

Steven Frederick ROGERS

10/05/2024

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AKA Steve ROGERS

* Nickname: Sludge ; the Prince of Centres

Late of Cronulla, NSW

Relations in 'the job':

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class # 145**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 16687

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Tuesday
5 November 1974 (aged 19 years, 11 months, 16 days)

Probationary Constable- appointed Monday 16 December 1974 (
aged 20 years, 0 months, 26 days)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Appears in the 1975 'Stud Book' as a ProCst but not the 1977 issue.

Final Rank: = Constable?

Stations: Rockdale (1974 – 1976)

Time employed (Paid) with NSW Police: From: 5 November 1974
to ? ? c1976? = 1 years,

Service (From Training Date) period: From 5 November 1974
to ? ? c1976? = 1 years, Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = ?

Time in Retirement from Police: ?

Awards: Australian Sports Medal – **granted** 24 October 2000 (Former Australian Kangaroo Player)



Born: Saturday 20 November 1954

Died on: Tuesday 3 January 2006

Age: 51 years, 1 month, 14 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause: Depression – Accidental Overdose of prescription anti-

depressant Drugs & Alcohol

Event location: at his home

Diagnosis date: 2003

Funeral date: Saturday 7 January 2006

Funeral location: ?, Sutherland, NSW

LIVE STREAM ?

Wake location: Cronulla Sharks Leagues Club, NSW

Wake date: Saturday 7 January 2006

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Cremated

Grave Location: Section: Row: ? Plot: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (April 2024)

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

**FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED ABOUT THIS PERSON, THEIR LIFE,
THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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May they forever Rest In Peace

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Steven Frederick Rogers (20 November 1954 – 3 January 2006) was an Australian professional rugby league footballer who played in the 1970s and 1980s. He played for the Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks and St. George Dragons teams in the New South Wales Rugby League premiership competition and for Widnes in the English Championship, usually in the position of centre. Rogers represented New South Wales and Australia captaining the national team once in 1981.

After his retirement, Rogers was named as one of the five

“immortals” of the Cronulla club.^[3] He became involved in the administration of rugby league, and held the position of Cronulla’s CEO at the time of his death.^[4]

Rogers died after swallowing a combination of prescription drugs and alcohol on 3 January 2006. In April 2006, the NSW state coroner ruled that the death was accidental.^[5]

Biography

Steve Rogers was born on the Gold Coast and played his first senior game for the Southport Tigers.^[6] In the 1972 Gold Coast Group 18 competition 17-year-old centre Steve Rogers helped a Gold Coast Tigers outfit to victory in the Grand Final against Tweed Heads Seagulls.^[7] The following season he moved to Sydney to play in the NSWRL Premiership.

1973

Rogers began playing first grade rugby league at the age of eighteen for the Cronulla-Sutherland club in 1973. Playing the position of centre, his talent did not go unnoticed. He was described by the club’s captain/coach, Tommy Bishop as a “rare, rare talent – the greatest all round centre three-quarter I have seen.” In that year, he played in his first Grand final, which Cronulla lost to the Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles and made the first of three Kangaroo Tours.

1974–1982

Rogers led Cronulla to the grand final as captain, in 1978, once more against the Sea Eagles. The match was a tie, and Cronulla lost a replay in the following week. During that season, he was often switched to lock forward and was effective in that role. Three years later, he won the Dally M Lock of the Year award.

In 1975 Rogers won the Rothmans Medal for best and fairest player in the NSWRL. He played for New South Wales in 1980's first state of origin match. He was named player of the series in the 1981 Tooth Cup tournament and also won that year's Dally M Award.

Rogers was selected to tour with the Australian national rugby league team on the 1973 Kangaroo Tour. National honours continued when he was selected in the Australian squad for the 1975 Rugby League World Cup, 1977 Rugby League World Cup, 1978 Kangaroo tour, 1980 Tour of New Zealand and was a centre in all three tests against Great Britain and the two tests against France on the 1982 Kangaroo Tour, as well as playing in the pre-tour test against Papua New Guinea. Rogers would captain the Kangaroos in the two 1981 home tests against France.

