

Network Coordinator Report

New Legatees

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

- ♦ Betty Hale
- ♦ Lisa Muir
- ♦ Hannah Muir
- ♦ Doreen O'Halloran
- ♦ Lorna Milton
- ♦ Edith Peterson
- ♦ Lorraine Page
- ♦ Beverley Pike
- ♦ Norma Siddins
- ♦ Christine Baker
- ♦ Joan Walker
- ♦ Caitlin McCormack
- ♦ Wendy Chisholm
- ♦ May Kearin
- ♦ Joan Briddick
- ♦ Megan Carbury
- ♦ Kathleen Barron
- ♦ Claire Naylor
- ♦ Judith Kelly
- ♦ Anne Burgess
- ♦ Helen Jones
- ♦ Jan Royan
- ♦ Pauline Green
- ♦ Kate Gray
- ♦ Holly Gray
- ♦ Paul Gray
- ♦ Lorraine Turner
- ♦ Helen McNamara
- ♦ Margaret Willmott
- ♦ Norma Lindsay
- ♦ Dorothy Kelly
- ♦ Barbara Stevenson
- ♦ Fiona McCormack

In Memoriam

- ♦ Olive Allen
- ♦ Nan Sewell
- ♦ Alma Jones
- ♦ Ailsie Walsh
- ♦ Pauline Paull

Kids Christmas Party

This year's Kids Christmas Party has had a slight change to normal proceedings. This year it will be held on Saturday the 15th December 2007 instead of Sunday as in previous years.

Police Legacy will be holding the party at Clifton Gardens where the usual jumping castle....egg and spoon races....swimming....visit from Santa will be taking place.

Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for your invitation in the mail.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2007

Christmas Luncheon
Thursday 6th December 2007

Kids Christmas Party
Saturday 15th December 2007



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From the Chairperson



Police Remembrance Day is a very important day on the NSW Police Legacy calendar, this year being commemorated on the 28th September in many locations throughout the state. Legacy representatives and many family and friends of fallen officers attended the Sydney service which started with a wreath laying ceremony at the Wall of Remembrance and then moved on to St Mary's Cathedral for an official church service.

Several Legatees were involved in official proceedings on the day, including 5 year old Jarrod McKell who did a wonderful job of laying the wreath with the recently appointed Commissioner Andrew Scipione APM. Any involvement by Legatees is always greatly appreciated by all the organisers, with the understanding of how difficult this can be on such an emotional day. A big thankyou has to go out to not only Jarrod but also, Ciara Mitchell, Mandy Proops, Suzanne Finucci and Sarah Mathews for their contribution on the day.

It was also a privilege to share the emotion filled service with family members who made the trip down to the National Police Memorial, Canberra to recognise those officers killed on duty over the previous year. The memorial site in Canberra is a wonderful tribute to those officers we have lost in the line of duty and one I recommend everyone to make the effort to see.

WE REMEMBER THEM.

Sue Waites
Chairperson

SECRETARY'S JOTTINGS

Unfortunately the Water Police Day for 2007 has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. We know many of you look forward to this enjoyable day organised by Allan Gannon and the Water Police, and we thank them for their ongoing support of Police Legacy.

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Police Remembrance Day
NSW Police Legacy has been contacted by the Police Media Unit in relation to Police Remembrance Day. They have requested that any Legatees who would be willing to speak with the Media in the lead up to, or on this important day, to contact the Legacy office prior to the Remembrance Day 2008. They require people throughout all parts of NSW, so should you be interested in making yourself available please contact the Legacy office so we can pass your details on to the relevant person.

City Central Ball

The City Central Ball held at the AJC in March was a great success with many police and their partners attending. Police Legacy was one of the lucky recipients of the proceeds raised on the evening. One of the organisers, Gary Keir presented Chair, Sue Waites with a cheque for \$7000 to go towards Education Grants for Legatees.

We are always grateful for any support of Legacy, and thank the organisers again for such a generous donation.



Chairperson, Sue Waites being presented with cheque from organiser Gary Keir.

A life Changing Adventure...Kokoda 2007 by Kristi Bailey

On 16th April this year I was boarding a plane to Port Moresby but there was no way of telling just how much the following ten days would change my life. I was joined by five other legatees; Glenn Addison, Tara Lambert, Shaun Leydon, Katherine Thompson, Geoff Thompson as well as thirty serving police officers. All together, we were about to embark on a journey across the Owen Stanley Range from Kokoda to Owers Corner.

Our guide, Aidan, gave a comprehensive understanding about the importance of the overall campaign, to help us appreciate what we were about to endure. We were also joined by a group of locals, referred to as our "legends". These men were the sons and grandsons of the true "Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels" who helped so many injured diggers through the jungle track over sixty years ago. They would prove to be just as supportive as their ancestors, as they reached out with a helping hand whenever someone slipped or needed help during tough times over the coming days.

It didn't take long before we got into the rhythm of "normal" life on the track. Getting up at 5am, putting on clothes still wet from the previous day and walking at least five hours a day, on a diet of rice, instant meals and vita wheat's. We'd conquered a few tough climbs and the backpacks we were all carrying had moulded to our backs pretty well. We were used to slipping and sliding our way through mud, and in these conditions it didn't take long to learn, that downhill is often worse and harder than steep uphill climbs.

By mid afternoon on April 18th, we walked into Isurava, one of the most significant battlefields of the campaign. As soon as we arrived the clouds began to settle low in mountains behind, creating an eerie misty outlook upon the memorial and its sentinel stones: "Courage, Mateship, Endurance, Sacrifice". These words would mean more each day thereafter as these traits of ANZAC spirit were reflected within our own group. For anyone who was doing it tough, there was no shortage of willing volunteers to help them through in any way possible.

