

# AFP Legacy Newsletter June Quarter 2022



#### From the President



As we head towards the middle of 2022, AFP Legacy are grateful that COVID 19 has not prevented us from holding some of our most important events on the AFP Legacy Calendar. In March, our Family Day, more of a weekend, was held at the RUC in Turner and saw a huge attendance by our Legatee families. The feedback from families was positive and by all accounts the day was successful in bringing our families together to meet and support each other.

The next and most major event on the AFP Legacy Calendar is the AFP Legacy Ball. Tickets for this event will be available from Monday, 27 June 2022. We hope to see a lot of AFP employee support on the evening.

The AFP Legacy Charity continues to support over 50 families, if you aren't already contributing via INSIGHT! Please consider signing up from as little as \$2 per fortnight.

Owen Law President



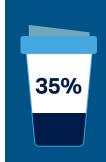
## AFP legacy charity ball – do you have business connections?



As our planning for the AFP Legacy Ball reaches its final stages, AFP Legacy are asking for your help to source prizes and auction items. Donations can be in the form of an art piece, sporting memorabilia, jewellery or a service such as beauty treatments, gardening, interior design consult, voucher....anything main stream or "outside the box" are welcome.

If you know a local business who would like to donate, big or small, or sponsor the event please get in contact with us by Friday, 29 July to discuss. We would love to hear from you!

AFP Legacy email: afplegacy@afp.gov.au



Currently, 35% of AFP employees contribute fortnightly to AFP Legacy. For the price of a cup of coffee each week, sign up through Insight! today!

#### **QUARTERLY MOMENTS**

This quarter your donations helped AFP Legacy assist AFP families in the following ways:

Mother's Day gift
Grief Counselling
Medical fee assistance
Home services assistance
Birthday gifts

## AFP LEGACY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### July

FNQ Golf Day, Cairns Kids Adventure Camp

#### August

National Police Legacy
Conference

#### September

Wall to Wall Police Week

#### October

22 AFP Legacy Ball

Note: all events listed are subject to COVID-19 restrictions



### **AFP Legacy Family Day: Legatee Review**



AFP Legacy's Legatee's took the time to give us some feedback about the recent Family Day held in March at the RUC in Turner, ACT:

### It would seem for one Legatee, food was a common theme

"I thought the food was good, I really like food – also meeting other people and having fun. As for the camp... .I'm looking forward to meeting more people at the camp, having an adventure and enjoying the food!"

### Other Legatee's were looking forward to a new travel experience, thanks to the Kids Adventure Camp in July

"We are very excited about the plane trip – without dad – and all the fun activities!"

### Some Legatee's are still finding their way, with the idea of a camp and being away from family

"Middle-ish, I'm nervous about my first camp"

#### Lawn bowls skills were rated

"I think I was decently good at lawn bowls - I'm pretty sure I beat my mum"

"I was on dad's team and dad's team won!"

The Family Day also presented an opportunity for our families, some of whom were originally from Canberra and have since relocated interstate, to catch up with friends and family the next day.

"I had a play-date with Charlie and ate Chinese"

"I saw Nan and Pa then went to a friend's house"

We will save the final comment for our foodie, after touring Canberra's top tourist attractions

"We visited the War Memorial and the 7 Eleven Petrol Station for a slushy!"

Thanks for the reviews kids!

Thank you to all who continue to support AFP Legacy via salary deductions each fortnight. Without your continued support we cannot hold these types of events. Gatherings such as our Family Day allow Legatees, who have lost a loved one, to come together, make new friends and share experiences. The events also remind our families that they are not alone in their grief and that AFP Legacy is here to offer welfare and support services for each Legatee.



Kenny Koala greeting our Legatee's at Family Day

## Have Your Fortnightly AFP Legacy Contributions Ceased?

Did you know that if you selected an "end date" when you signed up to regularly contribute to AFP Legacy via INSIGHT! that your fortnightly contributions may have stopped?

We are noticing a drop in payroll deductions from some of our regular contributors and thought we would alert people, in case they were not aware.

To ensure your valuable giving remains current and "on going", please check the following:

- · Go to Insight!
- · Select 'Payment Details'
- · Select 'Deductions'



If 'AFP Legacy' is not showing, please consider reinstating/commencing

- · Select 'Add Deduction'
- · Select 'AFP Legacy'
- · Select 'On going'
- · Check the 'To Pay Day' box
- · If it shows 'Unlimited' all is good!!!
- If a specific date, consider selecting 'on-going'

Thank you again, to the generous members who regularly contribute to AFP Legacy, enabling us to support our AFP families in need.



## Shane McLennan now heads Tonga Police as Commissioner



Board Member, and former AFP Legacy President, Shane McLennan, has been selected for the role of Commissioner Tonga Police. The Commissioner of Police is the highest-ranking law enforcement officer in the country, responsible for the security and safety of the Kingdom of Tonga. Shane was sworn-in on 19 May 2022 and is the first Australian to undertake this role.

AFP Legacy Board and Staff wish Shane, and his wife Sharron, all the best in his new role.





L to R: Deputy Commissioner Pelenatita Vaisuai, Commissioner Shane McLennan, Prime Minister Hu'akavameiliku Siaosi Sovaleni, Chief Secretary Edgar Cocker



#### Spotlight on AFP Legacy President, Owen Law

After commencing his policing career with the Queensland Police Service, let's just say a while ago, Owen moved into the AFP in 2007. His policing background consists of general duties and specialist teams and training, the last two affording him the opportunity to travel both domestically and abroad.

He understands and appreciates the policing commitment and its toll and being in a position to support our extended policing family nationally is what drives Owen in his AFP Legacy role.

