

## Not funny Probationer !



### BLUE BOA CONSTRICTOR SHOULD BECOME EXTINCT

Dear Editor,  
To B.J. of Newcastle, your letter to the Editor (Volume 84 No 9) was gutsy. Sometimes the pen is mightier than the sword but in your husband's case an insignificant piece of cloth took precedence over Police safety issues.

Ties bloody ties. When I joined the job our uniform issue had two of the nasty little critters lurking in the bottom of the box. They were long, skinny ones fashionable in the seventies. During intermediate and secondary training at the Academy they had to conform precisely to the drill Sergeant's instructions. A Windsor knot was preferred, and not being double-jointed nor a former Eagle scout or Master mariner, this puzzle was beyond me. The tie had to hang in length to your belt buckle and look clean and sharp. "Sharp enough to slice bread," said the drill Sergeant. Your tie bar was to be directly aligned with your pocket buttons.

The stress and frustration of it all. After several attempts I usually came up too short or too long. The so-called Windsor knot protruded from my neck seeming to mask a deformed Adam's apple. Five minutes to parade, and without fail I somehow managed to dip my tie in coffee or dangle it in the tomato sauce on my pie. A quick wash under the tap and a good rub with paper towel and there went the cutting edge. This edge had been honed, with the assistance of flatmates and a steam iron brought with punter's club money.

So there I was, assembled on parade and quaking in trepidation. Very soon my fear was met with the roar of the drill Sergeant, "What's one foot long and hangs in front of a complete idiot? It's Constable Griffiths' tie, is it not?" And the parade in unison acknowledged, "Yes Sergeant."

These irksome neck abrasers often necessitated the wearer to sever the top button. This gave them a chance to breathe. Breathing is an important bodily function. With the top button discarded it also helped in the healing process of the weeping neck wounds.

Years later we got some relief with clip-on ties secured by elastic under the collar. No more being half choked to death during an altercation with the offender. A tie with a built-in Windsor knot. A tie that could be quickly attached when the Boss was heading in your direction. But still an obstruction to your windpipe.

I believe it's time for the material blue boa constrictor to become extinct. By all means keep a few on display at the Police Museum. Let the next generation of Police know the reason for its eradication and what a cruel species of uniform it was.

I do have some sense of etiquette: ties being worn on ceremonious occasions is good protocol.

When my number is up, and they put me on display in the local funeral parlour's departure lounge, someone please make sure I am not fitted out in a suit and tie. I am now retired, never to be re-tied.

TIM GRIFFITHS

### CLEAN CUT AND PROFESSIONAL

Dear Editor,  
I attended the welcome home parade for the Olympic athletes in Sydney city, and while standing outside

the Queen Victoria building with my elderly mother, sister, nieces, nephews and two adult children, we had the opportunity to speak with a young Constable. His name is Jason and he was in the Vikings squad.

I want to commend him. He was a total credit to the NSW Police. He was kind and friendly without undermining his professional duties at any time. It is with young men of this calibre that we, the public, feel we are getting our old type of policing back.

I want his superiors to be made aware of his exceptional behaviour so that he can be praised and will continue to be the great, young officer he is.

It was just wonderful to see such a strong police presence in the city, all looking clean cut and professional. Three cheers for NSW Police.

LINDA HAYMAN

## APPRECIATIONS

Dear Editor,

Just a short note to express my appreciation, I have just been informed that my PSS pension percentage upgrade was approved and backdated to my last day of service.

Thanks to the Police Association for a speedy exit from the service (HOD), for covering the costs of my legal assistance (Pension increase and 12(D) claim), and the referral to Les at Walter Madden Jenkins.

All matters handled by Les Nicholls and the staff of Walter, Madden Jenkins were completed promptly, professionally and with a minimum of fuss.

PETER BISARO

Former Senior Constable

## 36-YEAR CAREER ENDS

Dear Editor,

I was medically discharged HOD from the NSW Police on 6 August. It wasn't the way I saw my career ending but despite my best attempts at rehabilitation and remaining at Narrabri on light duties, end it did.

This finalised a career that I commenced as a Police Cadet on 13 May 1968 and found personally very challenging and worthwhile. I wish to thank the Police Association for the many benefits it has provided me as an operational cop and a dedicated member and branch official.

