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Ride Like Crazy

Dear Andy

Ride Like Crazy is a mass-participation cycling event, which is an initiative of Ride Like Crazy Incorporated and supported by South Australia Police.

The purpose of the event is to raise funds for charities – with a focus on cancer research, prevention and treatment – and promote road safety.

The last two Ride Like Crazy rides, in which more than 2,000 riders participated, have raised \$320,000 for the nominated charities.

The 2012 ride will kick off at 7am on Sunday, January 15, 2012, at the Unley Shopping Centre car park and finish at Unley Oval. Participants can undertake the full 110 kilometres or join the ride at Woodside and complete the 53km route.

Ride Like Crazy 2012 will continue to help the fight against cancer with all profits supporting the Neurosurgical Research Foundation and the Flinders Medical Centre Foundation.

Members should visit www.ridelikecrazy.com to access all information about the event or e-mail ridelikecrazy@police.sa.gov.au

Regards

Paul Evans

Events Project Team

Grateful to heroes

Dear Andy

My son, Sean Pascoe, died as a result of a hit-and-run accident in Port Lincoln on March 5, 1994. Back then, I had no idea that it would take almost 17 years to find answers as to what exactly happened.

Sean was last seen leaving the Pier Hotel and buying a pizza before walking home on Flaxman St in the early hours of the morning. He was found on the road at 3am.

After an extensive investigation, it seemed we were no closer to learning who was driving the hit-and-run car or the circumstances surrounding Sean's death.

Sean was buried with his father, Vic, who had died in an accident 26 years earlier, also at the age of 26.

In the years that followed, we made many appeals for information but were unsuccessful. But, in January 2009, I wrote a letter to the Major Crash Investigation Section and it landed on the desk of then OC Tony Cramer.

I guess the timing was right because, he advised me that Sean's file was one of a number of cold cases under review. It had been assigned to Ken Raymond and reopened.

In November 2009, four Major Crash officers returned to Port Lincoln to take a fresh look at the case. They were Andy McDonald, Paul Zilm, Dave Manning and Narelle Janeway, and they became and remain my heroes.

They discovered, 15 years after the hit-and-run, who the offending driver was, who the passenger was, and the car involved. That was extraordinary police work, and I will always be grateful to them.

To the many police officers who worked behind the scenes, supporting these Major Crash officers, I say the most heartfelt thank you.

Sean Pascoe



I have my closure. All I ever wanted was the truth, and there it was!

For Sean's family, friends and so many police officers, this is your closure too.

Back in 1994, leaving the scene of an accident was not an indictable offence, as it is today. And, because of the time which has elapsed, no charges can be laid against the offenders. This is very disappointing for some but I hope that, in time, they will find peace, as I have.

I thank Emily Telfer and Stephanie Borek at the DPP. They gave it their best shot.

During the original 1994 investigation, I had some truly amazing support from now Police Association assistant secretary Tom Scheffler and his wife, Carol, Michael and Beth Polacek, John and June Mylchreest and Sean and Sophie Evans. I thank them, and also thank Arch Kempster, Kerrily Walker, Mark Semmens and George Fenwick.

The door-knock officer, Mick Everlyn, always had – and continues to have – a smile and a hug and I thank him.

Glen Pink's salute of the hearse touched my heart; and I appreciated the counsel and support of Ray Dowd, to whom I will always be grateful; and I thank the girls in Forensics for their compassion.

I also thank Nicole Dempster and Graham England, who were so very kind to me and left no stone unturned in their efforts to find the answers I so desperately wanted.

The police officers stationed at Port Lincoln at the time were especially supportive and got me through those dark days of 1994. I thank them.

I offer thanks also to Gordon Hartley, Tony Brown and the SES volunteers.

And for their continued support and encouragement, I thank Sean's dear school friend, Matthew Buck, and his lovely wife, Tania Mae.

Thank you, Andy, for the opportunity to give my thanks to your members, the men and women of the SA Police.

Commissioner Mal Hyde should be so very proud of his people.

Moir Pascoe

(formerly Clark)

Coromandel Valley