



# NEWSLETTER

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### SOUTHERN BRANCH 291 Members



Tom writes:- The mid year function at the Glenorchy RSL club was very successful with 33 members attending. The feed back has been good, so I intend to make this an annual event. Stephen Parry made us a donation of \$500.

The next event is on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016. Trip on the River Derwent trip on the ML Egeria followed by a meal at the Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania. The cruise can only take 26 and already 14 have paid the \$15.00 deposit. If any members wish to go there are only 12 vacancies left. Be quick.

Partners' night is at the Academy is on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October (6:30pm) (please note that this year we have brought the date forward).

Finally there is the AGM followed by the Commissioners Lunch at Police Academy on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

RSVP at least 7 days before and further information from :-

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Executive Committee member Michelle Powell 0417 560 551

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### Diary Dates 2016

14<sup>th</sup> July 2016 (Thursday) noon  
Commissioner's Northern Luncheon

27<sup>th</sup> July 2016 (Wednesday) - 1:00pm  
**RPAT Special General Meeting**  
at RAAF Association Club Rooms, Hobart  
(More information on page 6)

25<sup>th</sup> August (Thursday) 11.30am for 12md (Queensland)  
Lunch at Alexandra Headland Surf Club.

7<sup>th</sup> September 6pm sharp  
Trip on River Derwent on ML Egeria followed by meal

14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (Wednesday) (11:30am for noon)  
Lunch at Gretna Hotel

21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 (Wednesday) 12md for 12:30pm  
N.W.Branch Lunch meeting at Devonport RSL

29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (Thursday)  
Police Remembrance Day at Academy

8<sup>th</sup>—15<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
Australasian Police and Emergency Services Games  
Sunshine Coast

14<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (Friday) - **NOTE DATE CHANGE**  
Partners Night at Police Academy

21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 (Monday) 11:30am  
Ye Old Traffic Police at the Black Buffalo Hotel

24<sup>th</sup> November (Thursday)  
Queensland Lunch Greater Gold Coast area  
(venue to be advised)

6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (Tuesday)  
Commissioners Lunch and AGM at Police Academy

14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (Wednesday)  
Northern Christmas Luncheon

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



### President's Report- July 2016.

Hi fellow members. The year 2016 has started well with membership numbers on the increase and your Committee is meeting the challenge.

As you would be aware the presentation of the Police Commissioner's Medal (PCM) and the National Police Service Medal (NPSM) is ongoing. However, there appears to be some confusion with some members as to the time it takes to be presented with either or both of the mentioned medals.

Firstly those members who believe that they are eligible to either the (PCM) or the (NPSM) or both must apply in **writing** to the **Secretary of the RPAT, PO Box 546, Rosny Park, Tasmania 7018**. The applications must be on the Secretary's desk by the end of February each year and members will be advised in writing of their eligibility.

It is unlikely that the medal presentations will take place before **October of each year**.

I would imagine that during our Police Career, or since we have retired, the majority of us have attended a member's funeral. People have very different ideas of what they would like to take place at their funeral. At the time of a death the immediate family are distraught enough without having to go into intricate details of what they require at their loved ones funeral.

Recently, in order to assist members and their families the RPAT forwarded a document in the form of a questionnaire to its members. This document was headed '**Wishes For Funeral**' and advises members of the options they have eg: Flag on coffin, Cap on coffin, Service medals displayed on coffin, Eulogy of police service presented at service, including the reciting of the Ode and have members wishes been discussed with their family.

The RPAT is unable to supply a Piper. Therefore, it should be noted that to engage a piper at a funeral could be of a considerable cost to the family.

I am somewhat dismayed, as to date only twenty-one (21) questionnaires have been returned to the Secretary. There were some 50 similar questionnaires returned to the Secretary from a previous survey. I hope that after reading this article members will have a change of heart and forward their completed questionnaire.

Those members who attended the December 2015 Commissioner's Christmas Luncheon at the Police Academy, would be aware that a raffle was conducted and the proceeds would be donated to charity. At the Executive Meeting on 21 April 2016, the executive committee decided that the money would be kept for one year.

In the event of a request from a worthy charity a decision on the dispersal of funds would be made at the time. In

the event that no such request is received the money will be donated to the Police Legacy Fund. The Retired Police Associations representative for the Legacy Fund is Mr Mark Beech-Jones.