1983–1984

As a result of Cronulla's serious financial difficulties, Rogers signed for 1983 with Cronulla's local rival, the St. George Dragons. He played with them for two seasons, culminating in playing five-eighth in the Saints 1984 reserve grade Grand Final (a side which featured others such as Michael O'Connor), which the Dragons lost.^[8]

1985–1986

Rogers returned to Cronulla in 1985, but only played nine minutes in the season after breaking his jaw in his first game of the year against the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, in a tackle from Mark Bugden.

In 1986 Rogers signed with Widnes in the English competition, but only played for 13 minutes before breaking his leg in his first game of the year against Wigan. This was the last game of his career.

Post playing

After retiring from the playing field Rogers remained involved with rugby league coaching. He coached for a time in Queensland, and worked in administrative roles for the Australian Rugby League in Darwin and Perth. After an unsuccessful business venture running a hotel at Lennox Head, Rogers became involved once more with the Cronulla club, becoming the football manager and later, Chief Executive Officer of the club.

His personal life was marred by tragedy. After losing his father (Don) and mother (Marj) to cancer, his wife Carol also died from the disease on 11 May 2001. Rogers's brother also committed suicide.^[9]

On 3 January 2006, Rogers was found dead outside the door of his Cronulla unit. Initial reports of a heart attack soon turned to suggestions of suicide as the existence of three letters—apparently suicide notes to his three children—was revealed. His son Mat also confirmed that his father had been suffering from depression: “He was suffering from some depression and, as a person of his stature and a public figure, he found it really hard to talk about it to other people and therefore exacerbated the problem,” he said. Police believed that he had swallowed a cocktail of alcohol and prescription drugs. There has been some speculation that Rogers may have attempted to make an emergency telephone call in the moments before his death.^[10]

Accolades

In February 2008, Rogers was named in the list of Australia's *100 Greatest Players* (1908–2007) which was commissioned by the NRL and ARL to celebrate the code's centenary year in Australia.^{[11][12]} While playing football, Rogers also served in the New South Wales Police Force and in 2008, rugby league's

centennial year in Australia, he was named at five-eighth in a NSW Police team of the century. Also in 2008 Rogers was named in New South Wales' rugby league team of the century.^[13]

Open Rugby inaugural World XIII

The Open Rugby inaugural World XIII was revealed in June 1978: Graham Eadie, John Atkinson, Steve Rogers, Jean-Marc Bourret[1], Green Vigo, Roger Millward, Steve Nash, Jim Mills, Keith Elwell, Steve Pitchford, Terry Randall, George Nicholls and Greg Pierce.

Career playing statistics

Point scoring summary

Games	Tries	Goals	F/G	Points
311	129	582	10	1571

Matches played

Team	Matches	Years			
Cronulla Sharks	202	1973–1985	Widnes ^[14]	1	1986
New South Wales (residents)	17	1973–1979			
New South Wales (state of origin)	4	1980–1982			
Australia (Tests)	21	1973–1981			
Australia (World Cup)	3	1975, 1977			
Australia (tour matches)	27	1973, 1978			

Records

- Until 2002, Rogers held the record for the most points

- scored in a match (26) for the Cronulla club.
- Rogers is one of twenty Australian internationals to come from the Cronulla club, and one of two players (alongside Greg Pierce) to have captained the national side.
 - Rogers holds the standing record for the most points ever scored for the Cronulla club (1253)^[15]

Steve Rogers (rugby league) – Wikipedia

Personal life



Mat Rogers (*son of Steve*) with wife Chloe Maxwell, 2012

Rogers married model and media personality Chloe Maxwell on the Gold Coast on 26 October 2008.^[21] Rogers has four children: Jack and Skyla from a previous relationship, Max Danger (born 5 June 2006) and daughter Phoenix (born 21 September 2007) with current wife Chloe.

Rogers has been committed to raising awareness about depression since the death of his father Steve in January 2006. His father battled depression for three years and, while suicide was initially suspected, his death after taking alcohol and prescription drugs was **ruled an accident**.

He has signed on to be an ambassador for Movember, an initiative that encourages men to grow a moustache during November to raise funds for research into depression and prostate cancer. Rogers has said he fears inheriting a propensity for the mental illness. He has made a pact with brother Don always to be honest about their feelings and encouraged men to talk to family, doctors or mates.

He was a semifinalist in the fifteenth season of *Dancing with the Stars*.^[22]

Rogers worked for the Gold Coast commonwealth Games held in 2018.

