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# CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Superintendent Lauren Callaway.

## Are we doing a good job at Victoria Police Legacy? Are we doing the right job?

They may seem like odd questions to ask ourselves when we have been around for 38 years and have an established charitable business of supporting police families, but I think they are questions that need to be asked often. And they need to be answered through a lens of honest, critical assessment.

I was faced with that situation two weeks ago when we attended the annual national conference for all police legacies. Our guest speaker, Dr Gary Johns from the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission, gave a sobering view of the charity environment and what can go wrong when organisations lose their way. In very simple terms he cautioned the need to 'stick to your purpose'.

He also asked the questions about whether we are measuring efficiency or measuring effectiveness, with the observation that donors do not make their decision to support a charity based on efficiency.

Those remarks have resonated with the team at VPL as this year we have looked within ourselves to see how can we do more, and where increases in services are most required. When we deliberate on making changes we don't simply take out our strategic plan as a guide to what we have signed up to. In fact, what feeds into the discussion are:

- Conversations at VPL events where you share with us the things you like and the things you don't agree with;
- Feedback from senior police who interact with police legatees in all sorts of environments and listen to their

circumstances, which may prompt a conversation with the board about why we do things a certain way;

- Comparisons with other police legacies who share their initiatives and more importantly, the rationale that sits behind a new idea or service; and
- Observations about our police legatee family, such as where we are seeing increases in numbers or where we are seeing a gap in support.

An important part of the process is to then discuss that information as a board - where we often have differing views - and then cross reference our decision making against our governance framework to make sure our purpose remains the clear driver of our direction.


So what does this all mean for our policing families? In the next few months we'll be putting forward some big decisions to the board around service provision that intends to lift our principle of inclusion, and strengthen our objectives to connect, engage and support you.

**There is no mystery around what we intend to do as these ideas have come from the people we engage with, simply we want to:**

- Provide more support for young people who have lost a parent, in ways that will fundamentally ensure they are on the right track for life;
- Recognise that life doesn't always work out the way you want it to by bringing former police legatees on their own back into the full program; and
- Celebrate people whose lives move on but who are still very much part of the policing family. We hope to expand out the events you love the most by including more into the Friends of Police Legacy calendar.



**ALL OF THIS CAN BE DONE BECAUSE WE HAVE A GENEROUS MEMBERSHIP WHICH LOYALLY CONTRIBUTES TO VPL EVERY FORTNIGHT AND WHO VERY RARELY, IF EVER, REMOVES THAT SUPPORT.**

They are big hearted people who care about others and we want to do everything we can to live up to their expectations. So I look forward to sharing good news with you as it happens. 





# VOLUNTEERING WITH VICTORIA POLICE LEGACY

Victoria Police Legacy is pleased to welcome Senior Sergeant Paul McBride, to the team.

Paul will continue to develop the framework for volunteering, including how to grow the number of volunteers.

Paul has been a volunteer with VPL since 2010, photographing numerous events over the years, and will greatly enhance the offering to police legatees. "I feel very humbled and proud to be invited to assist with co-ordinating and further developing the volunteer service for VPL."

Paul McBride joined Victoria Police on 2 April, 1973. Starting at 8am, Paul and his squad were the last squad to attend 'The

Depot' in St Kilda Road, and the first to start at the new academy at Glen Waverley on the same day at 10am.

After graduating, Paul worked at Russell Street, then Collingwood and Ringwood. After three years at Ringwood, he progressed to the CIB, working as a detective at Russell Street, Fitzroy and Box Hill. "I returned to Ringwood in the CIB in 1982, until I was promoted to Sergeant at Hawthorn in 1990."

Soon after, he was invited to work at the Sergeant's Course at the academy, where he was promoted to Senior Sergeant, before returning to Ringwood once again as the Deputy Station Commander. After 45 year's service, Paul is now on long service leave until he retires in November 2019.



Paul was awarded an Australian Police Medal in 2011, in acknowledgement of his extensive experience as a detective, and his work in increasing efficiencies and reducing risks to police members through improvements to organisational policy and procedural change.

Paul was also awarded a 'Paul Harris Fellowship' by the Rotary Clubs of Monash and Nunawading, for his volunteer work delivering the Rotary Digital Camera Courses, and raising extensive funds for Rotary projects over a number of years. He is one of only a few non-Rotarians to receive this prestigious award. 🌐

## MARRIAGE AND FUNERAL CELEBRANT

Most police legatees are aware of our consultant and fellow police legatee, Bryan Sharp. After a 41-year career, Bryan left policing in February 2017, and we've been fortunate to recruit him to help support police legatees.

Some might not be aware that Bryan is also a Registered Marriage & Funeral Celebrant. "It's really just another extension to policing

where I get to help people. I've had the privilege of being the celebrant for hundreds of weddings and funerals. I take great pride in customising every one of them as a unique event".

Bryan's experience extends to many funerals for police members including being the first civil celebrant, as a serving police officer, to conduct a funeral with police

honours at the Victoria Police Academy Chapel. Bryan has also conducted funerals of serving police and family members at no cost.

