



NEWSLETTER

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NORTHWEST DINNER FUNCTION — (helps farmers)



On Wednesday 26th September the Northwest Branch held a get together luncheon at the Bass and Flinders Motel, Ulverstone. Thirty-four members and partners attended and had a wonderful time of fellowship and a meal.

They had a talk from the Lions Club of Ulverstone who are currently organising the delivery of hay bales to needy farmers in New South Wales.

By the time the function had finished members had drawn their normal raffle and after the basket was circulated again there was sufficient money and donations to provide \$500 to the Lions Club of Ulverstone to enable them to send more hay to NSW.

Congratulations to the NW Branch of RPAT.

Their next function for the North-west Branch is a Barbecue at Turners Beach on Sunday 3rd February 2019 (12 noon for 12:30pm)





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.

In this message I may be a bit protracted (very unlike me!) however I wish to bring up an issue I believe is of importance and seek your feedback and/or support.

As many of you may know, and maybe experienced, some of our members have suffered mental health issues since their retirement. In particular the black dog of depression has impacted on some and created a life of difficulty for them and their families.

Whilst there are many organisations in the community assisting in addressing mental health issues, and in particular depression, not all our members, for many reasons, are willing to open up and talk about the problems they have, in particular to 'strangers'. Rarely do they even talk to family. To assist in this area I have been in contact with *Relationships Australia* who are contracted to assist the State and Federal Government develop relevant strategies to assist community groups in dealing with mental health, depression and suicidal tendencies within their membership.

Additionally I have reviewed the manner Victoria Police and its retired membership manage these issues. Whilst they have an integrated strategy involving serving and retired members, (and that is where I would like to end up,) at this stage we are somewhat behind.

I am aware the Commissioner is strongly supportive of our retired members and as such I hope to develop a plan/strategy that will involve us all in doing whatever we can to assist any member who is suffering from mental health issues and in particular depression.

I realise we have not lost members to suicide in recent times however I notice a rising trend in other States and am hoping to create something that can prevent suicide from ever impacting upon our members and their families.

Therefore, I am seeking assistance and advice from the membership.

Is there anyone out there who would be willing to assist in the role of peer support? That is, a member who is available for other members to turn to when in need of support, or who can be contacted to assist a member we may become aware of that is suffering. This role is intended to be a shoulder of support, or contact point, for members to "chat" or talk about issues that may be playing on their mind.

I do accept, however, that it may be more than a "chat" that is needed and therefore we may have to engage more professional services if necessary. It may be, due to the circumstances, it is necessary to go a step further and I hope then we can engage with the strategy I will develop with *Relationships Australia*.

Hopefully, if we are able to engage early enough just an opportunity to talk will prevent anything serious from developing. Nothing more is expected of a peer other than being an "ear" someone can turn to. Nothing is expected of the peer other than their time to listen and provide comfort to a member. I am presuming that members may be more willing to talk to an ex-copper than a professional and maybe just a chat will help.

In any event please give this some thought and anyone who is willing to provide support as a peer please let me know and I will push forward with my plan. I can be contacted on email davidplumpton@yahoo.co.uk or mobile 0417 309 114.

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

David Plumpton

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with Rule 20, Members are advised that the 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Police Academy, Rokeby at 11am on Tuesday 4th December 2018. The purpose of the meeting is to confirm the minutes of the 2017 AGM; to receive committee and auditors reports and to elect the officers and committee members of the Association for 2019.

Syd McClymont

Hon. Secretary

As members 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.

ELECTION OF

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2019

In accordance with Rule 33, members are advised that the election of Officers and ordinary Committee members for the 2019 Executive Committee, will be conducted at the 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM) mentioned above. Current financial members who wish to be candidates are required to submit a nomination form containing their consent and signed by two financial members. In accordance with Rule 33, this form must reach the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the AGM. The appropriate form is available from the Secretary.

Syd McClymont

Hon. Secretary

'If at first you don't succeed,
do it the way your partner told you!'

SUPERANNUATION MATTERS

Partner's Entitlement on the Death of a Superannuant

In the RBF Defined Benefits Scheme there are two classes of pension:

A Reversionary pension where there is an entitlement to a payment for the surviving partner, and

A Non Reversionary pension where there is no entitlement to a payment for the surviving partner.

Is a pension reversionary or non reversionary?

