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South Coast members enjoying retirement.



One of the benefits of belonging to an organisation such as RFPA is the camaraderie – good to see these members enjoying the company of each other.

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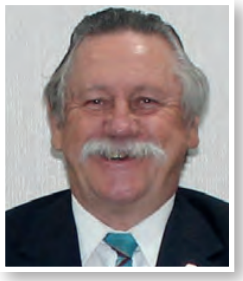
RFPA Member Benefits Scheme now active

DISCOUNTS NOW AVAILABLE

The RFPA Member Benefits Scheme continues to grow, offering an array of exclusive deals tailored for our financial members.

For full details of the Scheme visit the RFPA website at **retiredpolice.com.au**, click on **Membership** and then click on **RFPA Member Discounts and Benefits**.

For any questions or queries about the Scheme, please contact RFPA Benefits Scheme coordinator, **David Drew** on 0426 818 177.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the recent AGM I reported on the status, progress and future planning of the RFPA. None of this could happen without a truly amazing team. You too should be so proud of the team who care enough about we Retired Cops that they give an enormous amount of time and effort to ensuring the RFPA prospers and grows!!

Your Secretary **IAN LOVELL** took on a dual role for the past year, adding Treasurer to his Secretarial duties. Ian also travels far and wide to visit members in hospital and to support Branches and members all over NSW and interstate.

Together with **DAVE WHITEMAN**, our Webmaster, he ensures that our Data Base has up to date information on RFPA Members. Our Webmaster DAVE WHITEMAN continues to manage our RFPA Database, Website and RFPA Face Book Site as well compiling and distributing the **RFPA News** advising our members the latest and up to date information via email.

Treasurer - Good news on this front, we have the pleasure of announcing our new Treasurer – **Paul Jones** from Dubbo. Welcome **PAUL**. The COM NSW meetings will be very interesting as we have 3 x PAULS – Wynne, Smith and Jones!!!

Our Committee Member **DAVID DREW** continues to source Benefits for our Members in areas such as Motor Vehicle Tyres and Servicing, Optical and Hearing, Motor vehicle Hire, Air travel and Tours Cruises, Holiday accommodation, Sporting equipment etc. He has spent countless hours making phone inquiries, writing communications and meeting with businesses who could become involved with our Association.

State Welfare Officer **IAN MOORE** continues to excel in his role by keeping in contact both by phone and personal visits to our members who are having health issues. He takes Welfare to another level but rarely lets the wider community know of his time and dedication input.

It was very pleasing to have Life Member **JOHN CROCKETT** return to the CoM as Vice President bringing with him his vast knowledge of the Association together with his legal aptitude.

He together with Senior Vice President **GEORGE WEISSEL** form part of a strong backbone on the CoM and I rely on them as the Senior Members with so many years of service between them.

The other Committee members being **BELINDA DUNN-TOEMOE, ALAN LE SURF, RUSSELL OXFORD** and **PAUL SMITH** continued to play a pivotal role regarding the ongoing success and future of the RFPA.

It would be remiss of me not to mention our Gazette Editor **SANDY BENSON** who has continued to produce a publication of such quality and substance. This publication does not just happen. It takes many hours/days to edit articles from branches and also to prepare, research, seek out and check stories and photos for your interest. Sandy tells me she "loves doing it"……. I thank her on behalf of the Association.

The **POLICE BANK** continues to generously support of our Association I thank them for their ongoing support regarding the printing of the Gazette and also allowing the State CoM use of their Board Room for the conduct of our monthly meetings.

A big thank you again to owners of the **Reef Retreat Resort in Palm Cove, JIM THOMPSON and JOANNE ROBINSON** who generously donated a week's accommodation at their lovely Resort. This year's winner, **Kim Dowding**, was thrilled to have his name drawn and will no doubt enjoy the time in Palm Cove. As they say Beautiful One Day, Perfect the Next!.



During August and September, I did not attend all the events to represent the RFPA that I wanted to. I fell, seriously damaged my shoulder and had surgery which could only partially mend the damage and had two further hospitalisations for other issues. This put me seriously out of action and I will have to wear the Arm support Sling for many more weeks. Try shaving with your left hand (only try this if you are right handed!!)

I was unable to attend the Police RSL Sub Branch Veterans' Service at Burwood, nor could I go to Dubbo with **IAN LOVELL AND DAVE WHITEMAN**, nor attend one of my favourites, the Goulburn Attestation Parade, this time Class 369. This was a personal disappointment for me as it was also Asst. Commissioner **Peter Cotter's** Marching Off parade. Peter was one of my Constables when I was a Sergeant at Earlwood.

I did however attend the Missing Persons Memorial Service at a Chapel within Rookwood Cemetery, at the invitation of **ANITA KENNY**. This was attended by representatives of many Faiths with each of them participating in the service.

God Bless

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Our AGM season is busy for me and was made busier by wearing two hats for the Financial Year. Thank goodness for one of our best investigators in the West from 20 years ago (as I knew him before I retired) finding the spare time and volunteer spirit to help out his old workmate and take over the RFPA Treasurer role. I have great faith in **Paul JONES'** capacity to turn his hand to recording, adding, subtracting and reporting to the Membership on all aspects of our business and financial obligations. As a small business operator himself these days, he knows what is needed. Thanks Paul!



Paul JONES – RFPA Treasurer

Paul EGGE was presented with a Significant Voluntary Service award based on his contributions to the RFPA's Mid North Coast Branch over a lengthy period. A couple of months ago I, along with **Reg HINCHEY** visited **Paul** in hospital in Port Macquarie, where he was undergoing rehabilitation and treatment for some unfortunate issues. He was very unwell but rallied in the short term. **Rod O'REGAN** and **Jim CRANNA** have kept me abreast of **Paul's** trials. The pressures of life and long term treatment are catching up with **Paul**, and another visit on 10 September showed me that he needs more personal time to continue his recovery. Branch officials **Laurie McGRATH** and **Jim CRANNA** have been keeping things going and have, with **Paul's** agreement, begun showing **Trish AFFLECK-MOONEY** (RFPA #0006 and widow of the late **Jim AFFLECK**) the secretarial ropes, as she stood in for **Paul** while he was hospitalised. **Paul** will maintain a close interest in matters RFPA, but without the pressure of secretarial timelines and accountability. THANKS ONCE AGAIN **PAUL** FOR YOUR LONG TERM EFFORTS AT MID NORTH COAST. Welcome **Trish**!

Laurie, Jim and myself had a worthwhile induction visit with **Trish**, before I managed to find **Paul** in the Base Hospital at Port Macquarie, very eager to complete his rehab and move into retirement mode at Laurieton.

Our membership fees have risen to $40.00 p.a. for new members, and I'm pleased to see that several existing members have increased their State Super Contributions and direct debits. This is not necessary but is greatly appreciated. New members now renew on the anniversary of their joining. This is fairer to them and to the Treasurer, who had to scrutinise and upload some 3,300 payments, over 2000 of which were around 1 July annually.

I need to publicly thank **Dave** the Webmaster again for his ongoing efforts at automating whatever can be done by technical wizardry. The on-line membership application form saves me hours per week, and the 'correction' of many old and missing email addresses using his mysterious powers has another 152 long term members on-line. If you suddenly receive a newsletter, your address may have been updated in the middle of the night. Please let us know if you change it, or your mail delivery address.

Apart from attracting second and third time customers, **Brooke PRENTICE** from MTA Travel has managed to slice $7,900-00 off the retail price of a trip my wife and I are doing in September 2027. **"You gotta check MTA"** Details on our website.

Recent travel to the Academy was and eye-opener for VP **John CROCKET**T and myself.

The optimism we witnessed in speaking with the graduates, their lecturers and commanders who were about to receive the Probationary Constables and from the Commissioner and Minister themselves, was well and truly on display.

In attending Retired Police Days at Lake Macquarie, Newcastle, Port Stephens, Hunter and Hunter Valley, I was heartened to see new methodology, equipment and tactics explained to all present, and overwhelmingly the commanders were impressed by the staff they have and have recently acquired. The technical issues which may haunt old people who used to be police are swept aside by the current operatives as they get on with making us all safer. A graphic presentation on drone technology now in use, and the conundrum of addressing AI-generated complaints both satisfied our curiosity and reaffirmed at least MY decision to go to pasture. A comprehensive presentation of how police are looked after by their leaders at Newcastle showed me that there is genuine and planned care and concern for those who still do 'the job'.

Congratulations NSW Police Force! You have not forgotten us. My firm recommendation to everyone reading this is that you go to these events next year.

Yours in Friendship

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EDITOR'S REPORT

Living Alone – who comes to your assistance? A recent event, close to us, prompted me to think of ways and means those of you who live alone manage to alert someone that you need help or that something is wrong. The case in question is that of an RFPA member who lived alone, in the house he grew up in, where his mum and dad passed and he continued living in the home. Never married, no children, one sibling who passed, she too had no children. He was found deceased by chance! A tradesman left an invoice in his wire door. When the tradesman returned a few days later for payment it was still in the wire door and he called the Police. Who knows how long he could have been in the house if it were not for a stranger making a call?

There are many ways and means depending on whether the person is conscious or not, is able to afford monitoring systems and is tech savvy enough to take advantage of the systems on the market. Some ideas which may help

- **Medical technology**

  Personal Alarms & Wearables –pendant or wrist band

  Monitored medical alerts connected to a 24/7 nurse led response centre.

