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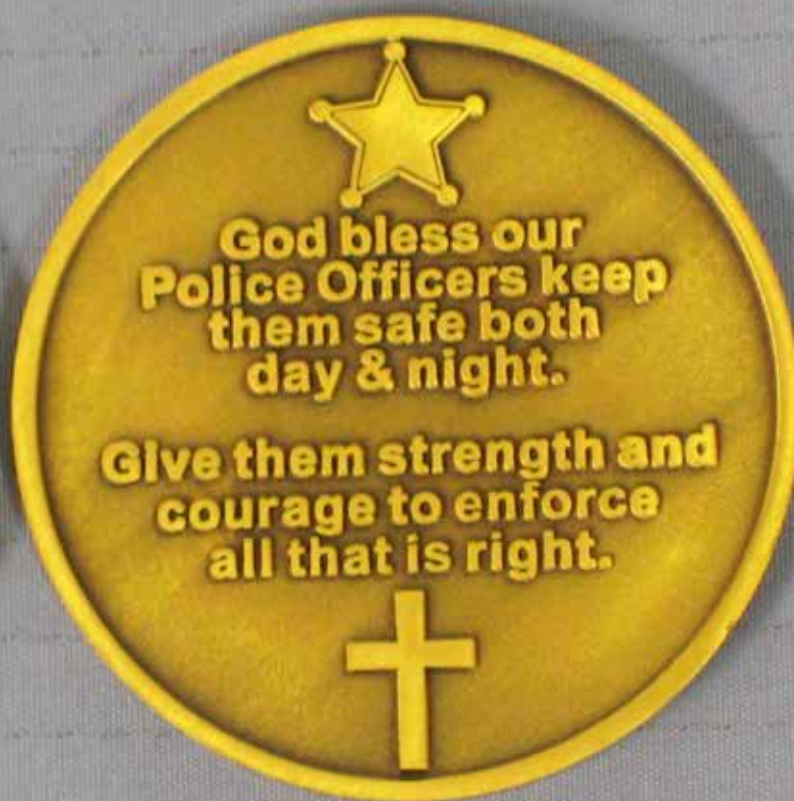
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Two important dates are:

The NSW AGM will be conducted on **Tuesday 25th October 2022 at 10.05am** at the Royal Automobile Club of NSW 89 Macquarie St Sydney.

Eastern Suburbs Memorial Wall Service. Along with other members of the State Committee and with the assistance of **Ron Alexander** from the Southern Metropolitan Associates Branch, planning is continuing for the

memorial service to be conducted at the Police Wall of Remembrance at the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park, 12 Military Road, Matraville **at 4pm on Friday 21st October 2022.**

On more general matters, I am pleased to report that your Committee is working tirelessly in support of you, our members, to improve Camaraderie, Welfare and Friendship within our Association. One of the more involved aspects is to update the data base and communication systems and bring the Association up to speed as we adapt to ever changing technology! In his regard I thank **Dave Whiteman** for his ongoing work in this area. Dave is also our webmaster and keeps the website www.retiredpolice.com.au up to date **on a daily basis.**

Another area of importance is to grow our membership and reach those who are leaving The Force, so that they too may still feel part of the **Police Family.** I have confirmed with **Deputy Commissioner Dave Hudson** that any member retiring or taking optional disengagement from The Force is receiving our **Invitation to Join the RFPA.**

It is my personal endeavour to visit each Branch during my tenure as President and to this end I have been made most welcome at the following branches – Central Coast branch, Macarthur (which I attended with **Robert Redfern**, Director of the Police Bank, **Boyd Stewart** RFPA Liaison and staff from the Narellan branch of the Police Bank); I also recently visited the AGM of the Water Police Sub Branch, and will be at the Northern Suburbs (Hornsby) branch on 6th October

I have mentioned previously that the Police Bank is strengthening their relationship with members of the RFPA by providing hardware and training for the SQUARE EFT system. To this end on 19th August, I, along with the State **Secretary Ian Lovell** and members **from Water Police, Sydney, Northern Beaches, Macarthur, Hunter and Penrith/Nepean branches** attended the Board Room of the Police Bank in Surrey Hills to receive the SQUARE hardware and training conducted by **Boyd Stewart.** **Northern Suburbs/Hornsby** are scheduled for the next training and following this, arrangements will be made to go out to the regional branches. This initiative is being provided free of charge to RFPA Branches by the Police Bank to help eliminate the need for cash at meetings, when purchasing apparel, functions, raffles etc. Easier and immediate.

God Bless,
Paul Wynne JP



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Members, even though I was warned by the previous incumbent, Life member **Peter RANKIN**, that I would be busy doing his old job, I was pleased to accept his challenge. Peter was right, and I have had to employ various tactics with a constant workload. Time flies.

Our Membership has grown steadily, and has seen a slight upward movement following the optional disengagement policy's implementation recently. Our new Members continue to outnumber the VALE notices as our older Members pass on. Note that not all persons in the Vale list are RFPA members. We provide an information service to ALL who read the website retiredpolice.com.au, including not only the passing of our Members, but of all serving and former police, by special arrangement with Police Protocol, arranged through the Office of the Commissioner. We continue to provide timely and authoritative advice through this process, and attempt to gather relevant funeral detail and publish it at the earliest opportunity. I particularly thank **Dave WHITEMAN**, our webmaster, for his untiring 24/7 work in this regard.

We experienced difficulties with the email system early in 2022, and an overwhelming series of technical difficulties forced a rethink of how information can best be disseminated to Members. By far the best way is to make the information available (as it is on the website) and have members access it themselves, without involving an email process. It is safer and protects the information source (Secretary) by eliminating a torrent of SPAM and viruses which saw the email inbox swamped. When bulk messaging is avoided, the existing address [rpansw@bigpond.com] is able to do its job well.

The Committee of Management has met regularly through 2022, and with the inevitable interruptions brought about by train strikes, medical procedures and absences from home on holidays (break out year) and the occasional COVID interruptions, your Committee Members (COM) have been either in physical attendance, or by using the 'Zoom' technology purchased last year to assist, virtually in attendance for all meetings. News from the COM goes to Branch Secretaries for dissemination to Members after each COM meeting. The Police Bank, through our Liaison Officer **Boyd STEWART** and the Bank's Executive Members **Peter REMFREY and Robert REDFERN** APM, has allowed us use of their board room for our COM meetings free of charge and with additional hospitality, as representatives of their large client base. The Police Bank has been generous to us, and we ask that reciprocal consideration is given when making financial transactions or obtaining qualified financial advice.

A delay in producing Veteran Certificates for some Members was unfortunate, but we caught up in July and I hope to remain in front of that process in future. New cards are supplied when a Member reaches 'Veteran'; Membership age. Those Members who pay by deduction from Police Bank or State Super accounts receive a card when joining, which remains valid until they reach 80 years of age. Previously there had been an annual issue for 'paying' Members. This has been discontinued on the basis of cost to the Association, and one card will be issued to new Members who pay annually inscribed 'annual' and without an expiry date. If anyone has concerns about the process, or needs a new card (e.g. lost, broken, illegible etc) please contact the Secretary for a replacement to be ordered.

Increasing interest has been shown in the 'Friendship Week' held regularly and organised by **Charles HALLORAN** and others. Murray River Branch has indicated that they will hold a similar event in 2023, with detail TBA soon. Meanwhile, Friendship Week arrangements are in place for March 2023 at Darlington Resort, North of Coffs Harbour. Anyone who attends these events will come away with a smile.

We have met with **DCOP HUDSON** and the Commissioner; raising issues of concern to our Members. Another meeting is to be held soon, with an agenda reflective of our hopes for future progress by the RFPA on matters raised at Branch and COM level.

I thank all Committee of Management Members for their input and assistance to me in the past nine months, and hope to continue to contribute well into the future.

Ian Lovell, APM



EDITOR'S REPORT

There are good articles and photos coming in. Don't forget that your former colleagues are flung far and wide and the Gazette gives them an insight into where you are, what you look like and what you have been doing over the past years since you last met.

A picture is worth a thousand words, so don't forget to send them in: recent past, long past, and ancient – all have a place and rekindle memories with our members.

