



NORTHERN TERRITORY Police Legacy

We Remember Them



WITH YOU EVERY DAY CELEBRATING THE SECOND ANNUAL NATIONAL POLICE LEGACY DAY

As the Territory prepares for the second National Day of Recognition on June 17, we look back at the incredible, multi-generational impact of NT Police Legacy and why this ongoing safety net matters deeply for our members.

On the 17th of June, police officers and community members across the Northern Territory will stand together with the rest of the nation to celebrate the second annual National Police Legacy Day. For the members of the NT Police Association (NTPA), this day

represents an opportunity to recognise, support, and sustain the extensive care network that stands behind every single person who wears the uniform.

While our policing community is deeply familiar with the solemnity of National Police

Remembrance Day on the 29th of September—our most formal occasion where we pause to mourn the ultimate sacrifice of officers lost in the line of duty—National Police Legacy Day serves a distinct and vital purpose. It intentionally shifts our collective



"The mission of Police Legacy is not only to honour the memory of those who served, but to ensure that the lives of those they leave behind are not defined by tragedy, but shaped by hope, resilience, and possibility."

Marcus Tilbrook,
NT Police Legacy
Provisional Vice Chair

focus toward the living.

It is a day of acknowledgement, celebration, and active support for the families, partners, and children who remain part of our police family long after their loved one is gone. It reinforces a promise: that the Northern Territory Police Force and the broader community will never forget its own. While National Police Remembrance Day honours the individual's sacrifice, National Police Legacy Day celebrates and reinforces the continuous 'safety net' we provide for those left behind.

Debunking the Misconceptions: Who Does Legacy Support?

Established locally in 1990, Northern Territory Police Legacy provides long-term care, connection, and financial assistance to the NT Police Legacy Legatee families during

times of profound loss. Across Australia, a network of eight Police Legacy organisations operates seamlessly, having supported more than 4,000 individuals nationwide since their respective inception dates.

Despite its long history, several common misconceptions persist regarding who qualifies for support. Many officers incorrectly believe that Police Legacy only assists families of personnel who are killed in the line of duty. The reality is, Police Legacy's reach is significantly broader.

NT Police Legacy provides equal care and commitment to the families of police officers who pass away off-duty, including those lost to sudden health events, accidents, or long-term terminal illnesses. When tragedy strikes, the support is immediate, followed by a commitment towards emotional and financial welfare.

A Legacy of Hope: The Cubillo Family Story

To truly appreciate the multi-decade impact of this work, one needs to look no further than the story of the Cubillo family, which took centre stage during last year's inaugural national launch. Alberto Cubillo was a dedicated Aboriginal Community Police Officer who was immensely proud of his Indigenous heritage, tracing his lineage to a Larrakia father and a Warumungu mother. He had only recently secured his dream role within the Northern Territory Police Force when he received a devastating diagnosis of bowel cancer.

Showing the true resilience of a Territory copper, Alberto refused to let the diagnosis diminish his passion for the job. He scheduled his chemotherapy treatments entirely around his rostered operational shifts, remaining on active duty for as long as he physically could. He

defied medical expectations, surviving three-and-a-half years beyond his initial six-month prognosis before passing away in 2008 at the age of 46. He left behind his wife, Teri, and three young daughters—Demi, Abby, and Tyla—who were aged just 13, 8, and 4 at the time.

"He absolutely loved his job. It's what kept him going," Teri reflected. But in the wake of his passing, the sudden absence of a husband and father left an emotional and financial void. Within forty-eight hours, NT Police Legacy was at the family home, wrapping the family in what Teri describes as an "incredible, immediate embrace where you felt like you were truly part of the police family."

Transforming Futures Through Education

The support provided by NT Police Legacy did not fade. For eighteen years, the charity has been an active, constant presence in the lives of the three Cubillo girls. NT Police Legacy consistently reached out to offer support, for laptops, school uniforms, out of pocket medical needs and funding for sporting trips, ensuring that the financial constraints of single parenthood never hindered the girls' development.

Most notably, NT Police Legacy contributions for Alberto's daughters to pursue higher education. Demi completed a Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Teaching at Charles Darwin University, and her sister Abby earned a degree in sports business management. By contributing their university tuition, both young women graduated without a dollar of HECS debt.

"For young people starting out, that's absolutely incredible," says Teri. Today, Demi has been teaching for eight years, loving her role at Wulagi Primary School. Free from

FAST FACTS

- **National Network:** Eight state and territory Police Legacy organisations work together to ensure no family faces loss alone.

- **4,000+ Supported:** Over four thousand police family members have received long-term care nationally since inception.

- **Historical Significance:** June 17 was chosen as National Police Legacy Day to mark the anniversary of Australia's first Legacy charity, founded in Queensland on June 17, 1971.

- **Holistic Care:** Support towards education including school, university apprenticeship and TAFE, sporting and development grants, medical, health and wellbeing opportunities, attendance to selected social gatherings and camps.

- **Find Out More:** Learn more or get involved by visiting <https://ntpolicelegacy.com.au/>



The symbol of **National Police Legacy Day** is the Michaelmas daisy, also known as the Police Legacy Daisy. The flower honours St Michael, the patron saint of police, who is said to protect those who serve.

Wearing the pin honours those who currently serve our community whilst remembering those who are no longer with us.

Police Legacy Daisy pins are sold in the lead up to the day at Police Credit Union branches and available through NT Police Legacy.



the burden of student loan repayments, she is already in the process of purchasing her own home—a tangible testament to a legacy shaped by opportunity rather than tragedy.