On Monday 16 May 2016, the '**Inaugural RPAT Southern Group Lunch**' was held at the Glenorchy RSL Club and was a great success. Some 33 members and their partners attended and positive feedback was received. Senator Stephen Parry, President of the Senate joined us and gave the RPAT a donation of \$500.00. Vice President Southern Branch Mr Tom Lahl, is to be congratulated for the organisation of this function.

Mr Lahl has organised another function on 7 September 2016, with a river cruise on MV Egeria followed by dinner at the Lindisfarne Motor Yacht Club. Further details will be advertised in the News Letter, so keep watching.

Members who are aware of venues that they believe would be of interest to their fellows members should forward the particulars to the Secretary RPAT or Mr Tom Lahl, Vice President Southern Branch.

In the New South Wales RPA Gazette, autumn addition, there is an article on 'Centrelink Supplement of Police Pensions'. The President has indicated that the NSW RPA is working with Mr Mark Burgess, CEO of the Police Federation, on this matter because this is obviously an Australian wide issue. There appears to be an inconsistency in that the Government has determined that the Defence Force retirees were not to be impacted but every Public service, including, and especially former Police, were. NSW RPA will keep us advised of any progress or change of Government policy in this matter.

I would like to thank the committee for their continued efforts and initiatives. It is through their work ethic that the RPA has continued to thrive and so serve its members.

There have been a number of reports of our members and or their partners suffering from ill health. I wish those people a quick recovery. For those members and or partners who have lost loved ones I offer my condolences.

*David J Fleming, President*

### Kenneth Shaw (Police Officer)

Did you know him? Do you know where his family are now living. Wife was Judith (now about 76 years old) In 1982 he was kicked in the leg at the TCA Ground. He died the following day.

He is being considered for possible inclusion on the Police Memorial in Canberra.

Information to Sandra Harvey, Librarian at Police Academy. Phone 6173 2068

email <mailto:Sandra.Harvey@police.tas.gov.au>

## Vale Beth Ashlin 24 July 1931 – 17 April 2016

I'm sure that a number of you would have noted the passing of former policewoman Beth Ashlin on Sunday 17 April last, aged 85.

Beth was the daughter of Ella Blanche and Arthur Stanley Ashlin and the last surviving child of six brothers and two sisters.

Growing up on an orchard property, one of Beth's childhood recollections was the story of the apple that shared its name with their grandmother. Orchardist William Ebenezer Ashlin, her grandfather, developed the well-known Geeveston Fanny apple, naming it after his wife, Fanny (1858-1937) a descendant of Geeveston founder, William Geeves.

Beth's working life began as a junior teacher at Geeveston Area School on 9 April 1947. She attended Launceston Teachers College in 1948 and prior to joining the police force, was teaching at Bowen Road School.

Beth was also a lieutenant in the Citizen Military Forces, which she joined in January 1955. She was put on the retired list in 1968.

Brother, Barry, and an uncle, Eric Patterson, had both served as policemen and this had some bearing on Beth's decision to follow suit on 19 November 1956.

The young teacher saw policing as a release from a 'four-walled' environment as well as providing a good career path, although at the time, Beth's ambition was frustrated by the age prerequisite - policewomen had to be 25 years of age to join. By this age they were considered to be more mature and therefore suitable for the work.

The social welfare role carried out by women police was not what Beth expected or desired. Her wish, in common with some others, was to do 'police work'. In the 1950's, policewomen were not permitted to work night shift, carried neither baton, nor handcuffs and had, as their only weapon, their tongue, said Beth.

At the time of her appointment there were seven policewomen in the State, five in Hobart, one in Launceston and one in Devonport. There was a senior constable in Hobart and Launceston and the others were constables.

Policewomen, said Beth, were not put into positions where 'something might happen', and although they were occasionally called upon by the C.I.B. to interview women, they were usually kept well away from things.

Beth regarded the worst aspects as the mundaneness of dealing with women, kids, and shoplifters; being thought of as 'silly'; and the all too obvious feeling that they were viewed (and treated) as threats to the male members.

Nonetheless, Beth chalked up a high commendation by 1959 and was to be commended on two further occasions.

The greatest single change in policing from the point of view of a woman working in that environment was when full integration came, and women were finally given a chance. It was a chance that this determined woman seized with both hands.

In a career which spanned 30 years, Beth was the first policewoman to receive a National Medal in October 1977, but the highlight was her promotion to the rank of inspector on 11 May 1978, the first female to attain this rank. For Beth, this achievement produced a feeling of great pride and may be described as being against the odds in what was still a very much male-dominated environment.