For Members who started contributing to the Contributory Life Scheme prior to 1 July 1994, all pensions are reversionary.

For Members who started contributing to the Contributory Life Scheme between 1 July 1994 and 14 May 1999, pensions can be a reversionary or non-reversionary, depending on the election made by the superannuant at the time of retirement. Once the decision about reversionary / non-reversionary is made, it cannot be changed.

Reversionary Pension payment options available to the Surviving Partner

Two-thirds of the superannuant's pension, paid fortnightly, to the partner upon the superannuant's death; or

A 100% calculated lump sum (calculated taking into account the partner's age), or

A combination of a lump sum, and fortnightly pension.

The pension ceases on the death of the partner and there is no payment available to partner's estate.

What should the partner do after the death of the superannuant?

Phone the RBF Enquiry Line on 1800 622 631, or visit the RBF Office at 21 Kirksway Place, Hobart, or, Henty House, 1 Civic Square, Launceston.

Provide information on the phone including member details and date of partner's death.

If the pension was reversionary, there is a process to work through in order for the pension to be paid to the partner. A useful document *Reversionary Life Pension Surviving Partner Application Checklist* is available from the RBF or on the RBF Website to help with this process.

For more information please visit the RBF Website www.rbf.com.au

If you wish to see an RBF consultant, please phone the RBF Enquiry Line on 1800 622 631 to make an appointment.

Can I make the process easier for my partner when the time comes?

We do not want to think about it but death is inevitable. Is your partner prepared for that time? Have you discussed your pension details? Do you have in place a

plan of the steps that will need to be taken? Will your partner be eligible for a payment from RBF? Let's make this as simple as possible.

Is your pension reversionary? If you are not sure call RBF on 1800 622 631.

If you did choose a non-reversionary pension then your Life Pension will cease on the day of your death and your partner will not receive any payment. Obviously this means you do not need to read this article any further – but you and your partner need to talk about what this will mean.

2. Can I prepare some of the required documentation in advance? Yes. RBF advise that you do.

Documents must be certified true copies

(a) Proof of identity of the surviving partner – RBF Proof of Identity Fact Sheet is listed under Personal Information on the Forms and Publications page. It tells you which documents are acceptable forms of ID and who is able to certify them. (eg Birth certificate, passport, drivers licence)

(b) Evidence of your relationship – the first page of the Surviving Partner Application Checklist talks about the definition of a surviving partner under RBF Regulations and mentions the Relationships Act 2003. If you are not “married” you may be able to register your “significant relationship” with Births Deaths & Marriages. (eg Marriage Certificate, Significant Relationship Certificate)

(c) Proof of identity of the deceased.

RBF will need to be satisfied that the surviving partner is eligible for a benefit.

(d) Evidence that you were living in the same residence –

you will need documents that show the name of the deceased and your name with the same address (eg Driver's Licence, car registration, rates notice, ATO Notice of Assessment)

If the pensioner was living in a nursing home RBF will require written advice that this was because of the need for professional care.

(e) Evidence of financial support -

you must show that the pensioner was providing financial support (eg copies of bank statements, water, electricity, etc issued in joint names)

These documents are required to be less than 3 months old so cannot be organised in advance.

It is suggested though that you keep the most recent ones in your folder with the documents you have collected under points (a) (b) and (c). They will be at hand when you need them and you will not have to search for them.

(d) Review your financial situation.

If you have joint bank accounts the surviving spouse will be able to access the funds. A credit card in the name of the deceased person (with an additional card for the spouse) will **not** be able to be used. It may take some time for the legalities to be finalised.

Wanting to surprise her husband, an executive's wife stopped by his office and found him with his secretary sitting on his lap.

Without hesitating he dictated, “– and in conclusion, gentlemen, shortage or no shortage, I cannot continue to operate this office with just one chair.”



SUNDAY, 28 OCTOBER

12pm – 11pm

Opening Ceremony

Meet up with your team for a drink before the Opening Ceremony. After the fireworks, Murphy's Lore take centre stage.



MONDAY, 29 OCTOBER

4pm – 11pm

Taste of Mandurah

Take in everything that Mandurah has to offer while enjoying live acoustic music. Taste local products, take a sunset cruise and book your tours and activities for the week.



