



NEWSLETTER

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RETIRED POLICE ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10am Tuesday 1 December 2015

Police Academy Rokeby

followed by the

National Police Service Medal presentations

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AMY BEDELPH

Born Amy Franklin on 5 May 1924 at Lilydale, one of 19 children, Amy is the eldest of the four daughters still living.

After Lilydale School, Amy joined the Women's Land Army at 17, working in a Scottsdale market garden and later in a factory. The AWLA was established on 27 July 1942 as a national voluntary organisation to replace male farm workers who had either enlisted or were working in other essential war work such as munitions.



Later, Amy joined the Salvation Army, attending a Melbourne training college before her first posting to Kent Town, South Australia, followed by Jamestown and then on to Adelaide where she had her own church.

Back in Melbourne, Amy caught up with colleague Arthur Clee, whom she married, and they went on to Hamilton in north-western Victoria as Army officers. Returning to Tasmania, Amy worked as an Officer at Smithton in the early 1950s and later as a bookbinder for The Mercury.

Initially appointed special constable on 1 April 1963, on 18 March 1966 she was appointed constable 570 (later 384). Arthur was then a constable and superintendent of the Hobart Police Boys Club. Why the police? Well, Arthur was naturally a big influence, but Amy also recalls Commissioner Delderfield's words - "You may as well join too; you will enjoy it." So she did. Amy was, I believe, the first married woman to be appointed, and the first whose husband was also a serving policeman. At that time, the role was largely a social welfare one, and it was what most women of that time expected and indeed enjoyed.

Amy assisted Arthur at Hobart Police Boys Club, and went on to be supervisor of the newly-formed Police Girls Club, which had been established in 1955, using the old Sackville Street garage premises as a base. Both clubs were amalgamated in 1964.

In June 1965, the then Commissioner and his wife, as patrons, expressed their appreciation to the Clees for " ...the devoted and dedicated service you have as husband and wife, apart from your both being members of the Tasmania Police Force, contributed to the standards achieved, the progress made, and the enthusiasm of the members of both Clubs."



Commended, following the 1967 bushfire disaster, Amy transferred to Glenorchy on 19 May 1969. As the only policewoman at the station, she was effectively O.I.C. At this time, there were 14 other policewomen employed within Tasmania Police.

Amy resigned on 22 December 1972 and later married policeman Ivan Bedelph.

Today, Amy is a sprightly 91 years of age and a resident of "The Manor", a lovely residential facility in Guy Street, Kings Meadows. Amy simply takes things as they come. Her "life story" hangs framed upon her wall, together with her badge and insignia. Amy regards it with no regrets and a large amount of pride.

Darcy Erwin

NATIONAL POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY - 29 SEPTEMBER 2015

Members of Retired Police Association of Tasmania



*The pleasure of your company
is requested at the
National Police Remembrance Day Service
to be held at the
Tasmania Police Academy, Rokeby
on Tuesday, 29 September 2015
commencing at 11.00 am*

*Guests are required to be seated by 10.45 am
RSVP by 20 September 2015*

*Mr Stuart Semmens
Telephone: 6173 2033
Email: academy@police.tas.gov.au*

Vale

Robert Lowe

RPAT extends its condolences to Robert's family.

RECOGNISING DONORS

The Hon Senator Stephen Parry
Police Association of Tasmania

The support of members together with the support RPAT receives from the Police Association of Tasmania enable RPAT to keep our costs to a minimum. RPAT must also acknowledge the support given to it by the Tasmania Police Service and in particular the support given by the Police Academy which assists with printing and other matters.

DISCOUNTED MOVIE TICKETS!!

RPAT members can take advantage of discounted movie tickets by contacting:

The PAT Office, 107 New Town Rd, Hobart

Robert Cooke at the Hobart Police Station HQ

Adam Stanwix at the Kingston Police Station

Andrew McShane at the Police Academy

Melanie Groves at Launceston Police HQ

Danny Russell at Burnie Police HQ

Sarah Gray at the Devonport Police Station.

Publishing Dates

For more timely advice to members of function dates and other news, the Executive has determined to change the publication dates of the newsletter. This September publication will be the last for 2015 and as from 2016, a newsletter will be published in January, April, July and October.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NW BRANCH LUNCHEON MEETING

(including medal presentations)

16 September 2015

Devonport RSL

Rockie's arranged it for midday!!

