



## **Police Association announces new secretary**

The Police Association is pleased to announce that Sergeant Wayne Gatt will become our next Secretary from later this month.

Wayne will replace outgoing Secretary, Ron Iddles, when Ron steps down from his role on Friday 24 February.

This important appointment was determined by The Police Association's 12-person Executive Committee after a rigorous selection process.

A serving Victoria Police officer of 21 years and currently the Police Association's Stakeholder Relations Advisor, Wayne will assume his new role on February 25.

Wayne has broad operational policing experience and has faced first-hand the kind of pressures police experience every day.

He has worked in a variety of general duties positions in both metro and regional areas. Wayne has also worked as a police negotiator and in other specialist units where he was involved in many critical incidents. He has also been seconded to a number of taskforces.

Wayne also has extensive industrial experience, qualifications and a career-long track record of representing the interests of Police and PSO members over many years through his various roles at The Police Association.

These roles have been both voluntary and full time. Wayne served as an Association Delegate while he was attached to the Dog Squad and as an Assistant Delegate when working at the Mounted Branch. He also represented the membership on The Police Association's Executive Committee in 2014/15.

Wayne served full time as the Association's Delegates and Training Coordinator between 2005 and 2008 and is currently our Stakeholder Relations Advisor.

The Executive Committee is confident that his impressive qualities will enable Wayne to serve our 15,000 members well, and build on the exceptional work, achievements and legacy of our outgoing secretary Ron Iddles, who has served in the role with distinction over the past three years.

As our incoming Secretary, Wayne will work closely with Ron from today, until Ron's retirement later this month, to ensure a smooth and seamless leadership transition.

John Laird  
**President**