If you're looking for an experienced celebrant for a wedding or funeral, Bryan would welcome your call - he offers his services at vastly reduced rates for police families.

Bryan can be contacted on **0421 617 275** or at [bryan.sharp1@bigpond.com](mailto:bryan.sharp1@bigpond.com) 🌐

## NATIONAL POLICE LEGACIES CONFERENCE

This year, the annual National police legacies Conference was hosted by Queensland Police Legacy in Brisbane.

Police legacies from all over Australia, including the Royal PNG Constabulary Legacy, exchanged ideas and strategies on how police families are currently supported by their respective police legacy.

A highlight of the conference was the signing of the 'Memorandum of Understanding' (MoU) by the chairs and presidents of state and territory police legacies.

The MoU ensures that no matter where a police legatee lives, they'll receive support from the policing family.

Another highlight was a thought-provoking talk by Dr. Gary Johns – Commissioner – Australian Charities & Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC), on the operations of the ACNC. 🌐



📷 State & Territory Police Legacy Chairs & Presidents signing the Memorandum of Understanding

📷 Left: Dr. Gary Johns – Commissioner – Australian Charities & Not-for-Profit Commission with VPL Chair Lauren Callaway



# WILLING BUT BEWILDERED

## How a scholarship shaped the life of a police officer's son.

In a new book documenting his life, the first recipient of the Victoria Police Provident Fund Scholarship described the scholarship as the 'most valuable and pivotal single event in my life'.

Mr. Wells, now aged 95, spent two years creating his autobiography *Willing but Bewildered*, which he gifted to Victoria Police at a recent event with Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton.

In his memoir, Mr. Wells recalled reading about the scholarship in 1935, in *The Police Gazette*. At the time his father, Senior Constable George Peter Wells 8033, was a police officer in rural Victoria. He later died while on duty in Kyneton.

At the presentation of the book to VPL Patron Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton, Mr. Wells said, "My parents decided that I should compete (for the scholarship). I would never have thought to do it myself."

The opportunity completely changed the course of his life. "Instead of starting 1936 as an unskilled juvenile worker, I was up for secondary education, probably the first of our name to get there," he said. "I owe gratitude for a rewarding life, to the sponsors of the scholarship, which gave me four years of secondary education. It created my career and my life as I know it."

Since 1980, VPL has supported families who have lost a partner who is a serving or retired police officer, protective services officer or recruit in training. Support includes education and career grants (like the one provided to Mr. Wells), social activities, emotional support and financial assistance. 🧡



📷 Mr. K Wells presents VPL Patron Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton and Assistant Commissioner Stephen Fontana with a copy of *Willing but Bewildered*

## HEAD TO HEAD FUNDRAISING WALK

VPL Patron, Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton, and Secretary of the Police Association, Wayne Gatt, will be going head to head on a massive fundraising walk, to raise awareness and much needed funding for former Victoria Police officers living with mental illness.

The walk starts on 1st October and covers a combined distance of 1,000km across Victoria. Graham and Wayne will start from opposite sides of the state, Mallacoota and Mildura respectively, and meet halfway near Wangaratta, approximately three weeks later. Each walking party is holding events with local communities and visiting police stations along the way.

VPL recently presented the Chief Commissioner with a cheque for \$10,000 as a contribution towards this initiative, which was raised at our 'Charity Breakfast' at the MCG. 🧡

📷 VPL Board Member Inspector Glenn Owen presents Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton with the VPL donation of \$10,000



## Regional lunches

The VPL Regional Lunches aren't just great fun and hugely popular, they're also



📷 Bendigo



📷 East Bentleigh





# A TRIBUTE TO KEN RICH

VPL members may recall the tragic death of Sergeant Ken Rich, while he cycled in Pakenham on Good Friday last year.

Since Ken's death, the Rich family has continued to remain active in promoting safety for cyclists and the 'a metre matters' rule, by raising funds for the Amy Gillett Foundation.

Led by Ken's daughter, Charlene, and her siblings, Samantha, Jacinta, Crystal and Brandon, the Rich family held a fundraiser at the Pakenham Lions Football and Netball Club with all proceeds going to the Amy Gillett Foundation.

The day included a stall, raffles, massages and face painting plus Victoria Police provided a fantastic display of police motorcycles and Highway Patrol vehicles.

Bryan Sharp, from VPL, hosted the presentation with guest speakers, Acting Sergeant Daniel Wood, from the Cardinia Highway Patrol and Mr Matt Dimattina, from the Amy Gillett Foundation. The presentations raised awareness of bike safety, to the crowd of around 150.

Sergeant Rob Madeley, from Narre Warren Police Station, presented a framed certificate and memorabilia to Ken's wife, Kerry, and his children. This was in recognition of Ken's contribution of over 37 years to Victoria Police and the community.

Over \$2200 was raised, which will assist the Amy Gillett Foundation to continue their work with cyclist and driver education.

All at VPL congratulate the Rich family for their wonderful efforts in supporting the Amy Gillett Foundation.

