

Annual dinner

The Retired Police Officers Association held its annual dinner, which proved a great success, in the Police Club restaurant in late November. The 112 RPOA members and friends who attended enjoyed the camaraderie, which was evident throughout the evening.

Our special guests were our patron, Commissioner Mal Hyde, and his wife, Marcia.

RPOA committee member Raelene Holloway acted as convenor for the dinner and deserves special thanks. She not only manages bookings but also liaises with the Police Club management.

Club chef Greg McKeever and manager Heather Holmes put on a superb meal.



Retired Police Officers Association president Ray Williams presents the Operational Safety Award to Probationary Constable Daniel Capper

Meetings

At the RPOA's November meeting, the brass ensemble of the Band of the SA Police entertained members. These highly professional musicians demonstrated their versatility as each one performed with his particular instrument to provide a great afternoon of well-known music.

At the December meeting, members enjoyed a Christmas party, to which the ladies of the auxiliary contributed a great effort in providing food and a gift for each member. Funds from raffles,

run by the auxiliary each month, enable this event to take place.

RPOA vice-president Lex Teague and his wife, Joy, also contributed an untiring effort to the purchase of suitable prizes for our monthly raffles and the selection of suitable gifts for the Christmas afternoon.

Branch news

The Barossa and Riverland branches of the RPOA are arranging a luncheon for members in their respective regions early this year. The RPOA committee hopes to get more information on these events from the organizers.

Graduations

The RPOA presented its Operational Safety Award to Probationary Constable John Delorenzo at his graduation with Course 1/2009 at Fort Largs on September 30.

Probationary Constable Matthew Holloway received the award when he graduated with Course 2/2009 on November 11.

Others to receive the award were Probationary Constable Matthew Turner (Course 9/2009) on December 9 and Probationary Constable Daniel Capper (Course 4/2009) on December 16.

New members

The RPOA welcomes new members John O'Dea, Terry Somerville, Graham Cates, Anne McMahon and Daniel Fitzgerald into the ranks of retirees.

Vale

The RPOA extends its deepest sympathy to the families of its esteemed members Margaret Patricia Newman and Percival George Smith.

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I believe that, in fact, ANPR enhances the human rights of law-abiding citizens by providing additional security through assisting the police to target

criminal activity and enterprises. ANPR also enhances the freedom of movement of law-abiding citizens by only targeting vehicles of interest and leaving motorists who use the roads lawfully to travel unhindered by

law enforcement and road traffic authorities.

Although I strongly endorse ANPR, CrimTrac does not have any mandate to implement a national ANPR system. The scoping study conducted by

the agency simply focused on identifying options and viability for a national capability. Any decision to implement a national ANPR system will be a future decision for Australian governments.