

Looking after our own



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01: The National Police Memorial **02:** Police flagbearers from Australia and the Pacific region at the National Police Remembrance Day service.

The AFP is dedicated to protecting the Australian community and upholding the law, and is also committed to supporting the families of officers who have died while on duty.

The Chequered Ribbon Association (CRA) was established in 2004 to perpetuate the memory of AFP officers who died while on duty, and to raise funds for charitable purposes.

The board members of the CRA share a common goal to assist the families of deceased colleagues where possible.

Janine Ferry joined the CRA board in 2008 and is responsible for the welfare portfolio. Janine is a senior member of the AFP's Recognition and Ceremonial Team.

"I see the distress families suffer in losing a loved one," Ms Ferry said.

"The CRA aims to assist these grieving families financially and emotionally, be it for just one month, one year or many years after their loss, and being a board member allows me to directly assist these families."

The CRA is governed by a constitution, which outlines specific purposes where funds will be used. Superintendent Nigel Phair is President of the CRA.

"The CRA strives to ensure that no surviving spouse, partner or child of an AFP member who died while on duty will ever feel forgotten or be in need of support," he said.

The CRA raises funds through various projects to help support legatee families. Events include the annual Charity Ball, the Charity Golf Day and the sale of the ever popular Kenny Koala, now in his 5th edition to celebrate the AFP's 30th anniversary. Many AFP staff make generous fortnightly payroll contributions to support the work of the CRA. Membership of the CRA is open to the public and AFP members.

The CRA currently supports the broader AFP family by providing financial support for school fees, making grants and reaching out to senior legatees. The CRA has also awarded scholarships to worthy applicants. The scholarships

have been set up to perpetuate the memory of AFP Chaplain Theo Freeth who passed away in November 2004, and Protective Service Officer Adam Dunning who was killed in December 2004 while on patrol in the Solomon Islands.

One key annual CRA event is selling chequered ribbons to raise funds in conjunction with the National Police Remembrance Day Service at the National Police Memorial in Canberra.



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