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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The year has progressed with some significant achievements for the RFPA. These include:-

The reforming of **Peel Branch** after a period of recession. This did not just happen but came about by the State Secretary and myself making several visits to consult with members who were interested in bringing the Branch back to life. These meetings with the likes of **Phil O'REILLY, Steve BRADSHAW, Wayne BIFFIN** and others were successful in this regard.

It was determined by the COM to ask **Gary RAYMOND OAM APM** to become the Association's Inaugural Chaplain to which he accepted.

Our COM Vice President **Beth DOCKSEY** was nominated to be the RFPA Representative with the Police Legacy Champions Program and also the Emerge & See program.

Ian Lovell and I had another meeting with the **Commissioner Karen WEBB APM** who accepted our invitation to become Patron of our Association.

Amongst other matters discussed with the Commissioner was that the RFPA be again invited to attend and be included in Attestation Parades at Goulburn Academy. The Commissioner agreed to our request and at future Attestation Parades there will be invitations to attend forwarded to the RFPA Executive.

As your President I was invited to attend a Police Legacy Board Meeting where I spoke regarding the further enhancement of the affiliation between our two organisations.

By invitation I attended the Water Police Sub Branch meeting on 30 November at Club York which was followed by their end of year Christmas Function also celebrating the 10th Anniversary Year of the Branch's inception.

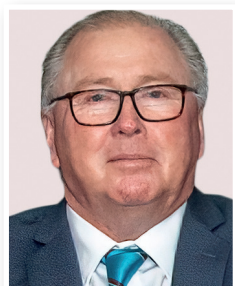
It envisaged that we will have one and possibly two new Branches by the end of the year. In this regard your COM will work together to make this vision a reality.

I look forward to 2024 and the plans to further grow of our Association.

God Bless,

Paul Wynne JP

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

I must firstly acknowledge the contribution to the RFPA by our late departed colleague, **David John BUCKLEY**. Dave has been the Water Police Sub-Branch Secretary since its inception, and carried out the duties to the letter. He was a Member of the Committee of Management until 2023, when he stood down in order to manage his health, after significant warnings from his medical advisers.

On speaking with **Dave** on a weekly basis about his duties, my enquiries after his health always met with a 'doin okay' response, when he certainly wasn't. Ever the optimist and never one to leave things for others to do, **Dave** was a colleague we will all miss. We heard from his lifetime mates in the Water Police that he loved a good storm, and heard vivid descriptions of rescues we will all remember; the deadly Sydney to Hobart, in which he played a prominent role, and the loss of the Police Launch Sea Eagle in 1988, where colleagues were rescued from certain death, amongst many other 'jobs'. You gave it all **Dave**.

On a similar sad note, we acknowledge the passing of the **mother of our Patron, Police Commissioner WEBB**. We are thankful for and acknowledge the time and consideration afforded us recently by the Commissioner, and look forward to resuming that contact soon.

The past three months have encompassed significant change to our working environment as Secretaries (30 or so of us) with upgrades to our recording of data with which to plan and the adoption (almost complete now) of the secure email system accommodated within our website and able to be operated by various Branch Committee Members without the need to involve new addresses as there is change or progression within each Branch. The email address will remain the same and can be accessed by authorised office bearers. Our email system is now accepted by NSW Police IT filters and is compatible with other programs we operate. **Dave WHITEMAN** has again come up with the goods and can sort out any issue in-house.

There has been some lack of volunteering in several Branches, and I hope we can change that. The first thing to consider is, 'how long have our Branch officials been in office?' I note that several of the people in that category have expressed to me and to their Branch Members that they are slowing down, and in some cases have withdrawn. They are to be congratulated on what they have done for years, and assisted in their withdrawal when that is imminent. Finding new volunteers is not easy, and there is no one way to do it. I might add that when **Peter RANKIN** left his post in 2021 there were many reasons for his doing so, and his lengthy and robust service to the RFPA was recognised formally. At the same time, in debriefing Peter, it was realised that many aspects of the Association were labour-intensive and extremely taxing on individuals across the RFPA. As a result, our Business Plan has urged many changes which have resulted in shared workload and a huge reduction in time taken to perform tasks and check them. I will be talking personally with all Branch Secretaries in the first instance to ensure that the simplest models we have devised are made available to all, and that some of the mystery can be taken out of the mix.

We currently have a Branch structure which can operate very smoothly where half a dozen volunteers can arrange, run and record friendly meetings of those who wish to participate in fellowship of the type most of us feel good about. New faces are coming. There's a steady flow of new applicants for membership which exceed the unfortunate rate of withdrawal. Our social media and websites are available for communication and reference and have engendered sponsorship which helps our brand recognition. We have in turn commenced to scroll through the membership details of the 'unattached' Members and allocated (with concurrence) them to Branches, with the real outcome of boosting the active numbers in many areas, and bringing many who were previously unconnected into the functioning groups which provide our standard fare of Friendship, Fellowship and Welfare. Any Branch wishing to examine their catchment and look for prospective attendees for their activities, please call the State Secretary with a list of postcodes for a local search. In my own Branch (Hunter Region) we have located a number of new starters through this process.

We will ask that Welfare arrangements in Branches be allocated to a number of persons, with very little formal work to do. A collation of the Welfare activities of Branches will feed into our Business Plan from this month and allow us to measure our performance against criteria which will attract resources appropriate to this important aspect of what we might be able to do.

I particularly refer to the work done to assist **Bob DREW**, and the wonderful cooperation of those safeguarding Police Legacy-managed funds in Bob's case. Where serious welfare action is required, we are best placed to attract that assistance if we can provide evidence of what we are doing, and trying to do, for our Members. Have a look at the website ('Latest News') for information about Bob's fundraiser at Tamworth on 17th May. I would like to see as many of you as possible there. A big thank you to the New England and Peel Branch Members (**Greig STIER, Matt LYNCH, Phil O'REILLY, Steve BRADSHAW and Wayne BIFFIN and others**) who have done the work.

Last, but far from least, I would remind everyone of the **Police Legacy Ball 2024** to be held at Darling Harbour Convention Centre on Saturday 23 March. If you think the money this event raises annually doesn't need help from all of us, think again. You can let your hair down (if there is any) and really enjoy top class entertainment from **Phil BURTON** (himself a Legatee) and maybe win yourself a car like a young lady did last year just by being there. Listening to the beneficiaries of this wonderful annual event talking you through their experiences with Police Legacy will reward you personally for having donated either to the event itself, or over the years. Get in touch with **Andrew WILCOX** on 02 9060 0704 and have your registered number ready. A link to the Police Legacy website will soon allow you to donate if you can't go to the Ball.

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Contact the Secretary with any changes to address, phone or email.



EDITOR'S REPORT

We know it's hard to break old habits, but your **new email address** is the best way to keep your RFPA correspondence **separate from your personal email**. I have received only a few emails to the editor@retiredpolice.com.au since **Dave Whiteman** set this up. It will become easier over time so if all branches can start using the unique RFPA email addresses it

will be helpful.

