



National Police Remembrance Day

National service
Friday 27 September 2024







**Commemorating those
who have been killed on
duty or have died as a
result of their duties**

**National Police Memorial
Kings Park, Canberra**

Arrival of VIPs

VIPs will be met and escorted to their seats by a member of the AFP Senior Executive.

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, creator of life, carrier of hope,
make your presence known among us.

We gather here to give thanks for the lives of the fallen,
to mourn them and honour them,
to support each other and their families.

Enable us to be brave in our remembering,
honest in our sorrow and open in love
and compassion to each other.

Help us to seek not so much an answer to our questions,
but rather, the patience to mourn and grieve and
to remember with joy the lives of those who have fallen.

We pray that in our society, peace and justice may increase
and that all peoples will be enabled to live
with integrity, dignity and mutual respect.

Amen

Mounting of Catafalque Party and Colour Party

Australian National Anthem

Uniform members will salute

Governor-General's address

**Her Excellency the Honourable
Ms Sam Mostyn AC
Governor-General of the
Commonwealth of Australia**

Occasional address

**Commissioner Reece P Kershaw APM
Australian Federal Police
Host Officer**

Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty God we turn to you as our support and strength in times of darkness, sadness and loss.

We remember with thanksgiving those police who made the supreme sacrifice for us in the line of duty.

We pray that the offering of their lives
may not have been in vain.

Through the mercy of God may they rest in eternal peace.

We ask that your loving arms enfold the families of the police officers who have given their lives for the sake of the community, soothing their grief and pain, bringing comfort and consolation, strength and peace to family, friends, and colleagues, who bear the scars of their loss.

May they find light in times of despair
and faith in times of doubt.

May this sacred place be a source of peace and comfort to all who grieve their loss, a place of hope in times of desolation, a place of healing in times of sadness and a place of gratitude and respect for those whose lives were lost in the service of our communities.

This we ask in your Holy Name.

Amen

Honour Roll of the Fallen

In memory of:

Brevet Sergeant Jason Christopher Doig

Senior, South Australia

17 November 2023

Sergeant Peter Thomas Stone

Narooma, New South Wales

1 January 2023

Senior Constable Glenn Murray

Mandurah, Western Australia

6 December 2022

Mounted Constable Arthur Robinson Clapp

Mataranka, Northern Territory

5 November 1927

Mounted Constable Thomas Edward McNulty

Gulf of Carpentaria

25 November 1917

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.

Chaplain Barry May,
Western Australia Police Force, 1995

Police Requiescat

Uniform members will salute

One minute silence

Wreath laying

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace;
Be of good courage;
Hold fast to that which is good;
Render to no one evil for evil;
Strengthen the faint-hearted;
Support the weak;
Help the afflicted;
Give honour to all;
Love and serve the Lord,
Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
And the blessing of God almighty,
The Creator, the Redeemer,
and the Holy Spirit,
the Giver of life and love,
Be upon you,
and remain with you always.

Amen

Dismounting of Catafalque Party and Colour Party

Closing comments

Amazing Grace

During the playing of Amazing Grace you are invited to move onto the Memorial to view touchstones for your own personal reflection and to lay any personal tributes.

Service concludes

**We would like to acknowledge the
support of the following groups**

All Australian State and Territory police

AFP Pipes and Drums

ACT Policing Traffic Operations

Band of the Royal Military College, Duntroon

Ceremonial Officers from all jurisdictions

Federation Guard

NSW Police Force Band

NSW Police Force Mounted Unit

NSW Police Force Highway Patrol

South Australia Police Mounted United



The National Police Memorial

The design, by Brisbane architects Fairweather Proberts assisted by Urban Art Projects, displays a unique approach to the traditional memorial wall through the use of two key elements. The first element is a bronze commemorative wall upon which names of police officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice are recorded on bronze touchstone plaques. The second element is a large stone paved area or terrain across which visitors move to gain access to the wall.

The terrain tilts downwards and directs the visitor to the wall. The undulating and changing nature of the terrain creates an uncertainty in experience and – along with the random layout of the touchstones – reflects the uncertain path that police tread in the performance of their duty as well as the unexpected and unpredictable nature of loss. The blank touchstones are a permanent reminder that future sacrifice is inevitable.

The most powerful and legible message conveyed by the memorial is that those who have made the ultimate sacrifice are ordinary people who, through a commitment to the community, have shown extraordinary qualities.

The National Police Memorial symbolically represents the range of essential attributes needed for effective policing: courage, duty and integrity, strength, unity and common purpose, determination to serve the community, and commitment to all aspects of the job, from local to international.

Dedicated on 29 September 2006, it will forever be a place to honour and remember the sacrifice and endeavours of ordinary men and women who perform an extraordinary role on behalf of the Australian people.

The National Police Memorial now holds the names of 831 Australians who have made the ultimate sacrifice so we may live in a safe community.



Gurumbul Gandjawan (translation *Valiant Policeman*) by Detective Sergeant Stephen Raper, 2020.

The story of this painting represents the National Police Memorial and surrounding country. It shows a sitting circle with people gathered around a campfire with the colours symbolic of the 'chequered ribbon'. The people are representative of each Commissioner of the eight Australian Police Force/Services with each state flag also shown. The wall of remembrance takes the form of a shield which is indicative the fallen officers are protectors. The red ground symbolises the blood and body that has been sacrificed by the fallen and how they have been interred into mother earth with the paths their journeys there.



We dedicate our services to those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the course of their duties.