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## WELCOME BACK PEEL BRANCH



While their Charter remained in place the Peel Branch in recent times had taken a break. The status changed with the “reactivation” of the Branch by Retired & Former Police in the area. Congratulations to all involved and we look forward to your photos and reports in the future. See information in the Peel

### HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS

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## PRESIDENT'S



Over the past year we have moved forward with modern technology and are fortunate to have an IT guru **Dave Whiteman** as our webmaster who monitors and administers the website. The website receives 400+ hits per day mainly by persons seeking access to the vale and funeral details or upcoming events. With **Dave's** assistance we have also established our own RFPA Facebook site.

to others who are not members of our

As you are aware the COM return an annual grant to each branch between September and November. These branch grants are based on branch membership numbers and are made to the branch upon receipt of that branch's audited financial statement.

The state COM are investigating other benefits for members and this year we initiated an incentive for members to be fully financial by 31 July. This incentive is a week's accommodation at the Reef Retreat Resort. This sponsorship is being generously given by the **Jim Thompson** and his wife

**Joanne Robinson** owners of the resort both of whom are RFPA members

During the past year along with the state secretary, **Ian Lovell** I have visited a number of our branches both in metropolitan and regional areas. These visits allowed us to meet face to face with branch members and to discuss various issues relating to their particular branch. These visits will continue to as many branches as possible where we will look at ways and means of encouraging branch growth and community interaction.

Other positive activities include **Gary Raymond** being appointed as our official RFPA chaplain and **Beth Docksey** appointed as the RFPA

Ambassador in the Police Legacy champions program. **Beth** has also taken on the role of our liaison officer with **Emerge & See**, a program assisting former police with health and mental issues. We believe that the RFPA involvement in this area further advances the promotion of the RFPA brand.

A meeting with **Commissioner Webb** was conducted in February with positive outcomes. One particular issue which was raised with the

commissioner was that of **Retired Police Day** and the late communication by some commands regarding same in 2022. Many of you would have noticed that Police commands began advising of their respective dates for retired police day as early as late June, early July.

To all the **branch executives of our current 27 branches** I would like to say thank you. You are the glue which we require to hold the



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Our 2023 AGM was held at Club York, 95 York St Sydney on 31 July. It was well attended, with 48 Members present. The main business of the day was preceded by our 'up-to-date-Membership' draw, which was drawn as a Membership number from our database using the club's technology by club staff, and webmaster **Dave WHITEMAN** searching the database for the outside details

**The Winner is Lynne REEVES**, whose subscriptions were up to date, subsequently accepting the wonderful prize of a week at the **Reef Retreat at Palm Cove (Cairns area)** with a vehicle to use whilst there.

We are indebted to Members **Jim THOMPSON** and **Joanne ROBINSON**, proprietors of the Reef Retreat, for their generous donation for our Membership competition. As valuable sponsors, I ask that Members check out the amazing resort and consider taking a holiday there at some time in the future.

RFPA Members are privileged Members of their VIP Club, and further generous discounts are attached to your RFPA Membership at the Reef Retreat. Direct bookings at [www.reefretreat.com.au](http://www.reefretreat.com.au) will achieve best results and avoid agent fees. Phone 0740591774 and speak with **Joanne or Jim**.

THE AGM was held on 31 July 2023 at Club York, 95 York St Sydney.

President: **Paul WYNNE**  
Senior Vice: **George WEISSEL**  
President: Vice: **Beth DOCKSEY**  
President: Secretary: **Ian LOVELL**  
Treasurer: **Bruce HOWE**  
Welfare Officer: **Ian MOORE**  
Committee Members: **Belinda DUNN-**

Auditors **Dave WALTON** and **Raff Del VECCHIO** were re-appointed, as was **Dave WHITEMAN** as Webmaster, with **Steve TURNER** and **Beth DOCKSEY** assisting **Dave** as social media moderators.

**Retired Police Day** is upon us at the time of writing. Many managers from various (and some combined) Police Commands have been in touch, asking for updates to their invitation lists for this event, which is sponsored by our former employer, and is a great opportunity to meet others who have been police and reside in the respective areas.

Each year I am surprised to learn that a particular person has concluded their service and lives nearby. It's worth attending these events if you are wondering, with much interesting information forthcoming, a glimpse of current policing practice and technology usually available, and often a sausage sandwich and a cup of coffee to have with new/old friends.

There will be reminders on our social media and web pages, but it is worth noting here that we are trying to establish or boost regular meetings between former police in several areas where interest and volunteer effort has waned over the years. These meetings don't have to be formal, but may have some formality about them so that we can maintain links and provide services as best the RFPA can. The earlier concepts related to being an 'Unattached' Member don't work well these days, and we (Committee of Management) firmly believe that there are benefits for those who connect with a Branch. Since 2021 we have not recruited any Members without Branch Affiliations.

I have (with **Mr WHITEMAN's** expertise) developed a process which alerts Branch Secretaries of unattached Members in their areas, and facilitates contact with them. I have received many messages of thanks related to this process, and several Branches have grown as a result. This goes against the trend of several smaller Branches losing active Members as they move on to better places and allows for the small pool of volunteers to be boosted and as a result, continuation of those Branch activities. Casual and purposeful contact with unattached Members will continue for that purpose.

The solemn event for Australian Police comes around on Friday 29 September. It's a time for all of us to remember those who came and went, and to remember and acknowledge those left behind by tragedy, or in the passing parade of life. **We will remember. Hasten the Dawn.**

**Ian Lovell, APM**

E: Secretary@retiredpolice.com.au



## EDITOR'S REPORT

Thanks to our Webmaster **Dave Whiteman**, we have new email addresses. See back page for the undated addresses.

The main benefits of having a "generic" name are:

- It separates the RFPA business from **your own private email.**

- If the branch secretary is ill or overseas, someone else can log into the Branch email and **communication continues.**
- When there is a change of positions the RFPA **email address DOES NOT have to change.**

The Branch Secretaries will be advised how to access their branch mailbox in the first instance, and if they want any others on the executive

1. In your browser enter **webmail.dreamhost.com**

2. For the login name use the full email address

**e.g. xxxxfpa@retiredpolice.com.au**

3. Enter the password for that mailbox (**get it from Dave Whiteman, webmaster@retiredpolice.com.au**)

Deadline for receipt of articles and photos for the Summer edition is 27th November 2023

God Bless,

**Paul Wynne & Sandy Benson**



## WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT

The winter months have gone and we can expect the coming period to be much warmer. The weather forecasts haven't been too bad though, the winter period being the warmest winter period we have had for some time.

life, while some are struggling with issues of health. I just hope that their health improves so they can enjoy a happy retirement. It is pleasing to note all the photos in the RFPA Gazette of members enjoying themselves at various functions organised. It is important that we meet old friends and new friends to keep our lives together. Christmas time is approaching and it is that time of the year when we need to take care and look after ourselves.

**Ian Moore**

## WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW

SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	LOCATION	BRANCH
ALDERTO	BRUCE	NORTHERN	NTHN
ATALL	ADE	PARRAMATTA- THE	MACARTHU
BROW	JOHN	ILLAWARR	WATER
BULGE	LYNETT	NORTHERN	MURRAY
GORMA	MICHAEL	HUNTE	NTHN
HOPKIN	KERR	MURRAY	NTHS
KA	SCOTT	NORTHERN	MURRAY
LEGGAT	STEWART	CENTRAL	SYDNE
MCDOUGAL	NATALIE	ILLAWARR	MACARTHU
POLLAR	NATASH	MURRAY	MACARTHU
RAN	MILTON JOHN	PARRAMATTA THE	GOLD
RANKI	VICK	HUNTE	MID NORTH
ROBINSO	JOANN	BRISBAN	NTHN
RUTHERFOR	KEITH	HUNTE	SYDNE
STEPHEN	LOUIS	MURRAY	GOLD
THOMPSON	ERIC JAMES	BRISBAN	MACARTHU
THOMPSON	PAULIN	HUNTE	NTHN
VAUGHA	MARK	HUNTE	PARRAMATTA-THE
VAUGHA	DEBBI	HUNTE	MACARTHU
WILLIAM	BRUCE	MACARTHU	NTHN

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Paul

On behalf of my mum I would like to thank you and your team for such a great magazine.

We have enjoyed it very much. It has been sent to me at my address to take to my mum at her aged care facility

Sadly my mum passed away on the 13th May 2023 at the amazing age of 99. My dad was **Norman Ross Walker** and he was a Detective Inspector.

