



Past & Present Women Police Association of Vic.Inc

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PPWPA UPDATE | SPRING 2023

President's Message

Wow this year is flying; I can't believe we are only a couple of weeks away from our 30th Anniversary Lunch, at the Riverside Golf and Sports Centre. This is another opportunity to meet face to face with our past colleagues and friends and get to talk with some new members about the progression of policing for women. Please make sure you've got your tickets and bring your friends. We will be able to have a great meal, laughs and hear from some past and present PPWPA members.

I was fortunate enough in September to attend the IAWP (International Association Women in Policing) and ACWAP (Australasian Council of Women in Policing) Conference in New Zealand where I was one of the Victoria Police representatives. I was able to present on Policing and families and share my experience on the progression that Victoria Police and numerous Policing services worldwide for women. It was a great opportunity to unite with old friends and connect with new ones. cont.

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- **Sunday, February 22** -
Annual PPWPA Policewomen
Reunion lunch
 - **Sunday, April 21** -
The Angela Taylor Memorial
Run/Walk

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President's Message cont...

This event and many like it give us the opportunity to build our networks and learn the teachings and progression of International and Australasian Policing. Victoria Police were amongst the winners with Sexual Offences and Family Violence Unit winning for Excellence in Law Enforcement Initiative for Women in the Community. Retired member Inspector Pauline Williams was highly commended for Most Outstanding Female Practitioner, for her leadership and mentoring.

This half of the year we have sadly lost some amazing strong woman with the recent passing of Senior Sergeant Michelle Kerley VP25714, and Leading Senior Constable Joanne Rae VP26193. The road through grief is a rocky one, travelling it with loved ones will always help ease some of the pain. Vale Michelle and Joanne. I would like to encourage anyone that is going through a difficult time please don't go it alone we are a group of women that is here for everyone and if you need help please reach out or contact Wellbeing Services Tel: 1300 090 995 or Beyond Blue 1800 555 677.

Finally, I will leave you with one of my favourite quotes, "If you can dance and be free and not embarrassed you can rule the world".



Inspector Gerry McKenna
President PPWPA

Retirement Function



DETECTIVE SENIOR SERGEANT JOY MURPHY

Joy retired from Victoria Police on 17/8/2023 after serving the Victorian community for over 50 years and with the distinction of being the longest serving policewoman in the world.

To celebrate Joy's long and stellar career, a retirement function will be held from 6.30pm on Wednesday, 15th November, 2023 in the Aquila Room at the Casa D'Abruzzo Club, 55 O'Herns Road, Epping.

The cost is \$40 per person, which includes finger food and a gift. Drinks will be available at bar prices.

Payment is to be made to Past & Present Women Police Association (PPWPA) Fundraising Account no 100233366, BSB 704230. (For BankVic customers – Account 912774s2.2) Please include your full name in payment as a reference.

RSVP and payment by October 31.

For more information contact Det. Sgt Leeanne Clinton via email leeane.x.clinton@police.vic.gov.au

Any special dietary requirements should be emailed to: Wendy Cowling at ppwpacontact@gmail.com





Inspector Lilian Christina Irwin
Registered no. 13868 - P/W 64
11 May 1927 to 17 June 2023

Record of Service as presented by Inspector Gerry McKenna at Lil's funeral on 28 June, 2023

Fondly known as "Lil"

It is my honour to be standing here today as a current inspector, before one of the most influential trailblazers and fellow female inspectors. Lil's determination and drive to progress women in leadership roles ensured others like me could progress to officer rank.

Lil was a pioneer of women and one of the foundation members of PPWPA – Past and Present Women Police Association, since 1993.

Up and until October last year, we were honoured by Lil's smiling face at our biannual lunch catch ups.

Lil attended February policewomen's reunion dinners on the last Friday in February at the Collingwood Football Club.

Lil was awarded her 25 year PPWPA membership pin on 22 February, 2022. Unfortunately Lil was 13 days short of reaching her 30 year membership. As the president of PPWPA you think I would have some pull here.

Service History

3/3/1961 – Joined VicPol.

23/6/1961 – Graduated 5th of 24 recruits.

Supt. Whiteman stated Lil was an intelligent and industrious policewoman; her mature outlook has an influence on younger members of her squad.

26/6/1961 – Commenced beat duty at Russell Street.