Deadline for receipt of your photos and articles for the Autumn edition is 8th March 2024

God Bless,

Paul Wynne & Sandy Benson

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WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT

It is great to see branches that have had a break for some time, reform and get together again. The Peel Branch was the most recent to hold its meeting. It was attended by Mr **Paul Wynne**, State President of the RFPA and Mr **Ian Lovell**, State Secretary of the RFPA. A good turnout was had by the members.

Some of our members throughout the State have not been feeling well. I hope to get and see some of them as soon as possible. I ask members out there who know someone is not feeling well, to contact them to see how they are going. If necessary, you can contact me and pass the information on. In the meantime, take care and look after yourselves and those in need.

Ian Moore

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RFPA BRANDED ITEMS FOR SALE

Item	Contact	Cost
Men's Ties	State Secretary	\$25 inc p&h
Ladies Scarves	State Secretary	\$25 inc p&h
Pocket Badge Holder	State Secretary	\$9 inc p&h
Coffin Sashes – min 10	State Secretary	\$70 plus**
Get Well &	State Secretary	\$70 plus**
Sympathy Cards Min 10	Macarthur Branch	\$30 inc p&h
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** sash will have branch name on it, but to insert individual deceased names talk to Ian Lovell who can run through the procedure.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	BRANCH
BALATINCZ	PETER JOSEPH	PENRITH BLUE MOUNTAINS
BALKIN	RONALD JAMIE	PARRAMATTA-THE HILLS
BENNY	BRUCE	HUNTER REGION
BIFFIN	WAYNE NOEL	PEEL
BUERCKNER	PHILLIP JOHN	MURRAY RIVER
CARLON	MICHELLE	PENRITH BLUE MOUNTAINS
CARR	MARNIE MARIE	MACARTHUR
CLARKE	GARY	MACARTHUR
COOKE	JOHN RAYMOND	GOLD COAST
GILDAY	GARY	1CENTRAL COAST
GUYATT	BRETT WILLIAM	PARRAMATTA-THE HILLS
HELEN	LUCILLE	MACARTHUR
HOLMES	IAN WILLIAM	SYDNEY
HONEYSETT	COLLEEN ANNE	MURRAY RIVER
JACKSON	LINDA	MURRAY RIVER
KAY	MARGARET	NORTHERN BEACHES
LUDICK	JOHANNES J	SOUTH COAST
MILLAR	SUSAN	MACARTHUR
MORGAN	STEVEN LAWRENCE	ILLAWARRA
NICHOLSON	ELAINE JOY	HUNTER REGION
PETERSON	TREVOR JOHN	NEW ENGLAND
PLUSH	NEVILLE GRAHAME	NORTHERN RIVERS
RABUKU	NIKO	SYDNEY
RATTENBURY	GAVIN JOHN	PENRITH BLUE MOUNTAINS
RIXON	REBECCA ERIN	PEEL
TOWNSEND	ARTY	NORTHERN BEACHES
TOWNSEND	DOUGLAS ROBERT	NORTHERN RIVERS
WALKER	ALAN JOHN	PEEL
WALKER	DAVID JOHN	PEEL

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Heart to Heart (H2H) Walk with **Beth Docksey**

The Heart 2 Heart Walk commenced on 1st July 2023 at the Lambert Centre in Northern Territory, the 'Heart of the Country' travelling over 3000km over 3 months to their intended destination in the 'Heart of the Nation' in Canberra on Thursday 28th September 2023, ready for Police Remembrance Day on 29th September 2023. The Heart 2 Heart Walk is a long-distance walk to raise awareness around first responder mental health and wellbeing: including suicide, post-traumatic stress (PTS) and premature mortality. There has been a senate inquiry in 2019 with a number of recommendations around their cause of Mental Health & Wellbeing that they are seeking to be implemented.

On Thursday 14th September 2023 as the State RFPA **Emerge & See Liaison Officer** I travelled to Wagga to meet up with the Heart 2 Heart and the Emerge & See Team for their first responder engagement days. A packed house attended the Wagga Wagga Boat Club at Lake Albert for the Heart 2 Heart fundraising Trivia Night. They raised over \$3000 from the entry fees and raffle tickets on the night. Our team of **Alana Singleton, Denby & Dave Eardley, Gordon Spencer, Chris Bentley**, myself & a couple of others came 2nd by two points. Great effort.

The next morning on Friday 15th September 2023, the walk was on again from about 45km out of Wagga on the Sturt Highway. I picked up the walkers just out of Collingullie about 25km to Wagga. The walkers who had been on the trail for a while, **Janine Hopkin** being one, were walking at a cracking pace. **Bruce Cameron**, a former **Fire Services Commander & Sophie Batista** were walking with us. They indicated that since they hit the Sturt Highway a short time before at Collingullie, that it was very busy compared to the other roads that they had taken on their walk in the Northern Territory via South Australia, into Victoria and now into New South Wales especially with heavy vehicles.

They broadcast over the truckies radio channel that they were walking along and to take care when approaching and passing and they were taking care and blowing their horns as they passed. It was a bit of a waving fest. I walked for about 3 kilometres at a pace of 11 minutes per kilometre which was pretty good for me, however unfortunately due to an aging ankle injury, it was the max I could go at that pace and nearly kept up with the team. There was a bit of a swap over and **Paul Batista** hit the road and joined his daughter and gave Janine a break. After that I jumped in the lead car to travel to my vehicle waiting ahead to move on.

Overall, it was a great experience with many passionate people supporting this walk coming in and out on the various legs with a

few staying most of the way. Camping in tents and experiencing all of the wilds of the country and the changing weather conditions that have them wet, dry, hot, cold and in every other environment that wants to pop up. Great effort to the many former & current first responders and their family supporting this very worthy cause.

Beth Docksey

Retired from The Job, but not from Life....

You once served the community but you can continue in retirement through the joint effort of your mates in the RFPA BRANCHES.

Many are taking things a bit easier and a bit more slowly, but it's proved to be beneficial if you have a goal, a plan, something to make you want to get up, dress up and show up each day.

Being an RFPA member means you have a ready group of like-minded people with whom you can interact, have a bit of fun and at the same time make a difference to the lives of others. Just as you did when In The Job!

Here are some ideas gleaned from various branches, that your branch may want to decide to get involved in to help a local charity, nursing home, hospital, Police station, Women's/Children's refuge etc.

- Organise a golf/bowls/ sporting day (perhaps obtain local sponsors?)
- Macarthur Branch did this for defibrillators to the local Police PACs
- Murray River did this for various charities

- Have raffles at meetings/BBQ days to give to a local Service or Cause. Some goods can be donated by members (e.g. unwanted brand new gifts) or buy Store vouchers as prizes

• Parramatta Hills does this

- Sell cakes/slices at meetings or BBQ days – box them up and take home to enjoy later. Members cook and donate these for a special fundraising event

- Gather throughout the year Childrens' Gifts for a Christmas Drive – put sex and age on the present and deliver near to Christmas Time via a charity.

• Murray River does this

- Winter appeal for blankets and hand knitted beanies/socks. Find your local charity that donates to the "Winter Appeal" and start knitting and gathering goods.

• Parramatta Hills does this

- Dignity handbags for Women's Refuges. Make an appeal to members, their friends, or sporting groups you belong to donate decent handbags or backpacks. At the same time engage with local Chemists, Warehouses, retail outlets etc. to get donations of Personal care items to fill the Dignity Bags. One recent donation was all the soaps, shampoos, hand cream, toothpaste they had collected from Hotels/Motels during trips.