The Symbolism of the Daisy

As members look around their

stations this June, they will see the official logo of National Police Legacy Day: the Police Legacy Daisy. This emblem is directly inspired by the Michaelmas daisy, historically recognised as the flower of St Michael—the patron saint of police officers.

St Michael represents the traditional guardian of those

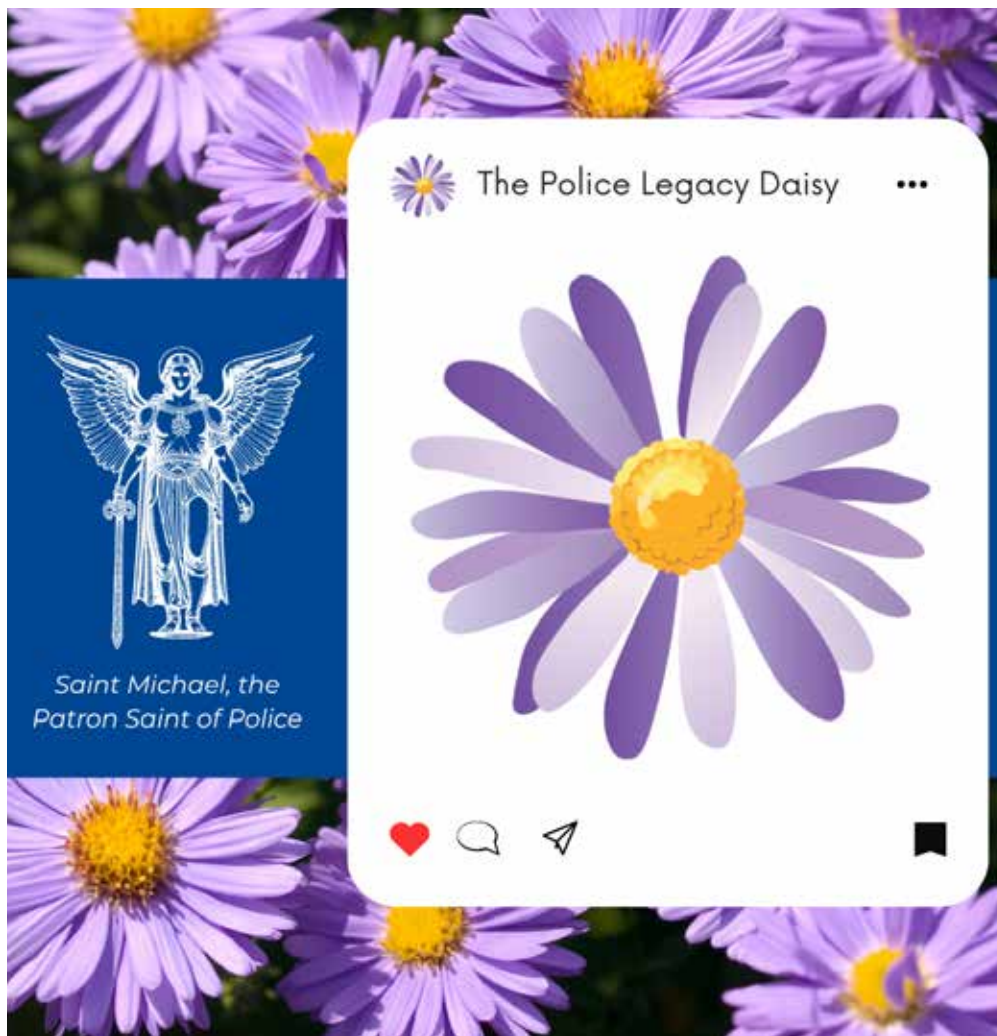
who have sworn an oath to serve, protecting the living and honouring the memory of those who are no longer with us. The daisy serves as a visible reminder of the continuous safety net that our collective contributions provide, and the charity hopes it will become globally recognisable across the force in the years to come.

A Call to Action for Our Members

Northern Territory Police Legacy is mainly funded and driven by the policing community itself. Many officers across the Territory support NT Police Legacy through payroll deductions. Combined with community fundraising and corporate donors, these modest payroll contributions directly fund the university degrees, school computers, and emergency grants that change lives like those of the Cubillo family.

As we approach the 17th of June, we encourage all members to get involved, purchase a daisy and attend local station events. Showing our support for these arrangements is the most practical, tangible way to tell our colleagues that we value not just their daily service on the frontline, but the lifelong wellbeing of the families. Let's ensure that our legacy remains strong, compassionate, and unwavering.

Note for Editors & Members: *National Police Legacy Day (17 June) is strictly a day of celebration, gratitude, and highlighting the positive, life-changing work of our charities. It remains entirely distinct from National Police Remembrance Day (29 September), which is reserved as our sacred day of solemn mourning, formal reflection, and honour for line-of-duty sacrifices.*



About Police Legacy Day



National Police Legacy Day

On 17 June, we celebrate National Police Legacy Day. This is an annual occasion to honour the vital work of Police Legacy organisations across Australia.



Why 17th June?

This date marks the founding of the first Police Legacy organisation in Australia - Queensland Police Legacy - on 17 June 1971.



About Police Legacy

Every state and territory in Australia has a dedicated not-for-profit Police Legacy organisation, providing vital support to police officers and their families.



What is National Police Legacy Day about?

National Police Legacy Day is a time to celebrate and raise awareness of the invaluable work Police Legacy organisations do to support police officers and their families.