



NEWSLETTER

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QUEENSLAND NEWS

RPAT Queensland Lunch

On 24th May 2018 we held the first of the three RPAT Queensland lunches in Surfers Paradise. A change of venue saw the lunch held at the Southport Surf Club, rather than the Surfers RSL, and feed back regarding the new venue was very positive.

A total of fourteen members and guests attended the lunch which turned into a 'smart lunch' from the 'good old days', with the first drink ordered at 11am and we found ourselves still drinking at 6pm as other patrons were having dinner around us.



Attendees up from Tasmania on a holiday or visit included Steve Ransley, Michelle Powell, Mark Beech-Jones and Jo, Paul and Gaylene Barry and still serving Assistant Commissioner Glenn Frame. Local Queenslanders included Lee Renshaw, Fish Bligh, John Blue, Peter Maloney, Kate Fitzgerald and Gary and Julie Eastwood.

Whilst intending to be present Garry Richmond and Jock McJannett had to be late apologies due to family and health issues

All members are reminded that there are a further two Queensland based lunches this year and if you are in the area members and guests are most welcome to attend.

In keeping with the climate and lifestyle, dress for all Queensland functions is casual,

Reminders regarding these functions will be emailed out closer to the date of the lunch.

Those function dates are:

Thursday 23rd of August

at the Alexandra Headland Surf Club,
Alexandra Headland, Sunshine Coast and

Thursday 22nd of November,

Greater Brisbane area, specific venue yet to be determined.

Gary Eastwood, Assistant Secretary

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MESSAGES FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT DAVID



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

Many of you will now be travelling overseas or around Australia, avoiding the cold of winter Tassie, and I wish you all the best. In fact I wish I was with you, but as my lovely wife reminds me – she hasn't retired yet and I need to do more around the house!

As some of you may know, Pat Allen is currently on leave from his role as President of the Police Association of Tasmania prior to his retirement. I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Pat for all the assistance he has given the retired members and his efforts to ensure we were not forgotten in his dealings to

obtain benefits for the serving members. The assistance Pat has given has certainly benefited our members and ensured a strong connection between serving and retired members. Every effort will be made to ensure we maintain and increase our connections with the incoming President whoever that may be. Thanks again Pat.

Hopefully will see you soon at one of our functions over the next few months, but if anyone has an issue they think I could be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

David Plumpton

2018 PARTNERS LUNCH - Sunday 21st October

A **Partners** lunch has been organised and will be held at 12md on **Sunday 21 October 2018** at the **Shoreline Motor Inn, Howrah**.

The lunch will consist of a two-course fixed menu with some options for both courses at a cost of \$25 per head (subsidised) for members and their partners. Guests are welcome at a cost of \$35 per head. Drinks are available at bar prices with wine starting at \$7.00 per glass.

RSVP for this event is the morning of
Monday 8th October 2018.

It is necessary for members to send their payment to the Treasurer by this date to secure their places. The event

will go ahead regardless of numbers attending but the hotel does require the attending numbers early so that any unsold reserved seats may be offered to their normal customers. RSVP may be sent to the Secretary, Vice President Tom Lahl or Committee Member Michelle Powell.

It is necessary to obtain pre-payment as functions being organised in the South are experiencing 20 to 25% no shows on the day which causes problems for both the organisers and the venues.

Any queries may be directed to either

Secretary Syd (0407 847 718) or

Vice President Tom Lahl (0409 320 683)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with Rule 20, Members are advised that the 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Police Academy, Rokeby at 11am on Tuesday 4th December 2018. The purpose of the meeting is to confirm the minutes of the 2017 AGM; to receive committee and auditors reports and to elect the officers and committee members of the Association for 2019.

Syd McClymont

Hon. Secretary

AGENDA ITEMS FOR AGM

Rule 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 before the AGM.

Syd McClymont

Hon. Secretary

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2019

In accordance with Rule 33, members are advised that the election of Officers and ordinary Committee members for the 2019 Executive Committee, will be conducted at the 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM) mentioned above. Current financial members who wish to be candidates are required to submit a nomination form containing their consent and signed by two financial members. In accordance with Rule 33, this form must reach the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the AGM. The appropriate form is available from the Secretary.

