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Young police widow achieves dream

Young police widow Anna Murphy has fulfilled a personal dream she shared with her late husband, Constable Damien Murphy, by completing her legal studies which she began in the UK in September 2000.

After nine years of studying Anna was admitted as a legal practitioner at the Supreme Court of WA on June 4.

Damien, 31, was killed whilst on duty on February 15, 2007. He was attending a domestic dispute in Craigie and died instantly after being struck by a car he had signalled to slow down.

The 34 year old driver of the car was jailed for eight years in July 2008 after being convicted of manslaughter and is serving a minimum six years before being eligible for parole. He was also disqualified from driving for 11 years.

"It's taken me a lot longer to qualify as a lawyer than I had planned because of everything that's happened," said Anna.

"I couldn't contemplate even commencing my Articles of Clerkship (the last stage of my legal training) for a long time after I lost Damien. It's been difficult to focus on anything and I was just trying to get through each day."

"It goes without saying that there have been a lot of ups and downs and it's been a roller-coaster of emotions over the last 27 months. I've had to dig deep to complete my Articles. Damien was so driven to become a lawyer, as was I, and it has been this thought that has been my driving force. June 4 was a bitter sweet day but I know Damien would be proud of me," said Anna, 27, who is a member of Western Power's in-house legal team.

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Get ready for the 'Bloody Slow Cup'!!



One of the most eagerly anticipated fund raising events on the WA Police Legacy calendar is the 'Bloody Slow Cup' in Newman.

The rugby match between Kiwi and Aussie community members honours the tragic death of four WA police officers killed in a plane crash in January 2001. Since 2005 it has been held annually in conjunction with a memorial service at the crash site.

Turn to page 6 to read more from one of the co-founders of the event, Senior Sergeant Geoff Stewart APM.

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• WA Police Legacy Inc. was established in 1992 to provide family support and services to the surviving partners and children of deceased police officers.

• It is a registered charitable organisation, funded through the generous regular contributions of serving police officers, as well as those organisations and individuals who support fund raising activities and events. All deductions and received donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

• The WA Police Families Advisory Council is also funded by regular member contributions and assists the families of serving officers in times of tragedy, illness and despair.

• Each organisation is overseen by an accountable Board of Directors, with each Board including a representative of the Commissioner of Police.

**WIN,
WIN, WIN!!!
WINE CRUISES,
KIDS' SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
TO BE WON**

True Blue WA newsletter is for all members of the Police Family. We have incentives and prizes to give away, so make sure you show the children as well. In this issue you have the chance to win one of two Captain Cook Perth's Famous Wine Cruises. For the children, once again there are two \$100 savings accounts up for grabs in our Police & Nurses Credit Society "Spot the Difference" competition. Please turn to pages 14 and 15 to enter.



NEWSFLASH

Congratulations to A/Superintendent Bill Leonard who was awarded the Australian Police Medal in the Queens Birthday Honours on June 8. Bill was nominated for his outstanding voluntary work as Chair of both WA Police Legacy and the WA Police Families Advisory Council. Bill has been actively involved with both organisations for many years and previously served as Treasurer of Police Legacy. He is currently the Director of the WA Police ICT Business Integration Division.

Chairman's Message

They say that those who fail to plan, plan to fail. That is why the Board of WA Police Legacy (WAPL) continues to place great emphasis on strategic planning.

Our annual planning day was held on June 12, in conjunction with the Police Families Advisory Council (PFAC), of which I am also the Chair. While we reflected on the achievements of WA Police Legacy to date, our major focus is on developing strategies to deal with the challenges that lie ahead, particularly in terms of finances and fundraising.

WA Police Legacy is fortunate to have planned for economic hard times and has saved for a rainy day, so that we can continue to meet the needs of our beneficiaries. However, despite these harder times, we still need your support both in terms of time and donations.

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Our newsletter, *True Blue WA*, is but one of the new strategies we are employing to raise the profile of WA Police Legacy and encourage more donations and participation in fund raising events.

We have received lots of positive feedback from current and past members of WAPL and the PFAC on the quality, style and content of the newsletter, which is very encouraging.

In August WAPL will also be represented at the national conference for Police Legacy in Sydney, when we look forward to exchanging ideas and networking with our counterparts from other states.

Now I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the following. Firstly to Microsoft Australia, which last year donated \$25 million worth of software to over 1700 Australian charities and non-profit organisations, as part of its Citizenship Programs.

WA Police Legacy will benefit from \$1500 worth of software this financial year and possibly again in the future. In addition, Microsoft Australia Account Manager Nichole Whyte, who nominated us for the donation, has also offered to assist WA Police Legacy as part of the program which allows full-time Microsoft employees three days paid volunteer leave per year to work with a charity of their choice. Thank you to Microsoft Australia and Nichole for your generosity.

Over the years WA Police Legacy has received very strong support from the WA Police Union. I therefore take this

WA Police Legacy Inc. is supported by the following organisations:

- WA Police
- WA Police Union of Workers
- Police & Nurses Credit Society
- Cable Beach Club Resort

opportunity to thank and pay tribute to retiring General President of the Police Union, Mike Dean, for the unwavering support he has always provided. We look forward to continuing the good working relationship we had with Mike, with the new General President of the Police Union, Russell Armstrong.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate two of our board members, Senior Sergeants Geoff Stewart APM, and Brad Sorrell on being promoted to the WA Police Inspectors Promotional Pool. They will become fully fledged inspectors, once they move from their current positions, when Inspector positions become vacant. Geoff, of course, is fully into planning mode for the 'Bloody Slow Cup' (see page 6), to be held in Newman once again in October.

July will be very busy for us as we meet with 40 – 50 children from Victoria Police Legacy. They will be visiting WA on a touring holiday, as part of the annual travel program. The following week approximately 30 of our children will travel south to Camp Quaramup, Albany, for a week's adventure holiday.

Finally, I would just like to reiterate that the Board is always happy to receive feedback from members about how we can improve.

