



## Angela Taylor Memorial

At 1.00pm on Thursday, 27th March, 1986, a car bomb exploded outside the Victoria Police complex in Russell Street, Melbourne.

As a result young Constable Angela Rose Taylor 24274 took the full force of the explosion, sustaining extensive burns and other injuries. Angela died from those injuries on 20 April 1986. She was the first policewoman in Australia to be feloniously slain in the line of duty.

Angela Rose Taylor is and will always remain a symbol of all that is good in police.

Angela is a symbol of youth, dedication and loyalty, of efficiency and discipline, a symbol of service and vulnerability.

The Angela Taylor Memorial Walk/Run is held annually. The PPWPA supports this event organised by the Blue Ribbon Foundation and partners and to encourage participation recognises PPWPA members who compete.



For more information about PPWPA visit:

 [www.ppwpa.com](http://www.ppwpa.com)  
[www.police.vic.gov.au/past-and-present-women-police-association](http://www.police.vic.gov.au/past-and-present-women-police-association)

 [www.facebook.com/groups/PPWPAVictoria](https://www.facebook.com/groups/PPWPAVictoria)  
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**PPWPA**  
*Continuing Friendships*

*The Past and Present  
Women Police Association  
of Victoria Inc.*



Mrs Madge Connor





The Past and Present Women Police Association of Vic Inc. (PPWPA) was formed in 1993 to provide the opportunity for past and present women police to communicate, socialise, share friendships and support each other. Our membership comprises of sworn police officers and Victorian Public Service members as well as women and men who work together with PPWPA members.

### Benefits PPWPA members enjoy:

Ongoing friendship, networking, and support between serving and former female members of any policing jurisdiction within Australia, VPS members, PSOs, CSOs and Associates.

Two annual events - Reunion lunch in February and AGM lunch in October.

Sandy Langlands Wellbeing Grants – annual grants are available upon application by members to assist with the purchase of goods or services to benefit members’ physical and psychological wellbeing.

Quarterly newsletters.

Other social activities as arranged.

## Celebrating 100 years of women in Victoria Police

- 1917** Madge Connor and Elizabeth Beers appointed ‘women police agents’ with no powers of arrest, on half the pay of men and no rights to a pension. They did not wear uniform.
- 1924** Four women (Madge Connor, Ellen Cook, Mary Cox and Nell Davidson) sworn in on an equal basis with policemen, on the same seniority list.
- 1947** Uniform design and ‘PW’ cap badges introduced, first worn publicly 1948 by Elva Carr (joined 1946) and Street Patrol.
- 1950** Grace Brebner (joined 1942) first woman detective in Australia; first to attend Detective Training School, first to drive police cars.
- 1956** Policewomen moved to separate seniority list—result of 1953 appeal denying Kath Mackay (joined 1930) promotion to sergeant on equal basis with men.
- 1972** Married women allowed to join Victoria Police and policewomen no longer required to retire upon marrying.
- 1975** Maternity and paternity leave introduced.
- 1977** Anne Wregg (née Cursio) first Australian policewoman awarded Queen’s Gallantry Medal.
- 1978** Equal Opportunity Act comes into effect for Victoria Police. Seniority lists once again amalgamated.
- 1981** Slacks become part of policewomen’s uniform.
- 1982** Joan Notting first woman in charge of an all-male police station. ‘PW’ cap badges and Women Police Divisions abolished.
- 1984** Margaret McVeigh promoted to superintendent—first woman in Australia to reach this rank.
- 1986** Constable Angela Taylor first policewoman feloniously slain in line of duty. Tarina Martyn (Fanning) first Aboriginal policewoman.
- 1989** Bernice Masterson first Australian woman promoted to the rank of Assistant Commissioner.
- 1992** Part-time policing introduced. First all-women Victoria Police Colour Party.
- 1993** Constable Angela Coulson first policewoman recipient of Victoria Police Valour Award.
- 1998** Detective Senior Constable Debra Robertson succeeds at the Equal Opportunity Commission resulting in part-time policing options for detectives.
- 1999** Constable Rebecca Caskey first policewoman at Police Search and Rescue Squad.
- 2000** Jocelyn O’Brien and Kathryn Joyce transfer to Dog Squad.
- 2001** Christine Nixon APM appointed Chief Commissioner, first woman to achieve the rank in Australia.
- 2002** Natalie Cale first policewoman at ‘one-man station’ at Culgoa.
- 2012** New uniforms introduced. Both policemen and policewomen reverted to police caps (and for women, pocketed shirts) first worn in 1947.
- 2017** 100 year anniversary of women in Victoria Police.

## Application for PPWPA Membership

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Police Woman: Present / Past Reg No: \_\_\_\_\_

PSO, VPS, PCO or CSO Member No:  
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I wish to become a member of the PPWPA of Victoria Inc. On admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer (Full Name): \_\_\_\_\_

As a member of the Association, I nominate the applicant (known to me), for membership of the Association.

Proposer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconder (Full Name: ) \_\_\_\_\_

As a member of the Association, I second the nomination of the applicant (known to me), for membership of the Association.

Seconder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment details as follows:

**Membership Fee:** \_\_\_\_\_

Members 70 years and over are exempt from paying the membership fee.

Transfer payment to  
 BankVic PPWPA A/C 912774 S1  
 or for non BankVic account holders to  
 BSB 704 230 A/C 100050864

Set up of an annual payment authorisation is recommended as membership is due on July 1 each year.