If you'd like to make a donation to the Amy Gillett Foundation please visit [www.amygillett.org.au](http://www.amygillett.org.au)



Charlene Rich (who organised the day) with Matt Dimattina from the Amy Gillett Foundation

## The Victoria Police Legacy Board:

### Board Executive

#### Chair

Superintendent Lauren Callaway

#### Vice Chairman

Detective Inspector Roger Schranz APM

#### Board Members

- Senior Sergeant Darren Kenos
- Senior Sergeant Diane Wilson
- Superintendent Mark Galliot - Chief Commissioner's Nominee
- Inspector Glenn Owen
- Inspector James Dalton
- Senior Sergeant John Laird - President: The Police Association Victoria
- Senior Sergeant Kate O'Neill
- Non-Member Director Stephen Capello

### The Police Legacy Team

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Lex de Man AFSM

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Andrea Lyons

#### Admin support

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#### Contractor –

#### Legatee Support

Bryan Sharp

#### Volunteer

#### Coordinator

Paul McBride APM

## 2018 NATIONAL POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY

The 2018 National Police Remembrance Day service is on Saturday 29th September.

A march of Victoria Police Officers, led by Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton AM APM, begins at Princes Bridge at 9am and will continue down St Kilda Road to the Victoria Police Memorial. A remembrance service will begin at 9.20am at the memorial. ALL WELCOME.

an important activity in the VPL calendar. They provide a wonderful opportunity for police legatees, who share a common bond

of being members of the broader 'police family', to come together and enjoy good company and fine food. In the last few

months, we've held Regional Lunches in East Bentleigh, Bendigo, Moonee Ponds, Berwick, Warrnambool and Wodonga.



Moonee Ponds



Warrnambool



Wodonga



# A PARTNERSHIP BUILT ON A LEGACY



The bank for Police

For 38 years, Victoria Police Legacy has supported serving and retired Victoria police members and their families in their time of need – providing ongoing support and a range of services for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

"We exist to ensure that should a serving or retired police officer or protective services officer, or their spouse, partner or a recruit in training die - that no surviving spouse, partner or child will ever feel forgotten or be in need of support. We also support police

families who are experiencing grief and hardship caused by imminent death or a permanent or prolonged disability," explained VPL's Chief Executive Officer, Lex de Man.



"And because we're not-for-profit, we rely heavily on the generous support of the sworn members of Victoria Police to fund the range

of services we provide, as well as bequests, sponsorships and other donations."

#### **That's where BankVic comes in.**

BankVic has been providing much needed funding and assistance to VPL for many years. As a 'members' only bank where 100 per cent of profits are returned back to benefit members and their communities, partnering with VPL to support the wellbeing of Victoria's finest is a natural fit.

"Like VPL, we were established by Victoria Police members to help fellow police officers secure loans and get a better deal from their bank. More than forty years later, we're still the bank for police – so giving back through this partnership allows us to pay homage to

## 2018 'KOPKODA' - 'A LIFE-CHA

**YOUNG POLICE LEGATEE,  
COOPER DE HAAN,  
ENJOYED A LIFE-CHANGING  
EXPERIENCE WHEN HE  
WALKED THE 2018 KOPKODA.**

The trek is an eight day walk and not for the faint hearted.

Starting from Port Moresby, participants must acclimatise to the heat and humidity before beginning the first stage of the walk around the city of Port Moresby.

The trekkers then visit the Isurava Memorial before arriving at the Deniki camp site.

From there, the trekkers walk for 6-10 hours a day, climbing nearly 5,500 metres, crossing from the west to the south of Paupua New Guinea, taking in sites such as Surgeons Rock, Iora Creek and Mount Bellamy.

Cooper is the first young police legatee to participate in the 'Kopkoda' trek, which is one of the world's toughest treks and an experience that can never be forgotten.





who we are and where we've come from," said BankVic CEO Anthony De Fazio.

"BankVic also lend support and get behind other groups that benefit the wellbeing of the Victoria Police community – like The Police Association of Victoria, Blue Ribbon Foundation and the Victoria Police Amateur Sports and Welfare Society." 🏆

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN SUPPORT OF POLICE LEGACY

### Ride to the Wall

This year, more than 80 Victorian Police Cycling Club (VPCC) members will commemorate the lives of Victoria Police members taken in the line of duty by riding 380 kilometres over three days.

This year's ride begins on 20 September in Wangaratta, followed by a dedication for Constable John Duff at the Greta Cemetery. Riders will then travel through Mansfield and Healesville before completing their journey with a memorial service at the Victoria Police Memorial Wall on St Kilda Rd.

BankVic is travelling alongside those participating and providing a rider support

vehicle for the event. To see who's taking part and how you can donate, visit

<https://give.everydayhero.com/au/victoria-police-legacy-team-2018>

### Wall to Wall Ride for Remembrance

This year, the national Wall to Wall motorcycle Ride for Remembrance will take place on 15 September, in the lead up to National Police Remembrance Day. Groups of riders will depart from each capital city and come together in Canberra, before uniting as a single group and riding as one to the National Police Memorial for a ceremony honoring fallen police colleagues.



