

**POLICE SEND OFF – Det SenCon  
Steve HEFFERNAN # 26797,  
SenCon Dave QUICK # 40504,  
SenCon Jason WILLIAMS # 38323**

18/09/2025



**Police**

## **Retirement Function**

Det SenCon Steve **HEFFERNAN # 26797**

SenCon Dave **QUICK # 40504**

SenCon Jason **WILLIAMS # 38323**

69 years of service.

New South Wales Police Force

**Date:** Friday 17 October 2025

**Time:** 5pm

**Location:** Moruya Golf Club – Golfers Lounge

**Cost:** \$50 ( includes canapes, venue hire, gifts )

**Account:** Moruya Police Social Club

**BSB:** 062575

**Account:** ?????? 10270848 ( Please use your name as payment reference )

Contact Greg Flood for account details  
Limited numbers / no tickets at the door  
**Contact** Insp Greg Flood: 0408 990 316

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18 September 2025

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**John Ross THOMPSON**

18/09/2025

**Where are they now ?**

**The LONGEST SERVING Member of NSWPF RETIRES 15**

MAY 2020

## John Ross THOMPSON



Great Grandfather of – Sub Inspector John CARROLL # ???

Son of Ross THOMPSON ( 21 Division ) # ????

Nephew of Jack ? ( Parramatta – 18 Division Dets ) # ????

NSW Police Cadet # 1735

Redfern Police Academy Class # 95A

New South Wales Police Force

**Regd. # 10718**

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy, as a Cadet, on **8 January 1962** ( aged 17 years, 5 months, 4 days )

Probationary Constable – appointed 5 August 1963 ( aged 19 years )

Constable – appointed 6 August 1964

Constable 1st Class – appointed 6 August 1968

Senior Constable – appointed 6 August 1972

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ???

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ???

Senior Sergeant – appointed 18 January 1988 – \*15 May 2020 – 8  
January 2023

\*( Friday **15 May 2020** – John's last **physical** Duty **BUT** with  
NSWPF.

**8 January 2023** will be John's last Actual **Employment date** with  
NSWPF. ( He has 2+ years Long Service Leave to take ).

By leaving on the **15 May 2020** – he has **Served 58 years, 4**  
**months, 7 days.**

By the time his **Long Service Leave** has ended on **8 January 2023**  
– he will have been in the employ of NSWPF for exactly **61**  
**years.**

Retired age 1 = 75

Retired age 2 = 78

Stations: ?, Parramatta ( 18 Division ), Chatswood, 21  
Division, Eastwood – Licencing, Surry Hills – 'A' District,  
City of Sydney – Transit Unit, State Planning Unit ( last 20  
years until retirement )

Service: From 8 January 1962 to 8 January 2023 = 61 years  
Service

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 11 December 1980 ( SenSgt )

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 15 December 1989 ( SenSgt )

2nd Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 24 March 2000 ( SenSgt )

3rd Clasp to National Medal – granted ? ? ? ( SenSgt )

NSW Police Medal – granted ? ? ?

National Police Service Medal – granted ? ? ?

150th NSW Police Force Anniversary Medal – granted ? ? ?

Born: – August 1944 – Gulargambone Police Station

**Where are you now ?**

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Glenn Stan Cam Stanley He is 13,000 registered numbers senior to the current commissioner ( # 24552 ) and 50,000 police have signed up since he started and retired.

Great service to NSW and much good kudos for you SSgt Thomo

( Mick FULLER # 24552

Senior Sergeant John THOMPSON # 10718 )

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Andrew Southall

I remember John when he was a Cadet and his **father worked** at the **Fingerprints Section** which was then located at the Police Training Centre at Redfern.

John's Dad rode a motor cycle outfit to and from work and John would arrive at the PTC of a morning sitting up very proudly in the sidecar.

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After nearly 60 years of service with the NSW Police Force, **Senior Sergeant John Thompson** is ready to call time on his distinguished career.

