

Police Legacy News



NSW Police Legacy. Caring for widows and children.

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From the Chairperson

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!



I hope you enjoyed a peaceful and happy break over the Christmas and New Year holiday and celebrated with family and friends.

Last year finished off with two wonderful Christmas events – the Christmas Luncheon for our widows and widowers and the Christmas Party for our families with Legatee children. Both of these festive celebrations were a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended them.

After a break last year, we will again be running our Blue Ribbon Raffle in 2009. Look out for tickets being

mailed out to you soon and please sell as many as you can to help us raise funds for Police Legacy. There will be some great prizes this year, so perhaps buy a ticket yourself as well.

We are now looking forward to our events for 2009 and a list of the dates is included in this newsletter. Make a note in your diaries and I look forward to seeing you at a function this year.

WE REMEMBER THEM.

Sue Waites
Chairperson

Kids' October Camp 2008



Legatee kids at Movie World during their October Camp

During the October school holidays in 2008, 44 Legatee children and a group of supervisors, consisting of Board members and serving police officers, flew to Queensland for the annual October Camp. They stayed on North Stradbroke Island at Minjerrabah Holiday Camp where they enjoyed activities on the beach, including sand-surfing and snorkelling. Excursions to the Gold Coast theme parks, DreamWorld and Movie World proved to be very popular with the

children. Fortunately the weather was good apart from one day of rain, but this provided the perfect excuse for a visit to the movies, so nobody was complaining! Then it was time to fly home with one new Legatee child already asking when the next camp would be! A big thank you to the Board Members and serving Police Officers who volunteered their time and annual leave to accompany the children and made this camp so enjoyable for them.

SECRETARY'S JOTTINGS

It's hard to believe that Lisa and I have now been with Police Legacy for a year. Although there was certainly an awful lot to learn and take in, we both love working here and agree that the best part is having the pleasure and privilege of meeting and talking to our Legatees. We would like to thank you all for making us feel so welcome and thank the Board of Management for their support.

BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2009

Monday 9 February
Monday 9 March
Monday 20 April
Monday 11 May (preceded by AGM)
Monday 15 June
Monday 13 July
Monday 10 August
Monday 14 September
Monday 12 October
Monday 9 November
Monday 14 December

Christmas Luncheon 2008



Director, Helen Beileiter presents flowers to a nonagenarian



Amy Taylor & Sonya Mathew enjoy the Christmas Luncheon

The Police Legacy Christmas Luncheon on 4 December 2008 was attended by almost 300 widows, widowers and special guests. They were officially welcomed by the well-known radio personality, Mr Gary O'Callaghan, who has been our MC for this event for the past 17 years! The Grand Ballroom at Acer Arena was beautifully decorated in a white and gold theme. Music was provided by members of the Police Band while guests were treated to a delicious 3 course meal. The food was complemented by a variety of Yellowtail wines, generously donated by our sponsor, Casella Wines.

Our Vice Patron, Commissioner Andrew Scipione APM, opened the formal proceedings by addressing those in attendance. He spoke of the importance of Legatees continuing to belong to the police family and the joy of connecting with old and new friends at the luncheon.

Gifts were presented to a number of volunteers to thank them for giving their time to Police Legacy throughout the year or for organising events which raised significant amounts of money for our charity. The 2008 recipient of the Roll of Honour was Bill McIntosh. This award recognises an individual's outstanding contribution to NSW Police Legacy over an extended period of time. Bill was one of the founding Board Members of Police Legacy, but his involvement with the organisation continued for many years.

Six teenage Legatees lucky enough to go on the Overseas Hiking Tour for 2008, Luke Byrne, Talara Calavassy, Mariel Greenwood-Graham, Ciara Mitchell, Ashleigh Monk and Matthew Woods were invited to the stage, along with the police officers who accompanied them, Kirsten

McFadden and Adrian Matthews. The supervisors talked enthusiastically about the trip and what the Legatees had experienced. Afterwards, Chairperson, Sue Waites, presented all the participants with plaques as a memento of their adventure.

The highlight of the luncheon entertainment was undoubtedly Mariel Greenwood-Graham's singing. This beautiful young Legatee has a stunning voice and the audience was enthralled with her performances of Christmas songs, old and new. Bouquets were presented to the nonagenarians in attendance and a few lucky Legatees received surprise gift hampers when their names were drawn out of a hat. Finally the MC officially closed the luncheon, bringing to an end a wonderful day spent sharing Christmas joy with fellow Legatees and friends of Police Legacy.

Education Grants

Application forms have been sent out to all families with dependent Legatee children in full-time education. Please ensure you complete and return these to the office in order to claim an Education Grant for 2009. If you have not received your forms please call the office on 9212 7611 to request them.

Scholarships for 2009

Police Legacy will provide three Tertiary Scholarships, valued at \$5,000 each, to students who completed year 12 in 2008. The Scholarships will be awarded to Legatees based on the results of the Higher School Certificate Examination and the aggregate marks awarded by the University Admission Index (UAI). The Board of Management strongly encourages all eligible Legatees to apply for the scholarships, regardless of whether they feel their marks will be sufficient. If you have not received an application form, please call the office to request one.