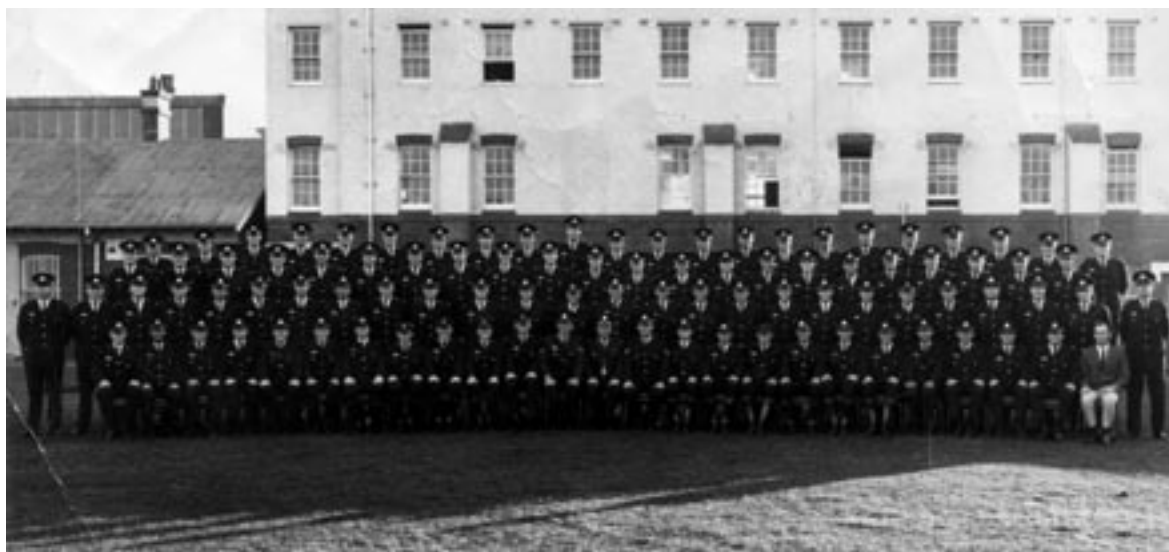
I will treasure the memories, both good and bad, of operational policing in highway patrol, detectives, general duties in the bush and Sydney. Most of all I will recall with pride the workmates I had the honour of toiling with over the past 36 years.

There is life after policing and seventeen hundred acres with a 200-head Droughtmaster herd will keep me exercising both physically and mentally. However, this will only help to fill the void as nothing will totally replace "the job".

JON STEWART

## WHO'S WHO OF CLASS 116

Can you help identify any of the members in this photograph who were a part of Class 116 or 117? This photograph was taken after training was completed in 1969. If you can help please email Chris Ure on [ure9@idl.com.au](mailto:ure9@idl.com.au)



# NEW MEMBERS

Jennifer Bridges	Anthony Compton	Jay Conder	Brett Cooper
Ian Currie	Sean Daly	Paul Ebsworth	Wayne Fuller
Rachelle Gambino	Allison Goyen	Warren Gruber	Heidi Hage
Leonard Horwood	Craig Judge	Christopher Leeson	Adam Martin
Christopher Pacey	Mark Prince	Georgia Robinson	Jai Vickery
Sasha Vuckovic	Aaron Wigmore	Byron Williams	

## DPP 19

Cameron Allan	Benton Allan	Malek Alzaim	Jeannie Assaf
Gordana Atanasovski	Gabriel Ballard	David Bartlett	Vicky Berdekan
Christine Bezzina	Colin Bird	Robert Bongiorno	Andrew Bonora
Glenn Boreham	Lyle Brock	Melissa Brown	Craig Burton
Shannon Cable	Clint Campbell	Raymond Carey	Bryan Carney
Colin Carter	Sergio Castillo	Alaattin Cicek	Jason Cikos
Maximillian Cipriotto	Leonardo Clarke	Adam Clift	Brett Collins
Benjamin Cook	Nathan Cook	Paul Cornwall	Tony Cramere
Bartolomiej Czyzewski	Chelsea Davidson	Graeme Davies	Anthony Davies
Damien Day	Stephen Dayeian	Grant De Rooy	Troy Deacon
David Debono	Andrew Devlin	Nasser Dib	Mathew Doroszuk
Bradley Duncan	James Dunphy	Belinda Fairman	Shane Farrow
Vicki Ferraris	Robert Fielding	Mark Francis	Julie Fredericks
Archibald French	Sarah Garvey	Matthew Genders	Jason Gowers
Duane Griffin	Rodney Griffin	Mason Hammond	David Hancock
Guy Hardie	Peter Harris	Vaughan Hau	Craig Henderson
Patrick Hensen	Leigh Hooper	Thomas Howes	Mathew Hudson
Jeffrie Ingram	Ryan Johnston	Rachael Joyce	Marc Kannengiesser
Graham Keep	Melissa Kilminster	Dean Kirkwood	Justin Knewstub
Damon Kowalec	Rodney Lea	Paul Lincoln	Troy Mackaway
Joshua Magnus	Michael Main	Lee Maraga	Shane Markham
Steven Marsh	Cameron May	John McCulloch	Danyl Mewburn
Debra Milnes	Rebecca Monin	Peter Nimmo	Nichole Nipperess
Adam Nissen	Tegan O'Reilly	Mitchell Parker	Mark Parode
Andrew Pearch	Angelic Phara	Bradley Phillips	Sarah Powell
Robbie Rampling	Matthew Redward	Jenny Ren	Ricardo Retamal
Anthony Reynolds	Mark Reynolds	Richard Reynolds	Lee Rigelsford
Casey Rixon	Shane Robinson	David Ryan	Kee Sisouvath
Lancelot Slade	John Slatrer	Marc Smith	Douglas Sonnex
Brett Spencer	Alicia Squires	Michael Stellino	Glenn Stewart
Bevan Stuart	Erin Stubberfield	Jie Tan	Lachlan Teasel
Alan Thorn	Julie Trieu	Lee Verran	Clinton Walshe
Duane Ward	Darren Way	Stephen Wilson	Paul Withers