- **Smartphone applications**

  Automatic Fall detection sensors built into personal alarms or smartwatches which detect sudden impact or fall

  Apple iOS and Android have built-in sequences (like rapidly tapping the power button) that bypass locks to text your emergency contacts which you have set up.

  Check-in Applications: Software platforms require the user to tap an "I'm okay" button by a specific time every morning. Failing to log in alerts family members or sends automated emails indicating that assistance may be required

- **GPS tracker**

  Mobile alarms allowing calls for assistance outside the house while instantly broadcasting precise location coordinates to responders.

  The above come at a cost and also assume the person is tech savvy enough to make use of these devices/procedures

  For others there are SIGNALLING methods

Welfare Buddies & Community Routines

- A friend of mine does WORDLE each morning. If her children don't receive a text sending her "results" (set up via free WhatsApp group) then they know to phone to check if all is OK.
- My brother, living alone, sends a simple message to his only daughter e.g. 'leaving now', 'home' or a pre arranged emoji - their own system but most effective.
- Many local councils, community centres, and charities (such as the Red Cross "Telecross" service in Australia) offer free, daily phone calls to isolated seniors just to check on their well-being and have a brief chat.

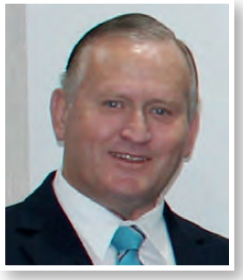
Lockboxes / Key Safes

We have a key safe installed on the exterior of our house. Not just for emergency services (so they don't break down the door to get in) but also for our children's access. Cheap and easy to install on the outside of the house and you set the number combination which you give to those you trust.

Hope this has given you some ideas, but if you still need assistance in accessing any of these appliances or facilities, contact your branch Welfare Officers in the first instance.

Cheers ,
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Deadline for the Summer (Oct Nov Dec) Gazette is 15th December.
Would love to have an article or photo of ALL branches – even just a photo of your branch members would be great.



WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT

The summer months are approaching and it is that time of the year when we need to prepare ourselves for it. If some of the days we have had so far are any indication, we can expect a hot summer. Some of our members have been ill lately and I hope they are improving. I hope to get to Wollongong to visit Peter Ellis who has been placed in that Hospital for a further five weeks. Peter spent some time in hospital a few weeks ago and had only been released a week before being readmitted. There are other members either in hospital and being admitted for various illnesses. I do hope you have a speedy recovery. Take care and I wish you all the best.

Kind regards.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congratulations to **Dave Whiteman & Bruce Howe** for being inducted as Life Members of the Retired & Former Police Association in 2026. We can't commence to list the years of voluntary service, the personal expense in time, money and effort which both of these members have given to your Association. Well deserved and thank you for your ongoing contributions.



For readers' information the following have received Life Membership of the Association.

Helen Armstrong	Roy Leabeater
Reginald Armstrong	Ian Leeding
Ray Blissett	Andrew Meldrum
Paul Biscoe	Vic Morrisby
Tony Connolly	Peter Rankin (2021)
John Crockett	John Redman
Ted Davis	Neil Rogan
Bob Day	Murray Stalker
Barry Hocking	Don Telford
Russell Jackson	George Weissel (2020)
Bruce Howe (2026)	David Whiteman (2026)
Patrick Kain	

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Goulburn Police Academy - **Attestation of Class 369** which saw the graduation of a **record-breaking 353 probationary constables**, the largest class to attest from the Academy in 14 years.

Due to President **Paul Wynne** being incapacitated, as Vice President, I was afforded the opportunity and privilege, together with State Secretary **Ian Lovell** APM, to represent the **Retired and Former Police Association of NSW**, at the NSW Police Academy Attestation Ceremony of **Class 369** on Friday 21st August 2026.

Upon arrival we were greeted by the NSW Police Academy Principal **Superintendent John Klepczarek APM** and then afforded the opportunity to talk to other invited guests and Official Party members including **Minister for Police and Counter Terrorism - Yasmin Catey MP, NSW Police Commissioner - Mal Lanyon APM, Deputy Commissioner - Paul Pisanos, Western Sydney University Vice Chancellor and President - Distinguished Professor George Williams AO, Police Bank CEO - Greg McKenna,** amongst numerous others.

Also graduating on the day were 17 officers from other jurisdictions, attesting under the new NSW Police Academy's Professional Mobility Program.

On parade, students were joined by **Assistant Commissioner Peter Cotter APM** who is retiring after 42 years of distinguished service, the NSW Police Pipes & Band, Mounted Section, Highway Patrol VIP Motorcyclists with a flyover by a Polair Helicopter.

After the Attestation Ceremony, Ian and myself were able to catch up with NSW **Police Senior Chaplain - Ian Schoonwater** and RFPA Murray River and NSW Police Band member - **Manny Rivera** for coffee and chat topping off a most enjoyable day.

John Crockett



WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	BRANCH
LAYDEN	Richard (Rick)	Northern Rivers
BOWNDS	Brian Wallace	Brisbane & Northern Sub
BROWN	Wendy	Northern Beaches
CAMERON	Glynis	Parramatta-The Hills
COULTHART	Bryan	Parramatta-The Hills
DRUMMOND	Wendy Patricia	Murray River
FOGARTY	Ingrid	Brisbane & Northern Sub
GERMOLUS	Leo Junior	Brisbane & Northern Sub
GIBSON OAM	Allan Raymond	Parramatta-The Hills
HODGE	Margaret Mary	Illawarra
HUTCHINSON	Martha Francesca	Northern Beaches
JUNEE	Simone Robyn	Penrith Blue Mountains
KENNEDY	Ronald James	Mid North Coast
LAWRENCE	David Thomas	Penrith Blue Mountains
LOVELL	David Hamilton	Hunter Region
LOWER	Jill	South Coast
MACKINTOSH	Michelle	Riverina
MAHONY	Juan Francis	Hunter Region
MARES	John Charles	Sydney
MASTERS	Trevor Anthony	Northern Beaches
MERTON	Robyn	Illawarra
SAMMUT	Brett	Central Tablelands
SCOTT	Mark	South Coast
SZABO	Arpad Jim 'Jim'	Parramatta-The Hills
TOOMER	Kym	Central Coast
TURNER	Darren	Brisbane & Northern Sub
WELLS	Jan	Peel

BRANCH REPORTS

BRISBANE AND NORTHERN SUBURBS

Our so called QLD winter is now behind us, and we can now enjoy the warmer weather.

As previously advised, the bimonthly Tuesday lunch has been cancelled and replaced with more flexible social outings organised by our Social Secretaries, **Lynell and Sally**. Their first event — a social walk with morning tea — was unfortunately not well attended. I again remind members of the importance of staying up to date with branch activities, which are posted across multiple platforms for convenience: the RFPA Website, personal emails, and both the Brisbane & Northern Suburbs RFPA and NSW RFPA Facebook pages.

MEETING & LUNCH – SATURDAY 6 JUNE

Heath Thompson, although not a new member, attended his first meeting and gave an interesting talk about his background and his work as a Mortgage Broker

Merv Millings provided further insights from a recent State Police Conference, including updates on several issues currently in the media relating to the Queensland Police Service.

Attendees: Lynell & Steve Turner, Ken Fogarty, Dal De Martino, Sally Matheson, Marilyn & Gerald Fiddis, Lesley & Peter Robinson, Don McKeating, Kerry Beggs, Bob Leembruggen, Heath Thompson, Ron Everingham, Graham & Dawn Devaney.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY – BRIBIE ISLAND GOLF CLUB (9 JULY)

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas in July lunch. It was a fantastic day with great company, great food, and plenty of prizes. Apologies were received from **Kerry, Penny and Carol** who were unable to attend due to illness. Marilyn won **Best Dressed**, although there was certainly a strong field of contenders.

Attendees: Steve & Lynell Turner, Sally Matheson, Ken Fogarty, Marilyn & Gerald Fiddis, Donald McKeating, Bob Leembruggen, Lesley & Peter Robinson, Gary & Liz Weaver, Pieter Strik, Bev & Russell Gray, Dale De Martino, Ron & Margaret Everingham, Louise Hartwig, Idy & Garry Philips, Dave Rogan, Jenny Gordon, Merv Mellings.







MEETING & LUNCH – 2 AUGUST

Thank you to those who attended our August meeting and lunch. It was wonderful to see **Di and Ian Todd (our Police Chaplains)**, who have not been able to attend for some time.

We also received apologies from several members due to health issues, along with sad news regarding member **Chris Long's** long term health concerns.

Attendees: Steve & Lynell Turner, Di & Ian Todd, Ken Fogarty, Dale DeMartino, Gary Weaver, Sally Matheson, Marilyn & Gerald Fiddis, Donald McKeating, Bob Leembruggen, Lesley & Peter Robinson, Penny & Pieter Strik.

OBE PRESENTATION

Congratulations to **Bob Wallace,** who was finally presented with his OBE by **Marilyn Fiddis**. Bob has faced his own health challenges and has been unable to attend a meeting, but Marilyn reported that he was thrilled to receive his award.



