Membership is

483

includes 8 Life / Honorary Members

Members: Male - 452 (93.5%); Female - 31 (6.4%)
South - 279 (57.7%); Northwest - 66 (13.6%);
North - 84 (17.3%); Interstate/Overseas - 54 (11.1%)
Associate Members - 12

New Members *Pat Allen, Glenn Frame,*
Scott Brooks, Leigh Stanley, Sue Hyland,
Peter Edwards, John Boyes, Geoff Smith
and Shane Mallinson.

Members who have passed away since December 2018

CLARK Vernon 4th January 2019

LITTLEJOHN Neil Leigh 11th January 2019

Non-Members but work mates

WHITE Ivan 9th March 2019

Serving Members:

DARKE, Simon 6th February 2019

During a flight from Dublin to London a businessman in the non-smoking section felt the need for a smoke. As there were several vacant seats in the smoking area he asked the hostess if he could change seats.

She allowed him to do so and he found himself next to a talkative Irishman.

"Its nice to meet you" said the Irishman "Did you just get on??"

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Queensland News (& Views)

Queensland RPAT Lunch Functions 2019

For the past three years we have held three RPAT luncheon functions in Queensland each year. One in May in Surfers Paradise, the second in August on the Sunshine Coast and the third each year in November in the Brisbane area.

The first two functions of the year are well patronised given the large number of members here in Queensland on holiday at that time of the year. The final lunch is usually made up of our members who live in South East Queensland as the majority of our holidaying members have returned to Tasmania by that time.

Last year we changed venues for the Surfers Paradise lunch in May from the Surfers Paradise RSL to the Southport Surf Club. From all accounts the change in venue was a great success, better food, service and a far better outlook that saw many of us still there after dinner had begun to be served. As a consequence we will again be having our first luncheon at the Southport Surf Club in May.

The Sunshine Coast Lunch at the Alexandra Headland Surf Club is always well patronised, being at the peak of our visitor season and the venue will remain unchanged for this year.

As indicated previously for the past three years the third lunch of the year was held in Brisbane at the Zillmere RSL Club. The venue and food were basic and following discussions with some of last years attendees I have reprogrammed the third Lunch of the year to be also held in Surfers Paradise at the Southport Surf Club. As indicated the majority of members attending this lunch are Queensland residents, the majority of whom live in the greater Gold Coast area.

Please note the date and venue for the lunches and we hope to see as many members as possible attend, so if you are going to be in the area please build this into your itinerary. The dates of the lunches are:

23rd May (Thursday) 11.30am for 12.30pm,
Southport Surf Club, McArthur Parade, Main Beach Queensland

22nd August (Thursday) 11.30am for 12.30pm,
Alexandra Headland Surf Club,
167 Alexandra Parade, Alexandra Headland

21st November (Thursday) 11.30am for 12.30pm,
Southport Surf Club, McArthur Parade, Main Beach Queensland

In keeping with our climate and lifestyle dress for these lunches is casual, all members, partners and their guests are welcome to attend.

Gary Eastwood 0414 933 917



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Diary Dates 2019

- 3rd April Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn
- 3rd April Wednesday 3:30pm for 4pm—All welcome
Social time at Globe Hotel, cnr Davey & Antill Streets, Hobart
- 17th April (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm)—All welcome
Northwest Branch Lunch Meeting – Bass & Flinders Motel, Ulverstone.
- 24th April (Wednesday—1:30pm)
Executive Meeting, Hobart
- 1st May Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn
- 23rd May (Thursday 11.30am for noon) (All welcome)
Queensland RPAT Lunch at Southport Surf Club, McArthur Parade,
Main Beach, Queensland
- 5th June Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn
- 26th June (Wednesday—1:30pm)
Executive Meeting, Hobart
- 3rd July Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn
- 10th July (Wednesday 11:30am for noon) All welcome
Northern Mid-year Commissioners Luncheon at the Riverside Golf Club
- 28^h 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.
- 20th October (Sunday noon for 12:30pm) (All welcome)
Southern Branch partners lunch at Shoreline Hotel
- 23th 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
- 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

The husband is telling the Judge he wants a divorce because his wife is out every night until well after midnight, going from bar to bar.

The Judge asks the man, "What is she doing?"

The husband replies, "Looking for me."

While John was visiting his daughter, he asked her for the password on her Wi-fi.

"It's taped under the Modem," she told him.

After three failed attempts to log on he asked: "Am I spelling this right?"

T-A-P-E-D-U-N-D-E-R-T-H-E-M-O-D-E-M?"

How do you recognise an Irish shoplifter?
He steals free samples.

