



# STUART GRIMLEY MP

Member for Western Victoria  
State Leader of Derryn Hinch's Justice Party

## MEDIA RELEASE



### Drop-a-Cop for great Cause

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Member for Western Victoria and State Leader of Derryn Hinch's Justice Party, Stuart Grimley MP, has been dropped from a plane as a part of the "Drop-a-Cop" event to fight PTSD in Victoria Police. As a former police officer Mr Grimley was more than happy to participate in this important campaign.

The event was part of the Fighting PTSD VicPol campaign that is raising funds to support current and former Victoria Police members who are suffering from PTSD and other psychological injuries.

Others taking part of the "Drop-a-Cop" event include Deputy Commissioner, Rick Nugent, Victoria Police Association Secretary Wayne Gatt, Victoria Police Legacy CEO Lex De Man, Blue Ribbon Foundation Board Member Super Intendant Pat Boyle and Shadow Minister for Police David Southwick.

After a series of cancellations due to weather and a state-wide lockdown, the event was finally able to go ahead this morning.

#### Quotes Attributable to Stuart Grimley MP:

"When I was asked to participate in the "Drop-a-Cop" event I had no hesitation to say yes. It is the least I can do to bring awareness and support for Police Officers who are suffering from psychological injuries.

"Being a former police officer myself, I know all too well of the traumatic incidents that members see each day. It is important that events like "Drop-a-cop" not only help those that suffer from psychological injuries, but reduce the stigma around it.

"I prefer to use the term Post-Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI), rather than Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. It is vitally important that police members seek treatment when they have suffered a psychological injury, like they would if they were to physically injured on the job."

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