- What does your branch do a Community project? Let me know and I can add the activity to the list for future readers

These projects bring the branch members together; with a common specific goal. Lots of fun along the way and a good feeling at the end that you have helped someone.....just like you did In The Job.

BRANCH REPORTS

BRISBANE AND NORTHERN SUBURBS

Hi Everyone,

I would like to thank the Committee including our recent addition, **Sally Matherson**, for all their hard work during the year and a timely reminder for everyone to remember is that we are volunteers who give up our time free of charge for the benefit of RFPA members, their family and friends.

In the new year we will be attending the premises of one of our sponsors, Tradition Funerals, who will give a presentation which

should be highly informative. Details will be sent by email and on our Brisbane and Northern Suburbs RFPA Facebook posts when available.

Saturday 2nd September was our Bi- Monthly meeting was held as usual in the IVY room at Norths Leagues and Services Club, Kallangur Including a very entertaining presentation by **Ian Todd** about his career as a Queensland Police Chaplain and what he can offer us now as our Police Chaplain, followed by lunch in their restaurant the Precinct and members are reminded that they are very welcome to bring their partners and friends but are requested to RSVP beforehand in relation to lunch to ensure that there is sufficient seating available.





Saturday 18th November was again our monthly meeting and lunch at Norths Leagues and services Club with had a good roll up for lunch in the Precinct and A fun day was had by all as usual with a few of us kicking on in the Tab area for a punt and some drinks.

Our 1st Tuesday of the month lunch on the 3rd of October was held at the Woodpecker Bar and Grill, Burpengary with thanks to **Ward Turner** who organised a few of us to bring our Heritage cars and it is hoped in the future we can repeat this but with more cars The members that attended this time, really enjoyed this addition.



Regards
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CENTRAL COAST

It is wonderful to see that winter is behind us and we are now enjoying the warmer influences of spring – and all the excitement that brings with it, with football seasons over, with Brisbane boasting the incredible outcome of teams reaching the finals in two codes, AFL and NRL. (How did that happen?!!) But the warmer weather brings with it the spectre of overwhelming bushfires and the continuing emphasis of climate change. It's hard to deny it now. In our small world we can only be concerned with our health and the health and safety of our loved ones. We must take each day as it comes, do the best we can while we can and hope that those in higher places make the effort to make the world a better place. It's becoming more and more obvious that such a task is a dream beyond our simple contemplation.



Retired Police Day Central Coast

Vale **Denis Michael Williams** – 30th August, 2023.

How sad that we have lost yet another of our younger Members. **Michael Williams**, known to family and friends as "Mick", was born on 11th June, 1945. He lived at Woy Woy and is survived by his second wife, **Kay**, his **three children, Daniel, Joanne and Justine**, and four grandchildren, **Amelia, Lily, Lachlan and Jimmy**.

Our Father **Jim Boland**, who conducted "**Mick's**" funeral service, had a long association with him, dating back to the late 1970's and early 1980's, in the operation of holiday camps for underprivileged children. The camps were sponsored by the St Vincent de Paul Society which provided the children, up to 80 at a time. At that time, "**Mick**" lived at Green Point and the camps were held at a large property in Kincumber, off Mary McKillop Drive. **Father Jim** has indicated that he had a deep respect for "Mick" and saw him as a close personal friend.

Legislative Assembly Hansard – 14 September, 2023.

The following is a transcript of a Hansard report of an address made by Mr **Adam Crouch**, Member for Terrigal, in the Legislative Assembly at 14.35 hours on 14th September, 2023.

"RETIRED AND FORMER POLICE ASSOCIATION

Mr **Adam Crouch** (Terrigal). Recently I was delighted to attend the Retired and Former Police Association Central Coast Branch meeting. The meeting was hosted by chairman **Geoff Talbot**. I congratulate the branch and its members for all the great work they do looking after the ongoing welfare of retired police officers and police widows on the Central Coast. In addition I highlight the outstanding work of our current serving policemen and policewomen at both the Brisbane Water and Tuggerah Lakes commands. Especially, I note those serving in the current Strike Force Raptor, who are doing an amazing job dealing with the scourge of drug crime. I congratulate those officers for the great work they are doing, which is making a significant impact in stopping the insidious spread of drug crime on the Central Coast. Once again, I thank those brave men and women in blue on the Central Coast and throughout New South Wales. They do a great job every single day in keeping our community safe.



Marj Clark's 99th birthday party. Husband Barry, daughter Christine.



Les Potter visiting the sausage sizzle on his 88th birthday

John E. (Ernie) Carmichael

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CENTRAL TABLELANDS

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

COFFS HARBOUR

National Police Remembrance Day in Coffs Harbour was held on Friday, the 29th September commencing at 10am at the St Johns Anglican Church in town. Attendees being **Garry Heskett JP, Tony/Shiela Brown, Judy Smith, Jim Anderson, Bev Clancy**.

At 10am/Tuesday 17th October the following members attended the Jacaranda Gardens Retirement Complex for a delicious morning tea, and a sit-down chat with several of the residents. **Betty Lyne, Jeff Perry and apologies from Barbara & Hedley Gleave John Reid, Peter Chilton, Laura Spencer, Barry Walker, Murray Smith, Natalie Salter**. It was a different type of social outing for us to experience. It was a terrific get-together with elderly residents sharing their lifetime experiences with us Retired and Former Police. A Big thank you to **Phil Pearson, Sue Hawkins, the two Mon Chefs and Staff** for making us feel very welcomed.



Barb and Hedley with Dave and Barry



Donation from Phil Pearson

The elderly residents felt quite nervous about meeting with us, but it did not take long for storytelling to start and a few laughs. One of my biggest thrills of the day was a donation of \$500 handed over to me for deposit into our account. It is not often this form of generosity exist, but it certainly did at the Jacaranda Gardens. Thank you, **Phil Pearson**.

In attendance were **Garry Heskett JP, Hedley/Barbara Gleave. Barry Walker JP, Dave Morris, Harley/Rhonda Toms, Betty Lyne, Bev Clancy. Apologies received from Tony/Sheila Brown, Sandy Fellows, Jan Marshall.**



Superintendent Dave ROPTELL and his staff could not have been more welcoming. We were greeted with a delicious morning tea on arrival. A first hand investigation into a recent headlining crime in the Tweed area was presented by all staff involved in the incident, with actual video clips and interviews that followed.

Then followed a foodies delight BBQ lunch of steak, chicken, varieties of sausages and salads too many to mention. After lunch an organized tour of the station was held, displaying all the new technologies now used by service staff, highway patrol, demonstration of weaponry and equipment used by emergency response teams. A terrific insight into modern day Policing. An absorbing day which went for an hour and half longer than anticipated. A big thank you to all at Tweed Police Station. Photos show some of the attendees.



On Wednesday/25th October, we said our sad goodbyes' to an old stalwart former, **Superintendent John Leslie Grebert** aka **Jack**. He was 99 years of age. Jack and his recent widow **Betty**, are both members of our Coffs RFPA. Our combined deepest sympathies and condolences are extended to **Betty** and all immediate family, friends and colleagues. He had a wonderful Police career over four decades of service.