Thank you again

Good afternoon Sandy,

We hope you and Paul are well and enjoying the fine winter weather.

You may recall that, on page 12 of the last Newsletter, June, 2023, from the **Central Coast**, there was one person whose name I did not know, a former AFP officer who comes to our sausage sizzles, a Scotsman with a beautiful accent. I've found out his name. Would you believe: **John Smith**. But we know him simply as **"Jock"**. Just in case you do, I had to tell you. Love to the rest of the team. Cheers, Liz Walsh

Dear Paul,

There was a death notice for **Paul Robert DOUGLAS**, his registered being listed was 15624. My husband's number is 15624 **and he is very much alive.**

I am sorry to make a fuss but when he saw it he said and I quote " I am dead" we did laugh. We live in the country and our internet is far from perfect.

**Regards Liz Walsh 4843 8030**

**Sub Editor's Note: Sincere apologies Liz and hubby – must**

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

A very proud dad.

RFPA member **Alan Pollock** with his daughter **Judge Sharon Harris**, who was recently appointed as a judge to the District Court of New South Wales. **Sharon** was admitted to the Supreme Court in 1993 and worked as a solicitor at the criminal law firm for **Chris Murphy**, before joining the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. Prior to her appointment as a Judge, she was a Crown Prosecutor, prosecuting



'I am a very proud dad, and whenever possible visit courts where she presides.'

**Alan Pollock**

## WORLD POLICE & FIRE GAMES – 2023

Just returned from a month in Canada. Had a great holiday and also competed at the World Police and Fire Games held in Winnipeg, Canada. Competed in the judo. Managed to get myself a silver medal. Represented NSW Police/Australia



**World Police and Fire Games, Silver medal to**

**Shane M Hobbs**

*Editor's Note - Well done **Shane** representing Police in a world sporting arena. Congratulations.*



## RETIRED AND FORMER POLICE ASSOCIATION OF NSW & NSW POLICE LEGACY SUPPORTING THE POLICE FAMILY TOGETHER

The Retired and Former Police Association of NSW (RFPA) & NSW Police Legacy have joined hands in supporting the families of police officers who have suffered a loss in addition to supporting the families of retired officers once they are out of the force. The RFPA have many members who are widows, widowers, partners, and some children who are also NSW Police Legacy Legatees.

NSW Police Legacy has many 'Champions' who are currently serving, supporting the families of police and they have recently approached RFPA State Committee **Vice President Beth Docksey**, a legatee herself to be the RFPA Legacy Champion. In accepting this role, it focuses on 'championing' the cause and working with retired and former officers to continue to support NSW Police Legacy after they have left the job.

Many former police officers, during their service, supported NSW Police Legacy with fortnightly donations direct from their salary to enable them to support the families after their loss. These include Financial & Welfare Assistance, Counselling and Referral Programs, Programs for Children & Family, Aged Care Programs, & Community Engagements for Legatees.

All these great support programs are only made possible by generous donations from serving officers via their salary, some former serving officer via their pensions, and other members of the community at NSW Police Legacy events such as the NSW Police Legacy Ball held each year. Many other former officers who may not have pensions for automatic

- Their homepage is: [www.policelegacynsw.org.au](http://www.policelegacynsw.org.au)
- From here, people can click the “donate” button on the right-hand side of the top menu, or right down the bottom of the page.
- If you’d prefer to you can, go directly to the donate page, using this link:  
<https://portal.policelegacynsw.org.au/donations>
- On this page, people can donate either one-off or on a regular way.

## NSW Police Legacy

NSW Police Legacy provides care and ongoing support to the families of police officers and retired police officers who have suffered a loss.

Our Board, staff, and volunteers strive to ensure that no partner or dependent child will ever feel forgotten or in need and will continue to feel connected to the police family. We also provide support for the parents of deceased officers, and support police officers to fundraise for police families facing necessitous circumstances.

Regardless of whether a police officer was serving or retired, or the

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## BRANCH REPORTS

### BRISBANE AND NORTHERN SUBURBS

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to spring where all your hard work in the garden during the winter starts paying off.

June meeting saw us with a special guest speaker, Former Homicide Detective Chief Inspector **Russell Oxford APM** who provided a very informative audio presentation regarding the investigation, arrest and charging of **Roger Rogerson and Glen McNamara** in relation to the 2014 murder of **Jamie Gao** which was very much



**Russell Oxford, Guest**

Although a little late **Merv Melling** was also presented with his OBE and he gave an entertaining speech on his Police service.



**Merv Melling**

June luncheon saw us at the Burpengary Community Club and it was then that I found out that **David Keith** was in my class 161, so that makes 3 of us as **Ward Turner** was also a member of that class.

Members who attended our July meeting and lunch would be aware that there have been changes to meeting dates and lunches. Meetings will now be held bi-monthly on the first Saturday of the month and lunches also bi-monthly on the first Tuesday of the alternate month, however, this still allows other functions or meetings to be organised by the committee if the need arises or there is an event that is considered of interest to members.

Also, members should also be aware that if any of the men would like to adjourn for a drink, punt or footy after our lunches then they can simply let me know on the day and if any ladies would like to adjourn for afternoon tea, then they can let Marilyn know on the day also.

Christmas in July was once again held at Secrets on the Lake in Montville which was a credit to **Gerald and Marilyn** for organising such a beautiful location which was only matched by the food and lovely cupcakes made by **Marilyn**.

Our August luncheon was held at the Bribie Island Bowling Club which has some of the best views on the island and nice food too.

It has been confirmed that our Brisbane and Northern Suburbs RFLA Christmas Party will once again be held in the IVY Room at the Norths Leagues and Services Club, Kallangur on the 2nd of December with members to be informed of details via Email, Brisbane and Northern Suburbs Facebook Group and NSW RFLA Website.

Members are encouraged to join our Facebook group as it is a closed group where only members can see who is part of it and what is posted in it. It also allows information, photos and updates to be accessed by members in a more effective and timely manner.

Members are reminded that for those who pay their RFLA membership fees annually that they became due on the 1st of July 2023. Any members who turned 80 prior to the 1st of July will remain fee free, however any member who turned 80 from the 1st of July 2023 then they and widows and widowers will now pay the full membership fee.

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### CENTRAL COAST

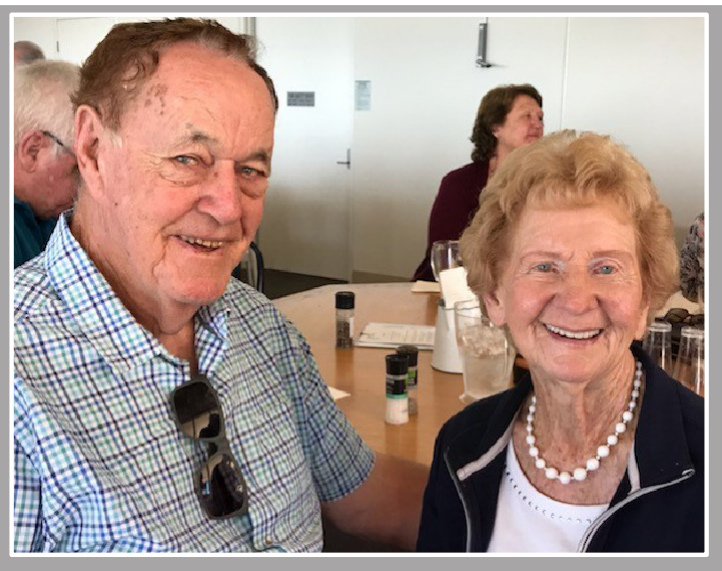
And so the world rolls on, becoming more chaotic as the days go by. Whilst the Matildas have given the country a reason to become exuberant almost every day we are seeing domestic violence incidents on a massive scale. We might well wonder if it will ever get better – while the trend seems to indicate that it is getting worse. If there are measures to combat the problem they are certainly not obvious, certainly not providing any significant results. But, in our world we can only take each day as it comes, keep as healthy as you possibly can, keep as active as you can and keep your loved ones as close as you can. And try hard to make each day better than the one before.

