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Superintendent Lauren Callaway.

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the December edition of Care.

As 2017 draws to an end I would like to highlight the work VPL has done this year to improve the lives of legatees through our most important strategic priority:

Delivering personalised and meaningful legatee services and programs.

Whilst it would have been easy to simply replicate our current model of service delivery, this Board has taken a different approach over the past 12 months in order to be more responsive to those we support.

Why have we done this? Because at the heart of our decision making is a desire to build our unique identity and be of greater value to our legatees and our membership.

Some examples this year that demonstrate we are providing greater support across all stages of life include:

- ▶ Extending the Friends of Police Legacy (FoPL) group to include all young legatees upon reaching the age of 22. Rather than ceasing to be a legatee at this age, we now offer a connection to the police family that will carry young people through for the remainder of their lives.

VPL'S NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

We are pleased to welcome Stephen Capello, CEO BankVic, to the Victoria Police Legacy Board.

Stephen Capello is the Chief Executive Officer of BankVic, one of Australia's largest mutual banks. BankVic is a member owned organisation, providing banking services to Victoria's police, health, emergency and public service employees. Formed over 40 years ago, BankVic now helps over 108,000 members and holds \$1.63 billion in assets.

Stephen is a Financial Services Executive with over 20 years of experience, including executive management at global financial institutions combining leadership, transformation, technical and business management capabilities to lead companies.

Prior to BankVic, Stephen held executive positions at ANZ Banking Group as Head of Technology and at Aviva as Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer in Central Europe, and Chief Financial Officer in Spain.

He joined Aviva from Santander Asset Management in London as Chief Financial Officer primarily focused on delivering effective business support, which served to identify and exploit opportunities to create and protect shareholder value.

Stephen is a Fellow CPA, a graduate of the AICD, holds an MBA and a Bachelor of Commerce, Accounting.

Since I was introduced to VPL some years ago, I was impressed with the quiet and considered way that VPL goes about supporting the Victoria Police community, by providing ongoing support to police families who have experienced loss. For a small organisation, they have a very large impact, not just on the families they support, but the partnerships they create.

I look forward to helping extend and support VPL, and in doing so, honour the cause VPL serves. I am very proud to be a member of the Board and the first non member Director elected since the establishment of VPL in 1980."



ON HIS APPOINTMENT STEPHEN SAID " I AM HONOURED TO BE APPOINTED AS A NON-MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF VICTORIA POLICE LEGACY.



REMEMBERING VICTORIA POLICE LEGACY IN YOUR WILL

By remembering Victoria Police Legacy in your Will you can ensure that the bereaved police and protective service officer families continue to receive emotional support and services provided through Victoria Police Legacy. A bequest, no matter how big or

small enables us to plan for the future and can bring life changing benefits to those in need beyond your lifetime. Contact us for more information.

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- An opportunity for a young legatee to hike the Kokoda Track. Each year one legatee will join the Victoria Police team, lead by Superintendent Nigel Howard, and discover the rewards of committing to a difficult physical and emotional experience, taking important life skills into the next phase of their maturity.
- Contributing to the Victoria Police Mental Health Strategy and support fund. A major donation of funds that were raised through our new annual charity breakfast. This money goes directly to services that assist serving police families improve their mental health. If we are able to prevent one suicide VPL will have achieved one of its most meaningful goals.
- Expansion and promotion of our special and extraordinary circumstances grants. These grants are designed to

assist families prior to a death or when circumstances have made life so difficult that VPL can step in and provide some form of financial relief.

- Development of a broader and more inclusive introduction event for new legatees and also those younger parents who benefit from engaging with other people at a similar stage in life.

Next year for the first time we will host a special dinner at Airlie College, bringing people together at one of Victoria Police's most historical locations.

Our work in this area is by no means 'achieved' and we continue to work hard at both the Board and staff level to ensure we are keeping pace with the issues and problems our people are experiencing.

AT TIMES, LIFE CAN BE DIFFICULT, AND WHEN YOU ARE MISSING A SIGNIFICANT OTHER – BE THAT PARTNER OR PARENT – IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE MORE THAN JUST ONE PERSON OR ONE SOMEWHERE TO TURN TO.

