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MEMBERSHIP FEES:
\$25.00 Ordinary Members
\$15.00 Social Members
Due 1st July.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"The time has come" the Walrus said! And he is right, time for me to write another report, due to space it must be a short one.

There are several matters to discuss. The main one being that we are looking for Darwin members to stand up to the 'plate' this year and put their hand up for a position on the Executive. We need some 'new blood' on the committee and help would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to John Wolthers for his commitment during the past few months to the Newsletter. John has stood down due to personal reasons.

Welcome to Norm Faint and Shirley McManus who are back on the Newsletter editorial.

Graham Rees

President



SECRETARY'S NOTES

I apologize for the late reminder, YES our membership fees are due, thank you to all the members that have forwarded their yearly subscriptions, receipts and membership cards are in the mail.

Since a little bit of internal reorganization, juggling my present work from Auxiliary Police to now Public Service Police (that old age number), shift work still the same. I have managed also to settle into this new position as Secretary/Treasurer.

J.R. had relinquished the Treasurer's position and taken over the post of Vice President earlier in the year, a less stressing task.

J.W. was absent for a few weeks having a stent emplacement and of late a cataract removal thus putting this issue a bit behind however, with the dedicated help and experience of our former Research and Editorial persons we are back on track.

EDITORIAL FROM FORMER EDITOR

An update on JR Williams from his lips "comfortable but bored beyond comprehension, I am overwhelmed with the many visitors I am getting, people I never worked with, people I have not known very well, thank you all, I have completed the five radiology treatments as required and there have been no significant growth or shrinkage, in other words, I am as stable as I can be anticipated".

I have written this in conjunction with JR whilst in hospice, I am sure everybody would join me in wishing him the best and hope a pill is invented to give him that extra treatment.

The Coroner's Inquest of the finding of the Chamberlain baby infant death has now been concluded with the Coroner deciding that the dingo took the baby.

Can't say that I am impressed with the new uniform, maybe I am just not used to them, Police now seem to look ordinary where as before they stood out, give it 12 months and see what the general consensus is.

J.Wolthers, former Editor.

MEMBERS IN TOWN

'Noddy' Norm Tenthly, in Darwin for a bit of R & R from Qld. Called into RPANT house for a yarn and reminiscing over former antics of Roy James Wright. Wrighty recently had 'his' tales published 'Crocs, Cops and Leopard Skin Jocks'. Some very colourful language written between himself and Dave Lindner. Author Bob Magor.

Kingsley Taylor and Ian 'Dutchy' Holland paid us a visit on Tuesday 3rd July. Dutchy attended a get together with Lindsay McDowell, David Picker and Terry Walsh. Celebrating their joining back in March of 1972.. A photo of them will be in the next issue.

NEW MEMBERS

Tom Davern, N.T.

John Daulby, S.A. Branch

Jon Sims, S.A. Branch

Mal Warren, Vic.

Kevin Riggs, N.S.W.

Ritchard Fuz, N.T.

SICK PARADE

Terry Boxall, (as per Vic. Branch March Issue)
Terry is now in permanent care at Vermont Aged Care, 770 Canterbury Road, Vermont. He appreciates a visitor or two.

Tom C Baker, is now at home recuperating following recent surgery (from Vic. Branch)

John Williams, is still in the Hospice. A couple of our monthly meetings have been held at his 'bed side'. J.R. also celebrated his 65th Birthday there with a bar-b-queue attended by a few RPANT members and friends.



JR and our new pull-up Banner

NEWS FROM INTERSTATE

Ian Ball, N.S.W. former N.T. Constable No. 865 recently retired as N.S.W. Superintendent No.18705.

Ian's final posting was as Officer in Charge at Ashfield an inner suburb of Sydney, now happily settled into retirement as a Poppy Carer for 2 two grandchildren.

Jim Green, N.S.W. Still playing Bowls, he was awarded Bowler of the Year 2011.

Having the odd one two or more melanoma removed, the Doctor twigged to a slight accent to his question 'where were you born' Scotland replied Jim, 'ah a fair skinned person' 'with plenty of suntan working in the Pilbara' replied Jim.

Errol Finn, VIC. Recently landed in Darwin, didn't like what he saw so went home. Humbugging the residents of the home town

with his front end loaders, bull dozers, back hoes and or any other bit of machinery that moves.

