

Mr Chairman, members of the C.I.B. Suitability Board,

I am a Senior Sergeant stationed at Glen Waverley. I have previously served in the C.I.B. and passed Detective Training School.

I have known the applicant, Peter John MERICKA, Constable 21776 since he transferred to Glen Waverley Police Station in March 1983. Since that time I have found him to be a thoroughly dedicated and consistent worker who is always willing to put in extra effort to bring an investigation to a successful conclusion. On one occasion in late 1983, persistent offences of burglary, theft, criminal and wilful damage were occurring at Highvale High School. Acting merely on a description of one suspect given to him by a 12 year old girl, Constable MERICKA by diligent investigation tracked down and convicted 12 youths on a total of 41 offences to completely eliminate the problem occurring at that school.

Constable MERICKA has shown the same diligent approach to the more mundane tasks. On one occasion on night shift, on receipt of a complaint from a motorist that he had almost run over a paperboy without lights on his bicycle, Constable MERICKA, acting on his own initiative, attended at all the newsagents in the area, informed them of the problem, inspected the bicycles of the paperboys and made sure they were all properly equipped with lights. These are just examples of the thoroughness with which he approaches his duties.

In the time he has been at Glen Waverley, Constable MERICKA has been punctual, polite, and thoroughly reliable. He has fitted in well on the station and he gets on well with members of the C.I.B. and Crime Car Squad. This member scarcely requires supervision and motivates himself. The standard of his paperwork is excellent for his length of service. Taking overall performance and value to the station into account, I rate him first amongst the Senior Constables and Constables stationed at Glen Waverley. I recommend him to the Board and an ideal member for C.I.B. duties.


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