Bill Leonard APM
Chair, WA Police Legacy and
WA Police Families Advisory Council



Hartfield family says PFAC support for son “amazing”

The last five years have been a mixture of joy and significant challenge for Acting Senior Sergeant Matt Hartfield and his wife Jody.

But the challenges have been made a bit easier, thanks to a little help from their friends at the Police Families Advisory Council (PFAC).

Matt, who is currently the OIC of Katanning Police Station, and Jody are the proud parents of Tyler, five, Tait, three and Tarik, one.

While all children are regarded as special by their parents, their first-born, Tyler, is also classified as a special needs child, having been born with cerebral palsy.

Leading up to Tyler’s birth Matt was stationed at South Hedland and he had to travel with Jody to Perth for the birth because of complications.

“When Tyler was born we were told we couldn’t take him home,” said Matt. “We needed to be with him 24 hours a day, but we had nowhere to stay. Someone put me onto Peter Browne (Secretary of PFAC) and he arranged for accommodation, pretty much across the car park from the hospital in Subiaco.

“We were there for some months and Peter kept checking in on us, helping out where he could, bringing us books to read to break the monotony and so on. He also arranged visits from the police chaplain (Barry May, at that time). I can’t tell you how much the support of PFAC meant to us; it was amazing.”

When the Hartfields’ second child arrived, Tyler still required week-long stays in hospital for treatment. He now receives weekly physical, occupational therapy and speech therapy near his home, but still has to travel to Perth for reviews.

As Tyler’s needs are ongoing, Matt and Jody continue to source all available government funding for him, but it doesn’t cover everything the family needs. A trust, which was established for Tyler is overseen by PFAC Board members who must approve all requests for assistance.

The trust also helped to fund a visit to India for special homeopathic treatment not available in Australia, which Matt said helped Tyler enormously.

Young Tyler, who walks with the aid of specially moulded, orthotic leg splints, is now attending the local primary school in Katanning, where he has made lots of friends.

He is also right into the computer, according to his Dad, thanks to assistance from PFAC and the Trust in providing special computer equipment and programs as well as a super size mouse.

Tyler’s Trust was boosted by a quiz night held in Perth in January last year, heavily supported by various sections of the WA Police.

“Having PFAC and the Trust and the Union to call on, it’s like having a big brother helping Tyler and us out. It’s really hard to put it into words how much we appreciate it, but it’s so great knowing we have someone to call on, should we need it,” said Matt.

Photo: Matt and Jody Hartfield pictured with Tyler (centre), Tarik (left) and Tait (right).



How you can help WA Police Legacy Inc.

WA Police Legacy Inc. is a registered charitable organisation that provides a range of services to the families of deceased or totally and permanently incapacitated police officers. There are many ways that you can assist us to help our police families. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

If you are a serving member of the WA Police

Join the voluntary contribution scheme and participate in programs, events and management of the organisation.

If you are a retired officer or an interested member of the public

You can make a donation at any branch of Police & Nurses Credit Society (Account details in form below). You can also fill in the coupon at the bottom of the page and post to: WA Police Legacy Inc., P.O. Box 87, Victoria Park, WA 6979

If you wish to leave a bequest in your will

If you wish to leave a bequest in your will for the benefit of the families of deceased officers, please contact the Manager, WA Police Legacy Inc. for further details.

Donation form

DONATION AMOUNT *Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.*

Please tick: \$10 \$20 \$50 \$100 \$200 \$500

Other amount: \$

METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. Cheque or Money Order

Please attach your cheque or money order to this completed form and mail to WA Police Legacy Inc. PO Box 87, Victoria Park, WA 6979.

2. Credit Card Donation

Please charge my credit card (please tick). VISA MASTERCARD

Card number:

Expires: /

Name on card:

Signature:

3. Direct Bank Deposit

WA Police Legacy Inc., BSB: 806 -015 Account Number:01519706

(Please attach the deposit slip stub or copy of same to this completed form and post to WA Police Legacy.)

RECEIPTS

If you would like a receipt for tax deduction purposes please fill out the following. This information will not be used for any other purpose.

Company (if applicable):

Title: Given Name: Surname:

Address: State: Postcode:

Phone number:

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P.O. Box 87, Victoria Park, WA 6979. Phone 9268 7730, Fax: 9268 7744, Email wapl@policelegacywa.org.au

Young police widow achieves dream



Anna completed her law degree at The University of Liverpool and followed this with a post graduate diploma in Legal Practice at The University of Cardiff in 2004. It was in Cardiff that she met her future husband, Damien, while he was visiting his sister, Susie, who had just had her first child with her husband Matt.

Originally from Brisbane, Damien was a former military policeman who had served with the Australian Peacekeeping Force in East Timor. He joined the WA Police on July 29, 2002 and served in the Police Breath Section and Joondalup Police Station. Anna moved to Perth to be with him in June 2004 and the couple married in January 2005.

"Damien was also studying full-time for a law degree and had only just transferred to the University of WA when he was killed. He originally started a Business Masters at Edith Cowan University and then changed course to study Law there."

"We had only been married a short time and we had so many plans. We had just built and moved into our first house together and we were in the process of building another house which was to be our investment for

the future. I was just about to start my Articles and Damien was half way through his law degree. We had so much ahead of us only to have it snatched from us in such a cruel way."

"Losing Damien has been devastating and I am still trying to come to terms with my 'new life'—you just never know what's around the corner." said Anna.

She said she was deeply touched that Edith Cowan University had established the 'D.P. Murphy Medal'. Rupert Johnson, one of Damien's lecturers spoke fondly of Damien, commenting that "he was a delight to teach, possessed old world manners and was very popular with both staff and fellow students.

"On one occasion in Semester 2, 2005 Damien won the Nicholson Shield (for negotiation) and was always a supportive and well-prepared participant. The D.P. Murphy Medal is awarded to the best oralist in the winning team in the Nicholson Shield for Negotiation and is the law school's tribute to an excellent student whose great potential was very sadly cut short."