Some photos from the social walk organised by Lynell and Sally. Although attendance was low — likely due to the initial cloudy weather — conditions improved and those who attended enjoyed the outing. Hopefully more members, partners and friends will join future walks, especially since morning tea is always guaranteed.

SOCIAL WALK – MT COOT THA BOTANICAL GARDENS



Social Walk – Mt Coot tha Botanical Gardens

RETIRED & FORMER POLICE DAY – TWEED HEADS (3 SEPTEMBER)

Several of our members attended the Retired and Former Police Day at Tweed Heads, which is the closest NSW Command offering these events. Queensland unfortunately does not hold similar days, but we hope more members will take advantage of the NSW event next year.

I was unable to attend due to our kitchen renovation, but I did attend the Prosecutors' version in Sydney on Friday the 4th.



Prosecutors lunch

Regards

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CENTRAL COAST

GREETINGS TO ALL MEMBERS.

In a world of wonderful technological advances, one might think that everyone would be happy, enjoying benefits of all kinds, all around, and that we could all be carefree and confident of our safety. But nothing could be further from the reality, whether on the world stage or in our own region, even our own backyard. Daily we are seeing reports of terrible violence, even murders committed by teenagers, murders of parents by their children. Those of us of a mature generation can only watch these things with bewilderment and disbelief and perhaps we might wonder "where it all went wrong". Surely the simple message must be to keep those nearest and dearest close to us and care for them as best we can. The one thing common to all of us is that we are only here once.

The Branch Meeting was held at the Ourimbah RSL Club, Ourimbah, on Tuesday, 18th August, 2026, commencing at 11 a.m., chaired by Vice Chairman **Russ Whitcher** in the absence of **Chairman Geoff Talbot**, who was engaged with Returned Servicemen in the service for the Battle of Long Tan in the Vietnam war.

Geoff was able to attend segments of the Meeting and the following were present: **Peter Caddy, Ernie and Bev Carmichael, Bill Connors, John Corbett, Peter andAnne Drinan, Bruce and Jan Gibson, Grant Harridge, Ray Hatcher, Russ Jackson,John and Anne Kent, Bryan Lowe, Brian McVicar, John Marheine, John and NoeleneNicholas, Jim Regan, Ron Richmond, John Roger, Phil Stubbs-Mills, Geoff Talbot,Russ Whitcher.** The Vice Chairman, **Russ**, welcomed our guest speaker, **Dave Whiteman**,Webmaster for the Association, and visitors, **Beth Docksey**, Secretary of the MurrayRiver Branch of the Association, and **Ian Lovell**, Secretary and Treasurer of theRetired and Former Police Association.



On Welfare the following are not doing so well, if you get a moment our members are always glad of a phone call to cheer them up. **Father Jim and Neil Ashman**

Social - a most suitable venue for the pre-Christmas luncheon and it is scheduled that, this year, the luncheon will be held on Wednesday, 25th November, 2026, commencing at 11.30 a.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Ian Lovell APM,the Secretary of the Association had carried out research on Members of mature age and presented the first badges, entitled **"90 Years & Not Out"**, to **Russ Jackson and John Marheine** for having achieved – indeed surpassed – their 90th. Both recipients were grateful for the recognition of their ages.







Bill Connors advised the Meeting of the death of **Allan Clarridge** who had been a **highly respected public servant at Gosford Police Station** and later finished up as an executive at Hornsby. He also advised of the passing of **Karen Ryan**, who retired from the Police Force only 3 years ago after completing 37 years' service, also having finished her service at Hornsby.

GUEST SPEAKER.

Our Vice Chairman, **Russ Whitcher,** introduced the guest speaker, **Dave Whiteman,** who is the Webmaster for the Retired and Former Police Association and is also the Chairman of the Northern Beaches Branch of the Association. Dave provided an outstanding presentation of the features of Artificial Intelligence and the extent of its use in dealing with various matters, of all descriptions, highlighting the manner in which AI can be treated as your "personal assistant". Dave said that you can have a conversation with AI, you can ask it questions but you do need to check the answers because AI is not infallible, but its benefits are invaluable.

The Sausage Sizzle.

What a wonderful day Tuesday, 21 st July, 2026, turned out to be, where a happy group chose to sit or stand on the back deck of the Valley Tavern, at Niagara Park, to enjoy the beautiful sunshine. And what a way to spend the time waiting for Head Chef, **Brian McVicar,** and his dedicated battery of assistants to prepare the exquisite lunch that we have all come to await so patiently. What a way to spend a day and, as said so many times before, if you missed it – serves you right Will you never learn!! Of course, we do understand some absences are unavoidable – for medical or other reasons. Hope to see you next time.

THE CALENDAR.

17th November, 2026. Sausage sizzle at the Valley Tavern, Niagara Park.

25th November, 2026. Christmas lunch, at the Royal Hotel, Wyong.

15th December, 2026. General Meeting at the Ourimbah RSL Club, Ourimbah.

19th January, 2027. Sausage sizzle at the Valley Tavern, Niagara Park.

And what does the future hold.

Isn't it wonderful to be in Australia. An isolated landform, surrounded by water, where none of the inhabitants want to take over their neighbours' territory. We can only feel sad for the devastation being suffered in other far off lands. And here on the Central Coast, we may freely divide our attention between the ocean and the lakes, in many cases just on the other side of the road. We must be grateful for what we have, what we have achieved, either individually or in group formation, and acknowledge the outstanding features of the planet. Many things are changing. We are told this is the result of climate change and whether this is due to the use of fossil fuels or some other feature of the universe, we will probably never know in our life time. But we must consider those who come after us and, whilst we are here, we must direct our attention and energy to their health and security. As individuals our powers to help are limited, if not non-existent. So, care for those who are near to us and just hope that some feature of the future will change the course of world events for the better.

With best wishes to everyone.

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CENTRAL TABLELANDS

We look forward to your contributions for our next gazette

COFFS HARBOUR

Mondy 6th July I attended the Hogbin Drive Crematorium for the Family and Police Service Funeral for former **Sen/Sgt Allan James Elworthy 'AJ'** who passed away on the 27/6/26 at 90 years of age. **Allan** worked here in Coffs Harbour for seven years as a 2nd Class Sgt, before gaining his promotion to Sen/Sgt in Sydney. Allan was also a former NRL Legend having played 1st Grade for the Parramatta EELS in the 60's.

On behalf of our Coffs/Clarence RFPA, I extend our deepest sympathies and respect to Lois, other immediate family members, former colleagues. May he RIP.





Tuesday 28th July: I attended the Celebration of Life of former **Sgt Peter Chilton**, at the North Beach Bowling Club at Mylestom who passed away on the 17th July 2026 at 93 years of age. Some of our members who attended **Allan Elworthy's** funeral saw Peter attend his funeral ably assisted by **Tony Brown**. It was wonderful to see our RFPA Members attend the Celebration of Peters life at Mylestom.

Fiona being Peters eldest daughter was so grateful for the support provided by our members. Peter had a wonderful gift of Art by carving/whitling Walking Sticks. This year at the Coffs Harbour Show he was awarded 1st Prize for his entry. On behalf of all of our Coffs/Clarence RFPA members, I extend our deepest sympathies and respect to Fiona and other immediate family members, former colleagues and friends. May he RIP.

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DUBBO

Hi to all from beautiful Dubbo!! A few photos of what's been happening in our "patch". At a recent meeting we had President **Jim Hampstead** receiving his OBE from **Jude Maloney** and **Clem Long** (deceased now) receiving his Veteran Certificate from **Rhonda Gleeson.**



Some of our members visited Nanima Homestead in Wellington and were generously hosted to a High Tea by **Police Chaplain Rev Carl Palmer and his wife**. As a token of our thanks we presented them with a **Certificate of Appreciation**. Photo shows. Rev **Carl Palmer and wife Jenny, Garry and Pam Garbutt, Ron Weigold, Col and Fay Selwood** at Christmas dinner.









Jim Hampstead receiving OBE from Jude Maloney

Regards

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HUNTER REGION

We look forward to your contributions for our next gazette.

ILLAWARRA (WOLLONGONG) AND KIAMA BRANCHES

Our numbers are remaining constant with around 20 people attending our meetings and social outings. We have had a few new members join our branch, which is pleasing to see.

As our meetings are bimonthly and social activities on every other month, we came together at the Wests Illawarra leagues club in Unanderra on 17 May for an afternoon of lunch and socializing. The club is well laid out with many new renovations and an enjoyable meal was had at the bistro. We welcomed **Shaune Edwards** to his first meeting with us, that now makes 3 members of Class 154 in the group, along with **Alan Hodge** and yours truly. A few of our members were absent due to medical commitments or travel and we look forward to seeing them soon.





On the 15th June saw us come together for our bimonthly meeting at the Builder's Club, Wollongong. It was nice to see **Daphne Talbot** there along with her husband **Barry**, after missing a couple of meetings due to a medical condition. A few of our regulars also missed the meeting due to family commitments, medical and travel, however we still managed to see 16 members attend, along with **John McNally** who has just joined the branch and **Peter Phillips**. **Dave Routledge** spoke of his recent experience using the Blue Light card and encouraged others to look into it and take advantage of the savings available. Following the meeting we enjoyed lunch at the club and an opportunity to catch up with everyone.