WEDNESDAY, 31 OCTOBER

6pm – 11pm

Halloween

Ghosts and witches, creatures of fright! Join us for a spooktacular night! Costumes encouraged.

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

Sports Update

T20 Cricket

Use code 'HOWZAT25' to receive your cricket fee for \$25 (normally \$50).

Fire Truck Pull

Show off your strength and get a team of eight together to take part in the Fire Truck Pull. Sure to attract a crowd, this event will allow you to show off all those hours spent in the gym. For just a gold coin donation to *beyondblue*, you could walk away with a Gold medal and bragging rights!

Indoor Beach Volleyball

Make the most of this one-day competition. A social competition with teams of four, grab your colleagues and create a team for the Indoor Beach Volleyball.

Fast5 Netball

Can't commit to the four-day Netball competition? Fast5 is a one-day netball competition played in a brand new way. If you're already entered in the Netball competition, use code 'MONEYGOALS' to score free entry into Fast5 Netball.

Water Polo

Water Polo makes its debut at this year's Games in a mixed competition. Each team will compete for the chance to take home a new trophy. Are you up for the challenge?

Calling all competitors

REGISTER NOW

WWW.APANDESGAMES.



This year the 2018 Australasian Police and Emergency Services are proudly supporting *beyondblue*. You can donate to *beyondblue* through the registration process prior to the payment page, by selecting a donation amount. There will also be plenty of other opportunities to donate to *beyondblue* during the week of the Games. Keep an eye out for donation stations and join us in making a difference to mental health in Australia and support *beyondblue*.

beyondblue is committed to creating change to help protect everyone's mental health, including Police and Emergency Services. As part of their work, *beyondblue* is undertaking the National Mental Health and Wellbeing Study of Police and Emergency Services to build a comprehensive picture of the mental health and wellbeing of police and emergency services personnel in Australia.

*"There is nothing more important than the mental health and wellbeing of the people who serve and protect our communities every day. This is a landmark piece of research *beyondblue* is undertaking, and I am delighted that almost every police and emergency services agency in Australia is participating. The information we generate will enable us to improve and strengthen our approach to protecting those who protect us, to make a real difference to people's lives."*

*Ken Lay AO APM,
Chair of the Advisory Group of the
National Mental Health and Wellbeing*



THURSDAY, 1 NOVEMBER

4pm – 11pm

Variety Night

Comedy hypnotist Matt Hale takes to the stage, along with a number of other surprise performers.



FRIDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

4pm – 11pm

80's Night

Dust off your leg warmers and tease up your hair! Get your groove on in Mandjar Square.



SATURDAY, 3 NOVEMBER

3pm - 11pm

Closing Ceremony

Celebrate the end of the best Games to date with Pinked - Perth's only Pink tribute band!



Retired Officers' Luncheon

**Commissioner Darren Hine APM invites you to attend
the Retired Officer's Luncheon to be held at
the Tasmanian Police Academy, Rokeby
on Tuesday 4th December 2018 12 noon for 12:30pm**

RSVP Monday 12th November 2018

**Cost for RPAT members Cost \$30
Cost for non members \$35**

Telephone 0409 320 681; email tomlahl1@bigpond.com

In the days when you couldn't count on a public facility to have indoor plumbing, a British woman was planning a trip to Germany. She was registered to stay in a small guesthouse owned by the local schoolmaster. She was concerned as to whether the guesthouse contained a WC. (In England, a bathroom is commonly called a WC, which stands for water closet.) She wrote to the schoolmaster inquiring as to the location of the nearest WC.

The schoolmaster, not fluent in English, asked the local priest if he knew the meaning of WC. Together they pondered possible meanings of the letters and concluded that the lady wanted to know if there was a Wayside Chapel near the house (a bathroom never entered their minds.) So the schoolmaster wrote the following reply:

Dear Madam,
I take great pleasure in informing you that the WC is located 9 miles from the house. It is located in the middle of a grove of pine trees, surrounded by lovely grounds. It is capable of holding 229 people and is open on Sundays and Thursdays. As there are many people expected in the summer months, I suggest you arrive early. There is, however, plenty of standing room. This is an unfortunate situation, especially if you are in the habit of going regularly.

