

## Victoria Police Legacy website [www.policelegacyvic.org.au](http://www.policelegacyvic.org.au)

We are proud to announce our presence on the web. Our site contains up-to-date information about our organisation and the events we hold and plan to hold for legatees. If you get the chance we would love you to check it out. We welcome comments (see Contact Us).



## Donations to Victoria Police Legacy

Victoria Police Legacy has successfully gained Deductible Gift Recipient status from the ATO. Donations (includes police fortnightly payroll contributions) are now tax deductible. This applies retrospectively to all payroll contributions made during the financial year ending 30 June 2008 and onwards.



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### Membership drive

We are extremely grateful for the generosity of our police contributors. And to strengthen our membership base, we have begun a project to recruit others, including those members who may not have been given the opportunity to start up regular contributions to Victoria Police Legacy whilst they were in training at the Academy. Two Board members have been visiting work places providing members with information about the work we do and the families we help. This has already made a noticeable difference to our donor membership. We thank members for their quick response and encourage others who have not yet signed up, to do so and join with us in helping spouses and families left behind.

### A reminder to legatees regarding our postal address

We are experiencing a delay in mail delivery due to the use of our old address on letters. Could you please amend your record of the address, replacing it with  
PO Box 537  
Carlton South VIC 3053

### Country generosity

The Wodonga Police Sports Club recently held their Police/Citizens golf day, raising \$1,200 for Police Legacy.

We are very grateful for the hard work by Murray Sleep and the organising committee and for the generosity of the participants. The money raised will assist with the delivery of our 2008 program which includes a special resort holiday for legatee children and their parents in July at Club Med Hayman Island. To thank the club, Police Legacy invited Senior Sergeant George Bedson to our legatee lunch at Wangaratta and presented him with a special plaque for the station.

Pictured above: Senior Sergeant George Benson pictured with Police Legacy treasurer Inspector Doug Hocking at the Wangaratta lunch.

### City generosity

Troy and Zara Swindells-Grose, working as Humour Australia Pty Ltd were engaged to do a presentation to the Australasian Police Audit conference at the Victoria Police Centre earlier this year. Being reminded of the good work by Police Legacy in Western Australia, Zara suggested they donate their conference fee to Victoria Police Legacy. Contact was made with our office and a cheque for \$600 was handed over. We are very grateful to Troy and Zara for their generosity.

### John Moloney – worker for his community

Our world is full of people who spend their lives helping others without much recognition. Sergeant John Moloney is one of those people. John has been with Victoria Police for 35 years. At the completion of compulsory National Service, he was one of the first recruits to train at the Academy in Mt Waverley.

Initially serving at Russell Street and Collingwood, John returned to his home town of Ballarat in 1977. In 1983 he was promoted to sergeant requiring him to 'do time' in Melbourne gaining supervisory experience in the city. The low point of his career occurred during this period of duty in Melbourne when on Easter Thursday 27 March 1986 he helped a critically injured Constable Angela Taylor into the ambulance at the scene of the Russell Street bombing. John knew Angela well. After a courageous battle, Angela died 3 weeks later.

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This tragic event changed the world for Sergeant Moloney and the rest of Victoria Police. 'Member safety' was promoted to the forefront of police consciousness from that day onwards.

John transferred to work as a front line supervisor in general duties at Ballarat a couple of months later. He has remained in that position since.

He loves the work, particularly the opportunities it provides for police performing duty in country communities.

'Being a policeman in the country is especially unique because I find people care more for each other and that assists us in our work', John said.

John and his wife had 3 daughters and John actively involved himself in their lives. He coached basketball teams for many years believing that 'if we involve ourselves with our kids in the community in which we work, there will be a better understanding between police and community'.

John has a special regard for the youth especially those with a disability. He helped set up the Ballarat Police Youth Club in 2002 and from that grew the concept of a program to help children with cancer. Through the energetic work of John and others, 600 children ranging from 4 to 8 years of age have been taken on short breaks in a variety of locations to give kids a holiday and allow parents to have a little respite. In response to the question of why he does it, John says, 'Whatever you put in, you get back 1,000 times.'

### Legacy

John readily accepted the additional role of Welfare Officer for Ballarat and as such he came in contact with police and families who had been struck by the tragic loss of a loved one.

From that flowed the regular (self driven) contact with legatees and working with Police Legacy to help remind wives of police and retired police that although Victoria Police is a large organisation they, as individuals are never forgotten.