The decorated officer – who began as a 17-year-old police cadet in Redfern in **1962** before being officially sworn in on his 19th birthday – started his long service leave on Friday (**15 May 2020**) and will officially retire from the force in **January 2023**.

**Senior Sergeant Thompson** will retire after 61 years; making him **the longest-serving police officer in NSW**.

But his connection with the NSW Police Force started well before that – he was born at **Gulargambone Police Station** in 1944.

His **father, uncle** and **great-grandfather** also served as police officers – his **great-grandfather, Sub Inspector John Carroll**, arrested **Andrew George Scott** (also known as **Captain Moonlight** the Bushranger) in Gundagai back in **1879**.

**Snr Sgt Thompson** started as a probationary constable at Parramatta Police Station and has worked in various commands across the force, including Chatswood, Surry Hills, and Police Transport Branch.

He also worked the 21 Division, where he served with his father, **Senior Sergeant Ross Thompson**. The 21 Division was the training ground for the Criminal Investigations Branch for many years until its disbandment.

During his career, he has been awarded the NSW Police medal, the National Police Service Medal, the National Medal as well as clasps, and the 150th NSW Police Force Anniversary medal.

He also received a letter of thanks for his service from the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge following their visit to Australia in 2014.

For the last 20 years of his career, **Snr Sgt Thompson** has worked in the **State Planning Unit** at major events across the state, including New Year's Eve, Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, Bathurst 1000, and the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

His last arrest was three years ago while working at the New Year's Eve celebrations for an alleged aggravated robbery.



NSW Police Commissioner, Mick FULLER # 24552 presenting the Certificate of Service to retiring Senior Sergeant John THOMPSON # 10718 at the Planning Unit, Parramatta, on Friday 15 May 2020.



To hear more of Snr Sgt Thompson's interview, please visit

<https://youtu.be/Wuyx7EsJxZw>



John Ross THOMPSON # 10718 – Send Off cake

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# Retirement lunch for Supt. Wayne O'KEEFE

18/09/2025

## Superintendent Wayne O'Keefe

Reg No 20398

Retirement Lunch: Gerroa Fishermans Club

Thursday 6 November 2014 12.30 to 4 pm

\$50 incl 2 course lunch and gift

RSVP [harr1rob@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:harr1rob@police.nsw.gov.au)

BSB: 815000 A/C 279975**S1** (for external transfers **no S1**)

Retirement Dinner Wayne O'Keefe

Your name as reference

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It would be great to see WOK's past colleagues attend this function.

Wayne was at Lake Illawarra as a Sgt then Inspector Feb 2003 to May 2007 then Shoalhaven till 2012 he then progressed to the rank of Superintendent at OIA from Nov 2012.

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# Cecil Roy ABBOTT

18/09/2025

**Cecil Roy ABBOTT QPM AO**

aka Cec

Late of: St George area, NSW

## **New South Wales Police Force**

Regd. # 4668

Joined NSW Police Force via NSW Police Cadet System

Cadet # 302

16th NSW Police Commissioner – Retired

Regd. # 4668

Stations: O.I.C. Drug Squad ( 1965 – ), Hurstville ( Inspector – 1974 ), ?

**Rank:** NSW Police Cadet – commenced 12 February 1941 ( aged 16yrs 6mths)

Probationary Constable – appointed 7 February 1945 ( aged

20yrs, 6mths )

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 16 November 1965

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 25 November 1968

Inspector – appointed ? ? ?

