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NEW VENTURE — EARLY START TO THE DAY !!



Wednesday 1st March at 8:30am saw seventeen RPAT members attend the Customs House Hotel (Morrison Street, Hobart) for a very nice bacon and egg breakfast. It was great to see some of our members who haven't been able to attend other functions get there **and** enjoy themselves, and in particular the attendance of some of our members partners. Great start to the day. Another breakfast will be held—date yet to be set.



Don't forget the Luncheon at the Glenorchy RSL on Tuesday **2nd May** (noon for 12:30pm).
(RSVP Tom Lahl—0407 320 683; or tomlahl1@bigpond.com By 24th April.)

Cheers President David

*Three guys being chased by a bull.
What can we do what hope have we got.
Try praying do you know any prayers?
Only the one grandma taught me to say*

*before meals, will that one do?
Yes, Yes say it Quick before it is too late.
For what we are about to receive may we be truly thankful.*

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MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT DAVID



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

Not a lot has happened, from a formal perspective, since my last report however I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of catching up with many of you at various events or receiving your calls.

What I have noticed however is the number of stories so many of you have – stories of genuine interest, humour or pathos based on a career well served. This leads me to the conclusion so many of these stories, recollections and valued memories will be lost as time progresses. Therefore, can I ask that if any of you have a story, or something you believe others may find of interest you let me know.

We can record for posterity your recollections and they can be retained within the Police Museum. Just as if you have any items of interest that may be displayed in the museum again let me know.

The recent publication by Roger McNeice “Flames of Fear” regarding the 1967 bushfires has some excellent examples of members’ recollections from that terrible event. Whilst some are obviously sad due to the tragic events occurring others are humorous and highlight police humour getting members through some horrific moments.

There are many more events we as Police were present at and can provide an insight lacking from sanitised and official reports. Even some of the most mundane events can provide the most poignant and sensitive recollections. Let us do all we can to save and respect our past, recognising many years of service only serving members can truly understand.

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

David Plumpton

INTRODUCING THE SUPERANNUATION COMMISSION

For Defined Benefit members of RBF

From 1 April 2017, if you're a defined benefit member of RBF, the responsibility for the management and administration of your super or life pension will transfer from the RBF Board to the newly formed Superannuation Commission.

The Superannuation Commission will be supported by the Office of the Superannuation Commission which will be a Division of the Tasmanian Department of Treasury and Finance.

The Superannuation Commission will be responsible for all the RBF defined benefit schemes and will oversee the administration of the:

- Contributory Scheme, including Contributory Scheme Life Pensions;
- State Fire Commission Superannuation Scheme;
- Tasmanian Ambulance Service Superannuation Scheme;
- Parliamentary Superannuation Fund; and Parliamentary Retiring Benefits Fund.

It will be business as usual for RBF defined benefit and Contributory Scheme Life Pension members. You'll continue to access fund information and your online account at www.rbf.com.au and you'll still be able to call the RBF Enquiry Line on 1800 622 631.

The RBF office in Hobart will remain at 21 Kirksway Place. The RBF Launceston office will move to a new location from 27 March 2017, at Henty House, 91-97

Charles Street, Launceston.

Services will continue to be available as usual throughout 2017 and our priority is to ensure no disruption to defined benefit scheme services.

Most importantly, there are no changes to any of the design elements of the scheme or member entitlements as part of these changes – these changes are the implementation of the Tasmanian Government's wider public sector superannuation reforms, which has seen the Government retain responsibility for the defined benefit schemes.

Defined benefit members with an RBF Investment Account in the RBF Tasmanian Accumulation Scheme.

Some defined benefit members also currently hold an RBF Investment Account in the RBF Tasmanian Accumulation Scheme. If that's the case for you, the accumulation part of your benefit will be managed by Tasplan, so from 1 April 2017 you will have accounts with both Tasplan and RBF.

Separate information for each of these accounts is being sent out and we encourage you to contact the RBF Enquiry Line on 1800 622 631 if you would like further information.

More information is available from the Tasmanian Association of State Superannuants (TASS), PO Box 1650, Hobart. Phone 0448 731 845;

Email: secretary@tass.org.au

Website: www.tass.org.au

I asked my son, "Will you marry the girl I choose for you." He said, "No." I told him, "She is Bill Gates daughter." He said, "Yes."

I called Bill Gates and said, "I want your daughter to marry my son," Bill Gates said, "No." I told Bill Gates, "My son is the CEO

of the World Bank." Bill Gates said, "Okay".