For the information of all branches, you can have any of your photos or information on upcoming events etc. uploaded by our webmaster, **Dave Whiteman**, onto the www.retiredpolice.com.au website under your Branch Information. Just contact Dave at rpfawebmaster@gmail.com

Great work and thanks to all

Deadline for receipt of articles and photos for the Summer Edition is 7th November 2022

God Bless,

Paul Wynne JP, Editor - and Sandy Benson JP, Sub-editor



WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT

We all are probably looking forward to warmer and sunnier weather which means more outside time. I have received numerous calls from members and partners regarding health issues much of which relates to ongoing and chronic conditions which they have had for some time.

An important part of keeping healthy is exercise. For those who are capable, regular exercise is important to each of us, and we don't have to be involved in excessive exercise all we need to do is moderate exercise suitable to our age and physique.

To each of you and your family who have not felt the best, I hope you improve and be on the road to better health as soon as possible. To all members and family, I wish you all the best.

Ian Moore

State Welfare Officer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

I write again to protest, complain or perhaps draw attention to the changing face of the NSW Police Force. I joined as a Police Cadet (by law a member of the NSW Police) and was sworn in as a Constable in 1952.

I retired after 37 years and to use an old cliché "one never stops being a policeman" even though my baton and cuffs are now on issue to another young buck or doe. In my time there was constant criticism of the strict seniority system for promotion and now that a new system has been installed in its stead, I question our progress for reasons too many to mention here.

I regularly attend my local RFPA meetings, read the Police publications that come my way, read newspapers and listen to the radio and am very sad at the current perception that all is not well in the Service. For 25 years I was a Prosecutor and over time one's respect for the judicial system failed to create confidence in those who have to enforce the law.

I draw particular attention to the anachronistic jury system where 12 good men and women sit, sometimes for weeks at a time, to determine the guilt or innocence of an individual. How distressing it is to know that Police, including retired police *I, are not permitted to serve on a jury because we are considered to be biased. Dopes, criminals, those who are anti police can serve on a jury and as a prosecutor with considerable experience in committals for trial It is difficult to comprehend the jury's decision of not guilty when I later speak to the arresting police who gave evidence at the committal and later tell me the ultimate result of the trial – the jury found the accused not guilty.

Police are charged by the Act of Parliament to investigate crimes yet we must advise those who commit the crime that they do not have to answer our questions. Criminals, including a High Court Judge and the Chief Magistrate of New South Wales were allowed to make unsworn statements from the floor of the Court – thus denying the prosecution the right to cross examine the suspect. I have always been of the view that silence does not equate to innocence.

In the early days the Police Regulation Act stated that the Commissioner of Police shall have the superintendence of the Police Force. When **Neville Wran** became our Minister (and Premier) he added the words, "..."(subject to the control of the Minister)". This amendment simply interpreted unequivocally was that we then became a political arm of the Government.

Most will remember that **Jim Lees** (later Commissioner) was the officer in charge of discipline and examinations. **Premier Wran** introduced the Ombudsman Act and encouraged people who felt they had a complaint to make communication with the Ombudsman and **Wran** gave a direction that every complaint should be fully investigated. This had the effect of **Jim Lees** being replaced with the Internal Affairs Branch with a staff of over 30. I was heavily involved with Internal Affairs, both as a Prosecutor and subsequently as an Inspector investigator and only a very small number of complaints was justified. On being transferred to Internal Affairs, in a very short time I had 26 complaints referred to me for full investigation with many of them taking weeks to investigate and fully report to the Ombudsman. Many people, other than Police, complained that it was wrong for Police to investigate Police. Nothing was ever done to implement this insulting suggestion.

In our time we have experienced the **Justice Moffitt** enquiry, the **Wood Royal Commission**, **Black Deaths in Custody**, the termination of the **Police Cadet system**, we now see the push to increase the age of criminal responsibility from 10 to 14 – there have been many Acts of Parliament either abolished or had Police powers reduced, such as Police Offences Act, Offensive behaviour, drunkenness, indecent language, consorting, indecent publications. Compulsory retirement no longer exists, on physical standards (little people under five feet as uniformed constables) and my take on all of this is that **Neville Wran** created a comic Police Service. Wran was certainly not the friend of our Police Service.

I believe that the Police Force I joined in 1949 was so far removed from the job it is today – you do not need university graduates – what is required is experience and common sense. I have said enough – I have made my point that all is not well – good luck to all service Police today.

Oscar Taylor Retired Inspector 7472

*1 **Editor's Note** – There are several groups of people automatically exempt from serving on a Jury in NSW. Currently serving Police, Armed Forces, High Public Office and those with criminal convictions, undischarged bankrupt, and other criminal categories. So we, **Retired Police** can be called upon to serve on a Jury and in fact I, personally, was selected for jury duty recently.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	LOCATION	BRANCH
CARL	DARYL	MURRAY RIVER	MURRAY RIVER
DAGWELL	MARION	UNATTACHED	
GALLOWAY	NEIL GRANT	BETHANGA	MURRAY RIVER
HARTNETT	BETTY GAI	COFFS HARBOUR	MID NORTH COAST
HOWARD	SHANE	MACARTHUR	MACARTHUR
JORGENSEN	GARY FRANCIS	BRADBURY	MACARTHUR
LONERGAN	PETER GERARD	HALLIDAY'S POINT	MACARTHUR
MCINTOSH	PHIL	MACARTHUR	MACARTHUR
MCINTYRE	MARK DOUGLAS	KIRWAN	NORTHERN RIVERS
SCHEINFLUG	PETER	BLUE MTNS	PENRITH/BLUE MTNS
SMITH	HAL WAYNE	ALBURY	MURRAY RIVER
SMITH	TINA LOUISE	ALBURY	MURRAY RIVER
SMITH	BRETT	WODONGA	MURRAY RIVER
SPURR	LUKE	HORNSBY	NORTHERN SUBURBS
SPURR	SARA	HORNSBY	NORTHERN SUBURBS
TRUSSELL	ROBERT	HUNTER	HUNTER
TURNER	WARD	BURPENGARY	BRISBANE

FRONT COVER STORY

September each year is a special month for Retired Police and Police personnel in general, where they remember the contribution the Retired Police made to the Force and also the Police who lost their lives serving the community.

The first Thursday of September each year is dedicated as Retired Police Day and is celebrated in various locations throughout NSW in varying ways. The Country Police and communities often have a street parade, whereas in the more heavily populated cities, PACs combine to cover an area and invite Retired Police to attend a celebration and recognition of the role Retired Police made. "They dug the well from which we drink today"

The 29th September holds a special significance for police throughout Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and the Solomon Islands. It is a day for police to pause and honour officers whose lives have been lost while performing their duty as a police officer:

This important day is also a time to remember police officers who have lost their lives through illness or other circumstances. National Police Remembrance Day is observed on the feast day for Saint Michael the Archangel, Patron Saint of Police. St Michael is recognised as an archangel by the Christian, Jewish and Islamic faiths.

National Police Remembrance Day was first held on 29 September 1989, as a result of a joint decision at the 1988 Australasia and South West Pacific Region Commissioners' Conference. The NSW Police Force Wall of Remembrance was initiated in February 1999, when the Premier of New South Wales, The Hon Bob Carr MP, announced the NSW State Government would fund the construction of a memorial to honour the memory of police officers who died serving the NSW community.

On 5 December 1999, Mr Carr officially unveiled the Wall of Remembrance, which is located on the eastern side of the NSW Art Gallery on Art Gallery Road, in Sydney's Domain.

The names of NSW Police Force officers who lost their lives while they were performing police duties are etched in the memorial's wall. There is also a wall of Remembrance in Canberra and in cities and towns throughout NSW.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
RETIRED AND FORMER POLICE ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC.
Reg'd Y0886937
in accordance with the requirements of the Incorporations
Association Act 2009 as amended**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Retired and Former Police Association of NSW will be held at 10.05am on Tuesday 25th October 2022 at the Royal Automobile Club of Australia, 89 Macquarie Street, SYDNEY.

