



NEWSLETTER

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NORTHWEST BRANCH (58 Members)

Wednesday 19th April saw almost 40 RPAT members (nearly 70% of the Northwest Members) gather at the Bass and Flinders Motor Inn at Ulverstone for a Northwest Branch lunch.

It was great to catch up with not only our local members, but also with the members from the North and South who managed to travel the distance required and join us. The effort was greatly appreciated.

For quite a few members it was the first luncheon they have attended.. It was very pleasing to see them and also a couple of their partners.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 20th of September at the Bass & Flinders Motor Inn at Ulverstone with a 12md for 12.30pm start.

RSVP Rockie Lee (0427 870 964) by Wednesday 12th



Rockie will be sending out advice to members in the weeks leading up to this event. Members from other branches are more than welcome to attend.

It is hoped that our Western District Commander, Tim Dooley will be available to be our guest speaker at this meeting.

Transport

We will again be looking at running a bus from the coast for our members to attend the Launceston lunch meeting on the 12th of July. Anyone who wishes to travel to Launceston by bus on the day should let Rockie know asap.

Where does she live??

Past Police Officer Merle Wells - Do you have an address or contact phone number??

We think she may be in East Devonport but efforts to date to locate her have been unsuccessful.

Let Rockie know.



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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.

Having asked in the last newsletter for any anecdotes stored away in your minds I was really pleased to hear some of the stories you could recall and as a result met with two ex-members who have provided me with an avalanche of opportunity and material.

I had the pleasure to meet with ex Constable Fay Lucas – who served in the early 1950's and now lives in Burnie, and ex Constable Joy Grist, now aged 94, who served from 1949 to 1982, and whose company I enjoyed for an afternoon at her home in Launceston. Both ladies came from families of police officers and their stories from the 1950's, 60's, and 70's reminded me how far we have come but also how much service so many have given. **We should truly be proud.**

Having said that, I was also reminded in the last few weeks that some of our members may find the going a bit tough on occasions, both physically and mentally.

Whilst we are generally very good at supporting members with a physical ailment on occasions we may not be so aware of members who are having personal, internal turmoils.

We are a large and strong group who have provided service to many others over many years, let's not forget one another and now and again just check to see how each other is travelling. That occasional "Are you ok", may go a long way.

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

David Plumpton

2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with Section 20 of the RPAT RULES, members are advised that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Police Academy Auditorium at 1100 hrs on Tuesday 5th December 2017.

The purpose of the meeting is to confirm the minutes of the 2016 AGM, to elect office bearers for 2018 and to receive from the committee and the auditors' transactions for the 2017 financial year. **The meeting may also transact special business of which the appropriate notice is given.**

Section 22 requires the Secretary to give at least 14 days' notice to members via the newsletter of items for discussion. In order for the Secretary to comply with this requirement, members are advised to notify the Secretary of any items they wish to discuss at the AGM. These items are to be forwarded to the Secretary or Executive Committee members in sufficient time to be included in the **September** newsletter which is the last publication for the year.

*(Syd McClymont)
Hon. Secretary*

NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Nominations are now open to financial members of the RPAT who wish to be considered for election to the Executive Committee.

Section 33 of the RPAT Rules permit any financial member of the Retired Police Association to nominate for election. The application must be in writing and signed by two members of the Association together with the written consent of the candidate.

Forms for this purpose are available from the Secretary.

This form must be submitted to the Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the 2017 AGM.

*(Syd McClymont)
Hon. Secretary*

Editor's comments – Executive Committee consists of:- President; Three vice Presidents (South, North, North-west); Secretary; Assistant Secretary; Treasurer and minimum of six Committee Members; Are you interested—I know that some members will not be continuing.

The shipwrecked sailor had spent several years on a deserted island. Then one morning he was thrilled to see a ship offshore and a smaller vessel pulling out toward him.

When the boat grounded on the beach, the officer in charge handed the marooned sailor a bundle of newspapers and told him.

"With the captain's compliments. He said to read through these and let us know if you still want to be rescued."

The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

A cartoonist was found dead in his home.

The details are sketchy.

SPOUSE PENSION FOLLOWING DEATH OF RBF LIFE TIME PENSION HOLDER

Following a number of queries, the RPAT Executive Committee met with staff of RBF at the last Committee meeting in April 2017.

This meeting was to clarify concern of members of the requirements for a spouse to qualify for their 2/3 life time pension following the death of the contributor.