Superintendent – appointed 1 December 1978

Acting Commissioner ( Crime ) – appointed 14 November 1979

Commissioner – appointed ? December 1981 – August 1984

**Final Rank:** Commissioner of Police

**Service:** From 12 February 1941 to ? August 1984 = 38 years  
Service

**Awards:** Queen's Police Medal ( **QPM** ) **granted** 31 December 1976  
in recognition of service to the NSW Police Force ( Insp 2/C )

National Medal – **granted** 11 June 1982 ( Commissioner )

Officer of the Order of Australia ( **A0** ) **granted** 26 January  
1985 in recognition of service to the NSW Police Force ( Retired )

**Born:** Thursday 7 August 1924

**Died:** Wednesday 12 March 2014

**Age:** 89 years, 7 months, 5 days

Funeral date: Wednesday 19 March 2014 – 11am

Funeral location: St Declan's Catholic Church, 92 Penshurst  
Street

(at the intersection of Forest Road), PENSHURST

Buried at: ?

**CECIL is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance \* NOT  
JOB RELATED**

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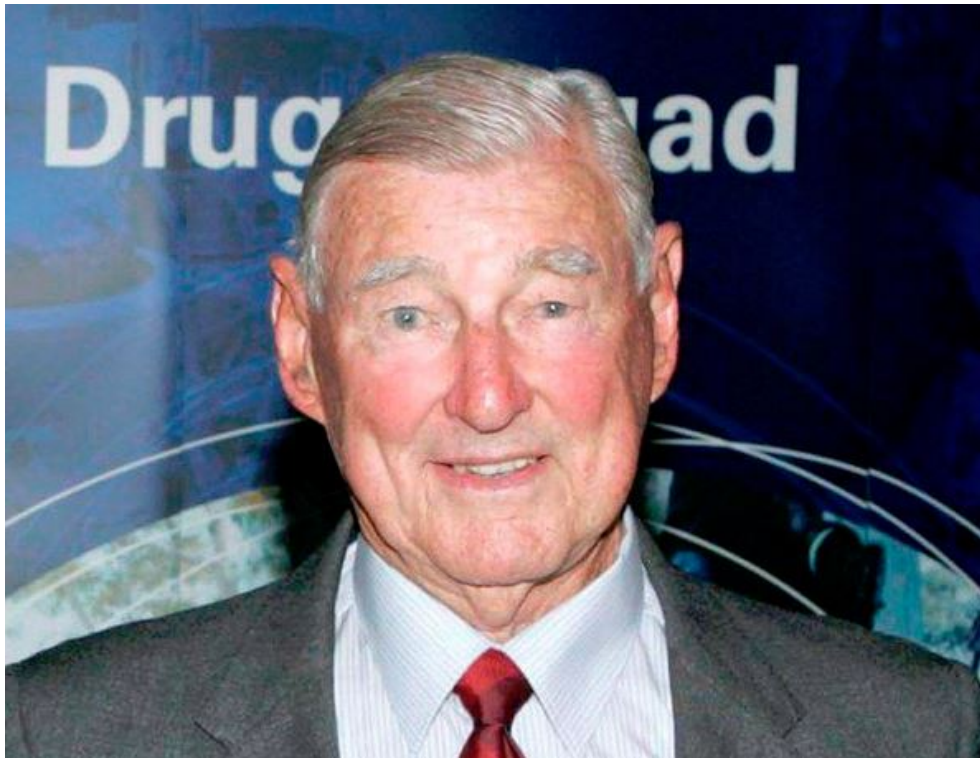
**Location of Funeral Service:** [codepeople-post-map]

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**Former commissioner 'Cec' Abbott's career saluted**

**By Sheree Mutton**

March 18, 2014, 3 p.m.



Remembered: Former NSW Police Commissioner, Cecil Abbott AO, QPM, is being farewelled on Wednesday. Picture: Supplied

FORMER NSW police commissioner Cecil "Cec" Abbott will be farewelled at a funeral service at Penshurst on Wednesday.

Mr Abbott (pictured), a resident of St George, died last Wednesday in St George Hospital, aged 89.

He joined the NSW Police Force as a cadet in 1941, was sworn in in 1945 and rose to become the 16th police commissioner from December 1981 to August 1984.

Mr Abbott was awarded the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal in May 1967 and the Queen's Police Medal in January 1977. He received the National Medal in June 1982 and was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in January 1985.