On Tuesday, 18th July, 2023, a beautiful sunny day, a sizeable group of happy Members attended the Valley Tavern for the sausage sizzle wherein Chef Extraordinaire, **Brian McVicar**, and his most talented team of assistants delivered their usual wonderful outcome. Who could ask for more

The August Branch Meeting was held on Tuesday, 15th August, 2023, commencing at 11 a.m., chaired by **Geoff Talbot with the following members present: Neil Ashman, Jim Bonner, Fr Jim Boland, Gordon Brann, Peter Caddy, Ernie and Bev Carmichael, Barry and Marj Clark, John Clark, Tony and Virginia Connolly, Paul Dixon, Ray Hatcher, Keith Hockley, Bill Ide, Bede Irvine, Russ Jackson, John and Anne Kent, Stewart Leaat.**

The **Chairman, Geoff Talbot**, extended a warm welcome to our two new Members, **Chris Olen and Stewart Leggat**, to our colleague from the Hornsby Branch, **Les Potter**, and to our guest speaker, **Adam Crouch**.

The Secretary advised of his receipt of an email from the Retired and Former Police Association concerning the introduction of a scheme to encourage Members to pay their fees on time, the scheme involving a raffle, the prize being a week's holiday at a resort at Palm Cove in Queensland. At the Association's recent AGM the prize was won by a female Member from the Sydney Branch It has been arranged that the



**Barry and Marj Clark**

Our Welfare Officer, **Barry Clark**, firstly, said how good it was to see **Father Jim and Bill Ide** present at the Meeting having overcome their recent health problems and, indeed, both gentlemen looked fit and well. How great to see them back.

However, we have several members in the "wars" – we all wish them a speedy recovery-**Trevor Carroll, Russ Jackson, Marlene Robertson** – prayers for your recovery.

On the Social front, **Russ Whitcher** advised the Meeting that, after some research, it has been decided that the Branch's Christmas lunch will be held in the Canoe Room at the Royal Hotel, at Wyong, on Thursday, 30th November, 2023, commencing at 11.30 a.m. This is the location where we had the last Christmas lunch, the food was good, the company was great and **Bill Eggins** was able to come in his wheel chair.

The Chairman introduced our Guest Speaker for the day, **Mr. Adam Crouch, M.P.**, Member for Terrigal.

**Mr. Crouch** spoke of the operation of putting mental health teams in Police Stations to deal with mental health issues and thereby allow Police to perform normal duties. He said that the mental health workers, who are not Police, are professional persons, now a permanent fixture in the Gosford and Tuggerah Lakes Police stations. Their sole responsibility is to advise Police on the individual problem.

**Chairman Geoff** welcomed **Phil Stubbs-Mills** back from his overseas trip and congratulated him on his achievements in international gun competitions. **Phil** told the Meeting that, in the course of such competitions, he has been able to travel around the world and has been doing this since 1998. He said that his travel has provided him with the opportunity to meet many people, with similar interest.



**Russ Whitcher** advised the Meeting about the use of an emergency app/number which can be installed in a mobile phone, a facility being run by the NSW State government. This facility provides a feature whereby, should you require an ambulance, you merely press a button on the mobile phone and this directs the ambulance to your exact location. **Chairman Geoff** said that, by pressing the button on the phone your location is specified within 3 square metres.

**"What3Words"** an app you can download to your phone. Every 3 of the world has been given a unique combination of 3 words which you can read out to emergency services who can then locate your position to within a 3 sq.m area!

### **The Ladies Coffee Club.**

It is indeed wonderful to see the Ladies Coffee Club in full swing, with the girls enjoying their cuppa whilst reminiscing about old times, when things were better, when people had respect for each other and didn't send adverse messages via the internet to sports performers who have done their best and achieved great outcomes. If we were to listen in on conversations we know that there would be intelligent discussions taking place and serious arrangements being made to offset mistakes being made by those males for whom they have been caring for so long. Oh, what would we do without these great ladies who have supported us for so long. We raise our glasses in their honour.

21st November, 2023 Sausage sizzle at the Valley Tavern, Narara.

30th November, 2023 Christmas lunch at the Royal Hotel, Wyong.

19th December, 2023 Meeting at the Ourimbah RSL, Ourimbah.

**John E. (Ernie) Carmichael**  
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## **CENTRAL TABLELANDS**

***We look forward to your report and photos for our***

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## **COFFS HARBOUR**

On Tuesday 22nd August we gathered for our **bi-monthly social** at the Jetty Foreshores. It was a beautiful day with great company, good raffle, and great roasted chicken. To my surprise, as a dyed in the wool Parramatta fan, I had the opportunity to meet up with **Alan Elsworthy**.

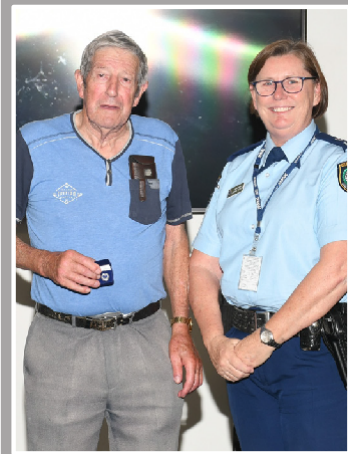
Apart from playing for North Coast, NSW Country Seconds, he also played for NRL/NSWRL Parramatta EELS 1961/1962. As luck would have it, I was wearing my Parramatta Cap that day. **Alan** had some great postings when in the cops....I could only wish!!!!

Those that attended were **Garry Heskett, Barbara/Hedley Gleave, Ian Hodges OAM/Sue Hodges, Murray/Judy Smith, Carl/Tain Ross, Doug Tysoe/Jan Marshall, Bev Clancy, Betty Lyne, John Hartley, Barry Walker, Allan Elsworthy. Apologies from Heather Mooe, John Reid, Tony & Sheila Brown and Natalie Salter.**

Throughout September, we said our sad goodbye to our old mate



**Coffs Harbour Retired**



**John Sonter Receiving Retired Police Pin**



**Natalie Salter Receiving Police Retired Police**



**John Marshall receiving Retired**

On Friday 11th September we celebrated Retired and Former Police Friendship Day with a visit at our local Police Station, a look at various departments within the complex and finishing off with a BBQ lunch. A big thank you to the new **Commander Supt Joanne Schultz** for your welcome and also to **A/Insp Amanda Crouch** for her organizational skills as well as organizing a BBQ lunch **A/Insp Langlands** for the tour of the Traffic Section and **Sgt Aleisha Vercoe** for the photographs displayed above. To all serving Police thank you for having us.

**MOTORCYCLE RIDE TO GLEN INNES OVERNIGHTER**

On Saturday 17th September, accompanied by many other local Coffs Harbour Business owners, and motorbike enthusiasts, we departed Coffs Harbour for an overnighter in Glen Innes. Some rode the Gwydir Highway, and some on the Old Coffs Harbour Road. One of the riders was **Gordon**

Ironically, Gordons father, **Fred Prewett** (May he RIP) and I graduated together out of the Redfern Police Academy. In 1983, **Const 1/c Fred Prewett** was transferred to a one-man Police Station at Emmaville with his family. So, on Sunday morning after a good breakfast, **Gordon**, and I along with one other rider and a support vehicle, we travelled out to the old historical **Police Residence in Emmaville**. There, **Gordon** recounted the days as a child being kicked up the proverbial by his dad for damaging tiles in the fireplace, starting a fire on Cracker Night in the Church Yard opposite, and many



**Ride to Emmaville Old Police Station**

*"Yep, that's where I lived Dig 40 years ago, and the old house is still standing, though the paint is cracked and dry, and there's that old stringy bark tree that I used to play on. Down the road I looked, and there run rabbits I used to hunt in those mountains up there, ohh it's good to see the green, green grass of home etc etc"*

It was with sad regret that we were informed that Coffs Harbour RFPA member **Kevin Anthony Goldman** S/N: 6738 formally of Coffs Harbour, had passed away at 9am on Tuesday/29th August 2023 in the Maitland Public Hospital. Kev was 92 years of age.

The following members have had some health issues **Hedley/Barbara Gleave, John Reid, Nat Salter, Charmaine Walker and Murray Smith.**

Please be reminded guys, particularly if your health is not up to scratch,

- Garry Heskett** 0414 512 302
- JP Tony Brown** 6655 0442
- Ian Hodges** 6653 2263
- Paul IR** Police Chaplain 0433 603 788

We have been invited for morning tea at Jacaranda Gardens for our next social outing at by **Phil Pearson.**

Phil is going to talk about aged care and club connections, which is something we can all benefit from. In this regard, he is inviting us members of the RFPA to come along.

