

Tribute to police war dead



Retired Police Officers Association president Ray Williams presents the Operational Safety Award to Probationary Constable Luke Gillam

Senior police chaplain Dianna Bartlett conducted the SA Police Anzac Memorial Service on Sunday, April 18, at Fort Largs. The service, held annually at the police academy on the last Sunday before Anzac Day, commemorates 23 SA police officers killed in overseas conflicts.

Police Historical Society historian Dorothy Pyatt related the story of 23-year-old

constable Colin Samuel Temby, who died in a fierce World War II air battle in Italy on January 23, 1944.

Serving with the RAAF, Const Temby and others had taken indefinite leave from SAPOL to answer their country's call to arms.

Nine police officers died in World War I, as did 13 in World War II. One officer lost his life as part of the United Nations police contingent in Cyprus in 1969.

Those paying tribute to the police war dead laid wreaths in front of brass plaques erected beneath the police academy clock tower. The RPOA laid a wreath on behalf of its members.

Hong Kong story

RPOA members welcomed Police Association secretary Andy Dunn as guest speaker at its monthly meeting in April. Mr Dunn related his experiences as an inspector with the Royal Hong Kong Police Force while on three years' leave from SAPOL in the 1980s. He gave a broad insight into the structure of the force and the deployment of its officers.

One story he detailed, by word and with photographs, was that of his role in responding to a riot in downtown Hong Kong in 1984. Mr Dunn left members looking forward to further chapters of his Hong Kong story.

Foundation Day

The SA Police Foundation Day, which celebrates the delivery of police services to the community, was held at Fort Largs on April 28. The event recognized the history of the fort, which helped protect SA shores in wartime.

Meetings

RPOA members attended their March and April meetings in good number and enjoyed entertainment by musical group The Strutters and its female vocalists.

Picnic

RPOA committee member Raelene Holloway is busily planning the annual picnic and dinner. Bookings are being taken for the picnic, which will be held at Fort Largs on Sunday, October 17. Certain restrictions on numbers for the November 18 dinner are to be discussed. The cost will be detailed in the next issue of the *Police Journal*.

Graduation

The RPOA presented its Operational Safety Award to Probationary Constable Luke Gillam at his graduation with Course 7/2009 at Fort Largs on April 14.

New members

The RPOA welcomes new members Betty Smith, Mary Furnell and Anthony Rice.

Vale

The RPOA extends its sympathy to the families of Ross Curtis, Ethel Chambers and Josephine Mitchell.

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