Our branch meets at the Builder's Club on the 3rd Monday of each even month and social activities on the 3rd Monday of each other month. We have a closed group facebook page, RFPA Illawarra Branch, which has 107 members and regularly update branch activities there.

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MACARTHUR

The initial batch of Macarthur Branch's new OBE Medals were presented to **Ian Baloglow, Brian Harding, Alan Randall and Geoff McNevin** by RFPA President Paul Wynne at a recent meeting.



Macarthur Branch Secretary **Roger Ford** said the medals, designed to be a keepsake for the member and their family, are presented in addition to the RFPA OBE certificate.

"Inside the wooden presentation box there is a plaque where the member can choose to record details of their service including things such as their registered and/or cadet numbers, significant postings or cases they might have worked on during their careers.







Alan Moule being presented with his Macarthur OBE

"The recipients were absolutely blown away by how well the medals came up." **Roger** said

Macarthur Branch acknowledges Murray River Branch for the concept of the OBE medal.

Mick Tims

The Macarthur Branch held the August meeting at the West Leagues Club, Leumeah with a good attendance on the day.

Those present were: **Dennis Smith, Roger & Lorraine Ford, John Carroll, Geoff McNevin, Phil McIntosh, Gary Clark, Pamela Smith, Les Green, Shane Howard, Gary & Denise Moffitt, Ray & Pauline James, Joe Stanioch, John Dilosa, Ian Betts, Kevin Barr, Gary Jorgensen, Ray Brindley, Paul McDonald, Jim & Karyn Johnson, Leonard Attard, Alan Moule, Brian Harding, Mark Doubleday, Rob Thomsett, Max Madgwick & Kevin Barr,** and with 25 apologies received, along with a presentation from a sponsor, **John Dickinson** representing **Macarthur Memorial Park,** it was a successful meeting.

Major matters that were discussed were, the finalisation of the Charity Golf Day that included the raising of $21,715.00 on the day, and the payment for the purchase of the **Verathon Bladder Scanner** for Campbelltown Hospital was completed.

Roger Ford

MANNING – GREAT LAKES

We look forward to your contributions for our next Gazette.

MID NORTH COAST

We had an excellent turnout to our Christmas in July luncheon on 7th July, with 35 people attending. They included **Betty Hartnett & Peter Wilms, Rick & Marilyn Walton, Paul Egge, Ron & Desley Nunn, Fay Hope & Kath Cooper, Bruce Saunders & Denise Huntley, Bob & Helen Hanlon, Ian & Dawn Campbell, George & Jan McCleery, Jeff & Margaret Elliott, Shellie Davenport & Rob Carnie, Jennett Hunt & Marlene Brown, Graham and Maree Rea, Murray & Judy Smith, Greg & Annette Field, Sandra Cranna, Laurie & Marcia McGrath, Trish Affleck-Mooney & Deb Murray & her Mum Charmaine.** I'm told the day was again a very good day with plenty of wine, laughter, lucky door prizes and great camaraderie. Very sorry I didn't make it, I picked up a severe throat infection that laid me low for about 10 days. We did welcome some visitors who, I'm told, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. One was **Shellie Davenport** and her partner **Rob Carnie**, (Shellie was one of the original staff at the Police Credit Union (now the Police Bank) when it first opened in Port Macquarie) Great to see her again. We had two couples from the Coffs Harbour Branch, **Murray and Judy Smith and Greg and Annette** Field who are friends of our Treasurer **Betty Hartnett and Peter Wilms.**

We hope you all enjoyed the day with us. I must also again express our great thanks to **Jennett Hunt and Marlene Brown** who every year put the lucky door prizes together for these days. Its no small task and they do an outstanding job every year. And thanks also go to **Deb Murray** who donated a dozen of the prizes for this year's lunches. These little gestures have a significant impact on the success of the day. Many thanks ladies. I've included a photographs taken on the day showing everybody looking quite happy, always good to see.



August saw our Branch meet again at the Port Macquarie City Bowling Club where all those in attendance met for a cuppa. Before the meeting started the newly elected Committee met and set the Agenda for the next 12 months for our Branch. There will be BBQ's and lunches at different venues during the coming year together with meetings at Port City and interesting Guest Speakers. We then moved into our meeting room where we were entertained by **Mr Sebastian Goss**. **Sebastian** is a motor rally enthusiast & competitor who has participated in some of the biggest car rallies all over the world. In 2024 he was the Navigator in one of the cars that competed in the **Peking to Paris Car Rally,** which is known as one of the world's toughest long distance motor rallies . The vehicles and their crews travelled 14/15,000 k's over 37 days through deserts, mountains, rough tracks, extreme heat, wet & cold, dust & mud. The drivers spend extremely long days behind the wheel and had to deal with all manner of obstacles that crop up during such a rally. Remembering some of the cars are quite old so it's not always the fastest car that prevails but the team that prepares best for all the hazards they will face during the rally. Because of the war in Ukraine the 2024 rally did not travel through Russia and was re-routed through Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkey, Greece and Italy. Sebastian's team finished in 2nd place in their class. It is clearly a sport for the 'mega rich' where just the entry fee is $140,000 and on top of that you have to ship your car to Beijing and home from Paris, you have fuel, other running costs, air fares and accommodation for the crews, insurances etc. Yes - definitely for the 'mega-rich'. Sebastian himself is a mechanic. He had himself trained as a Navigator and it would seem his skills make him a much sought after crew member for the 'mega' owners who enter such types of rallies. He has participated in many all over the world. I gained the impression it is an extremely competitive affair. Whilst it may not be 'win at any cost' I don't think it falls far short of that description. His presentation, backed by many photographs, was excellent and we hope we may be able to entice him back to talk to us again about one of his memorable 'adventures'.



Superintendent Shane Cribb



The Area Commander of the Mid North Coast, **Superintendent Shane Cribb**, entertained a number of former and retired Police at the Kempsey Police Station on the 3rd September to celebrate **Retired Police Day**. He took the time to talk about and explain the $20 million renovation and refurbishment of the Port Macquarie Police Station which will commence in the very near future. It is a long overdue upgrade and will make it far more pleasant for the Police who have worked there in recent years. During the renovation the administration staff, together with some specialist Police, will relocate to Kempsey however the Port Macquarie Hastings Community will still be serviced by Police who will work from the cottage beside the existing Police Station. Whilst the major renovations are expected to take around 12 months the wait will be worth it. Those present at Retired Police Day received presentations from **Sergeants John Robinson and Jayden Hudson** who talked about two recent successful Task Force investigations in which modern techniques, including DNA evidence, searching techniques and traffic cameras were used to track down the crooks and to obtain convictions. A large number of mainly juvenile offenders had been identified as being involved in aggravated break and enter offences where machetes were involved and the victims cars were also stolen.. Very well prepared and interesting presentations. A light lunch followed the presentations and I'd like to also thank **Emily Sykes, the Commander's Executive Officer,** who did a great job as a liaison officer with our Branch and who assisted our group on the day. We look forward to next year.



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MURRAY RIVER

On Wednesday 17 June 2026 we attended **National Police Legacy Day** with NSW Police and Victorian Police met together at Albury Police Station Church at the invitation of the Murray River Police District Commander, **A/Superintendent Lee Gray**. Several NSW Legatees and Murray River RFPA members attended the morning tea to recognise the importance of Police Legacy in the life and times of all Police Officers and their families. It was a lovely morning together meeting some of the new Probationary Constables to have them understand and recognise the importance and support of Police Legacy in their lives as police officers and our families.



Retired Police Day NSW and Vic Police at Albury Police Station

On Tuesday 14 July 2026, the Murray River RFPA Branch members and friends went to **2640 Café C&C**. It was lovely to see **Geoff & Maryan Jenkins** come along as they have wound back on their touring around Australia after being away for a couple of years and have moved into a lovely new home at Thurgoona. So lovely to see them back. **Frosty aka Chris Frost** was down from the Central Coast, and it was great to see her and her granddaughter **Katie**.

Murray River RFPA Branch AGM was held on Sunday19 July 2026 at the SSA Club in Albury. We had a great meeting with a good attendance of 25 members filling our committee positions with 3 new members coming on board.

Chair **Ken Zegiel**, Vice Chair **Phill Eddes**, Secretary **Beth Docksey**, Treasurer **Phil Kearney**, Assistant Treasurer/Secretary **Christine Bentley**, Social Secretary **Christine Eddes**, Committee Members are **Brian Rosewarne, Graeme Stephens, Debra Hargreave, Louise Stephens, Norm Wales, Lyndelle Tubie**, Wellbeing Officer Co-ordinator **Louise Stephens** & Wellbeing Officer **Allan Grogan**.

Thank you all for taking up the positions in support of our branch and members. Enjoy the 12 months in our wonderful branch.



Attendees L to R:- Beth Docksey, Graham Docksey, Allison Jansen, Max Merkel, Colleen Honeysett, Christine Bentley, Norm Wales, Lyndelle Tubie, John Jansen, Louise Stephens, Debra Hargreave, Phil Kearney, Phill Eddes, Christine Eddes, Ken Zegiel, Lisa Ride, Graeme Stephens, Bill Hines, Neil Galloway, Gary Treeve, Brian Rosewarne, Cheryl Rosewarne, Elaine Hines, Alan Grogan.