Upon RBF being advised of the death of a contributor documentation explained in this article will be sent to the spouse for completion.

RBF requirements are as follows: -

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

- Phone the RBF Helpline on 1800 622 631;
 - Provide basic information over the phone including full member details and date of death;
 - The following documents will be posted to the potential surviving partner: -
 - Letter including a Declaration form;
 - Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) (bank account) instruction and Tax File Numbers (TFN) declaration forms.
- Complete the forms and return to RBF with the certified documents including identification as requested in the declaration.

What happens next?

On receipt of a valid declaration and certified documents, a surviving partner determination is completed by the Trustee. If approved, the pension process and calculations commence.

The following pension letters are sent to the surviving partner:

Spouse Welcome letter - this includes payment details including dollar amounts.

Spouse Options letter - this includes estimated benefits regarding elections to convert the life pension to a lump sum. Elections must be made within 3 months immediately following the surviving partner determination.

What is an original certified document?

All certified documents must be in original form, or an original certified copy of the document, otherwise it is not considered valid and cannot be accepted. A JP or a Commissioner for Declarations can assist with such certifications.

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.

Wood and Gardening Supplies

Contact Gary Hurst on 0408 136 835

Hyway Tours.

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

What documentation can be considered with the application?

Certified Record of Death, or
Extract of Record of Death, or
Medical Certificate of Cause of Death.
Certified copy of Marriage Certificate

(if applicable)

Certified copy of the Last Will and Testament of the deceased *(if applicable)*

Certified copy of the appropriate ID documents for the beneficiary or legal personal representative (i.e. current Driver's Licence)

Utility accounts – not more than three months old.

Other documentation might include:

Current Council Rates Notice,

Certificates of Title,

Copies of Bank Statements for loans or savings accounts in joint names – not more than three months old,

Current vehicle registration certificate.

Payment Options for spouse:

- 100% life pension; or
- 100% lump sum; or
- Part pension, part lump sum.

For more information please visit the RBF Website on:

www.rbf.com.au.

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

Should RPAT members have any queries on these requirements, please feel free to discuss the issue with the Secretary, Syd McClymont on 0407 847 718.

The purpose of this communication is to help prepare members in case of the inevitable. A pre-arranged folder containing much of the required documentation (e.g. marriage and birth certificates) will assist a surviving spouse at a most distressing time in their lives.

Services Guide



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

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

Police Association of Tasmania Offers

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.

RPAT PARTNERS' NIGHT—ACADEMY — 10th NOVEMBER 2017

You may be aware that last year the RPA Partners Night Function had to be cancelled due to a lack of support received prior to the Academy nominated cut off date. This was an unfortunate circumstance and no doubt some members were disappointed at not being able to attend this function which has been a part of the RPA social calendar for many years.

Whilst a Partners Night has again been programmed for this year, there are a number of requirements that must be met within given timeframes for the event to proceed.

Details of the function and those requirements are listed below, and if you do want this function to continue, your support and early advice regarding same is much appreciated.

The RPA Executive Committee has been advised that the cost of the three (3) course meal, together with a drink on arrival, will be **\$45 per head**. This cost will apply to members and their partners. Non-members of the RPA will be charged \$50 per head.

**The Partners Night for 2017
is scheduled to be held
at the *Police Academy*
at 7pm on
Friday 10th November 2017.
Cost \$45 per head**

A minimum number of forty (40) attendees is required for the event to proceed. Additional drinks can be provided at bar prices.

It is necessary for those wishing to attend to forward their names and monies to either Vice President (South), Tom Lahl, Secretary, Syd McClymont, or Treasurer, Steve Collidge, no later than **Wednesday 20th September 2017**.

If the required number of 40 is not attained by that date the event will be cancelled and those who have nominated to attend will be notified accordingly and monies paid refunded.

A musician has been booked for the event and the cost will be subsidised by the Committee with no further payment required from members. In view of these charges and the committees desire to keep costs as low as possible, no additional extras will be provided.

Should members have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Vice President Tom Lahl (0409 320 683) or the Secretary, Syd McClymont. (0407 847 718)

An early closing date has been advertised. This time frame permits the artist booked to provide the musical entertainment on the night to accept alternative gigs from Federal Hotels where he normally performs.

A minimum of 40 acceptances are required for the function to be confirmed.”
Regards Syd

Southern Branch Members 285

Tuesday 2nd May saw 33 members gather at the Glenorchy RSL for an enjoyable fellowship luncheon.