I called the president of World Bank and asked him to make my son the CEO. He said, "No". I told him, "My son is Bill Gates son-in-law" He said, "Okay".

It's called politics!

WOMEN IN POLICING — 100 YEARS

The official opening of "100 Years of Women in Policing" 6 July 1981 and are currently the longest serving female members still in the job.

Opened by Commissioner Darren Hine, the event was well attended by currently serving personnel, as well as a number of retired officers.

Some past serving female members to attend were Heather Innes, Maureen Healey, Lyn Jones, Pam Bartulovich, Sue Marshall, Marianne Riek, Jill Maxwell and Kate Goldstone-James.

A well-packed auditorium was entertained by two presentations, one delivered by Kerry Whitwam and the other by Sally Cottrell, both of whom were appointed on



Said Commissioner Hine, "This year is a time to celebrate the women in our workforce, to reflect on how far we've come and to look ahead to how far we can go," citing 2017 figures showing a force which is 31 per cent female.

Tasmania Police's highest ranking female officer, Assistant Commissioner Donna Adams, attended the centenary celebrations, which were planned to coincide with International Women's Day.

As the year progresses, we look forward to more events to mark this occasion.

FOOTBALL FRIENDS

Two 90 year old men, Mike and Joe, have been friends all their lives.

When it's clear that Joe is dying, Mike visits him every day. One day Mike says, "Joe, we both loved football all our lives, and we played football on Saturdays together for so many years. Please do me one favour; when you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's football there."

Joe looks up at Mike from his death bed, "Mike, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favour for you."

Shortly after that, Joe passes on.

At midnight a couple of nights later, Mike is awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to him, "Mike--Mike."

"Who is it?" Asks Mike sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?"

"Mike--it's me, Joe." "You're not Joe. Joe just died." "I'm telling you, it's me, Joe," insists the voice. "Joe! Where are you?"

"In heaven", replies Joe. "I have some really good news and a little bad news."

"Tell me the good news first," says Mike.

"The good news," Joe says, "is that there's football in heaven. Better yet, all of our old friends who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always spring time and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play football all we want, and we never get tired."

"That's fantastic," says Mike. "It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?"

"You're in the team for this Saturday.....!"

Services Guide

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Contact the PAT at 107 New Town Road, New Town or by ringing (03) 6278 900 between 9am and 5pm business days for information about discount offers.

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TASMANIA POLICE CHARITY TRUST

As some of you may be aware the Police Association of Tasmania (PAT) has been exploring the way to establish a Tasmania Police Legacy for some time.

In recent times Senator Stephen Parry has been involved in discussions with PAT senior members and presented the concept of a working group to explore the formation of a Tasmania Police Legacy to the Tasmania Police Charity Trust Board (TPCT) of whom he is a member. Stephen has been a very strong supporter of the Charity Trust for many years now and despite the workload associated with his role as President of the Senate has dedicated much time to the Charity Trust.

The TPCT endorsed the plan of a working group and the potential to utilise the TPCT Deductible Gift Recipient status. Stephen's recommendation to the TPCT Board of forming a six member working group, plus Secretariat, was supported.

This Working Group will be made up of two members from each of the TPCT, the PAT and the Retired Police Association of Tasmania (RPAT). The two representatives from the TPCT being Stephen and Rebecca Munnings (Tasmania Police Legal Officer). Cath Shaw, the TPCT Secretary, will act as the working group secretary. PAT will decide their representatives at an Executive meeting.

The RPAT Executive were lucky to have Mark Beech-Jones and Michelle Powell volunteer to act as our representatives.

Inaugural Working Group Meeting is on Monday 10th April.

Cheers David Plumpton

ANZAC DAY

Two years ago Phil Sharpe at Gretna and myself commenced laying wreaths on Anzac Day at the Gretna Dawn Service and Bothwell morning service.

The wreaths were laid on behalf of **'Serving and Retired Police Officers'**.

We sought approval from the Commissioner in doing this and have had his continued support over the years. Officers from local stations have also attended and assisted in the wreath laying. As have other Retired Police.

We will be laying wreaths again this year at both services.

Perhaps this is something the RPAT should consider at other locations.

I am not suggesting at major services like the one at the Domain, as we would get lost in the crowd, but perhaps it is something that sub branches could look at doing.

Perhaps at a service close to the Academy would be good for those in the south.

