



NEWSLETTER

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NORTHWEST BBQ FUNCTION



On Sunday the 4th of February 2018 the North West Branch of the RPAAT held a BBQ function on the banks of the Forth River at Turners Beach.

The function was well attended by 27 members, guests and their partners with two couples attending from the Launceston region.

A special mention to new member Steve Murray and his wife Lori, who attended their first official NW RPAAT Branch function.

It was the best turn out so far for our annual BBQ. The weather was beautiful and a good time of fellowship was had by all.



Libby Cooper, John Cramp, Wayne Cooper and Gary Turner

NEXT NORTHWEST FUNCTION

The next Northwest function will be the lunch meeting at the Bass and Flinders Motor Inn at Ulverstone on Wednesday the 11th of April 2018. 12md for 12.30pm start.

He wanted fruit salad for supper. The recipe said serve without dressing. So I didn't dress. What a surprise when he brought a friend home for supper.
(The Blonde Cookbook)



Derek Singline, Neville Rice, Sue and Trevor Marshall

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MESSAGES FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT DAVID



Hello once again and I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and content with life.

As some of you may know I am also President of the Tasmania Police Historical Group. In this role I assist with a group of volunteers to retain the memorabilia and history of Tasmania Police.

We have a museum that I would like to remind you in the Cruickshank Building, Bathurst Street, Hobart (the old SES building next to the Operations Support building) where we have three rooms of items on display.

We are open between 9am and 12 midday on a Tuesday and Greg Chambers, our Curator, will welcome you and assist with any information or advice he can.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind members that if they have any police items they believe

are cluttering up their house we would always be willing to take them off their hands.

As a matter of interest I have asked Roy to include copies of entries from an Occurrence and Enquiry Book retained by sub Inspectors Connor and Mitchell in 1899/1900. You will notice the outstanding work of the Detectives in those days – some things never change.

Also, significant work has been undertaken by our Secretary Syd regarding the issues surrounding spouse pensions with RBF. This matter will be pursued with vigour now the election has been held. Updates will be provided as we advance.

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

David Plumpton

COMMENTS TO EDITOR

Responding to your comments in the RPAT Newsletter. I have had the pleasure in attending 2 functions.

The first being the COP's Xmas lunch at the Academy. Having been to a considerable number of these events over the years, one notices the slow strangulation [hopefully not terminal] of the event by a number of factors over which the RPAT has no control. The event is still well run and I would judge it as a success. All being well I will attend again this year.

The 2nd function I attended was the RPAT luncheon at the Glenorchy RSL, another enjoyable event, at which I will diary for the next one.

I have always enjoyed the November Partners' Night at the academy and was the first to book two seats for last year's cancelled dinner. That November function gave me added impetus to visit family and friends in Tassie and as a consequence of the cancellations I've not been back for over two years.

I would like to suggest that RPAT has a luncheon for members and partners in early November.

I understand that there was such a luncheon in December at the Carlyle Hotel in Glenorchy last year that I would have attended if it had been in early November, as December is too busy for me to be able to get there in December.

I have never had any complaints about the organisation of any events, or the prices asked; I've always been extremely pleased with everything that I've attended.

Thanks to those who have made comments
(favourable or otherwise.)

Do you have any comments on what RPAT is doing??

Send them to:-
Roy Axelsen 18 Meander Valley Road, Deloraine 7304
or email roy.axelsen@bigpond.com.au

I am not just an angler—I'm an athlete of the sea

Larceny of a Cauliflower

Date — 21st August 1899;

Trooper Towers, Cascade Road, reports stolen from Mr Harris' truck at Cascade Road on the 19th instant 1 cauliflower, his property valued at eight pence (8). It appears that a boy named Richard Fogarty age 11 years and who resided at Cascade Road was seen to snatch the cauliflower from the truck and hide it in an empty shed close by – where Trooper Towers found it.

Action

Detectives making necessary enquiries into this report.

This matter has been disposed of by the Supt.