We held our own dawn service in front of the sentinel stones the following morning; the police officers were called to attention and saluted, as the six legatees shared the honour of raising the Australian and PNG national flags. There was barely a dry eye, as the group explored the site and tried to comprehend the events that took place here.

As we went on it was a real eye-opener seeing how the villagers were able to live so happily without the daily "necessities" we take for granted, including electricity and plumbed water. I was able to see that the only real need to be happy in life is the simplest of pleasures, the love and support of family and friends.

There were definitely some great friendships formed throughout the trip as we all worked together to get everyone through. And so, around midday on April 24th we reached the end at Owers Corner. The tears flowed freely as we realised it was over. We had all made it to the end of an unforgettable journey stretching 96 kilometres. After having time to reflect and look back through the mountain ranges one last time, we were driven to our hotel in Port Moresby for some well deserved relaxation and much needed refreshing.



Kokoda participants 2007.

After a decent wash, shave, hair brush, fresh clothes, and a manicure or two, the group was barely recognisable, by either sight or scent, as we met in the hotel foyer in the early hours of April 25th. The officers dressed in full uniform and we headed to Bomana Cemetery to represent NSW in the official party for the ANZAC Day dawn service. The service was a time to reflect on our journey so far, and to appreciate what our

diggers had endured and overcome to keep Australian shores safe from invasion. During the National Anthem, those who were not choked up with emotion sang proudly about the freedom we enjoy for which those diggers are responsible. Following the service we went to the Australian High Commission for a sausage sizzle breakfast, before joining other Australians and ex-pats at the Yacht Club for traditional celebrations including a pipe band and two-up.

What an amazing journey it was. I have returned with a level of confidence and self-esteem I have never known, as well as many great new friends. I have also seen first hand the bonds and mateship formed within the Police, as every member of the group was a fine tribute to the entire NSW Police Force. They welcomed and involved us in the Police family, which our fathers were so proudly part of.

I would like to thank everyone for all their help and support, before, during and after the trip. A particular thanks goes to Inspector Mark Carrick for all his time and effort to bring this together once more. Hopefully this has become an annual event to allow many more legatees and Police the opportunity to experience this journey for themselves.

Blue Ribbon Dinner



The highly anticipated 7th Annual Blue Ribbon Dinner was held on Friday 21st September Acer Arena, Olympic Park and was a roaring success for NSW Police Legacy. A total of 335 guests attended the black tie evening to assist in raising funds for NSW Police Legacy Education Grants and Tertiary Scholarships.

The audience was addressed by the NSW Premier, Morris Iemma MP, Minister for Police, Mr David Campbell and the NSW Police Commissioner, Mr Andrew Scipione. Our Master of Ceremonies for the evening was NSW Police Constable Wes Bas who managed to keep the large crowd entertained and under control.

A special guest appearance by Legatee and multi Country Music Award winner, Melinda Schneider was very well received by the excited crowd. Melinda played the song "Sgt Bean" from her album Family Tree, a song she wrote for her father. The NSW Police Band entertained the crowd with current hit songs and hits from the past and had people up dancing until the very last song.

NSW Police Legacy was proud to have two of their Legatees, Amy and Erin Whittaker-Holt speak on the night about their relationship with NSW Police Legacy. The crowd sat in silence as Amy and Erin recounted their times at Police Legacy functions, school holiday camps and



Amy, Erin & Tracey Whittaker with Sue Waites and Premier Morris Iemma.

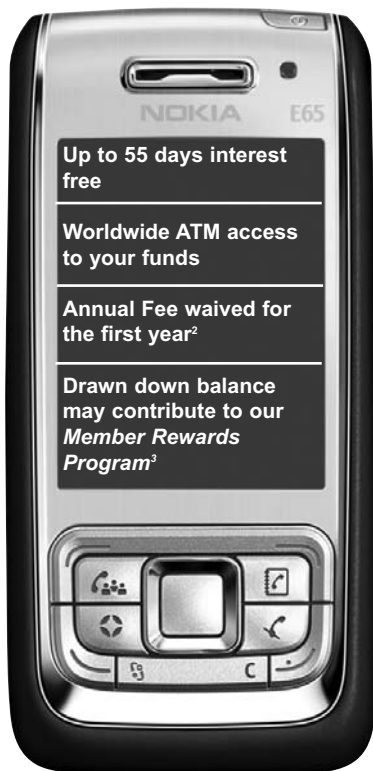
Christmas Parties. At such a tender age of 18, Amy and Erin who are about to complete their High School Certificate, delivered their speech with exceptional maturity.

A number of items were auctioned on the night including a beautifully framed NSW Police Force Shirt complete with Rank Insignia, Name Plate and Ribbon Bands, as well as a genuine NSW Police Commissioner's Cap, worn by Commissioner Ken Moroney AO APM (retired). The Cap is now very proudly owned by Legatee, Kylie McFarland who beat several other bidders to win in the end.

Raffle tickets also proved popular on the night with the launch of the NSW Police Legacy Annual Blue Ribbon Raffle. First prize for the raffle is a Mediterranean cruise for two people including return economy flights to Venice and a seven night cruise including Santorini, Mykonos, Piraeus, Corfu and Dubrovnik.

NSW Police Legacy would like to thank all those members who attended and would like to thank the following major sponsors of the Blue Ribbon Dinner 2007:

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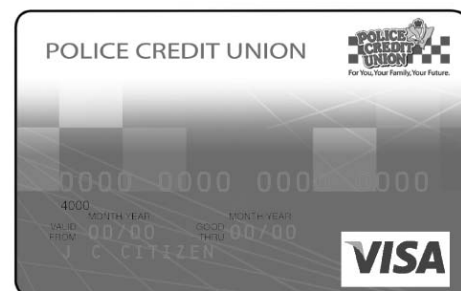
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