Please see Insert with Agenda details and posted on the RFPA website [retiredpolice.com.au]. Notice of this AGM will be posted to the last known address of each Member:

Ian LOVELL APM
Secretary
5 September 2022

POLICE IN KHAKI

The foyer of the Sydney Police Centre will soon have an addition when a new plaque will be displayed adjacent to the WWI and WW2 Honour Rolls.

When Australia became involved in the Vietnam War in 1962, recruiting for the Armed Services proved insufficient to provide for the required personnel to continue Australia's commitment in that war. The Australian Government responded to the shortfall by introducing the National Service Act 1964 (C'lt'h) which required 20-year-old males to serve in the Army for a period of twenty-four months of continuous service. In March 1966 **Prime Minister Harold Holt** announced that National Servicemen would be sent to Vietnam to fight in units of the Australian Regular Army. More than 800,000 men registered for National Service between 1965 and December 1972. From that number, some 63,000 were conscripted and over 19,000 served in Vietnam.

Recently two members of the RFFA, **Bruce Howe and Ian Granland** have been compiling a list of Police who had been required to serve in the Royal Australian Army in Vietnam. During 2021, the NSW Government sought applications for financial grants to assist organisations with projects, including memorials. As Bruce Howe is the Secretary of the NSW Police RSL sub-Branch, he applied for a grant to purchase and erect a bronze plaque. It intended to name those Police who served in Vietnam. The application was successful and \$1,500-00 was received from the Anzac Community Grant.

It was considered that the plaque should include not only serving sworn Police, but also administrative staff who underwent National Service and served in South Vietnam. The issue of police who served in other areas, including peacekeepers, was considered, and it was decided to add two National Service Police officers who had served in Borneo and Malaysia.

The announcement of this project drew much comment within the sub-Branch. Comparisons were made with the memorials at the Police Academy, Goulburn, as well as at other locations. An addendum was adopted acknowledging the NSW Police RSL sub-Branch and those police who had served in South East Asia prior to joining the NSWPF.



Two senior police officers deserve special mention: **Rex Anderson and William (Barney) Ross** undertook an unusual form of service with the ADF in South Vietnam, being seconded to the Army to undertake an investigation into the murder of two Army sergeants and the wounding of another.

Bruce Howe

Borroloola Police Station was constructed in 1886 when Borroloola was a significant river port and drovers' camp. The buildings were used for 50 years by the police before becoming a patrol officer's residence. It is the oldest surviving example of an outpost station in the Northern Territory. Borroloola town was a depot for resupply of cattle drives along the Gulf Stock Route and Barkly Tablelands properties. Located 1056 km south of Darwin.



The Police station closed in 1946. The building now houses a small district museum, which tells many stories of occupation, administration and mining in the Gulf region. The museum is open to the public all year round. The OIC of Borroloola (1904-1911) was **Mounted Constable Robert Stott**. In 1912 Stott was appointed **Sergeant in Charge of Alice Springs**.

He became Commissioner of the Central Australian Police Force in 1927 when the Northern Territory became two separate territories. He remained in Alice Springs until his retirement in 1928. On his final leave, he was struck by a train whilst in Adelaide and died early the following day.

Today, with a population of 871 (2016 census) Borroloola is a remote fishing community situated on the banks of the McArthur River in the Gulf of Carpentaria. A modern police complex exists there today.

Ed note: this interesting article reproduced with permission of Kerry Beggs, Brisbane & Northern Rivers Branch

BRANCH REPORTS

BRISBANE AND NORTHERN SUBURBS

Winter is over and Spring is here, not that Queensland really has a real winter unlike our Southern cousins.

There was a quick turnaround to submit this report, so we only have one luncheon included but it was important that the RFFA Spring Gazette is out earlier enough to get sufficient details of the State RFFA AGM out to members asap before the 25th of October.

However, we do have details of our Christmas party below that has been emailed to our group by our Secretary **Kerry Beggs** and it is also on our Brisbane and Northern Suburbs RFFA website and when it gets closer, I will also place it on our Facebook page.

The State RFFA have their AGM in Sydney on the 25th of October and the current Committee of which I am a part, has worked extremely hard on proposals that will be voted on then and if approved I expect will have a direct and positive impact on members and the organisation. One of these prominent issues to consider is the new proposed Constitution which I can be found on the RFFA website and I recommend that members read this prior to the 25th of October. Members will then be directly informed of the results of the AGM and these proposals which will also be included in the summer edition of the Gazette.

Christmas in July was a great venue and an immense success thanks to organisation by Marilyn and Gerald but now we have moved to our traditional Christmas celebration which is an event that many of us big kids look forward to – this year it is on Saturday 3rd December 2022 at 10am

Our Sunday lunches have continued to be a success, as **Marilyn and Gerald** vary the venues to give members different choices in meals and to be fair to all and sundry in relation to travel but if travel is a problem, then please let us know so that we can try to organise some carpooling.

The committee of course is always open to any ideas or suggestions on this or any issues that members would like us to consider during our monthly meetings on the first Saturday of the month.

Our Sunday lunch on the 21st of August was at the Beachmere Tavern which was enjoyed by all as it was once again well organised again by **Gerald and Marilyn** and was attended by **Kerry & Marlene Beggs, Gerald Fiddis, Steve & Lynell Turner, Ken Fogarty, Bob Leembruggen, Graham & Dawn Devaney, Ian & Shirley Whitehall, Judy Eddy, Vera & Christopher (friends of Sid & Peta), Sid & Peta Thiesfield, Ward & Cheyne Turner.**



We conduct monthly meetings at Norths Leagues Club, Kallangur. Meetings are on the first Saturday of the month

Regards
Steve Turner

CENTRAL COAST

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

CENTRAL TABLELANDS

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

COFFS HARBOUR

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

DUBBO

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

GOLD COAST

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

HUNTER REGION

We've held some good functions lately, with our Xmas in July at Kurri TAFE being the highlight. Great food, great wine tasting, and some fascinating insights and tricks courtesy of the absolutely unique **Super Hubert OAM**, who has been entertaining people of the Hunter on TV, in person, and through his connection with many of our police who have volunteered for years in the Variety Bash, of which Super Hubert's car was a true icon.

Recollections of him with **Charles HAGGETT, Mal READ, Brian and John MOONEY, Tony TAMPLIN** come back, and I am reminded each time I come in contact with him that I wrote him a \$2,500 TIN when he arrived at the Old Vic Inn in Gaskill Street after a hard day's driving the bat mobile and was informed that he had been clocked at 250km/h zooming through Cudal earlier in the day. He wrote a cheque and it was given to the local pre-school, without Traffic Infringement Bureau ever taking their cut.



Terry CLANCY receiving his OBE



JAG received his OBE from Bob GRAY

Our next gathering was at Club Macquarie at Argenton, and 35 turned up to enjoy the day and to celebrate several Veteran events. **Mary SCAYSBROOK** avoided us by going to Moonan Flat for a family and old friends celebration, but we managed to lure **Terry CLANCY** all the way over Cockle Creek from his home at Teralba, and **John GILBERT aka JAG**, all the way from his place in Sydney so that both could be presented with their OBE certificates.

JAG had his presented by his old workmate from Tamworth out Treasurer **Bob GRAY**. I gave Terry his, after recalling that my 'suitability for Police Employment' interview had been performed by Terry quite a few years ago. Thanks again **Terry**.

Terry's son **Michael** came along with him, as **Cath** has been unable to attend such events for a while. All the best to **Terry and Cath** with health issues. JAG has been a little luckier with his own health, and is still able to make his presence felt at the TAB, where his skills are apparently improving

In Friendship
Ian LOVELL

ILLAWARRA

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

KIAMA

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

MACARTHUR

At our Branch Meeting on 12/08/22 we had the pleasure of welcoming the **Association President Paul WYNNE**, Secretary **Ian Lovell** with his wife **Glenda**, **Phillip McIntyre** and **Sarah Lockett** from the Narellan Branch of the Police Bank, **Boyd Stewart** from the Police Bank and Guest Speaker **Robert Redford**.