BankVic will be there to help – with employees riding and providing vehicle support, as well as working to raise awareness and funds. To register, donate or find out more please visit

<https://2018walltowallrideforremembrance.gofundraise.com.au/page/lanMarro>



# NGING EXPERIENCE'

The Victoria Police Kokoda Project has now organised eight treks across the Owen Stanley Ranges and, in doing so, has changed the lives of 151 students from schools and public housing estates within the Moonee Valley area.

Along with students and police legatees, participants on the trek include sponsors, teachers, ambulance paramedics and

police members.

This year, VPL was able to send a young legatee thanks to the generosity of funds raised and donated by car enthusiast club, the Northern Classic Cruisers.

VPL plans to provide this amazing opportunity to more young legatees in the future. 🏆



📷 Very proud mum Michelle De Haan and Cooper with the VPL tshirt



My association with the Victorian Police Legacy came out of tragedy, and whilst nothing will ever bring back my Dad, the support, friendship and opportunities that I have been given since being a police legatee have been life changing. *Cooper De Haan.*





# The trip to NT

2 to 6 July 2018

## Monday 2 July 2018

Melbourne - 13 degrees

Uluru - 24 degrees

It was 13 degrees in Melbourne when our group arrived at Melbourne airport for our flight to Uluru. We were a big group with three staff, three volunteers and 23 police legatees. While everyone was on time at the airport our baggage was taken late, so the group had to run to Gate 50, and the flight was delayed by 30 minutes.

We were met at the airport by our tour guide and coach driver, Susanne, who made us feel extremely welcome. Two police

legatees who live in the Northern Territory, siblings Ben and Jamie, joined us for their first outing with VPL.

On the way to our camp, we visited a camel farm, and befriended some camels, emus, and kangaroos. We then travelled to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park (the Olgas), which included an invigorating walk in the Valley of the Winds. Later we saw a spectacular sunset at Uluru.

On Monday evening, we travelled to the Field of Light at Uluru, where we walked through 50,000 spindles of light, in an area the size of seven football fields.

## Tuesday 3 July

Uluru - Min 0.5 / Max 26 degrees

On our first morning in Central Australia we were up for breakfast at 6am, then travelled to view the sunrise at Uluru. We watched the colours of the rock change as the sun rose above the horizon to a cloudless blue sky.

Our next stop was at the Cultural Centre, where we enjoyed an informative and entertaining talk from Valerie, a local indigenous woman, who explained the symbols of aboriginal drawings and art, and showed us some culturally significant areas. Her drawings in the red sand showed some of the geography of the area and stories that have passed from generation to generation. She also showed us some of the ancient tools used by her people over many generations. Valerie was accompanied by an interpreter who, coincidentally, was a police legatee from Queensland. We then visited the Kulpi Mutitjulu or family cave, the Mutitjulu Waterhole, and caves containing ancient rock paintings.

We then travelled to Kings Canyon to our camp in the Watarrka National Park Camp Ground. After eating a fine meal in a bush dining room, everyone had a chance to say a few words about themselves and the trip so far. It was a memorable night with many laughs and revelations.





### Wednesday 4 July

Uluru - Min 2/Max 27 degrees

The group travelled to Kings Canyon for a hike, which took in many beautiful and memorable sights. We then travelled to Alice Springs which took about six hours.

Just before dinner, we welcomed Glenn to the group. Glenn had travelled from Lavarack Barracks in Townsville to be with us, joining his brother Brett on the trip.

### Thursday 5 July

Alice Springs - Min 5/Max 28 degrees

After a hearty buffet breakfast, we travelled on Namatjira Drive to the West MacDonnell Ranges, passing Flynn's Grave, and visiting Simpsons Gap, Standley Chasm, the Ochre Pits, Ormiston Gorge and Ellery Creek Waterhole - for a swim in freezing water!

The Very Reverend Doctor John Flynn is buried at the foot of Mt Gillen, 15km west of Alice Springs. He was the founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, whose first flight was from Cloncurry in Queensland on 17 May 1928, in a single engine, timber and fabric bi-plane named 'Victory' leased from QANTAS for two shillings per mile. The very first flying doctor, Dr Kenyon St Vincent Welch, was also on board.

After some free time back in 'Alice', dinner was at Sporties Café and Restaurant. It was a great meal, and we were joined by our tour guide, Susanne, as well as Ben and Jamie's mother, Robyn, his sister Kristy, and their adopted brother Richard.

### Friday 6 July

Alice Springs - Min 9/Max 19 degrees

After breakfast we travelled to Alice Springs airport for our flight to Melbourne. This time there was no need to run to our boarding gate!