I believe this is an ideal opportunity for us as Retired officers to in some way show our support for those still serving, as we have found it has created great community awareness and support.

For consideration.

Take care, Andy Beasant

MEN'S HEALTH

Thank you for the news update on the health of our members. I believe it is timely to advise each other through RPAT of any concerns and health issues that individuals may be experiencing, firstly we gain knowledge and secondly it promotes awareness of mens' health issues.

I was diagnosed with prostate cancer on the 12.8.16 and elected to go to Epworth Private Hospital in Melbourne to have surgery under the direction of Mr Daniel MOON one of the Directors of the hospital. The surgery was done using laparoscopic with Robotic assistance using the Da Vinci machine it is less invasive and recovery is better.

It all went well and I will be subject to regular testing for the rest of my life.

My point being, if your PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) result is elevating and goes beyond 4, insist on having a biopsy or at the very least have a consult with a urologist who will advise the best way forward.

This disease presents with NO side effects! so take care.

Regards Ted Sands

Editor's comment—more information in article on page 7.

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

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I am writing this letter on behalf of Computer 4 Veterans and first responders of Australia and The Warrior's Return (www.facebook.com/Computers4Veterans/) (<http://thewarriorsreturn.com>). We started these two sites just over 3 years ago and our aim was to assist Military Veterans regardless of the branch of service, length of time or operational service.

Our aim was and still is to empower our veterans with self worth, a sense of belonging and to be there for them in a time of need with other like minded individuals. And if they find themselves hardship assist them however we can.

To that extent we have access to councillors, other support groups, buddies, we also work closely with VOTS (Veterans off the street) Mates for Mates and Carry On Victoria and the RSL's in each state, as well as Salvation Army and St Vincent De Paul throughout Australia.

For the last couple of years we have been asking for old computer and laptops systems regardless of the age as well as printers, our volunteers then fix them and then donate the 2nd hand computer systems and printers to the Veterans and the Veterans Immediate Family if requested. We also organize food vouchers organizing emergency accommodation clothing and furniture in some instances for the veteran or the Veterans Immediate Family.

This is all done by Veterans for Veterans with very little support from Business or Government agencies. This is only made possible through the generous donations we have received from members of our community and the citizens of Australia and some small businesses and 2 private schools.

What we have come to realize over the last couple of years is that we need to broaden of scope of assistance to include not only Defence members being Navy Army, Air force, but also Police, Ambulance, Fire brigade and Rural Fire Brigade, State Emergency Services, Customs and Correctional Officers of all States and Territories of Australia.

The reason is that we have all at some stage or other, regardless

of position held or if they have had operational experience overseas, they have all signed on and agreed to serve with honour and protect, and uphold the law as directed too, by the elected government of the day and in some circumstances they have put our lives on the line or have been forced to take a life or lose their life because of what we believe in. This responsibility weighs heavy on all Veterans and Veterans Families and can manifest itself years later.

To that end this is a formal offer for each of the State Police or Territory Retired Police Associations, for their members to be listed and assisted when required by our network that we have in place.

We do not and will not differentiate between any Branch of Service whether it being Navy Army, Air force, Police, Ambulance, Fire brigade and Rural Fire Brigade, State Emergency Services, Correctional Officers and Customs officials of all States and Territories of Australia as they are all Veterans or First Responders both part time and full time.

The aim of this is to help as many Veterans / First Responders and their families as we can without compromising this organization. Without the support of business and private individuals this would not be possible.

Any information that is handed to Computers 4 Veterans and First Responders of Australia and or The Warrior's Return or any of the support sub units including welfare by a Veterans / First Responders and their families will not be handed over to any other person or Government Agency unless ordered by a court of Law, and even then it will be fought against with everything we have. We are not going to assist the government unless forced to at any stage. If an advocate wishes information from us, it will not be supplied to him or her unless expressly approved by the veteran concerned.

Scott Harris (Computer 4 Veterans) phone 0447 170 066

9 Wright Court, Bray Park, Queensland

Loretta Somerville (The Warriors Return) phone 0457 004 413

NORTH WEST BRANCH — BBQ AT TURNERS BEACH



Wednesday 19th April saw twenty of our Northwest RPAT members gathering together for an enjoyable Barbecue at Turners Beach

The day was overcast but warm with a couple of very light showers – *no one managed to get wet.*

A good time of fellowship was enjoyed with the sharing of many old war stories. Mostly the members and their partners renewing acquaintances and catching up on each others news and activities since they last met. A nice BBQ meal (with appropriate refreshments) went down well.

