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## **NATIONAL POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY HONOURING THOSE WHO PAID THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE**

### MEDIA STATEMENT

Each year on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September, National Police Remembrance Day is commemorated to remember those whose lives have been cut short while performing their duty as a police officer.

Each state and territory police jurisdiction across Australia will today honour those who gave their lives serving their communities.

AFPA President, Angela Smith, said, today we to pause and remember police officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice while working to protect and keep us all safe.

“On this day we also recognise the unique nature of policing and the dangers police face in their daily pursuits while serving the community every day of the year.

“Today is one of the most significant days for police and will commence with members of all police jurisdictions participating in ceremonies around Australia, together with the afternoon service at the National Police Memorial in Canberra.

“Every police officer should know the community stands with them every time they turn up to work to make our communities a safer place.

“Today we pay special respect to Western Australia Police Senior Constable Dennis Green, who tragically lost his life last December as well as another 12 officers who will be added based on historical research.

“With honour they served, we shall remember their service and sacrifice always” Ms. Smith said.

Current and former members of the AFP and the public are encouraged to attend one of the Australia-wide services to show their gratitude to those who work tirelessly to keep us safe and pointedly to those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Details of services throughout Australia can be found on the National Police Memorial website <http://npm.org.au/remembrance-day-services/>.

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AFPA President, Angela Smith will be available for comments at the end of the Australian Federal Police/NSW Police combined service at 5am at Queanbeyan Police Station.