



# NEWSLETTER

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### Diary Dates 2016

- 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016** (Friday 6:30pm) *Partners Night at Police Academy—* **CANCELLED due to lack of interest.**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016** (Wednesday—noon)  
Northern Branch Monthly Meeting at Riverside Motel
- 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016** (Monday) 11:30am  
Ye Old Traffic Polite Men at the Black Buffalo Hotel
- 24<sup>th</sup> November** (Thursday - 11:30am)  
Surfers Paradise RSL, Queensland
- 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016** (Tuesday) from 10am  
Commissioners Lunch and AGM at Police Academy
- 7<sup>th</sup> December** (Wednesday—noon)  
Northern Branch Monthly Meeting at Riverside Motel
- 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016** (Wednesday) - 11:30am  
Northern AGM & Christmas Luncheon at Riverside Golf Club
- 4<sup>th</sup> January** (Wednesday—noon)  
Northern Branch Monthly Meeting at Riverside Motel
- 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017** (Sunday 11am)  
North West Branch Barbecue at Turners Beach
- 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017** (Wednesday) 12md for 12:30pm  
N.W. Branch Lunch (Location to be advised)
- 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017** (Wednesday—noon)  
Commissioner's Northern Luncheon at Riverside Golf Club
- 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017** (Wednesday) 12md for 12:30pm  
North West Branch Lunch (Location to be advised)

Paddy, the electrician, got sacked from the U.S. prison service for not servicing the electric chair.  
He said in his professional opinion it was a death trap!

### *Ye Old Traffic Polite Men*

**Hi All Members**

**You are invited to attend our next function.**

*At our last function in November 2015 we had 45 members attend.*

*The next function is:*

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

**DATE: Monday 21 November 2016**

**TIME: 11.30am**

**COST:** Gold Coin. All profits from this function will be donated to Prostate Cancer Research. (\$930 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 21 November 2016**

**RSVP** Thursday 17 November 2016 to:-  
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Mobile 0418 103 719 or

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Brian Bick 03 6239 9380 or

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**EVERY BODY IS WELCOME**

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## MESSAGE FROM NORTH OF BASS STRAIT



On the 25<sup>th</sup> August the RPAT held the second Queensland based function for members living or visiting the area. The luncheon was held at the Alexandra Headlands Surf Club (between Mooloolaba and Maroochydore) on the Sunshine Coast and was attended by eighteen members and partners.

There was a nice mix of members who now live in Queensland and those who are escaping the Tasmanian Winter and were enjoying the sunny 25 degree day as a part of their holiday.

Locals included Ken Maroney, Peter Gibson and his partner Kerrie, Tony Grungeiger, Paul Kethro and Gary Eastwood and his wife Julie.

Holiday makers attending were Dale Watson and his wife Gail, who split their time between Hobart and Brisbane. Pat Groves who was in Brisbane on family matters but was able to travel up for the lunch.

Ken Walsh and his wife Ros, who spend eight months of the year in the area. Barry Nelsen and his wife Julie, who travelled back up from Surfers Paradise to attend the lunch, having already passed through the Sunshine Coast on their way home. George Johns and his wife Jean, who now spend three months of the year in the area having originally lived in Queensland for seven years immediately after his retirement. Paul Gray and his wife Gwen, who also come up each year for three to four months.

The next Queensland function is scheduled for **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November** (11:30am for 12:30pm) at the Surfers Paradise RSL, Levels 1 & 2, 9 Beach Road, Surfers Paradise. (RSVP by 17<sup>th</sup> November and more information—phone Gary on 0414 933 917 –email garyandjulie@me.com or rpatas1@gmail.com)



(seated from left to right) Gwen Gray, Julie Eastwood, Tony Grundgeiger, Paul Kethro, Ken Maroney, Jean Johns and Ros Walsh. (Standing Left to right) Julie Nelsen, Gail Watson, Barry Nelsen, Gary Eastwood, Pat Groves, Ken Walsh, George Johns, Peter Gibson and Kerrie, Paul Gray and Dale Watson.