There is even a very nice Strawberry Farm nearby where members can taste their very nice produce or even get some on the way to the BBQ for dessert.



The BBQ will be on again next year. so members from right across the State are encouraged to bring their partners along and enjoy a great opportunity to taste the best of what Turners Beach has to offer whilst catching up with old work colleagues.

Next NW Function—Wednesday 19th April 12 midday for 12:30pm at Bass and Flinders Motor Inn, Ulverstone. RSVP Rockie Lee (0427 870 964) by Wednesday 12th April.



The banks of the Forth River at Turners Beach are ideal for the purpose with not only access to the river, but also a great sandy beach for those who may wish to go fishing in the river, walking along the beach or just sitting around catching the sun. whilst enjoying the company of like minded people.



Q. What's green and sits in the corner?

A. A naughty frog.

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2017-18

The Police Association of Tasmania advise that the 2017-2018 Entertainment Books or Entertainment Digital Membership can now be ordered.

20% of the funds raised from the sale of each of these books / digital memberships goes toward a most worthwhile cause, namely the Police Association of Tasmania Legacy Scheme.

The Books / Digital Memberships cost \$65 and are available for:

- Hobart and Surrounds: and
- Launceston and North West Tasmania.

Some books are also available, at a similar price, for other mainland locations. There is also an early-bird offer with bonus offers for purchases prior to 1 June.

It is also possible to follow the link and see what offers are included in the 2017 - 2018 Books.

If you are interested, contact *Debbie O'Brien, Senior Administration Officer, Police Association of Tasmania, 107 New Town Road, New Town TAS 7008. Phone (03) 6278 1900; Fax (03) 6278 1315; email— pat@pat.asn.au website www.pat.asn.au*

CLEARY'S GATES, GOATS & GOVERNMENT GLITCHES

Most members will recall their police driving test. Roy Axelsen recounts his 1962 experience of a short drive in the old Ford Customline on the Domain. Under the watchful eye of 'Snowy' Edwards, students would demonstrate their ability to move from first to third gears before being adjudged fit to drive.

Those students would recall Cleary's Gates.

Last year in the Hobart Mercury, Tim Martain touched upon these, saying that their origins were with "a bloke named Cleary who, well, had a gate. Sort of."

This 'bloke' was a former convict who was in Hobart from the 1860s until 1885 and for almost 20 years served as a police constable there.

The Appointments Register tells us that a Martin Cleary was appointed at Richmond on 1 May 1860. He was 27 years of age, 5' 6½" in height, married, literate, Roman Catholic and had previously been a groom in Sligo, Ireland. He was transported to Hobart on the third sailing of the *Lord Auckland*.

Digging further, these details unravelled very quickly – the third sailing of *Lord Auckland* carried 200 women! Furthermore, there is no archival record of a convict by the name of Martin Cleary.

I concluded that Martin Cleary was perhaps Martin Colleary (say it aloud), tried in County Sligo, Ireland for stealing a watch and some clothes and sentenced to seven years. He and 247 others arrived here on 29 January 1853 on the fourth sailing of *Lord Auckland* and was granted a conditional pardon on 18 January 1856.

On 1 August 1861, Cleary's position as constable was reduced (became redundant in today's terminology) when Richmond municipality was created. He would later be compensated for loss of office and awarded the sum of £9.10.0.

Re-appointed to Hobart Territorial Police on 4 April 1865, he remained until resigning on 31 December 1884.

Occasionally, Constable Cleary would make the columns of the daily paper. He assisted solving the theft of a bay champion horse in 1861 and again came to notice in April 1866 for his part in foiling a tobacco smuggling attempt from the *City of Hobart*, when he observed the activities of the smugglers while on duty on the Domain.

Martin Cleary had another life far removed from policing, which perhaps supplemented his meagre police salary. It was not uncommon for those serving in the police to work on the side in order to support a family. It would appear that Martin kept a flock of goats on the Domain, which was then fenced and had a number of gates. In 1870 The Examiner reported that, "Amongst the cargo per s.s. *Southern Cross* from Melbourne, were

two beautiful specimens of the Angora goat, ram and ewe, imported by Mr. Martin Cleary of the Domain, to cross with the common goat."

These were the first Angora goats in Tasmania and The Examiner hoped his efforts to acclimatise them in this island would be successful.

Unfortunately, Martin Cleary's next appearance in the local presses was somewhat less flattering and would see his reputation dented.