Again, we had a good presence in attendance including **Mal Sinton**, **Mark Doubleday**, **Steven Brent**, **Kevin Barr**, **Max Madgwick**, **George Seymour**, **Garry Moffitt**, **Richard & Lillian Cordwell**, **Roger & Lorraine Ford**, **Allan Godfrey**, **Robert Haynes**, **Alan Moule**, **Geoff McNevin**, **Joe Stanioch**, **Mick Timms**, **Sonia Roberts**, **Gary Jorgensen**, **Les Green**, **Allan Randall**, **Denis Smith & Robert Barnett**.

Apologies receive from **Steve Valentine**, **Tony Norton**, **Paul Jarrett**, **Ron Judd**, **Wayne Topham**, **Peter Millar**, **Julie Turton**, **Ron Reuben**, **John Carroll**, **Phillip McIntosh**, **Rob Thomsett**, **Brent Thomas**, **Peter Edwards & Steve Reeves**.



During the meeting **Allan Randall** was presented with achieving his Veteran Status within the Association by **Paul Wynne**. Thanks to the Police Bank, **Boyd Stewart** implemented a Square Machine to process all credit cards.

The Guest Speaker, **Robert Redfern** gave an insightful report into the future direction of the Police Bank which was greatly received.

Roger Ford

MANNING GREAT LAKES

Our AGM was held at Club Old Bar on the 16 August and in attendance were **Terry & Kerri Tamplin**, **Kevin & Karen Guillaumier**, **Bert & Linda Bennett**, **Peter & Dawn Rankin**, **Dick & Michele Spencer**, **Cliff & Wendy Hoare**, **Kevin & Jan Bishop**, **Wayne & Judy Parkes**, **Don Brown**, **Gerald & Jeanette Cross**, **Deena Lane**, **Arthur Southwell**. **Inspector Nick Seddon**, Great Lakes Police.

We received apologies from **Wayne & Cheryl McCann**, **Jeff & Marg Elliott**, **Shayne Green**, **Col & Barb Cross**, **Shane and Sharon Murphy**, **Charlie & Pat Paff**, **Des & Colleen Hall**, **Rudy Ognibeine**.

The AGM election resulted in the return of all the 2021 executives with the addition of **Peter Rankin** who now becomes our Vice Chairman. We have a few members on the sick list, **Wayne McCann** with Covid, **Charles Paff** with the flu, **Jeff Elliott and Des Hall** are still undergoing treatment.

Unfortunately we lost **Frank Martin** on the 13 August, Our thoughts go out to the Martin family.

The LAC was represented by Inspector **Nick Seddon** who brought the members up to date on changes within the Manning Great Lakes. Nick also invited members to this years Retired Police Day being held at the Taree Police Station on the 15 September.

Terry Tamplin
Secretary.

MID NORTH COAST

Our annual Christmas in July luncheon was held in mid-July just to remind us it was winter. The Wauchope RSL was the venue (because of the outstanding meal they put on for us) and again they didn't disappoint. Among those present were **Al LUKES**, **Jim & Sandra CRANNA**, **Sid CRANE** and **Kerry BOLSOVER**, **Betty HARTNETT** and **Peter WILMS**, **Jeff & Margaret ELLIOTT**, **Ron & Desley NUNN**, **Graham & Irene WILLIAMS**, **Bruce SAUNDERS & Denise HUNTLEY**, **Mickey FOSTER**, **Jennett HUNT**, **Marlene BROWN**, **Ian & Dawn CAMPBELL**, **Ron & Margaret HAMMERSLEY**, **Heather ANDERSON**, **Bob & Yvonne HANLON & Warwick HENSLEY**. There were a number of apologies also. **Ian Campbell** entertained us following the lunch with a bit of a singsong which had everyone tapping their feet, a great way to finish an excellent afternoon. We always leave Wauchope RSL looking forward to our next visit which will be at Christmas time for another luncheon.

A big thanks to **Marlene Brown** who obviously loves her cooking as she made a great Christmas cake which was snapped up by **Sandra Cranna** whose ticket was first out of the barrel. Each year Marlene also makes craft items, pickles, relishes and spreads which she donates to our Branch for our Christmas functions. Greatly appreciated by all **Marlene**.

For our August gathering we decided on a casual "coffee morning" at our 'home', the Port Macquarie City Bowling Club. It was well attended with **Garry & Irene Williams, Marlene Brown, Jeff & Margaret Elliott, Bruce Saunders, Ian Campbell, Wayne Evans, Matt Reeves, Jennett Hunt, Keith Rule, Sid Crane, Ross Radford (who stopped off on his way to Spain !!), Jim Cranna and Paul Griffin** attending. Good to see some old faces in Wayne, Keith and Ross drop in for a cuppa. And thanks to **Sid Crane** who decided to bring along some books he had finished with, the members present were more than happy to take them home.



(L to R) Denese Huntley, Bruce Saunders, Mickey Foster & Marlene Brown



Ron and Desley Nunn,

Until next issue stay safe and well.

Jim Cranna
Publicity

MURRAY RIVER

Murray River Branch has been very busy again with lots of activities and lots of catch ups with current members and friends as well as lots of new members and other branch members visiting the area and attending our get togethers.

Firstly our Coffee & Chat at the Vintage Rose Tea Rooms on 9 June 2022 was a lovely get together where we met our new member **Jan Callaghan** whose husband **Ken** was in the job for quite a while until they went and became Publicans of a number of pubs around the state, their last one being the Culcairn Hotel. Welcome Jan great to meet you. We had a couple of others that we hadn't seen for a while, that being the Bowls Gr8 for Brains crew **Paul Cole & Darryl Coventry**. Coley was up to his usual comical playfulness and then joined by **Ziggy Ken Zegiel** and the circus began. The scones especially and the other nibbles that were available were yummy as usual and we all waddled out after a couple of hours. Great times with great people and a couple of cheeky devils.

On 29 June 2022 We had a great crew of people attend one of our favourites BBB's for a Coffee & Chat including surprise guests from the Nowra Branch of the RFPA, Denis & Faye Potter. Great to meet you and have you return to the old stomping grounds. Well near them as Denis worked a bit further west most of the time at Finley, Jerilderie, a couple of other places, and also a bit of relieving in Albury. We had some of our usual treasures along, **Brian & Cheryl Rosewarne, stalwarts of the MR RFPA, Roland Kubank & Christine McEwan** down from Wagga, and **Paul (Coley) Cole** our comedian was there. **Annie Smart** was back from her 5 months wandering around the countryside of Northern Australia, **Ken Medway** a popular new local and our new committee member **Graeme Stephens** made his first mid-week event as he is now on the road to retirement, he thinks, well not now that he is involved with this crew, he will be busier than he was when he worked. Oh and **John Clarkson** popped in later for a cuppa as well. We all had a wonderful time for about 3 hours.



Dave Graham & Jan Callaghan



Denis & Faye Potter



Ken (Ziggy) Zegiel, Paul (Coley) Cole & Darryl Coventry



Deb Hargreave, Annie Smart, Linda MEDWAY

We had a lovely Coffee & Chat at 2640 Cafe on Monday 11th July. The room was great and one thing we noticed was that it was an excellent location for chatting as the acoustics were good. Could talk and actually hear each other well or maybe we all had our hearing aids in. We had some of our members and friends attend that we hadn't seen for a while so it was a great catch up. **Peter & Anne Dwyer** advised us that they are moving permanently to town soon so we will see them a bit more frequently in future lovely to have you back. **Dave Graham** had a day off looking after the grandies and he had a good chat to Jan Callaghan. Lovely to see **Robyn Pollard** come along and **Annie Smart** had a great chat with her as well as **Pete & Lyndelle Tubie**. **The Rosewarne's, the Cottee's & the Docksey's** attended as well so good long coffee & chat.

Our Victorian Silo Tour Weekend on 23 & 24 July 2022, was such an amazing trip shared between Murray River RFFA members, with many laughs, and food a-plenty. Our members who live in Victoria dominated the team with **Margaret Westaway, Chrissy and Phil Eddes** from Melbourne, & **Graeme & Katie Morris** from Benalla. So great to see you all come up for the weekend. We lunched at Mulwala Ski Club, Papalias Restaurant, for lunch, although I've heard a few had "eyes bigger than their belly". **Yes Mr Chair Ken (Ziggy) Ziegel**.

