



It's all about helping the kids

Do you contribute to NT Police Legacy? If not, you should. And if you already contribute have you considered increasing the amount?

POLICE LEGACY IS THERE for the children of members who die. The organisation helps with education grants, offers travel opportunities, helps with the mundane such as driving lessons. It holds functions for legatees to get together. Most importantly it makes sure that the families of members who have died still feel a part of the police family.

When a member dies, either on duty or off, their family is not forgotten by NT Police Legacy.

In the past year no member was killed on duty but Peter Weisseneker was tragically killed in a climbing accident, leaving behind a wife and two children who were added to the Legacy family.

The NT Police Legacy currently cares for 33 families, 31 widows or widowers and 53 children of whom 21 are under the age of 21. The youngest Legatee is just four years old.

The NT Police Legacy was established in 1990 when delegates at the NTPA's annual conference, held in Alice Springs, resolved to establish legacy to look after the children of members who die whilst serving and those who have retired.

The NTPA committed \$20,000 to establish Police Legacy and vowed to contribute an additional percentage of all dues it received from members. The initial 'subscription' amounted to 37 cents each fortnight from every member of the Association.

It was proposed that Legacy be governed by a board consisting of a nominee of the Commissioner, three nominees of the Association, nominee of the Minister and a nominee of the then Commissioned Officers' Association.

As a result of this work by the Association, NT Police Legacy began operating on July 5 1990. The

Administrator was offered and accepted patronage of the organisation. The structure of the board has changed over the past 20 years but the good work of Legacy goes on.

When the Chair of the Police Legacy Board, retired Assistant Commissioner Mark McAdie, recently stood down from the position he wrote that "by design, the work of Legacy is done quietly and without fanfare. It is intended by the board that Legacy works with the surviving partners to act, as far as possible, as a substitute for the member who has passed on".

The acts of Legacy may seem small; things like a birthday card, Christmas gifts and education grants. But it is these acts of generosity that mean so much to the legatees and helps them feel part of the police family.

Over the years there have been a number of changes but probably the most important is the introduction of donations by members via a payroll deduction.

NT Police Legacy depends greatly on the generosity of members. In the Territory more than 80 per cent of members contribute, the highest level of any Police Legacy in Australia.

But there are still almost 20 per cent of members who do not contribute to NT Police Legacy. Are you one of them?

Contributions currently stand at just \$3.00 – not even the price of a cup of coffee. To begin contributing all you have to do is contact OIC Salaries.

You can contribute more than the minimum \$3.00. Just contact OIC Salaries and nominate an amount

You'd like to think your loved ones will be looked after if the unthinkable happens. Don't leave it up to others. Contribute to NT Police Legacy now. ★

Police Legacy helps police families like Lisa Huitson & children Ruby & Joseph (photo). They will always be a part of our family.