There will be morning tea provided, along with **Phil donating \$500** towards our RFPA Branch.

Cheers  
**Garry**

**DUBBO**

**We look forward to your report and photos for our**

**GOLD COAST**

The last few months have been busy with bi-monthly meetings intertwined with social outings every other month. Last two social outings were at Feng Shui Chinese restaurant at Coolangatta and Palm Beach Surf club. A planned Xmas in July is being organised at our meeting base at Currumbin RSL club with a two course luncheon of roast dinner and dessert on the menu. A good roll up is expected.



Our June meeting at Currumbin RSL club was also our A.G.M.

Members present:

**John BEACHAM; Bob GODDEN; Garry JARDINE; Graham BISHOP; Garry WILLIAMS; Jeff FOWLER; Max ROBERTS; Bob GIBSON; Gary MATTHEWS; Jim MATTHEWS; Alan HENDERSON; Terry & Kerry PERKINS; Bruce & Dora THOMSON; Jim & Jan NOBLE; Michael PEARSALL; Brian & Dorne LANGDON; Geoff & Vicki MAXWORTHY; Wendy COOLEY.**

Member apologies:

**Jim & Olive CAVANAUGH; John SEAWARD; John & Joan WHEATLEY; Louis GEIST ( now moved to Hunter region); Madeline QUINN; Les ZHAN; Ron GRAHAM; Bob WILSON; Jim LUTHERBORROW and Steve HUBBARD.**

Our meeting in April was honoured to have guest speaker **Michael HUMPHRIES**, President of Currumbin RSL Club, who spoke of his 20 years Royal Australian Navy service (a few ex-navy among members reminisced). He also spoke of his long service to the Currumbin Sub-Branch, the local community and members it supports, including one of the largest ANZAC services in Australia held each year at Currumbin Beach Surf club.

**Detective Chief Inspector David SILVERSIDE** from Tweed/Byron Police District attended for a short time and spoke of policing activities in his District. He extended an invitation for members to attend the Retired Police Day at Tweed Police Station in September.

<b>Garry JARDINE</b>	Chairman
<b>Garry MATTHEWS</b>	Deputy Chairman & Social Director
<b>John BEACHAM</b>	Secretary
<b>Garry WILLIAMS</b>	Assistant Secretary
<b>Terry PERKINS</b>	Treasurer
	Assistant Treasurer
	Welfare Officer QLD
	Welfare Officer NSW
	Committee Member

At our August meeting Members present: **Garry GRAHAM, Graham BISHOP, Jim MATTHEWS, Greg LUTHERBORROW, Bob GIBSON, Arthur ELLIOTT, Jim NOBLE, Bob WILSON, Phil DAY, Bruce & Dora THOMSON, Geoff & Vicki MAXWORTHY, Les ZAHN, Terry & Betty PERKINS, Stephen HUBBARD**, three other ladies in attendance.

Apologies were received from **John WHEATLEY, Max**



**Supt. Dave ROPTELL OIC, Det. Ch.Insp Dave SILVERSIDE and Insp.Matt WOODS from Tweed District** attended our meeting and spoke briefly of their service, and their commitment to forging strong ties with the Gold Coast branch. **Supt ROPTELL** gave out leaflets for the upcoming Retired Police Day at Tweed and extended a warm welcome for members to attend.

**Long time member, Deputy Chairman & Social Director Garv**



**Ron GRAHAM received his O.B.E from Chairman Gary JARDINE and Supt Dave ROPTELL**

One of our female members, **Noreen**, wished to thank Tweed Police for driving her to and from meetings of Police Legacy, which otherwise she would not be able to attend. She is very grateful for their assistance. Wonderful fellowship past and present.



**Guest Speaker Ret. Snr Sgt Mark ELM** addressed our meeting detailing his service with NSW Police and is now Superintendent / Commander of NSW S.E.S. Northern Rivers Command.

A daunting task over the past few years with severe bushfires and numerous horrific floods in northern NSW.

**Mark** also spoke of his experiences during operational deployment with the UN mission in East Timor with the AFP. His travel to Texas USA (whilst on

His focus was on the wellbeing and support of operational personnel at all levels and services, and he said that was crucial for workplace happiness.

**Mark** is also a Roll of Honour and Life Member of Police Legacy. Many thanks for your precious time **Mark**.

We are hopeful of arranging a joint meeting with the Northern Rivers Branch with a possible venue at Ocean Shores hotel, which is situated between the two branches.

### **Bruce Thomson**

### **HUNTER REGION**

Recently we have visited the Hunter Valley Hospitality School (at Kurri TAFE) for our Xmas in July Lunch. 42 attended and enjoyed the excellent hospitality and meal. Morning tea, wine tasting (and purchasing) of their in-house awarded wines, a quality meal and personal service at the hands of the hospitality teachers (their students were on holidays) proved to be an excellent selection by our food scout **Bob GRAY**, noted for his couth.

We were able to obtain some Lizard Liqueur, which will now be used as

**Alan CRUMPTON and Tony HONOR** have combined to unlock the gates and the underground tactical tunnelling at Newcastle's prime defence; Fort Scratchley, just near Nobbys. Most of us locals have used the vicinity for personal entertainment, fast driving (as young'uns) fishing, surfing and discrete observing. For those 'in the know' the name **Aub TUCKER** comes to mind. Retrieving 92/5 from the base of Nobbys Breakwater will no doubt be subject of discussion on the day. In any case, Al knows the boss there, and **Tony** knows one of the guides who is prepared to show us around and help us cook a BBQ. All welcome on the day, which is Tuesday 12 September, around 10-30am. I hear that there is a chance we will hear the 6 inch guns around midday. Several of our ex-military men will be jostling to get a shot away at Nobbys after all these years.

Regards

**ILLAWARRA**

Illawarra (Wollongong) Branch of the RFPA on the 17.7.2023 held a Social Outing with members meeting for a Luncheon at the Windang Bowling Club this was well supported (20 members in attendance) with new members **Natalie McDougall and Jack Brown in attendance, along with members from Kiama Branch, Gordon & Jane Weaver, Kelvin & Dawn Schrieber, Michael Gordon and from South Coast**



**Kelvin Schrieber, Steve Byrnes, Dave Routledge,**

Further on the Monday 21 August 2023 our Branch held its AGM at the Wollongong Master Builders Club with the current "committee" re-elected for the coming 12 months. With **Chairman Dave Routledge** indicating "more social activities" and visitations to other Branches. Due time possible as Secretary still maintains his "Commercial



Also at this meeting **Wendy Doherty,** presented with her "Veterans Certificate" by **Dave Routledge.** Many present recall and fond memories of working with her husband **"Ted**

**DOHERTY"** the Police Force. Members then dined at the Club, with a few "soft drinks" consumed.

Our Branch meets "bi-monthly" (On 3rd Monday in even months (Oct-Dec-Feb. etc) and Socially 3rd Monday in Odd months (Sept-Nov-March. Etc) contact **Dave ROUTLEDGE** on 0414339424 or **Nei Harri** 0411487813 for enquiries.

Regards

**KIAMA**

Members from the Kiama Branch, **Gordon & Jane Weaver, Kelvin & Dawn Schrieber, Lindsay Gordon,** joined Illawarra branch for a joint social outing. See Illawarra Report

**MACARTHUR**

The Macarthur Branch August meeting was attended by **Geoff McNevin, Max Madgwick, Noel Carroll, Rob Hynes, Bruce Williams, Phil McIntosh, George Seymour, Dennis Smith, Brent Thomas, Michael Timms, Steve Brent, Bob Barnett, Allan Randall, Joe Stanioch, Alan Moule, Ken & Wendy Aldham, Allan Godfrey, Ron Reuben, John Carroll, Kevin Barr, Kevin Hill, Gary Jorgensen, Paul McDonald, James & Karyn Johnson, Roger & Lorraine Ford, Malcolm Sinton and Richard**



**Camden Defib**



**Lpool defib**

During the meeting we had a Guest Speaker **Steve Bowers** do a presentation in relation to mortgage lending in today's market.

In July we had a **Russell Oxford** presentation that went for over 2 hours and following the success of that presentation it was decided to continue with that theme to alternate between Meetings.