Club Mulwala Resort was the next stop where we downed tools for the night. Just ten steps across the carpark led us to Club Mulwala, which displayed a lovely greeting sign, welcoming the Retired & Former Police Association to their club. Lovely touch!

All members headed off after breakfast at 10am in convoy for the silo tour. **Beth Docksey** took us through various towns south of Yarrowonga on the silo trail those being Tungamah, St James, Devenish with lunch at the pub, Goorambat and finished off at Mokoan Hub Cafe for Afternoon Tea. Some amazing artworks were viewed. It was a great weekend and we will share more valuable weekends away with our lovely members in the future.

The cosy little La Maison Restaurant was our Coffee & Chat venue on 10th August 2022. **Glenn Roe** popped in, down from the Blue Mountains, which was lovely and shared a few yarns. Quite a few familiar faces enjoyed an afternoon tea selection and coffee which was enjoyable. Mention was made to book here again as the open fireplace was a hit!! The last person to leave today picked up the tab ... a known offender who ate scones and had a coffee and was reprimanded at the Murray River RFFA meeting afterwards.



On the 25th August 2022, a luncheon was held at the Church Street Hotel at Wodonga, where we had our new member **Neil Galloway** attend his first event. Welcome Neil to our branch and we look forward to seeing you in future. Other regulars that attended were **Pete & Lyndelle Tubie, Ron Galea, Robyn Pollard, Warren Mitchell, and Brian Rosewarne**.

On 1st September, 2022, Retired Police Day was held at both Albury and Deniliquin Police Stations at the invitation of **Supt Paul Smith**. A number of former officers attended including **Ken Ziegel, Norm Wales, Ken Medway, Bill Drummond, Peter Beacroft, Max Merkel, Ian Nightingale and George Krooglik** caught up with some of the local officers.



Best Wishes **Beth Docksey**



Margaret Westaway, Max Wilton, Graeme Dark, Graham Docksey, Helen & Eric Jamieson, Beth Docksey

On the 14 July 2022 we had lovely get together in Melbourne with our Vic Resident members and attended a new venue the Dandenong RSL. Father **Graeme Darke** travelled all the way up from Inverloch and it was so lovely to see him again. **Eric & Helen Jamieson** attended as well after moving back to metro Melbourne. First time we've seen them for a while so a lot of catching up was had with them as well as meeting some of the others there that were new to them. We had a pioneer policewoman **Margaret Westaway** attend who has passed on a lot of historical publications about NSW Women in Policing that we will have a look at and eventually pass it onto the Academy Library Archives. And last but not least the wonderful **Max Wilton** was beaming as usual and having a great chat. A lovely night out for all. See you all again soon our Victorian members and we did....



NEW ENGLAND

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

NORTHERN BEACHES

Hi everyone,

Chairman Dave WHITEMAN welcomed members and guests to our AGM held on the 12th of July at Manly Leagues Club. 27 members and guests attended.

We had the following members attend, **Barry MILES, Dave WHITEMAN, Ian FINLAYSON, Gloria VELLELEY, Geoff KAY, Bill McINTOSH, Brian INMAN, Jim SOILAND, Bart SNEL, Bill BUSH, Alex VOGT, Harold HANLEN, Deb ANDERSON, David COLE Dave DREW, Bob INKSTER, Tony WRIGHT, Alan Le SURF, Rob LINNEY, John LETTS, Brian GATELY, Lindsay DIVE, Brian FRIEND and Garrie WATT.**

We had guests **Margie VOGT, Irene McINTOSH** and soon to be member **Hal POTTS** also attend the meeting. **Garrie WATT** made the trip down from the Central Coast and looked after the attendance book.

Apologies were received from **Greg THANE, Nev BEHAGG, Brian WRIGHT, Allan HINES, Oscar TAYLOR, Bob WARLAND, Keith AIKEN, Chris CHURCH, Bob PINFOLD, Mike FLETCHER, Geoff GREEN, Steve ALLCORN, Peter BUTCHER, Col FITZROY, Andrew JENKINS, and Barry CAFE.**

Prior to **Brian INMAN** our Returning Officer conducting the voting for the AGM, Chairman **Dave WHITEMAN** thanked the following for their contribution and service during the past year; the outgoing Executive Members, **Brian FRIEND, Ian FINLAYSON, Bill BUSH** assisted by **Christine BUSH**, our Auditor **Allan HINES** – Welfare Team **Jim SOILAND, Barry MILES, Geoff KAY, Deb ANDERSON and Margaret KAY** for her wonderful get well and condolence cards. Door-Keepers and Raffle Ticket Support Team, **Harold HANLEN, Garrie WATT, Col FITZROY and Brian INMAN** as our Returning Officer.

The Northern Beaches Retired and Former Police Association Executive Committee all stood for re- election other than our Secretary, **Ian FINLAYSON** who due to ongoing medical issues did not stand. Congratulations to **Alan LE SURF** who will be taking over the Secretary's role from **Ian** and to the committee members who were re elected; **Chairman Dave WHITEMAN, Vice Chairman Brian FRIEND and Treasurer Bill BUSH.** We should not forget our Welfare Team who were also re-elected unopposed; **Jim SOILAND, Barry MILES, Geoff KAY, Brian FRIEND and Deb ANDERSON.**



Over the last few months we have lost a couple of members and the much loved and well regarded wife of our **Vice Chairman Brian FRIEND, Robyn FRIEND. Lindsay DIVE, Bart SNEL and Dave WHITEMAN** attended **Robyn FRIEND'S** Celebration of Life. It was a huge turnout with in excess of 700 people attending at Avalon Park and the weather was magnificent for such a special occasion for a very well thought of lady as the numbers attending would attest.

Jim PEDDELL passed away in Bali on Saturday the 18th of June 2022 and he was cremated in Bali in July. Our oldest Veteran Member **Ross NIXON** passed away on Saturday the 9th of July 2022.

There has been a lot of action on the welfare front with the welfare team being kept very busy checking on our members and **Margaret Kay** sending out get well and Vale cards which the members appreciate. The Welfare report is like a who's who of the branch. **Noelene BEHAGG** wife of **Neville** is having chemo treatment, **Ian FINLAYSON** is having ongoing treatment for problems with his legs, 11 procedures so far but who is counting, **Geoff KAY** has had further surgery for his sciatica and is on the mend but giving the pain killers a workout with other issues. **Brian INMAN** still has problems with the waterworks but managed to travel some distance to oversee our AGM, **Jim SOILAND** is out of hospital after surgery to remove part of his foot, Scooter (**Barry MILES**) is currently recovering from Covid phoned **Kev MONCKTON**, he is off to have more blood tests for his pre-op, as the last lot were too long ago due to the postponements of his operation. **Col FITZROY** was back in NBH after excess fluid problems with heart problems adding to his woes, **Oscar TAYLOR** was in NBH for some low blood pressure checks, **Brian FRIEND** spoke with **Lindsay DIVE**. He was going in for another tune up in the oesophagus and has an all clear about his cancer. **Lindsay** still managed to make it to our AGM.



Make a note that our Christmas Lunch will be on Tuesday 6th December at the Dee Why RSL in the Fishbowl. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.

Ian Finlayson
Secretary

NORTHERN RIVERS

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

NORTHERN SUBURBS (formerly Hornsby)

Our Branch held its August meeting in the usual place, meeting the first Thursday of each month at 10am in the Coffee area of the main Bistro and moving to the lower ground floor meeting rooms of Hornsby RSL Club at 11am for bi-monthly meetings.



In attendance were (back row) **Kent Vild, John Graham, Verity Greenwood, Peter Kirkwood (guest speaker), Alan Pollock, John Schell, Tony Sneddon, Peter McDonnell, Luke Spurr,** and seated, **Bill Shute, Ross Beattie, Bill Leadbeatter and Greg Muir** (photographer). A special welcome was made to our latest member, former **Chief Inspector Luke Spurr** who, in company with his wife **Sara**, has now joined the Association. Apologies were received from **Ron Smith, Kerry Larsen, Phil Stubbs-Mills, Carl Cameron, Dick Smith, Chris Reardon, Warren and Lesley Martin, Wal Gaffney, Phil Pearce, John Andrews, Mark Edwards.**

Our guest speaker for the last two meetings was **Peter Kirkwood OAM**, President of the Rotary Club of Wahroonga and of Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai PCYC. He first enlightened us as to the history of the PCYC and the connection with the Rotary Club of Australia. His second presentation was a history of the didgeridoo, the mechanics of each type of instrument and a background to the sounds that were produced. Everybody enjoyed his stories and the music he produced.