18/5/1962 – Commended with 2 others for alertness, keen observations and devotions for locating a stolen car, which resulted in the apprehension of 3 offenders.

13/8/1962 – Transferred Morwell in 'D' & 'N' District performing policewomen duties

12/6/1963 – Transferred to St Kilda performing policewomen's duty.

30/4/1964 – Commended for alertness, courage and devotion to duty by the arrest of 2 thieves who operated at Caulfield Racecourse. cont.





Inspector Lilian Christina Irwin cont.

13/7/1966 – Transferred to Russell Street on promotion to Senior Constable.

Supt. Hickey described Lil as well conducted an efficient.

10/12/1969 – Transferred to Morwell performing policewomen's duty.

Supt. Comrie described Lil as well conducted and reliable.

21/6/1971 – Transferred to "X" District on promotion to Sergeant, performing policewomen's duties

27/9/1971 – Transferred to Dandenong Women's Police Division.

28/2/1972 – Moved to general duties in Dandenong Operations Dept.

21/9/1972 – Attended and passed sub-officers training course no 50.

23/3/1974 – Promoted to Senior Sergeant at Russell Street.

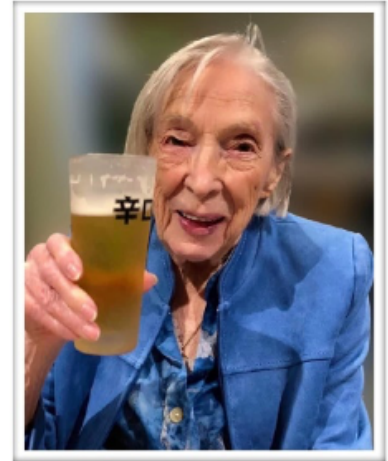
4/6/1975 – Transferred to Fitzroy in charge of policewomen.

4/7/1977 – Transferred to 'O' District as Inspector.

1/8/1977 to 30/9/1977 – Long service leave.

Upon return to work completed and passed Officers Course No 28.

We thank you for your service and may you rest in peace, your shift is completed, time to log off.



Lil was described by all her Superintendents as well groomed, punctual, intelligent, observant, efficient, competent and well conducted.

In July 1984, Chief Superintendent Keating described Lil as being a capable officer who has given good service in Personal Department.
2/8/1985 – Lil retired.

Senior Sergeant Michelle Maree Kerley - 25714

Michelle joined Victoria Police on September 15, 1986 and was stationed at Thomastown, St Kilda and after passing DTS at Licencing & Gaming. Michelle resigned on March 5, 1997 and re-joined on June 18, 2001. She was stationed at Williamstown, Altona North CIU, Purana Task Force, and Petra Task Force. Whilst at Purana, she received a Chief Commissioner's Commendation. Michelle completed temporary duties at the Academy as a Law Instructor in 2009 and in June 2011 was promoted to Sergeant at the Special Projects Unit. In January 2013 Michelle transferred to Professional Standards Command as a Detective Sgt and then in December 2015 to Darebin CIU. On June 6, 2021 Michelle transferred to Swan Hill as the officer in charge.

Michelle passed away on June 18, 2023 at the age of 55 years.



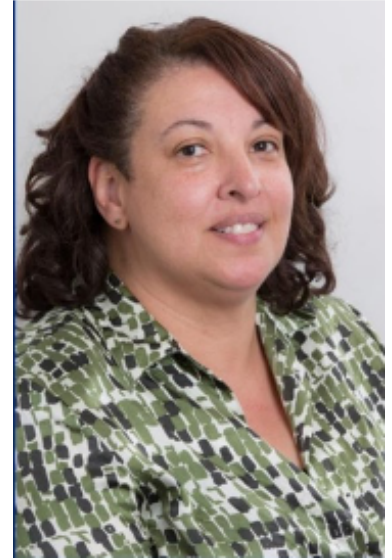
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Leading Senior Constable Jo (Joanne) Rae - 26193

Jo joined Victoria Police on September 14, 1987, and at the time of her death was performing duties as a welfare officer at The Police Association of Victoria.

Jo passed away on August 27, 2023 at the age of 58 years. Jo was a member of the PPWPA for 25 years and served as treasurer from 1998 to 1999.