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*An Asian fellow has moved in next door.*

*He has travelled the world, swum with sharks, wrestled bears  
and climbed the highest mountain.*

*It came as no surprise to learn his name was Bindair Dundat.*

### 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
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- Cloud storage solutions and set up

**Contact Andrew on 0479 153 336, or  
oopscomputers@yahoo.com.au**



## Elizabeth Hughes

From her comfortable apartment at Derwent Water on Cadbury Estate, Elizabeth Hughes enjoys a view from her living room that would be the envy of many.

She is content and looks back on what she describes as “an ordinary life”.

Originally from Lochgelly, Scotland, a small town in Fife, Betty was one of four children.

The family migrated to Tasmania when she was a child. Her schooling took place at the Campbell Street School in Hobart and like many others, she was out in the workforce by the time she was 14. At that time, people were grateful for almost any employment and one of her first jobs was in the kitchen of a cafeteria.

She later progressed from there to dressmaking, and eventually to Bidendopes, a tailoring firm where she served her apprenticeship. She stayed with them for some 20 years, during which time she returned to Scotland to visit relatives. She still has family in Scotland today.

As time went on, the tailoring trade experienced a decline, leading Betty to contemplate a change of employment, but this was an era when there were few opportunities.

Perhaps it was the chance remark from a cousin who suggested the police force and added that, “They’re always looking for tall women” that steered her mind towards the Police Force.

Betty joined as a special constable at Hobart on 2 July 1964, joining eight other policewomen and a special constable. On 18 March 1966, when she achieved the status of constable, there were 10 policewomen and one special constable who had been appointed only three days before.

Later that year she was transferred to Devonport, returning to Hobart in 1967.

In the following year Betty became the first woman in Australia to be selected in a police interstate rifle-shooting team when she represented Tasmania.

She was later to become club secretary.



By 1972, she was a sergeant and transferred to the CIB on 8 January of the following year as Tasmania’s first female detective.

At that time there were 91 CIB personnel in the State, 34 of them in Hobart, in addition to 16 personnel who dealt with matters related to licensing and/or gaming.

So, when Betty Hughes became the first female police officer to work within the CIB in Tasmania, she was thrown into an all male domain which at times made her working life somewhat difficult.

She loved the work to begin with and recalls that one of her first jobs involved duty at the opening of Wrest Point Casino on 10 February 1973, an event which was televised throughout Australia.

However, as time went by, Betty never really lost the feeling that she was not accepted. Her last couple of years saw her working from a windowless office at CIB headquarters, in premises above the pizza parlour in Macquarie Street. It was time to go and she resigned on 31 December 1984, after 20 years in the job.

All in all, it had been an exciting time; a taste of a very varied career, but one in which females were yet to be fully integrated, or for that matter, accepted. This would come a little later.

She now looks back on an enjoyable career which saw her commended in 1975 and the recipient of the National Police Medal on 5 November 1979.

An ordinary life? I don’t think so.

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

## 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.

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## SOUTHERN BRANCH 291 Members



*On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 22 RPAT Members had a very pleasurable cruise on the ML Egeria on the River Derwent followed by a meal at the Lindisfarne RSL.*

*On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 15 members enjoyed a meal at the Gretna Green Hotel with mine hosts Phil & Colleen Sharpe.*



### **"Ransomware, what is that and why is it on my computer?"**

Some of you may have heard of 'Ransomware', most of you probably haven't. For a small percentage of you, this nasty little piece of software introduced itself to you via an unexpected message on your screen.

In short, Ransomware is a malicious software program that encrypts your data and then sends you a ransom note declaring, "We have encrypted your data and you have 24 hours to pay \$600 at which time we will send you an encryption key to de-crypt your data." If the ransom is not paid the data remains locked down. If it is paid, owners MAY be provided with the decryption key, however some owners don't receive the key after payment. As you can imagine, this type of cybercrime activity is making lots of easy money for the crooks. Should you pay the ransom? That's up to you, but I'm not going to encourage the cyber goons by paying up. If no one paid the whole scheme would fall apart.

How does it get on to your computer? Basically, it can be downloaded as part of a legitimate file (Trojan) or may be embedded in an email. Once on your system, it goes to work encrypting your personal data. Once you realise what's happened, you try to open a file containing your documents, photos, music, etc and nothing happens.

I've encountered this malicious program on only two systems in the past 3 years, but the data, to date, remains locked down and cannot be accessed. What are the chances of being stung by this program? In 2013 ransomware infected tens of thousands of systems worldwide. Since then two other versions have been

launched and caused similar havoc. Security companies are quick to identify viruses and issue updates to combat these programs, but anticipating what's around the corner is difficult.