## MANNING GREAT LAKES

*We look forward to your report and photos for our*

### MID NORTH COAST

August saw us have a 'coffee and chat' morning at the Port City Bowling Club. **Ian Campbell, Sid Crane, Bruce Saunders, Bob Hanlon, Al Lukes, Laurie McGrath, Jim Cranna, Jennett Hunt, Marlene Brown, Jeff & Margaret Elliott and Graham & Irene Williams** came along. It was also lovely to see one of our elder statesmen **Bryan Longhurst** back on deck with us. **Brian**, who is 91 years young, looks very well and is keen to attend all our meetings in the coming months.

It was a very pleasant morning with the invitation from the **Area Commander, A/Supt. Jo Schultz**, for our members to attend Retired Police Day in September being reserved to our members. We



**Jan & George McCleery, Ian & Dawn Campbell, Matt Reeves & Sid Crane.**



**Head of the table, Jeff Elliott, Paul Griffin & Al Lukes.**

The Hasting-Macleay Branch of the Order of Australia Association invited our members to join them for a luncheon where **Detective Superintendent (Retired) Debbie Wallace** was the guest speaker. **Jim & Sandra Cranna, Peter Wilms and Betty Hartnett, Bob & Helen Hanlon, Sid Crane & Kerry Bolsover, Wayne & Rhonda Evans, Ian Campbell, Mat Reeves and Paul Dilley** accepted the invitation and after a very nice meal **Debbie** entertained all those present with a very humorous look at her Policing career including extended periods at Blacktown and Cabramatta where life is never dull if you are a Police officer.

**Debbie** finished her career as the head of the Asian Gang Squad and also the leader of Task Force RAPTOR which focused on Outlaw Motor Cycle gangs. She called it as she saw it and she can be rightly proud of her career which spanned over 36 years. She still has an involvement in crime fighting via her role in the media as she hosts the TV series "Million Dollar Murders", where the money is offered for information leading to the conviction of a person/s responsible for these unsolved homicides.

Retired Police Day was hosted by the **Mid North Coast Area Commander Superintendent Shane Cribb** in one of the function rooms at the Westport Bowling Club at Port Macquarie. Over 30



**Bruce Saunders sharing a joke with Laurie & Marcia McGrath.**

Retired Police Day is a day many of our members look forward to each year. It's a great initiative commenced by the Police Department about 8-10 years ago and its developed into a day we can mix with our local Police and be updated about what's happening in our own area.

I hope it gets bigger and stronger in the years ahead. **Our Vice Chairman, Ian Campbell** thanked **Superintendent Cribb** on behalf of all those present and indicated we all looked forward to next year.

A shout out to our past **Deputy Chairman Brian Banks** who spent a couple of days in hospital following a fall in which he broke his arm. He's now back at home and we wish him a speedy recovery.

And our best wishes are extended to one of our members, **Mat Reeves**, who is leaving our area to return to the Central Coast. Good luck Matt and your always welcome to join us whenever you visit Port Macquarie.

### MURRAY RIVER

Well, there is a lot going on around the Murray River RFPA with our little working party being busy bees organising our week of Roaming the Murray River Region happening on 23rd to 30th October.

Some of the social events recently held included trips to Cactus Cantina in May. Great to see **Ian Elworthy, Martin & Rhonda Stenson** who hadn't been able to make it for a while due to work. Also, we had a new **friend and now member** come along, **Ray Waring**. In June we had some new members added to the team



**New member Ray Waring, Linda & Ken**

On the 3 June 2023 we held our branch AGM at La Maison Restaurant. The rest of the team were re-elected that being **Chair Ken Ziegel, Secretary Beth Docksey**, Committee Members **Brian Rosewarne, Graeme Stephens & Chris Eddes**. Thank

**Graeme Stephens** on the 8 June 23 was doing some pre renovation tidy ups and stumbled across these little treasures that he had completely forgotten existed. The Original Albury Beats Established 29 October 1990.

On the 4 July 2023 we were off for a Coffee & Chat at Anthony's Crepe Café and on 26 July we wandered off to the Albury Golf Club. Mmm...to play golf...no, to watch the Kangaroos laze on the green grass of the golf course and while we had lunch.

On the 31 July we had dinner with some Victorian members (the Mail Exchange Race happened today in Melbourne as a prelude to the ...)



**Warren Mitchell, Graeme, Sebastian, Kylli, Louise Stephens & Neil Galloway**

On 28 August 23 we had a Coffee & Chat and our member **Fiona Avery and hubby Scott**. We also had **Arthur Croft** along who we haven't seen for a while as well as **Dave King & Don Hamilton**.

I would like to invite transitioning and other retired & former officers particularly post 88 officers who are unsure of coming to our coffee & chats that we are a police family that are totally social and our get togethers are about fun times and living in the present. Others have been surprised that they would enjoy our social times when they have attended with reservations and found it is just what we all need. Time with family & friends that understand.

Until next time take care and enjoy our police family.



**Melbourne**

On 10 August 2023 the north and south of our branch meet up. **Christine & Phil Eddes** from Melbourne catch up with long-time friends **Peter and Di Croucher** at Corindi Beach.



**Phill & Chris Eddes Di & Pete**



On the 19 August 2023 the morning Coffee & Chat was a big birthday bash. Great to see **Roland Kubank** take a leisurely drive down from Wagga this morning to come and celebrate his 60th Birthday with all of us. So great that we could celebrate with you.

Great to see **Warren Mitchell** at our coffee & chat as he has been through a very challenging time with his home burning down, losing everything and him suffering some minor burns a few weeks

the Woomargama Community & Woomargama Hotel have rallied around him and conducted many fund-raising activities and provided him accommodation in the interim and later a community member provided him a house to live in. The below picture shows our members that went out to Woomargama Hotel for the fundraiser a couple of days later. Fabulous to see Warren back at the Coffees.

We also welcomed our 2 new branch members **Natasha Pollard and Louise Stephens** who both joined last month. Great to have

**NEW ENGLAND**

New England Branch of the RFPA came together at the Glen Innes & District Services Club on this Retired Police Day to express our appreciation for those who have served and to support those who continue to serve, ensuring that our communities remain safe and secure.

Our host for Retired Police Day, **Superintendent Steve Laksa**, Commander New England Police District. The local branch thank him for hosting this event and for his unwavering commitment to the well-being of our retired police officers.

**Inspector James Parsons** the Officer In Charge of Glen Innes welcomed us and gave a moving "Acknowledgement of Country"

The branch was provided an informative presentation by **Sgt Chris Pieterse** who provided information on the new gmm Glocks being rolled out, Body Worn Camera's and the digital police radio.

Following our general meeting we were supplied with a delicious meals from the club.

Anyone travelling through Glen Innes please stop and enjoy a beautiful



**Back Row L to R John Walkowiak, Inspector Darren Williams, Sen Con Brad Fuller, Allan Culbert, Cst Jen Lesleighter Superintendent Steve Laksa, David Ryan, Monty Eshman**

**Front row L to R Bill Hooke, Bruce Jackson, Peter Trow, Brian Bowman, Geoffry Parker, Laurie Smith**

## NORTHERN BEACHES

On the 18th July we had our AGM at the Manly Leagues Club. Our Executive Committee was elected unopposed. **Dave WHITEMAN** is Chairman, **Brian FRIEND** is Vice Chairman, **Alan Le SURF** is Secretary and **Bill BUSH** is our Treasurer. **Alan HINES** and **Kevin MONCKTON** were nominated and are now our Auditors.

The AGM had the following members attend **Dave WHITEMAN, Bill BUSH, Alan LE SURF, Brian FRIEND, Oscar TAYLOR, Allan HINES, Garrie WATT, Liz WHITEMAN, Geoff KAY, Gloria VELLELEY, Harold HANLEN, Rob LINNEY, Bart SNEL, John LETTS, Kevin MONCKTON, Tony WRIGHT,**

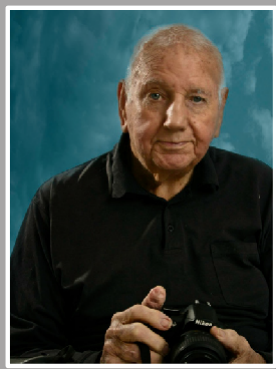


**Alan Le Surf and Dave Walton**

Our guest speaker at the AGM was **Dave WALTON**, the Deputy Mayor of the Northern Beaches Council who is also one of our members. **Dave** gave an update on what has been occurring regarding the Council and answered a number of questions from members. He is a popular guest speaker.