Our Guest Speaker, **Detective Chief Inspector Russell Oxford** Retd made his third visit to our Branch. Russell served for 48 years with the NSW Police and more than three of those decades were spent helping to solve some of NSW's most infamous rapes and murders. His real crime stories will keep you on the edge of your seat.

Some of our members are having health challenges including **Hedley Gleave, John Reid, Murray Smith & Sandy Fellows**. Please be reminded guys, particularly if your health is not up to scratch, that our Welfare Officers are here to assist. I wish you all good health.

Cheers
Garry
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DUBBO

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

GOLD COAST

Our meeting in October was a normal bi-monthly meeting.

Members present: **Garry JARDINE, Graham BISHOP, Garry WILLIAMS, Jim MATHEWS, Terry PERKINS, Bruce & Dora THOMSON, Geoff & Vicki MAXWORTHY, Greg GREEN, Jim & Liz LUTHERBORROW, Jim NOBLE and wife, Mahendra BLACKMAN, Jim & Olive CAVANAUGH, Ron GRAHAM , Jeff FOWLER, Gary MATTHEWS, Garry WILLIAMS, John & Joan WHEATLEY.**

Apologies received from **John SEAWARD, Max ROBERTS, John BEACHAM, Ken JENKINS, Geoff COATES, John BRONSVELD. Steve HUBBARD, Madeline QUINN.**

A large contingent of our members and retired Police from Tweed Heads attended the Retired Police Day at Tweed Heads Police Station on 7th September and what a day it was.

Police Remembrance Day Six of our members attended the Police Remembrance Day at Carrara on 29th September, this year hosted by the Queensland Police Service. Those attending said it was well organized and a fitting tribute to Police who gave their lives in the line of duty.

VALE - Our esteemed and long serving member **Brian Landon** Passed away suddenly at home on 18th August, 2023 aged 88 years. Reg.No.8150, **Brian** was a Sergeant with 17 years' service when he resigned and later became a publican.

Brian and Dorne were regulars at meetings and functions, also attending many Police Friendship Week gatherings across QLD and NSW.

A memorial service was held in the Community Hall where **Brian and Dorne** lived. This was attended by more than 100 family and friends, including many from our Branch. A fitting farewell was had. Our heartfelt condolences from all members of the Branch are offered to Dorne.

Rest In Peace **Brian**, your duty served and thank you for your service.

SOCIAL



Our last social event was a meeting at the Emerald Lakes Golf Club on November 14th, with a good roll up and plenty of good food and beverages supporting the enjoyment of the day. Quite a few catch ups from members not seen for a long time. An urgent general meeting was called by Chairman **Garry Jardine** due to resignation of our Treasurer **Terry Perkins**. **Bruce Thomson** was nominated, seconded, accepted the nomination and duly elected by members present.

Our Christmas lunch was at Currumbin RSL Club on Tuesday 12th December, 2023 Members were invited to wear colourful Xmassy apparel for our final meeting of the year and to celebrate our last 12 months of fellowship and friendship

WELFARE

A few members have had a short stint in hospital with various ailments. **Gary Matthews, Jim Cavanaugh, and Bob Godden.**

Bob Godden has been in rehab and now moved to respite care pending his position in full time residential care not far from his home due to his mobility issues.

Bob, a founding member of the Homicide Squad is bright, alert and in good spirits and looking forward to his next move and he is well organised with all the mod cons. He loves Happy Hour apparently.

Bruce Thomson

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HORNSBY/NORTHERN SUBURBS

We hope everyone had a very enjoyable Christmas and new Year and wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy and prosperous 2024.

Our start to 2024 was a sad one, following the loss of our Member and former Chairman, Warren Martin on 11 January, losing his six month battle with cancer. Our thoughts are with his wife Lesley and family.



Hornsby 2023 Xmas



We had our annual Christmas Lunch at The. Asquith Club in December, with 24. Starters enjoying good food and fine company. In attendance were Table 1 | to r John Barber, Les Potter, Bill Leadbeatter, Greg Bertoldo, Alan and ?Evelyn Doak, Bruce Williams, Bill Shute, Peter McDonnell, Tony Sneddon, Heather and Carl Cameron, and Table 2 | to r June Muir, Val Fyfe, John and Elaine Schell, Ken McKnight, Ross Beattie, Alan Pollock, Verity Greenwood, Joyce and Dick Smith, Insp Craig Unger; and myself.

Retired Police pins were presented to Dick Smith, Peter McDonnell, Alan Doak, John Barber and Val Fyfe, wife of our late member, Barney Fyfe.

Apologies were received from John Graham, Kent Vild, Bob and Sue Warland, John Andrews, Chris Reardon, Luke and Sara Spurr, Kim Dowding and Leanne Douglas, Steve Bensley and Wal Gaffney.

Our Branch is hosting a presentation by Beyond Blue at The. Asquith Club, 1 Lodge St, Asquith, at 11.30am on Thursday, 7 March 2024. With free entry, our guest speaker will share his experience of living with a mental health condition. There will also be a cheque handed over to Beyond Blue for \$1000 raised by the Branch last year in support of their Police and Emergency Responders Program. Following the presentation everyone attending is very welcome to join us for lunch.

Our meetings after that are held at Hornsby RSL on the first Thursday of April, June, August (AGM), October, with a Christmas Lunch in December.

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HUNTER REGION

Our December event (Christmas Lunch and Meeting) at Club Macquarie saw 47 very satisfied diners, including the one and only **Allan BUSH**, who was presented with his OBE by **Chair Allan CRUMPTON**. This venue is now set for 2024 Xmas Dinner after a quick straw poll of those present...47/0. AI has booked the Mountainview Room and the same excellent repast.



JAG GILBERT, Bob and Cheryl BARRETT, Ted and Beth OLDFIELD, Ian PARK, Mary SCAYSBROOK and Colleen SHAW looking hungry before dinner, with **Mike STEPHENS** holding his beer and **Richard CRICKMORE** in the background.

Young chef **Matt** deferred to even younger **Mel** for the 'dart of destiny' throw, but didn't do any better with seven shots before she managed to fire the dart through **Anita WORTH's** receipt and award a bottle of the Famous Lizard Liqueur to her. You only have to be there to win! Not everybody does, however.



Allen BUSH presented with his OBE from the Chair, AJ CRUMPTON

We are off to Pacific Dunes on Tuesday 13 February, with great food on offer. We have recently discovered a group of RFPA Members within the confines of several gated communities in Medowie, and they can't refuse to attend. As a result, we have a good roll-up there, and **James DAVIDSON** the catering manager, himself the son of an old copper (his words) looks after all of us except **John HURLEY**, who might have to bring his own lunch and beers. Living on a golf course has several advantages, including a lack of problems getting home after an RFPA meeting.

On a sad note, the passing of **Len TOPPING**, recently awarded his OBE, was noted within our Vale ceremony. Our condolences were sent to **Pauline** and the family.

Regards
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ILLAWARRA

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

KIAMA

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MACARTHUR

The Macarthur Branch attended the Marine Command at Balmain On 06/12/23. The Members were given an enlightening overview of the modern day working of the Water Police and Diving Section of the Command.