We at VPL are constantly impressed with the way our membership often takes it upon themselves to initiate that helping hand and include VPL in the support process. It demonstrates that the core values we hold as police officers transfer into all facets of our lives.

On behalf of the Board I wish you and your loved ones all the very best for the coming festive season and 2018. 🌟

CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE



On behalf of Victoria Police, I extend my warm greetings to everyone this Christmas.

We are aware that at this time of year legatees feel the loss of their loved ones.

We will always remember those police family members who are no longer with us, and acknowledge their important contribution to policing and the Victorian community.

In 2017, the dedicated team at Victoria Police Legacy continued to provide ongoing support and services for legatees. We are grateful for their hard work and value our partnership.

I wish everyone a festive and safe Christmas and New Year. May 2018 bring you good health, happiness and prosperity. 🌟

The Victoria Police Legacy Board:

Victoria Police Legacy Board 2017-2018

The Annual General Meeting of Victoria Police Legacy Inc was held on Wednesday 15th November at the S.I. (Mick) Miller Victoria Police Legacy Building, 71 Drummond Street, Carlton. Board members for the year ahead are:

Board Executive

Chair

Superintendent Lauren Callaway

Deputy Chairman

Detective Inspector Roger Schranz APM

Board Members

- Senior Sergeant Darren Kenos

- Senior Sergeant Diane Wilson
- Superintendent Mark Galliot - Chief Commissioner's Representative
- Inspector Glenn Owen
- Inspector James Dalton
- Senior Sergeant John Laird - President: The Police Association Victoria
- Senior Sergeant Kate O'Neill
- Stephen Capello, CEO BankVic

The Police Legacy Team

CEO

Lex de Man AFSM

Office Manager

Erica McMahon

Field Officer

Eileen Keily

Youth Coordinator

Andrea Lyons

Admin support

Carol Jenkinson

Contractor – legatee support

Bryan Sharp

For the first time in Victoria Police Legacy's 38 year history, a non-serving member was appointed to the Board, following the approval of the new Constitution in September this year. We are pleased to welcome to the VPL Board, Stephen Capello, CEO BankVic.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

'Jingle Bells' 'Jingle Bells'... Christmas came to the MCG on Saturday 25th November with the much anticipated annual Victoria Police Legacy Christmas Lunch.

Over 370 people enjoyed a wonderful meal, good company and entertainment from one of our police legatee's, Tom Jovanavich and his band, who had feet tapping.

A highlight of the lunch was the inaugural viewing of a special video, produced by the Victoria Police Media Unit, highlighting the work of VPL as seen through the eyes of Police Legatees, staff and Police members. It is a powerful reminder of why we were all together. You can watch the video on our website www.policelegacyvic.org.au


Invited guests included the Minister for Police, The Hon. Lisa Neville MP, Retired Chief Commissioner Mick Miller, Victoria Police Command and Victoria Police Legacy Life Members.

VPL Chair, Superintendent Lauren Callaway welcomed everyone, recapping on the year that focussed on the events which have taken place, and the friendships which have been formed. Lauren also thanked her fellow Board members, staff and volunteers for all their efforts, highlighting it had been a busy but rewarding year. She congratulated all who contributed to the new Victoria Police Legacy Constitution and the Victoria Police Legacy Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021, both of which give clear direction as to how and what we will

continue to do into the future for the benefit of all Police Legatees.

Acting Chief Commissioner, Andrew Crisp, spoke of the importance of the support given to family members of Victoria Police, and acknowledged the support that those present have provided.

Minister Neville was warmly welcomed and spoke briefly to those attending, wishing one and all a very Merry Christmas.

Recently retired VPL Board Member Sergeant Martin Park was presented with Life Membership of Victoria Police Legacy by VPL Chair Superintendent Lauren Callaway and acting Chief Commissioner Andrew Crisp. Martin and his wife Raelene were taken completely by surprise by this well deserved award for which Martin was presented a plaque and Raelene a beautiful bunch of flowers. 



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF WOMEN IN POLICING



A highlight of this year's MCG VPL Christmas lunch was the parade of women police uniforms from the past and present era. The Victoria Police Museum also presented a display showing how times have changed for women in policing.

