



Past and Present

Women Police Association
of Victoria Inc.



Application for Membership

**Past and Present Women Police
Association of Victoria Inc.**

ACN: A0035417P

Return completed form with payment arrangements to:
PPWPA, PO Box 115, Ascot Vale 3032.

Full name of applicant

Signature of applicant

I wish to become a member of the Past and Present Women Police Association of Victoria Inc. On admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force.

I,

Full name of proposer

a member of the Association, nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the Association.

Signature of proposer

Date

I,

Full name of seconder

a member of the Association, second the nomination of the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the Association.

Signature of seconder

Date

\$10 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEE – Forward payment with membership form or transfer directly into Police Credit. Over 65, Membership fee not applicable.



What are the benefits of becoming a member of the PPWPA?

As well as expanding your professional and personal network, PPWPA members:

- receive discounts on ticket purchases to selected theatre nights and social events;
- receive *The Women Police Post* quarterly newsletter;
- have the opportunity to participate in the annual golf day; and
- who are involved in events of a sporting/active nature have the opportunity to apply for a subsidy to offset membership/joining fees. \$500 is made available annually and there is a limit of \$50 per applicant per year on a 'first come, first served basis'. Further information can be obtained from the President or Secretary of the PPWPA.



Memorabilia for sale:

Pens

Jackets

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PPWPA Pin



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Supporting Angela Taylor Memorial Run/Walk

At 1.00pm on Thursday the 27 March 1986, a car bomb exploded outside the police complex in Russell Street Melbourne. As a result, young Constable Angela Rose Taylor took the full force of the explosion and later died in hospital. Angela Rose Taylor is, and will remain a symbol; a symbol of all that is good in the police.



A symbol of youth, of dedication and loyalty, of efficiency and discipline. She is also a symbol of vulnerability, and a symbol of service.

To remember Angela, an annual run/walk is usually held in March around the Tan. The event starts and finishes at the Victoria Police Memorial on St Kilda Road. The PPWPA assists the Victorian Road Runners to run this event for the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation and provides trophies to winning PPWPA members.



Mrs Madge Connor

On the 28th July, 1917, two women, Mrs Madge Connor and Miss Elizabeth Beers, were sworn into the Victoria Police as “agents”. They did not possess police powers of arrest and did not wear uniform.

After Miss Beers resigned, Miss Nell Davidson joined Madge as the only two serving policewomen in Victoria. It was not until September, 1922 that the number of policewomen was increased to three by the appointment of 41 year old Mrs Mary Cox and in 1923 the ranks increased to four with the appointment of 45 year old widow, Mrs Ellen Cook. For two years the four women agents set about establishing with certainty the need for policewomen and their achievements were recognised on 12 November 1924 when the four “agents” were re-appointed to the Victoria Police with full constabulary powers, including the power of arrest. They were given the same wages, hours and pension rights as policemen.

No further policewomen appointments were made until 1929 when another four were enlisted. The fact that over 200 applicants sought the four positions indicates the attraction to adventurous young women of the day. For women, initiation into the police force consisted of on the job training with detectives. In 1942 when the number was increased to 12 policewomen they underwent a four month course of training at the St Kilda Road Police Depot.

The outbreak of World War II necessitated the establishment of a Women’s Police Auxiliary and in December 1941, the first appointments were made, some being sworn in as “Constables for the duration”. They were not however engaged in police duties and most served as drivers, clerks and receptionist. The Auxiliary was disbanded in 1951 and many of the women joined the regular force.

In 1948 the number of policewomen increased to 13 and by this time policewomen were performing duty in uniform. The uniform was designed by policewomen

Elva Carr, who headed a special uniformed squad known as the “Street Patrol”. In the first six months after the introduction of daily, uniformed street patrols, three of the six policewomen assigned to this duty aggregated over 100 cases before the courts.

In 1950 the then 18 policewomen were decentralised to minimise travel time to outer areas and this year also saw the appointment of the first woman detective, Miss Grace Brebner. In 1956 the number of policewomen increased to 43. In 1966 the first policewoman to undergo advanced driver training topped the course and in 1973 the first Victoria policewoman was appointed to the Mounted Branch. In 1978 the first female air observer leader was appointed to the Air Wing and the first female fingerprint expert is a policewomen in Victoria Police. In 1982 Community Policing Squads were formed, which replaced the Policewomen’s Divisions and were open to all members.

In 2002, Christine Nixon was appointed the first female Chief Commissioner for Victoria Police, also being the first within the Commonwealth. Today policewomen can be found in most branches of Victoria Police. To achieve so much in a comparatively short time is indeed a tribute to the determination and dedication of policewomen in Victoria.

In 1992, following the 75th anniversary celebration of women in policing it became evident it was necessary to cater for the individual needs of women in Victoria Police and provide a way for past and present women police members to communicate, and have social contact with each other.

Some of the anniversary committee gathered together serving and retired members, and in October 1993, the Past and Present Women Police Association (PPWPA) was formed. With the number of both sworn and unsworn women in Victoria increasing, membership of the Association was expanded to include all women in Victoria Police, as well as women who work together with PPWPA members.



What are the aims of the PPWPA?

- To promote continuing friendship and support between serving and retired members of women police in Victoria and elsewhere;
- To assist with the coordination of educational seminars and conferences, pertinent to issues and problems faced by women;
- To provide financial support for the Angela Taylor Memorial Trust and for any other purposes deemed appropriate.

A special fund has been set up to assist members who wish to participate in a sporting/active pursuit;

- To legitimately protect and advance the interests of its members.



Payment Details

Please find cheque or postal order payable to PPWPA enclosed for the amount of \$ / or I have transferred \$10 into Police Credit Account No 912774 S1 Account Name Past and Present Women Police Association.(include Surname as reference).

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