Next luncheon at the Glenorchy RSL is on Tuesday 12th September (noon for 12:30pm).

As Tom will be away apologies for that event are to be sent to Syd McClymont (0407 847 718) by the Friday before which is Friday the 8th of September.



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

In America they now have fitted car horns that sound like gunshots. They find that people get out of the way a lot faster. Especially in Texas.

Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.

Northern District police hosted a "High Tea" to celebrate 100 years of women in Tasmania Police.

The event was held on Saturday 3rd June at the Launceston Country Club Casino.



Margaret Medwin & Judy Humphreys

Commissioner Hine, DCOP Tilyard and AC Cowling attended the function with approximately 65 other serving men and women, retired officers and special guests.

The afternoon was very relaxed, with limited formalities, and the crowd were entertained by the lovely voice of Constable Nathan Wheldon playing acoustic guitar.

The function was part of the state wide celebration to acknowledge the contribution of women in Tasmania Police since 1917.

A formal event will be held in Hobart later this year.



FULL OR EMPTY by Heather Spears Kallus

There are many people in our world. Yes, and people can be so very different in their views, temperaments, attitudes, and personalities. Some of us can be easy-going, flexible, and upbeat, while others can be cantankerous, argumentative, and uncooperative. Let me interrupt for just a second – isn't that a fun word? Cantankerous. I haven't used it for a long, long time, but it's a word full of letters and it basically just means crabby and cranky. Cantankerous. CANTANKEROUS! Anyway, as a word-lover, I thank you for allowing me to digress for a moment.

When we can, we prefer to hang out with people who are positive and uplifting, right? If given the opportunity, most of us would choose to surround ourselves with people who inspire, motivate, and encourage us. If given a choice, we'd pick a friend who views the glass as half-full instead of half-empty, right? We wouldn't want to purposely seek out the irritable grumps in our world, would we?

Well, I just got a cute little story from Mikey that compares twins. So timely and I love it!

A family had twin boys whose only resemblance to each other was their looks.

If one felt it was too hot, the other thought it was too cold. If one said the TV was too loud, the other claimed the volume needed to be turned up.

Opposite in every way, one was an eternal optimist, the other a doom & gloom pessimist. Just to see what would happen, on the twins' birthday, their father loaded the pessimist's room with every imaginable toy and game.

The optimist's room, he loaded with horse manure.

That night, the father passed by the pessimist's room and found him sitting amid his new gifts crying bitterly.

"Why are you crying?" the father asked.

"Because my friends will be jealous, and I'll have to read all these instructions before I can do anything with this stuff. I'll constantly need batteries, and my toys will eventually get broken," answered the pessimistic twin.

Passing the optimistic twin's room, the father found him dancing for joy in the pile of manure.

"What are you so happy about?" he asked.

To which his optimistic twin son replied, "There's got to be a pony in here somewhere! Woo-hoo!"

Oh, that story made me smile! A perfect example of half-full vs. half-empty!

VISIT TO THE TASMANIA POLICE MUSEUM

Recently I visited the Police Museum with 32 members of my Probus Club who, like me, were very impressed by the informative set up of the Museum and the assistance we received from the volunteers who were present.

My original visit some years ago was to a one room only display & this has now changed to three large rooms all full of many aspects of Police history.

Credit should be given to the volunteer staff who have made these important changes and in particular to Russ Ames.

My personal Police involvement was in the traffic area and it is pleasing to see the memorabilia passed onto our committee over the past 18 years is now well presented on display at the museum.



Personally I would encourage all retired Police Officers to visit the Police Museum and donate any memorabilia they no longer require.

I believe it is important for this history to be retained & shared with others.

Over a long period of time life long friendships have been made in the area of policing & many memories are shared.

The Police Museum is located at 28 BATHURST STREET, HOBART and is open on Tuesdays between 9.00am - 12noon. Enquires should be made to Greg Chambers on M 0417 550 804

*Leo Hutchings
Old Traffic Police Committee*

When God Created Police Officers...