May they rest in peace



PPWPA Membership

The membership fee was due on 1 July 2023 for the 2023/2024 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. Members who are not financial will be removed from the Facebook group and will not have the benefit of ongoing membership for the awarding of 25 & 30 year membership pins.

Account name – Past & Present Women Police Association

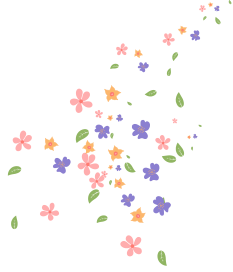
Account No - 912774S1 for BankVic members or 100050864 for other banks. BSB - 704230

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



The 2023 ACWAP awards

were presented on September 18 at the IWPC 2023 Conference held in Auckland, New Zealand. Congratulations to all the award recipients.



BEV LAWSON

Cecilia Vine QPOL Winner

CHAMPION OF CHANGE

Adam Hunt NSWPOL Winner

Robson Iavro VANUATU Highly Commended

EMERGING LEADERSHIP

Sasha Harding NSWPOL Winner

Tia Pirihi VICPOL *Highly Commended*

INTEGRITY & COURAGE

Hannah Drake NZPOL Winner

PACIFIC REGION

Emā Veiqali (Initiative) FIJI Winner

PRACTITIONER

Susan Lock SAPOL Winner

Pauline Williams VICPOL *Highly Commended*

WOMEN INITIATIVE

Sexual Offences and FVU Training VICPOL *Winner*

Sexual Violence Project NSWPF NSWPOL Highly Commended

DFV Training QPOL QPOL Highly Commended

RESEARCH

Jennifer Raymond NSWPOL Winner

ADMINISTRATOR

Christine Agius NSWPOL Winner

INVESTIGATOR

Simone Van Der Sluys WAPOL
Winner

LEADER & AUDREY FAGAN

Jacinta Pannowitz QLDPOL
Winner

INTEL PRACTITIONER

Christie Wallace-Kunkel NSWPOL
Winner



Spring Recipe



Sour Cream apple slice - no frills

- 1 packet butter cake mix (woolies have one)
- 1 cup of coconut
- 125 gm marg or butter
- 1 carton sour cream
- 1 tin pie apples (2 cans of pink lady apples from Aldi is good too!)

Mix together cake mix, marg/butter and coconut.

Then press into lamington tine, spread tin of apples over the top, then the sour cream.

Sprinkle with cinnamon & nutmug (just cinimon is fine too!)

Bake at 180 deg cel for 45 mins.

So easy for last minute guests or just to spoil yourself! Enjoy!

PPWPA Polos

Our new polos have proven very popular. We are selling them at \$34, which is cost price, including GST, plus \$9.55 postage. They will available at our next lunch in October, 2023. It is recommended to order one size larger than your normal fit.

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



Leaving a gift in your will to PPWPA



Have you considered leaving a gift to the PPWPA?

By leaving a gift in your Will, you can assist the PPWPA with its work of continuing the friendships and connections made between women during their policing careers and beyond.

All gifts would be greatly appreciated and valued and would significantly help the PPWPA to offer ongoing benefits and support to members including scholarships and one-off grants.

If you have a current Will, you should ensure that you regularly review and update it to reflect your current circumstances. If you wish to leave a gift to the PPWPA, you can make a Codicil to your current Will.

If you are yet to make your Will or are in the process of updating it, please contact us at ppwpacontact@gmail.com and we can provide you with the relevant details of the PPWPA and wording for the clause for you to include in your Will to leave us a gift.

The gift in your Will can take many forms e.g. a specific asset such as shares or other particular items of value or simply a pecuniary gift of a certain dollar amount.

Consult your legal advisor to ensure the option you have chosen best reflects your intentions and discuss your decision with your family and loved ones. This will ensure they understand and support your reasons for choosing to assist the PPWPA in such a special way. Once you have remembered us in your Will, please let us know.



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EXCLUSIVE PRE-RELEASE OFFER EDITION 21 CONSTABLE T. BEAR SANTA'S SPECIAL HELPER

Christmas and the Holiday Season is a special time that can mean different things to people. It's when many families come together, there is the sharing of gifts, decorations and fancy lights across our cities and suburbs, getting ready for Santa's arrival on Christmas Eve and for the little ones, the anticipation of what he might bring for them.

Times are pretty challenging at the moment so we thought we'd make this Christmas a little happier with our 21st Edition of Constable T. Bear by creating something very different and unique for your home or Constable T. Bear collection.

