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PFA Welcomes Just Recognition for Australia's Police - National Police Service Medal Announced

The Police Federation of Australia (PFA) has welcomed today's announcement by the Minister for Home Affairs Brendan O'Connor MP and Senator Kate Lundy, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister of the National Police Service Medal.

PFA President Vince Kelly said, "The Police Federation of Australia welcomes the Australian Government's decision to create this medal and is proud to have been an instigator of this new way to recognise the dedication of our police officers."

"The National Police Service Medal is a tangible acknowledgement of the unique role that police officers play in the preservation of peace, the protection of life and property and the maintenance of law and order throughout Australia."

"The Queen has approved the design and conditions for awarding the medal, as the last step in a process that began with the Government's commitment to the Police Federation of Australia to create the award in the 2007 election campaign", he said.

Sworn police with at least fifteen years of ethical and diligent service on or after 30 October 2008 will be eligible for the award. The medal can also be awarded to officers whose service was cut short by death, injury or disability caused through their work. The NPSM will not officially recognise 'long service' it will however recognise the unique contribution given to the community by sworn members of Australia's Police Forces.

The National Medal and clasps will continue to also be awarded to recognise eligible long and diligent service. In the Order of Wear the NPSM will be worn on the left breast and will be positioned before all long service awards, including the National Medal, and immediately after the Civilian Service Medal 1939-45.

Vince Kelly available for interview/comment 0417819342

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