## DEATHS

### FULL MEMBERS

	DATE OF DEATH	AGE
Ian Dennis	3/08/2004	48 Yrs
Stephen Leach	3/08/2004	50 Yrs
David Guff	17/08/2004	41 Yrs

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

	<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	<b>AGE</b>
Herbert Clunas	17/08/2004	86 Yrs
Keith Waters	1/05/2004	67 Yrs
Harold Ferris	1/09/2004	84 Yrs
Graham Jarrold	21/08/2004	56 Yrs
William Glanville	6/09/2004	69 Yrs
James Lees	2/09/2004	84 Yrs
Ronald Simpson	14/09/2004	73 Yrs

**FORMER MEMBERS**

	<b>DATE OF DEATH</b>	<b>AGE</b>
Alan Dennis	8/08/2004	74 Yrs
Robert Walton	8/08/2004	91 Yrs
Ronald Foster	7/09/2004	69 Yrs
Melvin Delamont	10/09/2004	57 Yrs
Leslie McDonald	24/09/2004	87 Yrs

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independence of the judiciary from political interference by government. The autonomy and operational independence of British (and to a lesser extent, Australian) police organisations can be contrasted with the thoroughly politicised NYPD under Bratton.

Australian policing's flirtation with the US zero tolerance policy and with the UK's core business policy speak of a failure of Australian police managers to examine the singularity of the societies and political systems which produced these policies. Neither context was even a near-match with Australian society or Australian police organisations, or in the NYPD case, with non-codified or porous NSW law which demands the exercise of police discretion in its enforcement. Adoption of either policy would have been immensely damaging to Australian society; neither policy should have ever been contemplated for implementation here.

**Notes and References**

1. The "service role" is as old as policing itself. When organised policing was first introduced in 1829 London, police searched for lost children and cared for drunks, intervened in spousal violence and arbitrated in neighbourhood disputes. Police ran soup kitchens for the poor and dormitories for the homeless and acted as a proto-public service. "The nineteenth century police reformers cultivated the service role in order to secure legitimacy for more coercive policing functions." A.P. Donadjirodski (1977) *Social Police and the Bureaucratic Elite in nineteenth century Britain*, London: Croom Helm, p. 67. The Royal Irish Constabulary despite its imposed, rather than negotiated modus of policing also had a service role function – it collected agricultural statistics and kept the school rolls, enforced weights and measures legislation and rounded up

straying hogs and suppressed crime, offences against public order – and rebellion.

The NSW Police replicated that RIC-type service role; it obtains to this day. NSW Police Commissioner 1984-91 John Avery changed the title of the NSW Police Force to "Police Service" in the 1980s, to highlight the primacy of the service role. Police Minister Michael Costa seeking a transient electoral advantage, determined to give NSW policing a tough-guy image by changing its title back to Police Force. The affrighted response of the NSW Labor Left resulted in him deleting both the words "Force" and "Service" from the title; we now have a NSW Police – full stop.

2. See Howard Elcock (1986) *Local Government: Politicians, Professionalism, and the Public in Local Authorities*, 2nd Ed., London: Methuen.

3. See William C. Heffernan (1985) 'The Police and their Rules of Office; an Ethical Analysis' in William C. Heffernan and Timothy Stroup (eds.) *Police Ethics; Hard Choices in Law Enforcement*, New York: John Jay, pp.3-5.