In July 1917, Madge Conner and Elizabeth Beers began duty as Victoria Police's first police women. From the first two women, to the first female Chief Commissioner of Police, Victoria Police has a proud history of women in policing. 🚔



Happy 21st

Victoria Police Legacy congratulates the following young police legatees who have reached a milestone birthday over the past months – their '21st Birthday'! So 'Happy 21st Birthday' to...

November

Sarah Hulse

December

Tara Bayly

Nick McKay

Our thanks to our donors and sponsors who make birthday gifts a reality for all of our Young Police Legatees.

The first week of November saw the Victoria Police Cricket Club (VPCC) travel to Kilmore to play against Assumption College in the annual George Howell Shield. This year is the 65th anniversary of the death of Constable George Howell who was murdered whilst attempting to arrest a car thief in Caulfield in 1952. This event was supported by Victoria Police Legacy and the Blue Ribbon Foundation.

VPCC batted first on the beautiful Kilmore wicket and finished with a competitive score of 6/243. Assumption College put on a good show with their opening batsmen scoring 109 runs but couldn't match the VPCC who ran out winners by 7 runs.

If you are interested in knowing more about VPCC contact Kieran Rodgers or Steven Oates at **VPCC@police.vic.gov.au**

ANYONE FOR CRICKET?



ALL ABOARD

Keep your hands and feet inside the carriage at all times and have a safe ride.

Sunday 15 October, 2017 saw some Victoria Police Legacy families riding the rails at Box Hill Miniature Railway and enjoying a BBQ lunch and other activities. Children's

faces were painted, bubbles were blown, sausages and hamburgers were eaten, the local MFB truck was fully inspected and lots of fun and friendship was shared by all who attended. With the great support of the local police at Box Hill, the speed of the trains was tracked with a speed camera, much to the delight of the kids who caught a train or two speeding! The day was supported by the Balwyn Rotary Club and will now be an annual event in our calendar. Toot! Toot! 🚂



“TELL YOUR TALES” POLICE LEGATEES CORNER

VICTORIA POLICE LEGATEES GO INTERNATIONAL

Meeting on a Victoria Police Legacy bus trip to Canberra in 2009 has led to a wonderful friendship for five of our Legatees.

This friendship has led this intrepid group on many adventures and in September 2017 their adventures led them to Hawaii for some sun and relaxation.

**Robyn Garrett,
Victoria Police Legatee writes**

“We flew from Melbourne to Hawaii on 19th September and stayed there for 4 days. On the 10th October we boarded the Carnival Legend Cruise ship and spent the next 19 days cruising back to Sydney. Mary Hiriart had celebrated her 60th birthday before we left and Sue Dawe celebrated her 81st birthday on the cruise. From Sydney we flew back to Melbourne.

The photo was taken in front of the Honolulu Police Station. A local lady who was in charge of the information centre in front of the police station offered to ask the local policeman if he would come and be in the photo with us.”



📷 Above: From left to right: Robyn Garrett, Val Le Plastrier, Sue Dawe, Coral Foster and Mary Hiriart.

VPL LEGATEES CORNER!

Do you have something that you would like to share with the readers of CARE?

Maybe a special birthday, or local ‘coffee’ catch up with other legatees, or a story that you would like to share with others? Then

Have you got an event or a story you would like to share? Tell us all at...

Let us know here at VPL. ‘Legatees Corner’ is a new section of CARE for our legatees to add stories, events or calendar dates, etc.

If you have something to share that you’d like to be considered in the next and future editions of CARE, just send it to us via

info@policelegacyvic.org.au or at
Victoria Police Legacy
P.O. Box 573, Carlton South 3053.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS AT ‘CLIP & CLIMB’

Sunday 10th December saw VPL families meet at ‘Clip and Climb’ in Richmond. Kids climbed, Mums climbed, Dad’s climb – some even took the ‘Leap of faith’ but all agreed they had a great time together as they joined in to see who could go the highest. Balloon creations abounded, faces were decorated for Christmas (even though some looked like they belonged at Halloween) and caricatures were done with remarkable accuracy! The highlight was the man in the red suit who had gifts for all our young Victoria Police Legatees. 🎅





ENHANCING VOLUNTEERING AT VICTORIA POLICE LEGACY

Twenty volunteers and staff gathered together at the Victoria Police Academy on Saturday 11th November to progress volunteering within Victoria Police Legacy.

