

South Newman Primary School

**BLOODY SLOW CUP
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**South Newman
Primary School**
Iron, spirit & courage

Strength is going to work each day knowing you might
not come home

Strength is enduring the criticism and abuse on a daily
basis

Strength is putting your own emotions aside to help
those around you

Strength is being a police officer

Strength is getting out of bed each morning knowing
they're no longer around

Strength is reliving the grief each year to help the
community to remember

Strength is putting on a smile in the face of adversity

Strength is being a family member of the fallen

Strength is coming together every year to support the
families

Strength is being united and putting our differences
aside

Strength is standing behind our local police force

Strength is the Newman community

Strength is The Bloody Slow Cup

What is Bloody Slow Cup?

Part of the history of Newman Police Station and the community is the tragic event of the Newman Air Crash. The furthest Indigenous community in the sub-district then was Kiwirrkurra, which is 816 kms direct line east from Newman and is situated 130 kms west of the Northern Territory border.

On Australia Day, January 26, 2001, in response to a call for assistance from that community, a team of three officers from the Newman Police Station were collected from Newman Airport by a police Cessna 310 aircraft, call sign Polair 64, piloted by a police officer from the Pilbara District Office based in Karratha.

They attended at Kiwirrkurra and, having dealt with the situation, departed there at 7:30pm returning to Newman. Polair 64 contacted Newman Police Station by radio at about 9:15pm and requested that vehicles be sent to collect the Newman officers.

At 9:50pm Polair 64 entered the circuit area of the Newman Airport and shortly afterwards, the aircraft crashed 2.6 kms south east of the airport.

A search was immediately commenced by Police and local volunteer emergency services personnel, supported by other agencies and community members, and at 4:30am the following morning the wreckage of Polair 64 was located. Tragically, all officers on board the aircraft had lost their lives.

The impact on their families, friends and colleagues and the community of Newman was and is profound. This has been the most significant loss of police life in modern day policing history in Australasia.

The officers were:

Senior Constable Donald Richard Everett
4600
Pilbara District Office

Senior Constable Phillip Gavin Ruland
7877
Newman Police Station

First Class Constable David Adrian Dewar
9178
Newman Police Station

Constable Gavin Ashley Capes
10305
Newman Police Station

Commemoration for police men continues Room 3

In 2001 four police officers were found dead in a plane crash after going to Kiwirrkurra to sort out an emergency. Because of this event, Newman holds the Bloody Slow Cup to remember police men and this tradition has been happening since 2005.

On January 26th 2001 it was a very unfortunate day for many families in Australia. 4 police men unfortunately died in a devastating plane crash and the impact on their family, friend and colleagues and the community of Newman was and is profound. The names of the officers were; Donald Everett age 40 Phillip Ruland age 32, David Dewar age 31 and Gavin Capes age 27. The police station is still confused about what happened to the plane. They don't know if the fuel ran out or there was something wrong with the engine; it is still a mystery.

Due to this accident, Newman holds the BSC. There are sports events like rugby, soccer, golf and cricket (there are many more). They are doing this for the remembrance of the 4 police men. Everyone meets up to have a memorial service.

This year Newman will be having a upcoming service to commemorate the BSC and South Newman Primary school will be having a gate on October 13th 2018.

"It is so sad that 4 police men have died on duty and for the first time in many



...Here to help

Police Station Excursion

Specials thanks to Mark Fleskens, Jess Allen, Dan Allen and Claire Lyons, Police Officers from the Newman Police Station for showing Room 2 and 3 around the police station and teaching them what is involved to be a police officer.



Crash Site Excursion

Specials thanks to Mark Fleskens, Jess Allen, Dan Allen and Claire Lyons, Police Officers from the Newman Police Station for accompanying Room 2 and 3 to the Crash Site where the police officers tragically lost their lives.



Fete



TOTAL RAISED: \$2632.85

Saturday, 13 October, Room 2 and 3 organised a Fete at South Newman PS for the Newman community to raise funds for Police Legacy. Local businesses and individuals from the Newman community donated their time, expertise and products to make the Fete a fun and successful fundraising event.



Well done to Mrs Tess Wheat and Miss Bri Garn for doing such wonderful job at organising such a large event



Bloody Slow Cup Assembly

Friday 19, October



ROOM 2 & 3 raised a total amount of \$3032.85 for WA Police Legacy

Their fundraising consisted of running a Fete for the community, running a raffle prize, gold coin donation dress up days throughout Term 3 and Term 4 and more.



**A special thanks to Mrs Tess Wheat,
Miss Brie Garn and Room 2 & 3 students.**

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