A few of our members are going through the wars health wise at the moment and we pass on our support and best wishes to **John Andrews, Warren Martin, Dick Smith and Carl Cameron.**

Best regards,
Greg Muir

PARRAMATTA - THE HILLS

At our July meeting we had 25 attendees - **Eric Etienne, Neil & Colleen Purvis, Paul Wynne, Sandy Benson, Shirley Anderson, John & Sue Wakefield, Brian Haim, Gary Raymond, Fred & Anne Camage, Elaine Bennett. Lester Robey, David Hain, Lloyd Taylor, Ian & Barbara Lindsay, Michael Berwick, Steve Bensley, Sheila Jackson, Elaine Bennett, John Laycock, Naomi Baldwin, Nick Pavlov.**

Apologies received from **Mike Neilsen, Annette Willett, Chinn Gounder, Shri Ram, Robyn & John McInerney, Phil Hickman, Greg Swindels, Robert & Robyn Oswald, John Fletcher, Greg Hyde, Ian King, Phil Martin, Maurie Whitton, Mal Brown, Robert Redfern, Joe & Jenny Turner, John & Lee Hall, Kris Sweic, Ivan & Joan Hamilton, Russell Oxford, Ross Carlisle, Angus McDonald, Bill Chaffey, Gary Raymond reported on the welfare of some of our members viz; Annette Willett in Townsville, Greg Hyde, John Hall, John Fletcher, Ross & Nancy Carlisle, Jim Bostock, Angus McDonald.**

Our Christmas Dinner will be held here at the Blacktown Workers club on the evening of the 10 December 2022 commencing at 6pm.

Today's Guest Speaker was **Gary Raymond.** Gary Spoke about the human brain and how it takes over your functions when you are threatened with harm or possible injury. The brain is like a computer and functions entirely separately when there is any danger. When the brain perceives a threat it takes over without your permission and fires hormones throughout your body in readiness. Your brain prepares you for the 5 F's. FIGHT, FLIGHT, FREEZE, FRACTURE, FAINT. **Gary** which prompted much audience participation explained how these are activated in answer to any perceived threat. A very interesting talk by **Gary.**

At our August meeting we had **Eric Etienne, Neil & Colleen Purvis, Paul Wynne, Sandy Benson, Shirley Anderson, Brian Haim, Gary Raymond, Fred & Anne Camage, Elaine Bennett. Lester & Anita Robey, David Hain, Lloyd Taylor, Ian & Barbara Lindsay, Steve Bensley, Sheila Jackson, Kent Vild, Paul Vella,** with apologies from **Mike Neilsen, Annette Willett, Chinn Gounder, Shri Ram, Robyn & John McInerney, Phil Hickman, Greg Swindels, Robert & Robyn Oswald, John Fletcher, Greg Hyde, Ian King, Phil Martin, Maurie Whitton, Mal Brown, Robert Redfern, Joe & Jenny Turner, John & Lee Hall, Kris Sweic, Ivan & Joan Hamilton, Russell Oxford, Ross Carlisle, Angus McDonald, Bill Chaffey.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: As this is the Annual General Meeting of this Branch the election of office bears for 2022/ 2033 will be held shortly.

Thanks to everyone who made this Branch successful during the past year despite the Covid problems and also thanks for your attendance during this frustrating time which has kept this Branch alive and progressing. We are looking forward to the New Year for a better outcome and more activities which we can share together. I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their support not only to myself but to our members. **Eric Etienne** has done a great job during the year as has our Treasurer, **John Wakefield** in keeping our books up to date. **Neil Purvis**, our Vice Chairman has assisted the branch throughout the year. **Gary Raymond** as our Welfare Officer has been kept busy during the year and we thank him for everything he has done as he is always available for us all. Also **Gary** has carried the role of Guest Speaker Organiser and despite many difficulties has been able to provide a small number of speakers including himself.

To the Social Committee, **Sandy Benson, Colleen Purvis, Anne Camage & Naomi Baldwin** I thank them for their outstanding efforts during this most unusual year coping with organising functions despite the Covid Epidemic. Thanks once again to you all and I look forward to a much better year in 2022/2023

WELFARE REPORT – WELFARE OFFICER GARY RAYMOND

David Livingston is going okay at this time, **Greg Hyde** has been moved to the nursing home and is not well at the moment. **Ross & Nancy Carlisle** in Nursing Home and are O.K. **Angus McDonald** has had a pacemaker inserted and also a hernia operation and is recovering well. **Phil Hickman** is recovering from his cancer, **Lee and John Hall** are both struggling still, **Pat Etienne** is suffering from many health problems. **Annette Willett** suffered from a coronary occlusion but is now O.K. **John McInerney** has had a couple of hospital visits and is finding it difficult to walk. **John Fletcher** is continuing to improve with home rehabilitation.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE. Sandy Benson:

The Christmas in July at the Carrington Hotel, Katoomba was again a great success. We had an outstanding day and evening and most stayed overnight and met for breakfast in the morning.

We had 13 members attending the Castle Hill Players on the 20 August, for the **Arthur Miller** play, "All my Sons". We are looking to have a lunch to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of this Branch. Nothing planned for November at this stage. In December we will be having our Christmas Dinner here at the Marana Room of the Blacktown Workers Club. The club has not increased the cost this year due to the fact we were unable to hold our Christmas dinner last year because of Covid.



Elaine Bennett, Shirley Anderson & Janis McKinnon.



Ian Berry, Cath Berry and Sandy Benson

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

All current seats on the Committee were vacated. **Mr. Kent Vild**, Chairman of the Sydney Branch took the chair as Chairman. As a result of the voting the following were elected: Chairman, **Paul Wynne**, Vice Chairman, **Neil Purvis**, Secretary, **Eric Etienne** Treasurer, **John Wakefield**, Guest Speaker Organiser, **Gary Raymond**, Welfare Officer **Gary Raymond**, Assistant Welfare Officers, **Neil Purvis & Lester Robey**, Social Secretary **Neil Purvis**, Sub Committee Members, **Sandy Benson**, **Colleen Purvis**, **Naomi Baldwin**, **Anne Camage**. The Chairman **Paul Wynne** congratulated all those elected to the Committee and welcomed **Neil & Lester** as assistant Welfare Officers. **Gary Raymond** has done a magnificent job as Welfare Officer but because of his many other commitments he certainly needs help in carrying out the Welfare portfolio.



Today's Guest Speaker was our member **Lester Robey**, who spoke of his career mostly as a country policeman. Prior to joining the Police Force **Lester** was employed as a carpenter and joiner and in 1982 was playing cricket in New Zealand. He got talking to a serving Police Officer who encouraged him to join the Police Force so after consulting with his wife Anita, Lester joined the Police Force and was sworn in on the 17 September 1982. He was stationed at Campbelltown

and in 1983 he had the pleasure of meeting **HRH Prince Charles**. In 1988 he saw an advertisement in the Police Gazette for a vacancy for a Constable at a Country Town just out from Dubbo and made an application for the vacancy, got an immediate response and told Anita to pack the bags they were going to the country. In 1992 **Lester** became the lockup keeper at Wellington, where they stayed until their sons needed to move back to Sydney to complete their education. In 1997 he was stationed at Castle Hill. During the Sydney 2000 Olympics he performed a number of duties at Sydney Olympic Park. In 2006 **Lester's** football injuries and injuries caused during his police career forced him to retire from the NSW Police Force. Very interesting insight into a country Policeman's life.

Eric Etienne
Branch secretary

PEEL - Only meets June and December and will report next Gazette.

Doreen Goddard

PENRITH BLUE MOUNTAINS

Monthly Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the Month at Penrith Panthers Club at 11am in the meeting rooms upstairs from the Reception.