Victoria Police Legacy is supported by a great group of volunteers and we're wishing to grow our volunteer numbers. The new Victoria Police Legacy Constitution, now formerly acknowledges and gives meaning to volunteers.

The gathering was a great way to really focus on what volunteers want to do, what they have to offer and how VPL rewards and recognises the work which volunteers undertake on behalf of everyone. Ideas from the workshop are being developed and we will help to continue the enhancement of volunteering to the benefit of Victoria Police Legatees. 🤝

Regional Lunches

During the past months, Victoria Police Legacy has hosted a number of 'Regional Lunches' and 'Local Lunches' where good fellowship was enjoyed amongst the Police Legatees, VPL Board Members, representatives from Victoria Police Command and Local Police Commands. 🤝



📷 Lunch in Ballarat



📷 Lunch in Mitcham

VPAL AT PENTRIDGE

Christmas with a difference

Young Adult Victoria Police Legatees (VPAL) Christmas celebrations took on a different feel on Sunday 3rd December with the VPAL group going to the former Pentridge Prison to take part in a "Pentridge Prison Escape."

Four feared and dangerous gangs rose to the challenge to be the first to escape solving clues to deactivate the alarm. Congratulations to Meg and Austin Miller, Jack and Daisy Bateman and Aimee Sorensen-Dabb who got out first. This was followed by a well earned lunch, a visit from "Santa" with something for all our VPAL members, and the celebration of two 21st birthdays - Sarah Hulse and Tara Bayly. Both received a gift presented by VPL Board member Darren Kenos. 🤝





PUTTING OTHERS FIRST

Putting others first and a genuine interest in people and the wellbeing of legatees saw recently retired VPL Board Member Martin Park honoured with Life Membership at the MCG Christmas Lunch.

Martin came to VPL through his association with Victoria Police Welfare and had been a member of the VPL Board since 2006.

Martin relates well to everyone, personifying being a 'people person'. He has attended all of the Seniors' Trips since joining, hosted regional lunches, family trips and other events. More recently he hosted the very successful Men's Day Out. It is well known the adoration in which he is held by those on the trips along with the battle between

Martin and Ambassador Peter O'Neill for the hearts and minds of the police legatees on the Seniors' Trip.

MARTIN IS TRULY A WISE COUNSEL. ALWAYS THE CALMING VOICE, THOUGHTFUL AND CONSIDERED.

Martin has provided a conduit to Police Welfare which has proved invaluable in the attainment of advice in support of VPL and advocacy for police legatees. He has undertaken advocacy and support roles for police legatees, and undertaken field visits and/or supported field officers on numerous occasions.

Martin has shown honesty, enterprise, excellence, accountability, independence

📷 L – R, Acting Chief Commissioner Andrew Crisp, Raelene Park, VPL Life Member & Ambassador Martin Park, Minister for Police Hon Lisa Neville MP, VPL Chair Lauren Callaway

and wide representation. He is good to have on your side through conflict negotiation/ resolution.

An affable person, he made everyone feel welcome and as part of the team.

In presenting the award to Martin, VPL Chair Lauren Callaway, spoke of all the ways Martin has contributed to Victoria Police Legacy and of all the lives he has touched along the way. Martin will be missed as part of the VPL Board but we aren't saying goodbye. Martin will now take on the role of a VPL Ambassador and from everyone associated with Victoria Police Legacy, we congratulate Martin on his achievement. 🇦🇺



CONGRATULATIONS LACHLAN TODD! VPL's first Protective Services Officer graduate


History was made on Friday 10th November 2017 when Victoria Police Legatee Lachlan Todd graduated as a Protective Services Officer. Lachlan is the first police legatee to graduate as a Protective Services Officer and his extremely proud mother, VPL Legatee Marilyn Todd along with Board Member Diane Wilson, CEO Lex de Man and Youth Events Coordinator Andrea Lyons witnessed this very special graduation.