The chances of your computer (Windows, iOS or android device) being infected by Ransomware are low these days, but devastating if it happens. So what can you do to minimise the chances?

*Keep your security software up to date. When launching on to the net for the first time, get your security software to update itself so that you have the best protection against the latest threats; and /or*

*Back up your data! If a copy of your data is kept separately on an external hard drive and your system becomes infected, the primary purpose of the encryption is lost as you have a copy of your personal data elsewhere (you haven't lost anything). There are so many advantages to backing up your data (I'll discuss these at a later time), and this includes protection against Ransomware. Once backed up, disconnect your external hard drive from your system as the virus can infect and encrypt devices plugged in to your system.*

**Safe surfing and remember – back up your data!!!!**



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



Ray was employed by Tasmania Police, at the age of 37 years, as a Special Constable from 8<sup>th</sup> November 1965.

He followed several of his work mates from City Motors, Launceston to the Launceston Transport Section. Ray was employed as a Motor Mechanic.

It did not take long before he became a Police Driver. He had an excellent knowledge of the streets in the Launceston area and was very reliable.

He did not need a Road Atlas of Launceston as he knew the location of every street and the shortest way to get there.

Ray enjoyed five years of being a Police Driver and during this period he gained the respect and friendship of all members of Police Force, from the Commissioner down.

He then undertook Technical duties in the Launceston Transport Section, where his main job was repairing, servicing and looking after the Launceston Motor Cycle Fleet.



*Ray Dennis*  
12.3.1928 – 21.8.2016

Ray was promoted to First Class Constable, Second Grade in June 1981.

Ray enjoyed a joke, as well as an amazing memory. He knew the Christian names of all Police Officers and Public Service employees in the North (and other parts) of the State.

Ray was awarded the National Medal in June 1981 and retired from Tasmania Police on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 1988 after 23 years loyal service.

Before taking sick Ray, with his wife Maisie, used to enjoy attending the Northern Branch's Monthly luncheon at the Riverside Hotel and the Yearly Northern Commissioner's Luncheon at the Riverside Golf Club.

Although Ray's Service of Record, with Tasmania was brief, one entry in the record stood out which I will share with you.

Ray has been described as a most willing worker, reliable, honest and always immaculately dressed and clean, and a great team man with shrewd perception.

## Call the Doctor

RPAT member Jon FORD, has provided the following information concerning an employment opportunity for RPAT members as a driver / assistant with the 'Call the Doctor' organisation. At the moment the services are provided predominantly in the Hobart area, but if you wish to extend an expression of interest in other areas I am sure the organisation would record same for future expansion.

Due to expanding operations Call the Doctor is looking for casual Driver / Assistants to join the team in providing a first class after hours home visit doctor service.

### What is Call the Doctor?

We are a Tasmanian owned and operated service that provides doctor home visits after hours. This means mornings, evenings / nights, weekends and public holidays. GP clinics usually operate during normal business hours, but people don't stop needing the service of a doctor out of those hours. Call the Doctor will visit a caller's home and provide a consultation in the home. The service is bulk billed for holders of Medicare and DVA cards.

### What would I be doing?

Call the Doctor visiting teams consist of a doctor and a driver / assistant. The doctor, of course, provides the medical service, while the driver safely transports the doctor to each visit, taken from a list generated by the Call the Doctor reception staff. There are also some administrative tasks involved with a visit that the driver is expected to undertake. Vehicle, laptop, phone, GPS and other equipment and administrative support is provided by Call the Doctor.

### What are the working hours?

As stated, the service is provided out of hours so, in general, working hours are between 5am and 8:30 am, or 5pm and 2 am on weekdays and throughout the day on weekends and public holidays.

### Want to find out more?

Contact Gill Smith - [gillsmith@call-the-doctor.com.au](mailto:gillsmith@call-the-doctor.com.au)

## MEMBERSHIP & WELFARE

### DO YOU KNOW OF ANY RPAT MEMBER WHO IS SICK AND/OR IN HOSPITAL??

Did you let your Vice President know?

If your Vice President knows he will organise someone to visit the sick member.