Beth saw this as a real incentive for women, and a personal triumph for one who 'couldn't cut the mustard', in the words of her detractors.

In 1979 she made police history by being one of the first two

policewomen to attend the Officers' Course at the Australian Police College, Manly, New South Wales. Together with Victorian, Inspector Barbara Oldfield, Beth completed the Nineteenth Officers' Training Course (6 August - 26 October 1979). Fellow Inspector Ray Guy of Tasmania accompanied her.

In 1975, Beth spent 3 weeks in Melbourne studying the process of the integration of females in the Victoria Police Force. In Tasmania, full integration was achieved in early 1976, and was announced in the Department's Annual Report for 1975-1976.

As for role models, Beth recalled the 'strict but caring character' of Ray Ryan, whom she described as a 'decent man'. Rex Salter, too, was 'a fine man, an excellent officer, and a fair man who cared for his staff.'

Beth served in Hobart, Devonport and Burnie (temporary), achieving promotions in 1964 (Senior Constable), 1971 (Sergeant) and 1978 (Inspector).

Her last posting was to Management Services, Planning and Research (Remember "Scheming and Dreaming"?) in 1977.

Beth Ashlin retired on 31 December 1986. She has earned her place in Tasmania Police history and will be remembered for her strength and unwavering ambition in an organisation that was still coming to grips with the changing role of women in its ranks.

*(Prepared for RPAT by Honorary Historian Darcy Erwin)*



First-grade Sergeant Beth Ashlin wearing her National Medal in 1977

A little girl asked her father, "Daddy? Do all Fairy Tales begin with 'Once Upon A Time'?"

He replied, "No. There are a whole series of Fairy Tales that begin with 'if elected I promise'!"



## QUEENSLAND NEWS

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 we held the first luncheon / get together for Queensland / NSW based RPAT members, and any holidaying RPAT members in the area. Our first function was held in the Brisbane area, at the Geebung-Zillmere RSL club and was attended by five RPAT members and two of our partners. A number of apologies were also received from members unable to attend on this occasion.



(from left) Tony Grundgeiger, Julie and Gary Eastwood, Jessica and Don O'Garey, Dale Watson and John Blue.

The get together embodied many of the objectives of the RPAT and allowed for an opportunity to relax, enjoy each others company and reminisce and all attendees enjoyed the lunch. The plan is to hold such gatherings on a regular basis throughout the year and share the venues between Brisbane, the Greater Gold Coast / Northern NSW area and the Sunshine Coast.

The remaining Queensland/NSW functions for 2016 are:

**11.30am (for lunch) on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016**, at the Alexandra Headland Surf Club, situated at 167 Alexandra Parade, Alexandra Headland. Alexandra Headland is situated on the Sunshine Coast midway between Mooloolaba and Maroochdore.

**11.30am (for lunch) on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016**, (specific venue to be determined/advised), in the greater Gold Coast area.

### Is free antivirus software as good as paid antivirus software?"

I'm frequently asked, "should I get a commercial/paid antivirus program or are the free programs okay?" My answer is generally the same ("free is fine") but to give you a clearer picture this article is dedicated to the pros and cons of paid and free antivirus software.

From the outset, I cannot stress enough how important it is for PC users to keep their antivirus software running and up to date. Windows users are particularly susceptible to virus/malware infections.

I recently read an article where security firm, Symantec, stated that there were 36,000 new threats released onto the internet every hour! This is a disturbing figure and continues to grow. In the US alone it is estimated that cybercrime will cost the US economy 2 trillion dollars by 2019. Scary stuff!

So we've established that keeping your antivirus up to date is important if you want to keep your bank details, personal data and other information safe. Given the choice then, why would someone use paid antivirus software when free versions are available?



I personally use a free antivirus program and the more reputable free programs include **Avast, AVG, Avira, Panda and Bitdefender (Free)**.

The benefits of a **paid** antivirus program, compared to free versions, include:

**Technical support** – if things go wrong or you require assistance with your program, paid programs usually offer support by the experts, free versions don't.

**Detection rates** in paid products are slightly better. Results vary between testing companies but I've noticed that free products are around 3-4% less effective than paid products (97% vs 94%).

**Regular updates** – paid products tend to upgrade more frequently than free versions. This allows

your PC to more effectively monitor for newly created 'nasties'.