Lachlan follows in the footsteps of his father, Inspector Gary Todd, who sadly passed in 2014 after 30 years' service within Victoria Police. Congratulations to Lachlan from all of us at Victoria Police Legacy. We wish him well for a safe and wonderful career serving the community of Victoria.



VPL Chair Lauren Callaway accepts the \$5,149.70 cheque from Squads 30 & 31 graduates

CONGRATULATIONS TO SQUADS 30 & 31

Victoria Police Legacy is proud of the 47 Victoria Police graduates from Squads 30 & 31 who on the 7th December, the day of their graduation, presented Victoria Police Legacy with a cheque for \$5,149.70. The funds were raised through various challenges that members of both recruit squads undertook during their 31 week recruit course. The Victorian community can be very proud of each of these 47 new Constables who have joined the ranks of Victoria Police. 

HANDING OVER OF 'THE VPL BATON'


A NEW SQUAD TAKES ON THE CHALLENGE!



VPL Chair Lauren Callaway and CEO Lex de Man with members from Squads 30 & 31 and Squad 14 following the handover of 'The VPL Baton'.

Following on from the magnificent effort of Squads 30 & 31, Squad 14, who recently commenced their recruit course, has taken up the challenge to fund raise for Victoria Police Legacy.

This occasion was marked at a recent Police Academy Superintendent's Parade where members from Squads 30 & 31 handed over 'The VPL Baton' to members from Squad 14. This is the first occasion that 'The VPL Baton' has been handed over to mark the commencement of the fund-raising challenge from a graduating recruit squad to a squad at the commencement of their training.

'The VPL Baton' will take pride of place in 'C' Block at the Academy and will be handed from one squad to the next squad that wishes to take on the challenge to raise funds to support members of policing families who have lost a loved one. Good luck Squad 14! 

'HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING AN ORGAN AND/OR TISSUE DONOR'

Victoria Police Sergeant John Lowe, who in 2016 became a volunteer with DonateLife Victoria following the passing of his wife Louise in 2014, recently highlighted the need for more organ and/or tissue donors.

John is wishing to highlight throughout the policing family the importance of organ and/or tissue donation and recently highlighted the following facts.

A person is **more likely to need an organ transplant** than to become an organ donor
Only 1-2% of people who pass away in Australian hospitals **can be a potential organ donor**
 Around **1,400 people** are on Australian **organ transplant waiting lists at any time**
 In 2015, **159,052** people passed away in Australia
 In 2016 there were **503 organ donors in Australia**
 Last year there were **1,447 organ recipients**

As John puts it "It is through the wonders of medical technology that we now live in an age when advances in medicine have allowed doctors and nurses to be able to save people through the transplantation of human organs".

If you would like to know more about becoming a future organ and/or tissue donor go to the DonateLife Victoria website at donatelife.gov.au/donatelife-victoria



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A big THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed in any way to the work of Victoria Police Legacy in 2017. Many people have contributed in all sorts of ways from volunteering their time to prepare mail outs, to driving a bus, to assisting with events. We also had a lot

of support financially from many different groups which work to raise funds to further add to the contributions of our Victoria Police members. Most of all we want to thank you for allowing us the privilege of sharing your lives with us and joining in activities. 🙌



Ride to the Wall

The purpose of the ride is to raise awareness and funds for Victoria Police Legacy. Since its inception in 2015, the ride has raised more than \$50,000. Well done team!



The 41 Club

Youth Scholarship awards for two young Victoria Police Legatees.



Women in Policing

In 2017, Victoria Police celebrated 100 years since the first female agents joined the ranks.



RSL Clubs Victoria

The making of 'kiln fired clay ANZAC Plaques.

MFB and SOG

Helping to make our young VPL Legatees rise to great heights and come down again at the Burnley Training Centre.



Wall to Wall

Taking the baton from the Victoria Police Memorial in Melbourne to the National Police Memorial in Canberra and raising funds along the way.

