

the last shift

Dear Andy

Please accept this letter as advice of my resignation from the Police Association, as my last day of active service was August 5, 2009.

I can still vividly recall entering the gates at Fort Largs on June 2, 1977, when I met the other members of my course, Course 123 A and B (I was in B). We were the last of the 17-week wonders.

I have met many wonderful and colourful people in my career and I acknowledge those whom I believe have mentored me or, in some other positive way, contributed to my career.

Geoff Malpas was and still is an inspiration to me. We worked together in 1978 on Darlington patrols and again at Christies Beach, until 1986, under the excellent leadership of team 5 sergeant Barry Hanisch.

I met, and gained an enormous amount of respect for, the late John Tittley (ex-Darlington CIB) as well as the other team members who remained constant for nearly six years – a record I doubt will ever be broken.

Darlington team 5 sergeant, the now late Robert “Ernie” Edmonds, had faith in us. Sergeant Mick Joseph, team 5 Unley patrols, instilled loyalty in his team, and Roy Lisman, another true friend and team member.

Then back to team 5 at South Coast LSA. There I managed people like Doug Philips and Ken Vickery (another Course 123B man) who helped me manage them.

Kevin Woods (another 123B man) who I believe is one of the best Crime Scene members around; and, last but by no means least, Sergeant Roger

Allen gave me very good advice when I needed someone to confide in.

I must also mention Detective Chief Inspector Paul Greathead, who was my first senior partner after graduation and whom I consider a friend today.

The common thread between all of these people was and is loyalty and camaraderie. Traits that I hope the current generation never lose sight of.

I also thank former Police Association president Peter Alexander and current president Mark Carroll for their invaluable help during my career crisis and aftermath. It is a relief to know that the fees we pay are certainly put to good use. I have no idea how I would have coped had the association not assisted me. I can only say that if people chose not to join, they really should reconsider. Keep up the good work. I appreciate the support that is shown to all members.

I left SAPOL to pursue a part-time career in the Royal Australian Navy as a reserve member based at navy headquarters, Keswick. This has provided me with a new lease of life and I can say with great confidence there is life after SAPOL.

Yours Aye
David Lyas
SC1C 3233/7

Dear Sir

I advise you that I have resigned from SAPOL. My last day of active duty was October 21, 2009. Please cancel all my subscriptions from this date.

I thank all the members I have had the pleasure of

working with, especially all the boys and girls in team one at Holden Hill, for their time and help during my transition from UK policing. I wish them all the best for the future.

Yours sincerely
John Parisi
73230

Dear Andy

Please accept my resignation from the Police Association due to my retirement. My last day of service will be November 5, 2009.

I now look forward to the places I have never been and the people I have never met.

Best wishes to the association and all its members for the future.

Yours sincerely
John O’Dea

Dear Andy

Please accept my resignation from the Police Association due to retirement from SAPOL. My last day of active service, on November 6, 2009, concludes a career that has spanned 43 years.

I have been privileged and honoured to have worked with so many exceptional sworn and non-sworn members throughout the state – people for whom I have the greatest admiration and respect and with whom I have become close friends.

After more than 43 years – most of it within the criminal investigation and intelligence fields – I can say it is with sadness and not relief that I say goodbye to SAPOL.

To the association executive, keep up the good work; and to all serving sworn and non-

sworn members of SAPOL, I wish you good health and good luck, and do your best to stay out of harm’s way.

Peter McEvoy APM LEM
Detective Superintendent

Dear Andy

Please accept my resignation from the Police Association effective November 11, 2009 due to my retirement from SAPOL after 34 years of service. When I joined, a lovely and well-liked fellow named Harold Salisbury was commissioner, but enough about that.



I enjoy reading the tales from *The Last Shift* and feel it would be a shame if I did not follow suit and share my story.

After much deliberation, and the assistance of a financial-planner, I have opted for a lump-sum payout. I will continue to live in Renmark and look for alternative employment.

My career postings have been few compared to others in the job. I commenced at Region B before transferring to Whyalla, Renmark (for a record 17 years) and, finally, Berri.

Whyalla provided a huge amount of learning and was a great experience. The camaraderie among the staff was exceptional.

The Riverland (Loxton) was my birthplace and it has been an honour and privilege to have served the bulk of my career and last days in this great

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part of the world. Many come intending to leave and never do.

