

NATIONAL POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
ADDRESS BY
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Good morning. It is a privilege to be here with you to share this important day of commemoration and reflection.

On this National Police Remembrance Day, we honour and remember the brave men and women of the police forces who lost their lives while carrying out their duties and serving and protecting their communities. We also acknowledge those officers who died of natural causes.

I acknowledge with sadness the passing of our Tasmania Police Constable Keith Smith in June this year. Keith was a well-regarded, highly experienced and dedicated member of our police service who had served our Tasmanian community for 25 years.

We remember and honour Keith today. I express my sympathy to Keith's wife, Janaha, and daughter Ava, to Keith's family and friends, and to his colleagues in Tasmania Police.

We also remember and honour Sergeant Adam Eastley, who passed away from natural causes in April this year. Adam was a popular and respected police officer and member of our community. My condolences to Adam's partner, Danita, and two daughters, Scarlett and Rosie.

I also acknowledge the recent deaths of Victoria Police officers, Detective Leading Senior Constable Neal Thompson and Senior Constable Vadim De Waart-Hottart. They were killed while carrying out their police duties in Victoria.

These officers' sacrifice and dedication to service is not forgotten.

Today is also a day for our Tasmanian community to recognise and acknowledge the courage of all our police and their service.

Every day, our Tasmania Police officers undertake their duties with courage and bravery, supporting our community and working to ensure we can all live in safety.

We recognise the dangers associated with your role. Often, you deal with the most difficult aspects of our communities. You have a difficult job that often goes unrecognised, and one that may come at a great cost both mentally and physically.

We acknowledge with gratitude the service of every police officer and the protections you provide our community. We thank you for all that you do for us.

May we also thank your families and friends, who support you.

On this important day of remembrance, may I conclude by honouring and remembering all those officers who have given their lives in the course of their duties. To the families, friends, and colleagues bereaved by their loss, we offer our condolences and express our gratitude for their protection of our community.

May they rest in peace.