Raising funds for Police Legacy

Alice Springs Police hosted an NT Police Legacy fundraiser in July at the Overlanders Steakhouse. It was a night of ‘Territory Entertainment’ with former Administrator Ted Egan kicking off proceedings by playing his beer carton and performing some of his well-known ditties. Then Sara Storer, one of Australia’s most awarded country music singers, performed for two hours with her brother Greg and guitarist Tim. Sara was at Kalkarindji as a school teacher in the late 1990s and knew Glen Huitson whilst he served there. When asked if she would take part in helping raise funds for Legacy, she did not hesitate.

The night saw an intimate gathering of about 90 people with both Sara and Ted donating their time and talents free of charge with all profits from the night going to Police Legacy.

A highlight of the night was the support by members of the public that attended and contributed to Legacy. Notably, former Commander Mark Coffey purchased a guitar donated by Top End Sounds and donating their time and talents free of charge. Commander Mark Coffey purchased a guitar donated by Top End Sounds and donating their time and talents free of charge. When one of the entertainers for the night that contributed to making it a great success.

Due to some great sponsors including the NTTPA, SupportLink, the Overlanders Steakhouse and their suppliers, the night realised a profit of $6,300.

The organisers would like to thank the generosity of Sara and Ted in particular, Wayne Kraft and all those that supported the night that contributed to making it a great success.

 Acting Deputy Commissioner Jamie Chalker

Grahame Kelly says farewell after 36 years

Friday 15 August saw the official retirement of Detective Sergeant Grahame Kelly from the Northern Territory Police Force.

Complementing her Police career a loud and boisterous event was held at the Police Club in the company of family, close friends and trusted work colleagues.

Grahame’s police career exceeded 36 years of distinguished service in a multitude of areas including the Juvenile Squad, Criminal Investigations Branch, Drug Squad, Sex Crimes, Communications and Asset Forfeiture. In recognition of this service Grahame was formally recognised with the Australian Police Medal in 2010.

Wendy joined the Northern Territory Police in a different era where policing was typically a male dominated profession. Through her professionalism, work ethic and sound determination, she paved the way for later female generations and assisted in establishing an equal playing field for female members. Wendy played an important role in building the capacity and size of the Asset Forfeiture Unit which has assisted in reducing the financial viability of many criminal networks operating in the Northern Territory.

Wendy is a larger than life character, but was always the consummate professional. She was a dedicated, highly skilled police-officer, with a heart of gold – an example to young and old alike. She will be missed, both for her experience and personal attributes alike.

We wish her family all the very best in her retirement as she continues to push up Vintage Cellars share prices by maintaining her healthy affliction for sharing red wine in good company.

Jason Blake

Wendy Schultz with President Vince Kelly

Keeping fit in the Alice

It has been a long held Defensive Tactics notion that fatigue is one of many factors affecting police use of force (UOF). Furthermore with the complexities and stresses of modern day policing, anecdotal evidence suggests that regular exercise helps alleviate the symptoms of these modern day stressors plaguing the operational police officer.

With this in mind, Southern Operational Safety Section members approached the NTTPA and requested monetary assistance in purchasing Kettle Bells for members to utilise in physical training. Kettle bells were chosen due to their versatility as exercise equipment and having regard to the space in the Greatorex Building training hall in the eventual move to that location.

The Association recognised the benefits that could be reaped with members exercising regularly and having access to the equipment. They therefore did not hesitate in approving the purchase of two 20 kgs, two 12 kgs, two 8 kgs and two 6 kgs kettle bells.

On behalf of Alice Springs members I wish to thank the Association in their continued vested interest in member’s safety and overall welfare.

If you are not a member of the NTTPA, then serious consideration should be given to supporting the Association that supports you.

Sgt Rudy JAMESON Operational Safety Section, Southern Command