Following Regatta Day of 1879, a complaint was heard at the Police Court, against Constable Martin Cleary alleging a serious and aggravated assault upon chemist, Mr. A. P. Miller in the enclosure of the Bowling Club, by striking him on the cheek and head.

Cleary pleaded guilty, but explained that he struck Miller in response to insults. He added that he had been several years in the police, and had never in his life been charged with discourtesy or assault.

The Inspector of Police, Mr. John Swan, gave Cleary an excellent, character reference, and Mr. Tarleton also spoke highly of him, from personal knowledge over many years, expressing his astonishment that he had acted as he did.

As a deterrent to the misconduct of other constables, a penalty of 40 shillings and costs was applied.

Cleary went on to serve in the Territorial Police until it was announced in December 1884 that after some 20 years as a constable, he was resigning to take up a different occupation in Melbourne. He would in future, "offer to the public, board and lodging on a much more liberal scale than that with which he has lately provided them - and on a voluntary and not a compulsory principle."

When Cleary resigned, Hobart Territorial maintained a force of around 20 officers. Of the six constables, two guarded the powder magazine (one day and one night), two were on wharf and customs duty, one on the domain/superintendent's office and railway station. By 1882, one constable was employed at Government House. Cleary was listed in returns as Constable, New Town and Queenborough.

Subsequent references in the Melbourne press show Martin as licensee of Richmond's Albion Hotel, Bridge Road, and later, the Tanners and Curriers Arms Hotel, River Street.

Interestingly, Cleary would appear before the Richmond bench in July 1889 charged with permitting liquor to be drunk on Sunday and not having his bar door shut and locked during prohibited hours. He pleaded guilty.

(Prepared for RPAT by Honorary Historian Darcy Erwin)

While shopping in a food store, two nuns happened to pass by the beer cooler. One nun said to the other, "Wouldn't a nice cool beer or two taste wonderful on a hot summer evening?"

The second nun answered "Indeed it would Sister, but I wouldn't feel comfortable buying beer as I am certain that it would cause a scene at the check-out counter."

"I can handle that without a problem" She replied as she picked up a six-pack and headed for the check-out.

The cashier had a surprised look on his face when the two

nuns arrived with a six-pack of beer.

"We use beer for washing our hair" the nun said, "A shampoo, of sorts, if you will."

Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter, pulled out a package of pretzel sticks and placed them in the bag with the beer.

He then looked the nun straight in the eye, smiled and said, "The curlers are on the house."

PROSTATE CANCER

TWO FACTS ABOUT PROSTATE CANCER

1. In Australia, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in men.
2. More men die of prostate cancer than women die of breast cancer

EARLY DETECTION CAN BE A LIFE SAVER

WHAT IS PROSTATE CANCER?

Prostate cancer occurs when abnormal cells develop in the prostate. These abnormal cells can continue to multiply in an uncontrolled way and sometimes spread outside the prostate into nearby or distant parts of the body.

Prostate cancer is generally a slow growing disease and the majority of men with low grade prostate cancer live for many years without symptoms and without it spreading and becoming life-threatening. However, high grade disease spreads quickly and can be lethal. Appropriate management is the key.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

In the early stages, there may be no symptoms. In the later stages, some symptoms of prostate cancer might include:

- Feeling the frequent or sudden need to urinate
- Finding it difficult to urinate (for example, trouble starting or not being able to urinate when the feeling is there or poor urine flow)
- Discomfort when urinating
- Finding blood in urine or semen
- Pain in the lower back, upper thighs or hips.

These symptoms may not mean you have prostate cancer, but if you experience any of them, go and see your doctor.

HOW IS PROSTATE CANCER DETECTED AND DIAGNOSED?

A doctor will usually do a blood test and/or physical examination to check the health of the prostate.

Blood test (Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test): The result shows whether there is an increase in this specific protein. Depending on the result, you might need further investigation by a specialist. A high PSA test result does not necessarily mean cancer. Prostate diseases other than cancer can also cause a higher than normal PSA level.

Digital Rectal Examination (DRE): Because of where the prostate is located, the doctor inserts a gloved, lubricated finger into the rectum to check the size of the prostate and assess if there are any abnormalities. A normal DRE result does not rule out prostate cancer.