In order to start her Articles and qualify as a lawyer in WA, Anna first had to undertake a course to 'convert' her UK qualifications to WA requirements. She did this as a distance student through the University of Sydney whilst she was working at Western Power. Anna has been finishing her Articles at Western Power after first taking six months leave of absence after Damien was killed, some of which time was spent with her family in the UK.

Anna said she was incredibly grateful for the "amazing" support she had received from Damien's friends from work, and in particular Senior Sergeant Phil Birch, who was his OIC at Joondalup at the time. Phil Birch also accompanied her to Canberra to the National Police Memorial service in 2007 when Damien's name was added to the list of officers killed in the line of duty and a handcrafted 'touch stone' was added to the memorial.

She said she had also received tremendous support from WA Police Legacy Manager Peter Browne who "kept an eye on her" and, the police chaplains, Keith Carmody and Mike Mateljan.

"I would really like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped and supported me since Damien was killed," she said.

"Being part of the Police Family had enabled me to go forward in a way that would have been unimaginable had I been on my own and not had all these wonderful people watching out for me. I will be eternally grateful for their support. It's comforting knowing that there is such a caring body of people who are so genuine in their help when our families are so far away."

When she is not at work, Anna can often be found walking her dog, Winston, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel that she brought home a month after her husband died. She said she is settled in WA for the foreseeable future and will also become an Australian citizen this year.

Photo: Anna Murphy pictured with her late husband, Constable Damien Murphy.

'Bloody Slow Cup' honours memory of officers killed in plane crash

by Geoff Stewart APM, WA Police Legacy Board Member



In 2001 the Newman Police Sub-District was an area in size of approximately 256,000 sq kms. The furthest indigenous community was Kiwirrkurra which is 816 kms direct line east from Newman and is situated 130 kms west of the Northern Territory border.

On Australia Day, January 26, 2001, in response to a call for assistance from that community, a team of three officers from the Newman Police Station, Senior Constable Phil Ruland, First Class Constable Dave Dewar and Constable Gavin Capes were collected from Newman Airport by a police Cessna 310 aircraft, call sign Polair 64, piloted by Senior Constable Don Everett from the Pilbara District Office based in Karratha.

They attended at Kiwirrkurra and having dealt with the situation, departed there at 7.30 pm, returning to Newman. Polair 64 contacted Newman Police Station by radio at about 9.15pm and requested that vehicles be sent to collect the Newman officers.

At 9.50pm Polair 64 entered the circuit area of the Newman Airport and shortly after at about 10.00pm, the aircraft crashed 2.6kms south east of the airport.

A search was immediately commenced by Police and local volunteer emergency services personnel, supported by other agencies and community members, and at 4.30am the following morning the wreckage of Polair 64 was located.

Tragically, all officers on board had lost their lives. The impact on their families, friends and colleagues and the community of Newman was and is profound.

This has been the most significant loss of police life in modern day policing history in Australasia.

In 2005 a simple local fundraising idea, hatched in Newman Police Station, has quickly become a major event on the WA Police Legacy and Newman Community calendars. It has not only raised substantial funds but increased significantly the community awareness of what WA Police Legacy is all about.

In a play on rugby's 'Bledisloe Cup', the 'Bloody Slow Cup' is a game of rugby union between Australian and New Zealand community representatives. It has grown from 700 spectators in 2005 to over 4,000 in 2008 and whilst the first cup raised \$7,000, last year's event raised \$71,000.

Whilst the cup game is a huge drawcard, by far the most important part of the event is a ceremony at the crash site on the morning of the game and it is now attended by family members of the deceased officers as well as other WA Police Legacy families. A large section of the community attends the ceremonies joined by local and other WAPOL personnel as well as police from the Northern Territory and Queensland.

Police from China have even attended a ceremony and police from around the world send their best wishes each year in support.

It has now become the biggest community event in Newman and possibly the biggest Police Legacy ceremony outside the metropolitan area. The families involved, the local community and their police come together to remember Phil, Dave, Gavin and Don, killed in the tragic air crash of 2001 and all other police officers who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty and the partners and families left behind.

For the record, the Kiwis have won the last four Cups with this year's ceremony and game being held on Saturday October 24, 2009.

We look forward to bringing you more details in the lead up to the event on how you can become involved or even attend.

Senior Sergeant Geoff Stewart APM and Constable Tony Signal are the founders and organisers of the Bloody Slow Cup. Constable Signal is now based at the Regional Operations Group.



Photos from top: Young Lachie Capes touches the name of his father Gavin Capes at the crash site memorial; action on the field; the fiercely contested 'Bloody Slow Cup'.



WAPOL's two chaplains Michael Mateljan (Locum Police Chaplain) and Keith Carmody work closely in conjunction with Peter Browne, Manager and Secretary of WA Police Legacy and the PFAC in assisting police officers and their families in times of need.

They are based out at the Joondalup Academy and are available 24 hours a day for spiritual guidance and support.

This article, reproduced courtesy of WA Police Public Affairs, was originally published in the March 2007 edition of Newsbeat, and provides a profile of the two chaplains, who are also on the Board of the PFAC.

Police Chaplains Keith Carmody and Michael Mateljan pictured in the Police Academy Chapel (Photo courtesy of WA Police Public Affairs).

Spiritual support doubled at Academy

WAPOL has two Chaplains based out at the Joondalup Academy and they are available 24 hours a day for spiritual guidance and support.

After serving in the army Michael Mateljan (Locum Police Chaplain) then joined WAPOL as an officer in 1977 serving at Central Police Station in Perth, Albany and Kojonup Police Stations, Commercial Agents Squad, Warwick Mobile Patrol and Perth Traffic.

In 1986 he resigned from the WAPOL to begin Theological Studies at Murdoch University and test his calling to be ordained a Priest in the Church of God, following the Anglican Tradition.

