



# Coffs Harbour District RFPA Branch

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<b>Committee Members:</b>	<b>John Reid and Bruce Bell, Garry Heskett JP</b>	

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Hello everyone. I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and looking forward to the festive season with your family, friends and loved ones'.

In summing up 2024 there is a new word.....

### 'Enshittification'

A term you may have never heard of, but very likely sums up your experiences of 2024, has been named the Macquarie Dictionary's Word of the Year.

"Enshittification", which apparently describes the gradual decline of a product or service when companies prioritise profit over user experience

Maybe it also refers to our rugby players and cricketers?

At 12 midday, on Tuesday/15<sup>th</sup> Oct, the following members shown in the Photograph below gathered at the Coramba Hotel for lunch. The food was terrific, freshly cooked and reasonably priced.

If any of you attend the hotel, it has great views out the back. (See pic) I heard many good comments from the members that were able to attend



# COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

At 10.30am/Wednesday/13<sup>th</sup> November, the following members' attended the CEX Club, Coffs Harbour for a Committee Meeting:

## **PRESENT:**

Garry Heskett JP  
John Hartley APM  
Hedley Gleave  
John Reid  
Dave Morris

## **APOLOGIES:**

Ian Hodges OAM, JP  
Tony Brown  
Bruce Bell

**This Committee meeting was brought about due to unfinished business at the last AGM. For example:**

- Add new signatures or detract old signatures in dealing with our multi-million dollar accounts
- Replace address for postage of BCU Banking statements from Hedley Gleave to Treasurer John Hartley APM address.
- Change name from RPA to RFPA. (Work in progress) I am awaiting on RFPA State HQ's for a document on this matter that I can show BCU.
- And we also discussed the up-coming Coffs/Clarence Christmas Function. I am still looking for a Guest Speaker.
- Finally, to update below Motions to present to BCU

**COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COFFS HARBOUR BRANCH OF  
THE RETIRED/FORMER POLICE ASSOCIATION OF NSW HELD AT  
THE CEX CLUB ON WEDNESDAY THE 13<sup>th</sup> of NOVEMBER 2024**

**TIME COMMENCED:** 10.30am

**PRESENT:** *As above*

**VISITORS:**

**APOLOGIES:** *As Above*

**MOTION 1:**

Moved by Chairman Garry Heskett JP that Motion 2 as recorded in the Minutes of the Coffs Harbour RFPA AGM on Tuesday/20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 by Hedley Gleave former Treasurer and Seconded by Bob Jones (deceased) ***“I would like to move motion that Natalie Salters name be added as a signatory”*** to be rescinded due to the fact that Natalie Salter has stepped down as the elected Treasurer for personal circumstances.

**Seconded by:** Hedley Gleave

**Carried:**

**MOTION 2:**

Moved by Chairman Garry Heskett JP that Motion 4 as recorded in the Minutes of the Coffs Harbour RFPA AGM on Tuesday/20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 by Garry Heskett JP ***“that the new Treasurer Natalie Salter attend BCU for the purpose of being a new signatory as Treasurer”***. Seconded by Bob Jones” (Deceased) to be rescinded due to the fact that Natalie Salter has stepped down as the elected Treasurer for personal circumstances.

**Seconded by:** Dave Morris

**Carried:**

**MOTION 3:**

Moved by Chairman Garry Heskett JP that the newly elected Treasurer John Hartley APM become a signatory

**Seconded by:** Natalie Salter

**Carried:**

**MOTION 4:**

Moved by Chairman Garry Heskett JP that Motion 5 as recorded as recorded in the Minutes of the Coffs Harbour RFPA AGM on Tuesday/20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 by Garry Heskett JP ***“that the former Treasurer Hedley Gleave signatory be removed from the Coffs Harbour RFPA, be replaced by Natalie Salter new Treasurer Seconded by John Reid”*** to be rescinded to read ***“that the former Treasurer Hedley Gleave signatory be removed from the Coffs Harbour RFPA.***

**Seconded by:** John Hartey APM

**Carried:**

**MOTION 6:**

Moved by Chairman Garry Heskett JP that the election of Natalie Salter as Social Secretary as recorded in the Minutes of the Coffs Harbour RFPA AGM on Tuesday/20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 by Garry Heskett JP states “BRANCH SOCIAL SECRETRY ***Natalie Salter*** Nominated by herself and seconded by ***Garry Heskett JP***” be rescinded due to the fact that Natalie Salter has requested to be removed from the self-appointed position as the Branch Social Secretary for personal circumstances.