Among his many achievements, Mr Abbott was instrumental in the formation of the police undercover branch and the formation of covert police sites.

Commissioner Andrew Scipione said Mr Abbott made a significant contribution to the NSW Police Force in his 43 years' service.

"It is widely accepted that the foundations of contemporary drug law enforcement nationally can be attributed to his leadership and commitment throughout his dedicated service to the people of NSW," he said.

Mr Abbott is survived by his wife and son.

The funeral will be held at 11am, tomorrow at St Declan's Catholic Church, Penshurst.

See a story on the service  
<http://www.theleader.com.au/story/2161498/popular-police-commissioner-cecil-abbott-a-man-of-integrity/?cs=12>

Leave a tribute to Mr Abbott below.

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**sean 8 months ago**

From the other side of the desk, I was a young 16 year old in Sydney when I got into trouble for drug related offences....Cec Abbott was the head of the drug squad and whilst we were on totally different "wavelengths", he treated me very well and with a lot of integrity...something which cannot be said about some other police, but that is another story. He was a very father like figure to many of us drug users, but still stood for no nonsense.

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**M Abbott sean 3 months ago**

Sorry that this is a little bit delayed – I wasn't aware that this thread existed. Thank you so much for those kind words.

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**daniel nakhle Wednesday, March 19, 2014 6:15 PM**

condolences to cecils family and friends he was a great neighbour and top cop wishing your family love and support through this difficult time he was a true pillar of the community rip.

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**Nick Vlahos Wednesday, March 19, 2014 2:20 PM**

A true gentleman of yesteryear, a shining light from an era where words such as INTEGRITY, RESPECT & HONOUR had real meaning and valued! A great man held in high regard and a fantastic neighbor. Our thoughts and prayers to his immediate family, Edna, Paul, Jessica, Chloe & Micaela Abbott.

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**Rebecca Tuesday, March 18, 2014 9:57 PM**

Mr Abbott was a truly good man and NSW was all the better for having him as a Commissioner. All condolences to his family.

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<http://www.theleader.com.au/story/2156096/former-commissioner-cec-abbotts-career-saluted/>

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**Popular police commissioner Cecil Abbott 'a man of integrity'**

**By Sheree Mutton**

March 20, 2014, 5:55 a.m.





Last salute: NSW Police march at Cecil Abbott's funeral at Penshurst yesterday. Below right, Mr Abbott. Picture: Chris Lane



Man of integrity: Cec Abbott



Picture: Chris Lane



Picture: Chris Lane

FORMER NSW police commissioner Cecil ‘‘Cec’’ Abbott was remembered as a ‘‘popular and inspirational leader’’ at a funeral service at Penshurst on Wednesday.

Mr Abbott, who grew up in Hurstville Grove, died last week in St George Hospital. He was 89.

NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione addressed mourners at the service held at St Declan’s Catholic Church.

“Cec believed that the ideal police officer married academic accomplishment with street wisdom and experience,” Mr Scipione said.

“A man of the utmost integrity, he fought tirelessly against corruption. He also put his considerable energy towards modernising the Police Force, investing in training and modern equipment, stressing that criminals don’t stand still, so the police couldn’t afford to either.”

Mr Abbott joined the NSW Police Force as a cadet in 1941 when he was 16.

He was sworn in as a police officer in 1945 and went on to become the 16th police commissioner, serving December 1981 to August 1984.

The former Hurstville inspector was awarded the police long service and good conduct medal in 1967 and the Queen’s police medal in 1977.

He also received the national medal in 1982 and was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 1985.

Mr Scipione said Mr Abbott was a skilled detective who could communicate with people from all walks of life.

“From a member of the public or the police officer on the street, through to those holding the highest of office in Australia and overseas, Cec was equally approachable and giving of his time and experience,” he said.

“A man of integrity, a man of foresight, who, in his time as Commissioner, proved himself a popular and inspirational leader.”