Two Double Bedroom Cabins (WA)

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

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

STEWART, Thomas George Angus

This doesn't happen in Tasmania

Two Disarmed Killer - The Priest Gave the Tip-Off

About 3 a.m. on a September morning in 1959, Detective -Inspector T G A Stewart and plainclothes Constable P Eaves were in a police car patrolling a Western Hobart suburb when a message came through to go to a nearby Presbytery. They were engaged on a massive manhunt.

Earlier in the evening the quiet of a Northern suburb had been shattered by gunshots. Two people, an elderly married couple, lay dead. The young man responsible then coolly awaited the return home of their daughter, with whom he had been friendly. At gun-point the young woman was forced into his car and abducted.

The police began an intensive search for the killer. Main objective was a small sedan car.

Sometime after midnight the young man returned to Hobart with the woman. He expressed a wish to see a priest. The car was driven to a central presbytery, arriving about 2.45 a.m.

The priest, on being woken, came downstairs and admitted them to his office.

The man then told the priest he had shot two people earlier that night.

Gun in his back

As he finished speaking the priest noticed a gun behind his back, and moving towards him, quietly said, "You had better give me that gun."

When told to stop and that the man had the muzzle in his back, his finger on the trigger, and would shoot if any attempt was made to take it from him, the priest halted in his tracks.

The man, who appeared distraught, then asked for advice as to what he should do.

"I will need a few minutes to go outside and pray. The girl had better come too and we will say some prayers together," the priest said.. He then escorted the girl from the room, hurried upstairs and contacted police headquarters.

Within two minutes of receiving the call, Inspector Stewart and Constable Eaves were at the presbytery. They saw the car they were seeking in the driveway. Stewart was unarmed. Eaves had a short rifle.

The two policemen, knowing full well the dangers they faced, rushed through the hall and into the lighted front room. Standing behind a desk was the fugitive, a pistol pointed at his head. As the policemen called to him to drop it, the man swung the pistol around covering the two policemen.

Thrown to floor

Eaves grappled with the man and was thrown to the floor, losing his own rifle in the scuffle.

The fugitive, from behind he desk, brought the pistol to bear on Stewart. The inspector lunged and with his right hand dealing a blow to the left eye. Carried forward by the momentum of the blow, Stewart fell across the desk.

He felt the muzzle of the pistol against his chest. With split-second thinking the inspector brought up his knee, knocking the gun away. Eaves then jumped the fugitive and he was arrested.

Good Conduct Medals & Fingerprinting

Tom Stewart is the holder of the Queen's Coronation Medal and the Police Long Service and Good Conduct badge. In addition he has been highly commended for courageous and meritorious duty on nine different occasions.

Constable Eaves has also been commended on previous occasions for courageous duty.

Superintendent Stewart, who joined the force on August 2, 1932, has had a meritorious rise through the ranks.

After being transferred to the Launceston C.I.B. in 1940 he was selected the following year for special training in the Scientific Section, qualifying as an expert in fingerprint science and forensic ballistics. Acknowledged as one of Australia's top fingerprint men, he has worked with police forces of all states except Western Australia..

His skill has led to a unique distinction. Most American hospitals take footprints of new-born children and fingerprints of the mothers to prevent any confusion as to which baby belongs to which mother.

This foolproof method was developed in Hobart by Superintendent Stewart. And strangely, only one Australian hospital uses it - the Royal Hobart. Hospital.

Exhaustive tests

Following a baby mix-up in Victoria, Superintendent Stewart conducted tests and experiments over several years, proving conclusively that a footprint does not change with age. The lines and whirls on a person's foot remain the same from birth until death.

There were some critics at first. To dispel any doubts the Royal Hobart Hospital authorities selected at random a number of forms on which mothers' fingerprints and babies' footprints had been recorded several days previously.

Fingerprints of the mothers were recorded on blank forms and the footprints of their babies were purposely mixed. A careful record was kept of the switches.

The original and mixed up forms were given to Superintendent Stewart to sort out and restore babies to rightful mothers solely by footprint identification.

This was done at the fingerprint branch of police headquarters and within an hour his findings were presented to the hospital authorities.

In Superintendent Stewart's presence the key to the mix-up was checked against his identifications, and in every case it was declared that each baby had been correctly identified and restored to its rightful mother.

(This article was published in the Sunday Examiner Express in the 1960s as part of a series by Jack Millar entitled

"Heroes of the Tasmanian Police Force"
Research by courtesy of Darcy Irwin

DOCTOR GEEZER'S CLINIC

An old physician, Doctor Gordon Geezer, became very bored in retirement and decided to re-open a medical clinic.

He put a sign up outside that said, "Dr Geezer's clinic. Get your treatment for \$500 – if not cured, get back \$1,000."

Doctor Digger Young, who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

Dr Young " Dr. Geezer I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr Geezer: "Nurse, please bring the medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr Young's mouth."

Dr Young "Aaagh!... This is gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr Young "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything,"

Dr Geezer: "Nurse, please bring the medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Dr Young "Oh no you don't .. that is gasoline!"