Complaint of Barmaid

Date - 13th Nov 1899 10.30am

Ms Ada Gunter, at present staying at the Hobart Coffee Palaces states that she arrived in Tasmania from Melbourne on 10th inst. Under an engagement as Barmaid to Mr Ross of the Albion Hotel at 1pound per week and paid over her own fare.

She now states that the place is wholly unsuited to her and is far from being what it was represented to her by letter and also by Mr Wilkins of Hobart.

She is now anxious to get back to Melbourne as she has no friends and is short of cash and to let the police know she is going to sell or pawn her diamond ring.

Action:-

To raise some money for the purpose I told her that she could do what she liked as it was her own property .

*Mechanic," A brake job is going to cost you around \$500"
Customer "Give me 250 bucks worth. It only runs half the time anyway.".*

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What is exercise?

Did you know that running late, jumping to conclusions, pushing your luck, jogging your memory, doesn't count as exercise?

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Ladies and Gentlemen

I am writing on behalf of the President Mick Burnby, Retired Police Officer's Association, WA (RPOA WA) with regard to the Police Games to be held this year in Mandurah WA 28th October— 3rd November.

Our Committee have discussed the fact that there maybe some members of your various Associations attending these Games who may wish to connect with members in WA.

We also realise that those attending the Games may have a full program of events and socials already planned, which we do not wish for one minute to disrupt.

However we feel that we must at least extend an invitation to any RPOA members, or officials, who are attending who may wish to have a coffee or a

lunch with their counterparts in the West and perhaps exchange a few idea's.

Mandurah is about an hours drive south of Perth and whilst they have a very active branch several of their Committee and members are already tied up with bowls and golf but our Perth and Bunbury branches would be prepared to attend down there for a meeting if there was sufficient interest.

We would need to know by around May-June if there are any members interested and depending on the number then we could select and book a venue.

Best wishes,

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rpoawa2013@gmail.com

I want you for PEEL's Police c1839

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You are NOT allowed to vote in elections.

You must not gossip with the public. In particular, avoid conversation with female servants or other women on

duty. Do not walk or converse with comrades, merely exchange a word and pass on.

You will walk about 20 miles per shift.

No rest days are allowed and only one week holiday per annum, unpaid.

No meal breaks are allowed. The top hat may be used to hold a snack. You must inform the Superintendent before you associate, eat or drink with any civilians.

Before attending for medical examination and interview to join the police it is advisable to have a bath.

You are NOT allowed to sit down in public houses at any time.

You must expect a hostile reception from all sections of the public and be prepared to be assaulted, stoned, or stabbed in the course of your duty.

Editor's Comments

Would you have joined this Peel's Police?

Look for more information in the July Newsletter

Northern Branch

Members 85

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

The next meeting is Wednesday 2nd May.

If you are in the Launceston area why not come and join us. Most have a meal and leave before 2:00pm.

It would be very nice to see you.

On Wednesday 11th July we are holding a special mid-year luncheon at the Riverside Golf Club.(12 noon for 12:30pm).

Christmas function is on 12th December 2018.

All members are invited attend. RSVP to Jim Byrne (0419 331 490) or jamesby@bigpond.com

*Women work all the time,
Men have to put up signs
when they work.*

Services Guide

Hospitality

Gretna Green Hotel.

Contact Phil and Colleen Sharpe
on 6286 1332

Hospitality

Wilderness Hotel. Derwent Bridge.

Contact Dave and Carol Fitzgibbon
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Paul Cole, Max Howard (partly hidden), Trevor Leary, Neville Lockhart, Jim Byrne, Laurie Leaver, Geraldine Byrne, Barbara Leaver, and (foreground) Jennifer Axelsen.

Where is my wife?

While riding my Harley, I swerved to avoid hitting a deer, lost control and ended up in a ditch, severely banging my head.

Dazed and confused I crawled out of the ditch to the edge of the road when a shiny new convertible pulled up with a very beautiful woman, who asked "Are you okay?"

As I looked up I noticed she was wearing a low cut blouse with cleavage to die for.

"I'm okay, I think" I replied as I pulled myself up to the side of the car to get a closer look.

She said, "Get in and I'll take you home so I can clean and bandage that nasty scrape on your head."