He is survived by wife Edna, son Paul and three grandchildren, Jessica, Chloe and Micaela.

<http://www.theleader.com.au/story/2161498/popular-police-commi>

# *Wale* Retired Commissioner **Cecil Roy Abbott AO, QPM** *1924-2014*



Retired Commissioner Cecil Roy Abbott AO, QPM



The NSWPF farewelled one of its finest on 20 March at the funeral service for retired Commissioner Cec Abbott.

STORY **TRACI PALLADINO**  
POLICE MONTHLY

PHOTO **SNR CST MATT JEWELL**  
MULTIMEDIA UNIT

**B**efore he retired in 1984, Commissioner Cecil Roy Abbott was described by then Premier Neville Wran as a man with "a reputation as a fearless investigator".

Mr Abbott served with the

NSW Police Force for more than 43 years, and served as Commissioner of Police from December 1981 to August 1984.

In his eulogy, Commissioner Andrew Scipione said, among his many achievements, Mr Abbott was instrumental in establishing the Police Undercover Branch and covert police sites, and began the modernisation of a professional police force. He championed a role for female police in investigative roles, and he worked tirelessly to

connect police forces divided by state and national borders.

"Appointed Commissioner on 30 December 1981, Cec Abbott believed the Force must be a marriage of academic accomplishment with street wisdom and experience," he said. "A man of the utmost integrity, he fought tirelessly against corruption and for the modernisation of the Police Force."

Mr Abbott was an experienced drug detective for more than 30 years.

"Cec was recognised as a leading international authority by drug enforcement bodies," Commissioner Scipione said. "It's widely accepted that the foundations of contemporary drug law enforcement nationally can be attributed to his leadership and commitment."

"In 1977 then Inspector First Class



Abbott lent his expertise to the Woodward Royal Commission into Drug Trafficking, and later to the South Australian Royal Commission into the Non-Medical use of Drugs.

"He worked with the narcotics bureaus in Hong Kong and in Tokyo,



he provided assistance to Singapore with their drug laws, he addressed numerous conferences and he spoke at schools and hospitals. "Cec had the rare ability to communicate easily and as an equal with people at all levels. From a

member of the public or the police officer on the street, through to those holding the highest of office, Cec was equally approachable and giving of his time and experience. "And as Commissioner, perhaps one of his proudest days came in

1983 when he attested his own son Paul into the profession he had committed his working life to."

In 1967, Mr Abbott was awarded the Police Long Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in 1976 and later the National Medal in 1982. In 1985 he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for his contribution to public service, particularly within the NSW Police Force.

Born in 1924, Mr Abbott grew up in the Hurstville area where he later lived with his wife and son.

He was educated at Sydney Technical High School, joined the NSW Police Cadet Corps in 1941, and attested in February 1945.

"In an interesting insight to that time, entry 2018 on his service

register shows that on 27 December 1946, Cec was granted "permission to marry Miss Margaret Edna Robinson on the 15th of February 1947."

Commissioner Scipione passed on the sincere condolences of all members of the NSWPF to Mr Abbott's wife, Edna, their son Paul and all members of the Abbott family.

**FAR LEFT** Commissioner John Avery with retired Commissioner Cec Abbott when he received Order of Australia in March 1985

**LEFT** Then Police Minister Peter Anderson, Commissioner John Avery and Cec Abbott at the naming of police vessel, the Cec Abbott in July 1985

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<https://www.australianpolice.com.au/nsw-police-history-index/police-commissioners-of-nsw/cecil-roy-abbott/>

On the **20 July, 1984**, the **NSW Police Academy** was officially opened in **Goulburn** by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services the Hon. Peter Anderson (M.P.); Commissioner of Police Cecil Abbott, QPM; and the Principal of the NSW Police Academy, Executive Chief Superintendent Ron Wark. (Although students were in residence from **May, 1984**).

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Cec Abbott, Q.P.M.