### Award

In 2005, John was awarded the Australian Police Medal for work in the community over a period of 25 years. John is quick to point out that he could not have done it without assistance from colleagues who came with him to assist others or who worked extra hard at the station while he was at meetings and camps.

Victoria Police Legacy is indebted to John for the work he does on our behalf in the Ballarat region. We know Ballarat police, local legatees and particularly the special kids and their families helped by John, appreciate his drive and dedication. And there is no doubt many more will be touched by this 'Good Samaritan' in the future.

Pictured above top: John Moloney with Nicole Miller, Di Dawson and Judy Weller at a recent lunch for legatees at Ballarat.



### Commonwealth Bank Police Tattoo Adelaide 2008

How do you get a group of police legatees from all over Victoria to willingly agree to a long, tiring trip to Adelaide? Tell them there is another Police Tattoo on at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. The music, singing, dancing together with a bit of light hearted fun from local and international bands and other acts all helped make this Tattoo another classic event.

From elsewhere in the world was the Border Guards of Estonia who performed for the first time outside of Europe since their emergence as a free nation post World War II, the Band and Corps of Drums of the Bermuda Regiment who brought with them the sounds of sea and shore from their beautiful island home, the Strathclyde Police Pipe Band who brought the lingering sounds of the pipes from their home in Scotland and the Auckland Police Pipe Band who brought us their music from the 'land of the long white cloud'.

But the loudest cheers and applause from our Tattoo fans was reserved for the Victoria Police Pipe Band who won the 'Champions of the World' title at Glasgow in 1998 and have been thrilling crowds everywhere they play since inception in 1936. They were joined by the police bands from Tasmania, Queensland, Australian Federal Police and of course South Australia. Members of the Victorian band surprised us during interval, spending their rest time with our group. It was yet another highlight of the visit. Elsie Collings,

Pictured above top: (from left to right) Elsie Collings catching up with David McNamara during intermission. Grand finale scene. Pauline Bryant with band members.



wife of former Drum Major Keith Collings, was particularly thrilled to be able to catch up with the band veteran Leading Senior Constable David McNamara during the break.

### The tour log

Whilst the Tattoo remained the highlight of the trip, legatees also took in the tourist sights of Halls Gap, Horsham, Adelaide and the Barossa Valley including the classic winery at Seppeltsville, wineries at Penola, the Blue Lake at Mt. Gambier and the old port at Warrnambool before journeying back to home. They stayed overnight in Horsham, then three nights in Adelaide and a night in Warrnambool. Whilst in Warrnambool, they dined with local legatees, ensuring it was the largest gathering of police and police legatees ever in Warrnambool. A great week!



Pictured above: (top to bottom) Blue Lake Mt Gambier. Wineries Penola.

### Nhill memories

The Victoria Police Legacy group was away for six days, enjoying a break from the home chores and catching up with friends. Many were revisiting parts of Australia that hold strong memories for them. Prior to our arrival at the township of Nhill, Mrs Ella Janetzki had not mentioned her connection with this area of Victoria. However, when we stopped there for refreshments at the Sitting Duck Cafe, Ella couldn't believe what she was seeing. She found herself reminiscing about life in the town in the 1930's. This same building was the Chrysler auto showroom and she recalled as a young teenager the great thrill everyone had on seeing new streamlined Chryslers 'with boots in them'. She also recalled the hard times of life back then but was quick to add, 'you didn't complain, you just got on and helped one another and we all survived'. She was living just out of town with her parents and sister when her father died.

Ella started work at the age of six delivering milk from the cow to neighbours.

She left school at 15 to commence work in a local shop. She was able to help her mother with a portion of her very small wage of 11/6 per week. Ella met her husband Eric there when they were both still teenagers. She married when she was 21. Eric retired as a Chief Superintendent having spent most of his career in the Criminal Investigation Branch. The brief visit to Nhill was by accident, special for everyone; the cafe was owned and managed by an ex-member's wife, Anne Shiells with help from Ric. Anne was thrilled to be able to look after our group. And with the unexpected arrival of 53 legatees, two staff and a driver, local senior constable Dave Flannery answered a call for help and arrived to move tables and serve coffee with his wife and daughter who were there as part of their normal daily routine.

Pictured above top: (left to right) Tourist's coach and police car outside the former Chrysler showroom now the Sitting Duck Cafe. Senior Constable David Flannery with Pat Dempster (left) and Faye Coysh.