"That's nice of you," I answered, "but I don't think my wife will like me doing that."

"O come now, I'm a nurse," she insisted. "I need to see if you have any more

scrapes and then treat them properly."

Well she was really pretty and persuasive. Being sort of shaken and weak, I agreed but repeated, "I'm sure my wife won't like this."

When we arrived at her place which was just a couple of kilometres away, and after a couple of cold beers and the bandaging I thanked her and said, "I feel a lot better but I know my wife is going to be really upset, so I'd better go now."

"Don't be silly," she said with a smile while unbuttoning her blouse exposing the most beautiful set of boobs I've ever seen.

"Stay for a while. She won't know anything. By the way where is she?"

"Still in the ditch with my Harley, I guess."

*Mornings wouldn't be so bad
if they started later.*

QUEENSLAND NEWS

For the third consecutive year the RPAT will be conducting three luncheon functions in Queensland. These functions have been well supported in previous years, in particular the first two functions of the year which coincide with many holidaying RPAT members being in the South East Queensland area at that time.



The luncheons for this year are detailed below:

Thursday 24th May, 11.30am for 12.30pm. Venue is the Southport Surf Club, McArthur Parade, Main Beach Queensland.

Thursday 23rd August, 11.30am for 12.30pm. Venue Alexandra Headland Surf Club, 167 Alexandra Parade, Alexandra Headland.

Thursday 22nd November, 11.30am for 12.30pm. Greater Brisbane area, venue to be determined and advised.

In keeping with the Queensland climate and lifestyle, dress for these luncheons is casual and all members and their partners are welcome to attend. Meals and drinks are available at bar prices.

You may note the venue for the first luncheon of the year has been changed from the Surfers Paradise RSL, to the Southport Surf Club. Parking is available in the area surrounding the Surf Club and we are hoping members enjoy the location and outlook better than that provided in the centre of Surfers Paradise.

Similarly, we are examining an alternative venue for the November luncheon, previously held at the Geebung-Zillmere RSL Club in Northern Brisbane. A major issue for any event in the Brisbane area is the availability and cost of parking, so alternatives may be limited. RPAT member Tony Grundgeiger is looking at possible alternatives and whilst the date and time are locked in, the venue will be advised in due course.

The August luncheon in Alexandra Headlands remains as for previous years and has proven to be the most popular and well attended function of the year.

If you are planning a holiday that coincides with one of the luncheon dates please consider coming along and joining your former colleagues who now live in Queensland.

Gary Eastwood,
Assistant Secretary
0419 933 917 or rpatas1@gmail.com

Words of Wisdom

For 40 years my grandfather put in long hours at his job, so I was more than a little curious about the way he filled his days since his retirement. "How has life changed?" I asked.

A man of few words, he replied, "Well, I get up in the morning with nothing to do, and I go to bed at night with it half-done."

MEMORIES OF POLICE SURGEON DOCTOR JOHN BIRRELL

I recall an incident at Blackburn in the 1960's when I was a Senior Constable. A call came in from North Blackburn from a woman that her next door neighbour who had a propensity for having breakdowns was parading outside his house with a broomstick over his shoulder declaring he was Napoleon.

We go to the premises, my mate having just come back on duty after a nervous breakdown and sure enough there was the man as stated. On seeing the police car, the man sped back into his house declaring that he had a gun inside and would shoot anyone who tried to enter. I saw the neighbour who had made the call and she informed me that the wife worked a few suburbs away. Contact was made with the wife for her to come home in amongst the rantings that the man was going to kill us all.

Doctor Birrell was called and attended. He deployed my mate to the back door. We could see the man in the lounge sitting in a chair unarmed but with what looked like a gun leaning against the lounge. The Doctor said get in the bathroom window and let him in the front door and that we would get him. This we did and he did not go for the firearm and was taken back to Blackburn. On arrival, the Doc took out his black bag and commenced to interview the man for his admission to Mont Park.

The man gave details of his family background. Doctor Birrell asked "are you a return serviceman?" he replied "you bloody idiot, I've been telling you for hours, I am Napoleon." This amused Doctor Birrell no end.