We would like to thank **Superintendent Joe McNulty, Chief Inspector Tony Brazzill, Sergeant Steve Wye and Senior Constables Bruce Tape and Kye Scott** for their hospitality which culminated in a cruise around Sydney Harbour on the Nemesiss, what an experience! What an Iconic Photograph – see front Cover

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MANNING GREAT LAKES

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

MID NORTH COAST

August saw us have a 'coffee and chat' morning at the Port City Bowling Police Remembrance Day was held at **St Agnes Church** in Port Macquarie. It was an excellent attendance overall but particularly pleasing to see so many of our members there. The Service was followed by a morning tea served in the adjacent hall and we thank St Agnes Church and **Father Gooley** for their kindness. It was also good to see former Commissioner **Neil Taylor** and former Senior Assistant Commissioner **Peter Walsh** at the Service. **Trish Affleck-Mooney** and **Alan Leek**, both former members of our Branch were there and they have rejoined our ranks. Alan has written and had published several books in recent years and has kindly offered to give us a talk at our next meeting about his journey as an author.

Those present at our October meeting were **Garry & Ann Jennings, Graham & Irene Williams, Bob & Helen Hanlon, Paul Griffin, Bruce Saunders & Denise Huntley, Paul Egge, Jim & Sandra Cranna, Ian & Dawn Campbell, Ron & Margaret Hammersley, Geoff & Margaret Elliott, George & Jan McCleery & Sid Crane**. The meeting was held at the Bago Tavern, Wauchope. More than 20 of us enjoyed each other's company, an excellent meal and a few quiet drinks.

As he promised, **Alan Leek** was our guest speaker for the November meeting. Alan had a 34 year Police career and since retirement he's had had 5 books published with another in the pipeline.

His talk was very interesting, he has successfully researched a wide range of subjects relating to Policing issues and the lives and deaths of Police officers dating back to the 19th & 20th centuries. The titles of his books tell the story, "Rendezvous with Death" which is about Australian Police slain on duty between 1901-1951, "Confronting Murderous Men", police killed on duty 1922 -1952 and "Rat in the Ranks". Other titles include "Frederick Whirlpool VC, Australia's hidden VC" and "The Killing Chronicle". It's a subject Alan is very passionate about and is something he continues to research and to write about. If you are interested in obtaining any of these publications you can get a message to **Alan** at enquiries@alanleek.com.au

Until next issue stay fit and well

Jim Cranna, MNC Branch publicity.

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MURRAY RIVER

On Sunday 24th September 2023, the Murray River Police District and Community held a charity bowls day to raise money for Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre. It was held at the Howlong Golf Club and coordinated by the MRPD Corowa Sector **Supervisor Sergeant Steve Marshall and retired Chief Inspector Brad Blanchard**, Bowls Manager at Howlong Golf Club. 26 teams came from all over from police & emergency services both serving and retired and many local community members.

The teams filled up so quickly that Murray River RFPA only managed to get one team in, that being **Peter and Anne Dwyer, Brian Rosewarne, & Max Merkel** and another one wasn't quick enough nominating to be able to be registered. There were a few serving and former officers that attended and reconnected with each other again. A great day was had by all and a lot of money raised.



Team, formers & serving.

A bit of a joint crew. **Beth Docksey, Peter & Anne Dwyer, Max Merkel, Brian Rosewarne, Graham Docksey, Supt Paul Smith, Sgt Steve Marshall, & Insp Jy Brown.**

On 29th September 2023 **Superintendent Paul Smith** invited all retired and former officers and family to National Police Remembrance Day Service at Albury Police Station Church. We attended the formal ceremony to recognise all officers who have died whilst on duty.

As this was the first service to be held for about 3 years on site and in person, **Supt Smith** took the opportunity to formally dedicate the Murray River Police District Memorial honour board for 'Members who have passed whilst serving'. He also recognised the 100th year anniversary of **Supt James Miller's** passing and the 60th year anniversary of **Sgt 3rd Class Cyril Howe** passing. A lovely ceremony remembering our members who have passed away whilst serving. Again really well attended.



Dr Helen Haines MP, Jim Caldwell, Supt Beth Docksey APM (Retd), Supt Paul Smith APM, Colonel Matt Freeman, Police Chaplin Father Alan Kelb OAM, Ian ELWORTHY, Assistant Commissioner Peter Cotter APM, A/Superintendent Paul Henry, Supt Peter Dwyer (Retd) Peter Beacroft. Just some of the attendees.

Coffee & Chat at Cafe Borella's on 10.10.23 was a great little catch up with a large number attending. We had **Dave King** attend just before he moved up the coast to Kingscliff. Enjoy the Gold Coast crew up that way.



L-R around the table Paula & Ken Zegiel, Sharon Restall standing, Beth Docksey, Ray Waring, Christine Bentley, Peter McLaren, Peter Dwyer, Neil And Sharon Galloway, Lisa Ride, David King, Annie Pranckus Smart, & Warren Mitchell.

On 5.11.23 we had a lovely morning at BBB's Cafe Albury for our Coffee & Chat. **David Graham** who doesn't normally get to attend very much had changed his situation and will be coming along to our functions much more as his grandparenting duties have reduced significantly being near to zero. **Neil & Sharon Galloway** came across from Bethanga and joined us, **Warren Mitchell** came in from Woomargama as well as all of the other locals. Another nice morning together with our Murray River RFPA members and partners.



Sharon Galloway, Dave Graham, Neil Galloway, Warren Mitchell, Martin & Rhonda Stenson, Graham Docksey, Robyn Pollard, Beth Docksey, Don Hamilton, & Ray Waring.

Our Murray River RFPA Branch Christmas Party was held on Sunday 3.12.23 at Thurgoona Golf Club with 36 members attending from far and wide. We had our own function room and we were dressed up in Christmas fare. We had about a dozen lucky door prizes and the race for the Bunnings hats and umbrellas was on!!

We had some people come along that we hadn't seen for a while due to the fact that they have been roaming around the country side or just hadn't been able to get to our functions. It was great to see them again and to be able to have a Merry Christmas with all of you.



Rewa Wallace, Tina & Hal Smith

On Tuesday 5.12.23, Chair **Ken Zegiel** and Secretary **Beth Docksey** attended Albury Police Station Church to deliver our members donations for the Albury Children's Hospital Christmas Toy collection championed by **Sergeant Troy Martin**. Thanks to all of our members donations as the children will enjoy them for sure.



Ken Zegiel & Beth Docksey toy delivery.

Beth Docksey, APM

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Don Hamilton, Ian Elworthy, Ron Galea

NEW ENGLAND

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NORTHERN BEACHES

The last event of the year was the Annual Christmas Party, held at our meeting venue, Manly Leagues Club. Forty members attended and celebrated the year.

Member **Barry MILES** brought along a number of books which served as great gifts for a number of us. Alas, Chairman **Dave WHITEMAN** and his wife **Liz** were unable to attend and regale us with tales of their recent travels. Seems the dreaded COVID lurgy felled them upon their return. I'm told as a result, they had to wait an extended period before being able to see their latest grandson.