*Ye Old Traffic Officers' Lunch
23 November 2015
Black Buffalo Hotel
Leo says to be there at 11.30am!!*

The President of the Retired Police Association Mr David Fleming and Mrs Gillian Fleming

Invite RPAT members, partners and their friends and former colleagues to celebrate the Partners' Dinner

Tasmania Police Academy, Rokeby, Friday 6 November 2015, 6.30pm for 7pm

Cost: \$70 per couple RPAT members

\$75 per couple non RPAT members

Alcohol available at bar prices

Entertainment provided by a DJ with music from the 60's to the 80's

RSVP by 19 October 2015 to:

David Fleming 0419 595 128

Lyn Jones 62 294901

Syd McClymont 0407 847 718

Please note family and guests may attend the medal presentations in the Academy auditorium but due to catering restrictions only RPAT and retired members are able to attend the lunch.

NORTHERN BRANCH AGM

9 DECEMBER 2015

RIVERSIDE GOLF CLUB

AGM commences at 10.45am followed by the all-important National Police Service Medal presentations at 11.30am.

Lunch is set at 12.30pm for 12.45pm.

Please note guest numbers are limited to 150 so you are advised to book a table early.

Partners' Dinner Function

This function was introduced as a way of recognising the support given by wives and partners to members of Tasmania Police. Although the dinner has been a success for many years, numbers are dwindling and the feasibility of continuing with the function in its current format is being considered by the Executive committee.

Although the Police Academy is still the preferred venue but if numbers continue to fall the Academy may find it unviable to continue with the function.

However, this year we will continue as before with a change to the format which will include pre-dinner drinks, a lucky door prize, a changed menu and music provided by a DJ.

Members it's up to you, so please support this important evening and make up a table of 10 and enjoy good music, dancing, good food and the fellowship of colleagues and friends.

Personal invitations will not be sent to members but will be advertised in the RPAT Newsletter on the RPAT Website and via an SMS message.

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Commissioner's Luncheon

*Mr Darren Hine, APM, Commissioner of Police
Invites retired police officers to attend the
Commissioner's Luncheon at
Tasmania Police Academy, Rokeby
Tuesday, 1 December 2015 at 1.00 pm.*

*Cost \$25 RPAT member, or
\$30 NON RPAT member.*

Alcohol available at bar prices.

RSVP: NO LATER THAN 16 NOVEMBER 2015

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New Police Vests on the Beat

Tasmania Police officers on the frontline are being equipped with the latest in personal protection equipment. High visibility load bearing and personal protection vests will be provided to every Tasmania Police officer, with around 300 of the vests issued to date.



“We are committed to the safety of officers, who respond to incidents that can unexpectedly become a dangerous situation,” said Commissioner of Police, Darren Hine.

“The Multiuse Integrated Protection Vest is high-visibility, with load bearing and personal protection capacity to provide members the best protection available to officers as they keep the Tasmanian community safe.”

The vests provide ballistic and edged weapon protection to officers. The load bearing capacity for police accoutrements, such as handcuffs, baton, radio and

capsicum spray provides a more comfortable fit for day long wear.

Officers are trained in operational skills, policies and practices to provide frontline safety, and protective equipment is critical to a safe working environment,” said Mr Hine.

The vests are manufactured by Hellweg, in Victoria, at a cost of \$1.8 million which includes a shirt designed to be worn under the vest to ensure officers remain cool and comfortable.

“Officers undertaking frontline operational duties, including traffic, public order and general duties, will wear the vests as part of their mandatory uniform,” said Mr Hine.

Each vest comes with a high visibility over garment which will be worn by members when conducting general duties. As a result members wearing the vest will be more visible to the public and safer when on duty.

Around 700 vests will be issued before the end of the financial year and the remainder (350) will be issued throughout the new financial year.

Tasmania Police media release

Membership News

RPAT wishes to welcome Jan and Scott Sargent and Ray Curran as new members.

Our membership currently stands at 465 with 2 honorary and 3 life members.

North West has 57 members, North has 82 and South has 283 with 42 members living interstate or overseas.

Services Guide

Wood and Gardening Supplies

Contact Gary Hurst on 0408 136 835.

Hospitality

Gretna Green Hotel. Contact Phil and Colleen Sharpe on 6286 1332.

Wilderness Hotel. Derwent Bridge. Contact Dave and Carol Fitzgibbon on 6289 1144.

Motoring

Contact Paul Smith at the Tilford Auto Group in Brisbane Street, Hobart for a new or used vehicle on 62340 200 or 0427 391 004.

The Shed

David Brooks is the Co-Ordinator of the 'Shed' located at 185 Penquite Road, Norwood. David can be contacted on 0400 518 924 or email theshed_launceston@hotmail.com. He invites all members to call in and see his group at work.

South East Tyre Centre - Sorell

For all your tyre needs contact Barry McDonald on 6265 1066.

Tours Etc

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

Name tags can also be obtained by contacting Greg on (03) 6424 1656 or on his email address:

gshyland3@bigpond.com

RPAT Merchandise

For a wide range of RPAT merchandise such as shirts, ties and caps contact committee member Andy Beasant on (03) 62595 755 or his email address: akbeasant@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.

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