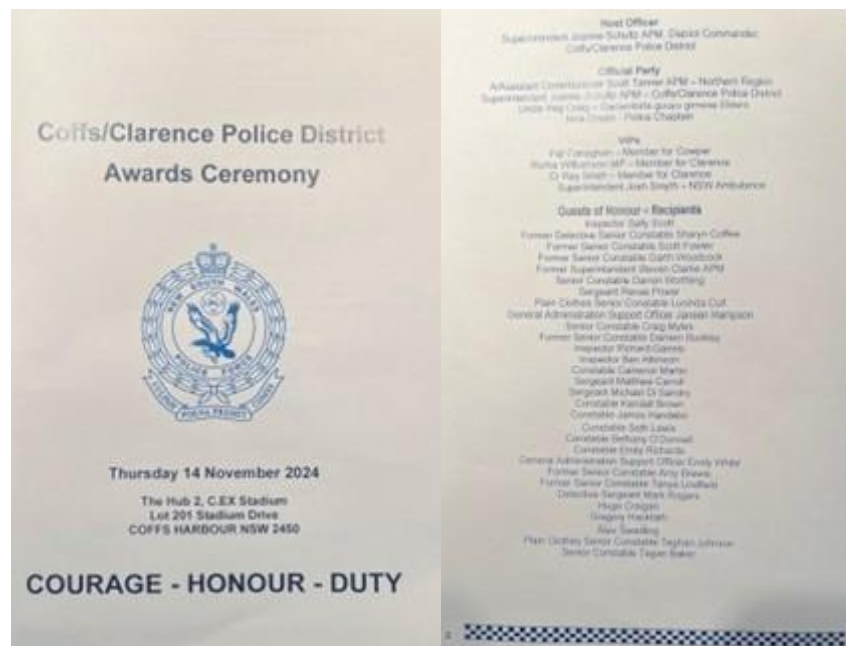
**Seconded by:** John Hartley APM

**Carried:**

Regarding Motion 3 as recorded in the Minutes of the Coffs Harbour RFPA AGM on Tuesday/20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 by Garry Heskett JP states ***“moved by Hedley Gleave that the BCU Bank be notified that the old name RPA be cancelled and replaced with RFPA for all future Banking business – seconded by Tony Brown”***

Continues to be a work in progress, due to the fact that Chairman Garry Heskett JP is awaiting confirmation of name change from NSW State RFPA HQ’s by way of official documentation.

### **Coffs/Clarence Police District Awards Ceremony**



At 9.30am for 10am/Thursday/14<sup>th</sup> November 2024, I was honoured to attend the Coffs/Clarence Police District Awards Ceremony on behalf of our RFPA at the CEX Stadium, where **COURAGE – HONOUR – DUTY** were recognized and awarded to our local Police.

Congratulations to all. Stay safe.

## BUSWAYS (One of our local bus services)



If anyone has been driving or walking around town and you have seen the Advertising on the side of a Busway's Bus, and you tried to look twice thinking you might know this male model???? Well you do – its me!!!! I'm famous. I've become a Bus-Star. A company called Carexcell who take care of veterans' et al' put a new advertising gig together, and asked me if I would like to be involved. I got a shock to see my ugly head on the side off a bus leaning up on one of the old piles that hold the old wooden pier upchatting to one of the organisers.



### **CLASS 364**

Congratulations to Xavier Hartley, son of John Hartley, on attesting from the NSW Police Academy on Friday 6th of December.

## CIB Detective's Reunion Dinner



**From the Left:** Russell Oxford, Nick Kaldas, Myself, Debbie Wallace,

**At 6pm/Friday/22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024** I attended CIB Detective's Reunion Dinner at the International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour. It was a great night. The theme was acknowledging the past. It was great to catch up with retired and former colleagues.



# Gone without a trace: What happened to flight VH-MDX

After a pilot was warned by air traffic control about how low he was flying, he sounded panicked. It was the last anyone heard of flight VH-MDX.

