

PPWPA Update

President's Message

How quickly the year is passing us by; we are already heading half way through the year. Before long we will be celebrating our October lunch. Don't forget to bring a serving or past member with you to our next lunch so that they can experience the joy of our events and the friendships we have.

The committee are working hard on our strategic direction for the next 3 years, focusing on recruiting and retaining new members both past and present, inclusive of our unsworn personnel.

In April this year I was honoured to be part of one of the biggest turn outs at the Angela Taylor Memorial Run/Walk around Albert Park lake. It was great to see so many PPWPA members participating with their fur babies. Please join us next year at this amazing event. Please stay safe over our colder months and make sure you check in with one another. Take care and see you all soon.
Gerry – President



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Committee member profile

Hi all, I am Leeanne TRUSLER, and I am the Membership Secretary of PPWPA. I am currently working at Boroondara CIU and hold the rank of Detective Sergeant. I graduated in 2003 and in that time have worked at Malvern, Prahran (CIU & Specials), Camberwell, Doncaster, Glen Waverley DRU, Manningham CIU, Oakleigh, Monash CIU and Boroondara CIU. I think I had the most fun in uniform and I was in no hurry to get "off" the van. Prior to joining Victoria Police as a sworn member, I was a VPS at the Police Academy for 14 years.



I am third generation police officer, following in the footsteps of my mother, Gwen FOWLER (NESTOR) and grandfather, Michael NESTOR. I also have uncles and cousins that have served or are currently serving in Victoria Police. I was very proud when my mother presented me with my badge at my swearing in ceremony.

I am the proud mother of three daughters, Allison, Monique and Rachel. Two of my daughters are married and have moved out of home to start their lives. I am nearly an empty nester 😊 .

As my mother was in the job in the 50s & 60s, she had to resign once she married my father. In the early 70s, my mother and some other retired policewomen formed the Retired Policewoman's Association. They were a very social bunch of women. As a child, I remember these women would catch up through the year and formed strong friendships. I also remember that our mums would organise a children's Christmas party at Austral WILSON's home and Santa would come along and give us gifts. They were great times and hold many memories.

We never called these ladies by the first names; it was always Mrs XXXXX. You may remember some of them, Kate DWYER, Alice CAIRNS, Ellen O'ROURKE, Moira PROSSOR, Val JONES, Joan PAFFETT just to name a few. cont.



Committee member profile cont.

As these ladies' children, we also grew up together and still have connections from those days. There are only two ladies that we did not call Mrs, Aunty Lorna (NEWTON) and Aunty Grace (BREBNER).

In my quiet time I also volunteer with Victoria Police Legacy and get a lot of enjoyment from this. I also enjoy getting out in the garden and now that I no longer have school fees etc to pay for, I am starting to enjoy travel and hope to head over to Singapore later this year and have also booked a sneaky cruise and a trip to Cairns.

There are many more women coming through the ranks of Victoria Police thanks to our predecessors who paved the way. The opportunities we have now are vast. For that I say, thank you to our senior members (current and retired).

The most valuable lesson I have ever received in this job was from my mum, she told me that the best weapon you have is your mouth and to use it wisely and respectfully when speaking to people and listen to what people say to you. This will let people know that you are interested in what they are saying. I must say that advice has come in handy of the years.

I have a few jobs that have stuck with me over the years, one being Black Saturday. I will never forget the sights and smells of that day or the proceeding weeks. I am sure that most of you will appreciate what I mean, so enough said.

I still enjoy going to work every day. Yes, there can be some days that you wish you didn't have to, but the comradeship is amazing, and I still feel honoured to serve the people of Victoria.

A couple of years ago I was diagnosed with Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma and for the cherry on the top, Sepsis. That was an interesting time and has taught me a lot of lessons, like not to sit still and watch life go by. Embrace everything! And not to sweat the little stuff. I have been in remission now for two years and I am very grateful for this.

I look forward to seeing you all at the October lunch. If you have a friend who is current or retired and they are not a member of the PPWPA, have them contact me or Wendy COWLING and we will forward them an application form so they can join. Then they can come along to the lunch as well. The luncheons are fun, and you will catch up with people you have not seen in years. cont.