4. Typically: Ronald J. Allen 'The Police and Substantive Rulemaking; Reconciling Principle and Expediency', *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, 125, 1976. "the police purpose is to enforce prohibitions articulated by the legislature. We do not say to police "here is a problem. Deal with it." We say: "Here is a detailed code. Enforce it."

5. William Bratton (1998) *Turnaround: How America's Top Cop Reversed the Crime Epidemic*, New York: Random House, Ch. 1, *passim*.

6. Robert Reiner (2000) *The Politics of the Police*, Oxford University Press, p.8.

7. Carl B. Klockars (1983) Ch. 1, "Images and Expectations" in Carl B. Klockars (ed.) *Thinking about Police: Contemporary Readings*, New York: McGraw Hill, 1983, p.5.

8. Egon Bittner (1990) "Police Research and Police Work", in Egon Bittner (ed) *Aspects of Police Work*, Boston: Northeastern University Press, pp313-4.

9. Lord Scarman (1981) *The Scarman Report: The Brixton Disorders*, London: HMSO, Cmnd 8427, reprinted London: Penguin, 1982.

Note: The views expressed in this article are the author's own.

BY JOHN BLACKLER, APM



# GAMES OF STRATEGY

## WHAT HAPPENED TO GORDON FREEMAN?



Lovers of the all-time great Half Life Collection will have been wondering for some time when the next instalment will be released, and all we can say is soon. With the developers suggesting November 1, 2004 we hope that they hold true to their word.

Once again players will assume the role of Gordon Freeman, a scientist destined to save the Earth from hordes of gruesome alien attackers. The distributors of Half-Life 2 claim that it will “take computer games to a new level of realism with incredible in-game graphics that recreate familiar-looking city streets, and blend them with strange and grotesque monsters, resulting in a believable and at times unsettling environment”. While this may have been the case during the early development phase, many new titles already released boast some outstanding features that will be hard to match.

To add to the realism Half Life 2 will include objects and characters which feature accurate physics properties, behaving with the appropriate mass, density, and physical properties of their real-life counterparts. “Extremely intelligent computer AI (should) result in enemies that plan, adapt, and respond to the player’s actions”.

At the time of writing there was no demo version available, but videos and screen shots, etc are available at the Vivendi Universal web site.

## AGE OF MYTHOLOGY GOLD EDITION

Microsoft Game Studios recently announced that the Age of Mythology Gold Edition has been released in Australia for an estimated retail price of \$79.95. This compilation contains the two award-winning games, Age of Mythology and Age of Mythology: The Titans Expansion Pack.

Developed by Ensemble Studios, the creators of Age of Empires and Age of Empires II: The Age of Kings, Age of Mythology Gold Edition includes two revolutionary games that transport players to a time when heroes did battle with legendary

monsters and the gods intervened in the affairs of mortal men.

In Age of Mythology, and The Titans, gamers play as one of 12 unique civilisations from ancient Greek, Norse, Egyptian and Atlantean mythologies. Players can reinforce their armies with mythological creatures like Cyclopes and Medusas or call upon the mighty powers of gods such as Zeus to rain down lightning bolts on unsuspecting enemies.

Age of Mythology and The Titans also incorporate Ensemble Studios’ trademark features from previous Age of Empires games, including a compelling economic model, a massive army and battle system, unequalled artificial intelligence, random maps, intuitive gameplay and extreme attention to detail.

More information about Age of Mythology Gold Edition is available at <http://www.microsoft.com/games/ageofmythologygold/>, or on the Ensemble Studios site at <http://www.ensemblestudios.com/aon.htm>.

## WIN WIN WIN WIN

For the chance to win a copy of Age of Mythology and the Titans Expansion, put your details on the back of an envelope and send it to the Editor marked AM Comp, PO Box A1097, Sydney South NSW 1232 by 30 November.

## DAWN OF WAR – WARHAMMER 40,000



At the official website Warhammer 40,000: Dawn of War is claimed to be a revolutionary science fiction real-time strategy game. And having downloaded and installed the rather large demo version we were soon to visit our local PC shop to purchase the full version. Yes, we were truly impressed.

Warhammer 40,000: Dawn of War is set in the violent, post-apocalyptic universe of the 41st Millennium. Utilising the exceptional game design skills of Relic Entertainment, Dawn of War provides an immersive entertainment experience of epic proportions.



