



Police from around Australia on the steps of Old Parliament House in 1927.

Exhibition puts you In the Line of Duty

A six-month policing exhibition is being held in Canberra to coincide with the National Police Memorial dedication.

In the Line of Duty showcases the evolution of policing in Australia over more than 200 years.

Organisations responsible for policing the Commonwealth are all represented at key moments in

their history, including significant investigations and developments in policing technology.

Although the focus of the exhibition is on police, some iconic figures such as the Kelly Gang and Squizzy Taylor also feature.

Highlights include a timeline chronicling events decade by decade, as well as more than 600

images of police officers carrying out their duties, a touchstone of audio and video footage from police archives and more than 150 objects including uniforms, equipment and documents.

The exhibits have been sourced from police agencies, museums and historical societies nationwide.

Many dug into their archives to

uncover items never made public before, or have given the curators access to precious footage, images and objects.

The exhibition is the first time the long, varied and rich histories of national, state and territory policing services have been presented together.



In the Line of Duty

POLICING IN AUSTRALIA 1788–2006

Never before has the story of Australian policing been told as a national story.

In the Line of Duty is a timeline of important moments in police history presented through documents, images and objects held in police archives and museums around the country. The exhibition coincides with the Dedication of the National Police Memorial, constructed to commemorate those officers killed on duty.

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