

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December we celebrated 100 Years of Women in Policing and our club is very proud of our three members who were former police officers: Joyce Richardson, Ivorine Waye and Kathryn Finnigan.

Joyce, who recently had her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, was working in munitions before sitting for exams and joining the Police force in 1944. She moved to Darwin to commence the Women Police in the Northern Territory. Joyce retired in 1979 after a long and illustrious career which culminated in her becoming Principal (Head) of Women Police.

Ivorine Waye worked in different areas of South Australia including the Riverland, Port Adelaide and the Southern areas. Ivorine's employment was during a time of many changes: she worked on Children's Aid Panels which changed to Family Conferences, which was during the era that Welfare closed at 5.00 pm on Friday afternoon and did not open again until 9.00 am on Monday morning. Today Welfare offices are available 24/7.

Kathryn Finnigan was the first female to be appointed to the Drug Squad and first female to be made Detective Sergeant at Burnside CID. Kathryn a real trailblazer, although she is very modest about her many achievements, several of them Firsts. She was the 1<sup>st</sup> female Chief Inspector appointed to a Country Division, Officer in Charge, Yorke Peninsula Division, responsible for 13 Police Stations as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> female in charge of a CIB Unit.

Kathryn has been honoured in a range of ways: National Police Medal for her services to Policing in SA; one of 10 SA women whose history is recorded as part of 'Honoured Women Oral History Project' in the Mortlock Library; a Jean Harris Award from Rotary for services to women in the community and a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for her charity work.

Both Joyce and Kathryn have interviews you can view and hear on the SAPOL website. Go to the SAPOL website, click on Facebook, then select the youtube videos .