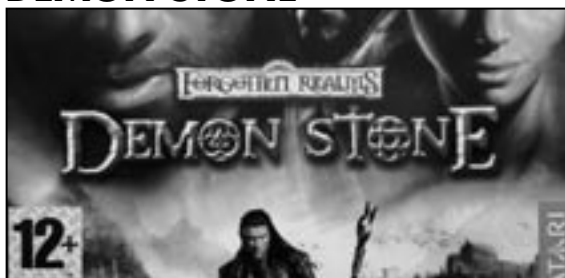
Like the table-top version of the immensely popular game (but much less expensive), players will be required to take command of hardened troops, deadly vehicles and high tech weaponry with one goal in mind, the complete extermination of the opposition.

Whether you lead humanity's finest - the Space Marines, the diabolic and villainous traitors of man - the Chaos Space Marines, the brutal and savage beasts - the Orks, or the psychic and technologically advanced alien warriors - the Eldar, you control the action and the fate of your race!

With an inspired 3D engine and exciting 360° zoom in and movement features, each game will certainly provide awe-inspiring, intuitive frontline combat never before depicted in such a RTS game.

The demo and further information is available at <http://www.dawnofwargame.com/au>. The game is available in stores now, but be aware you will need a reasonable PC to take full advantage of the features - a 2.2 GHz P4 (or equivalent) processor is recommended with 512 MB of RAM; you will also want a quality video-card.

## DEMON STONE



Only for the PlayStation 2 Console (at this time) Demon Stone will be a game that must be added to any collection of quality titles. A real-time strategy/adventure game, Demon Stone is developed by Stormfront Studios and distributed by Atari and is very similar in gameplay and appearance to Dawn of War - although clearly a different title.

Within the awe-inspiring Dungeons and Dragons world, a fighting saga begins in the mythical land of Fearûn, where magic, prophecy and mystery envelop great heroes.

Three renegade warriors (a fighter, a sorcerer and a rogue), each with unique abilities, are dawn together by an inexplicable force that will see them pursue a quest to right a wrong and shape a future.

Players must be prepared to switch characters on the fly to exploit each warrior's fighting styles and build the party into a well-balanced fighting trio.

Well cited by the distributors "the Demon Stone gameplay elements - diverse, exciting and extremely cinematic - push action/adventure to an entirely new level." Get your copy now!

## CONFLICT VIETNAM



A haunting depiction of a truly grisly war, Conflict: Vietnam is the next instalment in the multi-award winning Conflict series, which has to date, sold over 3.5 million copies worldwide.

Conflict Vietnam (for PlayStation 2, Xbox and PC DVD) follows the progress of four US soldiers cut off from their unit and behind enemy lines during the 1968 Tet Offensive. Tasked with fighting their way back to friendly territory they are faced with day-to-day survival in a hostile environment where the enemy could emerge at any time.

A third-person shooter, Conflict Vietnam requires the player to take control of all four squad members, to utilise their diverse skills and tactical abilities, and return them to safety. The title features:

- Conflict's award winning squad based gameplay - refined and enhanced and brought to the most intimidating, oppressive and claustrophobic jungle environment yet seen.
- 14 varied missions from close quarter combat and river assault using Vietnamese gunboats to machine-gunning out of a Huey helicopter
- Infamous Vietcong booby traps around any corner, including; Bouncing Betties, Punji Stake Pits and Grenade trip wires
- Fundamentally re-written AI which can communicate realistically to co-ordinate attacks, 'play dead' and even kick grenades back at players
- Genre-defining co-operative multi-player, allowing up to four players simultaneous action

Conflict Vietnam continues the tradition of awesome war games from SCI including Conflict Desert Storm and Conflict Desert Storm II.

## WIN WIN WIN WIN

For the chance to win our Special Review Copy of Conflict Vietnam, put your details on the back of

an envelope and send it to the Editor marked CV Comp, PO Box A1097, Sydney South NSW 1232 by 30 November.

## TERMINATOR 3 – THE REDEMPTION



For PS2 and Xbox, T3 Redemption takes players on a thrill ride into a post-apocalyptic universe as they play the series' icon Arnold Schwarzenegger. Featuring the voice and likeness of 'the man' The Redemption will likely surprise players with innovative and exciting gameplay using vehicles and machines direct from the Terminator universe.

With high intensity arcade style vehicle combat and character based missions (from a third-person perspective) the Terminator will be put up against numerous ground and air-based enemies. T3 Redemption is presented in a diverse world, where players will experience gameplay through three distinct timelines – going places and doing things that had only been hinted at in the films, including a futuristic world where Sky Net has defeated the human resistance.

## WIN WIN WIN WIN

For the chance to win our special review copy of Terminator 3 - The Redemption, put your details on the back of an envelope and send it to the Editor marked T3 Comp, PO Box A1097, Sydney South NSW 1232 by 30 November.

