

Police Legacy News



NSW Police Legacy. Caring for widows and children.

October 2008

From the Chairperson

September is always a busy month in the Legacy Office. Not only were we organising the October Kids Camp, but there was also the Blue Ribbon Dinner, Police Remembrance Day, the Blue Ribbon Raffle and, on the horizon, the Christmas Luncheon and the Kids' Party! We have now made it through the month and not only was the Blue Ribbon Dinner a sell-out success, but we felt that we were really able to get Police Legacy's name out into the public arena and got the attention of the new Premier and Police Minister! The Legacy office was also quite busy accepting donations from a variety of Police and public fundraising events and we are most grateful for every gift we receive.

The International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI), held its international conference during August 2008 at Darling Harbour, Sydney. They



Inspector Terry Campbell from the Property Crime Squad presents Chair Waites' with the IAATA's donation

Scholarships for 2009

At this time in the year, we wish all the students sitting for their HSC exam the best of luck! And we hope that their families also make it through this stressful time of the year. Police Legacy also encourages all students completing year 12 in 2008 to think about applying for the 2009 NSW Police Legacy Tertiary Scholarships.

These Scholarships will be awarded to three Legatees based on the results of the Higher School Certificate Examination and the

were supported by the NSW Police Force and primarily the Property Crime Squad. During the conference a fundraiser was held and the selected charity (suggested by the Crime Squad) was of course, NSW Police Legacy. A big thank you must go out to the international Policing community as well as the Crime Squad for remembering the families of deceased NSW Police Officers.

I also had the honour of attending the National Police Memorial, in Canberra on Police Remembrance Day 29 September 2008 to represent NSW Police Legacy. Thankfully no Police Officer was killed on duty this year, but it was a moving ceremony and especially at this time we do remember the enormity of the cost of working in the Police Force for families all around Australia.

On a more positive note, congratulations to the six Legatees who can't wait until January when they are off to New Zealand for the Overseas Hiking Tour. These lucky Legatees are; Ellen Marshall, Jake Connor, Nathan Saddler, Jordann Gallagher, Kate Meinel and Max Ainsworth.

WE REMEMBER THEM.

Sue Waites
Chairperson

aggregate marks awarded by the University Admission Index (UAI). Each NSW Police Legacy Scholarship carries an allowance of \$5,000 to assist with the on-going expense of tertiary education, for example, text books, fees, field trips etc.

The Board of Management strongly encourages all eligible Legatees to apply for the scholarships next year, regardless of whether they feel their marks will be sufficient.

SECRETARY'S JOTTINGS

The Christmas season is nearly here and we can't believe what a busy year we've had and already it's the lead up to Christmas 2008! This festive newsletter is the last for 2008 and so, Lisa and I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. We will return in January with the Police Legacy Calendar of Events for 2009 and other relevant information.

Invites to the following Christmas functions will be leaving our office soon - the Christmas Luncheon at Acer Arena, Thursday 4 December and the Kids' Christmas Party, which has had a date change and is now on Sunday 21 December at Clifton Gardens Mosman.

Although this is a busy time of year, we do hope that you can celebrate Christmas with us at these events.

Blue Ribbon Dinner

Over 500 guests joined NSW Police Legacy at the sell-out 2008 Blue Ribbon Dinner on Friday 19 September to help raise money for Legacy and to mark the lead up to NSW Police Remembrance Day. The Chair of NSW Police Legacy, Sue Waites, welcomed guests and spoke about Legacy's work - keeping grieving families in touch with and feeling a part of the Police family, as well as helping Police Officers to keep the memory of their departed colleagues alive by volunteering with Legacy.

Hosted by the Commissioner of Police, Andrew Scipione APM, honoured guests included the Premier of NSW, the Hon. Nathan Rees MP and the Police Minister, the Hon. Tony Kelly MP. Music was provided by the full NSW Police Band and Ms Chris Bath of Channel 7 proved to be a charming and very attractive MC, who ensured that guests enjoyed one of the biggest nights on the Police calendar.

The Premier and Police Minister's generosity on the night saw Legacy gifted with \$10,000 towards Education Grants for the over 250 children supported by Legacy. Police Legacy Legatees, Ms Kylie McFarland and Miss Mariel Greenwood-Graham, addressed the guests and spoke about their experiences with Police Legacy. They highlighted the importance of having strong support networks available after losing a loved one and the opportunities that Legacy had provided for them. The dinner guests rose to give a standing ovation in response to their stories and Mariel's stunning singing voice. Former Legatee, Melinda Schneider, impressed the audience with her heartfelt songs, while a stirring Elvis floorshow prepared attendees for the auction to come.