### We do care for all retired officers who are in poor health

#### Who are your Vice Presidents?

(South) **Tom Lahl** (03) 6229 5929  
tom.lahl1@bigpond.com

(North) **Jim Byrne** (03) 6344 8291  
jamesby@bigpond.com

(North West) **Rockie Lee** 0427 870 964  
rockiejlee@bigpond.com

President Dave Flemming (03) 6229 7490  
davefl@bigpond.net.au

Secretary Syd McClymont 0407 847 718  
smcclymont@bigpond.com

### RPAT has 475 members

#### Deaths (since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016) -

Kevin Wells; Ray Dennis; Charles Johnston;  
Peter Cherry, and Tony (Anthony) Porter

## Services Guide

### 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

# The Tasmania Police Museum

Tasmania Police Museum - 28 Bathurst Street, Hobart

Open Tuesdays 9am - 12 midday or by appointment - phone Museum Curator on 0448 187 621

For family history research requests email [russames@bigpond.com](mailto:russames@bigpond.com)



The Tasmania Police Museum tells the story of the history of policing in Tasmania through a collection of motorcycles, photographs, uniforms, equipment and records.

The volunteer curators can also do research on the careers of past officers dating back to 1804.

The museum attracts local, national and international visitors – especially those with a keen interest in policing.

One of the volunteer co-ordinators, Sgt Tony Grincas, said the museum had grown over the years. "Our purpose is to record, collect, preserve and display police items of historical interest."

"From humble beginnings in 2005 we now have an extensive collection of items, including BMW, Kawasaki and Harley Davidson and sidecar motorcycles," he said.

The museum is open each Tuesday between 9am-12pm and at other times (other than weekends) by appointment. There is no entry fee although visitors wishing to drop a coin or two in the donation tin may do so.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Tasmania Police Historical Group can contact [tony.grincas@police.tas.gov.au](mailto:tony.grincas@police.tas.gov.au) for more information.

Don't forget to check out the Tasmania Police Museum Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Tasmania-Police-Museum-595635173800524/>

## NORTH WEST BRANCH (57 Members)



Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September saw 29 Members at The Bass & Flinders Motel, Ulverstone for the regular North West Branch meeting.

It was one of their best attendances and it was the first time at the venue.

All attending were more than satisfied with the venue. It was a very pleasant day.

Congratulations to Vice President Rockie Lee for planning the function.

Next proposed event is a barbecue at Turners Beach on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February (11am). Next Branch meeting is Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, (noon for 12:30pm). Venue to be advised)





# QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS



Commander Tim Dooley (APM)

Commander Dooley was promoted to the rank of Commander in charge of the Western District in December 2015.

Commander Dooley joined Tasmania Police in February 1984 at the age of 18, and was promoted to the rank of Inspector in 2004.

Before being appointed Commander, Mr Dooley

was Detective Inspector at Glenorchy CIB where he led and had oversight of serious criminal investigations. Prior to that, he conducted duties at Internal Investigation, Hobart Uniform Division; and Training Services at the Academy.

"As Commander, Mr Dooley has demonstrated high-level skills. He has extensive experience in emergency management, serious crime investigation, special response and counter terrorism and executive support," said Commissioner Darren Hine.

Commander Dooley has demonstrated leadership skills with the ability to cultivate a cohesive, collaborative and productive work environment.

"I offer my sincere congratulations to Commander Dooley," Commissioner Hine said.

"He is highly regarded and very well-respected among his peers.

"The recent floods and fires highlighted his emergency management skills.

"He has high level liaison, conflict resolution and negotiation skills combined with a demonstrated ability to be flexible and accepting of new challenges, making him an excellent choice for Commander and a well deserving recipient of the Australian Police Medal for 2016."

Russell Stanford Ames (Order of Australia Medal), of Mt Stuart for services to historical organisations, and to the community of Tasmania.

Former Tasmania Police -officer Russ Ames recognises the importance of preserving and displaying the force's history.

Mr. Ames became curator of the Tasmanian Police Museum about 10 years ago and was responsible for putting the museum together and making it accessible to the public.

"The aim of the museum is to tell the story of the development of policing in Tasmania," Mr. Ames said. "We've got a good collection of uniforms and badges, some of which go back to the 1860s, and medals and other interesting items." He was an inaugural member of the Tasmanian Police Service Pipe Band in 1969, and in 1975 he played at the Edinburgh Tattoo.