Assistant Commissioner – Crime

Cecil Roy Abbott, Q.P.M., Assistant Commissioner (Crime) from 14 November, 1979 can justifiably reflect back on a fruitful I period of service spanning 38 years. He is a native of Hurstville, where he resides with his wife Edna and son Paul.

Mr Abbott was educated at Sydney Technical High School, joined the New South Wales Police Cadet Corps in 1941 and graduated to the Police Service on the 7 February, 1945.

Mr Abbott, arising from his vast experience and dedication as a Detective in the investigation and study of drug related crime, is recognised as a leading authority on an International level, by Drug Law Enforcement Bodies throughout the World.

The Assistant Commissioner is a dedicated Police Officer, who believes team-work is the essence of efficiency. His message to Police is to believe in their ability to maintain law and order in a trendy society; provide the service to Government and to the community for which we are obligated and above all, apply wisdom, understanding and common sense in the performance of same. Discretion and tact are the essential requirements if public support is to be obtained.

**VALEDICTORY:**

Retired NSW Police Commissioner Cecil Roy Abbott

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VALEDICTORY: Retired NSW Police Commissioner Cecil Roy Abbott  
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When you are Commissioner of Police you are squarely in the public eye. In times of natural disaster, the media, government and community looks to you. If there is a fugitive on the loose, every move you make is scrutinised. If an officer does the wrong thing – or even does the right thing – your response is awaited; anticipated. Not a day goes by where you are spared judgement. Not a day goes by when you can relax completely, satisfied that you have met all expectations. Only the passage of time affords a measure. And in Cec Abbott's case, history has him down as one of our state's finest Police Commissioners. A man of integrity, a man of foresight. A man who, in his time as Commissioner, proved himself a popular and inspirational leader. Cecil Roy Abbott was born in 1924 and grew up in Hurstville Grove, just a few kilometres from where we gather today to remember, to celebrate his life, and to offer our good-byes. Cec, to all who knew him, was educated at Sydney Technical High School and joined the New South Wales Police Cadet Corps in February 1941. Cadet Number 0302, he was just 16 years old. On the 7th of February 1945 Cec was attested to the New South Wales Police Force as a Probationary Constable, performing general duties and motor cycle policing in Darlinghurst. In an interesting insight to that time, entry 2018 on his service register shows that on the 27th of December 1946 Cec was granted "permission to marry Miss Margaret Edna Robinson on the 15th of February 1947". And we join with Edna and their son Paul today. As well as Cec's

three grand-children Jessica, Chloe, and Micaela, and members of the extended Abbott family. It was in late 1946 that Cec would commence Detective Training, and he performed duty in the Criminal Investigation and Special Branches, rising to the Officer in Charge of the Drug Squad in 1959. At that time the advancement for Squad Commanders was limited to Detective Sergeant First Class, and so in 1974 Cec's career moved away from criminal investigation duties with a promotion to Inspector, first at Hurstville, and then as Deputy Principal at the Police Academy. In 1977 the now Inspector First Class Abbott lent his expertise to the Woodward Royal Commission into Drug Trafficking. And later to the South Australian Royal Commission into the Non-Medical use of Drugs; as a Liaison Officer. Further promotions followed: to Superintendent in 1978, Assistant Commissioner in 1979, and Senior Assistant Commissioner in 1981. Cec was appointed Commissioner of Police on the 30th of December 1981, the state's 16th Police Commissioner. And as Commissioner, perhaps one of his proudest days came in 1983 when he attested his own son Paul into the profession he had committed his working life to. His service register lists page after page of letters of appreciation at all stages of his policing career for good work, assistance rendered and for the professionalism he brought to his work. Awards, too, were many. In May 1967 Mr Abbott was awarded the Police Long Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in 1976 and later the National Medal in 1982. And on the 26th of January 1985 he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for his contribution to public service, particularly with the New South Wales Police Force. Commissioner Cec Abbott AO QPM retired from office after 43½ years of service on the 6th of August 1984. Cec believed that the ideal police officer married academic accomplishment with street wisdom and experience. A man of the utmost integrity, he fought tirelessly against corruption. He also put his considerable energy towards modernising the Police Force, investing in training and modern equipment. Stressing that criminals don't