Committee member profile cont.

We need to keep increasing our membership, so it is up to us all to sign up a friend this year!



Police Veterans Victoria Corporate Luncheon 2024

Police Veterans Victoria (PVV) was established in 2019 to provide support to police veterans and their families through a range of initiatives including the Veteran Peer Support program. We're here to provide those in need of support after their police service has ended. We receive an average of 20 referrals each month for issues including PTSD, depression, anxiety, social isolation and homelessness. Those in need of support range from a female aged 28 to a male aged 96 and everything in between – loss of purpose and community are major contributors to mental health issues and referrals are consistently up around 500% year on year.

The Corporate luncheon is our major fundraiser. We receive no government funding or support, unlike defence veterans and instead rely on the generosity of the public and serving police members. Funds raised are used to maintain and improve essential support services. This includes training courses for our dedicated staff and volunteers, brokerage funds to cover out of pocket expenses and administrative costs that come with running a professional organisation.

This year's luncheon is themed on "Everyday Heroes" and will feature a group of veterans undertaking the Kokoda track as well as the Batmobile; not to be missed.

Booking details cont.





Police Veterans Victoria Corporate Luncheon 2024 cont.

Enquiries to: david.mcgowan@policeveteransvic.org.au

Location Crown Palladium, Southbank Boulevard Melbourne

Time 12.00pm – 3.00pm

Date Wednesday 29 May 2024

Entertainment MC Laurence Mooney – performance by Sonic Assault

Cost Tables of 10 are \$2,000 or \$220 for individual tickets.

Use this link to make payment based on your commitment.

<https://events.humanitix.com/police-veterans-victoria-corporate-luncheon>

(This link will require guests names, contact details and dietary requirements. Copy and paste this link into your browser)



February Policewomen's Reunion Lunch



Our February lunch was held on a warm summer's day in the Main Hall at Bell's Hotel, South Melbourne.

Many of the regulars were in attendance and we had some first time attendees thanks to Jane Walsh, who arranged a full table.

Moira Prosser lit the memorial candle and a moments silence was observed to remember PPWPA member Barbara Robertson (13 year member) and Judith Treble nee Todd.



February Policewomen's Reunion Lunch. cont.

A special presentation was made to Janet Mitchell, Immediate past president, in recognition of her time on committee.

Janet was on committee for 8 years, 2 years on general committee and 6 years as president. We thanked Janet for her leadership overseeing the first Action Plan 2019 to 2022 and the instigation of many new initiatives such as the Sandy Langlands Well-being Grants, PPWPA masks during COVID and PPWPA Christmas cards.



A highlight of Janet's term was the association being a joint winner of the Most Outstanding Police Recreation, Welfare or Social Achievement Award at the 2022 Victoria Police Sports Awards, being recognised for the Sandy Langlands Well-being Grants.

As is custom for the February lunch, the world's longest raffle was conducted with most guests going home with more than one prize. Thank you to all guests for contributing to the raffle.

25 and 30 year membership pins were presented to the following members.



Joan Paffett - 30 years



Lia Salmon - 25 & 30 Years



February Policewomen's Reunion Lunch cont.



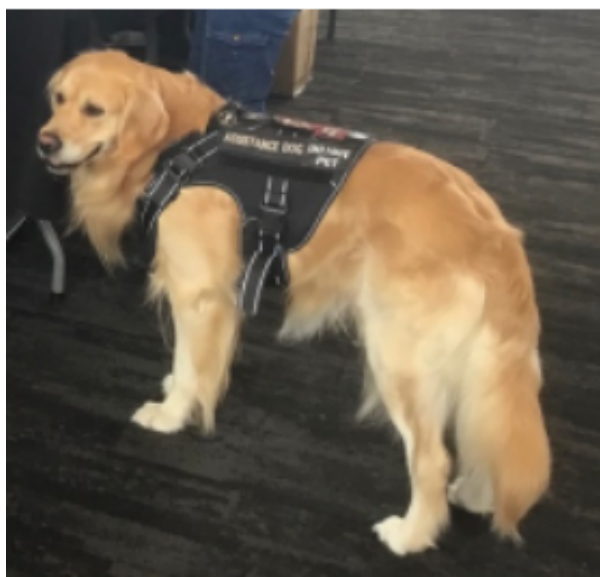
Tracey Cullen - 25 Years



Calliopi Kwas - 25 years



Lil Irwin – 30 years, posthumously awarded and presented to Gianna Joyce.