Looking back, if this event occurred today, no doubt the SOG, tear gas, capsicum spray, Police dogs etc would all be deployed. But in the 50's and 60's, you were

sometimes working alone and left to your own devices. With D24 notified, members would try to assist but was often a long time arriving. In some regards today's "back up" does provide a lot more safety.

Just a word on Doctor Birrell, he was a wonderful man, he was always available and we owe him a great deal. His push into the drink driving area, e.g., hospital compulsory blood taking was resisted but he pushed it through. He appreciated the work of the operational police member and tried to support them in a every way. I witnessed him begging and pleading with drug addicts. He just did not give up on them, he was a very compassionate man.

It probably raises eyebrows that not that long ago, the Police Surgeon was in the front line helping to apprehend mentally deranged patients with not so much thought for his own safety.

Story by Keith Rumbold and published in the Newsletter of the Retired Police Association of Victoria Inc

Do we have any similar information that could be published in our Newsletter???

Services Guide

Hyway Tours

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

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

SOUTHERN NEWS



WERE YOU THERE?

Nineteen RPAT members and some partners gathered together at the Glenorchy RSL on Tuesday 20th March for lunch. They had a most enjoyable time swapping yarns and reminiscing about old times. More importantly the lunch was

very enjoyable and satisfying.

The next luncheon will be on Tuesday 5th of June at the Glenorchy RSL. Time 12 for 12.30pm - Come along and enjoy yourself.

Replies by Monday 4th June to Tom Lahl or Syd McClymont.

Tom 0409 320 683 or tomlahl1@bigpond.com
 Syd 0407 847 718 or smccllymont@bigpond.com

IT COULD ONLY HAPPEN IN GLASGOW??

A smart-arse London lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by a Glasgow copper.

He thinks that he is smarter than the cop because he is a lawyer from LONDON and is certain that he has a better education than any Jock cop.

He decides to prove this to himself and have some fun at the Glasgow cop's expense!!

Glasgow cop says, "Licence and registration, please."

London Lawyer says, "What for?"

Glasgow cop says, "Ye didnae come to a complete stop at the stop sign."

London Lawyer says, "I slowed down, and no one was coming."

Glasgow cop says, "Ye still didnae come to a complete stop. Licence and registration, please"

London Lawyer says, "What's the difference?"

Glasgow cop says, "The difference is, ye huvte come to a complete stop, that's the law, Licence and registration, please!"

London Lawyer says, "If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my licence and registration and you give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don't give me the ticket."

Glasgow cop says, "Sounds fair. Exit your vehicle, sir."

The London Lawyer exits his vehicle.

The Glasgow cop takes out his baton and starts beating the living sh*t out of the lawyer and says, "Dae ye want me to stop, or just slow doon?"

(Submitted by one of your Scottish Mates)

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Congratulations are in order for our Retired Police Members who received the OAM Award on Australia Day
Richard Chugg, Glenn Woolley
Merle Wells

DID YOU KNOW??

The Australian Alps receive more snow than Switzerland.
 You can fly faster from Melbourne to Perth than you can from one end of Western Australia to the other end,
 Mildura, on average, receives more sunshine than the Gold Coast."

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Total Membership is

Members (Male / Female):

Male – 450 (93.9%); Female – 29 (6%)
South 285; North 83; Northwest 62; Others 49

as at – 4th February 2018

479—includes

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RPAT Merchandise

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Committee Member Tony Buckingham
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RPAT member Mike Titherington ph 0408 485 372 or email mikeandapples@gmail.com

also on facebook under homesite album.

Teacher - "Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?"

Harold - "A teacher"

WALKING STARKERS ALONG BRIDGE ROAD

I was a Sergeant at Richmond in about 1972 and was working the Night Shift Van. At 2am, we received a call to return to the station and see the WHK. On arrival, we were confronted by a local resident, a young lady who was wearing nothing but a police overcoat that had been provided by the WHK.

Apparently the young lady had been to a party with her boyfriend who was a very large, red headed truck driver. Apparently the boyfriend had been behaving abysmally at the party and they returned to their flat and went to bed where they had the argument.

