



Senior Constable Graeme Cox, Superintendent Martin Hardy and Acting Senior Sergeant Danny Brown at the memorial service for fallen police officers held in Warrnambool on Thursday morning.

Sunshine bathed a crowd of residents who gathered to pay their respects to police killed in the line of duty at a memorial service in Warrnambool today.

About 50 people attended the National Police Remembrance Day service held at South West TAFE's memorial site at the city's former police station and court house.

The first in-person gathering since 2019 began at 11am with a march, followed by a welcome to country led by Uncle Locky Eccles and Robbie Lowe Senior.

Warrnambool Mayor Vicki Jellie, Council Chief Executive Officer Peter Scheider, representatives of the RSL and members of the CFA and Ambulance Victoria also attended.

Warrnambool police Superintendent Martin Hardy said the gathering honoured 175 police officers who'd lost their lives since the organisation's inception in 1853.

"Today is a very special day for Victoria Police," he said. "The National Remembrance Day for police officers killed in the line of duty encourages them and their families to honour the memory of their colleagues who've given their lives in the service of their community. It reminds us of the difficulties they face in bearing their responsibilities. The memorial you see here today honours the memory of all our colleagues who've lost their lives whilst on duty serving the Warrnambool and district community."