Lyndelle Tubie & Colleen Honeysett



Peter & Mary Seidel, Deb Hargreave



It wasn't all beer and skittles though as we lost two members during the year: **Jim SOILAND**, a valued member of our Welfare Team and **Tony TIBBLES**, a former mentor of myself. Vale Jim and Tony.

We continue to meet every second month at the Manly Leagues Club and we thank them for their continued support. The next meeting is in January 2024 and we hope to see you there. Check our Facebook page for all the latest branch happenings.

Alan LE SURF

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NORTHERN RIVERS

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

NORTHERN SUBURBS (formerly Hornsby)

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PARRAMATTA -THE HILLS

At our October meeting we had 28 attendees - **Eric Etienne, Paul Wynne, Neil & Colleen Purvis, Sandy Benson, Ian & Barbara Lindsay, Annette Willett, Fred & Anne Camage, David Hain, Elaine Bennett, Janis McKinnon, Mal Brown, Phil Connor, Steve Bensley, Sheila Jackson, Brian Haim, Lloyd Taylor, Michael Berwick, Darrell Maher, Gary Raymond, Ivan Hamilton, Graham Stone, Richard Thomas, Tom Baena, Ian & Kath Berry.**

CHAIRMAN'S Report

The attendance at the Domain for the National Police Remembrance Day was a great day and I would ask our Secretary to send a thank you letter to the Blacktown RSL Sub Branch for the use of their Bus for our members to attend that ceremony. Thank you to all who attended on the day. A member of the Macarthur Branch was impressed with the number who attended from our Branch and they will be following our Branch in hiring a bus for next year's Remembrance Day.



Adel Attalla receiving Retired Police Pin



Brett Guyatt receiving Retired Police Pin



John King receiving Retired Police Pin



Phil Connor receiving Retired Police Pin



Russell Lang receiving Retired Police Pin



Tony Skinner receiving Retired Police Pin

The **Vice Chairman, Neil Purvis** and I conducted a **Memorial Service at the Eastern Suburbs Cemetery** which the RFA has taken over from the Sutherland Branch.

WELFARE REPORT

Neil Purvis advised the following are still being contacted by the Welfare Team - **John & Robyn McInerney, John Fletcher, Don Walkom, John & Lee Hall, Bob & Robyn Oswald.**

Gary Raymond made 42 phone calls during the month and 2 coffee visits.

Gary reported about the evening at Blacktown Workers Club to commemorate the **30th anniversary of the HVSG NSW for Grace's Place.** Our members, **Sandy Benson, Paul Wynne, Naomi Baldwin, Nick Pavlov and Gary Raymond** all received awards for their commitment to the establishment of **Grace's Place.** It was a great evening and many of our members attended.

It is suggested that in the coming New Year we hold one of our Monthly Meetings at **Grace's Place** so that members who were unable to attend the opening Ceremony can look through the facility.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

BBQ - FRIDAY 20 October 2023 with bacon and egg rolls and cakes for sale by the Social Committee.



GUEST SPEAKER. Search Dogs Sydney Inc

GUEST SPEAKER. Search Dogs Sydney Inc. introduced by Gary Raymond as this Month's Presentation. Chris D'Arcy and Adele Jaso and search dog KOA gave a run down on how this amazing group go about finding lost and or missing persons. The group has been in service since 2016 and comprises 14 operators and 8 search Dogs as well as 3 Drones. Since that time there have been approximately 200,000 missing persons located. Unfortunately not all are returned to their homes or nursing homes. Chris spoke of the strategies used in locating missing persons especially using the dogs which are equipped with monitoring devices so the handlers can issue commands.

It was a very interesting and informative presentation.



Branch BBQ for Front row brown cardigan Reg Chard 100 years old



Branch Meeting Group

At our November meeting we had 28 attendees and the Chairman has suggested that next year we might consider meetings every two months and the alternate month we have Social Outings.



Joe Turner and his produce for the raffle



Irene Moore, Lloyd Taylor, Ivan and Joan Hamilton, Janis McKinnon Elaine Bennett, Graham Stone and Brian Haim



Colleen Purvis Lee Hall and Robyn Oswald



Reg Chard 100 31st Oct 2023

The Social Committee will meet early in the new year to set out a planner with events for the whole year.

General Branch Meetings The COM agreed that in future the Secretary is to receive written reports from, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Welfare Committee and Social Committee Member prior to the General Branch meetings. This means that those Reports are available to members attending the meeting and become part of the Minutes of the meeting when emailed to all members. This also ensures that those NOT attending the meetings are still apprised of the events and reports regarding the branch activities.

The Chairman advised that The Commissioner of Police, **Karen WEBB** has accepted the honour of being **PATRON to the NSW RFPA**.

The State Police Officer of the Year was announced and Senior Constable **Melissa Rosevear** won the award. **Melissa Rosevear** was our Host at the Retired Police Day held at the Riverstone Police Station which was a great day attended by a large number of our members.



This Month's Guest Speaker was retired **Assistant Commissioner John Laycock APM Dip. Law**, who spoke about his role on the Mental Health Review Tribunal which he has been carrying out for the past 8 years. He explained the workings of the Tribunal in determining how persons suffering from mental illness should be cared for and the length of time they stay in Mental Health Facilities around the State. The Mental Health Review Tribunal is a specialist quasi-judicial body constituted under the Mental Health Act 2007. It has a wide range of powers that enable it to conduct mental health inquiries, make and review orders, and to hear some appeals, about the treatment and care of people with a mental illness.

The Tribunal deals with two groups of cases:

1. Civil Cases in which persons require treatment in Mental Facilities
2. Forensic Cases which deal with persons charged with Serious Offences under State Law. This was a very interesting talk by John and we thank him for his ongoing service since leaving the Police.

Our Christmas Dinner was held on Saturday 26th November with 45 attending – they enjoyed a 3 course meal and live entertainment by **Lisa Budin**. A really good evening.

As the 2nd Tuesday in February coincides with the Hilton Bombing Memorial Service our First Branch Meeting of the year will be on **Tuesday 12 March 2024**.

We are however holding the **Welcome Back BBQ on 15 February, 2024** with proceeds from the sale of cakes and raffle going to the **Sydney Search Dogs Inc**.

Eric Etienne

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PEEL

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

PENRITH BLUE MOUNTAINS

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RIVERINA

Members, wives and guests attended the Junee Licorice and Chocolate factory in July for our coffee/luncheon morning. The weather wasn't the greatest, but the company was primed with coffee and goodies and a good day was had by all.

Our AGM and Bimonthly meeting were held on Monday 21 August. **Fred Lonergan** was elected Chairman, **Barry Scott** was elected as Treasurer, **Kevin Barber** retained the Welfare officer's position.

One of our full-time members **Dennis Guerin** became a veteran in September. Dennis attends all meetings and is well deserved of the award.

A coffee and luncheon were also held at the Young services Club on Monday 18th September where members, wives and friends attended. The Young S/C club has recently been refurbished inside and out and now is a wonderful spot for either coffee, meals or a cold drink. Those that attended were impressed with the club; all attending had a good time. My thanks to **Keith Giddings** for standing in and running the day.