After being ordained as a Priest in 1990 Michael has been busy planting a new parish in Heathridge, working as Chaplain at John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School in Mirrabooka and Beechboro, and, most recently, as Rector of the well established Parish of Canning.

"I am, what many would say, a traditionalist, or Anglo-Catholic,"

"My Christian Faith is founded in the Scriptures as handed down to us by the Apostles," he said.

Also at the Academy Chapel is Keith Carmody who was raised in the Anglican Church (St Paul's) in Beaconsfield, South Fremantle and

later at the International Foursquare Church in Victoria Park.

Sensing the call of God to the ministry Keith attended L.I.F.E. Bible College for 3 years and was ordained in 1981 whereupon he began his pastoral ministry.

In 1990 he completed further theological studies and is now the Senior Pastor of Calvary Chapel Secret Harbour.

In 2003 Keith became Club Chaplain with the Fremantle Dockers and is a member of the Sports Chaplaincy Association of Australia.

"I have been with the WA Police since 1997 serving as HR Consultant with the Southern Regional Office, Acting Senior Policy Officer at HR Planning and Policy, HR and Finance Officer for the Peel Police District," he said.

Keith and Michael are kept busy on a daily basis doing everything from attending suicides and traffic accidents to performing weddings, baptisms and funerals.

But above all Keith and Michael are available to provide spiritual support and comfort to WAPOL employees.

Peer Support is there for you

Sergeant Austin Colquhoun is the WA Police Peer Support Program Coordinator.

"The program is based on the use of volunteers from the workplace, who are trained in appropriate methods of assisting and supporting colleagues affected by personal or work-related stress that is having adverse effects on their daily coping and operational functioning," said Austin.



"Our home and work environment may mean that there are times when we are subject to stress, uncertainty and daily hassles. Often, we are able to cope by using our own strategies and with the support of family and friends. However, sometimes we can be subjected to crises, emergencies and stressful incidents that are sudden, unexpected or overwhelming. There is evidence to show that stress becomes more manageable when you are given the opportunity to talk about your reactions. This is when Peer Support can be of assistance."

Austin said that trained Peer Support Officers take on a "stress management mentoring" role within a clear set of parameters.

"As the name indicates, the Peer Support Officer provides "support" only and does not become a counsellor, or take on any other role for which they are not trained or qualified," he said.

A list of current Peer Support Officers can be found on the internal Human Resources – Outlook folder. Sergeant Austin Colquhoun may also be contacted on 9268 7781 for further information about the Program.

WA Police Legacy Inc and WA Police Families Advisory Council Boards

In the first edition of the newsletter we profiled the directors who sit on the boards both of WA Police Legacy Inc. and the Police Families Advisory Council. In this issue we profile four more of our dedicated board members.

WA Police Legacy Inc and WA Police Families Advisory Council Boards

WA Police Legacy Inc.

Patrons:

Hon. Rob Johnson, JP MLA,
Minister for Police

Karl J O'Callaghan APM,
Commissioner of Police

Board:

Chair: Bill Leonard APM

Vice Chair: Jill Willoughby

Treasurer: Jenny Sara

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Other elected Board members:

Bradley Sorrell

Geoff Stewart APM

Julie Vassiliou

Vicki Wray-Watts

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Widows: Jane Bowen-Sutton

Commissioner: Graeme Castlehow

Retired Officers: Vic Smith

Police Families Advisory Council

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Vice Chair: Jill Willoughby

Treasurer: Wayne Bryan

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Ian Thomas

Dominic Wood

Trevor Cruickshank

Nicole Hill

Hadyn Green

Shane Sadler

Representatives:

Commissioner: Greg Young

Retired Officers: Peter Thomas

Police Chaplains: Keith Carmody and
Mike Mateljan



WAPL Treasurer: Sergeant Jenny Sara

Jenny has been a police officer for 20 years and is currently stationed at the Perth Watch House.

During her career she has been stationed at a number of locations in Perth before becoming a detective and later transferring to Busselton Detectives.

Jenny, who is married, became involved with Legacy whilst at Busselton and commenced regular gatherings for Police widows.

"I thoroughly enjoy meeting and assisting Legacy members and have a keen connection with the south west of the State," said Jenny. "Through Legacy I have attended fundraising events including the Bloody Slow Cup in Newman, participated in the Wild West Bike Ride, Gibb River Road Mountain Bike Challenge and Rainbow Coast Bike Ride and numerous other events.

"Like many officers I have had the unfortunate experience of losing colleagues and friends who were killed on duty. Through Legacy we have been able to assist many families in various ways to try and adjust to the significant change in their life. This would not be possible without the generous support of many committed community and police members.

"It is important to maintain and develop Legacy so that we can continue to help widows and children."



WAPL Commissioner's Representative: Detective Superintendent Graeme Castlehow

Graeme is a career police officer, having served in a range of positions over the past 30 years.

He is presently Detective Superintendent in charge of the Sex Crime Division (Specialist Crime Portfolio), and prior to that was District Superintendent at East Metro District.

As the Commissioner's representative on the Board for Police Legacy, Graeme acts as a conduit between the Board and the Commissioner.

He also takes a governance view to ensure that things are being done appropriately, from both the Police Legacy and WA Police perspective.

"Having seen the Board and its members operate over the past 12 months, I have been impressed by both the compassion and professionalism shown," he said.

"WA Police Legacy is in good hands and getting better all the time. It's up to all of us to do our bit to keep Police Legacy strong and relevant."



**PFAC Treasurer:
Senior Sergeant Wayne Bryan**

Senior Sergeant Wayne Bryan has been a police officer for 36 years and is the Senior Welfare Officer in Health and Welfare Services.

He is married with four children and four grandchildren.

Since joining WA Police after leaving school, Wayne has served at Derby, Central, Inglewood, Boulder, Gold Stealing Norseman, Bayswater, BCI, Lockridge, Midland Ant-theft, Community Services Command, OIC School Based, Manager Recruiting, Manager Transfers and the Senior Welfare Officer at Health and Welfare Services.