It may be of some interest to you that my daughter was married in the WC as it was there that she met her husband. It was a wonderful event. There were 10 people in every seat. It was wonderful to see the expressions on their faces. My wife, sadly, has been ill and unable to go recently. It has been almost a year since she went last, which pains her greatly. You will be pleased to know that many people bring their lunch and make a day of it. Others prefer to

wait till the last minute and arrive just in time! I would recommend your ladyship plan to go on a Thursday as there is organ accompaniment. The acoustics are excellent and even the most delicate sounds can be heard everywhere. The newest addition is a bell, which rings every time a person enters. We are holding a bazaar to provide plush seats for all since many feel it is long needed.

I look forward to escorting you there myself and seating you in a place where you can be seen by all.

Sincerely, Schoolmaster

The Police knocked on my door this morning.
"Do the letters HB mean anything to you?" they asked.
"No," I said.
"What about GD then?"
"No, means nothing to me" I said, "Look, am I suspected of something?"
"No sir" they said, "these are just initial enquiries,"

ALEXANDRA HEADLAND SURF CLUB INVADED

On the 23rd of August 2018 we held a RPAT Queensland Luncheon at the Alexandra Headland Surf Club, on the Sunshine Coast.

This is the third occasion we have held a lunch at this venue around this time of the year, which sees the number of RPAT members living locally greatly boosted by the many RPAT members who are holidaying in the area at this time of the year.

A total of thirty three members, partners and their guests attended the lunch, our biggest turn out yet. There were eight local Queenslanders attending, the remainder being our holidaying members escaping the Tasmanian winter.

It was a good day with several new faces present as well as several who have been able to attend all three lunches held at this venue.

The day started early and there were still a handful still present and drinking at 9pm. Everyone was positive about the venue, overlooking the ocean, and the opportunity to ironically come to Queensland to catch up with fellow RPAT members.

One more Queensland lunch is programmed for this year, and will be held on the **22nd of November 2018** at the Geebung - Zillmere RSL Club, 323 Newman Road, Geebung (a Northern Brisbane suburb). There is good free off street parking at the venue, and the train station is only a fifty metre walk from the Club.



The attendees in the photo are, (from left to right,) Lee Renshaw, Mark Beech-Jones, Gary Eastwood, Maureen Woolley, Fish Bligh, John Woolley, Beth Waterhouse, Paul Barry, Elaine Jenkins, Craig Waterhouse, Gaylene Barry, Jo Green, Sally Collidge, Leo Hutchins, Pat Groves, Steve Collidge, Sue Ranson, Chris Gray, Ken Walsh, Les Ranson, Mick Fama, John Blue, Kathie Fama, Paul Gray, Graham McGuire, Maureen Fogarty, Gwen Gray, Pat Vervaart, Col Fogarty, Julie Eastwood, Ros Walsh, David Daking, and Hans Vervaart.

Jock McJannett writes about his experiences with the Tasmanian Police Search and Rescue Squad.

My first diving job was in the Cam River in the north of the State. Following a report of a crime spree in the region it was suspected that stolen property had been dumped in the river.

Sergeant TH was in charge of the Dive Squad at that stage. Barry Lucas and I suited up and entered into the river in the area where the property had allegedly been cast aside.

The recovery of the stolen property was a piece of cake as it had all been dumped in the one area so it was easy to locate and to begin the task of bringing it to the surface.

However, during the gathering of the property Barry, who was all arms and legs, somehow caught my mask,

dislodged it from my head and suddenly the mask was full of water and I was without visibility!

We had not been trained for such a situation but I was pretty well read so I sat on the riverbed and took a couple of deep breaths in through my mouth. I then breathed out pretty heavily through my nose which blew the water out through the valve in the bottom of my mask and all was back to normal.

We eventually recovered all of the stolen property without any more mishaps!

Even though they had just won a million dollar lottery the wife was worried.

"What are we going to do about all the begging letters?" She asked her husband.

"Keep sending them I suppose." he replied.

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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 *as at – 14th August 2018*
473—includes
7 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

Retired Officers Deceased:

Edwin James (Jim) JOHNSTONE (24th June 2018)
Alwyn Roy ARCHER (25th June 2018)
Syd McGOWAN (27th July 2018)
John BROWN (*non member*) (29th July 2018)
Ernest (John) BROWN (9th August 2018)
Peter Edward BIRCHALL (3rd September 2018)

Serving Officer Deceased:

Snr Sgt Paul (Beau) Reynolds (13th September 2018)

Retired State Servant (Devonport):

Brian Roy AUSTIN (12th August 2018)

Services Guide

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Web nickbeattie.com.au

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*)

EGGS FOR SENIORS

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the 'seniors' special' was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$2.99.

