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The mounting toll of serious injuries can't continue

This weekend's serious assaults on police officers continues a pattern of violent anti-social behaviour that has to be broken, says the Police Association of New South Wales (PANSW).

"Our members go to work every day to keep the peace and ensure public safety. Yet in the space of 24 hours on Saturday we had an officer in Hornsby suffer a broken nose and officers from the Kings Cross police station suffer a fractured arm, broken nose and other facial injuries including an eye injury," said Kevin Morton, acting President of the Police Association of New South Wales.

"When people conduct group attacks on our members - as occurred at the Flamingo Lounge in Bayswater Road – their behaviour is beyond reckless. The injuries they inflict are mindless acts of violence that are being deliberately targeted at our members.

"The injuries that are inflicted go beyond police being battered and bruised. These injuries often have a lasting impact on officers, and impact on their lives both inside and outside of the uniform. For a start they often require long and complicated periods of physical recovery and the need for ongoing support.

"The PANSW welcomes the call from NSW Labor's opposition police spokesperson, Lynda Voltz, that a public campaign should be considered to encourage wider respect for the essential job that police selflessly perform.

"The message just isn't getting through to a section of the community who disregard any form of respect and who escalate to violence without any second thought of the consequences.

"Weekends like this weekend need to be the final straw".

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