Our girl declared she was going to leave home. The boyfriend stated "Yeah, just try it!!" and seized all her clothes.

The girlfriend, not to be deterred left the flat in what she was wearing – Nothing!! And walks about a mile down Bridge Road to the Police Station to have her clothes returned by the police.

The WHK thought that he was hallucinating or simply worked too many nightshifts. He eventually recognised the situation, and eventually, and we took the girl back to the flat to retrieve her clothes.

We had to restrain the boyfriend whilst she got dressed and gathered her clothes. He was incredibly strong and we had hold of an arm each restraining him.

In the struggle, there was a TV set in the corner of the room, and the Constable being thrown off balance tried to brace himself and he put his foot through the TV. The girlfriend got a taxi and left.

The boyfriend came to his senses and as the Breach of the Peace no longer existed and the only damage was to his property, we called it quits.

At that time, there were several Greek Clubs in Bridge Road, always well attended and went all night. I can imagine that some of the inhabitants witnessed this nubile pedestrian and probably thought it was a dream or that they had too much ouzo.

The girl was obviously strong minded and was not put off by the obstacles presented. She also had an unflinching faith in Victoria Police to remedy her situation.

Story by Keith Rumbold and published in the Newsletter of the Retired Police Association of Victoria Inc

Do we have any similar information that could be published in our Newsletter???

Floral Tribute

On a whim a man decided to get his wife a dozen roses and surprise her after work.

The minute he opened the door, his wife took one look at the flowers in his hand and started screaming,

"This is the worst day that I have ever had! The kids have been terrible. They got in a food fight, the washing machine broke and flooded the basement, I burned dinner, the dog chewed up my best pair of shoes...**and now you've got the nerve to come home drunk!!**"

Over the past many years the Police Association of Tasmania (PAT) has been pursuing the concept of *Police Legacy – Tasmania*, through the formation of a working group under the Chairmanship of their Vice President Gavin Cashion. The Retired Police Association of Tasmania (RPAT) has had a member on the working group from its beginning in 2014 and continues to work with the PAT in the formation of this important institution.

The object behind *Police Legacy - Tasmania* is to maintain a Public Benevolent Institution which will be a non-profitable charitable entity organised for services including the direct relief of poverty, sickness, suffering, distress, misfortune and helplessness among members, those eligible to be members, their partners, and family.

Police Legacy - Tasmania is intended to be a wide ranging institution that not only focuses on activities for children of legatees, but also can include grief counselling support, financial support and assistance, and providing other support to the infirm and elderly members. It is about providing compassionate support to the wider police family and raising funds to support this important work.

At a Police Federation Council meeting held in September 2017 the National Police Memorial Board (NPMB) indicated that they were applying for a change of status – also becoming a police benevolent institution. Many police legacies throughout Australia have gone down this path, which means that Tasmanian funds currently held in trust with the NPMB (raised from the Wall to Wall Ride associated with Police Remembrance Day over many years) needed to be moved.

The PAT Executive decided to act in fast tracking the *Police Legacy - Tasmania* scheme. The concept raised in early 2017 of being involved with the Tasmania Police Charity Trust had not eventuated due to legal impediments of their constitution and governance.

The original draft constitution and rules that had been developed by the working group over many years was sent by the PAT to their solicitors Wallace Wilkinson and Webster for a formal constitution to be ratified within corporate guidelines.

Other issues to be attended were obtaining an ABN, registering *Police Legacy - Tasmania* through the Australian Tax Office and Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission as a charity. The cost of this advice and work was met by the PAT.

In late November a number of draft constitutions were circulated and amended by the working group to enable a final document to be approved. This document and the concepts contained within it were accepted by the PAT Executive who are the owner of the *Police Legacy - Tasmania*.

The scheme however will allow and encourage former Serving Police Officers to be members and also beneficiaries. It will also provide an ongoing opportunity for RPAT members to continue to support the wider police family.