On Sunday 2 August 2026 the **Murray River & Riverina RFPA members & friends travelled to Holbrook for a get together**. First off, the art lovers met at the Bald Archies Exhibition at Holbrook Hall. The building itself from the outside was a historical work of art. Inside we got to see the satirical paintings of many great & funny artists.



Holbrook

On Friday 14 August 2026, MR RFPA Members and friends attended the **Close Collective Café C&C at Wodonga**. We all met our new member **Gary Treeve** and his lovely wife **Midori**. Also, **Lyndelle Tubie** brought her great friend and travel partner **Wendy Drummond** along and she also knew **Graham Docksey** and had done for 62 years she said. Her previous husband worked in the CMF with Graham. Wow! Another great time for all.

On Sunday 23 August 2026 Murray River RFPA members had a lovely **morning tea/brunch at the Fox and Brew at Jindera**. We had a couple of last-minute attendees when **Vicki Cottee** indicated to hubby **Dave** that there was a coffee & chat on at Jindera. They live a fair distance away at Talgarno but were going to Burrumbuttock for some bales of hay, so they decided to be bailed up at Jindera on the way through. Great to see you again. We also had our new member **Wendy Drummond** attend today, welcome **Wendy**.

On Wednesday 2 September 2026 members & friends went to the new **Vanilla Pod Restaurant in Dean St, Albury** for lunch. We had **Martin Stow**, the founder of Still Needed Academy, a Retirement Transition Specialist attend so we could meet him and get him ready for his presentation at Retired Police Day at Albury tomorrow. It was a great lunch, food was nice, and lots of chatting.



Geoff & Maryan Jenkins, Gary & Midori Treeve, Colleen Honeysett, Martin Stow, Beth & Graham Docksey.

On Thursday 3 September 2026 we had a good attendance at the **Murray River Police District Retired Police Day**. Firstly, we had the presentation of the DSC Margaret Saunders Memorial Award for the outstanding investigation of a crime by a detective in that district. It was awarded to Detective Senior Constable **Pierre Lindner**, well done.

Next, we had the presentation of a Retired Police Pin to **Detective Superintendent John Jansen (Ret'd)** who had an amazing career. He began his policing career in 1977 with the then ACT Police. When ACT Police amalgamated with Commonwealth Police on 19 October 1979, John became a sworn member of the newly formed Australian Federal Police, joining the first generation of AFP officers.

Early in his service, John worked in Federal Investigations in New South Wales. His interstate Commonwealth investigations often intersected with NSW criminal offences, and on 15 January 1980 he was sworn in as a Special Constable of the NSW Police Force at Police Headquarters, College Street, Sydney, enabling him to exercise NSW Police powers during Federal and joint operations.

John retired from the AFP on 1 February 2002 after a distinguished 23-year federal policing career. Now living in Albury, he continues his connection to policing through the NSW Retired & Former Police Association, where he is being recognised today with his Retired Police Pin.

Mr Martin Stow, Founder of The Still Needed Academy and former UK Police Officer spoke about 'How we planned for Retirement and Now Plan for the Life that Comes After it.' It was a very interesting presentation. He runs a program online program taking 5-6 hours to complete. Details can be found on https://stillneededacademy.com in addition to contact details for Martin. Very interesting day followed by morning tea. Thank you MRPD for conducting the event for us.



Beth Docksey, Peter Beacroft, Rosie Aitken, Tina & Hal Smith, Allison & John Jansen, Max Merkel, Helen Benham, Colleen Honeysett, Ken Zegiel, Martin & Rhonda Stenson, Janice & Michael Frey, Peter and Anne Dwyer.



On Tuesday 15 September 2026 we attended The Purple Chicken Café for the **presentation to Jan Callaghan of her OBE Certificate and MRRFPA OBE Medallion**. Jan advised that she was only 21 & some months and was not sure why the presented items indicated she was 80!

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NEW ENGLAND

Retired Police Day and RFPA meeting were held in Inverell at the Australia Cafe 3. It was a great opportunity for some old timers to hear firsthand the latest advances in our local policing practices. In particular with the use of drones, updates with body worn camera's and the ever-increasing advances in technology. It was very much appreciated having some younger police attend in Inspector **Blake Keating** and Constables **Jack Smart & Haley Robertson** to hear how they navigate the ever-increasing role of policing, and also for them to get to hear some of our member' stories of how policing has changed over the many years of service.

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L to R Cst Jack Smart, Cst Haley Robertson, Insp Blake Keating, John Walkowiak, David Ryan, Peter Trow, Monty Ehsman, Chris Curtin & Win Probert.

NORTHERN BEACHES

AGM Election of Office Bearers — Northern Beaches RFPA Branch 2026–2027

Chairman:	**Dave Whiteman**
Vice Chairman:	**Brian Friend**
Secretary:	**Graham Spring**
Treasurer:	**Garrie Watt**
Welfare Officers:	**Barry Miles, Brian Friend and Deb Anderson**

Grief & Bereavement

Officer:	**Deb Anderson**
Social Secretary:	**Liz Whiteman**
Branch Reporters:	**Ian Finlayson and Julie Bertoldo**
Branch Committee:	**Alex Vogt, Julie Bertoldo and Bill Bush**
Auditor:	**Alex Vogt**

Our 2026 Northern Beaches Branch AGM was held on Thursday 23rd July at Manly Leagues Club. We had a good roll up with those in attendance **Keith AIKEN, Bruce ALDERTON, Deb ANDERSON, Julie BERTOLDO, Jeff BRADY, Bill BUSH, Scott CAMPBELL, David DREW, Bill EYLES, Peter FARMERY, Lillian FILMER, Mike FLETCHER, Ros FLETCHER, Brian FRIEND, Brien GATELY, Geoff GREEN, Harold HANLEN, Allen HINES, Martha HUTCHINSON, Bob INKSTER, Geoff KAY, Jan KEECH, John LETTS, Bob LINNEY, Irene McIntosh, Bill McIntosh, Barry MILES, Terry MOSS, Anne MULLINS, Ross PARRY, Bart SNEL, Graham SPRING, Oscar TAYLOR, Alex VOGT, Garrie WATT, Dave WHITEMAN, Liz WHITEMAN, Tony WRIGHT, Brian WRIGHT** and **Bill WILLIAMS.**

We welcomed a new Branch Member, **Martha HUTCHINSON** and we also had a visitor, **Peter FARMERY** formerly a member of the London Metropolitan Police at Hendon, who has been in Australia about 30 years.

Congratulations to our Chairman **Dave WHITEMAN** together with **Bruce HOWE** for being awarded Life Membership of the RFPA NSW .

Our Northern Beaches branch was well represented at the funeral of **Graeme Ferguson** on the 26th June, 2026.



From L-R; Brian Wright, Brian Friend, Barry Miles, David Drew, Bill Bush, Garrie Watt, David Cole, Ross Parry, Dave Whiteman, Geoff Green and Bob Inkster.

The funeral of Northern Beaches RFPA branch member and well-known former Police Officer, **Leslie D'Arcy Lidbury**, affectionately known as "The Golden Colt", was held at Macquarie Park Crematorium. A Police Honour Guard from the local PAC escorted **Les's** casket into the chapel.

We had a luncheon/coffee catch up on the 20th of August at Dee Why RSL. Our usual spot at the Fishbowl was closed but we still had fifteen happy troopers turn up.



The Retired Police Day at Mona Vale Police Station on the 10th of September had close to 60 in attendance. Superintendent **John DUNCAN** Commander of the Northern Beaches Police Area Command hosted the event. Also in attendance was **Councillor Sue Heins**, Mayor of the Northern Beaches, who spoke warmly in support of both the serving police officers currently protecting our community and the many retired police who served the Northern Beaches and surrounding areas over many years.



Please remember: Look Down, Step Up, and No Ladders.

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NORTHERN RIVERS

Greetings from the Northern Rivers Branch

Our last meeting for the Northern Rivers Branch was held at Casino in August 2026. This was also our Annual General Meeting where managerial positions were filled for the next 12 months. Thanks to all who volunteered for positions for the next 12 months.

Our branch members and other retired Police were invited by the District Commander, **Superintendent Dave Roptell APM** to attend Retired Police Day at Lismore Police Station on the 4 September 2026. There were 17 who attended. We sincerely thank **Superintendent Roptell** and his staff who briefed our group on current important issues and new techniques in investigating crime. We also thank the command for an enjoyable morning tea provided in Lismore Police Station's meal room. I am attaching a photograph showing our group during the meeting.

Regards

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NORTHERN SUBURBS (FORMERLY HORNSBY & DISTRICTS)

Since our last Gazette we lost another one of our Branch Foundation Members in **Bill Leabeatter** who succumbed to Leukaemia. Our thoughts are with his wife, Jenny, children and grandchildren.



Our June meeting was held at Hornsby RSL Club, with those in attendance being (l to r) Les Potter, Dave Lowden, Greg Muir, Verity Greenwood, John Andrews, John Schell and Bill Johnson (seated).

Apologies were received from **Rohan Smith, Peter McDonnell, Bruce Williams, Bill Shute, Robyn Bartlett, Ken McKnight, Alan Pollock, Alan Doak, Harriet & John Kelly, and John Graham**. Our thoughts are with **Bill Shute** and **Dick Smith**, both going through a rough trot health wise.

