

**NATIONAL POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**  
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**TASMANIA POLICE ACADEMY, ROKEBY, FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Good morning, everyone. I thank you all for being here for this important day of reflection and commemoration.

May I begin by acknowledging the Muwinina people upon whose Country we gather. I acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as ongoing custodians of Country. I recognise their enduring culture and deep connection to land, sea, and waters.

On this National Police Remembrance Day, we gather to honour and remember the brave men and women of the police forces who have died serving their communities. Today, we express to family, friends and colleagues of those officers that their sacrifice is not forgotten. Across our nation, at National Police Remembrance ceremonies, we all pause to reflect on their courage, commitment and dedication to their duty and to the protection of our communities.

Today, we also remember the families of fallen officers, their colleagues and friends, and former members who have passed away during the past 12 months.

I particularly acknowledge with sadness the recent passing of our Tasmania Police Sergeant Todd Bain in June. We pay tribute to and honour Todd today.

The role of our police officers is unlike any other. Each day and night, you confront the unknown. Your work may be dangerous and unpredictable. You place yourselves in harm's way every day to uphold the rule of law and to keep our Tasmanian community safe.

We were all reminded of the challenging, and at times dangerous, nature of police work by the incident at the Bondi Junction Westfield Shopping Centre in April. Undoubtedly, the courageous and determined actions by

Inspector Amy Scott of the New South Wales Police Force to stop the offender, saved many lives. She exemplified how quickly our police officers can be confronted by unexpected events that require immediate assessment and action.

Another reminder of the dangerous nature of your work was when, recently, police were targeted by protesters in Melbourne while doing their jobs. The violence of the protesters towards the attending officers was simply unacceptable. Our thoughts are with them as they deal with the aftermath.

As well as being a solemn commemoration, today is also a day to acknowledge the work of all members of our Tasmania Police, both past and present. You routinely carry out your duties to keep our Tasmanian community safe. To every officer, we offer our gratitude. We thank you for all that you do.

We also thank your families and friends, whose love and support helps you do the work that you do.

To families, friends, and colleagues of those officers who have lost their lives in the course of their duties, we offer our condolences and our deepest gratitude for their contributions to our society and the protection of our community. We remember your loved ones.

May they rest in peace.