“Like most police officers, I have been exposed to a flood of social issues and injustices, and the everyday traumas that have been considered a policeman’s lot,” he said.

“Since my time at Health and Welfare I have encouraged a collaborative approach with the WA Police Union, Police Legacy and PFAC to deliver the best possible service to WAPOL employees and their families.

“I have previously been on the Board of Directors for WA Police Legacy and remain a Board Member of PFAC. I believe my back-ground in welfare, as well as my 36 years of policing, puts me in good stead to assist my colleagues and their families in their time of need.”



**PFAC Commissioner’s Representative:
Inspector Greg Young**

Inspector Greg Young has been the Police Commissioner’s representative on the Police Families Advisory Council since 2007.

He commenced his policing career as a cadet in 1973 and completed Police Academy training in 1975. His early career included general duties policing at Boulder, Nollamara and Subiaco Police Stations, as well as Central and then City Police Station. Included in this period was a short stint as a Detective at Perth and Midland.

In a departure from frontline policing in the late 1980s Greg worked at the Crime Prevention Bureau in its various forms, then at the Police Academy as an instructor and as a District Community Policing Coordinator in Fremantle. He then undertook the role of Police Station OIC at Mount Hawthorn, before moving to a legal research position at the Police Legal Services.

He was promoted to Inspector in a staff officer role in 2003 before moving to the South East Metropolitan District in 2004. Married with two adult children, Greg currently manages the Police Rail Units based at Perth and Rockingham.

“Like too many police officers my knowledge of the work of the Police Families Advisory Council was minimal until I became directly involved through my appointment to the Council,” said Greg. “I have been delighted to be part of providing assistance to police officers in time of need.”

VALE

Deepest sympathy to the families and other loved ones of the officers and Police “family” who have passed away since April 2009.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

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| Serving Officers | |
| Burt Dartnell | 4011 |
| Retired Officers | |
| Robert (Bob) Stephens | 2196 |
| Anthony (Tony) Copeland | 5180 |
| Neil Armstrong | 2452 |
| George Doherty | 5142 |
| Police Widows | |
| Perra Trigwell | |

Dates to remember

July

Visit from Victoria Police Legacy children
Date: July 1-5, 2009

Legacy Children’s Camp Albany (Camp Quararup)

Date: July 5 -9, 2009

August

Karratha to Broome Bike Ride
(Nominations will close soon –
Off Road Camper Trailer tickets
on sale from June)

Date: August 9-12, 2009

Harvey Police Ball

Date: August 29, 2009

September

WA Police Legacy Tennis Challenge
(in conjunction with Tennis Seniors WA)
Fitzgerald Street, North Perth
Date: September 23, 2009

National Police Remembrance Day
(Refer to local police stations for
local arrangements)

Date: September 29, 2009

*Send your email address to Peter Browne
at the WA Police Legacy Office to be
kept informed on any event
(see contact details back page).*



WA Police Legacy Inc. Souvenirs for sale

We have items ranging from badges, beanies and coasters to teddy bears, stubby holders, pens and tie pins/bars, so there is something for everyone. All proceeds from the sale of souvenirs/memorabilia support the widows and children of deceased police officers.

Available for sale from: WA POLICE LEGACY, Level 4, 573 Hay Street, Perth, WA 6000. Phone: 9268 7730. Orders can be faxed through to 08 9268 7744 or emailed through to wapl@policelegacywa.org.au

| ITEM | CODE | PRICE | NO. | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------|-----|-------|
| WRISTBANDS | | | | |
| Police Legacy Wristband | 00028 | \$2.00 | | |
| COASTERS | | | | |
| WA Police (Gold) | 00010 | \$4.00 | | |
| WA Police (Platinum) | 00011 | \$4.00 | | |
| STUBBY HOLDERS | | | | |
| Police Stubby Holders | 00047 | \$6.00 | | |
| PLAQUES | | | | |
| Wooden Base / Metal Badge | 00035 | \$55.00 | | |
| Police Badge Only | 00005 | \$25.00 | | |
| KEY RINGS | | | | |
| Police Legacy | 00077 | \$7.00 | | |
| TEDDY BEARS | | | | |
| | 00100 | \$25.00 | | |
| PENS | | | | |
| Police Legacy Pens (Blue) | 00021 | \$5.00 | | |
| TIE PINS/BARS | | | | |
| Police Legacy Tie Pin | 00054 | \$4.00 | | |
| Hand Cuff Tie Pin | 00053 | \$4.00 | | |
| WA Police Tie Pin (Logo) | 00056 | \$4.00 | | |
| WA Police Tie Pin (Flag) | 00052 | \$4.00 | | |
| Traffic Tie Pin | 00057 | \$4.00 | | |
| NPM Tie Pin | 00058 | \$4.00 | | |
| NOVELTY | | | | |
| Pewter Pig on Wooden Base | 00081 | \$27.50 | | |
| TOTAL VALUE OF ORDER | | | | |

POLICE LEGACY WRISTBAND



TEDDY BEAR (our best seller)



COASTERS



NATIONAL POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY PIN



PEN



HANDCUFF PIN



PEWTER PIG



WA Police Legacy will contact you to confirm your preferred payment and delivery/collection options.

Name _____

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Police Legacy events a win-win for police and community says AC



AC Mick Burnby APM and his wife Denise, pictured at the National Police Memorial in Canberra.

“... these events allow the community to support and thank police for the job they do ...”

The benefits of police organising community events cannot be underestimated, according to long-time WA Police Legacy supporter, Assistant Commissioner Mick Burnby APM.

“Not only do they improve Police Community relations but the funds raised go to Police Legacy,” he said.

“Events such as the Bloody Slow Cup, the Karratha to Broome bike ride and the Cable Beach Club Gibb River Road Mountain Bike Challenge all help police to interact with the community in a positive way, to show our human side.

“In turn, these events allow the community to support and thank police for the job they do in protecting the community all year round.”