When the Lord was creating police officers, he was into his sixth day of overtime when an angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specs on this order? A police officer has to be able to run five miles through alleys in the dark, scale walls, enter homes the health inspector wouldn't touch, and not wrinkle his uniform. He must be able to sit in an unmarked car all day on a stakeout, cover a murder scene that night, canvass the neighbourhood for witnesses, and testify in court the next day. He has to be in top physical condition at all times, running on black coffee and half-eaten meals. And he has to have six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands... no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes an officer has to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through a bulge in a pocket before he asks, 'May I see what's in there, sir?' (when he already knows) Another pair here, in the side of his head, for his partner's safety. And another pair here in front that can look reassuringly at a bleeding victim and say, 'You'll be all right ma'am,' when he knows it isn't so."

"Lord," said the angel, touching His sleeve, "rest and work on this tomorrow."

"I can't," said the Lord. "I already have a model that can talk a 250-pound drunk into a patrol car without incident, and feed a family of five on a civil service paycheck."

The angel circled the model of the police officer very slowly. "Can it think?" she asked.

"You bet," said the Lord. "It can tell you the elements of a hundred crimes; detain, investigate, search, and arrest a gang member on the street in less time that it takes five learned judges to debate the legality of the stop... and still, it keeps its sense of humour."

"This officer also has phenomenal personal control. He can deal with crime scenes painted in hell, coax a confession from a child abuser, comfort a murder victim's family, and then read in the daily paper how law enforcement isn't sensitive to the rights of criminal suspects."

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek of the police officer. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model."

"That's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear."

"What's the tear for?" asked the angel.

"It's for bottled-up emotions, for fallen comrades, for commitment to the job, for justice."

"You're a genius, Lord," said the angel.

The Lord looked sombre. "I didn't put it there," He said.

Author Unknown

This is on a US website and it has been on the site since before September 11th, 2001 - and in light of the events of that day it is even more poignant.

NORTHERN BRANCH Members 84



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

Next three meetings are on **2nd August; 6th September; and 4th October.**

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.

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? Hellooo, her husband speaks English!

Police Association of Tasmania Offers

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.

A man was sleeping soundly when his wife shook him and said, "Wake up, someone is breaking in!"

The man had gone through this same scenario almost every night of his marriage, and he knew that the only way he would get any rest was to get up and go check it out.

This time, however, he found that there really was a man with a gun who entered to rob the house!

As the thief was about to flee the man said, "Stop! You have to come with me and meet my wife."

Surprised, the thief turned around abruptly and said, "Why would you want ME to meet your wife?"

The man replied, "She's been expecting you for 20 years."

Little Johnny and his mother returned from the grocery store and began putting away the groceries. Little Johnny opened the box of animal crackers and spread them all over the table.

"What are you doing?" his mother asked.

"It says not to eat them if the seal is broken," Little Johnny explained. "I'm looking for the seal."



QUEENSLAND NEWS from Assistant Secretary Gary

On Thursday 25th May we commenced this year's RPAT lunches in Queensland. The first lunch for this year was held in Surfers Paradise, at the RSL Club. A total of 19 people (made up of RPAT members and their guests) attended the lunch including RPAT members living in the area and some who were holidaying in the area.



Seated (left to right) Kim, Margaret & Jock McJannett; Kate Fitzgerald, & Jo Green;
Standing (left to right) Steve Ransley; Valerie (Jock's daughter); John Blue; Catherine (Jock's daughter)
 Tony Grundgeiger; Bob Gyselman; Gary & Julie Eastwood; Don O'Garey; Geoff & Robyn Johnstone;
 Mark Beech-Jones; & Fish Bligh.

Local Jock McJannet was accompanied by his wife Margaret, two of his daughters, Catherine and Valerie and his son in law, and designated driver, Kim. Interestingly Jock was the Training Sergeant in 1971 when members of Cadet Course 1 began their cadet training and three members of that cadet course, Bob Gyselman, Tony Grundgeiger and Geoff Johnstone were also at the lunch.

Further Queensland lunches are programmed for 2017 including:

Thursday 24 August at the Alexandra Headlands Surf Club, 167 Alexandra Parade on the Sunshine Coast (11:30am for 12md)

Thursday 23 November at the Geebung-Zillmere (a Northern Brisbane suburb) RSL Club, 323 Newman Road, (11:30am for 12 md)

All RPAT members and their guests are most welcome at these functions.

Gary Eastwood 0414 933 917
 Assistant Secretary garyandjulie@me.com

LETTER TO EDITOR

I turned over a few pages of memory and recalled an episode that may raise a laugh. I cannot remember which year it was but it was a Search & Rescue job.