Mat Rogers – Wikipedia

Steve Rogers Memorial Trophy up for grabs again

Author

Wayne Cousins

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The legacy of one of rugby league's greatest players will again be remembered at 4 Pines Park on Sunday, May 14.

Outside of the two competition points, the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles and the Cronulla Sutherland Sharks will do battle for the annual Steve Rogers Memorial Trophy in round 11 of the Telstra Premiership.

An Immortal of the Cronulla Sharks, Rogers played 202 first grade games and led the Sharks in the 1978 grand final and grand final replay against the Sea Eagles.

Rogers represented NSW 21 times and Australia 24 times. He had many good friends at the Sea Eagles in Immortal Bob Fulton and Max Krilich through the Kangaroos tours.

The Steve Rogers Memorial Trophy was first played in March

2006 and had been played for each time the teams met up until the end of the 2010 season.



The trophy was then only contested just once a season at the current holders' home ground should both clubs be drawn to play each other twice.

However, Manly and Cronulla agreed in May 2016 to return to

the original format of playing for the trophy each time the two clubs meet to coincide with the 10th anniversary of Steve's passing.

Manly has won 20 of the 27 premiership matches contested for the Steve Rogers Memorial Trophy, including eight of the last 12 games played.

Steve Rogers Memorial Trophy

Results

2022 Rd 23: Cronulla 40 d Manly 6, Rd 7: Cronulla 34 d Manly 22

2021 Rd 20: Manly 40 d Cronulla 22

2020 Rd 7: Cronulla 40 d Manly 22

2019 Rd 10, Manly 24 d Cronulla 14; SF: Manly 28 d Cronulla 16

2018 Rd 21: Manly 33 d Cronulla 32

2017 Rd 16: Manly 35 d Cronulla 18

2016 Rd 3: Manly 22 d Cronulla 12, Rd 11: Cronulla 20 d Manly 12

2015 Rd 26: Manly 14 d Cronulla 12; Rd 17, Manly 28 d Cronulla 16.

2014 Rd 6: Manly 24 d Cronulla 4, Rd 15: Manly 26 d Cronulla 0

2013 Rd 6: Manly 25 d Cronulla 18; SF: Manly 24 d Cronulla 18

2012 Rd 3: Cronulla 17 d Manly 14

2011 Rd 5: Manly 19 d Cronulla 13

2010 Rd 5: Manly 40 d Cronulla 12; Rd 19: Manly 48 d Cronulla 18

2009 Rd 19: Manly 32 d Cronulla 26: Rd 25: Manly 18 d Cronulla 16

2008 Rd 1: Cronulla 16 d Manly 10, Rd 18: Manly 34 d Cronulla 6

2007 Rd 19: Manly 29 d Cronulla 22

2006 Rd 3: Manly 20 d Cronulla 18, Rd 16 Cronulla 15 d Manly 12

Steve Rogers Memorial Trophy up for grabs again | Sea Eagles

* Story behind any Nickname: the Prince of Centres – in relation to his footballing position on the field.

Nothing further, than what is recorded above, is known about this person at the time of publication and further information and photos would be appreciated.

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10 May 2024

Lauren Maree JOHNSTONE

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NSW Goulburn Police Academy Class 272J

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 32346

Rank: Senior Constable

Stations: Flemington, Queanbeyan – Death

Service: From ? ? ? to 7 January 2015 = ? years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: Friday 1 September 1967

Died on: Wednesday 7 January 2015 at home

Cause: Accidental Drug Overdose

Age: 47

Funeral date: Tuesday 20 January 2015 @ 11.30am

Funeral location: Norwoods, 65 Sandford St, Mitchell, ACT

Buried at: Cremated









Lauren is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance
***NEED MORE INFO**

A special young lady who was part of our Police "Family". She had a good heart and was very special to many of us!

Rest in Peace Lauren Johnstone!

July 15 2019 – 12:00AM

Accidental overdose leads to calls for changes to ACT's prescription monitoring system

• Daniella White

Lauren Johnstone was excited about the future: she had a new partner and was counting down the days until her daughter's wedding.

A former police officer, she had long battled with post traumatic stress disorder but she seemed to be turning her life around.