The AGM resulted in the re-election of the existing Committee – **Verity Greenwood, Greg Muir, John Graham, Ross Beattie, Greg Bertoldo**.

I couldn't make it to our coffee catch up in July, instead attending a 53rd reunion with some of our Class 135 members. From L to R **Jim Hall, Gary Ryan, Bob Danyluck, Glenn Jones, Greg Muir, Margaret Wood, Guy Smith, John Bowen and Ray Filewood**. We had a stack of apologies, too many to list here, but hope to see many more next year.



Some Class 135 Members - 53rd reunion

Our August meeting was very well attended – **Peter McDonnell, Alan Doak, Ross Beattie, John Graham, Ron Smith, John Schell, Alan Pollock, Warren and Trudi Cole, Robyn Bartlett, Rohan Smith, Greg Bertoldo, Harriet and John Kelly, John Andrews, Steve Bensley, Verity Greenwood, Bill Johnson, Dave Lowden** and **Greg Muir.** Apologies were received from **Ken McKnight, Kerry Larsen, Les Potter, Bruce Williams, Bill Shute, Luke Spurr, Richard Smith** and **John Graham.**

We were treated to two remarkable talks from **John and Harriet Kelly** on life after the Police.

Harriet progressed from Police work to becoming a midwife, something that she really enjoys. John incorporated the skills and knowledge that he acquired through accident investigation and counter-terrorism to develop a 'Hostile Vehicle Assessment and Vehicle Dynamics Course'. Unfortunately, I missed the opportunity to take photos.

Retired Police Day was organised by **Insp Craig Unger** and hosted by Kuring Gai, North Shore and Ryde Police Area Commands this year and held at Hornsby Police Station. **Supt Matt Scott** presented a moving documentary produced by **S/Cst Ash Bold** from Police Media with input from the Schell family on the murder of their father and grandfather, **Sgt Adam Schell** at Bobbin Head in 1968. The documentary was shown to the attestation class who had adopted Sgt Schell for their Patch Run. Our own **John Schell** provided wise comments for the information of the Class, whilst the whole production was narrated by his daughter, serving member **Sgt Katie Bond**. The two documentaries are well worth seeing.

Sgt Matt Heffernan then gave us a very in-depth review of the Family Court murders from 1980-85 and the subsequent investigations that eventually led to the arrest and conviction of Len Warwick.

Supt Paul Devaney, North Shore PAC Commander, is a member of a Committee devoted to identifying and promoting 'Proud Traditions'. One thing that **Supt Scott** quoted was that as a result of the previous work done by Retired and Former Police, serving members drink from the well that we dug. It's good to see that Police history is a priority for NSW Police.



In attendance were, seated l to r – John Graham, N/K, Greg Muir, Alan Pollock, John Andrews, Ross Beattie, Luke Spurr, John and Elaine Schell, Peter McDonnell, D/Sgt Matt Heffernan, Steve Bensley.

If anyone would like to attend our Christmas Lunch it will be held from 11am Thursday, 3 December 2026 at Asquith Bowling Club, Lodge Street, Asquith. All are welcome but must RSVP to hornsbydistrictrfpa@retiredpolice.com.au or call me on 0408 486 475.

Best regards,

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PARRAMATTA - THE HILLS

Parramatta The Hills RFPA member **Paul Vella** is a proud grandfather of retired constable **Jessica Richards!!**

Almost four years after a violent confrontation on a Nowra street on the NSW South Coast changed their lives forever, four young police officers have been recognised for the bravery they displayed in protecting the community.

Retired Constable Tyrone Saddler, Retired Constable Jessica Richards and Constable Max Godfrey were awarded the Commissioner's Commendation in July this year for Courage in recognition of their actions during a fatal police shooting on July 9, 2022. **Retired Senior Constable Hayley Collier** has also been recognised but was unable to attend the event in Ulladulla.

Congratulations to all the recipients.



In July a little bit of culture was enjoyed by 25 of our members at The Pavilion Theatre, Castle Hill recently. The live theatre play "A Shot in the Dark", **Peter Sellers** play, was brilliantly performed by the amateur cast. Must say the French Accent was hard to follow at times. Great night out though.

At one of our weekly coffee catch ups we had a new member **Rod McEwan** join us. Welcome **Rod**.

In August another free barbecue and soft drinks complementing the cake stall and raffle was held at Blacktown Precinct Park. It is a lovely park area with BBQs, river, ponds, children's park facilities, wild ducks and birds and an on site Coffee Shop for those who "just can't go another step without a good coffee"!! Nice to see some new faces roll up so we "old faces" can again relate our stories to a new audience.



Free Branch BBQ, cake stall and raffle



In September, the local PACs (Riverstone, Blacktown, Parramatta, Castle Hill, Mt. Druitt) held their combined Retired Police Day at Grace's Place Doonside. A lovely morning where **C/Insp Michael Burton was MC** and host officers were **Supt Jason Joyce, Supt Barry Vincent, A/Supt Mathew Newton, Supt Brendan Gorman and Supt Darrin Batchelor**. Many thanks to the following for behind the scenes arrangements S/Const **Mel Rosevear** & **Narelle Masonwells** from Riverstone; **Martha Jabour** from Homicide Victims' Support Group and **Katie Dokmanovic,** Road Trauma Support Group. **C/Insp Michael Burton** did the honours of presenting Retired Police Pins. We were fortunate to have 2 "newbies" from Class 369 which only graduated a week ago talk to us about the daily gear that today's Police wear, how to get it on and off and what each is for. We were then invited to have morning tea, mingle and meet old and new Police while being spoilt with a Retired Police Cake. Many thanks to host command Riverstone and all involved for remembering those who served before!!



Tom Baena





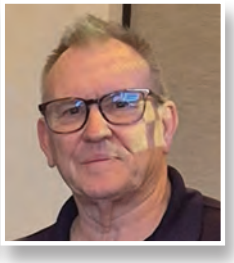
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PEEL

We look forward to your contributions for our next Gazette.

PENRITH BLUE MOUNTAINS

We look forward to your contributions for our next Gazette.

RIVERINA

We look forward to our contributions for our next Gazette.

SOUTH COAST

The South Coast Branch bi-monthly meeting held at Bomaderry Bowling Club on Thursday, 20th August 2026 saw 24 members enjoy a time of Friendship, Fellowship and Comradeship...and a few jokes to set the tone for lunch following the meeting.

During the meeting Branch Chair, **Tom Turner**, presented member **Marie Groenestein** with her Veteran Member Certificate and I.D. card while Branch Vice Chair, **Jayne Blackshaw**, "presented" **Tom** with the "Hammer".

Retired Police Day. At the invitation of **Supt. Craig Ireland** - Commander, South Coast Police District, 34 members attended a Retired Police Day function on 1st September at Nowra Police Station which included a comprehensive update on local operations, investigations, equipment and a most enjoyable BBQ and time of Fellowship, Friendship and Comradeship.

Many RFPA members were presented with "Retired Police" lapel badges by **Detective Inspector Simon Shalala** whilst RFPA VP **John Crockett** presented **DI Simon Shalala** and the Nowra Police team with RPA ties and scarves .

Our thanks to **Supt. Ireland, SCPDXO Jessica Petsalis** and the entire team at Nowra for a great day."

John Crockett



John Crockett presented D.I Simon Shalala



Tom Turner presented member Marie Groenestein



SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

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

SOUTHERN TABLELANDS

The July meeting held at the Goulburn Soldiers club on 20th July, 2026. **Chairman Manny Rivera** presented a Veteran's Certificate to **John Campbell.**



John Campbell and Chairman Manny Rivera

John Kowalenko introduced our guests speaker, **Garry Warboys**. **Garry** was personally known to us through his Command of the Southern Tablelands Police District (when districts were restored, after the Ryan era). He is now a resident of Goulburn with interests ranging from the committee of the **Goulburn Golf club** to the **local board of Racing NSW**.

Garry drew on his 40 years of policing experience to inform the members present of his primary concerns relating to the NSW Police Force.

- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

As a former **State Emergency Operations Commander** at the time of the Lismore floods he was impressed with the local response by members of that community and the surrounding. Even after retirement he has been consulted by State Government members and bodies relating to response to emergencies, such as the Covid outbreak and the resulting safe docking of a cruise ship.

He is convinced of the necessity of the need for Emergency Management Controllers to be police officers at the Local, District and State level.

- **CONCERNS RELATING TO FUTURE POLICING.**

Garry lamented the deficit of police within the regional areas. He is of the opinion that too many one and two unit Police Stations are closing and the effect this is having on local communities. Another concern he expressed was that of the need to enhance the efforts in retaining sworn police officers and the need to increase the number of applicants to the Police Force.

- **PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN POLICING.**

He emphasised the importance of confidence in their police to maintain the community sense of safety. This is enhanced by he visibility of the police in uniform and marked police vehicles. He stressed that these visible presences be backed up by neatness of uniform and cleanliness of

police assets, both mobile and stationary. Poor police performance results in loss of community confidence.

Garry was thanked by **Chairman Manny** for his presentation.



Chairman Manny Rivera and Garry Worboys.

Subsequent to the business of the Branch Meeting the meeting was adjourned and the Annual General Meeting was declared open.

Chairman Manny Rivera handed the gavel to **Greg Moore** to conduct the election of officers for the 2026-7 administration of the branch.

