

Police Legacy News



NSW Police Legacy. Caring for widows and children.

November 2006

From the Chairman



October brings the end to an extremely busy period for NSW Police Legacy. With the Blue Ribbon Dinner, National Police Memorial Dedication Ceremony, and Police Remembrance Day Ceremony there has been plenty of organising to do. The Blue Ribbon Dinner also saw the launch of the Police Legacy Annual Raffle to be drawn during the early part of 2007. Please keep an eye out for raffle tickets and lend your support to this very important fund raising activity.

The 6th Annual Blue Ribbon Dinner was held on 22nd September 2006 and was widely acknowledged amongst the 350 people in attendance as a great success. The annual dinner continues to be a valuable fundraising activity in order for us to be able to provide benefits and other forms of support, including social occasions for our Police Legatees. The proceeds from this year's event also assisted us in being able to assist family members of those police killed on duty to attend the opening of the National Police Memorial on 29th September 2006 at Kings Park, Canberra. The twilight ceremony was a wonderful dedication to all Australian Police Officers who have been killed on duty.

The Kids Holiday Camp was held from 8th October to the 14th October at Lake Tinaroo in Cairns. 40 Legatees enjoyed activities such as the Great Barrier Reef, Kuranda Scenic Railway and SkyRail, Trinity Beach and Millaa Millaa Falls.

Also, the Blue Gum Trial Hike has been postponed until the 21st and 22nd of October due to lack of numbers for the earlier scheduled date. The trial hike is conducted in order to assess the suitability of legatee teenagers interested in participating in the Overseas Hike that is being planned for northern Thailand during January 2007. Providing we identify 6 suitable legatees this will be an amazing once in a lifetime opportunity.

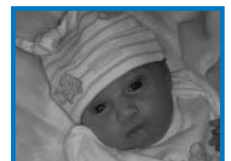
We now look forward to the Water Police Day on Rodd Island that is being organised by Marine Area Command, as well as our annual Legatee Christmas Lunch to be held at Acer Arena, (formerly known as SuperDome) at Olympic Park, Homebush and our annual Kids Christmas Party at Clifton Gardens (near Mosman). So whilst, there is still a fair bit of work to be done before the end of the year, this is one of the most rewarding periods as it gives us the best opportunity to get together with our extended Police Legacy family in the lead up to Christmas.

WE REMEMBER THEM

Phillip Hickman
Chairman

SECRETARY'S JOTTINGS

We are happy to announce the birth of Isabella Lucia Lola Troise on the 6th August 2006. Fiona is settling in well to her new roll as a mum, and both Fiona and baby are happy and well.



Isabella Troise

A big congratulations and sincere thanks must go to Mark Walton, Mark Carrick, Stuart Gair and the other members of the organising committee of the Kokoda Expedition which took place over Anzac Day this year. In excess of \$32,000 was raised for NSW Police Legacy.

Blue Ribbon Dinner 2006

The 6th Annual Blue Ribbon Dinner was held on Friday 22nd December at Acer Arena, Sydney Olympic Park (formerly SuperDome). Our Vice Patrons, NSW Commissioner of Police, Ken Moroney APM and NSW Police Minister of Police, Carl Scully were in attendance as well as the Premier, Morris Iemma MP and the Opposition Leader Peter Debnam MP. Bronwyn Bishop MP addressed the attendees on behalf of the Prime Minister, John Howard. Our Master of Ceremony for the evening was Warren Brown, cartoonist from the Daily Telegraph, who managed to keep the large crowd entertained.



Legatees enjoying themselves at the Blue Ribbon Dinner



Kate McGown Performing

The NSW Police Pipe Band and Stage Band entertained the crowd with their wonderful Blues Brothers show along with all the old favourites. 18 year old Legatee, Kate McGown was definitely a highlight with her amazing rendition of “O Mio Babbino Caro” and “It Might As Well Be Spring”.

We were also fortunate to have Sarah Marsh speak, who showed amazing strength when she spoke of her late husband Nathan Marsh. The crowd listened intently as she spoke of the loss of her husband and the relationship between Nathan, Herself and their beautiful baby daughter, Tara.