Santa has enlisted the support of Constable T. Bear after all, who better to help him work out who should be on the Naughty or Nice List?

This edition will be limited to just 2,000 bears. He comes in his own Christmas-inspired presentation box and individually numbered certificate of authenticity and despite rising costs there is no increase in our retail price. We will be shipping pre-orders during October/November.

A FIRST-TIME SPECIAL OFFER

Pre-order your **Edition 21 Santa Constable T. Bear** on copshop.com.au before October 14 2023 and you will go into a draw to win bear No 1 of 2,000!

Winner will be drawn and notified on October 16.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting



Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of The Past and Present Women Police Association of Victoria Incorporated.

WHEN: At 7.00pm on Tuesday, 14th November, 2023

Via Zoom: Join via this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8081958460?pwd=U3ZJQVZCanhzV3FGaHBqNCtxbE1XZz09>

Meeting ID: 808 195 8460

Passcode: SBC1234

BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED:

The nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting is:

- (a) to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting
- (b) to receive and consider—
 - (i) the annual report of the Committee on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year; and
 - (ii) the financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the Committee in accordance with Part 7 of the Act;
- (c) to elect the members of the Committee

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Committee of Management of the Association comprises the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary and “ordinary” members each of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association in each year.

As Secretary, I hereby call for nominations for the above positions, such nominations to be in my hand by **Friday, 3rd November, 2023**. Any two current members of the association may nominate in writing any other current member, (including retiring officer and ordinary members), with the consent in writing of that other member. A current member can nominate for one office only.

Please address all correspondence to:

Secretary

PPWPA Inc

PO Box 104

Sandringham, Vic 3191

Or ppwpacontact@gmail.com

Please consider joining our committee so that we can continue to support our members for another 30 years.



The Past and Present Women Police Association of Victoria. Inc.

ACN: A 0035417P



TO: The Secretary
PO Box 104
Sandringham, Vic. 3191

NOMINATION FORM

I,

of
being a member of the Past and Present Women Police Association of Victoria Inc. hereby
nominate
for the position of _____ on the Committee of Management of
the said Association.

Signed _____ Date _____
.....

I,

of
being a member of the Past and Present Women Police Association of Victoria Inc.
hereby second the above nomination.

Signed _____ Date _____
.....

I,

of
being a member of the Past and Present Women Police Association of Victoria Inc.
consent to the above nomination.

Signed _____ Date _____

Prepaid funerals:



Perhaps the best time to arrange a funeral is before it's needed, without the emotion and stress that often accompanies a death. Taking out a pre-paid, Fixed Price Funeral Plan is as much a part of caring for your family as preparing a Will. It helps surviving family members by ensuring they are provided with your instructions as to how you would like to be remembered. Information gathered at the time of pre-paying a funeral also means that family history details are recorded, making the process of completing death registration forms much easier.

The process of completing a pre-paid funeral Fixed Price Funeral Plan begins with a non-obligation meeting with one of our Funeral Plan team. During this meeting, funeral instructions would be explored and recorded onto the contract with a specifically tailored cost estimate for discussion and approval. A second appointment is often planned to confirm these arrangements.

Some frequently asked questions are:

Is the Fixed Price Funeral Plan money safe? Yes. The money is securely invested in accordance with the Funerals Act 2006. Funds cannot be accessed until the death occurred.

What if the invested funds did not meet the cost of the Funeral at the time of death? Regardless of how the investment performs, the contract guarantees no further costs unless additional items or services are requested.

What if Tobin Brothers went out of business? Should Tobin Brothers cease to operate, another Funeral Director would fulfil the Funeral Service obligation as funds are securely invested with an impartial investment institution.

Does a Fixed Price Funeral Plan affect Centrelink Pension? No, as the investment cannot be accessed it cannot be used to generate income for you and therefore is not subject to the Income or Assets test.

If a Fixed Price Funeral Plan is not right for you, another option for pre-planning it so use our very helpful brochure entitled "Statement of Wishes". This can be downloaded from our website and provides a structure to write down funeral instructions and family history details for future reference.

How could I find out more?

1. Telephone our Funeral advice line **9373 7000**
2. Tobin Brothers website www.tobinbrothers.com.au
3. Email info@tobinbrothers.com.au



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