A fisherman had fallen overboard from the vessel he was on as it was coming up the Derwent River. Another crew member had put a cross on the water to indicate approximately where the incident occurred.

Sgt Tom Howard called two of his trusty divers, Don Pescud and myself. Into action and we set off on the Police boat "Alert." We arrived at the location and Don & I duly went over the side to commence our search.

On the riverbed Don and I were spaced far enough apart to get as big a sweep as possible when I noticed a monster swimming towards us (NO PANIC!).

I whipped out my knife and started to bang on the air tank to attract Don's attention. He too saw the shark-estimated 3 metres-and we were both in a fighting pose with knives drawn ready for action.

The shark was a magnificent specimen as it swam between and past us. It went in one direction-continuing up the river-and we went in another-straight to the top!

End of search-no body recovered.

John (Jock McJannett)

CROSS ROAD AHEAD - Better Humour it

Services Guide

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Diary Dates 2017

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| <p>12th July (Wednesday—11:30am for noon including partners)
Commissioner's Northern Luncheon at Riverside Golf Club</p> <p>2nd August— (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm)
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn</p> <p>16th August (Wednesday—1:30pm) Executive Meeting, Hobart</p> <p>24th August (Thurs 11.30am for 12md) - including partners)
Queensland RPAT Lunch
Alexandra Headland Surf Club, Alexandra Headland.</p> <p>6th September— (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm)
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn</p> <p>20th September (Wednesday 12md for 12:30pm)
North West Branch Lunch Bass & Flinders Motor Inn, Ulverstone(</p> <p>24th September (Sunday 11:30am)
Lunch at the Gretna Hotel</p> <p>29th September (Friday—
Police Remembrance Day at Rokeby Police Academy</p> <p>2nd October (Monday)
October RPAT Newsletter published</p> | <p>4th October – (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm)
Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn</p> <p>18th October (Wednesday—1:30pm) Executive Meeting, Hobart</p> <p>10th November (Friday—6:30pm for 7:00pm)
(Note RSVP by 20th September) Partners Night at Police Academy</p> <p>20th November (Monday) 11.30am
Ye Old Traffic Police Luncheon, Black Buffalo Hotel North Hobart</p> <p>23rd November (Thursday 11.30am for 12md)
Queensland RPAT Lunch
Geebung-Zilmer RSL Club, Zilmer (Brisbane)</p> <p>5th December (Tuesday 11:00am)
AGM and Commissioners Lunch at Police Academy.</p> <p>13th December (Wednesday 11:30am for noon)
Northern Christmas Luncheon at the Riverside Golf Club
Includes Northern Branch AGM. (partners welcome).</p> |
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP DUES

At the start of June, there are still 60 members who remain unfinancial for this year. Membership subscriptions become due on the 31st of December each year.

If in doubt about the status of your membership subscription, contact Treasurer Steve Collidge by phone (0417 866 827) or email (collidge@netpace.net.au) , and he is only too happy to clarify.

DID YOU PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES??

Around the 14th/15th of February this year, a member paid their Annual Subscription of \$15 from their Bendigo Bank Account. Because the deposit was not accompanied by a name, we are unable to allocate the payment to the member.

If you bank with Bendigo Bank and paid your subscription around the time, refer to your statement, then notify the Treasurer Steve

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENT FEES

Scale of Fees for Advertisements.

Full Advertisement up to ¼ A4 Page – non member	\$100
Full Advertisement up to ¼ A4 Page – member	\$50
Small Advertisement up to 4 lines – members only	Free

HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

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!"

SOS FOR JOHNNO EVENING

On the night of the 25th Feb 2017 we held a cocktail evening to raise funds and awareness for families suffering from the condition Scleroderma or more specific Systemic Sclerosis.

What a fantastic evening it turned out to be! Not only did we raise an amazing amount of money (almost \$25,000) but we also raised so much awareness for those with this insidious disease. I can not begin to thank everyone enough for their kindness and generosity.

The Retired Police Association were very generous in

donating to the cause and so I'd like to thank you all for this and appreciate that you thought enough of Brett to do so!

The evening was well supported by current and ex-serving police officers who had an absolute ball and many did not want the evening to end which was fantastic to see!!

We intend on holding the event Bi Annually so it would be great to see some more of you come along and enjoy yourselves while helping others!!

Once again **THANK YOU!!!!**

Annette Johnson.