Vann was a lovely extra guest that attended our luncheon, and he was beautifully behaved. Vann is an assistance dog for his owner, who trained him herself with the assistance of a mentor.

Another great get together was concluded with the extinguishing of the memorial candle by Janet Mitchell.



PPWPA merchandise for sale



Challenge Coin -
\$15 or 3 for \$40



Notebook - \$5



Coffee Mug - \$15



P/W handbag
keyring - \$5



Pen \$3.00



PPWPA merchandise for sale



STANDARD FIT - ADULT SIZING - SHORT SLEEVE

	SIZE	8A	10A	12A	14A	16A	18A	20A	22A	24A
Back Length	A	63.5	66.5	68	69.5	71	72.5	74	75.5	77
1/2 Chest	B	45	47.5	50	52.5	55	57.5	60	62.5	65
1/2 Hem Circumference	C	46	48.5	51	53.5	56	58.5	61	63.5	66



Polos - \$34, which is cost price. It is recommended to order one size larger than your normal fit.

Email ppwpacontact@gmail.com to order and arrange payment. (Postage costs will depend on the order size)



PPWPA Membership due July 1

The membership fee is due on 1 July 2024 for the 2024/2025 financial year. The fee increased to \$20 from 1 July, 2020, however we still have some members who are only paying \$10. If you are paying your membership by annual direct debit, please check with your bank to ensure that the amount is \$20.

We are continually reconciling our membership list and have been emailing any member who is in arrears with membership. Thank you to the members who have responded.

Account name – Past & Present Women Police Association

Account No - 912774S1 for BankVic members or 100050864 for other banks.

BSB - 704230

If you have changed your home/postal address since joining, please let us know your new postal address.

Upcoming Events for the 2024 Diary

Wednesday May 29 - Police Veterans Victoria Corporate Luncheon

Thursday June 13 – Westgate Blue Ribbon Branch Inside Story night

Friday September 29 - Blue Ribbon Day and National Police Remembrance Day

Sunday October 20 – October lunch and AGM at Riverside Golf and Sports Centre

Vale



Lesley Jean Matthews nee Wilson – 14159, PW 77

Lesley joined Victoria Police in 1962 one of only four policewomen recruited that year.

Lesley passed away on March 12 at the age of 86 years. Lesley was an inaugural PPWPA member for 30 years.

Christine Sewell nee Conroy – 16565, PW14 (Res 502)

Christine joined Victoria Police in 1970.

Christine passed away on May 1 at the age of 76 years. Christine was a member of the organising committee for the 75th anniversary of women in Victoria Police in 1992. It was from the success of these celebrations that the PPWPA was formed.



Christine is second from left, back row.

Sincere condolences to Lesley and Christine's family and friends.

May they rest in peace.



INSIDE STORY

CRIME SCENE -

DO NOT ENTER

Please join us

Thursday 13 June 2024 at 6.30 pm



The Westgate Branch of the Blue Ribbon Foundation is pleased to invite you to our latest Inside Story Crime Night. The event is being held at the Yarraville Club - 135 Stephen St, Yarraville VIC 3013, on Thursday 13 June 2024 commencing at 6.30pm. It will provide you with a rare insight into the police investigations undertaken to solve some of Victoria's most notable crimes. Presentations by the lead Detectives will give you a chance to see and hear details not covered by the media and gain an understanding of the offenders and crime.

You may see crime scene photos, look at the evidence gathered and details of interviews conducted by police. These step by step presentations almost make you feel like part of the investigating team. You will also have a chance to ask questions.

Light refreshments will be served during intermission. Door prizes, a raffle and merchandise will also be available on the night. Strictly 18yo and over only. \$45 per person. No photography, video or audio recording. Money raised will help fund a vital project at the Williamstown Hospital.



Book your tickets today at TryBooking
(<https://www.trybooking.com/CQIKK>) or by scanning
the QR Code. Bookings close 7 June 2024



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