Overall it was a fantastic trip and we're all looking forward to the next one. Many thanks to the team, particularly Andrea and Carol at Victoria Police Legacy, who worked tirelessly to plan and organise this wonderful and truly memorable trip. 🙌





# MEET OUR AMBASSADORS

Victoria Police Legacy is proud of our Ambassadors who attend many events on our behalf. All our Ambassadors work hard to increase awareness of VPL to both Victoria Police and the wider community. They undertake various activities to positively reflect the main purpose of Victoria Police Legacy, which is to support our police families.



**MEET SENIOR SERGEANT  
ADRIAN HURRING**

Senior Sergeant Adrian Hurring joined Victoria Police around 29 years ago. In that time, he's worked with Corio Uniform, Williamstown Uniform, Russell Street Uniform, Werribee TOG (HWP), Geelong TOG (HWP), Melbourne West Uniform and Police Communications D24.

Like all members, Adrian signed up to donate to Victoria Police Legacy on day one. "To be honest, I wasn't sure what it was all about but it sounded good. About 20 years ago, I was asked if I could drive a group of police legatees from Geelong to Melbourne, for the annual Christmas lunch. The joy and happiness I saw really showed me the importance of my donations and the role Victoria Police Legacy plays. Since then, I've driven the bus every year and have met some fantastic people."

Adrian joined the Police Legacy board in 2012 and served for four years. However, working from Ballarat made it difficult to commit, so when Ambassador positions were created it was a very easy decision for him to put up his hand so he could help the VPL once again. 🦋



**MEET COMMANDER  
CLIVE RUST**

Commander Clive Rust has served as a member of Victoria Police for an incredible 45 years. Currently he's the Commander at Eastern Region and supports the Assistant Commissioner in the overall management of the Region. "Before this, I had various leadership roles including Commander at Airlie Leadership Development Centre, where I delivered professional development programs to senior police and public service members."

Clive has also worked as a Divisional Commander and served four years in charge of investigations at the Professional Standards Command. During this time, he enhanced and promoted a culture of high ethical standards throughout Victoria Police.

From 2008 to 2015, Clive also served as an honorary aide-de-camp to the Governor of Victoria, and was awarded the Australian Police Medal in 2014. He is the holder of the National Medal and 2nd Bar and a recipient of the Victoria Police Ethical Service Medal and 40 year bar. Commander Rust is proud to be an Ambassador for Victoria Police Legacy. 🦋



**MEET SANDRA HIGGINS**

Sandra Higgins' dad, Sergeant Edward Moran, joined the force the month she was born. Many years later, and after a long career in media, Sandra followed in her dad's footsteps and joined the service in Brisbane, Queensland. "I think one of Dad's proudest moments was seeing me graduate in uniform."

Sandra returned to Victoria, and the Victoria Police family, nine years ago and has spent several years working within VicPol's Media and Corporate Communications Department as a public servant. "I'm currently attached to North West Metro Region, which is where dad served during his policing career. Sadly, we lost dad in an accident so mum is now a police legatee."

Sandra knows first-hand the difference Police Legacy makes to our police families and wanted to help with personal support for loved ones left behind. "Our police give generously every pay – just as my dad did back when he was a serving member – to ensure our police legatees are looked after. That blue bond is forever and it's an absolute privilege to be part of such a caring, family-focused team." 🦋



**MEET SENIOR CONSTABLE  
SHANE DONALDSON**

Senior Constable Shane Donaldson was born and raised in Nhulunbuy, Arnhem Land. He completed his senior schooling in Queensland and has worked full time ever since. "My goal was always to become a Victorian police officer, following in my grandfathers footsteps, Detective Superintendent, Michael Wiggins."





In 2009, Shane moved to Victoria and fulfilled his goal when he graduated from the Victorian Police Academy. Since then, he's worked at numerous police stations including, Moorabbin, Shepparton and St Kilda. He's now attached to the Security Services Division, where he endeavours to have a positive influence on his peers by trying to create a good image and striving for the best.

Becoming an Ambassador was an easy decision for Shane. "My grandmother, mother and her siblings were police legatees' after my grandfathers passing. The constant support VPL provided to my family showed me the difference it could make in helping struggling families. This inspired me to want to be that support for the future generations."

"We must honor, protect and support our police officers and their family's every day of the year." Janet Reno – first woman to serve as US Attorney General. 🏠



**MEET SUPERINTENDENT  
PETER O'NEILL**

Peter joined Victoria Police back in 1973 and has enjoyed a diverse operational experience across most areas of the Force. "For the past seven years, I've been part of the Specialist Operations Division in Melbourne City, where I've led and managed international events including the MCG Boxing Day Test, Victorian Racing Club (VRC) Spring Racing Carnival, and Australian Open Tennis."

In 2004, Peter joined Victoria Police Legacy as a board member. In that time, he's held a number of positions including Vice Chair. Peter left the board in 2015, and the following year he was made a Life Member of VPL. On leaving the VPL Board, Peter 'jumped' at the opportunity to become a VPL Ambassador. "I continue to enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship with the wider VPL family, as well as attending functions and events."