GACY SAYS THANKS

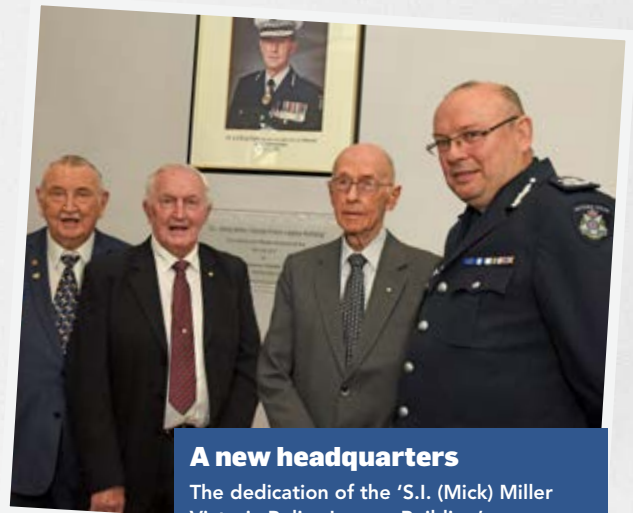


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AFL and MCG

A great day out for our male Victoria Police Legatees – cheering on their team.



A new headquarters

The dedication of the 'S.I. (Mick) Miller Victoria Police Legacy Building'.



Northern Cruisers & Harrop

Classic Cars on Show, great days of special cars and special people. We raised awareness and gate takings were donated to Victoria Police Legacy.

VPL would also like to thank

Maddocks Lawyers,
The Patricia Dukes Foundation,
Rotary Central Melbourne,
Melbourne SOCIT, CUBE group
and anyone else who supported us throughout 2017.



VICTORIA POLICE LEGACY
STRATEGIC PLAN
2017-2021

VPL Strategy Document

Was developed in consultation with key stakeholders including a fantastic focus group of Victoria Police Legatees.



Rotary Club of Balwyn

Supporting VPL Families in conjunction with Box Hill Miniature Railway – helping to make this into an annual event.



Richmond Football Club

For looking after Danielle Marley and giving her a day she will treasure forever.

Fundraising Breakfast

This year's charity fundraising breakfast was a huge success with over 400 people attending.



We remember them

At each VPL Board meeting, the Board and staff acknowledge the passing of both serving and retired members. This is an integral part of confirming eligibility and contacting surviving partners and any dependent children

to offer support and connection to other legatees. Recognising that the spirit of engaging, supporting and connecting people through Police Legacy starts with knowing that someone has suffered a loss. Care

magazine shares that information with our broader police family. We recognise the passing of serving, retired or resigned police officers, as well as Police Legatees.

Date of Death	Name	Reg No.
21.02.2017	Senior Constable Geoffrey Allan TIEMAN	17612
28.04.2017	Mrs Lotte Fenton (legatee)	-
06.06.2017	Senior Constable Peter Levinsohn BRITNELL	10099
27.07.2017	Senior Constable Russell Keith TWITE	14347
23.09.2017	Leading Senior Constable Gavin FREW	27893
24.09.2017	Commander Sandra LANGLANDS	17373
30.09.2017	Senior Constable Francis John BOWER	17471
.10.2017	Detective Senior Sergeant Kevin Russell BROWN	16613
02.10.2017	Senior Sergeant Roger Robert SIEVWRIGHT	13932
07.10.2017	John Thomas KELLY	-
10.10.2017	Detective Senior Constable Robert Ian TAYLOR	15314
12.10.2017	Chief Inspector John MARTIN	14946
13.10.2017	Sergeant Geoffrey Kenneth FAULKS	12950
25.10.2017	Sergeant William Keith MCNAIRN	16413
26.10.2017	Inspector Peter John MERRIGAN	14694
28.10.2017	Detective Senior Sergeant Peter James SPENCE	17629
04.11.2017	Sergeant Wallace Edwin HACKING	11929
08.11.2017	Leading Senior Constable Daniel Kenneth SAGE	34111
08.11.2017	Mrs Joan Theresa MEALING (Legatee)	-
13.11.2017	Chief Inspector Donald Frank FLOWERS VA	12308
22.11.2017	Senior Sergeant Trevor 'Spider' ELSOM	19564
27.11.2017	Senior Constable June Marie LONG	11868
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Thank you

Thank you to all those organisations that support Victoria Police Legacy in many ways.



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