Within the *Police Legacy - Tasmania* constitution the definition of a Former Serving Police Officers includes:-

Resigned Police Officers who were formerly a police officer of Tasmania Police upon resignation that had served at least 10 years of continuous or cumulative service: and

Retired Police Officers who retired from Tasmania Police due to reaching retirement age or retired on the ground of ill health.

The constitution together with other relevant documents were forwarded to the Australian Security and Investments Commission (ASIC) who advised in late January that it could not accept the name "*Police Legacy - Tasmania*" without the Commonwealth Treasurer's permission.

This is because the word "Police" is not allowed otherwise in a corporation. The solicitors have written to the ASIC Ministerial Consent Department seeking the Treasurers consent and once received will advise.

Upon receipt of favourable advice, all that will be left is the constitution to be signed and the company *Police Legacy - Tasmania* incorporated. Then it will be good to go.

I will continue to keep the membership informed on the development of this most important scheme.

Mark Beech-Jones; RPAT – Committee; 21/2/2018

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The Police Association of Tasmania is again this year offering RPAT members the opportunity to purchase 2018 - 2019 Entertainment Books. Purchase of these books has proved popular with members in the past, with the ability to recoup the cost of the book in the savings made after two or three visits to restaurants.

Another positive outcome is that 20% of the monies raised through the sale of the Entertainment Books goes towards the Police Association of Tasmania Legacy Scheme. It is worth noting that the RPAT was invited to participate as part of the PAT Legacy Scheme working group and our representative, Mark Beech-Jones, reports positive progress with the scheme which will allow and encourage former serving police officers to be members and also be possible beneficiaries of Police

Legacy. Progress reports regarding Police Legacy will be provided as they come to hand. (*more information above*)

The cost of the 2018 - 2019 Entertainment Books is \$70 for the Hobart and surrounds book, and \$65 for the Launceston, North West Coast and surrounds book. Books are also available for other capital cities and regional areas on the mainland at various prices.

Members ordering now will also receive over \$150 of early bird bonus offers, however I am advised these offers do sell out quickly.

Below is a link to the Entertainment Book site where you can order your Book(s).

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/24033f8>

Ye Old Traffic Polite Men

For your Diary the next function will be held on:-
Monday 19 November 2018 (11:30am)
at the **Black Buffalo Hotel**.

Everyone is welcome.

For enquires please contact:-
Leo Hutchings (03 6247 2291); Mobile 0418 103 719; or
email hutchie8@bigpond.net.au. or
Brian Bick (03 6239 9380): or email cireldo1@bigpond.com.au

Arthur Henry Jackson—KPM

The devastating floods of April 1929 in the North and North-West claimed 22 lives.

Police Officer Albert Henry Jackson spent days in the icy waters searching for survivors and victims. Sadly, the legacy of his courage was paralysis of the legs, which led to his retirement from ill-health in July 1931.

For his bravery, in 1933 he was awarded the Kings Police Medal and the Bronze Medal of the Royal Humane Society.



In later years, Bert Jackson was to be seen around Hobart in his hand-powered wheelchair. With his cheerful personality and sense of humour he made light of his disability, and took up woodworking as a hobby. His souvenir serviette rings, turned from Tasmania timbers, will be remembered by many.

Bert Jackson started his police career as Constable 639 in 1916; In 1929 he was promoted to Senior Constable; He retired in 1931 from ill health. He died on July 12, 1982, aged 89.

Although his rewarding career was cut short, this brave and determined gentleman truly triumphed over adversity.

By Darcy Erwin.

Services Guide

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

The Shed

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Fisherman's Lament ?

Man was speeding down a Tasmanian Highway, feeling secure in a gaggle of cars all travelling at the same speed.

However as they passed a speed trap he got nailed with an infrared speed detector and was pulled over.

The officer handed him the citation received his signature, and was about to walk away when the man asked "Officer I know that I was speeding, but I don't think it is fair there were plenty of other cars around me who were going just as fast, so why did I get the ticket?"

"Ever go fishing?" the policeman suddenly asked the man.

"Ummh yeah?." the startled man replied.

The officer, grinned and added, "Did you ever catch them all?"

She answered the phone to hear a repentant voice.