Mick, who is now Assistant Commissioner Regional WA, first became involved with WA Police Legacy in 1993, while he was OIC at Onslow. It was there that he became responsible for mentoring three young legatees, strongly supported by his wife Denise.

“We have always been tied up with Police Legacy,” said Mick. “The children we were responsible for were in our community and then eventually they went down to Perth to further their education at Kent Street school and WA Police Legacy continued to help them a lot with birthdays, sporting things and school camps.”

“We still go to as many Police Legacy events as possible, the kids’ Christmas celebrations in Perth, the Con Regan Memorial Football Match at Freo and

country events like the Bloody Slow Cup and Karratha to Broome Bike Ride.”

Denise said they have always enjoyed the Country Police Balls and are looking forward to attending the Broome Police Legacy Ball on October 31.

“When Michael was Superintendent, based in Karratha, he encouraged all the stations in the Pilbara to have an event in support of Legacy and nearly all of them did,” she said.

In his new role, which he took up in November last year, Mick says he will continue to encourage regional police to get behind WA Police Legacy by organising community fund raising events. He extends an invitation to anyone considering starting up an event to contact him.

He recalls the first time seeing the benefits of Legacy kids talking to serving Police Officers and to community members at events.

“Our officers who have heard the kids speaking have a better appreciation of what it means to be part of the Police Family and those community members who have shared those occasions have a renewed respect for Police,” he said.

“It’s about giving an appreciation to the community that we are also human. I have served 23 years of my policing in regional WA, so I am fortunate enough to know the benefits of getting involved in the community,” he added.

Anyone for tennis?

In collaboration with Tennis Seniors WA, WA Police Legacy will conduct a tennis event at the Tennis Centre situated at 176 Fitzgerald Street, North Perth (opposite the Italian Club), on Wednesday September 23, 2009, starting at 11 am.

This competition was introduced on Remembrance Day 2008 to remember and celebrate the lives of friends and colleagues past.

Play will be conducted under handicap conditions and WA Police Legacy is seeking doubles and singles players.

“The focus is on social tennis rather than serious competition although some enthusiastic participation is expected,” said WA Police Legacy Manager Peter Browne.

“It is expected that some of the champions and sharks of the past will surface to reminisce about their youth and championships whilst stationed in country towns. There will also be those who have watched Pat Cash and others and thought “that doesn’t look too difficult” and may want to try themselves out.”

“We are ready for anybody!” warned the handicapper.

There will be a social atmosphere around the courts during the day, with sausage sizzles and refreshments, as old friendships are rekindled and new ones made.

“If you want to be in it, please send your expression of interest to us at the Legacy Office, PO Box 87, Victoria Park, WA 6979, so that we can keep you informed about the planning stages,” said Peter.

Right: This NYPD officer was happy to provide Jenae with a photo opportunity during her school trip to New York. Following her return to WA, Jenae gave a Power Point presentation about her trip to representatives of the Police Legacy Board and Deputy WA Police Commissioner Chris Dawson in Perth on Friday, May 1. Below: WA Police Legacy ambassador, Jenae Claessen (R), pictured with her mother Mary and brother Tim.



Newman trip a journey of self-discovery for young Legacy ward

“A journey of self discovery” is how Police Legacy ward Jenae Claessen describes her visit to Newman in October last year.

Along with fellow Police Legatee, Constable Simon Bowen, Jenae was invited by WA Police Legacy to the mining town for the moving memorial service for the four police officers who died in the tragic police plane crash there on Australia Day 2001.

She and Simon acted as ambassadors for Police Legacy and addressed local primary and high school students about the work of Police Legacy and the experience of losing their own fathers at a young age.

“The Newman visit was really an eye opener for me,” said 16-year-old Jenae. “It made me see there was all this support there, and they knew what it was like to have people dying in their town and to have lost them.”

Jenae lost her own father, First Class Constable Tom Claessen, in a road crash when he was just 33. He had been driving home from a late shift at Murdoch police station in May, 1999. Jenae was just six at the time and her brother Tim, just three.

Their mother Mary recalls the ghastly moment she got a knock on the door from the then police Chaplain, Barry May.

“Barry was just fantastic. That morning, he was in my kitchen making Weetbix for the kids. He just took over, which was exactly what I needed him to do,” she said.

Over the years, Mary said she had received education grants for the children, which she found enormously helpful. Her children also loved going on the camps and she enjoyed attending the social outings with the kids.

Mary paid special tribute to Police Legacy Manager Peter Browne, whom she described as “a significant person” in her family’s life, particularly Jenae’s.

“Peter is just so good to talk to. Through Police Legacy the children also get to meet other board members at camps and on fundraising bike rides and other events and these dedicated people put a significant amount of time and energy into Police Legacy activities.”

“A lot of kids at schools like to talk about what they did with their dad. But on the camps our kids get to do things that other kids don’t. Tim has

been able to tell his mates about exciting things like shooting rifles at the Campbell Barracks and getting winched up by the police helicopter.”

Mary, who lectures in speech pathology at Curtin University, remarried five years ago, to one of her late husband’s best friends from his primary school days. However she still uses her former married name because of the children and is very much involved in the Police Legacy network.

“I love attending the outings with the kids, things like going on picnics or surf cat sailing. I also enjoy the river cruise before Christmas, when you get the chance to dress up,” she said.

“The help we have received over the years has been fantastic. I remember Tom mentioning about contributing a small amount out of his pay for Police Legacy and the Police Families Advisory Council. Unfortunately back then we never imagined that we would be one of the families to benefit.”

With her own hard-earned savings and financial assistance from WA Police Legacy, Jenae travelled to New York on a school trip in April, as part of her TEE art studies.

WA Police Legacy says a big thank you to “Mr Shortbread” and son

Geraldton’s “Mr Shortbread”, the legendary 94-year-old Joe Hollomby, whose life ended in tragic circumstances in November last year, raised a staggering \$1.3 million for charities over the course of 20 years.