Builders Apprenticeship

One of our Police Legacy volunteers, Mark Goodchild, is a Careers Centre Manager for the Master Builders Association of NSW. Mark has assisted with Police Legacy fundraising and is now looking to help young Legatee school-leavers who are interested in undertaking a builders apprenticeship after finishing High School. If you would like to know more, please contact Mark on (02) 8586 3558 or 0414 997 102.

Kids' Christmas Party 2008



Kids greet Santa as he arrives by highway patrol car

The Police Legacy Kids' Christmas Party on 21 December 2008 gave Legatee children and their immediate families the chance to get together for a fun-filled day. It was a breezy but sunny day and most attendees took the chance to arrive in style at the scenic Clifton Gardens in Mosman on board the Water Police boats. There were plenty of yummy snacks and drinks courtesy of our generous sponsors Coca Cola Amatil, The Smiths Snackfoods Company and Mars Snackfoods Australia. Some of the children went

off to the beach for a swim while others played cricket or jumped in the bouncy castles. There was also a fairy on hand to paint their faces in some amazing designs. After a delicious barbecue lunch the sound of distant sleigh-bells and a police siren heralded the arrival of Santa in a beautifully decorated Highway Patrol car! The children gathered round to welcome him, receive their gifts and have their photos taken. He'd even brought presents for the mums. As he still had a lot to do before Christmas, Santa waved goodbye and



Our youngest Legatees, Holly & Paul Gray, meet Santa

headed off again in the patrol car. The children then turned their attention to breaking open a piñata and gathering the falling lollies. All too soon it was time to leave and the Water Police arrived with their boats to take the families back across the harbour. It was a great chance for the kids to catch up with their Legatee mates and make some new friends too. Our sincere thanks go to the officers of the Water Police and Harbourside Highway Patrol for their generous assistance in making this day a success.

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Network Coordinator's Report

New Legatees

Our thoughts are with the new Legatees joining us since the last newsletter. On behalf of Police Legacy I would like to express our warmest welcome to you all and hope to see you at our upcoming functions:

- Yvonne Stalker (partner Murray Stalker) CASINO
- Elizabeth Miller (partner Harry Miller) NAMBUCCA HEADS
- Connie Kos (partner Roman Kos) PANANIA
- Kathleen Chate (partner Lindsay Chate) LUGARNO
- Nola Cooper (partner Jack Cooper) KINCUMBER
- Margaret Shankelton (partner Robert Shankelton) OATLANDS
- Sally Smith (partner Kevin Smith) TUNCURRY
- Daphne Haase (partner Raymond Haase) MITTAGONG
- Clare Cassimatis (partner Tony Cassimatis) QUEENSLAND

In Memoriam

Our thoughts are also with the families of our Legatees who have passed away recently:

- Clarice Thomson, Shoalhaven
- Eileen Everingham, Point Clare
- Edna Fryer, Pendle Hill
- Adelle Douglass, Ourimbah
- Milda Eggins, California Gully VIC

CareAlert Smart Dialler

NSW Police Legacy has been approached by the manufacturers of the CareAlert Smart Dialler with an exclusive offer for Legatees to purchase their product at a discounted price. The CareAlert Smart Dialler is designed for elderly persons living alone to contact someone in an emergency. The product dials out for help to as many as 5 friends, neighbours, carers or relatives and has approval from the Emergency Services to include "000" as a final number to call.

The company says that the most sought after benefits of this 'Smart-Dial for help' product is that it has no ongoing monitoring fees ever, making it very affordable. It also has a waterproof safety pendant, which cannot be accidentally triggered and, thirdly, CareAlert has an agreement with Emergency Services to arrange for ambulance assistance.

The cost of the product alone is normally \$299, but CareAlert have made a special negotiated offer for NSW Police Legatees of \$289 including a combination Key Safe Lock, inclusive of postage and handling and delivered to your door. This represents a saving of around \$40 from the RRP. Added to this, if the product is purchased before the end of March 2009, CareAlert will also add an extra years warranty cover (normally \$29.95) making the warranty a full two years. This represents a \$70 benefit to each purchaser.

Further information on this product can be found on the CareAlert Brochure included with this newsletter. You can also view it online at: www.carealert.com.au and, to understand its operation, click on "View TV Advertisement" and "How it Works". If you wish to purchase the CareAlert Smart Dialler please place an order directly with CareAlert. The enclosed brochure will instruct you on how to do this and you will need to mention NSW Police Legacy when ordering to obtain the discounted price of \$289 including the Key Safe. If ordering online, input the word "**Legacy**" in the promotional code box.

EVENTS 2009

Kids' Easter Party

Sunday 5 April 2009

Legatees Winter Luncheon

Sunday 28 June 2009

Blue Ribbon Dinner

Friday 25 September 2009

Police Remembrance Day

Tuesday 29 September 2009

October Kids Camp

October 2009 (dates to be confirmed)

Kids' Christmas Party

Sunday 6 December 2009

Christmas Luncheon

Thursday 10 December 2009



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