Syd McClymont

Hon. Secretary

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**2018 AP&ES Games powered
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We welcome on board the Games. “We thank Nissan Australia as a 2018 AP&ES Games Sponsor. Nissan are sponsoring the Games by providing a fleet of vehicles to ensure smoothing running of the event for all involved.

“What a fantastic opportunity for Nissan to give back and support the extraordinary men and women from our law enforcement agencies and emergency services,” said Stephen Lester, Nissan Australia’s Managing Director.

The tough Nissan Navara, and popular seven seat Pathfinder, represent the strong, capable performance that is synonymous with the men and women competing at

them for the good that they do in our community and wish them all the very best. We are delighted to be involved in this great sporting event.”

Launched in February, the New Nissan Navara is one of the country’s favourite Utes.

We would like to thank Nissan for providing the Games with these vehicles and its continued support of participants for the Games.



Nissan Managing Director Stephen Lester and WA Police Force Commissioner Chris DAWSON

Sports Update

Calling all Table Tennis players

Welcome on board the new coordinator for Table Tennis. Darren Maher has taken on the role and is looking forward to running an extraordinary event.

Mandurah recently hosted a table tennis tournament with 400 players at the Mandurah Aquatic and Recreation Centre (MARC). Many of these competitors

will also be eligible to compete in the AP&ES Games.

Table Tennis is scheduled to run at the MARC on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th of October

If you are interested in competing or know someone who might be interested (and eligible) please register for this event.

beyondblue

This year the 2018 Australasian Police and Emergency Services are proudly supporting beyondblue. You can donate to beyondblue through the registration process prior to the payment page, by selecting a donation amount. There will also be plenty of other opportunities to donate to beyond blue during the week of the Games. Keep an eye out for donation stations and join us in making a difference to mental health in Australia and support beyondblue.

beyondblue is committed to creating change to help protect everyone’s mental health, including Police and Emergency Services. As part of their work, beyondblue is undertaking the [National Mental Health and Wellbeing Study of Police and Emergency Services](http://NationalMentalHealthandWellbeingStudy.com.au) to build a comprehensive picture of the mental health and wellbeing of police and emergency services personnel in Australia.

“There is nothing more important than the mental health and wellbeing of the people who serve and protect our communities every day. This is a landmark piece of research beyondblue is undertaking, and I am delighted that almost every police and emergency services agency in Australia is participating. The information we generate will enable us to improve and strengthen our approach to protecting those who protect us, to make a real difference to people’s lives.”

*Ken Lay AO APM,
 Chair of the Advisory Group of the National Mental Health and Wellbeing*



The AP&ES Games Shuttle Bus

Unsure how to get between sporting precincts, the centre of town and the social hub?

The Games Management Team have engaged Peel Bus Hire and Charters to provide a complimentary shuttle bus for our participants and supporters, roughly on the hour, every hour from 7am – 7pm each day of the Games (excluding Sunday 28 October).

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NORTHWEST DINNER FUNCTION

On Wednesday 11th April 32 Retired Officers and wives met at Bass and Flinders Motor Inn at Ulverstone for lunch and a time of enjoyment.

Those present spent a lot of time reminiscing over times past and many tall stories were exchanged..



Northwest Vice President (Rockie Lee) will be away during the month of July.

Greg Hyland (0407 871 757 or gshyland@bigpond.com.) will be standing in for him.

Next meeting for the Northwest is on Wednesday 26th September (12 noon for 12:30pm) at the Bass and Flinders Motor Inn at Ulverstone.

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

Australian Police Medal Queen's Birthday Honours

Inspector Fiona Lieutier was honoured and humbled to be awarded the Australian Police Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List this year.

"Inspector Lieutier has served the community as a member of Tasmania Police for 33 years and in that time has been responsible for developing enduring community partnerships," said Commissioner Darren Hine.

"She is a respected role model and leader who embraces innovation and consistently demonstrates initiative, motivation, tenacity and commitment.

"She is an extremely worthy recipient for the Australian Police Medal," he said.

"While I am honoured and humbled to be receiving this award, it must be said that it is a reflection of my family, friends and colleagues who have encouraged and supported me throughout my career," said Inspector Lieutier.