WA Police Legacy was among the numerous charities to benefit from the fundraising efforts of the humble, great grandfather, who produced his famous shortbread, apple pies and fruit mince pies for the benefit of others in marathon baking sessions at his home.

The death of four police officers in a plane crash at Newman in 2001 was the key event that led Joe to donate funds to police families.

But WA Police Legacy was particularly touched when it discovered it had been selected as the charity to benefit from the auction of Joe’s last seven packets of shortbread, held at his memorial service.

Not only that, Joe’s son Les, who is a ceramic tiler, decided along with other tilers with whom he was working on a job at the time, to donate the payment for the job to WA Police Legacy. In all, Joe’s send-off, which was attended by around 200 people, saw \$4,600 donated to WA Police Legacy.

Manager of WA Police Legacy, Peter Browne, said the charity was immensely grateful to the late Joe Hollomby and his son Les.

“We would like to say a very big thank you to Joe and Les for their generosity, from all of us at WA Police Legacy,” he said. “Joe was an amazing man,” said Peter.



Les Hollomby (right) pictured with his partner Marg and his late father Joe, known affectionately as “Mr Shortbread”.

Les Hollomby said his father had previously owned a bakery in Liverpool, England, with his delivery van bearing the motto: “Often Buttered, Never Bettered”. But the famous shortbread recipe was originally developed by his late mother, May, who died in 1999. She had passed the recipe on to Joe.

“My Dad’s neighbour Sue started helping him with his baking shortly before his death, because he was on medication and becoming very tired,” said Les. “It was Sue who suggested the auction of the last seven packets of shortbread should benefit WA Police Legacy and I thought that was a great idea.

“Since Dad’s death Sue and my partner Marg have jointly made up some batches of Dad’s shortbread and together they have really nailed the recipe. The smell of baking fills the house once again and reminds me of the happy times with Dad, and all the good he did for others.”

Les Hollomby said he also wished to thank WA Police Major Crime Squad and Geraldton Detectives “from the bottom of his heart” for their investigative work which led to a 49 year old man being charged in relation to his father’s death. On May 6 the man pleaded guilty to killing Mr Hollomby. He was remanded in custody for sentencing in August.



Afternoon tea

Police widows who are unable to attend regular Widows Guild meetings (normally held on a working day), have started to network at new, informal after hours get-togethers.

The first such event, an afternoon tea, was held at the Scarborough PCYC on Sunday, May 3. Another gathering is being planned for widows living south of the river.

Pictured at the gathering are, L to R, back row: Tracy Ball and Mary Claessen. Front row, L to R: Nonie Browner (Widows Guild Vice President), Sally Coad (SA widow now living WA), Jane Bowen-Sutton (WAPL board member) Louise Oswald, Di Hallsworth, Dianne Jones and Vicki Wray-Watts (WAPL board member).

Competition Winners

In our first issue we featured two competitions for children and a draw for 50 oil column heaters for police members and we were very pleased with the response.

In addition we have 50 winners of our draw for oil column heaters, just in time for winter.

The names of all our lucky winners are published on the WA Police Legacy website www.policelibrarywa.org.au

Thank you to all those who entered the competitions and heater draw and congratulations to our winners. To those who were not so lucky, we strongly encourage you to enter the competitions featured in this edition of the newsletter.

Peter Browne
Manager, WA Police Legacy
Secretary, Police Families Advisory Council

Police & Nurses Credit Society have provided two \$100 children's savings accounts for the winners of our Spot the Difference Competition.

We also featured a children's garden drawing competition with the prizes of 10 Hortex garden packs, supported by Padstow Grange Distributors of Belmont.



This delightful drawing by nine-year-old Lachie Chaytor was one of the winners of our 10 Hortex garden packs.



Kids!
Spot the difference and win a \$100 savings account with Police & Nurses

Kids, would you like to win a \$100 savings account with Police & Nurses Credit Society (PNCS)?

PNCS is offering two lucky children the chance to win one of these accounts. For a chance to win, you need to spot the difference between these two photos. The photo of police dogs "Cordy" and "Tana" on the right is slightly different to the original photo on the left. Draw small circles around the three parts of the photo on the right that are different, then fill in the details below, cut out this coupon and post to:

"Spot the Difference" Competition, WA Police Legacy Inc.
PO Box 87, Victoria Park, WA 6979

Name _____ Age _____

Police Member Number (your family will know) _____

Address _____ Postcode _____

Telephone number _____

Terms and Conditions:

- Entry restricted to children of WA Police Members, and who are aged up to 17 years.
- Entries should be received by Thursday, July 30, 2009.
- The first two correct entries drawn will each win a \$100 bank account with Police and Nurses Credit Society.



Photo: Courtesy Vicki Wray-Watts





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WIN fabulous Captain Cook wine cruises!

We have two "Perth's Famous Wine Cruise" prizes for two adults each, up for grabs, courtesy of Captain Cook Cruises.

For your chance to win, all you have to do is tell us the name of five Captain Cook Cruise vessels based in Perth. You can check out the Captain Cook Cruises web page at www.captaincookcruises.com.au and look under "Our Vessels". Captain Cook's "Perth's Famous Wine Cruise" is one of Perth's most enjoyable and longest running day tours. Cruise into the picturesque upper reaches of the Swan Valley where you will sample fine wines at the prestigious Sandalford Estate and Waters Edge Winery followed by a 3 course lunch overlooking the Swan River. Live entertainment follows as you enjoy complimentary wine on the return cruise. The cruise departs Perth daily at 9:45 am and returns at 4:45 pm.