## WINDOWS XP SERVICE PACK 2 – IS IT SAFE?

Last month we highlighted the recently released update to the Windows XP Operating System by Microsoft. Having downloaded, installed and updated our test PC it would be difficult indeed to suggest that the update should be ignored. In fact, the exact opposite is the case, there being no negative aspects noted post installation – although there are likely to be some problematic consequences that we may have missed.

The CD copy we requested (at a suggested 4-6 week wait) arrived within two weeks' and came with the expected warning to backup all-important files prior to installation. Order your Update CD now, or source one from a friend.

## IS A LCD (TFT) MONITOR FOR YOU?



Back in the September edition of Computer Review the new range of PC Products distributed by Mitsubishi Electric was mentioned, and more specifically the Diamond Digital large screen TFT LCD monitors - DV191 (19") and DV201 (20").

Thankfully we have now had the opportunity to trial the DV191 and it must be said that we are impressed. Not so much by the product itself (although it is impressive), but by the aesthetics of the LCD screen. This together with the space saving benefits of the TFT monitor must surely see it as technologically advanced.

For those with a passion for knowledge, LCD refers to Liquid Crystal Display, and TFT to Thin-film Transistor (or active matrix). Practically the terms refer to thin, slim and feature packed – only 210 mm deep including the stand (DV191).

Unlike the standard CRT Monitors (Cathode Ray Tube) which cover the edges of the screen, the Diamond Digital DV191 is a true 19" monitor with full viewing ability. It weighs only 7.5 kg and used about 55% of the power requirements of similar sized CRTs.

The DV191 also features inbuilt speakers (another space saving feature) and is extremely easy to install with an auto adjustment function that optimises the displayed image by tuning it to the characteristics of the graphics signal. It is available in both black and beige and retails for AU\$1,399. (inc GST) – it's a winner all round.

Check the range out at your local PC store or visit [www.mitsubishielectric.com.au](http://www.mitsubishielectric.com.au) – and don't forget the September article in Computer Review.

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## **NORTHERN POLICE REGION SERVING & RETIRED COMMISSIONED OFFICERS FORMAL DINNER**

**Date:** 10 November 2004

**Time:** Pre-dinner drinks 6.30pm for 7.00pm

**Venue:** Mountain View Room,  
Club Macquarie, formerly The Sulphide Club)  
458 Lake Road, Argenton.

**Guest Speaker:** Commissioner K. Moroney APM

**Cost:** \$50.00 - No tickets available at the door.

Cheques made payable to "Serving and Retired  
Commissioned Officers Dinner"

**Inquiries:** Chief Inspector Bernie Liston,  
Lake Macquarie, Memo - LIST1BER or PO Box  
44 Boolaroo, NSW 2284; or Allan Thompson,  
Ph 4945-3147.

**RSVP:** 26 October 2004.

## **FAREWELL - C/INSP RAY ROOTES**

38 years of service

**Date:** Saturday, 13 November 2004

**Time:** 7pm for 7.30pm to 12 midnight.

**Venue:** Sutherland United Services Club,  
7 East Parade, Sutherland 2232.

**Cost:** \$50 per head, Cheques payment to 'Ray  
Rootes Social Club'.

All cheques to Snr Sgt John Boyd, NSW Police  
Legal Services, Level 11 Ferguson Centre, 130  
George Street, Parramatta, NSW 2150.

**Contacts:** Tracey Pearce 85667417/47417;  
Jacquie Robinson 0407922001 & John Boyd  
96897584/79584.

**Email enquiries:** robi1jac@tpg.com.au

No Tickets at door

## **NELSON BAY POLICE REUNION**

A Police Reunion is to be held for all Police who  
were transferred to and served at the following  
locations: Nelson Bay Police, Nelson Bay Water  
Police, Nelson Bay Police Citizens Youth Club  
and Tea Gardens Police.

The reunion is to be held on the 27 November  
at Nelson Bay, those interested in attending can  
obtain further details by registering their interest  
via the following email: gec\_int@hotmail.com.

## **RETIREMENT OF DET/INSP STEPHEN (MOTH) MATHEWS**

45 Years Service

**Date:** Friday, 10 December 2004

**Time:** 7pm

**Venue:** Le Montage, Bayside Events Centre,  
38 Frazer Street, Leichhardt

**Cost:** \$85

**Cheques:** The Moth's Retirement Function

**Contacts:** Graeme Wright (wrig2gra@police.  
nsw.gov.au), Ph: 0404 493 339, 9680 5344 (78  
344) or Jenny Ross (ross1jen@police.nsw.gov.  
au), Ph:0421 781 451, 9680 5347 (78 347)

No tickets at the door

## **REOPENING OF MILPARINKA POLICE BARRACKS**

Present and former members who served at  
Tibooburra or Milparinka are invited to attend  
the reopening of the former police barracks at  
Milparinka on 26 March 2005. The Milparinka  
Heritage & Tourism Association is organising  
a variety of formal and informal activities to  
which police members and their families are  
warmly invited.