"I feel fortunate to be working for an organisation which values the contribution of individuals at every level. I have felt supported throughout my career and feel

privileged to be in a position myself to now be supporting others moving through the ranks."

Fiona Lieutier was appointed to Tasmania Police on 4 February 1985 and was promoted to Inspector in 2002. She has received numerous awards throughout her 33 year career including a Commissioner's Commendation, the Tasmania Police Commissioner's Medal, National Medal, and National Police Service Medal.



Inspector Lieutier has led a range of initiatives to enhance Tasmania Police's relationships with the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) communities. She has delivered mentoring opportunities for women in policing both across the State and nationally.

Inspector Lieutier is currently the project manager for the multi-agency Emergency Services Computer Aided Dispatch (ESCAD) Project which brings together non-integrated call taking and dispatch systems across Tasmanian emergency services.

Services Guide

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

Hospitality

Wilderness Hotel. Derwent Bridge.

Contact Dave and Carol Fitzgibbon on 6289 1144

COMMENTS TO EDITOR

Unique Band of Brothers

With all the turmoil, stress and ever-increasing numbers of reported Post Traumatic Stress Disorder victims, I just wanted to put over my thoughts about a Police Officers Life.

A Printing Company sent me an email. They were doing Military style stickers, like the Vietnam Veterans have. I then had the 'brain wave' that some Police Officers (retired or serving) might be interested in doing the same.

I am not often right, but I'm wrong again!!

When I put it to the Police Officer that I married, she was very adamant, that she would never put a "Police" style sticker on her car, as was a few replies from other RPAT members, who had similarly agreed. I soon realised why.

We are a Unique Band of Brothers

Generally, Police Officers are not liked. Even after nearly 19 years since I retired, I still carry the stamp. People (some) still see me for what I was, not for who I am now. I continually get remarks from friends and acquaintances that associate me as Police. It does not vanish on the day you finish. Do I hear an 'amen brother'?

Fire Officers and Ambulance Officers are generally liked by the public, because of their recognised purpose – because they help people.

Police are not looked upon as being here to help people. We don't discriminate. We've charged kids for not wearing a bike helmet – *don't think I have, but you get the picture*. Police's job is to interfere with everyone's daily lives and ask intimidating questions.

We've booked people, without fear or favour, for anything

that breaches the Road Rules or Regulations. These people are generally good, honest and law-biding citizens, and yet, Police can 'spoil' their reputation by one simple infringement notice.

So, at the end of the day, we are the bad ones, and people don't forget these bad incidents. What we thought was "just doing our job" becomes a lifelong battle of hatred (dislike at least) against us. Is it a new trend, that society can now challenge Police, even to the extent of assaulting them, and know there's a good chance they will get away with it?

I don't think there is another organisation like the Police Force (or 'Service' as it's now called), that 'cop' (*pardon the pun*) the flack of people's frustrations. I suppose this generation holds no responsibility for their actions. If anyone makes a mistake or commits an offence, it's always someone else's fault. We see the Courts taking the same view, in blaming society, or for a murderer or rapist's sad childhood being to blame So, why would you put a sticker on your car depicting you're a Police Officer (or Retired)??

Do you remember Dr. Kevin Gilmartin talk at Launceston Uni.? His concept of Police Life was very enlightening, interesting and well written. His book "EMOTIONAL SURVIVAL for Law Enforcement" – looks at the lives of Police Officers. Get yourselves a copy. Can be found on-line for as low as \$10.55 He talks about Police Officers becoming **negative** and **cynical** about the world. They mistrust everyone they meet and think the worst.

So, what do we end up with? We have each other. We have the Retired Police Association. We talk the talk. We understand each other.

Greg Hyland [1978 – 1999]

APPLICANTS FOR HIGHWAY PATROL

Three blondes were all applying for the last available position on the Highway Patrol.

The detective conducting the interview looked at the three of them and said, "So y'all wanna be cops, huh?"

The blondes all nodded.

The detective got up, opened a file drawer, and pulled out a folder.

Sitting back down, he opened it, pulled out a picture, and said, "To be a detective, you have to be able to detect. You must be able to notice things such as distinguishing features and oddities like scars and so forth."

So he stuck the photo in the face of the first blonde and withdrew it after about two seconds.

