

# NT Police Legacy gives hope and a lifeline to families of fallen officers

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Justin Schremmer with Madeline and Bailey. The Schremmer family has been supported by Police Legacy since Justin's death in 2022. Pic: Supplied.

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Senior Constable First Class Justin Schremmer joined the NT Police Force in 2003 serving across the Northern Territory including remote communities, regional centres, and most recently in Darwin.

He died in February 2022 aged 44, leaving behind his wife Deanne, their children Bailey, 8, and Madison, 5, and two children from a previous relationship, Zoe and Jake.

Since that day, NT Police Legacy – a charity supporting the families of police officers who have suffered a loss – has provided education and sporting grants for Bailey and Madison, helping to give peace of mind the children can pursue their goals without the pressure of having to pay for it alone.

“The support NT Police Legacy provides throughout all fields is incredible. Being thankful for it is an understatement,” Deanne said.

“The help with the school fees has been an absolute saviour. The stress without this would be considerable.”

Deanne said she could see the benefit to her children’s mental health doing what they loved.

Bailey, now 12, even made it overseas to represent the Territory in football.

“Police Legacy helped pay for my soccer trip to Singapore, which made my family really happy,” Bailey said.

Madison, now in Year 3, said “I am able to learn the guitar and have lessons thanks to the money mum gets from Police Legacy; this makes me happy as I love to play”.



Superintendent Drew Slape receives a cheque for \$24,000 donated to NT Police Legacy by Glenti. Pic: Supplied.

Thursday is National Police Legacy Day, celebrating the work of the organisation around the country.

Chair of the NT Police Legacy board Superintendent Drew Slape said it was a day for hope.

“One of our goals and aspirations is that we want our legatees to be defined not by the tragedy that’s occurred in their life, but by hope, resilience and possibilities,” he said.

“So for me, Legacy Day is very much about the recognition, thanking the people who are involved, and the work that we continue to do as a as a benevolent organisation, but also recognising hope for our legatees.”

This year the GleNTi festival donated \$24,000 to NT Police Legacy.

Mr Slape said it was “a real honour” to be GleNTi’s charity of choice, and the money would “pay dividends” when it comes to helping children through education and extracurriculars.



Members of the Police Dog Operations Unit raised more than \$5000 for NT Police Legacy throughout the Run4Blue event in May.

The NT Police dog squad also raised more than \$5000 for the charity by participating in Run4Blue in May.

Captain of the Run4Blue team Senior Constable Benjamin Stove said he was “incredibly proud” of the efforts.

“They embodied the mission of NT Police Legacy by helping ensure the families of fallen police officers are never forgotten and by supporting one another every step of the way,” Mr Stove said.

“Alongside some healthy competition, participants achieved some impressive personal milestones, including Parkrun personal bests, individual totals exceeding 100km and 250km, and completion of the challenging 65km Standley Monster race along the Larapinta Trail.”

NT Police Legacy was established in 1990 and continues to provide long-term care, connection and financial support to NT police officers and their loved ones.

Its services include education and career grants, social events, and critical assistance for those in the police family facing life without a loved one.