'Sounds good,' my wife said. 'But I don't want the eggs.'

'Then, I'll have to charge you three dollars and forty-nine cents because you're ordering a la carte,' the waitress warned her.

'You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?' my wife asked incredulously.

'YES!!' stated the waitress.

'I'll take the special then,' my wife said.

'How do you want your eggs?' the waitress asked.

'Raw and in the shell,' my wife replied.

She took the two eggs home and baked a cake.

DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS!!!

We've been around the block more than once!

Overheard— "I can say one good thing about airline food"
"At least they are considerate enough to serve small portions."

Diary Dates 2018

3rd October (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn

10th October (Wednesday—1:30pm) (Lunch prior)
Executive Meeting, New Town

21st October (Sunday)
Partners Lunch (\$25ph; \$35.00 non members)
at Shoreline Hotel, Shoreline Drive, Howrah

7th November (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn

19th November (Monday) 11.30am for 12md
Ye Old Traffic Police Luncheon, Black Buffalo Hotel, North Hobart

22nd November (Thursday 11.30am for 12md) (All welcome)
Queensland RPAT Lunch at Geebung-Zillmere RSL Club,
323 Newman Road, Geebung (Brisbane)

4th December (Tuesday 11:00am)
RPAT Annual General Meeting followed by
Commissioners Lunch at Police Academy

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

12th December (Wednesday 11:30am for noon) All welcome
Northern Christmas Luncheon at the Riverside Golf Club
Includes Northern Branch AGM.

2nd January (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn

3rd February (Sunday) 12md for 12.30pm —All welcome)
NW Barbecue ay 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

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Ye Old Traffic Polite Men

THIS IS OUR 20th BIRTHDAY



For your Diary the next function will be held on:-

Monday 19th November 2018 (11:30am)

at the **Black Buffalo Hotel, North Hobart.**

Everyone is welcome

For enquires please contact:-

Leo Hutchings (03 6247 2291); Mobile 0418 103 719; email hutchie8@bigpond.net.au.

or

Brian Bick (03 6239 9380); email cireldo1@bigpond.com.au

2018 PARTNERS LUNCH

Sunday 21st October

A **Partners** lunch has been organised and will be held at 12md on **Sunday 21 October 2018** at the **Shoreline Motor Inn, Howrah**

.The lunch will consist of a two-course fixed menu with some options for both courses at a cost of \$25 per head (subsidised) for members and their partners.

Guests are welcome at a cost of \$35 per head. Drinks are available at bar prices with wine starting at \$7.00 per glass.

RSVP for this event is the morning of **Monday 8th October 2018.**

It is necessary for members to send their payment to the Treasurer by this date to secure their places.

The event will go ahead regardless of numbers attending but the hotel does require the attending numbers early so that any unsold reserved seats may be offered to their normal customers.

RSVP may be sent to the Secretary, Vice President Tom Lahl or Committee Member Michelle Powell..

It is necessary to obtain pre-payment as functions being organised in the South are experiencing 20 to 25% no shows on the day which causes problems for both the organisers and the venues.

Any queries may be directed to either Secretary Syd (0407 847 718) or Vice President Tom Lahl (0409 320 683)

Two Policemen are called to the scene of a crime at the Frankston 7/11 convenience store.

One asked the manager, Yadav Singh, what happened.

Yadav replies stolidly, 'There's a man over there covered in Cornflakes and I'm afraid that he's dead.'

'That's odd,' frowned the first police detective, 'didn't we have one covered in Bran Flakes yesterday and another covered in WeetBix last week?'

'You're right,' agreed the second detective, 'This is obviously the work of a cereal killer.'

My husband was constantly working on our defective washing machine, and his language was often colourful.

One day our daughter returned home from a movie and commented that its dialogue contained a lot of four letter words she had always thought were all parts on our washing machine.

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.

Driving to work last week, Phil had to swerve quite violently to avoid a box that fell out of the truck in front of him.

Moments after, a policeman pulled him over and accused him of reckless driving. Fortunately, another officer had also seen the container in the road. The policeman stopped traffic and recovered the box. It was found to contain large upholstery tacks.