Members of the Riverina RFPA attended the Retired Police Day at Wagga Police Station and were also present at the Police Remembrance Day held in Wagga Wagga. Thanks to members who turned up on both days and to **Alyce Russell (RivExO)** and **Fred Lonergan**.

Another coffee and Luncheon were held in Wagga on Monday 20th November at "Little Lunch on Forsyth" with what I would say was our biggest turnout of members for the year. Excellent company, coffee and meal, a great day indeed beside the lagoon in Wagga.

Thanking you,
Graeme Holmes Secretary

SOUTH COAST

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

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

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

SOUTHERN TABLELANDS

At our Branch Meeting on 20th Nov 2023 **Chairman Mick Donnelly** advised members that his health issues have convinced him that he needs to step down in his current role. At this stage Mick is reliant on wheel chair for much of his mobility and has been advised that there is no probability of regaining freedom of movement in the near future.

Kim and Manny Rivera and **Greg Moore** advised the meeting that they had recently attended the Murray River Branch gathering "Roaming the Murray Region" and praised the efforts of **Beth Docksey**, the Secretary of the Murray River Branch for the effort she had made to ensure the gathering was such a success. Tours of the area included NSW and Victorian wineries, tourism hot spots and a paddle boat cruise, as well as sporting events such as bowls and golf.

The meeting closed in order to convene at the Diggers Bistro for a Christmas luncheon.

On Monday 18th December, 2023 the Branch held a Coffee Outing at K & G's Café in Goulburn which in part was to farewell our Goulburn Officer in Charge, **Inspector Matt Hinton** who has been transferred to the Taree Command. Matt was an extremely popular Commander with both the Goulburn community and our branch of the RFPA.

At our Branch Meeting on 15th January, 2024 our membership was down owing to those away on the holiday break.

As an indication to the age of our members **Ken Lockyer** reported that **Kevin Hayward** was recovering from his knee replacement, **Annette McDonald** was recovering from her knee replacement and **Peter Barrett** was in North Canberra Hospital having a knee replacement.

Our next Branch Meeting is set down for 10.30am on Monday 18th March, 2024 at the Goulburn Soldiers Club. Our guest speaker will be **Darryl Weeks, President, Goulburn Chamber of Commerce.**

Regards to all,
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SYDNEY

Much has happened within our Branch since our last Gazette report. The amazing **Bruce Howe** has stepped down from his plethora of official roles as Branch Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter due to ongoing health issues. Bruce is still very active within the Branch. At the August 2023 AGM **Kent Vild** was re-elected as our Chairman, **Ian Moore** has taken on the role of Branch Secretary and Welfare Officer assisted in his Welfare role by **Guy Pianta** and **Belinda Dunn-Toemoe** has taken on the roles of Branch Treasurer, Social Secretary, Photographer and occasional Reporter.

Our meeting venue has changed from the City of Sydney RSL to the Club York Sydney, 95-99 York St, Sydney

On Tuesday 21st November we had our general meeting and Kent gave a special welcome to two new members for our Branch these being **Brian Dale** and **Warren McKinnon**. Other members present were **Ian Moore, Kent Vild, Bruce Howe, Allan Simpson, Belinda Dunn-Toemoe, Lance and Barbara Williamson, Vaughan Reid and Adriana Reid**. We received apologies from **Alan Randall, Darcy Cluff, Peter Vymys, Peter Hamer, Suzanne Avery (Senior Chaplain), Denise Behringer, Vince Caluccio, Michael Watson, Keith and Margaret Thornell, Glenda McDonald, Guy Pianta and Kathy Parker-Smith.**

After the meeting we adjourned to the Zabou Bar and Grill to partake of a festive Christmas lunch and lively conversation.

Dates for the 2024 Diary
General Meetings – Club York
 Tues 20th February
 Tues 21st May
 Tues 20th August (AGM)
 Tues 19th November 2024

Rolling Coffee Catchups start at 11am
(All RFPA members welcome)
 Tue 19th March - Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club
 Tue 16th April - Easts Club Bondi Junction,
 Tue 18th June - Revesby Workers Club.
 Other dates and venues to be advised.

Belinda Dunn-Toemoe
 Social Secretary

WATER POLICE SUB BRANCH

The Water Police is 10 years old and we recognise those founding members who formed this branch in 2013.



Meeting group

ORIGINAL ATTENDEES

Frank Mahony, David Buckley, David Ritchie, Michael Poole, Hilton Penfold, Terry Fitzgerald, Gerry Perkin, Stan Watson, Bruce Vickers, David Upson, John Whitehead, David Buchanan, Jeff Gilchrist, Lindsay Dive, Neil McCarty, Allan Alexander, Larry Malone, Greg Bingham, Tom Bradley, David Bright, Brian Friend, Jim Townsend, Greg Aldridge, John Dunbar, Stan Watson, Martin Kelly, Hilary Hansen, Bob Nicol, Vic Rulewski, Jeff Fenton, Garth Tilley, Total (31)

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WIDE BAY

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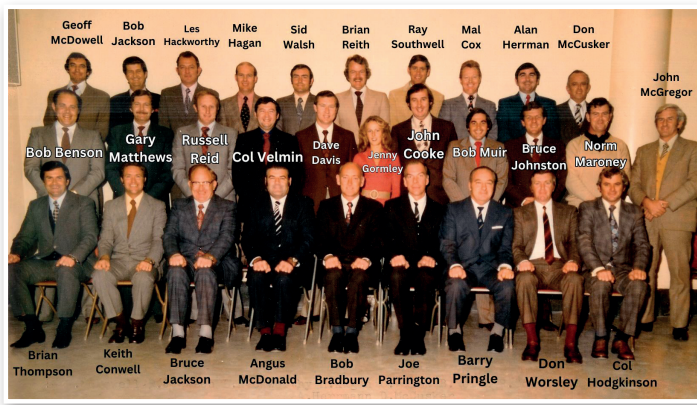
THE WAY WE WERE



Class 205 attested on the 26 October 1984 - courtesy of Linda Lockwood



Police Rescue 1980 - courtesy Charlie D'Agostino



Special Crime Squad 1976 - courtesy of John Cooke



TRG - Photo Courtesy Alan Barwick

NOTICEBOARD

FRIENDSHIP WEEK FOR 2024

- When:** From 16 MARCH to the 23 MARCH 2024
- Where:** FORSTER TUNCURRY NRMA HOLIDAY PARK and RESORT
1 Baird Street, TUNCURRY 02 65546827
- Bookings:** When booking indicate that you are from the Retired and Former Police Association .The Group Booking No. is 125261
They have applied one free night when you book for the seven nights. If you are a NRMA Member you can only receive one discount. For more information please go to NRMA Holiday Park & Resort. Looking forward to another great week of Friendship!
- Information:** For more information about the accommodation and the park please go to Forster Tuncurry NRMA Holiday Park & Resort web site for additional information and photographs.

