

# Association Aims and Objectives

The Police Insignia Collectors Association of Australia Incorporated (PICAA Inc) proposes to establish the following amongst its members :

- (a) Promote the hobby of law enforcement and emergency services insignia collecting in Australasia;
- (b) To collect and disseminate information of interest to members;
- (c) To liaise with other interested bodies who may be of assistance to the members of the association;
- (d) To promote and maintain contact with police, law enforcement and emergency services insignia collectors throughout the world; and
- (e) To encourage the display of collections by members.

# Members' Code of Ethics

- **FAIR TRADING** - Members are expected to be fair and honest in all of their dealings. The member always retains the right to trade by negotiation, however, the concept of fair and ethical trading applies, that is value given and value received, and both parties should reach an amicable agreement.
- **COMPLAINTS** - Complaints should be resolved between members, however if a grievance cannot be resolved it shall be settled in accordance with the constitution.
- **AUTHENTICITY OF ITEMS** - Responsibility for authenticating insignia and other trading items rests with the proponent of the insignia or item.
- **UNSOLICITED ITEMS** - Any item received unsolicited should be returned to the sender at the senders expense (COD), with a letter of explanation or refusal.
- **HOLDING PERIOD** - Items negotiated for trade, or offered by advertisement, should be held for a reasonable period of time, 14 - 28 days, to allow the interested party to reply.
- **CHAIN & BEGGING LETTERS** - Chain and begging letters to other collectors, individuals, and organisations are not condoned or considered ethical. A member is expected to offer a trade or other method of acquisition.

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