**Liz WHITEMAN** and **Gloria VELLELEY** have been busy organising a number of very popular outings for members, partners and friends. On the 28th June we visited the Laughin Boy Café at Emu Plains right on the Nepean River. Around 35 plus brave souls attended and coped with the rain. The Laughin Boy Café was a former police station built in 1908 and used as a police station until the 1950s. **Gloria VELLELEY** presented the new owners of the Cafe, local restaurateurs **Shane and Belinda SIMPSON**, a framed print owned by **Peter and Gloria VELLELEY**.

After **Peter's** passing, **Gloria** donated the print to the branch and she suggested it should live in the old Police Residence. So, we presented the print "The Bobbies at the Laughin Boy Cafe" where it will hang with pride



On the morning of the Laughin Boy Cafe visit our old mate **Jim Soiland "Sir James" - "Welfare 1"** passed away. On the 10th of July a service at the Macquarie Park Crematorium was held that Jim would have been proud of. **Steven and Peter** did their Dad proud with some stories of his life and of course our own **Oscar Taylor** gave a wonderful eulogy for his friend of many years

After the Laughin Boy Cafe our group (**Bird Walton**) Airport for a formal presentation on the progress and the vision for the airport which is on target to open in 2026 and will cater international and domestic flights under the one roof, servicing up to 10 million passengers a year. Well worth a visit.



**Laughin Boy front**

On the 25th of August we had lovely weather for an enjoyable day out at the Toll Ambulance Helicopter Base and then Police Air Wing now called Aviation Command at Bankstown Airport. Our thanks to **Scott MILES (son of member Barry MILES)** and his fellow paramedic **Ben** who gave us an amazing tour of the Toll Ambulance facility and to **Leading Senior Constable Ian BENNETT** at the NSW



**Group photo at**

After the two tours we adjourned to Club Condell Park for a lovely lunch and a few drinks. Thanks to **Barry MILES** who organised the Toll tour and to **Liz WHITEMAN** who organised the passenger manifest for the day and let us not forget our regular volunteer bus driver **Scott KAY** who managed to negotiate the morning traffic from the Northern Beaches to the facilities at Bankstown.

A great turnout with close to 50 turning out for the Retired Police Officers Day 2023 at Mona Vale Police Station, hosted by Superintendent **Pat SHARKEY** and his wonderful support team headed by **Sat**



**Retired Police Day Mona Vale 2023**

Stay safe and until next time, don't forget to look down and step up.

**Ian Finlayson**

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## NORTHERN RIVERS

Greetings from the Northern Rivers. Our branch had its last meeting at the Tattersalls Hotel in Casino on the 18 July 2023. This was also our Annual General meeting where our Committee for the next 12 months was elected. Thank you to those members who volunteered to act in various roles.

At the conclusion of our regular and Annual general meeting our Branch enjoyed a very pleasant lunch at the Hotel. Those present at the meeting were: **Charlie Halloran, Ron Maher, Glenn Taylor, Peter Watt, Gary Rowney, Ted Harrison, Harry Sunderland, Bruce King, Bill Nugent, Ron Hockey, Barry Hurren, Mike Sullivan, Ian Leven, Ray Adams, Ron Marriott,**



### Retired Police Day Mona Vale 2023

Members and partners are advised that our next meeting will be our Christmas meeting on Tuesday the 28 November 2023 at the Ballina RSL Club.

#### Charlie Halloran

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## NORTHERN SUBURBS (formerly Hornsby)

Our August meeting was attended by (from left to right) **Luke Spurr, Alan Doak, Greg Bertoldo, Bill Johnson, Ross Beattie, John Andrews, Alan Pollock, Peter McDonnell, Bruce Williams** and myself, with apologies from **Wal Gaffney, Tony Sneddon, Kent Vild, Warren and Trudi Cole, Les Potter, Kerry Larsen, Phil Stubbs-Mills, Ken McKnight, Dick Smith, Warren and Lesley Martin, and John Schell.** The injury list continues with recent or ongoing procedures for **Warren Martin, Peter McDonnell, John Andrews, John Schell, Cornel Arnold, Ross Beattie and Dick Smith.** We wish them all well with their recoveries and upcoming procedures.

The celebration day for Retired and Former Police was held at Hornsby Police Station this year, hosted by Superintendent **Matt Scott.** We had a very informative talk in relation to the Communications Branch and their capabilities in assisting operations response at short notice, including remote locations and the use of drones. A few of our members provided an insight of their earlier days in the job. Technology has come a long



Back row (left to right) **Ross Beattie, Alan Pollock, Tony Milgate, John Andrews, John Schell and daughter Katie Bond (serving member), Tony Sneddon.**

Middle row **Chris Plummer (obs), Brett Chapman, Peter McDonnell, Andy Southall, Errol Badior, Alan Doak.**

Front row **Graham Baker, Bill Johnson, Kent Vild, Bill Shute, Verity Greenwood, John Graham, Steve Bensley.**

The 10 September celebrated the 95th birthday of our elder Statesman, **Wal Gaffney.** Wal was a Foundation Member for our Branch and has been interested in the progress of the Association and its members throughout. Unfortunately he has witnessed the passing of numerous former colleagues but still retains his independence, residing at his North Ryde home.

Since our last news we unfortunately had the passing of a recent joinee in **Bob Napier.** Bob had experience in Scientific and was very highly regarded by all who worked with him. He is survived by his wife, **Elva, and family.** Rest in peace, **Bob.**

We usually meet at 10am at the Hornsby RSL Bistro for coffee on the first

## PARRAMATTA -THE HILLS

August Meeting.

Guest Speakers today were representatives of the Cancer Council of Australia talk about the services provided by the Cancer Council of Australia including Legal and Financial Services available to Cancer Sufferers. Information can be obtained by contacting 13 11 20 or Cancer Council on Line.

A very informative presentation



### Cancer Council Guest Speakers

Our second Guest Speaker was **Bruce Tinsdale** of the NSW Ambulance who spoke of his career in the NSW Ambulance Service.

**Bruce** joined at 19 years of age in 1983 and was stationed at Rockdale & Campbelltown for the next 10 years. He has been a member of the



### Guest Speake Bruce Tinsdale NSW

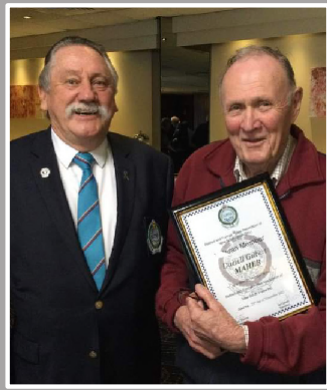
In 2003 the Ambulance Rescue Team was disbanded and the Special Operations Unit was established. In 2007 he joined the unit and is presently working with them. He is due to retire later this year however he decided that he would become a Chaplain and continue servicing the members of that Unit even after his retirement

Since this branch's inception some 12 years ago, **Gary Raymond** has performed the role of Sole Welfare Officer admirably and

Thanks to **Neil Purvis and Lester Robey** who are now assisting **Gary** in this most important role.

Thanks was given to ALL the Committee members for their continued efforts and contributions to the running of the branch.

A note of thanks to our sponsors, **Guardian Funerals and Anderson Boemi Lawyers** who have supported us since our



### **Darrell Maher Receiving OBE**

- \* Badgery's Creek Airport tour on the 14 August 2023 and lunch afterwards at the Laughing Boy Cafe.
- \* A Ladies Luncheon at Quakers Court Hotel, Quakers Hill on Wednesday 16 August 2023.
- \* September 7 Retired Police Day at Riverstone Police Station.
- \* Zig Zag Railway on Sunday 27 August 2023.
- \* Castle Hill Players On 30 Sept. for the play "Cactus Flower"
- \* Annual Christmas Dinner at the Blacktown Workers Club on the 25 November 2023.