Special thanks to the following Major Sponsors of the Blue Ribbon Dinner 2006:

- ♦ Acer Arena
- ♦ Staging Connections
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- ♦ Crown Lager

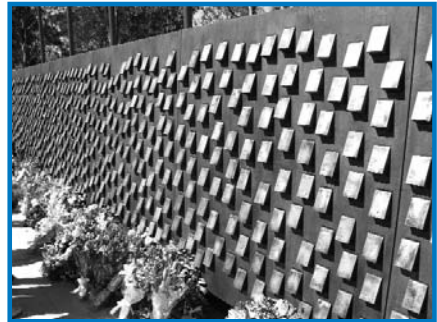
National Police Memorial

After many years of preparation the National Police Memorial was officially opened at Kings Park, Canberra on Friday 29th September 2006. It has been 10 years since the first suggestion was made for a Police Memorial, and the much anticipated opening was an impressive event. Attendees included The Prime Minister, as well as Premiers, Commissioner's and Police Representatives from all over the country. Family members of police killed on duty were invited by the Australian Federal Police to attend this memorable evening. NSW Police Legacy had approximately 140 Legatees attend the twilight ceremony, and as representatives Melissa Ward-Miles and Jordan Lees were invited to light a candle during the official proceedings. Several Legatees decided to march along side approximately 700 Police from Old Parliament House to the Memorial Site which marked the beginning of the evening.

The dedication ceremony was followed by 'Family Day' on Saturday which gave family members a chance to spend time at the site and have a closer look at the beautiful inscriptions, as well as lay flowers for their loved ones. The site which sits next to Lake Burley Griffin is a peaceful and moving site that is well worth a visit.



Kath Spears, Anne and Peter Hayden and Shirley Swadling



The National Police Memorial Wall

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Network Coordinator Report

New Legatees

I would like to express a warm welcome to our new legatees in July, August, September and October and hope to see them at one of our upcoming functions:

- ♦ Lorna Anforth
- ♦ Margaret Kennedy
- ♦ Patricia Rowe
- ♦ Julie Lynch
- ♦ Maxine Gillespie
- ♦ Elizabeth Wood
- ♦ Alva O'Keeffe
- ♦ John McLean
- ♦ Florence Jeffery
- ♦ Catherine Todd
- ♦ Grace White
- ♦ Grace Hamilton
- ♦ Ruth Black
- ♦ Dianne Birnie
- ♦ Kath Slade
- ♦ Fay Wilson
- ♦ Shirley Clare
- ♦ Dulcie Douglas
- ♦ Carol Leitch

In Memoriam

- ♦ Ida McKinnon
- ♦ Margaret Smith,
- ♦ Margaret Alice Granger
- ♦ Frances Kirby,
- ♦ Irene Baldwin,
- ♦ Gloria Millington

Mark Dooley Memorial Rugby League Match

On Sunday 24th September 2006 Macquarie Fields and Campbelltown Local Area Commands went 'head to head' in what is to be an annual Rugby League match in memoriam of the late Mark Dooley. Approximately \$1200 was raised through raffles and gold coin donations, which organisers were generous enough to donate to Police

Legacy. Karen Dooley attended the match, along with many police families and friends from the area.

This year the title went to Macquarie Fields Station. We look forward to Campbelltown challenging them for the title this time next year.

Survey Feedback

Last August you all received a Health Resilience Survey (Yellow booklet) via your Legacy newsletter and your response has been fantastic. I sincerely thank all of you who have forwarded the Survey back.

However, if you have not completed and sent it back in the Reply Paid envelope, it is not too late to do so. Remember, this Survey is completely anonymous, is easy to complete and is

a very important component of understanding of how we are all coping.

If you have any queries then please don't hesitate to contact me on 0402444456 or email vgreenwo@els.mq.edu.au.

Warm regards,
Verity Greenwood-Graham

DATES TO REMEMBER 2006

Water Police Day
5th November 2006

Christmas Luncheon
7th December 2006

Kid's Christmas Party
17th December 2006



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