DIAGNOSIS

If your tests show you may be at risk of prostate cancer, the next step is a biopsy. A biopsy is the only way a firm diagnosis of prostate cancer can be made. A urologist removes small samples of tissue from your prostate, using very thin, hollow needles guided by an ultrasound. The prostate is either accessed through the rectum (transrectal) or the perineum (transperineal), which is the area between the anus and the scrotum. A biopsy is usually done as an out-patient procedure and the doctor will likely advise a course of antibiotics afterwards to reduce the chance of infection. The tissue is sent to a pathologist to identify whether the cells are malignant (cancerous) or benign (not cancerous).

RECOMMENDATION

Men over age 50, or 40 with a family history of prostate cancer, should talk to their doctor about testing for prostate cancer using the PSA test and DRE as part of their annual health check-up. Men should make an individual informed decision about testing based on the latest available evidence on the benefits and potential harms of testing and subsequent treatment for prostate cancer.

REMEMBER

EARLY DETECTION CAN BE A LIFE SAVER

SUPPORT GROUPS

Tasmania, has 4 Prostate Support Groups listed on the *Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia* website; at Devonport, Launceston, Eastern Shore Hobart and Kingston.

Contact details are:

Devonport	Peter Colgrave	0417 362 129 gurunod@bigpond.net.au
Launceston	Richard Austin	03 6779 1107 raustin@cancertas.org.au
Eastern Shore & Kingston	Cynthia Taffe	03 6169 1915 ctaafe@cancertas.org.au

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SOURCE: All Information has been taken directly from the website of *Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia* <http://www.prostate.org.au/awareness/general-information/what-you-need-to-know-about-prostate-cancer/>.

Prepared by: Michelle Powell, Executive Committee member

Services Guide

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.

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

QUEENSLAND NEWS from Assistant Secretary Gary

2016 saw the introduction of RPAT functions outside of Tasmania. During 2016 we held three RPAT luncheons in Queensland for RPAT members living in that area and also many of our members who escape the Tasmanian Winter and seek the warmer climate on offer in Queensland.

The three functions held last year were well patronised and provided many with an opportunity to catch up with fellow members that they would otherwise not have had.

Given the success of last years functions we have again programmed three luncheons for this year:

25th May (Thursday) 11.30am for 12md
Queensland RPAT Lunch, Surfers Paradise RSL, 1/9 Beach Road Surfers Paradise.

24th August (Thursday) 11.30am for 12md
Queensland RPAT Lunch, Alexandra Headland Surf Club, 167 Alexandra Parade, Alexandra Headland.

23rd November (Thursday) 11.30am for 12md.
Queensland RPAT Lunch Geebung-Zilmerre RSL Club, 323 Newman Road, Geebung (Brisbane).

One significant change in the programming, is the first and third functions have been switched about. Last year the first function was in Brisbane and the third was in Surfers Paradise. Changing the Surfers get together to be the first function will avoid a clash with 'Schoolies' and also take advantage of many of our members being in the Surfers area at this time of the year.

Partners are most welcome to attend all of the Queensland functions and dress is in keeping with the lifestyle and is very casual.

Please consider these function dates in your planning for the year and email reminders will be sent out closer to the time of the functions.

Gary Eastwood
Assistant Secretary

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FOR SALE

Harley Davidson hired a new CEO who was determined to rid the company of all the slackers. Touring the facilities, he noticed a guy doing nothing.

He walked up to him and asked, "How much money do you make a week?"

A little surprised, the young man looked at him and replied, "I make \$400 a week. Why?"

The CEO then handed the guy \$1,600 in cash and screamed, "Here's 4 weeks pay, now GET OUT and don't come back."

Feeling pretty good about himself, the CEO looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone want to tell me what that slacker did here?"

From across the room came a voice, "He's the Pizza delivery guy from Dominos!"

The Retired Police Association has recently updated its storage facilities. As a result we now have a two drawer filing cabinet in Hobart which is for sale to any member who wishes to purchase it for \$30. The cabinet is ideal for under desk. Enquiries can be addressed to the RPAT email address, or the Treasurer.



Two bowling teams, one of all blondes and one of all brunettes, chartered a double-decker bus for a week-end gambling trip to Louisiana.

The brunette team rode on the bottom of the bus, and the blonde team rode on the top level. The brunettes down below really whooped it up, having a great time, when one of them realized she hadn't heard anything from the blondes upstairs. She decided to go up and investigate.

When the brunette reached the top, she found all the blondes frozen in fear, staring straight ahead at the road, clutching the seats in front of them with white knuckles.

