

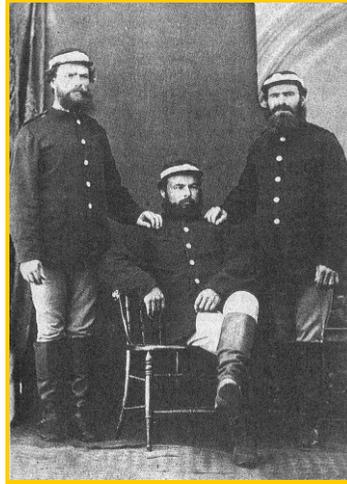
## Police History

Soon after his arrival in the Swan River Colony, Captain Stirling envisaged the need to establish a civilian policing system. This would utilise part time constables appointed for local areas. In 1853 the W.A. Police Force was established.

As the Police Force evolved from that time, individuals of exceptional character, who were forced to adopt innovative measures to cope with harsh conditions, were needed. These early-day police officers can be said to be pioneers in the true sense of the word.

Western Australia is the largest policing jurisdiction in the world resulting in many unique situations requiring police officers to participate numerous significant events of historical importance.

For more than 150 years, police have been involved in diverse community activities, ranging from the care of the public, collecting agricultural statistics to solving horrendous crimes. Some of these activities have resulted in officers paying the ultimate price the loss of life.



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# THE WESTERN AUSTRALIA POLICE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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**Application  
for  
Membership**

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**THE WESTERN AUSTRALIA POLICE  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Have you ever wondered about the history of your Police Force?

Most police officers in the State know very little about the history of the Police Force. When did it begin? What type of work did early police officers do? How did they carry out their duties in some of the remote areas of the State?

There are many reasons why the history of the W.A. Police should be preserved.

**History**

Knowledge of Police history can imbue pride in present day Police Officers. History allows today's officers to realise the service and dedication that previous officers have given to protect and serve the community.

**Traditions**

Officers killed in the line of duty date back to the early eighteen hundreds. These officers made a commitment, over the last century, to make our State a safe place in which to live.

The Western Australia Police Historical Society was formed with the object of preserving the history of the Police Service for future generations. .

**Early Beginnings**

Policing in various forms have been recorded from 1829, when Captain Stirling founded the Swan River Settlement in Western Australia.

**Who can join the Police Historical Society?**

Membership is open to all serving members of the W.A Police, or other persons who have a long time interest in the Police or Police History

You are invited to join this unique society. Regular monthly meetings provide an opportunity to meet persons with common interests.

Member's partners are invited to become involved and make a valuable contribution to the Western Australia Police Historical Society.



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**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

I wish to apply for \* membership / renewal of my membership \* to 'The Western Australia Police Historical Society, and enclose:

- \$20 being for nomination and membership, **OR**
- \$10 being for renewal of my membership

(Note: Please delete if not applicable)

Full name of applicant (Block Letters):

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms: (Family Name) .....

(Given Names) .....

Address .....

Suburb ..... Post Code: .....

Telephone Number: (.....) ..... Email: .....

( Police No ..... Rank ..... State: ..... )

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Date: ..... / ..... / ..... Signed: .....

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