On Friday, 15 November 2024, John Gleave <[jagle1@bigpond.com](mailto:jagle1@bigpond.com)> wrote:  
There is a move to petition the Federal Government to commit resources and funds to try to solve the 43 year old mystery of missing VH MDX and give some closure to the matter. Please go online and fill in the petition. It only takes a matter of seconds to do so. Put Parliament of Australia in to your browser and find Petitions, and find Petition EN6781. It will give you the background. Please encourage as many of your friends and associates to do the same. 10,000 signatures are required to get a hearing, and there is only 3 weeks to go.

Regards

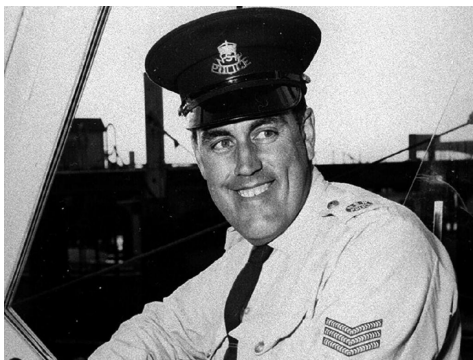
John GLEAVE

From

Further to this text my brother John had organised a boat trip to take a boat to the whitsunday and he arranged for the flight back to Sydney after his family had flown up. Unfortunately the plane was lost some where in the Barrington tops and he lost five of his mates. One of the five lost was Inspector Ken Price a serving member of the force who was in charge of the water police. Brother John has been devastated as he feels guilty for organising the trip. Please I ask all members to sign this petition .

Hedley Gleave

**(If my maths is correct members', you have till about the 8<sup>th</sup> December to add your signature)**



Inspector Ken Price, one of five men on board the VH-MDX Cessna 210 that crashed in the rugged Barrington Tops in 1981 and has never been found.



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Coffs/Clarence RFPA Christmas Function**

**SAWTELL RSL**

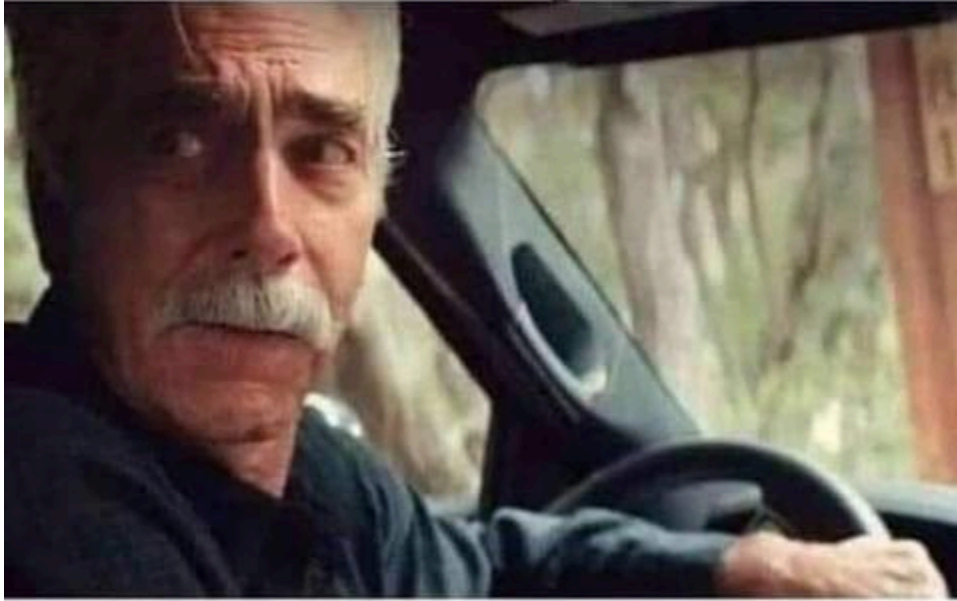
**WEDNESDAY THE 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024**



**Here are some funnies**



When I was a kid there  
were two ways to die,



Natural causes and talking  
back to your parents

**My mate has a bad  
stutter and, by the  
time he told us his  
Nanna had died, we  
were all singing Hey  
Jude**



ALBERT EINSTEIN  
WAS A GENIUS

BUT HIS BROTHER FRANK  
WAS A MONSTER

Cheers,

*Garry*



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