

THE NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL

The National Police Memorial honours and remembers those police men and women, from all of the Australian police jurisdictions, who gave their lives in the line of duty, or who have died as a result of their duties, be it on service here within Australia or overseas.

The Memorial consists of a bronze commemorative wall and a stone-paved apron. The wall holds 1200 touchstones. At the time of Dedication, 29 September 2006 there were 719 names. There are now over 750 names on the Memorial; each bearing the respective officer's rank, name and jurisdiction, and the date and place of death. The names are randomly positioned across the Memorial.

The undulating and changing nature of the stone-paved apron leading down to the wall creates an uncertain terrain and this, along with the random layout of the touchstones, reflects the unpredictable path that police tread in the daily performance of their duties. Engraved into the apron are a number of relevant quotes from official police records and from the loved ones of those who died.

At the rear of the wall, at the Memorial's southern (lake-side) end, there is an image of Saint Michael the Archangel, the Patron Saint of Police.

Behind the wall there are nine flagpoles from which fly the Australian National Flag and the flags of the eight Australian police jurisdictions. They are flown in order of precedence according to their officially recognised foundation dates.



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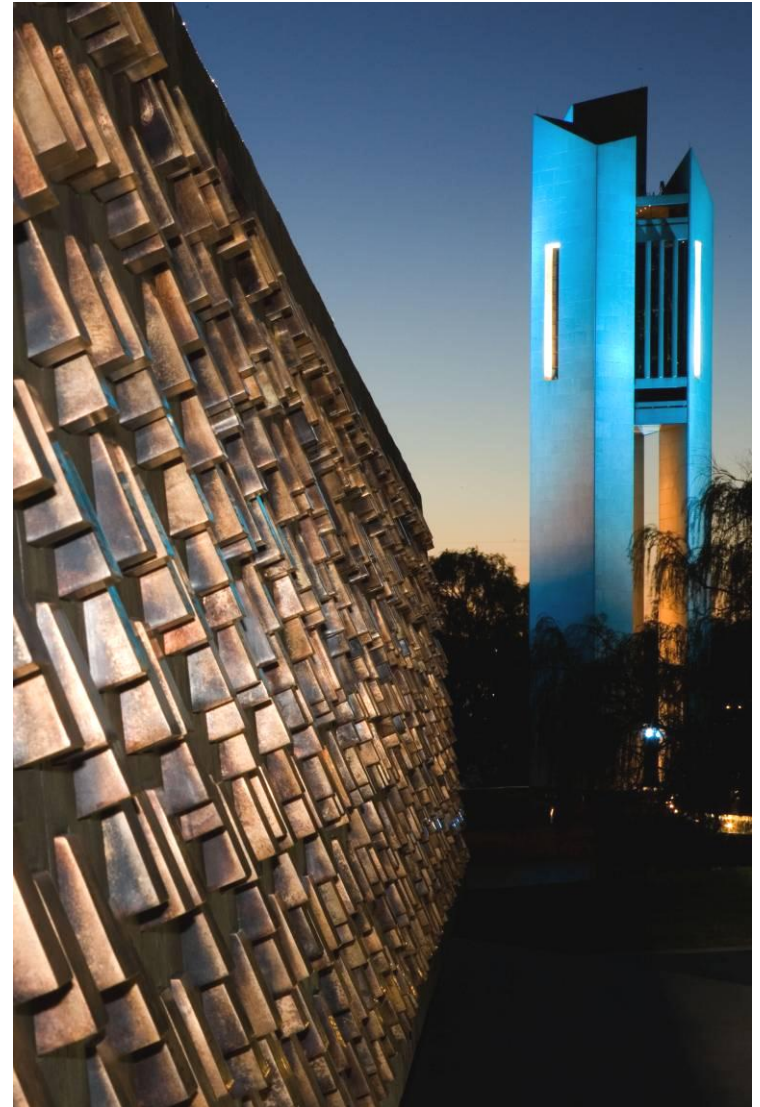
Title Memorial Service

**Time Day Date Month Year
National Police Memorial, Canberra**





National Police Memorial Dedication 2006



National Police Memorial and Carillon at night

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE REQUIESCANT

1 minute silence

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts;
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

THE BLESSING

WELCOME

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD - PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.

He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.

He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
For you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.

Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

OFFICIAL ADDRESS

THE POLICE PRAYER

God of all people, we know it is from you that we have learned what goodness and justice are. You have given us the task of maintaining law and order in our community. We seek the strength to meet the many challenges encountered in this endeavour. Give us the courage and the resolution to do our duty at all times, and such a respect and love for justice that neither promise nor threat will ever make us depart from it. Help us with your guidance to be the Guardian and the Friend of the whole community; a friend to children, an example to youth, a counsellor and adviser to all citizens.

Grant us the skill, and the wisdom, to make us always stronger in protecting and supporting the community. Guide us in knowing when to enforce and when to relax the letter of the law. Help us to be a personal example of the honesty, the goodness, and the justice which it is our duty to maintain, and grant that our actions will inspire in our community confidence in its police officers. We make our prayer to you, confident of your love and your compassion.

All: Amen.

POLICE ODE

As the sun surely sets,
Dawn will see it arise,
For service above self
Demands its own prize.

You have fought the good fight,
Life's race has been run,
And peace your reward,
For eternity begun.

And we that are left
Shall never forget,
Rest in peace friend and colleague,
For the sun has now set.
We will remember.

All: We will remember.

Hasten the dawn.