"Now," he said, "did you notice any distinguishing features about this man?"

The blonde immediately said, "Yes, I did. He has only one eye!"

The detective shook his head and said, "Of course he has only one eye in this picture! It's a side profile of his face! You're dismissed!"

The first blonde hung her head and walked out of the office.

The detective then turned to the second blonde, stuck the photo in her face for two seconds, pulled it back, and

said, "What about you? Notice anything unusual or outstanding about this man?"

"Yes! He only has one ear!"

The detective put his head in his hands and exclaimed, "Didn't you hear what I just told the last applicant? This is a side picture profile of the man's face! Of course you can only see one ear! You're excused too!"

The second blonde sheepishly walked out of the office. The detective turned his attention to the third and last blonde and said, "This is probably a waste of time, but....."

He flashed the photo for a couple of seconds and withdrew it, saying, "All right, did you notice anything distinguishing or unusual features about this man?"

The blonde said, "I sure did... This man wears contact lenses."

The detective frowned, took another look at the picture, and began looking at some of the papers in the folder. He looked up at the blonde with a puzzled expression and said, "You're absolutely right! His bio says he wears contacts! How in the world could you tell that by looking at his picture?"

The blonde rolled her eyes and said, "Well, Helloooooooooo! With only one eye and one ear, he certainly can't wear glasses."

CRIME AND OCCURRENCE BOOK ENTRIES

May 12th 1900

Temperance Hall Meeting

Supt. Peddar, Sub Inspectors Connor and Kemp with Det Sergt Franklin and Constables Ellis (2) , Grainger, Ward in plain clothes, Sergt, Rainey in uniform were on duty at the Temperance Hall on Friday the 11th inst .from 7 till 10.30pm up to which time all was quiet, except two or three men and a female who were inclined to be noisy, but the police acting with firmness they were got away and the public were all dispersed.

Re amended report.

Between 1 and 2 am on 12 inst. Sergt Coates with PC's Gunner and Giani arrested one Alfred G White in the act of throwing stones at and breaking the window in the Temperance Hall and remanded till the 14th inst.

May 16th 1900 Disturbance at Temperance Hall

Supt. Peddar, Sub Inspectors Connor and Kemp, D.S.

Franklin, with the whole available force of police, night and day duty, were on duty at the Temperance Hall from 7.30pm on the 15th inst. On the occasion of ex priest Slattery's lecture. There was a great concourse of people outside the hall and a good number inside the building. The police were posted to the best advantage and did their best to protect property and suppress disorder and remained on duty until the hall was cleared and the public dispersed about 11pm when all was quiet.

There was a tumult arose inside the hall between 8 and 9 pm by some excited persons and who were got out of the hall by the firmness and tact of the Supt. Before much damage was done.

Further action in this matter pending.

One section of the police were dispatched to protect the Imperial Coffee Palace as it was feared the windows would be broke.

Sir Robert Peel's Principles of Law Enforcement 1829

1. The basic mission for which police exist is to prevent crime and disorder as an alternative to the repression of crime and disorder by military force and severity of legal punishment.
2. The ability of the police to perform their duties is dependent upon *public approval* of police existence, actions, behaviour and the ability of the police to secure and maintain *public respect*.
3. The police must secure the willing cooperation of the public in voluntary observance of the law to be able to secure and maintain public respect.
4. The degree of cooperation of the public that can be secured diminishes, proportionately, to the necessity for the use of physical force and compulsion in achieving police objectives.
5. The police seek and preserve public favour, not by catering to public opinion, but by constantly demonstrating absolutely impartial service to the law, in complete independence of policy, and without regard to the justice or injustice of the substance of individual laws; by ready offering of individual service and friendship to all members of society without regard to their race or social standing, by ready exercise of courtesy and friendly good humour; and by ready offering of individual sacrifice in protecting and preserving life.
6. The police should use physical force to the extent necessary to secure observance of the law or to restore order only when the exercise of *persuasion, advice and warning* is found to be insufficient to achieve police objectives; and police should use only the minimum degree of physical force which is necessary on any particular occasion for achieving a police objective.
7. The police at all times should maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that *the police are the public and the public are the police*; the police are the only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the intent of the community welfare.
8. The police should always direct their actions toward their functions and never appear to usurp the powers of the judiciary by avenging individuals or the state, or authoritatively judging guilt or punishing the guilty.
9. The test of police efficiency is the *absence* of crime and disorder, not the *visible evidence* of police action in dealing with them.