A story I won't forget is that a few years ago I was on duty with my good friend Robert Handley when we were following behind Santa at the Renmark Christmas Pageant. Robert later joked to one and all that I got more waves from the crowd than Santa. I'll take it as a compliment.

On the point of tenure, I thank SAPOL for its more relaxed attitude, as we know there is nothing worse than a disgruntled employee.

I have been fortunate enough not to have sustained a serious injury throughout my career, especially given that it was entirely shift work, general duties. Having worked with people like David Barr, and being a course member with Gordon Loft, I know just how damn lucky I was. They paid the ultimate price in the line of duty.

I thank the members of Course 45 for some very fond memories of those early days in the academy. May the reunions continue.

I thank the members of team 2, Berri, for stepping aside and allowing me the so-called comfort of the front office in my final weeks. I couldn't have wished for a better team to finish up with. Some of the debriefs with you people, and others, in the past have been quite special and memorable.

I have made a lot of lifelong friends along the way but I thank all with whom I have served for all the good memories and fun times. Having had time to reflect, I leave with a positive mind about the future and no regrets.

I give a special thank you to my wife Robin and our four boys, Mark, Durc, Nicholas

and Richard, for their love and support over the years.

There is no doubt in my mind that the people in blue on the front line are the greatest asset SAPOL has. They are at the beck and call of one and all in a demanding occupation. IMOST has taught us not to go sticking our necks out, and to aim to be home with our families in one piece at the end of each shift. Take care out there.

Finally, Mark Carroll, Andy Dunn and the Police Association committee and staff, I thank you for your efforts in securing the excellent pay and conditions members enjoy.

Kind regards
Grant "Wally" Milich
SC1C 29586

Dear Andy

Please accept my resignation from the Police Association due to my retirement from SAPOL, effective December 4, 2009.

It has been an interesting, challenging and satisfying career. I was privileged to work with many quality and talented people, not only as peers but also subordinates, many of whom have the ability to progress further in their careers.

I retired with no regrets to commence the next phase of life's journey, with no more TCGs, "ministerials", briefing papers, audits and risk assessments, and constant changes to legislation.

To the remaining members of Course 27 (1969-71) Mick Lyons, Oleh Cybulka and Roger Glazbrook, and to those of Inspectors Development Course 1/90, Gary Burns, Jim Langmead and Brian Smith, I thank you for your friendship and wish you all the best for the future.

I wish all members the very best for the future.

Regards
Rick Perry
Inspector
2053/4

To whom it may concern

I have resigned from SAPOL as of December 14, 2009 and must therefore cease to be a member of the Police Association.

Thank you
Jaime Pooley

Hi Andy

Just an e-mail to advise you that I have resigned from SAPOL, effective from December 15, 2009. I must therefore terminate my membership with the Police Association.

Thanks
Megan Roediger
72123

Dear Andy

Please accept my immediate resignation from the Police Association due to my resignation from SAPOL.

I leave with many good memories and have thoroughly enjoyed the last three years on patrols at both Elizabeth and Sturt LSAs.

I am bound for Western Australia and the next great adventure.

I thank all who made me feel welcome, particularly Sgt Glen Mickan and his family.

Good luck and all the best for the future.

Barry Grady
Snr Const 72046
Sturt Patrols

Dear Andy

Please accept my resignation from the Police Association of South Australia effective as of January 21, 2010, to coincide with my resignation from SAPOL.

I have resigned from SAPOL to pursue a career as a professional fire-fighter with the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service.

I thank Sgt David Chamberlain and senior constables David Leigh and Paul Carman, who have mentored me during my time in the city.

I also thank everyone at team four, Adelaide and Hindley St, and those I graduated from the academy with, for all the good times.

I have enjoyed my time on the road and have shared many memories, and I will miss working with such great people.

Regards
Ryan Berryman
Constable 72479
Adelaide Patrols

Andy

Due to my retirement on January 24, 2010, after 46 years of service, I resign my membership from the Police Association on that date.

I thank you and the committee for all the hard work over the years to provide better pay and working conditions for the members.

To all those I have worked with, especially those within the Eastern Adelaide CIB, I thank you for your friendship, support and assistance. I wish you all well for the future.

Regards
Peter Wilum
Sgt 1731/0