

# the last shift

## Andy

Due to my retirement from SAPOL on January 5, 2010, which happens to be 40 years' service to the day, I am resigning from the Police Association.

Thanks to both the association, for its help through the years, and the members I have had the pleasure of working with.

Good luck and all the best for the future.

Regards  
**Otto Fekete**

## Dear Andy

Please accept this letter as advice of my resignation from the Police Association of South Australia due to my retirement from SAPOL, with the last day of active service being March 31, 2010. This concludes just over 51 years of service in SAPOL, with the first three being spent in the Accounts Branch of SAPOL as a public servant.

I first became aware of what PASA did through meeting its then secretary, Bob Fenwick, in February 1959. Mr Fenwick used to attend the Accounts Branch fortnightly to collect the cheque for all of the members' subscriptions.

From that time until the present, but particularly over the past 10 years, I had many meetings with the PASA executive, including Peter Alexander, Mark Carroll, Tom Scheffler and you, about issues pertaining to members of PASA.

Notwithstanding some of the outcomes from those meetings were different from

the expectations of PASA, the professionalism and cordiality of your executive was always first-class and greatly appreciated.

I wish PASA success with future enterprise bargaining and with the various ways in which it continues to support the members.

There have been hundreds of police officers and public servants whom I have been fortunate enough to work with during my career. I would need 20 columns of your magazine to write about them all. They have my profound respect, and whatever I might have achieved was due to their leadership, teamwork, understanding and friendship.

I wish all members of SAPOL good health and success in the future.

Yours sincerely  
**Phil Cornish APM**  
*Commander*

## Dear Andy

I advise you that I have resigned from SAPOL, with my official last day being April 7, 2010.

I thank all the members I have had the pleasure of working with, especially everyone on team six at Netley and Sturt CIB Tac team one. I wish them all the best for the future.

Cheers  
**Ian "Mounty" Mounfield**

## Dear Andy

Please accept from resignation from the Police Association due to my

retirement from SAPOL under a WorkCover agreement. My last day of service will be April 7, 2010.



I could write a book of my experiences – mostly good, but a lot bad – with SAPOL over the last 40 years. At this stage, I choose not to do that, but rather concentrate on adapting from being a cop to a civilian and enjoying myself travelling.

I thank the Police Association for all of its assistance to me over the years, especially the last two in regard to my WorkCover claim.

This Police Association has dragged SAPOL working conditions out of the Dark Ages and into reality.

I can still remember the days on patrol in Adelaide when, in 40-degree heat, police officers, wearing ties and hats, were forced to drive cars without air-conditioning. It's a far cry from those days now, and that is purely through the efforts of our union. I thank you sincerely.

**Peter Downes**  
*Kadina*

## G'day Andy

I wish to end my subscription to the Police Association, coinciding with my resignation from SAPOL

as of April 8, 2010.

In my short five years in the job I have worked at Holden Hill, Golden Grove, Millicent, and Adelaide police stations. By far the most fun was in my first 18 months in the job at Holden Hill, on team four.

I thank all members of that original team for the laughs. Thanks to Jonts, Ryan, Katie, Walks, Timbo, Stevo, Bents, Mask, Macca, Paps, Pots, J Olive, Lisa R, Scotty K, Goody, Sarah, Ado and Katie Greetham.

Thanks to everyone at Millicent, Adelaide and Golden Grove: Patto, Sambo, Walks, Jezza, Jason, Matty B, Ashy, Marg, Sarah O, Crossy, Jen, Shane, Nick, Kev, Turtle, Kym, Randy, Mick Lawrence, S Johnno, Nick D, and any others I have forgotten.

I leave to begin a new career with the NT Police. After a short bridging course, I'm off to Alice Springs on general patrols, where I'm told it's quite busy.

My advice: don't take yourself too seriously; and, if you don't love it, leave.

**Tommy Newton**  
*Adelaide Patrols*

## Dear Andy

Please accept my resignation from the Police Association of South Australia, effective on Wednesday, April 14, 2010. I have decided to leave SAPOL to take up a position as an aviation rescue fire-fighter with Air Services Australia.

I have enjoyed my time within SAPOL and I thank the people I have had the pleasure of working with throughout

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my career.

I wish you all luck. Thank you and best wishes.

### **Darren Smith**

*Senior Constable  
Golden Grove Police Station*

### **Dear Andy**

I wish to advise I have resigned from SAPOL, my last day of service being April 15, 2010.

As a result of my resignation, I also end my membership with the Police Association as of that date.

Kind regards

### **Stephen Barter**

*Constable*



### **Dear Andy**

I hereby give notice of my resignation from SAPOL. My last day of service will be April 21, 2010.

After 23 years as a police officer I have decided to pursue a different career path within Adelaide.

I have worked with some great people over the last five years. I wish all of you the best of luck for the future.

I thank SAPOL for the opportunities it has given me.

### **Anita Newton**

*SC1C  
Holden Hill CIB*

### **Andy**

I must cancel my Police Association contributions due to resigning from SAPOL. My last day of service will be April 30, 2010.

I thank all the people I worked and had many a laugh with while at Transit Services Branch, especially team three.

I sincerely thank Ian McDonald and Dennis Franklin who I personally believe will support any member of their staff to the nth degree as they did with me during my initial transition. I feel their contributions went way beyond that of their roles as supervisors. I will be forever grateful.

I also thank everyone at Adelaide Airport, especially Gregory Norris who has endured and amused me for the last 18 months. His input and guidance were appreciated and delivered as only Greg could.

I wish everyone a happy, healthy and successful future.

Kind regards

### **Anthony Smart**

### **Dear Andy**

The president of the Police Association, committee members and members, it is with both sorrow and joy that I advise you that my last day of service in the South Australian Police is May 16, 2010.

Over the past 32-plus years, I have had an amazing time. I have served with some strange and wonderful people. Most of my career has been in the traffic sections, from the old slant beam radar, Accident

Investigation and then, finally, as a "scooter pig".

The people I have worked with over the years have been dedicated to the role that they play within SAPOL. To the patrol sergeants who have supported me and their teams, thank you.



As for being a speedie, these were the best years of my life. I was able to see all parts of the state, and meet and work with some fantastic people.

When I first went to the bikes, the general public knew that, when they saw a speedie, and they had been doing something wrong, they would be pinched. These days, the only time you see a speedie is when he is standing on the side of the road doing laser or RBT, or being wheeled out as a promotional item. Gone is that deterrent.

For the past three years and 10 months, I have worked with some great people. They have shown me support when needed, and some great times.

I have gone back to working as a patrol member within a community. I refer to those members who have been seconded from SAPOL into the AFP under the Airport Uniform Policing model.

We were accepted by the AFP, but still called SAPOL

home. It was unfortunate that it was not a two-way street.

I say thank you to just a few who have stood by me and helped over my career in SAPOL: Chief Supt Tom Osborne and sergeants Peter Pearce, Colin Bonney and especially Graham Garratt.

To the association, thank you for all your efforts in supporting me and the members of SAPOL; and keep fighting to win better pay, conditions and equipment for the members. Thank you to all.

Respectfully

### **Greg Norris**

### **Andy**

Please cancel my Police Association membership as of May 22, 2010, my last day of service with SAPOL.

Regards

### **Tim Bidwell**

*Constable  
Transit Response*