Peter is married to Clare, and they have four children. Their eldest child Kate is a senior sergeant and a present member on the Victoria Police Legacy Board. 🏠



**MEET SUPERINTENDENT  
STEVE WHITE**

Steve joined Victoria Police in 1987 and has spent the majority of his career as a Criminal Investigator at various Crime Squads including Homicide, Rape, Armed Offenders and Arson & Explosive.

Starting in 2009, Steve spent six years as an inspector as the Banyule Local Area Commander, ND4 – Investigation and Response, and within the Professional Standards Command. "I was promoted to the rank of superintendent in mid-2015, taking on the role of the Foundation Training Division within the People Development Command." Steve's responsibilities include training programs for Police Recruits, Protective Service Officers and Police Custody Officers.

Steve saw an opportunity to create greater awareness of VPL and has worked with recruit squads and the VPL Board to raise funds and create awareness through various initiatives including the Baton challenge. 🏠



**MEET SUPERINTENDENT  
LISA WINCHESTER**

Superintendent Lisa Winchester has 33 years' experience with Victoria Police, with a large part of her career as a detective; performing duties at a number of inner city CIU's and Embona Taskforce. She has also worked as the Local Area Commander at Melbourne East, where she worked closely with council and local stakeholders to improve community safety as well as policing major demonstrations, community and sporting events.

Currently, Lisa manages the Learning Development and Standards Division at People Development Command. "This area provides leadership, capability and guidance in the development of innovative educational and training resources, with a focus on e-learning, higher education models and the development of stronger tools through the library services and media and online learning."

Having hosted several graduation parades Lisa was fortunate enough to meet a number of police legatees. "Seeing their connection and loyalty to Victoria Police helped me realise why we need to nurture and support these relationships. It's something small I can do to value those that have gone before us, and their families who are continuing on without their loved ones." 🏠



**MEET SERGEANT  
MARTIN PARK**

Sergeant Martin Park joined Victoria Police in 1980, as a 16-year-old cadet. He worked in operations for 22 years before moving into Police Welfare, where he works with Victoria Police employees and their families. "This was my segue into becoming involved at VPL."

In 2017, after 10 years as a VPL Board member, Martin stepped down and was honoured with Life Membership. He was delighted to be offered the role of an ambassador and looks forward to remaining involved for many years to come. "The police legatees are an amazing and supportive group, and I love being part of the camaraderie. I receive as much as I give to this wonderful cohort."

As an ambassador, Martin hopes he can provide support to the board and VPL staff, to allow them to focus on the continued growth and improvement of services for police legatees. "The emphasis for me is attending graduations, regional lunches, regional getaway's and promoting the purpose and benefits of VPL." 🏠

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# MEET OUR AMBASSADORS



**MEET SUPERINTENDENT FRANK SELLS**

Superintendent Frank Sells is a superintendent in the Road Policing Strategy Division within the Road Policing Command.

He works with the Transport Accident Commission, VicRoads, the Roads Minister and other stakeholders as part of the Towards Zero campaign - to help bring down the state's road toll.

Frank has held a seat on the Victoria Police Legacy Board as the Chief Commissioner's Representative and, during that time, made a contribution to our strategic planning. "I've been involved in various VPL activities, including the 2012 Children's Camp and the 2013 Children's Christmas Party."

Frank has also provided support, guidance and advice to many police legatees during his time as a VPL Board Member. As a VPL Ambassador, Frank now looks forward to supporting our police families. 🙌



**MEET INSPECTOR KERRIE HICKS**

Inspector Kerrie Hicks joined Victoria Police in 2001, and enjoyed an operational policing career at Fitzroy and Footscray. She was then promoted to detective at the Melbourne CIU, sergeant at Melbourne West police station and senior sergeant at the Melbourne East and Collingwood Police Stations.

In December 2016, Kerrie commenced as Wangaratta Local Area Commander. "Rural policing has proven to be one of the most rewarding roles I've held as it presents an incredible opportunity to work collaboratively to achieve community safety objectives."

Kerrie is a self-confessed nerd, having completed a Bachelor of Arts (Criminology), a Graduate Diploma of Business (Management), a Certificate II in Applied Language (Spanish), a Graduate Certificate in Fraud Investigation, and a Graduate Certificate in Applied Management (Policing and Emergency Services).

Kerrie is extremely grateful and excited to be a VPL Ambassador. "Attending a Wangaratta VPL lunch this year reinforced the incredible importance to stay connected with our whole policing family. It is essential we never forget our organisation's history which includes those who have served before and for us, and that we continue to support and stay connected to their loved ones." 🙌



**SILENT AUCTION**  
*Aspire to Inspire*

VPL presents a framed photo of Corp Cameron Baird, VC, MG. Posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross. This beautifully framed photo includes the poem "Burnie Boy" and replicas of his uniform patches and the Victoria Cross and Medal of Gallantry.

Bids for this photo will be accepted until 5 p.m. on the 10th Nov, 2018, with the successful bid being announced at 11 a.m. on the 11th Nov. 🙌

Bids will be accepted at:  
[lex.deman@policelegacyvic.org.au](mailto:lex.deman@policelegacyvic.org.au)


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# DAY AT AVALON

A fantastic day was had by all our young adult police legatees who visited Avalon with members from Victoria Police SOG and the MFB.