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

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RPAT member Mike Titherington ph 0408 485 372 or email mikeandapples@gmail.com, also on facebook under homesite album.

RPAT Merchandise

For a wide range of RPAT merchandise such as shirts, ties and caps contact :-

*Committee Member Tony Buckingham
email rpatas1@gmail.com*

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Total Membership is *as at – 26th June 2018*
479—includes

Members: Male – 449 (93.7%); **Female** – 30 (6.2%)

South - 281 (58.6%); **Northwest** — 63 (13.1%);
North - 85 (17.7%); **Interstate / Overseas** —50 (10.4%)

Associate Members — 12

Welcome to new members:-

Lindsay Singline (30th April): Chris Gray (5th May):
 Ian Rhodes (14th May): Dale Wylie (17th June):

Retired Officers Deceased:

Greg INCH (11th May 2018)
 Robert Bruce BAIRD (28th May 2018) (ex Vicpol)
 Robert Geoffrey FIELDING (Canberra 15th June 2018)
 Edwin James (Jim) JOHNSTONE (24th June 2018)
 Alwyn Roy ARCHER (25th June 2018)



In fairness they did try to go to Specsavers...

In London officers tracked down a midnight thief who prided himself on his running speed by following the red lights on his high tech tennis shoes.

Jack Daniels Fishing Story



I went fishing this morning but after a short time I ran out of worms. Then I saw an Eastern Brown snake with a frog in his mouth. Frogs are good bass bait.

Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in his mouth I grabbed him right behind the head, I took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit.

So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. His eyes rolled back, he went limp.

I released him into the lake without incident and carried on fishing using the frog.

A little later, I felt a nudge on my foot. It was that same snake, with two more frogs...



Diary Dates 2018

- 4th July** (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome
 Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn
- 11th July** (Wednesday) 11.30am for 12md - All welcome
 Northern mid-year Luncheon at the Riverside Golf Club
- 1st August** (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome
 Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn
- 15th August** (Wednesday—1:30pm)
 Executive Meeting, Hobart
- 23rd August** (Thursday) 11.30am for 12md - All welcome)
 Queensland RPAT Lunch
 Alexandra Headland Surf Club, 167 Alexandra Parade, Alexandra Headland
- 5th September** (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome
 Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn
- 8th September** (Saturday)
 Emergency Services Ball at Wrest Point Casino
 Cost \$185 Tickets available at trybooking.com (A non RPAT Event)
- 26th September** (Wednesday) 12md for 12.30pm—All welcome)
 NW Lunch meeting at Bass and Flinders Motel, Ulverstone
- 28th September** (Friday) National Police Remembrance Day,
 Rokeby Police Academy
- 3rd October** (Wednesday noon for 12:30pm) - All welcome
 Northern Branch monthly meeting at Riverside Motor Inn
- 17th October** (Wednesday—1:30pm) (Lunch prior)
 Executive Meeting, Hobart
- 21st October** (Sunday)
 Partners Lunch (\$25ph; \$35.00 non members)
 at Shoreline Hotel, Shoreline Drive, Howrah
- 19th November** (Monday) 11.30am for 12md)
 Ye Old Traffic Police Luncheon, Black Buffalo Hotel North Hobart
- 22nd November** (Thursday) 11.30am for 12md) (All welcome)
 Queensland RPAT Lunch Greater Brisbane area, (Venue TBA)
- 4th December** (Tuesday) 11:00am)
 RPAT Annual General Meeting followed by
 Commissioners Lunch at Police Academy
- 12th December** (Wednesday) 11:30am for noon)
 Northern Christmas Luncheon at the Riverside Golf Club
 Includes Northern Branch AGM.

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John Bird Memorial Forensic Award



(L-R) Ali Probin, Commissioner Darren Hine, Peter Bird, Ann Bird, Matt Probin, Joan Wylie, award recipient Senior Constable Dale Wylie, Nick Probin.

