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Combined Churches Mens Breakfast

Chief Inspector Gary Raymond

**Where: Salvation Army Hall
 Mittagang Rd**

**When: Saturday, November 5th
 7.00am for Breakfast**

Cost: \$5.00 for a "Farm Style Breakfast"

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Chief Inspector Gary Raymond APM has been a member of the NSW Police for 32 years. Gary is presently performing duty at the Blacktown Police Station as a Duty Officer specialising in Emergency Management and Crime Scene Management.

Prior to joining the police, Gary performed 5 years service as an Ambulance Officer with the NSW Ambulance Service in the Sydney metropolitan area attending seriously injured or sick people and transporting them to hospital.

Gary joined the NSW Police in 1972 and performed general duties at Redfern Police Station as a Probationary Constable. He was then chosen to join the elite NSW Police Rescue Squad.

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Gary has received a number of awards for his bravery displayed during rescue and suicide negotiation missions.

As a Detective Sergeant at Blacktown, Gary was involved in many successful homicide and other criminal investigations including the tragic murder of Nursing Sister Anita Cobby at Blacktown.

He has also received commendations and notations on his Police Service Register for performing acts of bravery during encounters with armed offenders. Gary physically arrested an offender (who was holding his wife hostage with a knife at her throat) without harm to the hostage or offender.

Whilst stationed at Cabramatta Police Station, Gary received a Commander's Commendation for the single-handed arrest of an armed robber after the offender held up staff of a fast food chain with a gun and stole money.

He was also involved in the crime scene command and investigation into Australia's first political assassination, the murder by firearm of John Newman, the State Member of Parliament in Cabramatta.

Gary also commanded the Manly area for 3 years and gave evidence in the successful Police Integrity Commission Inquiry into police corruption in that area.

Gary has been awarded the Australian Police Medal (APM), the National Medal with Clasp and the New South Wales Police Medal for 30 years distinguished police service that included a large number of successful rescues and suicide negotiations. He also has the Granville Train Disaster Medal and the Granville Train Disaster 10th anniversary medal.

Gary was a member of the NSW Police Peer Support Working Party and was a Senior Peer Support officer involved in helping traumatised or suicidal police officers.

Gary is also leader of the Christian Police Association of Oceania (NSW Branch). He is Senior Chaplain to the Volunteer Rescue Association of New South Wales and conducts workshops to help people become aware of Critical Incident Stress Management, Suicide Awareness and Suicide Negotiation. Gary has spoken both in Australia and overseas conferences including the Hendon Police Training College, London.

Gary is a national member of the Drug Arm board. Drug Arm facilitates street vans and other drug prevention programs.

Gary is a member of the Rotary Club of Blacktown City and is a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow. He also received an Australia Day Achievement Award and Blacktown Citizen of the Year in 1993 for his commitment to Street Kid Programmes and Suicide Awareness Programs.

Gary conducts workshops helping people to defuse aggressive behaviour in the workplace. He also helps with the construction and rehearsing of emergency evacuation plans in the workplace.

In August 2002, at an International Conference in Melbourne, Gary was presented with a National Award of Excellence from the Critical Incident Stress Management Foundation of Australia for outstanding contributions to the field of Critical Incident Stress Management.

Gary was the Strategic Terrorism Risk Assessor for the 2003 Rugby World Cup. He recently received a Commissioner's Certificate of Merit for his risk management work during the Rugby World Cup security planning. He also received the Commissioner's Olympic Citation for his work during the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney.

In November 2004, Gary was a keynote speaker at the Risk Management Institute of Australasia Conference in Hobart. He spoke on the Safety & Security Risk Management of the 2003 Rugby World Cup.

Gary has travelled to Britain, Europe, Asia and India to study policing and holiday of course.

In February 2005, Gary went to tsunami affected Sri Lanka to help in the recovery effort. He visited tsunami affected areas on the west and east coasts of Sri Lanka. He visited the site

where the "Queen of the Sea" train was washed off the tracks by the tsunami drowning 1500 people. Gary assisted the Government Medical Officers at the Galle Hospital mortuary who dealt with hundreds of tsunami victim's bodies. He performed training and education workshops to community and church leaders in critical incident stress and post traumatic stress management. Gary counselled a large number of tsunami survivors and visited refugee camps as well during his visit to Sri Lanka.

Gary's wife Michelle is a Primary School teacher at Caddies Creek Public School and they live at Glenwood, near Parklea Markets in Sydney. Gary and his wife are both uniformed members of The Salvation Army at Parramatta.