Terms and Conditions:

1. Entry restricted to Police Members and their immediate families.
2. Entries must be received by Thursday, July 30, 2009. The first two correct entries drawn will each win a "Perth's Famous Wine Cruise" for two adults.
3. Prize winners will be notified by the Manager, WA Police Legacy Inc.
4. Please cut out this coupon and mail it in an envelope marked: "Perth's Famous Wine Cruise", WA Police Legacy, PO Box 87, Victoria Park 6979

Please also complete the following:

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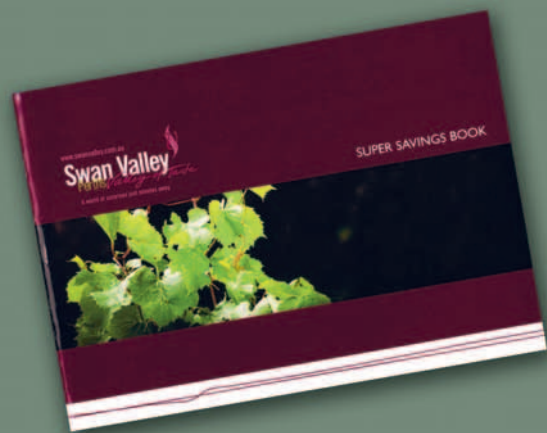
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Now thanks to the Swan Valley Super Savings Book, you can enjoy Swan Valley savings every day, and help raise valuable funds for WA Police Legacy at the same time. The book is available at the amazingly low price of \$5 from the WA Police Legacy Office.

Each cheque has a value listed on the top right corner of the cheque. This amount represents the money you can save when you visit the business. All you need to do is remove the Cheque you wish to use and present the cheque to the business who offers it.

Just a few of the Super Savings available are:

- Dear Friends Restaurant: Buy one main course meal and receive the second free up to \$40.00.
- River Bank Estate: Receive a bottle of wine when you purchase two main course meals \$25.
- Red Rooster Midland: Buy one quarter of roast chicken and famous chips and receive the second free.
- Mash Brewery: Buy one regular size beer and receive a second for only \$1.00
- Oakover Winery: 25% off the total dining bill up to max value of \$30.00
- Harvey Norman Midland: 10% discount off any purchase up to the value of \$100.00

Contact the WA Police Legacy Office on 9268 7730 to obtain your Swan Valley Super Savings Book now.



Bowled over by donation

WA Police Legacy has received a donation of \$1,530 from the WA Police Bowling Club (Inc.).

A cheque was presented to the Deputy Chair of WA Police Legacy, Sergeant Jill Willoughby, on Friday April 17, prior to the commencement of the Australian National Police Bowls Carnival held in Perth in April 2009.

President of the WA Police Bowling Club, First Class Sergeant Peter Walsh, said the national carnival was held in Western Australia once every five years, and this year it was WA's turn to host the event.

Prior to the commencement of the Carnival, Peter said a fund raising social event raised \$1,530 for WA Police Legacy, involving 230 players from 58 teams.

The Carnival commenced on April 18 and concluded with the finals being played on Friday April 24. Western Australia was well represented and successful in a number of events. The Carnival attracted some 140 bowlers and their families from WA, South Australian, News South Wales, Victoria and Queensland.

Jill Willoughby said: "WA Police Legacy is extremely grateful to all the police bowlers who came to Perth and gave so generously. The funds will certainly be put to good use."

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Karratha to Broome Bike Marathon

At the time of *True Blue WA* going to press, the successful Cable Beach Club Gibb River Road Mountain Bike Challenge was over for another year. In our next issue we will bring you a full report and photos from principal organiser, Sergeant Simon Rimmer.

Preparations are well underway for the annual Karratha to Broome Bike Marathon, to be held from August 9-12. Since the inaugural race, back in 1994, around \$600,000 has been raised for WA Police Legacy, with more than \$200,000 being raised in the last four years alone.

Principally planned and managed by Karratha Police personnel and surrounding stations, the event involves police officers from all over WA.

This year's organising committee includes 1/C Constable Jo Motion, Constable Aaron Ravat, 1/C Constable Stuart Michael and 1/C Constable Bruce Hardwicke.

The ride is conducted as a marathon relay involving two teams of 25 riders, with each team completing approximately 430 kms. The Lions Club of Karratha/Dampier supports the ride by the preparation and distribution of food and beverages for the riders. The WA Police is also at the forefront of support, providing vehicles and personnel to patrol the highway and escort the ride from start to finish.

A support crew of 20 is required to escort, feed, load and unload bikes and generally support the riders during the day/night ride. In 2003 the ride was completed in a record 26 hours under ideal riding conditions.

"There is normally a 50-50 split of police and non-police riders including several ex-police officers who still support the cause, most notably, Craig Neil and Dallas Slape," said Bruce Hardwicke. "Riders come from all over the State, from as far away as Esperance, Ravensthorpe, Kalgoorlie and Kununurra. We've also had riders from Finland and interstate."

"Anyone on a bike is just as equal as the next. We've had assistant commissioners, inspectors, journalists, Legatees, corporate execs, ex-coppers and current serving officers. Colin Townsend (Ravensthorpe OIC) has completed more than 10 rides and there are many who've done more than five.

This year's corporate sponsors include: N & L Transport, Down Under Campers, Matt Dyson Marine, Pilbara Iron, Rio Tinto, BP Reliance Fuels, Lions Club of WA, Karratha Window Tint, Topic Catering, Woolworths Karratha and Wickham, Sodexco, G & S Scaffolds, Coates Hire, Cat Rentals, Fortesque Bus Company, Sealanes, Coca Cola Bottlers, SinWa Pty Ltd, M Joyce Crane Hire, Statewide Equipment Hire, Just For You Beauty Salon, Australian Army (Pilbara Regiment), Karratha Florist, Home Hardware Karratha, BP Karratha, Bakers Temptation Karratha, Dampier Port Authority, Mermaid Hotel, Komatsu Australia, Lyons and Pierce Plumbing, Whim Creek Copper and Tae Wai Manufacturing and St John Ambulance.

For more information please contact: 1/C Constable Jo Motion on 9143 7200.

Photo: 1/C Constable Zoe Cechner seen here in action at last year's event. Zoe is currently undertaking detective training at Karratha.