After holding the Vice President role since 2012, Owen has recently stepped into the President role and is very much looking forward to continuing the many aspects of AFP Legacy support and its endeavours.

Outside of policing Owen is married with three boys, who he lives vicariously through and also dabbles in photography.

We are most grateful for your continued work with AFP Legacy, thank you Owen.



Owen Law, President AFP Legacy



## Brad Hardy Run 4 Blue Campaign Cameron & Sharron Hardy



Last year on the 6 March 2021, we lost our beautiful son Brad at the young age of 23. Brad was an amazing, proud AFP Officer working in Alice Springs and was travelling home when he was tragically killed in a car accident.

Brad was loved by everyone who knew him. He was kind, caring and always there when someone needed support or help. Brad also loved playing sport which included Rugby League, Touch football and Oz tag. Due to Brad's giving nature and his love of sport, his close friends and colleagues from the Northern Territory felt organising a Run 4 Blue Team would be a great and fitting tribute to honour Brad.

AFP Legacy and the AFP have also provided our family with invaluable support. We were allocated two beautiful Welfare Officers who were there for us from the moment we were informed about Brad's accident. They supported us through our most unbearable days and assisted us in making the most difficult decisions. The Welfare Officers organised coffee, to get us out of the house, meals and ongoing support. We can't imagine how we could've gotten through our most difficult months without their assistance. Over time they became like family to us and we could never thank them enough.

In May 2021, Brad's friend's Erin and Scott, who are both police officers, contacted us about organising a Run 4 Blue Team. We agreed straight away, as we knew it would be the perfect way to honour our son whilst also saying thank you to the AFP and AFP Legacy for all their continued support.

In our first year, our 2021 Run 4 Blue team in Brad's honour raised over \$24,200 and so far in 2022 we have raised over \$15,000. Our team is made up of Brad's family members, friends and colleagues from the AFP as well as close friends made throughout his schooling and sport. Our team members share pictures and distances of our walk/runs, as well as pictures and stories of Brad. It is a great way to honour our amazing son, while also raising funds to help other AFP employees and their families.



Why Consider AFP Legacy this

### **End of Financial Year?**

AFP Legacy provides support and welfare services for AFP families who have suffered the passing of a loved one and to those diagnosed with serious illness.

As a not-for-profit charity, AFP Legacy relies on donations in order to continue to offer support in these areas.

All donations \$2 and above are tax deductible. With many of our fundraising events affected by restrictions this last financial year, please consider donating to help us make a difference.













## Kangaroo Court: More funds raised for AFP Legacy



The recruits of FPDP 2/21 have kept everyone on their toes with Kangaroo Court sessions held weekly, during their time at the AFP College. Funds raised have been donated to AFP Legacy.

According to AFP recruit Luke, fines would initially be 'dished out' by the "Sheriff" and then it was an open floor policy. "Any individual could challenge the fine and it



would then be opened to the jury" (the rest of the course participants).

The "fit for mentioning in print" fines included:

- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  "making it rain in their room" when a recruit had a leak in the ceiling
- $\cdot$  "being too sociable" for those recruits who got COVID
- Every time someone locked themselves out of their room
- · Every time a staff member gave a Recruit a nickname

The Kangaroo Court raised an impressive \$1875.

Awesome result. Big thanks to the FPDP 2/21 team.

#### **AFP Ceremonial and Protocol Officers hold Kangaroo Court**



Most of us have heard of "Kangaroo Court" at the conclusion of formal Mess Dinners, as a light-hearted tradition whereby "fines" are imposed by the Court for various infringements, mostly trivial and often hilarious in nature! Such fines are then donated to a charity chosen by the Mess Committee.

At the recent Mess Dinner, held by the Drill Instructor and Ceremonial and Protocol Officer (DI/CAPO) Course at the Currumbin RSL Club on the Gold Coast, several fines were imposed for infringements committed during the course including (but not limited to):

- One count of "wearing one's medals in the wrong order (or not at all)"
- · Several counts of "being out of uniform"
- Two counts (one right and one left) of "tailoring one's shirt sleeves to accentuate one's biceps"
- One (or was it five?) counts of "not being able to count to five"
- Several counts of "not being able to tell your right foot from your left" (something of a disadvantage when trying to march properly)

While the formal dinner was an assessable component of the DI/CAPO Course, an enjoyable evening was had by all and the high-jinx of the Kangaroo Court raised a total of \$600 in fines, donated to Run 4 Blue on behalf of the course. The course was one of the most diverse in recent years with representation from across Australia and the South Pacific, bringing together Police, Protective Service Officers, unsworn staff, and included participants from South Australian Police, Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Nauru Police Force and Vanuatu Police Force.

AFP Recognition, Ceremonial and Protocol have long been supporters of AFP Legacy and are delighted to be able to support the charity again through donating to the Run 4 Blue initiative.

Thank you to all involved in raising funds for AFP Legacy. We are most grateful.



DI/CAPO Course participants







## REMEMBERING MATES WALL TO WALL RIDE

17th September 2022

WIN A YAMAHA MT07LA TICKETS
\$10.00

The purpose of the Wall to Wall Ride is to raise funds for police legacy organisations, raise awareness of motor cycle safety and importantly to remember police colleagues who have died in the line of duty.

To celebrate the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Wall to Wall Ride, Yamaha Motor Australia has donated a MT07LA valued at \$12,749 ride away.

## **PURCHASE TICKETS AT** www.walltowallride.com

Single draw raffle is to be drawn on Saturday 17th September 2022. See online for terms and conditions.















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