Mr. Ames joined the police force in 1964 after discharging from the navy. He retired in 1993 with the rank of inspector.

He said time spent serving in Papua New Guinea was a highlight, "though it was a bit frightening a couple of times".

Mr. Ames was the officer in charge of the Special Operations Group for five years, and worked as a senior private secretary and adviser to the office of the Tasmanian Minister for Police from 1994 to 1998.

He is also the author of several publications on the history of policing in Tasmania.



Russell Stanford Ames (OAM)

## PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Mick Cummins writes:

Hi, I am a retired Victoria Police member who assists ex members through a peer support program. We have in excess of 40 trained peers who volunteer their time for free to help. Our model is one of recommending GP/psychologists and a trained peer to provide ongoing support.. Our website is:-

<http://www.retiredpeersupport.com.au/>

Any funding to run the program is via The Police Association Victoria.

Could you please give consideration to posting it on your website. Geographically we are a long way from interstate jurisdictions but we might be able to provide help and service to any ex members through word of mouth and electronic means as well..

If you want to check our bona fides please contact President John Laird at TPA (Victoria).

Mick Cummins <[mick.safetyadvisor@gmail.com](mailto:mick.safetyadvisor@gmail.com)>

OHS On Site Advisor; mobile 0417882010

[OHSonsiteadvisor.com.au](http://OHSonsiteadvisor.com.au)

## 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, ties and caps contact :-

Committee Member Andy Beasant on (03) 6259 5755 or email [akbeasant1@bigpond.com](mailto:akbeasant1@bigpond.com)

## SUPERANNUATION

**From:** TASS Administration <[info@tass.org.au](mailto:info@tass.org.au)>

**Date:** 26 September 2016 at 8:58:14 am AEST

**To:** undisclosed-recipients;;

**Subject:** Superannuation changes a low blow Members

Here is the link (below) to today's Greg Barns article about the unfair changes affecting many of our members. Pass it on to your friends and ask them to join TASS. Let Government politicians know how unhappy you are and tell them you want this legislation reversed.

John Minchin, Secretary,

Tasmanian Association of State Superannuants Inc.

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<http://www.themercury.com.au/news/opinion/news-story/c8e7c63436d652d083c49b376e455fbc>

### GUNS ARE NOT DANGEROUS BUT CARELESS PEOPLE ARE

Early one morning Tom and Jerry were directed to attend a shooting. A man had been shot with a .22 calibre rifle and we were told he was in a serious condition in Princess Alexandra Hospital. They visited the scene and carried out their own crime scene investigation before calling the crime scene photographer. There wasn't much at the scene, just a .22 calibre rifle with a discharged cartridge in the breech and a torn piece of material on a wire on the floor.

At the hospital they found the victim sitting up in his bed. When interviewed he said he had begun cleaning his rifle but had forgotten to check to see if it was loaded. As he was wiping the stock one finger went into the trigger guard and discharged the rifle. The bullet entered under his chin through the soft flesh, passed behind his sinuses, between his eyes and exited at the top front of his forehead, missing all vital parts and there was little bleeding.

Medical staff virtually put band aids on the entry and exit points. Unbelievably, he was discharged after three days.

No action was taken against him because, as has been said many times, stupidity is not an offence.!!

*(Extract adapted from Logan-Beenleigh QRPA Newsletter)*

## EDITOR'S CURIOSITY

**Meetings**—The RPAT Newsletter publishes meetings that have been organised by the Association (usually by the Executive Committee.)

I am getting the impression that there are several other "unofficial" meetings where retired officers are getting together on a regular basis. I am of the opinion that this is good as it shows retired officers still get together after retirement.

Are you part of one of these groups? If so, when and where do you meet? Would you like other retired officers to join you? If so, what are your contact details so that I can pass the information onto others?

### Letters to the Editor

This is the fourth RPAT Newsletter I have prepared. I am thinking it is time for **YOU** to have an input to **YOUR** Newsletter. I am wondering whether there are any matters you would like to let other retired officers know about? Any issues?

How about sending me a "Letter to the Editor" that can be printed in a future issue of the RPAT Newsletter?

Information is required just prior to Christmas. Next Edition will be the second week in January.

I don't promise to publish every letter as it will depend on available space.