The Chair and Premier with Police Legacy Legatees- Joanne Miles, Melissa Ward-Miles, Nerida Dean, Sarah Matthews and Geoff Dean



Legatee Mariel Greenwood-Graham performs in memory of her father the late Senior Sergeant Denis Greenwood

Auction items included a shift with PolAir, flights to New Zealand and Vietnam and a DVD Blu Ray Recorder. The silent auction offered the chance to visit different units within the NSW Police, boutique wines, accommodation vouchers, Billy Joel concert tickets, Police memorabilia and framed artworks, to name just a few. For those who liked a surprise, mystery Star Prizes were available for purchase and guests looking for something different were offered quirky caricature portraits.

All prizes and auction items on the night were donated to Police Legacy by numerous businesses and private individuals from across NSW. Their generosity helped to ensure the night was a success. The guests, sponsors and supporters of the 2008 Blue Ribbon Dinner all shared an

amazing commitment on Friday 19 September - helping Legacy to remember the families of deceased NSW Police Officers. Chairperson Sue Waites was delighted that the night went so well - not only were vital funds raised, but "Police Legacy was able to show just how many lives it touches and the importance of continuing its work". It was wonderful to see some of the partners and children that make up NSW Police Legacy - the Legatees themselves, remembering their loved ones and celebrating their lives at the Blue Ribbon Dinner.

Police Remembrance Day

We were blessed with a beautiful morning for the National Police Remembrance Day ceremony on Monday 29 September 2008. The first part of the ceremony began at the Remembrance Wall in the Domain and was attended by NSW Police Officers, representatives from NSW Parliament, federal and international police members and support groups and families of deceased Officers. Wreaths were laid in honour of all the Officers who are remembered at this time. Police Legacy is grateful to the following Legatees who gave their time and their memories by representing Legacy - Sarah Matthews, Kylie McFarland, Soraya Calavassy, Tara and Sarah Marsh, Brendan and Barbara Speechley, John Dorsett and Jarrad McKell-Dorsett. They all displayed a strength and confidence that touched everyone who was gathered at the Domain for Remembrance Day.

A wonderful part of the day was the presentation of the NSW Police Commissioner's Scholarship for 2008. Commissioner Scipione APM was honoured to award the 2008 scholarship to Chloe Poniris, who recently joined Police Legacy and who, along with her whole family, was greatly appreciative of the support shown by the Commissioner's Office.

The day concluded at St Andrew's Cathedral with prayers for all former serving and currently serving Police Officers in the Asia Pacific region. Melinda Schneider finished off the service with her song Courageous, which is a fitting song for all Police Legacy Legatees, about finding the courage to walk on and become stronger by dealing with the challenges that life presents us.



Jarrad McKell-Dorsett and Commissioner Scipione APM at the National Police Remembrance Day wreath laying ceremony



Kylie McFarland and Sarah Matthews lay wreaths at the Wall of Remembrance



Sarah and Tara Marsh accompany the Premier The Hon. Nathan Rees M.P

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Network Coordinator 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:

- ◆Beryl Lamey ◆Dorothy Tunbridge ◆Katherine Smith
- ◆Julie Hill ◆Pauline White ◆Patricia Day
- ◆Linda Reid ◆Rae Breust ◆Caroline Johnston
- ◆Jan Hayes ◆Kim, Anthony and Chloe Poniris
- ◆Julie Taylor ◆Jacqie Ballard

In Memoriam

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

- ◆Bertha Frances ◆Veronica May Webb ◆Isabelle McClenaghan
- ◆Mona Barnden ◆Jean Clark ◆Megan McCloskey
- ◆Marie Morris ◆Betty Crossley ◆May Kearin
- ◆Maisie Bowmaker ◆Jean Radford ◆Vera Falkenmire

Low Risk Driver Education Program for 2009

The National Driver Education Program is offering Police Legacy a discounted all day Low Risk Driver Education Program. This is a one day course teaches low risk driving skills and is available for Provisional Licence holders or new holders of an unrestricted Licence. The course is run on a Saturday (based on participant numbers) at the Hawkesbury Showground, in Clarendon NSW. Participants need to bring their own car. Lunch and refreshments are supplied. If you are interested in attending then you need to contact the NDEP office, advise them that you are a Police Legacy Legatee and they

will arrange a date for attending the course. Police Legacy will cover the cost of this course for Legatees, which is offered to us at a special price of \$150.00 but is generally \$180.00.

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2008

Board Meeting

Monday 10 November 2008.

Christmas Luncheon

Thursday 4 December 2008.

The RSVP is Friday 14 November 2008

Kids Christmas Party

Sunday 21 December 2008. The

RSVP is Friday 28 November 2008. Please note the date of the party has changed.



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