In September our meeting had 30 attendees - **Eric Etienne, Neil & Colleen Purvis, Sandy Benson, Ian & Barbara Lindsay, Annette Willett, Fred & Anne Camage, David Hain, Elaine Bennett, Janis McKinnon, Kent Vild, Mal Brown, Phil Connor, Lester Robey, Steve Bensley, Naomi Baldwin, Sheila Jackson, John & Susan Wakefield, Brian Haim, Lloyd Taylor, David Livingstone, Michael Berwick, Darren Maher, Gary Raymond, Joan & Ivan Hamilton, Shirley Anderson.**

The Retired Police Day held at the Riverstone PAC. was a great success and it was good to see the number of our members who attended. We all enjoyed the presentations and the lunch afterwards. Thank you



### **Retired Police Day at Riverstone PAC**

I ask the Secretary to convey our thanks to both of these Officers as well as the organiser of this event, **Senior Constable Mellisa Rosevear.** I would ask the Secretary to convey our thanks to **Inspector Michael Burton** of Parramatta PAC for his efforts in

WELFARE REPORT – **John McInerney** is still undergoing pain management. **John Fletcher** is going well. **Don Walkom** is recovering in. **Bob Oswald** is recovering still. **John and Lee Hall** are both battling.

GUEST SPEAKER: **Cornelius (Neal) McGarrity** the co-founder of Bullroarers an Indigenous Organisation. He is a proud Bir-ipi-Dung-hutti man with a strong career spent serving community and country. He has continually served this country first as a member of the Australian Army where he operated overseas in support of wider international task forces, before joining the New South Wales Police Force providing specialist services as a NSW Police Officer.

**Neal** continues to serve his country as a Military Police Officer with the Army Reserves and manages the Angel Feather Foundation, which he created to provide support to those dealing with terminal and life-threatening illnesses, This is testament to his work ethic "DEEDS NOT WORDS"

### **Eric Etienne**

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### **PEEL**

**See front Cover photo** - The NSW RFPA COM is pleased to advise



### **Retired Police Day at**



### **OBE to John Lambkin**

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The committee was voted in, bank account established, new RFPA flag presented and the gavel was retrieved from the previous custodian.

The Chairman is **Phil O'Reilly** and the committee has been given a list of retired and former Police living in the local area with the aim of contacting them and growing the branch. Well done to all involved and we look forward to photos and information from

## PENRITH BLUE MOUNTAINS

In August we had the following visitors **Cathy BERRY, Carol PRIESTLEY, Dave and Louise COLE, Lillian SOANE, Therese HURST, Dave WHITEMAN** Members present **Ron JOHNSTON, Lesley SCHWETZ, Dick and Therese HURST, David and Louise COLE, Carol and Rob PRIESTLEY, Keith THOMS, Cath and Ian BERRY, Ray FILEWOOD, Peter SCHEINFLUG, Ray OWSTON, Lillian SOANE, Mark McCALLUM, John & Bev POLLOCK, Dave Whiteman.**

Apologies received from **Pat BANCROFT, Geoff McALISTER, Tony MALONE, Paul KELLY, Jim PRENDERGAS, Barry BRAZZILL, Barry BRACKENRIG Anthony SPAIN, Kim CONNORS, Ike ELLIS.**

WELFARE MATTERS: **Barry BRAZZILL** had a stumble but is on the mend.

The RFPA needs to be supportive of our members. but not provide counselling services as we are not qualified. Morning coffee/tea is one of the ways our Branch provides support.

We are all welfare officers and look out for our fellow members.

The Penrith morning Coffee/Tea at 10-10 30am on the first Wednesday

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November 2023	1/11		

**Monthly Meetings are the fourth Monday of the Penrith Panthers Club at 11am in the meeting rooms upstairs from the Reception. \* indicates if moved one week due to Public Holiday.**

The morning coffee/tea venues are purely social to REKINDLE old friends Penrith Branch Report to the AGM 2023. Another year has passed and I have the pleasure to present the 2022/23 Secretary's report to 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Penrith-Blue Mountains Branch of the Retired and Former Police Association of New South Wales Inc..

During the year our Branch has enjoyed some social outings. These included a Xmas Lunch and social lunch at Settlers Restaurant. Also a tour and a presentation of the NSW Police Marine Command tasks culminating in a harbour cruise. We have slowly overcome Covid 19 restrictive action on meetings and some events were cancelled.

I would like to thank Penrith Panthers Leagues Club especially the Events Committee for providing the monthly Meeting Rooms for our Meetings. I would also like to thank **Ch. Insp. Anthony BRAZZILL** for looking after our members at the Marine Command.

During the year our Chairman **Dick HURST** and Treasurer **John POLLOCK** and **Lesley SCHWETZ** have worked tirelessly and hard. They both have provided the monthly Financial Reports. To all of you a hearty thank you.

Our regular morning Coffee/Tea venues at Penrith and Springwood are proving to be a success and hopefully will continue with your support in the coming year. I would like to thank all of you who have attended these venues to make them as successful as they are.

In closing I would like to thank my wife **Cathy** for her support and assistance during the year, and those members who also supported and assisted I thank you and I hope that will continue for the next year.

**Ian BERRY**

## RIVERINA

**We look forward to your report and photos for our next issue**

## SOUTH COAST

July Luncheon at Batemans Bay

A most enjoyable time of Friendship, Fellowship and Comradeship was had by all who attended the RFPA South Coast Branch luncheon at Batemans Bay Soldiers Club on Thursday 20 July 2023.

It was great to catch up with 'local' members **Jan Gordon and Peter Vaughan** and also to welcome **Peter's son. Peter**, who had just recently retired from the 'job'. Also attending were **Paul Rutledge, Bob & Marie Groenestein, Noel & Gayle Flanders, Graham & Jill Lower, Claire & John Crockett.**

August Meeting at Nowra

A great turn out for our bi-monthly meeting held at the Nowra Ex-



## RFPA South Coast August Meeting

Sydney Chapter (BKSV) President, **Alex Vogt** (also an RFPA member) graciously accepted our 'plea' to 'replace' our scheduled guest speaker who was unable to attend.

**Alex's** presentation about the Blue Knights history and current activities was interesting, informative and very much appreciated by all.

## Retired Police Day at Mollymook

Thursday 7 September saw the South Coast Police District host over 20 retired and former members in celebration of Retired Police Day with a morning tea at Mollymook Surf Club.

In the opening address **Detective Inspector Flood**, South Coast PD Crime Manager stated, "We have set this day aside as a small but very public tribute to the commitment that you gave to us and the communities of NSW to say thank you for the great work that you have done and to reflect upon your service." A few moments of silent reflection was then observed to remember those members who had passed away in the last year.

The group then enjoyed a very interesting and informative presentation



## Retired Police



Following this presentation a short video message from **Superintendent Darren Brand**, Commander - South Coast Police District was shown which included a 'clip' on policing in South Coast Police District.

RFPA South Coast Branch Chair **Bob Williamson** extended members thanks through the 'Master of Ceremony' **Insp. Kelly Dale to Supt.** Brand and his staff for hosting the Retired Police Day function.

After the presentations those present enjoyed a time of friendship, fellowship and comradeship with former and currently serving Police, a group photograph and a great morning tea!

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## SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

**The Southern Highlands Branch Charter remains current and in place however the Branch is taking a break**

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## SOUTHERN TABLELANDS

On 17th July, 2023 our branch meeting was held at the Goulburn Soldiers Club

Those present were: **Faye Ambrose, Mick & Carol Donnelly, Kevin Haywood, Cheryl Hughes, David Kennemore, Ken Lockyer, Greg Moore, John & Louise Kowalenko, Ian Radford, Bill & Judy White, Peter Willard.**

Apologies were received from:

**Peter and Kay Betts, Tom Burke, Perc Carter, John Connell, Joe Dombroski, Rosemary Kennemore, Annette McDonald, Ray & Maureen Strong.**

The meeting was a social gathering with proceedings limited to the usual Devonshire tea/coffee and scones prepared by the Soldiers Club caterer.

**Ray Strong** is still visiting his daughter in the Cocos Islands and appears to be enjoying the fishing there.

**Peter Willard** commented that the last coffee outing at the Merino Care, Gunning on 19th June was attended by 7 members and commends this form of outing to members in general.

Secretary **Ian** made a suggestion that two venues yet to be considered are the Some Café, Collector and the Meridian Café, Marulan. Further arrangements for a future Coffee Outing will be made on Ray's return to Goulburn.

**Peter Willard** informed the members that he and **Faye Ambrose** attended the Campbelltown Branch Meeting where a presentation was made by retired **Inspector Russell Oxford touching on the Rogerson and Macnamara** murder trial. There was an indication that the Campbelltown Branch is interested in having a combined meeting with our Branch at a future date. This suggestion will be followed up by Secretary **Ian**

Retired Police Day

On 7th September the branch was invited to participate in the Retired Police Day by the Hume District command. 14 members met at the Goulburn Police Station at 10.30am to be welcomed by the OIC **Inspector Matt Hinton** and Hume District Commander, **Superintendent Paul Condon.** We saw a demonstration of Operational Policing and Body Worn Video, and the operation of the **new COPS program.** From there we embussed and travelled to the Police Academy.



