

Good evening everybody, I am happy to present the Secretary's report for the year 2017-18. This year, we had the opportunity of listening to some fantastic local and interstate speakers who spoke on a wide range of topics across the forensic discipline.

Before I begin my report, I would like to thank Charlie who will be presenting this report on my behalf.

For our AGM in 2017, Senior Constable Kelly Cordwell was our special speaker. Senior Constable Kelly Cordwell is an expert in crash investigation and spoke about Accident investigations.

The first event after the AGM in 2017 was held on the 19th of October. On this occasion, Assoc Professor Alex Forrest, Forensic Odontologist from Griffith University spoke on the topic titled "A bit of biting".

The annual Christmas dinner was organized on the 30th of November at New Sydney Hotel. Dr Kathleen Murray, an expert in soil science spoke on the topic titled "How an unsolved murder led to new methods of interpreting forensic soil evidence". The talk was followed by nibbles organized by the branch.

The first meeting for 2018 was held on the 28th of February. Magistrate Simon Cooper was our speaker for this meeting. Magistrate Cooper spoke about the role of the Coroner, elaborated about the various aspects of the Coroners Court, inquests and investigations into certain deaths and the role of forensic science in them.

For our next meeting on the 26th of April 2018, Sergeant Gerard Dutton was our guest speaker. On this event, Gerard spoke on two different topics titled "A 12 Gauge Solid Slug used in murder" and "The curious case of the phoney toolmark".

The next branch meeting was held on the 27th of June 2018. The speaker for this event was our past president, Paul Holloway. Paul spoke on the topic titled "Information, Investigation and Chance in two Forensic Cases". That brings us to the end of our list of events for 2017-18.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the Tasmanian Branch for having given me this opportunity to serve as the secretary for the last three terms. I will still be a long-distance member of the society and will be more than happy to assist the society in any way I can.

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