**More comprehensive cover** – there's more to security than antivirus. Other issues such as Malware, Ransomware and Phishing protection are generally missing from free products.

The above benefits may or may not be relevant, especially if you have sufficient computer knowledge to combat the daily threat of virus and malware attacks using free products.

For those with little or no security knowledge who just want to be safe on-line, paid products these days are cheap, easy to install and go about their business automatically without requiring your input. Some of the more capable paid/commercial programs include **Norton, Bitdefender, Kaspersky and Trend Micro**.

As for the choice between antivirus programs and internet security programs, I'll have to leave that to another article.

#### Happy and safe surfing!

*This article was prepared by former TasPol Sergeant, Andrew Fitzgerald. Andrew currently operates a domestic IT support service which has been in operation for three years. Andrew is a keen IT enthusiast (8 years) having setup TasPol's Telecommunications Interception section with former TasPol Inspector, Hank Timmerman, in 2005. Andrew welcomes any enquires from RPAT members and can be contacted by mobile on 0418 171 761 or [oopscomputers@yahoo.com.au](mailto:oopscomputers@yahoo.com.au)*

Finding a woman sobbing that she had locked her keys in her car, a passing soldier assures her that he can help.

She looks on amazed as he removes his trousers, rolls them into a tight ball and rubs them against the car door.

Magically it opens.

"That's so clever," the woman gasps. "How did you do it?"

"Easy," replies the man. "These are my khakis".

## **NORTH WEST BRANCH** (57 Members)

### **Next Function is:-**

**21<sup>st</sup> September 2016** (Wednesday)

*12md for 12:30pm*

N.W.Branch Lunch meeting  
at Devonport RSL

RSVP to Rockie Lee phone 0427 870 964 or  
*Email to [rockielee@bigpond.com](mailto:rockielee@bigpond.com)*

### **Errata—Tour de Transplant Cycle Race**

We reported in the April Newsletter that Kylie Fleming covered the 600Km ride.

Unfortunately the gremlins got into the typing and we reported that Kylie raise \$400. This should have read \$4,000.

Apologies to Kylie, and congratulations to all the riders. The money raised goes to assist with accommodation costs of heart and lung transplant recipients and their carers while in Melbourne.

Total raised was in the excess of \$176,000.00.

*When you get a bladder infection urine trouble*

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger  
— then it hit me.

*Why were the Indians here first?*

*Well they had reservations didn't they.*

I just didn't like my beard at first —  
but then it grew on me.

*"Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new.  
They'll stretch after you wear them a while."*

## **The Coin & Stamp Place**



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## **MEMBERSHIP & WELFARE**

RPAT has 475 members

Recent new members—Bill Jewell; Bill Wynwood; John Hinchin; Tony Buckingham; Glen Lathey; Jennifer Lathey & Alan Wood.

**Deaths** (since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016) -

Beth Ashlin; Garlan (Garl) Henry Bryan;

**Sick and Rehabilitating**

Malcolm Viney; Jim Davidson;

## **Melbourne Olympics 1956**

Do you know anyone who worked or trained with Mervyn Woods (later Commissioner) and Murray Riley in the lead up to the rowing at the 1956 Olympics?

Academy Librarian Sandra Harvey Ph. 6173 2068 has a request from journalist Alain Coltier (who writes for a French sports Journal) for information about the two NSW Police Officers. Contact:-

[alain.coltier@gmail.com](mailto:alain.coltier@gmail.com) <<mailto:alain.coltier@gmail.com>>

[Sandra.Harvey@police.tas.gov.au](mailto:Sandra.Harvey@police.tas.gov.au)

## **Gretna Green Hotel Luncheon**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016. at 12 noon is the annual Luncheon at the Gretna Hotel.