The John Bird Memorial Forensic Award was established following an idea from the family of the late Inspector John Bird to create a presentation for forensic members in his memory,” said Commissioner Hine.

“The late Inspector Bird was a dedicated and respected member of Tasmania Police who received many local, national and international awards for his work within Forensic Services so it was fitting that we created an Award in his honour.

“Criteria for the Award is shaped on the way the late Inspector Bird performed his duties - a Forensic Services member “who consistently sought professional development, displayed workplace initiative, personally performed to a high standard, and last but definitely not least, worked and supported others with no small measure of good humour.

Worthy recipient receives inaugural John Bird Memorial Forensic Award.

“With this in mind, and after reviewing a number of potential contenders to receive the inaugural Award, Senior Constable Dale Wylie of Burnie Forensic Services was chosen as the worthy recipient.

“Dale joined Tasmania Police in February 1979 and has served within Western Forensic Services since 1997. He has been involved in state-wide training within both Forensic Services and the Bomb Response Group and has continually supported and encouraged other members.

“With Dale having been an officer for over 39-years and a planned retirement date of 25 July, it’s a fitting time to acknowledge Dale’s performance and contribution to Forensic Services within Tasmania Police with the inaugural John Bird Memorial Forensic Award.”

Senior Constable Dale Wylie received the Award at a special morning tea in the company of the late Inspector Bird’s family members, Corporate Management Group members including Commissioner Darren Hine, and other members of Tasmania Police.

Southern News (281 Members)

On Tuesday 5th June 12 members and partners met at the Glenorchy RSL for lunch.

They enjoyed the mateship of their fellow workmates and, as would be expected, there were many retellings of their work experiences.

The next event is at the Shoreline Hotel, Howrah on Sunday 19th October (12 midday). *(More information on this dinner is on page 2 of this Newsletter.)*

Don't forget the AGM & Commissioners Lunch at the Academy on Tuesday 4th December *(More info on page 2)*

Lesson No. 1 — The Shredder

A young engineer was leaving the office at 5:45pm when he found the CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand.

“Listen,” said the CEO, “this is a very sensitive and important document and my secretary is not here. Can you make this thing work?”

“Certainly,” said the young engineer. He turned on the machine inserted the paper and pressed the button.

“Excellent, excellent,” said the CEO as his paper disappeared inside the machine. “I just need one copy.”

Lesson. Never ever assume that your boss knows what he’s doing.

Ye Old Traffic Polite Men

This is our **20th** birthday

For your Diary the next function will be held on:-

Monday 19 November 2018 (11:30am)
at the **Black Buffalo Hotel.**
Everyone is welcome.

For enquires please contact:-

Leo Hutchings (03 6247 2291); Mobile 0418 103 719;
or email hutchie8@bigpond.net.au or
Brian Bick (03 6239 9380); or email
cireldo1@bigpond.com.au

Robert, an experienced sky diver, was readying himself for a jump when he saw another parachutist wearing dark glasses carrying a white cane and holding a guide dog by a leash.

Although shocked Robert expressed admiration for the blind man's courage. Then, curious, he asked "How do you know when the ground is getting close?"

Police Bank Ltd



Police Bank Ltd. is an Australian, member-owned mutual bank. Founded as NSW Police Credit Union on October 24, 1964 by a group of officers from the Clarence Street Police Station in Sydney, its members passed a resolution to enable "Police Credit Union" to become "Police Bank Ltd." on 3 December, 2012.

The Retired Police Association of Tasmania have been advised that Police Bank will open a Branch in Hobart by mid-year. Currently the bank is offering financial incentives to RPAT members who open a new account. Special interest rates are also available on loans. Currently transactions are available via Australia Post.

For more information visit their website:

www.policebank.com.au

There are two...

Kinds of people who should never say "oops" - dentists and magicians
Types of small children—those who are dirty and those who aren't dirty yet

SUPERANNUATION MATTERS

At present there seems to be a lot of confusion as to the actions that members and spouses of members should take regarding superannuation and related matters. The Executive of the Retired Police Association of Tasmania are currently enquiring from Government Departments as to the procedures our members should adopt.