My contact details are:-

Roy Axelsen, (03) 6362 2865; 0418 326 792;  
email to:- [roy.axelsen@bigpond.com](mailto:roy.axelsen@bigpond.com)

Snail mail to:-

18 Meander Valley Road, Deloraine 7304.

*If you think health care is expensive now,  
wait until you see what it costs when it's free !*

## NSW Police announce plans to give former officers identity cards

**Former police officers are to be issued with identity cards they can carry around in their wallet to acknowledge their service.**

New South Wales Police plans to hand out the first ID cards by the end of the year.

Chair of NSW Police Legacy Acting Inspector Paul Bousfield said traditionally when officers left the force they were asked to return their identification (their warrant card).

"The retired police officer's identification card is a wonderful initiative because it returns the identify of a former police officer back to them," Acting Inspector Bousfield said.

Ex-police officers will be able to lodge their applications for a card at a police expo to be held in Sydney in October.

**Cards absolutely absurd: Council for Civil Liberties**

Stephen Blanks from the NSW Council for Civil Liberties described the plan as "extraordinary".

"The idea of issuing a card to former police officers is absolutely absurd.

"It is entirely predictable that it will be used by former police officers to get favours from shops and local businesses, who will feel intimidated into giving free goods and services because of a concern that putting a former police officer offside might

cause them trouble."

He said such a card could also be used to fool people into thinking the holder still held a position of authority.

"What other professions might ask for cards? Former university professor? Former politician?"

But Acting Inspector Bousfield said he had no concerns the cards could be misused and would not provide any perks to the owner.

"There's no benefit that could be derived from the card in terms of financial opportunities or preferential treatment," he said.

"It really is something that's precious to the owner."



## NORTHERN BRANCH (82 Members)



14th July saw about 50 members gather at the Riverside Golf Club for the Commissioners Northern Luncheon. There were several from the South and also the Northwest. It was a most enjoyable luncheon and fellowship.

### Northern Branch meets

every first Wednesday of the month  
noon for 12:30pm .....at the Riverside Motor Inn.

Next three meetings are on:- ,

2<sup>nd</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup> December and 4<sup>th</sup> January

### Christmas is Coming.

**What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party?**

Freeze a jolly good fellow

**Why did Santa's helper see the doctor?**

Because he had a low "elf" esteem!

**What is the best Christmas present in the world?**

A broken drum, you just can't beat it!

**What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?**

A Christmas Quacker!

Future Northern planned functions are:-

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Time 11:30am for 12 noon

### Northern AGM & Christmas Luncheon

(includes partners)

**Where??**

**Riverside Golf Club**

**RSVP—7<sup>th</sup> December** (to Vice President Jim.)

Cost \$35 per head

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Northern Commissioner's Luncheon

Where???.....Riverside Golf Club

**Vice President** (and replies to) **Jim Byrne** (0419 331 490)

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

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

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

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

*'YES!!' stated the waitress.*

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

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

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

*She took the two eggs home and baked a cake.*

**DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS!!!**

*We've been around the block more than once!*

## Domestic Problems — can be interesting

She spent the **first day** packing her belongings into boxes, crates and suitcases.

On the **second day**, the removal firm came and collected her things.

On the **third day**, she sat down for the last time at their beautiful dining room table by candle-light, put on some soft background music, and feasted on a pound of prawns, a jar of caviar, and a bottle of spring-water.

When she had finished, she went into each and every room and deposited a few half-eaten prawn shells dipped in caviar into the hollow of the curtain rods. She then cleaned up the kitchen and left.

When the husband returned with his new girlfriend, all was bliss for the first few days.

Then slowly, the house began to smell.

They tried everything; cleaning, mopping and airing the place out.

Vents were checked for dead rodents and carpets were steam cleaned.

Air fresheners were hung everywhere. Exterminators were brought in to set off gas canisters, during which they had to move out for a few days and in the end they even paid to replace the expensive wool carpeting.

Nothing worked!!!

People stopped coming over to visit. Repairmen refused to work in the house.

The maid quit.

Finally, they could not take the stench any longer and decided to move.

A month later, even though they had cut their price in half, they could not find a buyer for their stinky house.

Word got out and eventually even the local estate agents refused to return their calls.

Finally, they had to borrow a huge sum of money from the bank to purchase a new place.