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

Kind regards

Charles Halloran

POLICE BLUE RIBBON BALL 2024

- When:** Saturday 23rd March 2024
- Time:** 6.00pm - 11.59pm
- Where:** Sydney International Convention Centre
Grand Ballroom, 14 Darling Drive, (Darling Harbour)
Sydney
- Dress:** Formal
- Cost:** \$225 per person.
Please get onto this ASAP so you can get the tables booked or individual tickets purchased and joined to a table of friends as they do fill up quickly. Link to event

<https://portal.policelegacynsw.org.au/events/24/blue-ribbon-ball-2024>

FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR BOB DREW

- When:** Friday 17th May 2024
- Where:** Tamworth (venue TBA)
- Information:** To be advised – check the RFPA Website for updates or contact Phil O'Reilly 0448 593 261
- Organiser:** Peel & New England Branches
Mentions: **Greig Stier Matt Lynch, Steve Bradshaw and Wayne Biffin**

UPCOMING REUNIONS

MERRYLANDS/HOLROYD/WENTWORTHVILLE REUNION

- When:** Thursday 18th April 2024 at 3pm till late
- Where:** Merrylands RSL
- Cost:** Drinks and food available for purchase
- Contact:** **Jenny Suwala** 0402 403 280
Phil Brand 0408 258 080

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

- When:** Wednesday 21st February, 2024.
- Time:** 11am – 3.30pm
- Where:** Club York, 95-99 York Street, Sydney.
- Meal:** 3 course sit down lunch. Cost \$90 pp
- Drinks:** Drinks supplied.
- Payment:** On or before 30th January, 2024.
Electronically: Ex Police Cadets Assn of NSW,
BSB 815-000. Police Bank
Acct No. 241807,
- Contact:** Endorse your name with transaction
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200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORMATION OF THE NSW MOUNTED POLICE (OLDEST MOUNTED POLICE UNIT IN THE WORLD)

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

HONOUR ROLL - RPA & RFPA

Established 1931

LIFE MEMBERS	
Date Bestowed	Member
	Helen Armstrong
	Reginald Armstrong
	Ray Blissett (dec)
	Paul Biscoe
	Tony Connolly
	John Crockett
	Ted Davis (dec)
	Bob Day (dec)
	Barry Hocking
	Russell Jackson
	Patrick Kain
	Roy Leabeater (dec)
	Ian Leeding (dec)
	Andrew Meldrum
	Vic Morrisby (dec)
	Peter Rankin (2021)
	John Redman (dec)
	Neil Rogan
	Murray Stalker (dec)
	Don Telford (dec)
	George Weissel (2020)

PRESIDENTS	
Date	Member
	Don Telford
	Harry Rasmussen
	Ian Leeding
	Dick Cox
	Ken Fitzpatrick
	Bob Day
2001-2021	Paul Biscoe
2021- Current	Paul Wynne

TREASURERS	
Date	Member
2021-current	Bruce Howe

SECRETARIES	
Date	Member
	Ted Davis
	Dick Adams
	Ken Fitzpatrick
	Barry Hocking
	George Weissel
	Barry Hocking
2009-2021	Peter Rankin
2021- Current	Ian Lovell

EDITORS	
Date	Member
1993-1994	John Crockett
1994-2004	Helen & Reg Armstrong
	John Hamer
-	Tony Dunn
2009-current	Paul Wynne & Sandy Benson

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Have you read this Gazette and are NOT a member of the RFPA? Perhaps you are interested in joining?

Go to www.retiredpolice.com.au website to download application forms.



VALE



All relevant information regarding the passing of Members and former Police will be posted on the Retired Police Website 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

We will remember them.

* Denotes Serving Member

SURNAME	CHRISTIAN/KNOWN NAME	AGE	REG.NO	BRANCH	DECEASED
BEDGOOD	Stanleigh Francis	75	15188	Central Coast	14/11/2023
BENSON	Robert James	78	12524		30/9/2023
BERNASCONI	Geoffrey Paul	67	17970		20/12/2023
BOWHAY	Paul	70	17028		11/10/23
BRANN	Gordon Alexander	78	14991	Mid North Coast	1/1/2024
BUCKLEY	David J	73	13650	Water Police Sub Branch	1/1/2024
BURKE	Brian Patrick	77			13/10/2023
CARSON	Brian P	90	8897	Penrith Blue Mountains	11/1/2024
CHILD	Colleen Mildred	89	PW/28		18/10/2023
COLE	Lionel John Alexander	85	11813	Unattached	22/9/2023
COLLIER S	Stephen Edward	62	20442	Unattached	11/10/2023
CUNNINGHAM	Craig Gordon	83	9201		1/12/2023
DUFFY	Francis 'Frank'	88	8847	Penrith Blue Mountains	21/9/2023
DUNCAN	Allan	68	18955		30/12/2023
EVANS	Lee Clifford	80	11673	New England	16/11/2023
FLICK	John Grahame	73	15335		4/12/2023
GAGLIANO	Phillip	73	31146		19/9/2023
GIBSON	Arthur William	77	13496		3/10/2023
GLEDSON	Mark	70	17104	Sydney	8/11/2023
GORDON	Phillip	42	37844		1/11/2023
GREBERT	John Leslie	99	5065	Coffs Harbour	21/10/2023
GRIFFIN	Brian Frederick	76	12359	Gold Coast	9/10/2023
HARDING	Alan Bryan	85	9396	South Coast	13/1/2024
HARDGROVE	Peter Ronald	73	14181		15/12/2023
HAYES	John Thomas	84	10082		24/9/2023
JAMES	Brett	59			16/10/2023
JORDAN	Richard Andrew	70	16774	Unattached	18/12/2023
JOYCE	Colin Patrick	96	5525	Central Coast	1/1/2024
* KASUN VA	Joshua David	46	33070		16/12/2023
LAPPAN	John Compton	82	10025		24/12/2023
LUCAS	Mark Andrew	49	36596		3/11/2023
MACKIE	Virginia Susan	56	23041		20/11/2023
MCBRIDE	Michael JB Mick	72	15369		24/12/2023
MARTIN	William 'Warren'	83	9568	Northern Suburbs	11/1/2024
MCCORMICK	Philip Stephen	72	16966		26/12/2023
NOBLE	Graeme Reginald	86	8289		9/11/2023
NEILL T	Trevor Kelvin	81	10033	Unattached	16/10/2023
PHILP	Rowene Elizabeth	77			21/10/2023
SANDAY	Ian	79	10865	Unattached	17/10/2023
SCHWEIKERT	Victor Albert	86	9458	Unattached	22/12/2023
SORENSEN	Lorraine Margaret	95		Hunter Region	10/11/2023
SOUTHWELL	Raymond John	77	11394	Unattached	30/10/2023
SMITH	Ean S.	78	12510		14/10/2023
SMITH	Tanya				25/10/2023
SPRADBROW	Peter Thomas	61			24/10/2023
* SYKES	Daniel James	57			16/12/2023
SUNTER	James Malcolm	95	7088	Unattached	28/9/2023
THOMPSON	Warren Douglas	83	10852		18/11/2023
TIBBLES	Anthony Donald (Tony)	84	10467	Northern Beaches	7/10/2023
TYLER	Jeffrey Ronald	65	19746		17/11/2023
TOPPING	Leonard George	80	10210	Hunter Region	4/12/2023
WILLIAMS	Nancy Barbara	85			14/10/2023
WADE	Ian Robert	76	12976	Unattached	23/1/2024
YOUNG	John Maxwell	96	7125	Illawarra	8/9/2023