In addition, the Milparinka Heritage & Tourism  
Association would like serving and former  
members to bring with them a brief essay  
including photos about their policing experiences  
at Tibooburra and Milparinka. The organisation's  
goal is to preserve the history of the area.  
For further information please contact Sen  
Constable Ross Wilson at Tibooburra Police  
Station on 08 8091 3303.

## **PROPOSED REUNION OF FIVE DOCK POLICE RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB**

**Date:** April or May 2005

**Time:** Evening

**Venue:** Licensed premises in Five Dock or  
Drummoyne

**Cost:** Minimal cost for food and buy your own drinks

**Contact:** Players, officials and supporters  
interested in attending a reunion of the Five  
Dock Police Football Club please contact the  
following people (number of people interested  
are required by organising committee to assist in  
making the event happen)

Dave Martin E.N. 78899 Memo MART1DAV



Mark Gorton Memo GORT1MAR  
 Mark Wade Memo WADE1MAR  
 Peter Davidson Email Granpete@Bigpond.Com

## 50 YEAR REUNION OF CLASS 45

An expression of interest is sought from members of Class 45 of 1955 which commenced on 14 March 1955, with a view of holding a reunion on or about 12 April 2005 at a venue to be determined and reasonably convenient to all desirous of attending. Please contact Gordon Spink on 02 6564 7997 or email gordy007@bigpond.com.au

## NSW POLICE WIVES & FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

An invitation is extended to all Police wives, partners, widows, mothers or any friends who have an interest in our Police Service to join our group.

**Meeting dates:** Friday 26 November

**President:** Margaret Bunt (02) 9808 5621,

**Secretary:** Stephanie Lander (02) 9543 1630.

## NSW POLICE GOLF CLUB

11.11.04 (Ths) 10am Bonnie Doon Stableford

23.11.04 (Tues) 10am Cabramatta 2BBB Par

02.12.04 (Thus) 10am Cumberland Stableford

14.12.04 (Tues) 10am Liverpool

Xmas Dinner/Presentation

**Note:** strict dress regulations and soft spike policy apply at all courses and will be enforced. Come and play some of the best courses in Sydney. Prices range from \$25.00 to \$65.00. Memberships open to Police and friends. Does not matter if you have a handicap.

**Inquiries:** Andy Barker (Acting Secretary/  
Publicity Officer)

**Email:** bark1and@police.nsw.gov.au or Eaglenet  
29416 or 88359416

## NSW POLICE BOWLING CLUB

Mon 15 Nov Northmead 1 pm Fours  
proudly sponsored by Retireinvest Pty Ltd

Wed 8 Dec Riverstone 1 pm Fours

**President:** Jim Haynes 02 9583 9340,

**Secretary:** Rod Howard 02 4737 8804,

**Bowls Secretary:** Ron Webb 02 9627 7571.

**Email:** nswpolicebowls@optusnet.com.au

## NO 12 DIVISION POLICE AND CITIZEN GOLF CLUB

We welcome any interested players who want to come along and experience the friendship that occurs at our golf days. We play fortnightly at the Bexley Golf Club on Stoney Creek Road, Bexley on Thursday. Fixture cards are available and green fees vary depending on the age of the player.

Maximum fee is \$18 with a \$5 cost to the Social Golf Club. The latter automatically enters the player into the meat and chook raffle on the day.

Annual club membership is \$20 and a \$7 initial joining fee. Each financial member receives a Christmas gift. A number of events are played - Stableford, stroke, par with team events of Ambrose, 4 BBB and there are two mixed days with a ladies' social club.

A ball competition and nearest the pins happen each round. A club championship over two rounds is also held during the latter part of the year.

For more information contact Sgt Steve Wallace on (02) 9375 8599/EN 58599.

## POLICE ASSOCIATION OF NSW ASSOCIATES' BRANCHES

### CENTRAL COAST ASSOCIATES

Meet at midday on the third Tuesday at two-month intervals at Gosford RSL Club, 26 Pacific Highway, West Gosford. Any change will be notified.