**RSVP to Phil or Colleen Sharpe on 6286 1332** by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

### **What goes on at Gretna??**

*Phil & Colleen bought a new fridge for the hotel.*

*To get rid of their old fridge, they put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying: 'Free to good home. You want it, you take it.'*

*For three days the fridge sat there without anyone looking twice.*

*They eventually decided that people were too mistrustful of this good deal.*

*So they changed the sign to read: 'Fridge for sale \$50.'*

***The next day someone stole it!***

### **Computer Assistance**

RPAT member Andrew Fitzgerald runs a Home Computer Service, and offers RPAT members a reduced hourly rate, of \$70 for the 1st hour and \$35 per 30 minutes thereafter. Andrew can remotely connect to PCs with an internet connection, services he provides include:

- Virus and Hardware removal
- Hardware and software repair & replacement
- Operating system repair & replacement
- New system set up & recommendations
- Equipment set up, hard drive - printers etc
- Internet set up and on line coaching
- Data recovery and back up solutions
- Email account creation and client program set up
- Cloud storage solutions and set up

**Contact Andrew on 0479 153 336, or  
[oopscomputers@yahoo.com.au](mailto:oopscomputers@yahoo.com.au)**



# The Tasmania Police Museum

Cruickshank Building at 28 Bathurst Street, Hobart  
(Opposite Scots Church)  
Open each Tuesday 9am to 12 noon  
**Contact**—Russ Ames (0448 187 621)  
Email [russames@bigpond.com](mailto:russames@bigpond.com)

## Do you remember?

The Police Museum has on display an old Harley Davidson motorcycle and sidecar outfit. This is typical of the motorcycles purchased from 1936 when Tasmania Police began the process of mechanising the Force. They were issued mainly to country stations to replace the horses of mounted Troopers, used up until that time.

The 1938-39 Annual Report states that by 1 July 1939 there were 80 motorcycles and sidecars in use by the Department. A large number of Harley Davidson motorcycle and sidecar units were purchased as ex-military stock following the Second World War.

The motorcycle and sidecar in the Police Museum is believed to have been issued to the police officers on Flinders Island during the 1940's and 50's. The motorcycle and sidecar were restored at the police garage in 1981 and was on display at the Rokeby Police Academy for many years before being transferred to the Police Museum.



*The motorcycle before and after restoration in the Police museum*



## PARTNERS NIGHT

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Police Academy

Time—6:30pm for 7:00pm

3 piece band to dance the night away to.

RSVP no later than

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September

To Secretary Syd McClymont 0407 847 718  
Email [smcclymont@bigpond.com](mailto:smcclymont@bigpond.com); or  
Executive Committee member Michelle Powell 0417 560 551;  
[mpowell@bigpond.com](mailto:mpowell@bigpond.com)

## Queens Birthday Honours

Congratulations to:-

**Russ Ames**, Order of Australia Medal (OAM);

**Tim Dooley**, Australia Police Medal (APM);

*(more information in next Newsletter)*

## Question

After a day full of accidents and mistakes, my co-worker had had it.

"Why," he cried out in exasperation, "do things that happen to stupid people keep happening to me?!"

## **Retirement Days**

*Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting.*

*Well, for example, the other day Marion, my wife and I went into town and visited a shop.*

*We were only in there for about 5 minutes.*

*When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket.*

*We went up to him and I said, 'Come on, man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?'*

*He ignored us and continued writing the ticket.*

*I called him a daft idiot.*

*He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn-out tyres.*

*So Marion called him a s#\*t head.*

*He finished the second ticket and put it on the windscreen with the first.*

*Then he started writing a third ticket.*

*This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote.*

*Just then our bus arrived, and we got on it and went home.*

*We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's important at our age.*

## NORTHERN BRANCH (82 Members)

**Vice President** (and replies to) Jim Byrne (0419 331 490)  
email: [jamesby@bigpond.com](mailto:jamesby@bigpond.com)

**Northern Branch** meets  
every first Wednesday of the month  
Noon for 12:30pm at the Riverside Motor Inn.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July** Time 11:30am for 12 noon  
Northern Commissioners Lunch (includes partners)  
**Where??** **Riverside Golf Club**  
**RSVP—11<sup>th</sup> July** (to Vice President.) Cost \$35 per head.

Blonde goes to shop to buy curtains.  
She says to the salesman,  
*'I would like to buy a pair of pink curtains.'*  
The salesman shows her several patterns then he asks  
her what size curtains do you need ?  
The blonde promptly replies, *'Seventeen inches.'*  
*'Seventeen inches?'* asked the salesman. *'That sounds  
very small, what room are they for !?'*  
The blonde says, *'they aren't for a room, they are for my  
new computer monitor.'*  
The surprised salesman replies, *'But Miss, computers  
don't need curtains!'*  
The blonde says: *'Helloooo . mine has Windows..... !!'*

Murphy says to Paddy, "What ya talkin into an envelope for?"  
"I'm sending a voicemail ya fool!"