Our last meeting was on 22nd August 2022 with the following attendees Therese and **Dick HURST**, **Ian and Cathy BERRY**, **Carol and Rob PRIESTLEY**, **Lilian SOANE**, **Dave and Louise COLE**, **Ray OWSTON**, **Ray FILEWOOD**, **Keith THOMS**, **Lesley SCHWETZ**, **John and Bev POLLOCK**, **Barry BRACKENRIG**, **Barry SCOTT**, **Geoff McAlister**.

We welcomed the following persons to our meeting **Cathy BERRY**, **Lilian SOANE**, **Therese HURST**, **Carol PRIESTLEY**, **Dave and Louise COLE**, **Bev POLLOCK**.

Apologies received from **Pat and Terry BANCROFT**, **Chris BENDELL**, **Guy SMITH**, **Tony MALONE**, **Jim PRENDERGAST**, **Paul KELLY**, **Mal CORLING**.

On the welfare front we wish **Elsie Clarke** a full and fast recovery.

The Retired Police Day is to be held on Thursday 1 September 2022 The venue will be at the NSW Police Leadership Centre, Londonderry Rd., Londonderry. This event acknowledges our contribution to the community.

Our social event, lunch at the Settlers Restaurant, Mulgoa on Wednesday 3 August 2022 was well attended and everyone had a good time.

A Lunch in September 2022 at the ORI Café to be arranged.

The next Ordinary meeting will be 11am on MONDAY, 24TH OCTOBER 2022

The Penrith morning Copffee/Tea at 10-10.30am on the first Wednesday of the month at SALT Café (formerly C.B.'s Café) located on the ground floor of the Domayne building of the Harvey Norman Complex, Wolesely Rd., Regentville. Off Mulgoa Rd (Bunnings Store is in the same complex and next to Harvey Norman Lighting store).

The Springwood morning Copffee/Tea will be at 10-10.30am on the third Wednesday of the month at The Oriental Hotel's "ORI CAFÉ", Macquarie Rd, Springwood (next to the HUB)

The morning copffee/tea venues are purely social (No politics or bitching) REKINDLE old friends and colleagues and bring along a friend.

Ian BERRY
Secretary

RIVERINA

Our Annual General Meeting and Bi-monthly meeting was held on Monday 17th August at Wagga Wagga RSL Club, only a small number of members turned up, it wasn't the best of day weather wise, and I think we all a bit wintered out.

At the Annual General Meeting **Fred Loneragan** was elected as Chairman, **Harvey McCrae** was elected as Treasurer; **Kevin Baker** was elected as Vice President and Welfare Officer and yours truly Secretary.

It was great to see **Bob Hogno** back at our meetings after his extended hospital stay after a fall that broke ribs and his collar bone. While **Bob** was in hospital his prized Police Association watch went missing or was stolen. Bob cherished this watch, and it was decided by the members of the branch that we should replace the missing watch with a new Police Association watch. Chairman **Fred** presented **Bob** with the new watch which he was extremely pleased with.

Plans are well underway for our Retired Police Day morning tea and presentation day to be held at the Wagga Wagga Police Station on Thursday 1st September: A big thank you to all the staff at Wagga Wagga Police Station involved in holding the day for us, we are looking forward to it.

It's not that far away now for our Christmas Function which will be held on Monday 5th December at "Back of Henry's" room at the Wagga Wagga RSL.

Regards
Graeme Holmes

SOUTH COAST

"On Thursday 1 September 2022 at 1130 hrs, sixteen RFPA members from the NSW South Coast met to celebrate Retired Police Day together at the Sussex Inlet RSL.



In attendance were, **Bob Williamson, Paul Rutledge, Ron Akhurst, Noel & Gayle Flanders, Bob & Marie Groenestein, Claire & John Crockett, Tom & Helen Turner, Mick Rigg, Garry and Pauline Donnelly.** Also welcomed to the celebration were **Gloria Behringer** and **Cameron Bell** who drove 1.5 hours from Moruya to join us for the event.

A great time of Fellowship, Friendship and Comradeship was enjoyed by all.

The RFPA South Coast Branch's bi-monthly meeting was held at the Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemen's Club, Nowra commencing at 1105 hrs on Thursday 18 August 2022.

In attendance were **Bob & Gail Williamson, Paul & Jill Hawkins, Dave & Jenny Dawson, Garry & Pauline Donnelly, Graham & Jill Lower, Paul Rutledge, Mick Rigg & John Crockett.**

Apologies were received from **Allan & Lucille Harding, Bill Ralph, Rhonda Rutledge, Judy Rigg, Claire Crockett, Jayne Blackshaw, Phil Milligan, John Rudd, Tom & Helen Turner, Noel & Gayle Flanders, Rev David & Margaret Valentin, George Nielsen, Wayne & Kim Adams.**

During the meeting Chairman Bob Williamson congratulated **Graham Lower** on achieving RFPA Veteran Member status and presented him with his RFPA Veteran Certificate.

Vice Chairman **Paul Rutledge** then congratulated both **Bob & Gail Williamson** on achieving RFPA Veteran Member status and presented them with their RFPA Veteran Certificates.

In General Business members discussed the advice from NSW Police Protocol which was posted on the RFPA of NSW website (www.retiredpolice.com.au) regarding Retired Police Day.

The Branch will NOT restrict attendance to only members with 10 years or more diligent and ethical service, or those with less than ten years' service that were retired HOD, but will seek to involve ANY former member of the NSW Police Force REGARDLESS of their length of 'diligent and ethical' service or the reason for their honourable 'detachment' from the 'job'.

We will also invite family and friends to these Retired Police Day events to join us in celebrating and commemorating the 'diligent and ethical' service to the community by all Retired and Former NSW Police.

At time of meeting the Secretary had not been informed of any Police Remembrance Day Services being held on the South Coast.

RFPA South Coast Branch DIARY DATES for the remainder of 2022 are;
20 October - 1100 hrs - Meeting Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemen's Club, Nowra.
17 November - 1130 hrs - Social Luncheon - Tathra Bowling Club

(Members from Nowra et al will travel down on 16 November and meet in the evening for dinner in Bega. Venue/time TBA. Motel TBA.)

15 December - 1100hrs - Christmas Luncheon - Details TBA.

John Crockett

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

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

SOUTHERN TABLELANDS

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

SYDNEY

Greetings Readers,

Members present at the August meeting were **Kent Vild, Glenda Macdonald, Terry Walsh, Margaret Thornell, Keith Thornell, Don Eyb, Ian Moore, Greg Thane, Belinda Dunn-Toemoe, Lance Williamson, and Bruce Howe.** Apologies were received from **Geoffrey Dunlop, Mike Edgton, Janine Newell, Michael Watson, Peter Duffy, Gary Roser, Vince Coluccio, Peter Vymys, Denise Behringer, Peter Hamer, and Kay Whitty.**

Following the general meeting, the AGM was held which saw **Glenda Macdonald** step down from her role as Treasurer. **Glenda** has been the Branch Treasurer since 2011. Chairman, **Kent Vild**, thanked **Glenda** for her sterling service to the Branch in keeping the financial account in good order.

Belinda Dunn-Toemoe reported that on Tuesday 12th July 2022 the Branch had conducted the inaugural Coffee catch-up. Ten members, from near and far, met at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club and spent a few hours; talking, eating, partaking of caffeinated and non-caffeinated refreshments and enjoying each other's company.



L to R - **Gary Roser, George Weissel, Peter Hamer, Charlie Warry, Kent Vild, Lance Williamson, and Adriana & Vaughn Reid.**

Future coffee catch ups are planned at various locations around Sydney so if you have any suggestions for a venue in your local area that has good parking and transport links please send **Belinda** your nominations.

See you next time!

Bruce Howe

WATER POLICE SUB BRANCH

On the 7th August, **David Buckley, Brian Friend and Bill Freeman** attended a memorial service for **Peter “The Greek” Fragias** at the St George Greek Orthodox Church, Rose Bay. **Peter** was well known to Police as he had restaurants/cafes in the city for many years and was tragically killed in an accident on his property in Kefallonia, Greece. Pictured are with our members are the **Fragias family, Jenny, Mark, Steven and Jerry.**



Unfortunately, **Bill Freeman** was involved in a major accident while driving a bus on the 19th August 2022 suffering major injuries and was taken off life support on the 23rd August, 2022.