stand still, so the police couldn't afford to either. And it was not just on drug matters that he was a pioneer. In many other ways he was ahead of his time. He was instrumental in forming the Police Undercover Branch and establishing covert police sites. He championed a role for female police in investigative roles. And in the cause of coordinated, effective law enforcement, he worked tirelessly to connect police forces divided by state and national borders. We see in today's Police Force the culmination of many of the initiatives that Cec began. Cec had the rare ability to communicate easily and as an equal with people at all levels. From a member of the public or the police officer on the street, through to those holding the highest of office in Australia and overseas, Cec was equally approachable and giving of his time and experience. And that never changed. Now senior officers fondly recall meeting Commissioner Abbott very early on in their careers, and being struck by how down to earth and genuinely interested in their lot he was. As my summary of his service attests, Cec was also an experienced drug detective for more than 30 years and his name became synonymous with drug law enforcement. When you spoke of the Drug Squad, or of Drug Law Enforcement, you spoke of Cec Abbott. His skill and tenacity as a young Detective would see him recognised as a leading international authority by drug enforcement bodies. He worked with the Narcotics Bureaus in Hong Kong and in Tokyo, he provided assistance to Singapore with their drug laws, he addressed numerous conferences and symposia, he spoke at schools and hospitals. He spoke passionately on the emerging scourge of drugs, to the Houses of Parliament, at schools and on television, compelling all that would listen on the need for action. And he is on record at the Institute of Criminology as far back as 1968 saying that unless ruthlessness was adopted in drug law enforcement, principally by politicians, and the installation of powers and resources, then he feared for the future. And his passion and commitment bore fruit. Cec submitted a report that was considered by many senior officers of the day to be, as Cec

would later put it: "pie in the sky". But as always, he persevered, his recommendations were accepted, and a Squad of about 16 officers was formed. Creating the Drug Squad much as we now know it. Detectives, surveillance, safe houses, many of the resources that we consider fundamental today. And the successes followed, with drugs removed from the streets, and traffickers put before the Courts. In 2007 Cec was among three retired officers that the Drug Squad of the State Crime Command honoured as Squad Patrons. At that important Ceremony, a first for the State Crime Command and the NSW Police Force, the Squad formally recognised and paid its respects to Cec for his ground breaking work and leadership in the profession of drug law enforcement. For creating the foundations on which the Squad now flourishes. When our working life is over I expect that each and every one of us wants to look back over our time with a sense of pride and achievement, and with a belief that those tens of thousands of hours of labour were worth it. That the cause was worth the effort, was worth fighting for. That we used our time well. If we're honest, I am sure we'd also like to think that those we worked with and for thought well of us, respected the job we did and the person we were. There is a video of the ceremony that captures the address given by Cec at the State Crime Command Ceremony I mentioned earlier. His passion for detective work, and drug enforcement in particular, are plain to see, undimmed by the passing of more than two decades since his retirement. The State Crime Command is home to our most skilled detectives ... investigating our most complex and serious cases. To impress this group, you need to have something special. You need to know your stuff. And Cec clearly knew his stuff. The respect from the Detectives gathered to hear him speak is so unmistakably evident. Every officer in the venue held in thrall. There could be no doubt that Cec had used his time as a police officer well. In so many endeavours, we now see further and with greater clarity, by standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before. In retired Commissioner Cecil Roy Abbott AO QPM the NSW Police Force truly stands on the

shoulders of a giant. I am privileged to be able to represent every member of the NSW Police Force to farewell a Commissioner who served the Force and the people of New South Wales with honour, and distinction. Our prayers travel with you Cec, may you rest in peace.













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