Those elected to office were:

Chairman	**Manny Rivera**
Vice Chairman	**Greg Moore**
Secretary	**Ian Radford**
Treasurer	**John Kowalenko**
Welfare	**Daryl Holder**
Social	**John Kowalenko**
Committee	**Kim Rivera & Bob Grimes**

Our bi-monthly coffee outing took place at the Some Café, Collector on 17th August, 2026. Since our branch geography extends south to Canberra and north to Marulan we endeavour to spread the cheer so that our more remote members have the opportunity to gather over a warm cup and have a chat. A reluctance to travel (it is the price of petrol/diesel ?) resulted in a group of 8 escaping the chill winter winds..

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SYDNEY

As the winter chill settled over Sydney, our branch calendar turned up the heat with a fantastic mix of social catch-ups and a deeply engaging Annual General Meeting. It has been wonderful to see so many familiar faces staying connected, sharing stories, and keeping the RFPA spirit alive.

Here is a look back at what we have been up to over the last few months.

Our winter social calendar kicked off on **Tuesday, 21 July 2026**, with a roaming coffee catch-up at The Juniors Kingsford. It was a lovely, relaxed morning filled with great coffee and even better conversation.

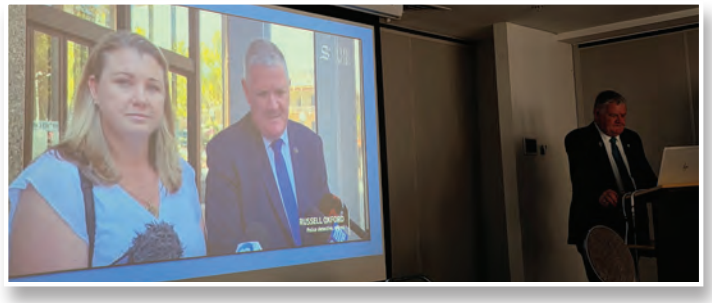


In attendance were: Les Toemoe & Belinda Dunn-Toemoe, Carol & Warren McKinnon, Alan & Lois Randall, Allan Simpson, Faye Ambrose and Peter Tippett

While we had a great turnout, we also received 11 apobogies from members who couldn't make it due to overseas travels, health restrictions, or clashing schedules. You were all missed, and we hope to catch you at the next one!

On **Tuesday, 18 August 2026**, we gathered at the **York Club** for our much-anticipated Annual General Meeting and General Meeting. After wrapping up official branch business, we were privileged to welcome our guest speaker, **Retired Detective Chief Inspector Russell Oxford**.

Russell delivered a gripping and deeply insightful presentation on a high-profile, 40-year-old cold case: the murder investigation of **Roxlyn Bowie**. Hearing the behind-the-scenes dedication, investigative grit, and complexities involved in bringing long-awaited answers to such a historic case left everyone in the room completely spellbound. A huge thank you to Russell for sharing his time and unmatched expertise with us.



Moving into fairer weather, we held our most recent roaming coffee catch-up on **Tuesday, 15 September 2026**, at the **Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club**. The turnout was fantastic, proving once again that our members love a good chat over a hot brew.

Spotted enjoying the morning were: **Darcy Cluff, Kent Vild, Charlie Warry, Faye Ambrose, Warren & Carol McKinnon, Les Toemoe & Belinda Dunn-Toemoe, Lesley Smallwood & Greg Thane and Guy Pianta**.



We have one more major gathering before we wrap up the year. Make sure to dust off your festive gear and join us for our final meeting and social celebration of 2026:

• **Tuesday, 17 November 2026** (11:00 AM): General Meeting & Christmas Lunch at **Club York**

Thank you to everyone who travelled near and far to support our meetings and coffee mornings this season. These gatherings are the heartbeat of our branch, and it's your presence that makes them so successful. Stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you all at Club York in November!

Until then, stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you all again very soon!

Belinda Dunn-Toemoe
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TWEED/GOLD COAST

Our branch meeting held on Tuesday 11th August, 2026 was a normal bi-monthly meeting with the following members present - **Gary and Maree MATTHEWS, Bruce and Dora THOMSON, Ken and Esther JENKINS, Geoff and Vicki MAXWORTHY, Garry WILLIAMS, John COOKE, Tim TARLINTON, Alan Le SURF, John BEACHAM, Garry HUGHES, Terry and Betty PERKINS, Garry JARDINE, Jeff FOWLER, Ron GRAHAM, Mal and Mandy TOWERS.**

President/Secretary **Geoff MAXWORTHY** and Vice President **Al LE SURF** both spoke about increasing costs at State Branch which will increase new membership fees for joinees. This will not affect current members. Geoff spoke about appointing a Chaplain to our branch and this was agreed upon by members present.

Welfare update - **Secretary Geoff** has made contact with over 100 phone calls in past few weeks for various reasons and enjoyed the experience of speaking to some of our members.

SOCIAL:

Our Christmas in July was held on Tuesday 14th July at Club Tweed, where 36 of our members enjoyed a two course festive meal. Five members from Qld Retired Police were in attendance and joined in for all the fun of the day.

Our September social was the Retired Police Day held at Tweed Heads Police Station on Thursday, 3rd September. With 50 members attending as well as several Qld Retired Police, it was a proud day with "Thanks for Your Service" acknowledgement from the bosses of Tweed Byron Command. A presentation was given by the Police Rescue Squad, Lismore, on their various activities in the Tweed Byron and Richmond areas. Morning tea, was followed by a presentation of the search for a missing 3 year old boy in dense bushland at Putty and the complexities of the search and co-ordination of various Police units, media, volunteers, family members, who were successful in finding the boy alive.

This was followed by another extraordinary BBQ lunch put on by staff at Tweed which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone there. Our visiting Qld brothers spoke overwhelmingly that Queensland should do the same for their Retired Police in recognition of their service. What a great day. Thanks Tweed Police Station. You've done it again. Look forward to next year.





The Team at Tweed/Gold Coast

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WATER POLICE (SUB BRANCH) (FORMED 21 MARCH 2013)

We look forward to your contribution in our next edition.

WIDE BAY

We look forward to your contribution in our next edition.

NOTICEBOARD

FRIENDSHIP WEEK 2027

Where: Reflections Urunga Holiday Park, 2 Morgo Street, Urunga NSW 2455,

When: Saturday 6 March to the Saturday 13 March 2027.

Bookings: Quote **Reservation Number 2053895** – Park phone number (02) 66556355

There is a 10% discount when you book in for either Cabin or Caravan Site, just mention Retired and Former Police booking No. 2053895. The park has indicated they are putting aside 10 cabins and 20 caravan sites.

Book early to avoid disappointment, as the park is very popular tourist location. **IMPORTANT**

Regards Charles Halloran APM

UPUPCOMING REUNIONS

GO TO YOUR RFPA WEBSITE FOR THE MOST RECENT INFORMATION. www.retiredpolice.com.au AND LOOK UP "CLASS REUNIONS AND EVENTS"

What: 60 Year Reunion -Class 107
Calling all Class 107 who graduated on 16th May 1966 from the Redfern Academy

When: TBA

Where: TBA possible Mercantile Hotel The Rocks, Sydney or other

Cost: Buy your own food and drink

Contact: **Ron Smith** (0412 226 135) or **Cec Noakes** (0474 752 901) for info

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What: N.S.W. Ex Police Cadets Function, Club York. 24.2.27.

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

When: Wednesday 24th February, 2027. 11am – 3.30pm

Meal: 3 course sit down lunch. Cost $120 p.h.

Drinks: Drinks supplied.

Payment: On or before 30th January, 2027.
Electronically: Ex Police Cadets Assn of NSW, Include your name
BSB: 815-000. Police Bank Acct No. 241807,
Payment by cheque not accepted.

Contact: **Ian Moore,** Secretary / Treasurer.
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REUNIONS HELD

Class 171 – 45 year Reunion in June 2026



BACK ROW: Peter Mills, Doug Keen, Mark Barber, Alan Keane, Warren McDonnell, Paul Noring, John O'Reilly, Michael Cook, Pete Wilson, Craig Coleman, Rob Williams, Vic Guillameier, Manny Rivera, Mark Ginges, Marcus Kroek

FRONT ROW: Greg Kelly, Janice Anderson, Valerie Bryant, Sue Whitfield, Liz Rhodes, Lisa Williams, Evelyn Messer, Glen O'Neil.



A reunion was held at Club Rivers, Riverwood in August 2026, with the next one being touted for at the Gold Coast in a couple of years.

Back-Belinda Dunne-Toemoe, Sean Walsh, Brad Buffoni, Keith Meredith, Glenn Middleton, Ken Wright, John Seward, Brett Salmon, Steve Walsh, Nick Pavlov, Lesley Keith (White), Clive Silvester, Carmella Ferro, Paul Jones, Jeff Ripley, Beth Docksey (Simpson Stirton)

Seated-Rod Wither, Mark Worrel, Greg Paff, Paul McInerney, John Haas, John Inkson, Tony Esposito, Ian Bell, Jenny Bell, Valerie Bryant.