The brunette asked, "What's going on up here? We're having a great time downstairs!" One of the blondes looked up at her, swallowed hard, and whispered...

"YEAH, BUT YOU'VE GOT A DRIVER!"

Flunking sport was not an option.... even for stupid kids! There were not many fat kids.

Speaking of school, we all said prayers and sang the National Anthem and got free school milk for strong bones and teeth, and staying in detention after school caught all sorts of negative attention. We must have had horribly damaged psyches..

What an archaic health system we had then. Remember school nurses? Ours wore a hat and everything, and she could even give you an aspirin for a headache or fever.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Mum used to cut chicken, slice eggs and spread mayo on the same cutting board with the same knife and no bleach, but we didn't get food poisoning.

My Mum used to defrost mince-meat on the kitchen sink AND I used to eat a bite raw sometimes, too.

Our school sandwiches were wrapped in wax paper, in a brown paper bag, not in icepack coolers, but I can't remember anybody getting e.coli.

Almost all of us would have rather gone swimming in the lake instead of a pristine pool (talk about boring), no beach closures then..

The term cell phone would have conjured up a phone in a jail cell, and a pager was the school PA system.

We all played sport, and also did PE... and risked permanent injury with a pair of Dunlop runners (only worn in the gym or the sports ground) instead of having cross-training athletic shoes with air cushion soles and built-in light reflectors.. I can't recall any injuries but they must have happened, because they tell us how much safer we are now.....

Diary Dates 2017

12th April (Wednesday—1:30pm) Executive Meeting, Hobart	20th September (Wednesday 12md for 12:30pm) North West Branch Lunch (Location to be advised)
19th April (Wednesday 12md for 12:30pm) N.W. Branch Lunch Bass and Flinders Motor Inn at Ulverstone	29th September (Friday—Tentative Date)) Police Remembrance Day at Rokeby Police Academy
2nd May —(Tuesday noon for 12:30pm) Luncheon at Glenorchy RSL	5th October (Wednesday) RPAT July Newsletter published
3rd May – (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn	18th October (Wednesday—1:30pm) Executive Meeting, Hobart
25th May (Thursday 11.30am for 12md) - including partners) Queensland RPAT Lunch Gold Coast RSL	10th November (Friday—6:30pm for 7:00pm) Partners Night at Police Academy
7th June – (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn	20th November (Monday) 11.30am Ye Old Traffic Police Luncheon, Black Buffalo Hotel North Hobart
21st June (Wednesday—1:30pm) Executive Meeting, Hobart	23rd November (Thursday 11.30am for 12md) Queensland RPAT Lunch Geebung-Zilmere RSL Club, Zilmere (Brisbane)
5th July – (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn	5th December (Tuesday 10:00am) AGM and Commissioners Lunch at Police Academy.
5th July (Wednesday) RPAT July Newsletter published	13th December (Wednesday 11:30am for noon) Northern Christmas Luncheon at the Riverside Golf Club Includes Northern Branch AGM. (partners welcome).
12th July (Wednesday—11:30am for noon including partners) Commissioner's Northern Luncheon at Riverside Golf Club	
16th August (Wednesday—1:30pm) Executive Meeting, Hobart	
24th August (Thurs 11.30am for 12md) - including partners) Queensland RPAT Lunch Alexandra Headland Surf Club, Alexandra Headland.	

Services Guide

Hospitality

Gretna Green Hotel.

Contact Phil and Colleen Sharpe on 6286 1332

Hospitality

Wilderness Hotel. Derwent Bridge.

Contact Dave and Carol Fitzgibbon on 6289 1144

BLACK DOG RIDES

Sunday 19th March saw a number of motor cyclists meet for a Black Dog Ride in Tasmania.

What is the Black Dog Ride?

In 2002 Steve Andrews found himself at the funeral of his best mate Jack Michael's wife. Anna was a beautiful woman, a wife and mother whose life was cut short by a silent struggle with depression. Tragically, Steve's own mother had also taken her own life years earlier. Every year in Australia, 1,000,000 adults and 100,000 young people live with depression, 50% won't seek treatment and nearly 3,000 will take their own lives every single year.

Standing at Anna's wake, Steve felt the need to raise community awareness of depression, to create a national conversation so that people living with mental ill health feel able to talk about it and seek support.

In 2009, Steve embarked upon a solo month long motorbike journey around Australia, raising \$34,000 for the [Suicide Call Back Service](#) and engaging thousands of Australians with his message of awareness.