MEMBERSHIP & WELFARE

Total Members 466

Life/Honorary Members—7; Members 459
Associate Members 11

Members by location

Southern 280; Northern 81; Northwest 58;
Interstate/Overseas 47;

New Members

Robyn Button; Graeme Burnett; Wayne David Fogarty;
Sharon Fogarty (Associate member); Paul Hawkins;
and Paul Steane;

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.

Welfare list (Members not enjoying the best of health)

Bob Coad; Gary Hurst; Danny Kelly; Peter Maloney;
Denis Perry; Bill Rollinson;

Deceased members:

Arthur Bealey; Bruce Gray; Charles T.A. Smith;
Wallace (Josh) Geoffrey Randall; Norm Wood;

Ye Old Traffic Polite Men

Hi All Members

You are invited to attend our next function.

At our last function in November 2016 we had 47 members attend.

The next function is:

**PLACE: Black Buffalo Hotel,
Federal Street North Hobart.**

DATE: Monday 20th November 2017

TIME: 11.30am

COST: Gold Coin. All profits from this function will be donated to Prostate Cancer Research. (\$1,000 has been donated so far from our functions.)

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES:

There will be a number of prizes which will include Food Vouchers donated by the Black Buffalo Hotel, Shoreline Hotel and also the Horseshoe Inn.

SO WRITE IT DOWN. ----

MONDAY 20 November 2017

**RSVP Thursday 16 November 2017 to:-
Leo Hutchings**

03 6247 2291

Mobile 0418 103 719 or

hutchie8@bigpond.net.au

Or Brian Bick

03 6239 9380 or

cireldoi@bigpond.com

EVERY BODY IS WELCOME

Sunday 24th September 2017—11:30am

At Gretna Green Hotel, Lyell Highway, Gretna.

Lunch for RPAT Members — For catering purposes RSVP by 17th September to Andy Beasant, 0409 030 142 or
akbeasant1@bigpond.com;

Phil or Colleen Sharpe on 6286 1332

LIFE AFTER A HOLIDAY ACCIDENT

Bob Hill and his wife Betty were holidaying in Europe... as it happens, near Transylvania. They were driving in a rental car along a rather deserted highway. It was late and raining very hard. Bob could barely see the road in front of the car. Suddenly the car skids out of control! Bob attempts to control the car, but to no avail! The car swerves and smashes into a tree.

Moments later, Bob shakes his head to clear his head. Dazed and injured, he looks over at the passenger seat and sees his wife unconscious, with her head bleeding! Despite the rain and unfamiliar countryside, Bob knows he has to get them both medical assistance.

Bob carefully picks his wife up and begins trudging down the road. After a short while, he sees a light. He heads towards the light, which is coming from a large, old house. He approaches the door and knocks. A minute passes. A small man opens the door.

Bob immediately blurts, "Hello, my name is Bob Hill, and this is my wife Betty. We've been in a terrible accident, and my wife has been seriously hurt. Can I please use your phone?"

"I'm sorry," replied the man, "but we don't have a phone. My master is a doctor; come in and I will get him!"

Bob Hill brings his wife in.

An older man comes down the stairs. "I'm afraid my assistant may have misled you. I am not a medical doctor; I am a scientist.

However, it is many miles to the nearest clinic, and I have had a basic medical training. I will see what I can do. Igor, bring them down to the laboratory."

With that, Igor picks up Betty and carries her downstairs, with Bob Hill following closely. Igor places Betty on a table in the lab. Bob collapses from exhaustion and his own injuries, so Igor places Bob on an adjoining table.

After a brief examination, Igor's master looks worried. "Things are serious, Igor. Prepare a transfusion."

Igor and his master work feverishly, but to no avail. Bob and Betty Hill are no more.

The Hills' deaths upset Igor's master greatly. Wearily, he climbs the steps to his conservatory, which houses his grand piano. For it is here that he has always found solace. He begins to play, and a stirring, almost haunting melody fills the house.

Meanwhile, Igor is still in the lab tidying up. His eyes catch movement, and he notices the fingers on Betty's hand twitch, keeping time to the haunting piano music. Stunned, he watches as Bob's arm begins to rise, marking the beat! He is further amazed as Betty and Bob both sit up straight!

Unable to contain himself, he dashes up the stairs to the conservatory.

He bursts in and shouts to his master:

"Master, Master!

The Hills are alive with the sound of music!"

I didn't make it to the Gym today.

That makes it five years in a row.

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