To the annoyance of the local constabulary, stops his vehicle when-ever, where-ever to answer his mobile phone, stopped in the middle of an intersection 'sorry officer my vehicle stalled just ringing for assistance'.

Bob Bradford, QLD. Health wise all ok and just finished renovations to their home.

Following blindness in one eye for near on nine years Bob now on top of the world, as a result of modern technology and procedures that one bad eye now one hundred plus percent better than the other.

Will be participating with the 'Ride Memorial' from Toowoomba to Canberra upon his 1300 Cruise Honda in September.

When not renovating in any one of a number of Trade Qualifications (saves a lot of money when you can do it yourself) Bob keeps busy in Veteran Affairs with many personnel returning from the Middle East including Afghanistan.

A HEALTH MESSAGE

(From the Community Health Notice Board)

**TAIM BLA YU BLA LIBUM SMOK
YU KIN GATUM ELP
BARUM KLINIK MOB**

And of course, all of you chaps that worked in outback communities know exactly what the message reads ay.

Years and Services (health and education). roll on to ever increasing levels but that ancient old art of communicating continues with 'kriole' earlier known as 'pidgin' English.

Many of us used it with suspects, trackers, those befriended and in some cases in court, as written by Jim Alexander in his book The Rain Bird (page 13).

STORIES OF THE PAST

Retired members, our researcher is in the process of attempting to complete 5 small books of between 70 and 100 pages, each covering a 10 year period from 1945.

Your input is sought with either short stories of your experience (members or member's wives) photos and location of service.

Many of you over the years have entertained us with short stories within our Association Newsletter and some have compiled interesting books.

Permission is sought for our researcher to use any of your stories from within our Newsletters, other Police files and extracts from any book that is under 'copyright'. (if it is held by you)

Please respond to myself by phone, fax, e.mail or letter, thanks (Graham).

The books will be compiled on behalf of your Association and will be offered for sale to new recruits and serving members at a reasonable affordable price. Association members would get a discount price.

All proceeds would go to the Retired Police Association of the Northern Territory Inc.

BOMBING OF DARWIN WW2

A number of Northern Territory Police Officers were seconded to the Defence Forces during WW2, reflecting upon time, progress and experiences, the following may be of interest to whittle away spare time.

OUTBACK CORRIDOR Construction of the Stuart and Barkly Highways, Author Alan Smith.

DARWIN SPITFIRES Dog fights over Darwin and their problems, Author Anthony Cooper.

AWKWARD TRUTH The many mistakes made up to and including, Author Peter Gross.

COINCIDENCE

A few days after Norm Tenthy visited within the N.T. News 'Letters to the Editor' one A.J. Piper wrote of Wrighty's book. Piper believing

that the book shops would be flooded with 'ex-coppers' wanting to buy the book to see if 'their' name had been included.

Save your time and money, borrow it from the Library. From memory, if you were a Const. Bradley working with a Sgt. Williams (I think that may have supposed to read the other way around), apart from the Fisheries guys they were the only two apparent names mentioned.

DARWIN MOVES ON

The old story 'old Darwin aint the same anymore' our 80 odd local members and perhaps 15% of interstate members will have seen the various changes to 'old Darwin', no longer an outback city or a place for new experiences and adventure, for those not having returned, a 'few' changes.

Mitchell Street, From Bennett Park towards the Administrators house, blocks 1, 2, 3 and 4, L.A. Building, Court House all gone, replaced with Parliament House and Supreme Court. Former Police Centre, N.T. News, Ansett and Hooker buildings all gone. The Hot & Cold now Kitty O'Sheas Pub, Wesleyan Church now Police Head Office, C'wlth Hostel (for meals) now Shenanigans Pub, Dental clinic now Wisdoms Bar, plus another 8 or 9 Clubs & Bars towards Daly St. Carinya Flats about to go, opposite is large development excavation for China Town, Koala gone, cnr. Daly cleared and opposite Peary St. excavated both ready for high-rise apartments, numerous other high-rises continue to Myilly Point.

More next issue

NEWS FROM S.A. BRANCH

As mentioned in our last Newsletter, South Australia held a 2-day event at Mannum on the River Murray Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th April.

Attendance was high with forty at the lunch on Saturday. Of those, twenty one holding 'full' membership then attended the Branch AGM. All serving members were re-elected and one new member, Wendy Brown (now retired from her Travel Agency role), was welcomed to the Committee.

