

Police Commissioners



George Richardson

Born 1845 England and arrived in Tasmania 1856. Entered government service through the Audit Department and then transferred to the Education Department where he was to remain for 27 years. He was appointed Commissioner of Police on 1 January 1899 and held the position until 1906.



Colonel John Lord CMG DSO VD

Born at Brighton on 8 May 1870. He was first employed as a clerk on 19 July 1886 and held this position until 1906, at which time he was appointed Acting Commissioner of Police until his appointment as Commissioner of Police in July 1906. On 10 February 1916, he was granted leave of absence and served as commander of the 40th (Tasmanian) Battalion A.I.F. He returned on 4 August 1919 and took up the position he was to hold until retirement on 24 November 1940.



Walter Oakes MBE JP

Born in Tasmania 29 June 1878 and joined Tasmania Police on 7 May 1900. Resigned in 1913 and took up active service in World War II, returning in 1918 to his former rank as Detective Sergeant. Appointed as Commissioner of Police on 25 November 1940 and retired on 26 June 1944.



Harry Hill

Born in Tasmania 17 October 1884 and joined the police on 18 May 1907. Appointed Commissioner of Police on 27 June 1944 and retired on 17 October 1949.





Malcolm Dowling
JP

Born in Tasmania 19 July 1888 and joined Tasmania Police on 11 July 1910. Appointed Commissioner of Police 18 October 1949 and retired on 31 December 1952.



William Delderfield
MVO

Born in the United Kingdom 6 February 1901 and joined the South Australian Police Force on 1 April 1922. Resigned to take up position as Deputy Commissioner of Police, Tasmania on 1 December 1949. Appointed Commissioner 1 January 1953 and retired on 25 September 1965.



Phillip Fletcher
CBE LVO MVO

Born in Victoria 8 July 1909. Joined Tasmania Police 8 October 1935. Appointed Commissioner of Police 25 September 1965 and retired in July 1974.



Eric Knowles
QPM JP

Born 23 August 1914, and joined Tasmania Police 7 May 1940. Appointed as Commissioner 9 July 1974. Passed away while still serving as Commissioner 30 January 1977.





Max Robinson
AO O St J QPM JP

Born 21 February 1929. Joined NSW Police as cadet 1945 and transferred to ACT Police 1948. Appointed as Commissioner of Police Tasmania 2 May 1977, taking up the position on 7 May 1977. Retired on 31 January 1988.



Bill Horman
APM, LLB (Hons), Dip Crim, JP

Born 15 August 1939. Joined Victoria Police 1956, Vanuatu 1981, Deputy Director ABCI 1983. Appointed Commissioner of Police 1 February 1988 and retired 30 March 1991.



John Johnson
AO APM QPM JP

Born 12 July 1936. Joined Victoria Police 10 May 1957, ACT Police 20 October 1958. Appointed Commissioner of Police 1 July 1991. Retired 12 July 1996.



Richard McCreadie
APM BA JP

Born 22 April 1946. Joined Tasmania Police 15 October 1964, and appointed Deputy Commissioner January 1991. Appointed Commissioner of Police 21 August 1996.