This event wasn't just an enjoyable day, our young police legatees also received valuable road safety education. Some of the memorable activities included defensive driving, experience using the "jaws of life", and hot laps as passengers in a BMW and Ferrari. It was great to see everyone smiling and having a great day. Knowing our police members want to engage and support our young adult police legatees is what VPL is all about. 



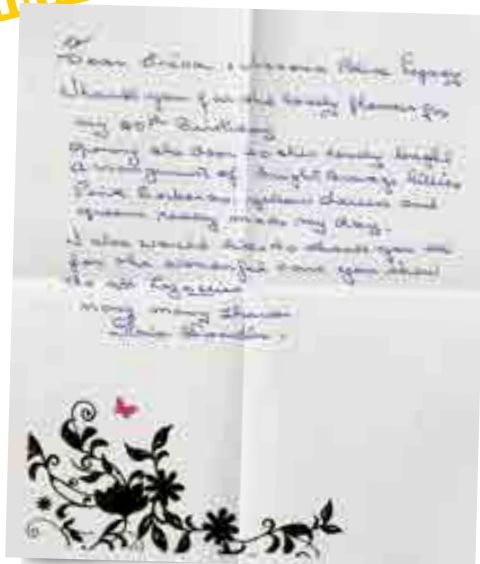


# TELL YOUR TALES POLICE LEGATEES CORNER

Thank You from Leonie Doyle



Thank You from Moira Shander



## Thank you from our Legatees

Here are just a few thank you's we received over the last few months from our Legatees.



## WELCOMING WELFARE

Front: Joe Gazis, Dave Thompson, Michelle Elliot, Michelle Birkic, Frank Smokrovic, Martin Park and Jim Jung. Middle: Margie Lewis, Elizabeth Brown, Loredana Giusti, Trish Van Nugteren, Julie Sanderson and Karen Janssen. Rear: Wendy Wiese, Bronwyn Jackson, Dave Kelly, Lee Hawkins and Josh Thompson.

It was a busy and memorable day when Victoria Police Legacy welcomed members of the Victoria Police Welfare Unit, to utilise our meeting room in Carlton.

This is just another way we work to strengthen the links between Victoria Police and Victoria Police Legacy.

## VPL PARTNERS WITH THE



Victoria Police Legacy is excited to announce a new partnership with the SCRgroup, which proudly gives Australia's unwanted items a second life. The partnership means clothing recycling bins at 44 metro train stations will display the VPL logo. The clothes that are collected will be turned into green fuel, with the funds raised going towards supporting young police legatees undertake personal development activities.

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

## 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 police legatees, or a story that you would like to share with others? Then let us know here at VPL. 'Police Legatees Corner' - please send your story to us via [info@policelegacyvic.org.au](mailto:info@policelegacyvic.org.au) or at **Victoria Police Legacy** P.O. Box 573, Carlton South 3053.

## Happy 21st

At Victoria Police Legacy, we celebrate the 21st birthday of each of our young police legatees with a \$550 cheque. This is thanks to the ongoing generous donations received from Victoria Police members, and we thank all members for their continued support.

Over the past few months we've celebrated 21st birthdays with

**Samuel Watts**  
**Isaac Commadeur**  
**Lauren Sharp**

Lauren, who is in her last year of study in criminology and psychology, is the daughter of Bryan Sharp, who worked with Roger Schranz at the Police Academy. "One of my recollections of Lauren is when Bryan took her out of school so she could go to the chapel at the academy for the dedication of the two Victoria Police Legacy banners. I remember Lauren spent quite a bit of time chatting to the Governor and his wife."


VPL Vice Chair Roger Schranz presenting a 21st birthday cheque to young police Legatee Lauren Sharp.








## MEMBERS MATTER

Victoria Police Legacy is proud to announce a new sponsorship agreement with BankVic. As you may know, BankVic is a member's only bank where 100 per cent of profits are returned to benefit Victoria Police members and their communities. 

## CONTINUING 'THE CHALLENGE' IN SUPPORT OF YOUNG POLICE LEGATEES




 (left to right) VPL CEO Lex de Man, Youth Events Coordinator Andrea Lyons and Leading Senior Constable Sashi Vagadia

## Thanks Nissan!


Through its Northern Nissan dealership in Bundoora, Nissan has helped VPL obtain two new cars to support field visits to police legatees throughout Victoria. We appreciate this wonderful and generous support. Thanks Nissan!




 Field Officer Eileen Keily and Board Member Darren Kenos

## GRADUATION GUESTS

Travelling by train and taxi, Geraldine and Janet made their way to the Police Academy to attend the Graduation of Victoria Police Squads 19 & 20.


They were met by VPL Board Member Inspector Glenn Owen, and introduced to Deputy Commissioner Andrew Crisp. After a lovely afternoon tea, our police legatees enjoyed a night away from home before travelling back to Paynesville the next day. 