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
BOWYER-SMYTH	Ian William	84	10191	Unattached	26/8/2026
CHAPMAN	Barry	76	13448	Wide Bay	22/9/2026
CHESTER	Douglas George	87	12457	Hunter Region	4/8/2026
CHILTON	Peter Abberfield	93	7879	Coffs Harbour	17/7/2026
CLARK	John Sydney George	74	15363	Central Coast	7/9/2026
CROSS	Gerard Collier	82	10505	Manning Great Lakes	30/9/2026
FLATLEY	Thomas Gabriel	84	15746	Northern Beaches	8/8/2026
GIBBONS	John Rose Hutchinson	84	10946	Northern Beaches	8/7/2026
HAIN	David Alviston	78	13431	Parramatta The Hills	18/8/2026
HAMMERSLEY	Ronald	82	17881	Hunter Region	11/7/2026
HODGES	Charles Robert	89	8197	Unattached	16/8/2026
HOOKE	William Angus	71	16169	New England	28/7/2026
HUGHES	James Robert 'Jamie'	64	22146	Murray River	26/9/2026

SURNAME	CHRISTIAN/ KNOWN NAME	AGE	REG. NO	BRANCH	DECEASED
INALL	Barry	86	10599	Parramatta The Hills	1/7/2026
LONGHURST	Bryan	93	7960	Mid North Coast	31/8/2026
MATHEW	Maxwell Stanley	95	6556	South Coast	8/7/2026
MAURER	Eric George	95	7134	Sydney	2/7/2026
MORRISON	Roger William	81	11096	Murray River	13/7/2026
NICHOLSON	Elaine Joy	90		Hunter Region	6/7/2026
PIKE	Edward John	79	13800	Unattached	19/8/2026
PRICE	Patrick Charles 'Paddy'	85	12942	Parramatta The Hills	22/7/2026
QUARMBY	Milton Robert 'Bob'	82	11856	Riverina	4/8/2026
SHAW	Vincent Frederick 'Fred'	90	8132	Northern Beaches	21/8/2026
TAGGART	OAM Francis Ray	86	10355	Manning Great Lakes	11/8/2026
WHARTON	Barry M	82	10508	Illawarra	19/9/2026

Retired & Former Police Association of NSW (Inc.)

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retiredpolice.com.au

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RFPA Membership Fees and Payment Details

The preferred method of paying your RFPA membership fee is by automatic periodic deduction from your Police Bank account or another bank or financial institution.

Members who prefer to pay annually may do so by direct deposit into the RFPA Police Bank account detailed below.

Membership Fees – Effective 1 October 2026

New Members

All new members joining the RFPA on or after 1 October 2026 will pay an annual membership fee of **$40**. This membership is valid for 12 months from the date of joining, with subsequent payments due on the anniversary of that date each year.

Existing Members

Members who joined the RFPA before 1 October 2026 will retain their existing membership fee arrangements. However, they may voluntarily elect to pay the new annual fee of $40 if they wish to further support the Association.

Existing Veteran Members

Veteran Members who are currently exempt from paying membership fees will **remain exempt**. They are not required to pay the new $40 annual fee.

RFPA Police Bank Account Details

For members who prefer to pay their membership fees annually by direct deposit, the RFPA bank account details are:

Account Name: RFPA

BSB: 815-000

Account Number: 100067989

Annual Fee: $40 for new members, or the applicable existing membership fee.

Payment Due: On the anniversary of your membership joining date each year or 1st July each year for members prior to 1st October 2026 who pay manually each year.

When making a direct deposit, please include your **RFPA Membership Number and Surname** as the payment reference so your payment can be correctly identified.

PLEASE NOTE: Payments by cheque or money order are no longer accepted.

Thank you for your continued membership and support of the Retired and Former Police Association of NSW.

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RFPA Launches Statewide
“Look Down – Step Up – No Ladders”
Safety Campaign

A simple wristband with a powerful message for retired and former police

The Retired & Former Police Association (RFPA) has launched a new statewide safety initiative aimed at reducing preventable falls among retired and former police officers — a demographic statistically over-represented in ladder-related injuries and home-based falls.

At the centre of the campaign is a bright blue silicone wristband carrying three short, sharp reminders:

- **Look Down**
- **Step Up**
- **No Ladders**

The message is deliberately simple, but early trials across several branches show it works. Members report that the wristbands act as a constant visual cue during everyday tasks, prompting safer decisions and sparking conversations with family, friends, and fellow members.

RFPA representatives say the initiative aligns perfectly with the Association’s mission to support the well-being, independence, and quality of life of retired and former police. “We know that falls are one of the most common causes of injury among our members,” one branch leader noted. “If a wristband can prevent even one serious fall, it’s worth it.”

The wristbands will be supplied **free of charge** to any RFPA member who requests one. Distribution will occur through local branches and branch welfare officers. New members will be offered a wristband at their first branch meeting.

The campaign has already attracted interest from other community based organisations, with potential for broader awareness partnerships in the future.

The RFPA encourages all retired and former police to wear the wristbands proudly — not only as a safety reminder, but as a symbol of ongoing connection to the policing family.

Members can request wristbands through their local branch.



Blue Light Card Membership Benefits

The RFPA is committed to continuously enhancing membership value by securing exclusive benefits for association members. In addition to existing discounts from 16 partner companies, members are now recommended to enrol in the Blue Light Card program, which extends access to preferential offers from over 500 reputable businesses. Participating companies include leading brands such as Samsung, LG, Woolworths, and Dan Murphy's, Qatar Airways, Virgin, among many others. Comprehensive details and a current list of participating companies are available directly on the Blue Light Card website. Copy and paste these URLs in your browser to see the full details of the offers.

- https://www.bluelightcard.com.au/en/travel-discounts
- https://www.bluelightcard.com.au/en/electrical-discounts
- https://www.bluelightcard.com.au/en/fashion-discounts

The Blue Light Card is an initiative specifically designed to recognise and reward first responders, offering generous discounts from companies wishing to acknowledge community service. Membership is available for a modest fee of $9.95, providing two years of unlimited access to discounts across more than 500 companies.

To acquire the Blue Light Card, please follow these straightforward steps:

1. **Download the App**: The application is available at no cost from the App Store.
2. **Register Your Details**: Complete the registration process and upload a scanned copy or photo of your RFPA ID card (which displays your RFPA member number, not your registered number) to verify your current membership.
3. **Payment**: Upon filling in your details, proceed with the $10 payment. Your application will be processed, granting you access to the discount site. You can expect confirmation of your RFPA membership by the following day, allowing you to begin shopping immediately.

Navigating the Blue Light Card platform is straightforward. Company logos are displayed on the homepage, allowing members to easily identify and access individual offers. For example, selecting the Samsung icon directs you to the Samsung product page, where all eligible discounts are clearly applied at checkout.

Discount values are subject to variation across products and suppliers, with some offers extending up to 60% off regular pricing.

RFPA Discount Business Partners
Visit the RFPA Website for details on how
Financial RFPA Members can access exclusive RFPA Member discounts from these RFPA Business Partners

Hertz®

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mycar Tyre & Auto

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SCENIC LUXURY CRUISES & TOURS

Specsavers

VIKING CRUISES

Virgin australia

RFPA Member Discounts – Available ONLY to Financial Members (includes Associate RFPA Members)

The RFPA continues to expand its partnerships to deliver real value to our financial members.

If you're a retired or former officer and not yet financial, **membership is only $28 per year** — and the savings from just one of these offers can more than cover your annual RFPA membership fee. Check the website for RFPA membership types.

Even if you're not retired or a former NSW Police officer, you can still become a financial Associate member and get these discounts for **just $28 per year** — and the benefits easily pay for themselves.

Below is the current list of exclusive **RFPA Member Discounts Partners**:

✈️ International & Domestic Travel

• Qatar Airways – Discounted international airfares

• Virgin Australia – Discounted flights

• Viking Cruises – Discounted cruise packages

• Scenic Luxury Cruises – Discounted luxury cruises

• MTA Travel – Discounts on domestic & international travel

• Wendy Wu Tours – Discounts on Asian tours

• Hertz Car Rentals – Discounted rentals worldwide

• Brisbane Cruises – Discounted Brisbane river cruises

• OnCourse Tours – Discounted tours Australia-wide

👓 Health & Wellbeing

Specsavers – National (380 stores)

• $50 discount per visit or purchase

• Process: Complete the online form on the Specsavers website and print your voucher.

Amplifon – National (400 stores)

• 20% off hearing services

• Process: Provide proof of RFPA membership + photo ID when booking.

🚗 **Automotive**

• MyCar – Discounts on servicing & tyres

• JAX Tyres (Sydney) – Discounted tyres

🍷 **Food, Wine & Leisure**

• Walter Wines (Mudgee) – Discounted wine & dining

• Moffat Brewing (Qld) – Award-winning craft beer offers

🏌️ **Sport & Lifestyle**

• Drummond Golf – South Coast NSW – Discounted golfing products

• Harvey Norman – Everton Park, Qld – Discounted furniture

🔐 **Remember:**

These offers are exclusive to Financial RFPA Members including RFPA Associate Members.

If you're retired or a former officer, becoming financial is **just $28 per year** — and the benefits easily pay for themselves. Head to the Members Discounts menu on our website (retiredpolice.com.au) and check the discount process for the RFPA Business Partner you are interested in. In some cases you will need to apply for the discount codes via the Request For Discount Code option.
If you are not yet a member, application forms are available under the Member Hub.