*19 paddies go to the cinema, the ticket lady asks "Why so  
many of you?" Mick replies, "The film said 18 or over."*

I was driving this morning when I saw a parked RACT van. The  
driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable.  
I thought to myself, that guy's heading for a breakdown.

*I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most  
people die of natural causes.*

### Brain Power

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. 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?"

## Services Guide

### 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.

### 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](mailto:vcwc@outlook.com.au) All members are invited to call in  
and see his group at work.

### RPAT Merchandise

For a wide range of RPAT merchandise such as shirts,  
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Committee Member Andy Beasant on (03) 6259 5755  
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An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a  
number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was  
able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the  
gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and  
the doctor said, *'Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be  
really pleased that you can hear again.'*

The gentleman replied, *'Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just  
sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my  
will three times!'*



**This is what happens when  
your kids take away your car keys!!!!**



## SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

1:00pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at RAAF Association Building, Hobart

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and vote upon a new Constitution or *RULES* to be adopted for the Retired Police Association of Tasmania.

Legal advice obtained in 2015 indicated that the Association had an exposure to litigation when conducting social or other events.

The Incorporations Office indicated the current Constitution was unsuitable and needed to be replaced with a set of Model *Rules* as set out in the Incorporations Act. This document was subsequently drafted and circulated to all members earlier this year.

Several members made suggestions for amendments which have been included in the latest edition of the document.

Once passed the new *RULES* may be lodged with the Incorporations Office with our application to Incorporate. Once accepted, our exposure to litigation is limited to \$1.00.

The meeting is to take place at **RAAF Association Club Rooms at 61 Davey Street, Hobart** at the above listed time and date. This building permits attending members to be served with refreshments and snacks following the meeting.

Members are reminded that only financial members are entitled to vote. A member is deemed unfinancial if their membership dues are more than 10 months in arrears. Refer Section 8 of the current Constitution.

If you are intending to attend it is necessary to advise the Secretary of your intention by Friday 22 July for catering purposes.

Syd McClymont  
Hon. Secretary

**Note**—any member wishing to access and view the final version of the draft rules may do so by accessing the Police Department website where the draft rules have been posted for members consideration in the Useful links - RPAT section, alternatively that site may be accessed direct by clicking on the below blue line link.

### **Note—re Transport:-**

North Western Vice President Rockie Lee is examining the feasibility of hiring a bus if there are sufficient Northwest and Northern members wishing to attend.

The bus would travel to Hobart from the Northwest via Launceston and return that same evening.

If you are interested contact Rockie direct.

(mobile 0427 870 964 or email rockielee@bigpond.com.)

## Do you know how to help our Hospitality Students???

Drysdale is the TasTAFE training school for hospitality staff. Drysdale has 3 restaurants in the state at Hobart, Launceston and Burnie which are open to the public during school term; Wednesday to Friday. Depending on the location, breakfast and/or lunch are available.

Student chefs prepare fine cuisine which is served by trainee waiting staff, overseen by teams of professional staff.

**Lunch prices;** Entrees \$10, Mains \$18, Dessert \$10. Good quality wine, \$6-8 a glass.

**Reservations are recommended.** Advise if there are any dietary requirements.

Group and Senior Card Discounts are available on request.

To view the website for all three restaurants [www.tastafe.tas.edu.au/about/dining-at-drysdale](http://www.tastafe.tas.edu.au/about/dining-at-drysdale).

### **Dining at Drysdale (South)**

59 Collins Street, Hobart

For bookings, call 6165 5947

### **Dining at Drysdale (North)**

93 Paterson Street, Launceston

For bookings call 6777 2482

### **Dining at Drysdale (North West)**

20 Valley Road, Devonport

For bookings, call 6478 4263

If you need further information contact :-

Executive Committee member Michelle Powell 0417 560 551 or

email [mpowell@bigpond.com](mailto:mpowell@bigpond.com)

## Services Guide

### **Hospitality**

#### **Gretna Green Hotel.**

Contact Phil and Colleen Sharpe on 6286 1332

#### **Wilderness Hotel.** Derwent Bridge.

Contact Dave and Carol Fitzgibbon on 6289 1144

#### **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](mailto: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.

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

*I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave.*

*As I was standing there I noticed four grave diggers walking about with a coffin, 3 hours later and they're still walking about with it.*

*I thought to myself, they've lost the plot!!*

*What happens if you get scared half to death.....  
twice ??*

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