



More than 2000 police officers and friends made the annual journey to Canberra to remember fallen comrades on the 2015 Wall to Wall Ride for Remembrance.



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Record numbers ride for remembrance

The 2016 Wall to Wall Ride will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 2006 construction of the National Police Memorial.

This year's ride attracted a record number of more than 2000 police officers and friends to the nation's capital from across Australia. As a massed group they rode to the National Police Memorial on the afternoon of 12 September to honour their fallen comrades.

Organisers are now looking to the 2016 Wall to Wall and the subsequent National Police Remembrance Day to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the unveiling of the National Police Memorial.

A multi-jurisdictional working group is currently planning an enhanced ceremony to mark the 10th anniversary of the construction of the National Police Memorial which will take place on 29 September 2016.

The annual motorcycle pilgrimage began in 2010. Since that time, it has rumbled into Canberra in mid-September raising money for police legacy groups, promoting motorcycle safety and drawing attention to National Police Remembrance Day, traditionally commemorated on 29 September.

The Wall to Wall Ride has created traditions of its own. One tradition is the delivery of a ceremonial baton from each police jurisdiction with the emblem of the respective police service and the names of the officers from that service who have been killed on duty.

This year, ACT Chief Police Officer Rudi Lammers hosted a 9am remembrance service at the National Police Memorial for AFP members where the AFP's baton was blessed and entrusted to Assistant Commissioner Shane Connelly.

Assistant Commissioner Connelly then led the AFP riders to the Goulburn Police Academy on a veteran Z1000 Police Kawasaki provided by the AFP Museum and placed the AFP baton with the seven others on a plinth in the National Police Memorial forecourt.

“The Wall to Wall Ride represents a time to commemorate National Police Remembrance Day and it provides a time to reflect and remember our fallen mates,” Assistant Commissioner Connelly said.

“Motorcycle riding has been a part of my life since I was a child and I thoroughly enjoy the mateship and camaraderie it brings.”