The Office of the Superannuation Commission (OSC) is also currently reviewing advisory and information materials available to members about the surviving spouse process and information requirements (eg: marriage certificates). OSC is working on the letters sent to surviving spouses at the time of the death and is developing a checklist to assist members with the early preparation of evidentiary materials required to substantiate the status of the surviving spouse, making sure they are appropriate and not unnecessarily cumbersome.

Are you considering downsizing your home?

From 1 July 2018 people aged 65 and over will be able to make a non-concessional (post tax) contribution into their superannuation of up to \$300,000 from the proceeds of selling their home. This will apply to a principal place of residence held for a minimum of ten years. Both members of a couple will be able to take advantage of this measure for the same home, meaning up to \$600,000 per couple can be contributed. *(part of the Federal Budget 2017)*

It aims to encourage more effective use of housing stock by freeing up larger homes for younger, growing families.

Department of Human Services

If you receive a Partial Pension or are not eligible for a pension from Centrelink you **may** still qualify for other payments and supplements.

The Pension Loans Scheme can help if your capital is tied up in assets and you need more income to live on.

Self-funded retirees may be eligible for a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card and related payments and services.

You can find out more under the "Payments for Older Australians" tab on the Department of Human Services website or see your local Centrelink office.

Other government and community support services

There are a range of other organisations that provide support services and useful information you may find helpful. You can use Payment and Service Finder to locate assistance in your local area.

MoneySmart has information to help you make the most of your money. Read the **Over 55s section** on the MoneySmart website. *(use the quick link)*

myagedcare has information on a wide range of community, aged care and support services. You can find advice about what help is available, assistance at home, aged care homes, and caring for someone.

If you are feeling depressed, anxious or stressed, you might find it helpful to talk to somebody about your mental health.

The Australian Government Hearing Services Program has information about hearing, hearing loss, and benefits available to eligible Australians

Hope to bring you more information in the next Newsletter

STOP PRESS.. At least one RPAT member has received an email indicating changes to his RBF entitlements.

If you receive any such unexpected email we suggest you make contact with RBF to verify the information you receive.

RBF Enquiry line is 1800 622 631 or
Email ... RBF.enquiries@treasury.tas.gov.au.

17 Northern Members and wives met on 6th June at the Riverside Motor Inn for their regular monthly get together over a meal.

In July we have our mid-year meeting on Wednesday 11th July (12:15am for 12:45pm) at the Riverside Golf Club.

(Our regular monthly meeting is still on the preceding Wednesday at the Riverside Motor Inn.)



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Always a Cop:

Once the badge goes on, it never comes off, whether they can see it, or not. It fuses to the soul through adversity, fear and adrenaline and no one who has ever worn it with pride, integrity and guts, can ever sleep through the 'call of the wild' that wafts through bedroom windows in the deep of the night.

When Cops Retire:

When a good cop leaves the 'job' and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased and yet others, who may have already retired, wonder. We wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind, because we already know. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times. We know in the law enforcement life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.

These are the burdens of the job

You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the law enforcement world with a respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing. Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping the 'job' and merely being allowed to leave 'active' duty.

So what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that 'Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called children of God,' and you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

Civilian Friends vs. Police Friends

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Get upset if you're too busy to talk to them for a week.

POLICE FRIENDS: Are glad to see you after years, and will happily carry on the same conversation you were having the last time you met.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Have never seen you cry.

POLICE FRIENDS: Have cried with you.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Borrow your stuff for a few days then give it back.

POLICE FRIENDS: Keep your stuff so long they forget it's yours.....Like, it's family you know.....

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Know a few things about you..

POLICE FRIENDS: Could write a book with direct quotes from you.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Are for a while.

POLICE FRIENDS: Are for life.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Have shared a few experiences.

POLICE FRIENDS: Have shared a lifetime of experiences no citizen could ever dream of..

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will ignore this.

POLICE FRIENDS: Will forward this..

There are those that think they understand.

And then . . . there are cops

My therapist told me: the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start.



So far I've finished two bags of M&Ms and a chocolate cake. I feel better already

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. (Open Tues, Wed, Thurs)

Police Association of Tasmania Offers

Contact the PAT at 107 New Town Road, New Town or by ringing (03) 6278 1900 between 9am and 5pm business days for information about discount offers.

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