"I'm sorry, darling," he said. "I've thought things over, and you can have the Rolls Royce as a wedding present. We will move to the Gold Coast, and your mother can stay with us. Now will you marry me?"

"Of course, I will," she said, "And who is this speaking?"

Diary Dates 2018

The following events / functions have been programmed for 2018:

All welcome means members and partners

4th April (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn	15th August (Wednesday—1:30pm) Executive Meeting, Hobart
11th April (Wednesday) 12md for 12.30pm —All welcome. NW Lunch meeting at Bass and Flinders Motel, Ulverstone	23rd August (Thursday) 11.30am for 12md -All welcome) Queensland RPAT Lunch Alexandra Headland Surf Club, 167 Alexandra Parade, Alexandra Headland
18th April (Wednesday—1:30pm) Executive Meeting, Hobart	26th September (Wednesday) 12md for 12.30pm —All welcome) NW Lunch meeting at Bass and Flinders Motel, Ulverstone
2nd May (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn	28th September (Friday) National Police Remembrance Day, Rokeby Police Academy
24th May (Thursday 11.30am for 12.30pm) - All welcome Queensland RPAT Lunch, Southport Surf Club, McArthur Parade, Main Beach Queensland	17th October (Wednesday—1:30pm) (Lunch prior) Executive Meeting, Hobart
5th June (Tuesday—noon for 12:30pm — All welcome) Luncheon at Glenorchy RSL	19th November (Monday) 11.30am for 12md) Ye Old Traffic Police Luncheon, Black Buffalo Hotel North Hobart
6th June (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn	22nd November (Thursday 11.30am for 12md) (All welcome) Queensland RPAT Lunch Greater Brisbane area, (Venue TBA)
20th June (Wednesday—1:30pm) Executive Meeting, Hobart	4th December (Tuesday 11:00am) RPAT Annual General Meeting followed by Commissioners Lunch at Police Academy
4th July (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn	12th December (Wednesday 11:30am for noon) Northern Christmas Luncheon at the Riverside Golf Club Includes Northern Branch AGM.
11th July (Wednesday) 11.30am for 12md - All welcome Northern mid-year Luncheon at the Riverside Golf Club	

I thought that I was supposed to accomplish something before I was allowed to be proud of myself.

I just can't recall how bored we were without computers, Play Station, Nintendo, X-box or 270 digital TV cable stations.

Oh yeah..and where was the Benadryl and sterilization kit when I got that bee sting? I could have been killed!

We played 'king of the castle' on piles of gravel left on vacant construction sites, and when we got hurt, Mum pulled out the 48-cent bottle of Mercurochrome (kids liked it better because it didn't sting like iodine did) and then we got our hair ruffled and got told to get back out there!

Now it's a trip to the emergency room, followed by a 10 day dose of a \$49 bottle of antibiotics, and then Mum calls the Solicitor to sue the contractor for leaving a horribly vicious pile of gravel where it was such a threat.

We didn't misbehave at the mate's house either, because if we did, we got our bum smacked there, and then we got bum belted again when we got home.

I recall Donny Reynolds from next door coming over and doing his tricks on the front veranda, just before he fell off. Little did his Mum know that she could have owned our house. Instead, she picked him up and swatted him for being such a jobbo.

It was a neighbourhood run amuck.

To top it off, not a single person I knew had ever been told that they were from a "dysfunctional family".

How could we possibly have known that we needed to get into group therapy and anger management classes?

We were obviously so duped by so many societal ills, that we didn't even notice that the entire country wasn't taking Prozac!

How did we ever survive?

Love to all of us who shared this era, (and to all who didn't—sorry for what you missed).

I wouldn't trade it for anything!!

Services Guide



10% discount on selected items upon presentation of your RPAT card!

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HAVE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGED?

As you are most probably aware the RPAT maintains a comprehensive database of its members details including name, address, phone numbers, email address, partners details and any RPAT initiated funeral preferences you may have.

Over time some of these details can vary. If you have any changes can you let your local RPAT Executive Committee member know and they will pass it on; or send the information to rpatas1@gmail.com so we can properly maintain the database and your contact details.

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