Steve took with him a soft toy black dog representing the *black dog of depression* which Winston Churchill famously diarised. Steve called this dog Winston, and his ride, *Black Dog Ride*.

Website - www.blackdogride.com.au

More in July RPAT Newsletter

Why won't a plastic bag ever open from the first end you try?

BIRDWATCH RESEARCH

Researchers for Birdwatch Ireland found over 200 dead crows in the countryside around the M50 recently, and there was concern that they may have died from Avian Flu.

A Bird Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was definitely NOT Avian Flu. The cause of death appeared to be vehicular impacts.

Detailed analysis revealed that varying colours of paint appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analysing these paint residues it was determined that 98% of the crows had been killed by an impact with trucks, while only 2% were killed by an impact with a car.

Birdwatch Ireland then hired an Ornithological Behaviourist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of truck kills versus car kills.

It very quickly concluded the cause: when crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow in a nearby tree to warn of impending danger.

He discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "Cah" not a single one could shout "Truck."

I just took a leaflet out of my mailbox, informing me that I can have sex at 75!

I'm soooooo happy, because I live at number 67..... so it's not far to walk!

MEMBERSHIP & WELFARE

Total Members 475

Life/Honorary Members—7; Members 468

Members by location

*Southern 284; Northern 84; Northwest 58;
Interstate/Overseas 48;*

New Members

Hans Vervaart; Chris Lucas; Douglas John;

Annual Dues are (payable by 1st January):-

*Members \$15; Associate Members \$5;
Family Membership (husband & wife) \$20;*

Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) Payments

When you make EFT Payments you need to make sure your identity is included with the payment otherwise the Treasurer is unable to credit the payment against your name.

Treasurer recently (mid February) received at least one \$15 from Bendigo Bank, but there was no indication as to who sent it.

Treasurer is *Steve Collidge*, phone 0417 866 827 or email *collidge@netspace.net.au*

Deaths

*John James; Gerald (Gerry) James Dale;
John Edward Tansey; Libby Wiggins; Baden Robert Young*

Sick List

*Brian Catterall; Ken Fletcher; (now back in Tas);
John Hooper; Neville Lockhart; Kerry McNaughton;
Dennis Perry; Doug Ralph; Bill Rollinson;
Paul Sergeant; and Alan Swinton*

NORTHERN BRANCH

The monthly meetings are being held at the Riverside Motel on the first Wednesday of each month (noon for 12:30pm).

Next three meetings are on 3rd May; 7th June and 5th July.

The Northern Commissioner's luncheon will be held on Wednesday 12th July (noon for 12:30pm) at the Riverside Golf Club.

(RSVP to Jim Byrne (0419 331 490) by 5th July)

Services Guide

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.

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany ?

A. German Shepherds.

"Hello this is Help Line: How can I help you?"

Caller: "Hello, my name is Bob. I really need your advice on a serious problem. I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs: If the phone rings and I answer, the caller hangs up. She goes out with 'the girls' a lot. I try to stay awake to look out for her when she comes home, but I usually fall asleep.

Anyway, last night about midnight, I hid in the shed

behind the boat.

When she came home, she got out of someone's car buttoning her blouse, then she took her panties out of her purse and slipped them on.

It was at that moment, crouched behind the boat, that I noticed a hairline crack in the outboard motor mounting bracket. Is that something I can weld, or do I need to replace the whole bracket?"

'THE TIE'

In 2008 the Executive of the RPAT decided to investigate the design & purchase of ties for members.

One of the principal reasons was to make available something that could be worn to identify members at functions. I don't know if you have ever been to the MCG on a members day, but to see members all wearing the club tie is very impressive.

A design was accepted and in January 2009 the ties became available at a nominal cost.

They have proved popular, though many new members do not seem to know they are available!

They can be worn by members at Commissioners dinners and other functions and also look very impressive at Remembrance Day services. It is an unfortunate fact that we attend funerals during the year and again it is a great way of showing combined support.

Remember that as Police Officers we wore a uniform, this is a simple but smart way of supporting the Association.

Ties are navy woven polyester with a thin cross stripe, the RPAT badge is woven into the fabric (*you can only just see this in the photograph*) and the RPAT badge is at the bottom of the tie.

If you would like to purchase a tie they are available from the provedore Andy Beasant (0409 030 142)

akbeasant@bigpond.com

They are also available from Syd McClymont, Jim Byrne or Rocky Lee.

Cost is \$25 each, postage is extra but we can normally get them delivered.



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