Twenty six stayed on for an evening meal, twenty one overnighted and fronted for breakfast on Sunday, then eighteen joined in for a river cruise. Feedback indicates those attending really had a great time, many voting it the best branch event to date.

Two new members signed up on the day; John Daulby and Jon Sims. Many, such as stalwarts Graham Daly (Broken Hill), Max Hill (Coffin Bay) and Terry & Rosemary Ey (Coonawarra), ignored remoteness, (as they routinely do), to join in but the award has to go to George and Kay Seears, they reside in Bairnsdale east of Melbourne.



Made aware of the event through the notice in Issue 57 of the RPANT Newsletter (which they only received not long before the event, another delay from Darwin) they decided they wanted to attend.

Distance (almost 1000km) is one thing but as an added challenge, George needs frequent dialysis. Not to be thwarted, they arranged for George to get his treatment at Murray Bridge (close to Mannum) and challenges met, joined the throng.

That's a 'well done' by any measure. Reaching non South-Aussies was the whole idea of the notice in the RPANT Newsletter.

Bruce Wyatt. Branch President.
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NEWS FROM VIC. BRANCH

Although late, the following 'escaped' our March issue however, better late than never.

With panoramic views to the Victorian Alps – Mt. Feathertop, Bogonga and Mt. Buffalo. Victoria Branch Members met at the home of Steve and Rewa Wallace at Glenrowan on Sunday 24th March for one of their regular get togethers.

Twelve members and their partners attended and enjoyed a great feast prepared by Rewa, with all the usual 'job talk' of events and characters past.

The Branch President reported he had been to see Terry Boxall in care at Vermont Aged Care and urged any members that know Terry to call by and say 'hi'.

He reported that he had been to Bendigo and sussed out a good venue for Southern Muster 2013 which will be held on Saturday 12th October 2013.

There are lots of attractions in Bendigo, one being the 'talking tramway' which can take you to the Central Deborah Gold Mine and only 100m away from the Lake View Resort.

Of course full details will be distributed much closer to the Muster.

Thanks Steve and Rewa for having us.

David Pollock. Branch President

NEXT MEMBERS GET-TOGETHER

SUNDAY 22nd JULY 2012 12 NOON

BOB and JULIE THORNING'S
88 Kurunjang Drive
KURUNJANG. VIC. 3337

For catering it is essential to let the President, the Secretary or Steve know if you are attending by July 18th 2012.

Police Remembrance Day will be held Friday 28th September at 10 a.m. Meet at the southern end of Princess Bridge. St. Kilda with members of the Victoria Police RPA.

David Pollock. Branch President.



DARWIN HARBOUR TODAY COMPARED TO THE 1960'S

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY, Margaret Holland, Eileen Cossons, Shirley McManus, Kevin Curley, Pat Grant, Saus Grant, Terry Fegan, David Watters, John White, Bruce Longe, Ray Weir, Avril Holdstock, John Chamberlain, Glenys Simpson, Kevin Maley, Ron Hammersley, Norm Breen, Ray Bensley, Bob Van Der Sman, Denis Fields, John R. Williams, Jeffrey Bates, David Le Cerf, Gary Manison, James Boag, Charlie Ortlipp, Bruce Penny, Peter Styles, Diane Woodyard, Lee Melville and Mick Adams.

AUGUST, Terry Boxall, Tony Kelly, Thomas C. Baker, Bev Browning, Sid Chase, Ron Natt, Charlie Taylor, Tassie Young, Alex Carolan, Kerry Kent, Anthony Potts, Roger Newman, Bob Bradford, Geoff James, Colin Hardman, Shane O'Donoghue, Mick Brennan, Bruce Holloway, Trevor Hunter, Bryce McLean, Robert Mills, David W. Jones and Mick Boldiston.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

60th Jim Boag, Charlie Ortlipp, Bruce Penny, Bruce Holloway and Gregory Dowd.

70th Ray Weir

VALE

Brad Caples No.1208. Qld. 11th Dec. 2011

Michael Cornford No.1301, SA. 1st June 2012

Lawrie Hughes No.541. NSW. 6th June 2012

Mary Ann Skelton No.1654.. Qld. 17th June 2012 a serving member. Wife of retired member David Skelton.

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