



Left: Kerry Hoskins finishing the trek at sunrise; top right: The NSW Police Legacy Kokoda group including NT police members; bottom right: SC 1C Wayne Tilley with Snr Sgt Kerry Hoskins at the Anzac Day Dawn Service – Bomana War Cemetery

# POLICE LEGACY Celebrating ANZAC centenary with Police Legacy

The 100th anniversary celebrations of ANZAC will have an extra special meaning for a group of Territorians this year, as they undertake the 2015 NSW Police Legacy Kokoda Trek as part of the NT Police Legacy contingent.

This is the fifth year that NT Police Legacy will walk the famous trek, joining forces with NSW Police Legacy, who introduced the initiative 10 years ago, for the life-changing experience for their own legatees aged between 18 – 25.

The 2015 NT group, which will depart for their adventure in April, will include Police Legatee Lisa Huitson, five NT Police Officers and two Northern Territory Fire fighters. They will join NSW Police Legatees and NSW police, fire and ambulance officers in undertaking the trek.

NTPA member Senior Constable Pauline Setter, who is about to undertake her fifth Kokoda Trek said that it is an honour to walk the path of the Australian Diggers who gave so much, especially alongside the young Police Legatees.

"I really enjoy experiencing the Kokoda Trek alongside these young Legatees who have already experienced and suffered so much throughout their life.

"They often find strength on the trek that they didn't know they had.

"The entire trek is a very moving experience, culminating in the Dawn Service held at Bomana Cemetery where we are in full uniform and laying a wreath on behalf of PFES NT, and NT Police Legacy," Pauline said.

In preparation for the trek all walkers are fundraising – and there is an upcoming quiz night set to take place on Saturday, 21 March at Cazaly's Palmerston at 7.00pm.

Senior Constable Setter said that this year's centenary milestone had created increased interest in the trek and provided an ANZAC orientated activity for those that can't get to Gallipoli.

"It is an honour to walk the path of the Diggers that fought for our country, made all the more special by the fact that many of them were the same age as our Legatees."

Beyond the trek itself, Pauline said that the meeting and working with the locals, some of whom they see each year adds a further chapter to the great experience the trip offers.

NTPA members are encouraged to donate to this wonderful cause, please visit <http://2015kokodatrek.gofundraise.com.au/page/NTPol> for more information. All money raised by the NT members goes towards NT Police Legacy and sponsoring an NT Legatee to complete the track in the future.

# Tales and tails at Ti Tree



NTPA Field Officer Paul McCue and Ti Tree Station members during an Association visit in December, 2014.

Located 192 km north of Alice Springs and 311 km south of Tennant Creek, the township of Ti Tree and the station are on the Stuart Highway. Ti Tree forms part of the Alice Springs region under the NTPA By Laws.

Ti Tree is a two-member station, and is kept busy with domestic and alcohol fuelled disturbances and motor vehicle accidents, often involving wildlife. Ti Tree is considered a traffic station, so the team have a traffic patrol at the station too. Additionally, Ti Tree has three licensed premises to cover as part of its patrols.

Ti Tree station was first opened in 1959 and made national and international headlines in 1991 when three Officers were assaulted – the weapon of choice being frozen kangaroo tails purchased from the Ti Tree Roadhouse. Ti Tree Police had to call in reinforcements from Alice Springs to assist. At the time, *The Sydney Morning Herald* reported that the frozen tails were being sold at the roadhouse for "\$5.20 each and were between 90 and 102 centimetres long, weighing up to four kilograms."

Today, Remote Sergeant Jared Porch reports that the Aileron Roadhouse is a popular stop for members "for the coffee machine and great social company!"



When the chance arises Jared recommends visitors go 4WDing or take in the local picturesque sunrises and sunsets over the district.

Like many of our members who work at a remote station, Jared and his team enjoy being able to see first-hand the difference their work makes to the community and the opportunity to know the locals on a first name basis and establish good working relationships.

Are you working remote and would like your bush station profiled? Email Communications Officer, Georgina Murphy, [georgina.murphy@ntpa.com.au](mailto:georgina.murphy@ntpa.com.au)