On the 25 of August, we held our third meeting for the year and were blessed with the presence of President **Paul Wynne** who addressed the meeting on various topics and then joined in for lunch.



Front Row from left. President Paul Wynne, Brian Friend, Terry Ervin, Vic Rulewski, Grant Thompson and Tom Bradley.
Back row from left. Gerry Perkin, Mick Poole Frank Mahony, David Buckley, Jeff Gilchrist, Hilton Penfold, David Ritchie, Gary Hodsdon, Len Ware, John Whitehead & Martin Kelly.

David Buckley
Secretary

WIDE BAY

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THE WAY WE WERE

Photo shows the Police Motorcycle Escort for HRH Prince William and Kate Middleton Duchess of York, during their April 2014 visit to Manly Beach Sydney.



L to R – S/Cst Terry Fryer; S/Cst Matt Armson; S/Cst Scott Stafford; S/Cst Grant Dorrough; S/Cst Nigel Wade; S/Cst Hamish Jamieson; Sgt Alex Vogt VA; S/Cst Darrin Hooper; LS.Cst John Larkins



1970s Deniliquin Staff - Jeff Abell, John Meadley, Nick Sowerby, John Dooley, Roger Smith, John Hitchcock and Brian Peters



Constable IC Dave Maranda & Sgt 3rd Class Tom Wotton Balranald - Circa 1962 or 1963

NOTICEBOARD

Men's RFPA Ties - The new ties are now in stock, order through State Secretary.

Ladies' scarves are unaffected, as there is no wording on these and stocks are available

The RFPA Pocket Slides are available for purchase - contact **Ian Lovell** (see back page)

POLICE CADETS OF NSW – BOOK

A limited number of copies of The Police Cadets of New South Wales is available for \$25-00 from the author, Bruce Howe. Email your postal address to him at plimsal@bigpond.com to obtain your copy.

REUNIONS HELD

Gold Coast Annual Cadet Reunion

2022. Special Guest former Qld Police Cadet MAL MENINGA and RL Immortal with over 80 in attendance



Qld Cadets Reunion - with Mal Meninga

UPCOMING REUNIONS

CLASS 190, 40 YEAR REUNION LUNCH

When: Saturday 22nd October 2022.

Where: 12 midday at Aurora Rooftop Hotel, 324 Elizabeth St, Surry Hills (Near Central Railway)

Cost: \$10 per person to ING bank account in the name of J Villiotis at BSB 923100 Account 67175270. Use your name as a reference.

Contact: **Beth** - bethstirton@gmail.com M. 0412 661 738
John - johnvilliotis@hotmail.com M. 0450 069 000

RSVP: RSVP & deposit due by 8th October, 2022.

We have organised a luncheon for our 40 year class reunion and we are trying to contact all of our 76 or so class members. We do have a Facebook Private Group called NSW Police Academy Class 190, (pic below) so if there is anyone out there that was in our class or if you know of any other class member who is your friend on Facebook all of you can ask to join. It has the full event details as above. Alternatively if not on Facebook, but you have contact details of classmates SMS or email, please pass this on and get them to contact John or Beth. Partner's welcome. So if you are interested, please deposit We look forward to seeing you there. John Villiotis & Beth Docksey (Simpson/Stirton)

HURSTVILLE STP- KOGARAH STP- KOGARAH HWP - HURSTVILLE HWP 1970-1980 BC (BEFORE COMPUTERS & COVID) 'INAUGURAL' LEGENDS REUNION

When: Sunday 06 November 2022 10.30 - Mortdale RSL

Where: Mortdale RSL (Les Poole Lounge located on the ground floor) just a another wee little "taste" of what will be included in the chronicles of forgotten memories choc-a -bloc full of stories, memories, nicknames, quotes etc plus the "tasteful" photos taken on the day

Contact: **Doug Townsend** dougie15194@gmail.com

CLASS 188, 40 YEAR REUNION

When: 12th November 2022

Where: Gold Coast, location TBA

Details: TBA

Contact: **Janet Wilkinson**, (mark4wilko@optusnet.com.au) Please advise any classmates you know

50 YEAR REUNION - CADET COURSE NO. 7

When: Saturday the 4th February, 2023

Where: Forster Bowling Club, 2 Strand St., Forster

Details: 3pm till knock off. 9am following day - BBQ breakfast Sunday Morning Forster Pool Main Beach

Cost: \$25 per head, nibbles and Sunday BBQ. Purchase your own Alcohol and drinks Monies to be deposited in Commonwealth Bank Account confirming attendance for catering:

CommBank...Police Cadet Reunion BSB: 063097
Acc...70451137

Contact: **Russ Lang** Mob..0439981153 Email: russlang@hotmail.com
Wives, girlfriends, partners all welcome. Class was dated 5th February, 1973... Graduated 27th June, 1975.

FRIENDSHIP WEEK 2023 – SAVE THE DATE

The Friendship week 2023 has now been arranged

When: 18th to 25th March 2023

Where: Darlington Beach Holiday Resort, Eggins Drive Arrawarra, which is situate half hour drive North of Coffs Harbour

Details: TBA

N.S.W. EX POLICE CADETS FUNCTION 90 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

When: Wednesday 22nd February, 2023. 11am – 3.30pm.

Where: Club York, 95-99 York Street, Sydney

Meal: 3 course sit down lunch. Cost \$80 pp.

Drinks: Drinks supplied.

Payment: On or before 20th January, 2023. Electronically Ex Police Cadets Assn of NSW, BSB 15-000. 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. 2540

Contact: **Ian Moore**, Secretary / Treasurer: Ex Police Cadets Assn of NSW. E: expolicecadets@hotmail.com (M) 0404 88 1513. (LL): 02 4443 1007

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

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

SECRETARIES

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

TREASURERS

Date	Member

EDITORS

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



VALE

We will remember them.



* Denotes Serving Member

SURNAME	CHRISTIAN/KNOWN NAME	AGE	REG.NO	DECEASED
BENNETT	Moisant James (Sonny)	87	7701	29/6/22
BARRETT	Cathy			
BROADBENT	Roy	88	8314	3/7/22
BROWN	Wayne Ronald	73	15490	6/7/22
CARPENTER	Betty	81	Widow of Ray	14/8/22
CHILD	Adam Victor	46	30369	1/8/22
CRIDLAND	Wayne	78	11543	26/7/22
CUMMINGS	Francis Albert (Frank)	86	7799	1/9/22
DALLA COSTA	Aaron	38	42583	7/8/22
DAMASCHKE	Thomas K (Tom)	63	18392	30/8/22
DASKEIN	Kenneth James	78	12064	15/7/22
DAVY	Willam Barry	82		25/7/22
FREEMAN	William Robert	74	14241	23/8/22
GEDDES	Anthony James	53	25297	3/7/22
GIBBISON	John Andrew	91	Qpol.5320	26/7/22
GORDON	Anne Flora	64		24/7/22
HIRST	Noelene Jean		Social Member	24/8/22
KENNEDY	Bruce Edward Clayton	84	8017	26/7/22
MARTIN	Francis (Frank)	88	7802	7/8/22
MCDONAGH	Robert Lee	85	8565	15/7/22
MCTAGGART	George William	79	11815	29/6/22
NEWTON	Charles Arthur	82	13970	10/8/22
NIXON	Ernest Ross APM BEM	95	5682	9/7/22
PATTISON	William Lesley (Billy)	77	15032	26/8/22
PEDDELL	James Gregory (Jim)	75	12946	18/6/22
REID	Donald Peter	82		3/7/22
RUFUS	Matthew Graeme	50	44189	9/7/22
SMITH	Desmond Arthur Leonard	93	7821	15/7/22
SWEENEY APM	Peter Harris	93	6286	23/7/22
TOWNSEND*	Anthony John (Tony)	61	20978	23/8/22
WALKER	Wesley (Wes)	44	37845	30/7/22
WALTON APM	William John	86	9666	21/7/22
WHITE APM	Reginald Thomas	82	9261	27/8/22