The ex-wife called the man and asked how things were going.

He told her the saga of the rotting house. She listened politely and said that she missed her old home terribly and would be willing to reduce her divorce settlement in exchange for getting the house back.

Knowing his ex-wife had no idea how bad the smell was, he agreed on a price that was about 1/10th of what the house had been worth, but only if she were to sign the papers that very day.

She agreed and within the hour his solicitor delivered the paperwork.

A week later the man and his girlfriend stood smiling as they watched the removal company pack everything to take to their new home.....

And to spite the ex-wife, they even took the curtain rods!!!!!!

I love a happy ending. Don't you?

## ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members are advised that vacancies will arise on the Executive Committee for 2017.

Any two financial members may nominate a financial member of the Association for a position on the Committee by submitting a nomination form, signed by the nominating members with the written consent of the nominee.

In accordance with Rule 33 this document must be lodged with the Secretary at least 10 days before the day on which the Annual General Meeting is to be held. Any enquiries may be directed to the Secretary.

(AGM will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016)

Honorary Secretary

(S.C.McClymont)

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Section 20 of the RULES, of the convening of the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Police Academy, Rokeby at **10am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016**.

The purpose of the meeting is to:-

1. confirm the minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting of December 2015 and the Special General Meeting of July 2016.

2. receive reports from the committee and auditor of the Associations' reports and transactions during the past year.

3. conduct an election to elect the officers and committee members of the Association.

(S.C.McClymont)  
Honorary Secretary

## MEDAL PRESENTATIONS

A number of National Police Service and Commissioner's Integrity Medals will be presented at two functions to be held in December 2016.

Both members and non-members of the Retired Police Association of Tasmania Inc. who are recipients of these awards are invited to one of the following functions to be presented with their medal (s).

11.30am on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016** in the Auditorium of the Police Academy. Family members are invited to attend this function but cannot attend the luncheon to follow at 12 noon. The luncheon is for past serving members of DPPS only.

11.30am on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016** at the Riverside Golf Club in Launceston. Family members may attend this function and may attend the luncheon that follows by prior arrangements with the Vice President (North) Mr. Jim Byrne.

*Note—Each recipient will receive a separate email once the awards are finalised.*

*In my many years I have come to the conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a Government.*

Executive Positions to be filled are:

1. *President;*
2. *Three Vice Presidents—*  
(South, North & Northwest;)
3. *Secretary; and Assistant Secretary;*
4. *Treasurer; and*
5. *A minimum of Four other Members*  
(Note—President Dave Fleming has indicated that he is not standing for re-election)  
Accordingly nominations for President are being sought.

## INCORPORATION OF ASSOCIATION

Following on from the decision, by the Committee of the Retired Police Association of Tasmania, for the Association to become an Incorporated Association, a Special General Meeting was held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2016.

At that meeting a motion to replace the Constitution with the newly drafted 'Rules' was passed unanimously by the members who attended.

A second agenda item dealt with the date on which the new Rules would take effect. It was left to the Committee to determine. An application under the provisions of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1964* has now been approved. Certificate IA11917 issued on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016.

The new Rules have been placed on the Tasmania Police Web site: [www.police.tas.gov.au](http://www.police.tas.gov.au) (then select 'useful links' and the RPAT location). The Rules will be available in this manner on an ongoing basis and members will be able to access them at their leisure.

If any member requires a copy of the new Rules please contact the Honorary Secretary.

We wish to acknowledge the considerable amount of work undertaken by the Treasurer Steve Collidge in the preparation of the new Rules.

## ANNUAL COMMISSIONER'S LUNCHEON

Members of the Retired Police Association are reminded of the Annual Commissioner's Luncheon to be held at the Police Academy at **12noon on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016**.

The normal AGM and Medal presentations will be conducted in the Auditorium prior to the lunch.

At the time of writing this notice the luncheon cost is \$25 but may vary a little prior to the event. Any non-member, but past serving member of DPFEM may attend, but a surcharge of \$5 will be charged in addition to the luncheon costs.

RSVP by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016 to:-  
Vice President **Tom Lahl** (03) 6229 5929 ([tom.lahl1@bigpond.com](mailto:tom.lahl1@bigpond.com))

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.

*I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.*

A Government which robs Pere to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

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