



## Families, officers to march at National Police Memorial dedication

**H**undreds of current and former police officers from throughout Australia are preparing to march together in memory of their fallen colleagues.

The march – including a massed band and mounted escort – will be held before the twilight dedication of the National Police Memorial in Canberra on September 29.

Family members of fallen police are also expected to take part in the 1.6km march from Old Parliament House to the memorial, which is being built on the northern shores of Lake Burley Griffin.

The \$2.4 million memorial will commemorate the more than 730 officers, including 134 from Queensland, who have been killed on duty or have died as a result of their duties since policing began in Australia.

The date of the march and dedication will coincide with National Police Remembrance Day.

National Capital Authority Chief Executive Annabelle Pegrum said the memorial would recognise the importance of the police contribution to the Australian community.

“The winning design (submitted by Brisbane firm Fairweather Proberts

Architects) was felt by the jury to incorporate elements of individual contribution, loss and community service which policing is known for,” Ms Pegrum said.

The memorial wall, featuring touchstones with officers’ names, will complement the random placement of quotes from police and family members.

Anyone planning to visit Canberra for the ceremony is urged to make bookings soon as it coincides with school holidays and a number of other major events in the area.

The event has been registered as a conference with Qantas. Anyone planning to fly with them can quote

event profile number 283770 when they ring to make a booking, and Qantas will make its best fare available.

Anyone who is planning to attend the ceremony in a private capacity and is interested in marching is asked to email Inspector Paul Fogg on [fogg.paulh@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:fogg.paulh@police.qld.gov.au).

For information on accommodation and associated events, contact Australian Capital Tourism on 1300 554 114 or visit the website [visitcanberra.com.au](http://visitcanberra.com.au).

Further information about the National Police Memorial is available at [www.npm.org.au](http://www.npm.org.au).