Dr Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Dr Young (after having lost \$1,000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr Young "My eyesight has become weak... I can hardly see anything!"

Dr Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so here's your \$1,000 back" (giving him a \$10 bill).

Dr Young "But this is only \$10"

Dr. Geezer "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Moral of the story Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an "old Geezer"

Remember:

Don't make old people mad. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to tick us off.

ENJOY YOUR DAY

PS. Written in large print for old Geezers.

Paddy and Mick went to America and the first thing they saw when they landed was a hot dog stand.

"Will you look at that" said Paddy" they eat dogs in this country."

They're very reasonable "said Mick" we'll give them a try" So they bought two dogs and just as they began to eat, Paddy said to Mick" What part of the dog did you get?"

One of the world's richest men had a set of dominoes in which there were huge diamonds instead of spots.

One night an Irishman broke into his house and stole the double blank

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*)

Police Bank Ltd



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

DIVE SQUAD RE-UNION

RPAT member, Steve Williams, is trying to organise a reunion function to mark the 65 years since the time when the Tasmania Police Dive Squad was formed.

Steve is liaising with the current OIC of the Marine and Rescue Division in respect to this matter in an attempt to contact all those members who have served in the Dive Squad in that 65 year period.

The RPAT has been able to assist Steve in contacting fellow RPAT members however Steve is seeking assistance in making contact with any Dive Squad members who are no longer serving and are not members of the RPAT:

Steve's contact details are:

Mobile - 0409 181 500

Home - 6244 4029

Email - stevew16@bigpond.com

My Favourite Animal

Yup, some people can't handle the truth! My Favourite Animal! Our teacher asked what my favourite animal was, and I said, "Fried Chicken."

She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed.

My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favourite animal. I told Dad what happened and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do too, especially chicken, pork and beef.

Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed too. Then he told me not to do it again. The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favourite live animal was.

I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office.

He laughed, and told me not to do it again. I don't understand. My Parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous military person I admired most. I told her, "Colonel Sanders." Guess where I am now.....

RPAT Merchandise

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

Committee Member Tony Buckingham
email rpatas1@gmail.com

Are Computers Male or Female?

Top ten reasons why they have to be male.

They have a lot of data, but they're still clueless.
A better model is just around the corner.
They look nice and shiny until you get them home.
It's always essential to have a backup.
They'll do whatever you want if you push the right buttons.
The best part of having one is the games you can play.
In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.
The lights are on but nobody's home.
Big power surges knock them out at night.
Size does matter.

But then again, here are the top ten reasons why they obviously female.

They're oh so picky, picky, picky.
They hear what you say, but not what you mean.
Beauty is only shell deep.
When you ask them what's wrong, they always say 'nothing'.
They can produce incorrect results with alarming speed.
They are always turning simple statements into big productions.
Small talk is important.
You do same thing for years, and suddenly it's wrong.
They make you take the garbage out.
Miss a period and they go wild

A Solicitor's Porsche

A London Solicitor parked his brand new Porsche in front of the office to show it off to his colleagues. As he was getting out of the car, a truck came speeding along too close to the kerb and took off the door before zooming off.

More than a little distraught, the Solicitor grabbed his mobile and called the police.

Five minutes later, the police arrive.. Before the policeman had a chance to ask any questions, the man started screaming hysterically: "My Porsche, my beautiful silver Porsche is ruined. No matter how long it's at the panel beaters, it'll simply never be the same again!"

After the man finally finished his rant, the policeman shook his head in disgust.

"I can't believe how materialistic you bloody Solicitors are." he said. "You lot are so focused on your possessions that you don't notice anything else in your life."

"How can you say such a thing at a time like this?" sobbed the Porsche owner.

The policeman replied: "Didn't you realise that your arm was torn off when the truck hit you?"

The Solicitor looked down in horror. "F***ing hell !" he screamed. "Where's my Rolex ?????"

The Irish Painter

Murphy, an Irish painter, while not a brilliant scholar, was a gifted portrait artist. Over a short number of years, his fame grew and people from all over Ireland were coming to get him to paint their likenesses.

One day, a beautiful young English woman arrived at his house in a stretch limo and asked if he would paint her in the nude.

This was the first time anyone had made such a request and he was a bit surprised, particularly when the woman told him that she was willing to pay up to 10,000 pounds (US\$13,000).

Not wanting to get into any marital strife, he asked her to wait while he went into the house to confer with his wife, Mary. They talked about the morality of it. It was hard to make a decision but finally his wife agreed, on one condition.

In a few minutes he returned. "It would be me pleasure to paint yer portrait, missus," he said "The wife says it's okay. I'll paint you in the nude all right; but I have to at least leave me socks on, so I have a place to wipe me brushes."