 Geraldine Tyler and Janet Cook with Deputy Commissioner Andrew Crisp



Former Recruits from Squads 30 & 31 (2017), have created a fantastic fundraising activity to support the VPL Children's Christmas Party at Gumbaya World Theme Park.

Over the next few months, 30 collection tins will be placed in police stations and mess rooms across Victoria.

The tins will be collected in the last week of November and all funds raised will go towards the Children's Christmas Party. This fundraiser was launched in July by CEO Lex de Man, VPL Youth Events Coordinator Andrea Lyons, and Leading Senior Constable Sashi Vagadia, with support from the Transit Safety Division. 




## A PROUD DAY

Watching their granddaughters graduate from the Police Academy was an incredibly proud moment for police legatees, Merle Bell and Sadie Gaffney. Along with VPL Board Member, Senior Sergeant Diane Wilson, Merle and Sadie enjoyed a fabulous day which they'll treasure forever.   Sadie and her granddaughter Julie, on left, Merle and her granddaughter Madison on right.



## LET'S JUST GOOGLE THAT!

During the July school holidays, Victoria Police Legacy was offered a fantastic opportunity to spend a day at Google Australia's head office, for a behind-the-scenes look at how Google operates, interactive learning sessions and cyber safety awareness. We were also shown some of the new products and ideas they are working on, including 'Google Cardboard', which interacts

with any device for a virtual reality experience. When discussing what the future looks like, we were reminded that it's the imagination of kids that will drive the development of future technology, and it's the future that they dream of now. A big thank you to everyone at Google Australia, Melbourne, for a great day dedicated to our young police legatees. 



# 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 police legateses. Recognising that the spirit of engaging, supporting and connecting people through police legacy starts with knowing that

someone has suffered a loss. The *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 legateses.

| Date of Death | Name   | Reg No. |
|---------------|--|---------|
| 08.04.2018    | Mrs Carol MILNE (wife of retired Inspector Lawrence MILNE) | -       |
| 08.04.2018    | Mrs Mary MULDOON (police legatee)                          | -       |
| 11.04.2018    | Detective Sergeant Robert WYLLIE                           | 12709   |
| 23.04.2018    | Senior Constable Diarmuid Patrick (Dermot) CRANDLES        | 12410   |
| 30.04.2018    | First Constable Robert Reginald DOWDELL                    | 9725    |
| 04.05.2018    | Constable Duilio Victor (Vic) MUNZONE                      | 14584   |
| 04.05.2018    | Senior Constable Donald Powell ROBERTSON APM               | 10284   |
| 08.05.2018    | Acting Sergeant Andrew THOMAS                              | 33907   |
| 09.05.2018    | Senior Sergeant Robert Henry (Harry) BODGER                | 14120   |
| 16.05.2018    | Senior Constable Andrew CHALLEN                            | 19987   |
| 16.05.2017    | Mrs Marita HAYES (wife of Inspector Paul HAYES)            | -       |
| 19.05.2018    | Sergeant Lawrence Henry BICKERTON                          | 13846   |
| 26.05.2018    | Sergeant Peter Laten VAAS                                  | 14924   |
| 28.05.2018    | Mrs Lucy MCKENZIE (police legatee)                         | -       |
| 28.05.2018    | Senior Constable Robert Bruce BAIRD                        | 12853   |
| 29.05.2018    | Constable Keith Douglas WILLIAMS                           | 13714   |
| 01.06.2018    | Senior Sergeant Brian James MCCARTHY                       | 12810   |
| 06.06.2018    | Senior Constable Leonard John FITZGERALD                   | 13969   |
| 07.06.2018    | Sergeant Graeme Lyle JENNER                                | 15958   |
| 09.06.2018    | Detective Sergeant Jason SPRIGGS                           | 26792   |
| 16.06.2018    | Sergeant Douglas John ELMS                                 | 10570   |
| 17.06.2018    | Mrs Audrey O'TOOLE (police legatee)                        | -       |
| 29.06.2018    | Superintendent Peter J HESTER                              | 16015   |
| 01.07.2018    | Leading Senior Constable Ian HAWKE                         | 22746   |
| 02.07.2018    | Mrs Patricia STEWART (police legatee)                      | -       |
| 06.07.2018    | Constable/Reservist Constance (Connie) Margaret BIRD       | 12645   |
| 07.07.2018    | Chief Inspector Maurice Edward William STAFFERTON          | 12247   |
| 15.07.2018    | Detective Leading Senior Constable Dean MAHER              | 27094   |
| 15.07.2018    | Senior Sergeant William Frank HEYDON OAM                   | 13693   |
| 16.07.2018    | Heather FISHER (police legatee)                            | -       |
| 18.07.2018    | Mrs Jean Angus MUMFORD (police legatee)                    | -       |

**Correction:** In the May edition of the CARE Magazine Lorraine George Rymer, was shown at the rank of Superintendent where he should have been listed as Commander. Victoria Police Legacy receives information from various sources and at the time of printing we believed that what appeared was correct. We apologise to the family.

## Thank you

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



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