'I'm sorry, sir' the first traffic cop told Phil, 'but I am going to have to write you a ticket'

Amazed Phil asked, "What for?"

The policeman retorted, 'Tacks evasion.'

SENIORS' TEXTING CODE

ATD:	At the Doctors
BFF:	Best Friend Fell
BTW:	Bring the Wheelchair
BYOT:	Bring your own teeth
FWIW:	Forgot where I was
GGPBL:	Gotta Go Pacemaker Battery Low
GHA :	Got heartburn again
IMHO:	Is my hearing aid on
LMDO:	Laughing my Dentures out
OMMR	On my massage recliner
OMSG:	Oh My! Sorry, Gas
ROFLACGU	Rolling on floor Laughing and Can't get up
TTYL	Talk to you louder.

What do you call a lady with only one leg?
Eileen

REMEMBRANCE DAY BADGES



Advance Notice—The Police Remembrance Day Badge (pictured) will be available. Shortly (probably during October)

Expected cost has yet to be determined—probably between \$5 & \$10.

When available your RPAT Vice Presidents will be aware.

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

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

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

"Are you buying all this?" his wife asked incredulously "Well yes," he said, embarrassed. Then waving his arm toward the interior of the store, he added "But look at all the stuff I'm leaving behind."

Robert, an experienced sky diver, was readying himself for a jump when he saw another parachutist wearing dark glasses carrying a white cane and holding a guide dog by a leash.

Although shocked Robert expressed admiration for the blind man's courage. Then, curious, he asked "How do you know when the ground is getting close?"

Easy replied the blind man, "The leash goes slack."

In Rhode Island. Police were sure that they had the right man when the suspect in a string of coin machine thefts paid his \$500.00 bail entirely in quarters

How did it happen?" the doctor asked the middle-aged farmhand as he set the man's broken leg.
 "Well, doc, 25 years ago..."
 "Never mind the past! Tell me how you broke your leg this morning."
 "Like I was saying... 25 years ago, when I first started working on the farm, that night, right after I'd gone to bed, the farmer's beautiful daughter came into my room. She asked me if there was anything I wanted.
 I said, "No, everything is fine."
 "Are you sure?" she asked.
 "I'm sure," I said.
 "Isn't there anything I can do for you???" she wanted to know.
 "I reckon not," I replied.
 "Excuse me," said the doctor, "What the hell does this story have to do with your broken leg?!?!?"
 "Well, this morning," the farmhand explained, "when it dawned on me what she meant, I fell off the roof!"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.....

A Russian woman married a Canadian gentleman and they lived happily ever after in Toronto. However, the poor lady was not very proficient in English, but did manage to communicate with her husband. The real problem arose whenever she had to shop for groceries.

One day, she went to the butcher and wanted to buy chicken legs. She didn't know how to put forward her request, and in desperation, clucked like a chicken and lifted up her skirt to show her thighs. Her butcher got the message, and gave her the chicken legs.

Next day she needed to get chicken breasts, again she didn't know how to say it, and so she clucked like a chicken and unbuttoned her blouse to show the butcher her breasts. The butcher understood again, and gave her some chicken breasts.

On the 3rd day, the poor lady needed to buy sausages. Unable to find a way to communicate this, she brought her husband to the store...

What were you thinking? Hellooooooo, her husband speaks English!

Two Irishmen were made redundant so they decided to use their redundancy money to set themselves up as painters.

The local parish priest asked them to paint the local church for him and they offered to do it for \$2,000.

However paint proved to be a lot more expensive than they had envisaged and they found their stocks running out before they were even half finished.

In desperation they bought gallons of turpentine and added it to the remaining paint and finished the job.

About a month later they called into the church to see how it looked and found large areas of paint peeling from the walls.

As they sneaked out of the church they heard a booming voice calling out from above:-
 "Repaint you thinners."

Why did the chicken cross the basketball court?
He heard the referee calling fowls

Why do elephants live in the jungle?
Because they can't fit in houses

Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?
Because their kids have to play inside

Overheard—
 "My accountant is worth every cent he charges because of the time he saves me."

"This year, for example, he saved me five to ten years in prison for tax evasion."

What is black and white and goes around and around?
A penguin caught in a revolving door

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