**L to R – Sgt Bianca Williams, Ken Lockyer, Greg Alan Whitten, Peter Willard, Faye Ambrose, Ian Radford, David Kennemore, Manny Rivera, Kim Rivera, I**

The Academy then provided a light luncheon to all in attendance. A return to the Goulburn Police Station took us back to the days of old.

A most interesting and informative Retired Police Day was enjoyed by all present.

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## SYDNEY

**We look forward to your report and photos for our next issue**

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## WATER POLICE SUB BRANCH

We held our second meeting for the year on the 18th May, with a small attendance but as usual the day was enjoyed by all. Next meetings on the 24th August and the 30th November, 2023.

Attended by **David Buckley, Frank Mahony, Hilton Penfold, Len Ware, Grant Thompson, Terry Ervin, Brian Friend, Greg Black, Mick Poole, Bob Adams,**



On the 15th August, 2023 I presented **Robert "Bob" Nicol** with his OBE at his home.

Our third meeting of the year was held at Club York on the 24th August with those attending,:- **David Buckley, Frank Mahony, Hilton Penfold, Len Ware, Terry Ervin, Brian Friend Mick Poole. Vic Rulewski.**

**David Buckley**

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## WIDE BAY

**We look forward to your report and photos for our next issue**

## FRIENDSHIP WEEK FOR

**When:** From 16 MARCH to the 23 MARCH 2024  
**Where** FORSTER TUNCURRY NRMA HOLIDAY PARK and RESORT  
1 Baird Street, TUNCURRY 02 65546827  
**Bookin** A number of powered caravan sites and cabins have been reserved for our members. These reservations will be held for four weeks from 29th May 2023. Bookings require a deposit to secure the accommodation and any unsold sites/cabins after 4 weeks will be released back into sale. Members can still call after that period to book their accommodation but it will be subject to availability.  
**Informati** For more information about the accommodation and the park please go to Forster Tuncurry NRMA Holiday Park & Resort web site for additional information and

Look forward to catching up for a great week again in 2024.

Kind regards

**Charles Halloran**

## REUNIONS HELD

### CLASS 131 OF JUNE 1972 – 51ST REUNION

Held at the East Cessnock Bowling Club, Class mates and their partners travelled from the far south and west areas of NSW and include a few from the southern areas of Queensland to enjoy the occasion.

The occasion was special for the gathering, with the inclusion of Magistrate and Class 131 class mate **Jacqueline Milledge**, as she delivered a funny and entertaining overview of her journey



Class mates - **B.R (L to R) Joe Turner, Ken Fogarty, Graeme Field, (Friend of Guest) Garry Jorgensen, Jack Keough, Mark Brady, Steve Shields, Noel Garrigg, Col Martin, John Clark, Jim Prendergast, Garry Lee, Eoin Peters, Terry Ervin, Gary Dunn, Russ Ashdown.**

**F.R. (L to R) Terry Jacobsen, Russ Whitcher, Billy Eggins, Geoff Cox, Carmel Flavell (nee Mulheron), Jackie Milledge, Geoff Doring, Les De Belin and of**

### REDFERN ACADEMY CLASS 167

The 43rd year reunion of Class 167 was held at the York Club, in York St, Sydney on 23 June this year. (Apologies for the lateness of this email).

Class 167 was attested on 23 June 1980 at the NSW Police Academy, Redfern. 99 members were sworn in on that date. We have sadly lost a few over the years... Vale - **Geoff Treble, Eriks**



Back row left to right - **Paul Dawson, Chris Sawyer, Brett Henderson, Geoff Perry, Matt Appleton, Ron Brown, George Brennan, John Watkins, Rowland McGready, Greg Rosman**

Front Row - **Paula Daley, Patricia Hitchen, Marija Rustia, Sue Alexander**

## UPCOMING REUNIONS

**Where** Kirra Beach Hotel Cnr Miles St & Marine Pde Kirra Beach (Opposite Kirra Surf Club)  
**When** 8th February 2024  
**:** 11.30am  
**Time** Drinks and/or food at your own cost  
**:** Partners most welcome to attend  
on [john.newington@bigpond.com](mailto:john.newington@bigpond.com)

## N.S.W. EX POLICE CADETS FUNCTION, CLUB

**Wher** Club York, 95-99 York Street, Sydney.  
**e:** Wednesday 21st February, 2024.  
**When:** 11am – 3.30pm  
**Time:** 3 course sit down lunch. Cost \$90 pp Drinks supplied.  
**Meal:** On or before 30th January, 2024.  
Electronically: Ex Police Cadets Assn of NSW, BSB 815-000. Police Bank Acct No. 241807, Endorse your name with transaction. By cheque/money order Payable to Ex Police Cadets Assn of NSW. (Include Your name with payment.)  
Post to; **Ian Moore**, POB. 3317.Vincentia, NSW.  
**Note:** 2540 91 years.  
**Contact** **Ian Moore**, Secretary / Treasurer.  
Ex Police Cadets Assn of NSW. E; [expolicecadets@](mailto:expolicecadets@)

## 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORMATION OF THE NSW MOUNTED POLICE (OLDEST MOUNTED POLICE UNIT IN THE WORLD)

**Where** To be advised  
**:** First Saturday in May 2025



# VALE



All relevant information regarding the passing of Members and former Police will be posted on the Retired Police Website [www.retiredpolice.com.au](http://www.retiredpolice.com.au) under the category of 'VALE'.

Then go to 'Death and Funeral Notices'. You will note that the latest posts contain funeral detail. This will be removed when no longer needed and the VALE list updated accordingly. To access the website, go to [www.retiredpolice.com.au](http://www.retiredpolice.com.au)

*We will remember them.*

\* Denotes Serving Member

SURNAME	CHRISTIAN/KNOWN NAME	AGE	REG.NO	DECEASED
ARMSTRONG	Ronald Mark	87	8052	4/6/23
BANCROFT	TERRANCE "BANGERS"	84	9724	26/6/23
BEAUMONT APM	Gary William	79	12599	29/8/23
BLIGHT	Phillip George	83	10359	14/7/23
BONETT	Charles Victor	87	9398	14/7/23
BORTHWICK	J.		12938	9/4/23
BOWDEN	John	93	6423	6/6/23
BRADY	Austin	91	6859	2/8/23
BRAZEL	Charles James	79	12630	7/6/23
BROOK	Richard Alan (Dick)	82	9570	28/6/23
BURNS	Barry John	92	6805	14/8/23
BUTT	Peter M	61	21513	13/8/23
CHATE	Kathleen Mary	98		1/1/23
CLARKE	Edith Matilda	95	Widow	11/5/23
COSTELLO NEE THOMSON	Shirley	91	PW.19	19/6/23
FACE	Jack	80	12989	2/8/23
FRASER	Graham William (Fritzy)	81	9982	14/8/23
GOLDMAN	Kevin Anthony	92	6738	29/8/23
GRAY	Collin	82		24/8/23
GRIMSHAW OAM	Clive Keith	75		
HEFFERNAN	Hannah Joy	79		14/2/23
HENSLEY	Warwick Edmund Tom	86	9963	--/6/23
HONEYSETT	Henry John	80	14405	19/7/23
HOST	Leslie Cecil	95	8190	24/6/23
HOWELL	Patricia Hillary		Widow of Arthur	24/5/23
KEEGAN	Dale Scott	48	29576	6/7/23
KERFOOT	Brian	86	10847	7/6/23
LANDON	Brian C.C.	88	8150	18/8/23
MADDEN	James	78	14319	28/6/23
MARTIN	Steve C	63	24821	15/7/23
NAPIER	Robert Alexander	83	12310	27/6/23
RIDLEY	Robert Blair (Bob)	84	10406	25/7/23
SCHOLES	Neil			23/7/23
SEERY	Terence Francis	78	10766	4/7/23
SOILAND	James Henry	90	8462	28/6/23
WARD	Harold Leslie	82	10594	1/6/23
WATSON	Steven Richard	73	14508	16/6/23
WILLIAMS	Denis Michael (Mick)	78	14101	30/8/23
WILLIAMSON	Susan Mary	70	PW.218	3/7/23