**Meeting dates:** 21 December - meeting and Christmas function

**Branch Administrator:** Brian Costigan (02)  
4325 3677.

### MID NORTH COAST ASSOCIATES

All Associate members, partners, widows, retired Police and new members are invited to attend our meetings.

**Meetings dates:**

2 Dec Nambucca heads Bowling Club (AGM)

Meetings commence at 11.00am followed by lunch. Please contact either of the following by Monday prior to meeting:

Jack Spencer (02) 6658 2119, Betty Sharwood (02)  
6655 6508 or Garry Thornton (02) 6568 8597.

**NORTH COAST ASSOCIATES BRANCH**

All Police Association members and spouses are invited to attend our meetings on the following dates. Meetings followed by fellowship and luncheon.

Tuesday 7 December - 11 am Ballina RSL Club.

General Meeting followed by Christmas luncheon.

**Branch Chairman:** Maurice Lloyd (02) 6686 7247

**Branch Administrator:** John Crick (02) 6681 3586

**NORTHERN ASSOCIATES BRANCH**

14 December: Belmont 16 ft Sailing Club

**2005**

**14 February:** Pelican RSL Club, luncheon

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**Ron Bender:** 4946 5545

**Terry Seery:** 4946 1242

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Normal branch meetings will be held at Broadmeadow PCYC in January, March, May, July, September and November at 2 pm.

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Mr M T Taylor - Chairman (02) 9790 3165 or

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# REALISTIC TAKE ON LAW AND ORDER

IN OUR REGULAR FEATURE ON TV POLICE SHOWS, CONSTABLE ELLEN KASERMAN RECKONS WE COULD LEARN A THING OR TWO FROM LAW AND ORDER



Sometimes cop show Law and Order is so accurate a depiction of New York policing that it's difficult to watch. Not because it's disturbing or shocking, but because Australian police simply don't dream of a lot of the tools police have in the Big Apple.

"For instance we can't lie to defendants during an interview to induce them to make a confession," Kaserman says "but I must admit many Aussie police might find it a useful tool at times." As for being able to hold suspects for 48 hours, it's just unfathomable.

"I cannot imagine the bureaucratic problems that would cause in Sydney, between police and correctional services."

The Education and Development Officer based in Newtown LAC in Sydney's inner west says she's a fan of all three incarnations of Law and Order - leaving aside the frustratingly free hand the US police seem to have.

Kaserman enjoys the realism of Law and Order and its discipline in not descending into a soapie.

"It deals with investigative matters and police work and does not get into the sex lives of the main characters - it focuses on the realities of the job," says Kaserman. "That's why I like it."

It's a recipe that others appreciate as well - the series is the longest running crime series in the history of television. The show has also spawned three successful spin-offs Law & Order: Special Victims Unit, Law & Order: Criminal Intent," as well as the new Law & Order: Trial By Jury which premieres in the US in early 2005.

Kaserman loves the show's formula where viewers follow a case from the police investigation all the way through to the courts. The investigations

are challenging, prosecutions are complicated, and decisions about legal procedures and plea-bargaining often vexing for the protagonists.

"You see the police liaising with the DA and the actual prosecution - it's very realistic because all the legal stuff is half the battle" she says. "No matter how well you've done your job there can be legal ramifications."

"The sub plots always weave in and out and you see the effect of police work on the character's emotions, or the sleep deprivation of a high profile investigation, under the nose of the politicians and journos," she says.

"You do feel the frustration of the police on the show, the inter-agency communication. And the good guys don't always win," Kaserman says.

Kaserman finds the show topical, reflecting changes in attitudes and political environments. "For example since September 11 new legislation on terrorism has changed our posture on civil liberties - sometimes police can have misgivings about such changes."

When pressed Kaserman admits to liking Law and Order: SVU the best of the three - but she does love Lenny from the original series, "He's a typical old school copper - a recovering alcoholic," she laughs.

SVU stands for Special Victims Unit and the show deals primarily with sexually based crime. Kaserman likes the characters from the show.

"I love Elliott because he is so motivated and he has a simmering anger he only just manages to control - he always manages to remain professional even if sometimes it's only just," Ellen says. "And Munch has a very dry humour, and takes a very cynical bent on what's going on - but his feelings run very deeply when it comes to child sexual assault."

However Kaserman doesn't like Detective Odafin "Fin" Tutuola played by Ice-T. "He might be a popular rapper but he's a terrible actor," she says.

Yet Kaserman does think it's funny you never see the main characters doing the mundane work of policing like filling out applications for warrants and taking statements. "All you see is the execution of search warrants, the arrest of offenders and crucial interviews," she says "But I suppose all TV shows are like that."