Ariarne Bunyan and her sister Tamara Farrell lost their mum to an accidental prescription overdose. Picture: Dion Georgopoulos

She was still on a number of strong prescription medications but had an agreement with her GP, which she was following diligently.

On January 7, 2015, her daughter, Ariarne Bunyan came home from work to find her dead, just a day after being discharged from a cosmetic surgery clinic.

ACT Chief Coroner Lorraine Walker recently determined Ms Johnstone's death was an **accidental overdose** as a result of taking her **prescribed medication** as instructed, and **aggravated by over-the-counter medication** her doctors were not aware of.

She recommended changes to the ACT's recently introduced prescription monitoring system, DORA, which, even if it was operational in 2015, would not have raised any red flags for many of the drugs Ms Johnstone was taking.

Ms Johnstone's daughters, Ms Bunyan and Tamara Farrell, say their mother's death showed the at-times blasé approach to scheduled medications, including over-the-counter drugs.

Crucially, one of the drugs Ms Johnstone took that could have played a major part in her death was an easily acquired over-the-counter sleeping pill called **restavit**.



Lauren Johnstone with her daughters Tamara Farrell and Ariarne Bunyan.

Her family doesn't believe Ms Johnston would have had any idea of the risk she was taking by combining the drugs she did.

On January 5, 2015, Ms Johnstone was admitted to a clinic

where she underwent a planned facial surgery.

She was discharged after one night and prescribed **endone** for pain.

On her request, she was also prescribed her regular medications: **imovane**, **valdoxan**, **tramadol** and **valium**.

While the doctor called Ms Johnstone's regular GP to consult, he was advised her GP was on vacation.

His only warning to Ms Johnstone about the drugs was the risk of increased drowsiness as a result of combining the medications with endone.

At the time, and not known to her doctors, she had also obtained the over-the-counter sleeping pill **doxylamine** and **codeine**.

While the cause of her death was determined to be the **combined effect of prescription and non-prescription medication**, it was not possible to determine **which drugs were more significant contributors** to her death.

Her family believe Ms Johnstone should not have been prescribed the drugs after surgery and, considering her history and health, should not have been deemed fit for it. They also believe she was discharged too soon.



Lauren Johnstone.

“People have to start taking all drugs more seriously, including over-the-counter medication,” Ms Bunyan said.

“Instead of the warnings being on a tiny pamphlet with the tiny spot down the bottom that no one reads, it should be in bright red on the packaging.

“You can just go to your doctor and ask for certain medications – a lot of the time they’ll just do it.”

The current DORA system – introduced earlier this year – covers strong **opioids** like **oxycodone**, but not drugs like **diazepam**.

As a result of Ms Johnstone's death, the coroner recommended the ACT Health Minister declare **tramadol**, sleeping pill **doxylamine** and **diazepam** to be monitored drugs.

She also suggested widening the scope of monitored medicines to include all schedule **3 and 4** drugs, or, alternatively certain prescription and over-the-counter medications that may have significant sedating effects when taken in combination with **opioids** or **benzodiazepines**.

Other recommendations included the clinics altering pre-admission forms for patients to list all over-the-counter medications they were taking.

The family welcomed the coroner's recommendations.

They said considering drugs like **pseudoephedrine** were monitored closely across the country, those much more dangerous to people should be as well.

Even though such a system would be too late to save their mother, they believe it would save many others.

Former health minister Meegan Fitzharris said the government was considering the recommendations and would formally respond.

"Prescription monitoring is a challenge faced by all states and territories and it is an area where the ACT government has continued to make progress," she said.

<https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/6272710/how-an-over-the-counter-pill-may-have-contributed-to-canberra-womans-death/>



NSW Police Force
LAUREN MAREE JOHNSTONE

Passed away peacefully
at home 7 January 2015.

Loving mother of
Kirsten (dec), Tamara and Ariarne.
Daughter of Brian (dec) and Patricia,
and sister of Donna.

Loving aunt to
Elliot, Austin, Lachlan and Maddison.

***Will be sadly missed
by all who knew her.***

Aged 47 years

Lauren's family and friends
are warmly invited to attend
a Celebration of her Life to be held at the
Chapel of the Norwood Park Crematorium,
65 Sandford Street, Mitchell, ACT on
TUESDAY, 20 January 2015
commencing at 11.30am.

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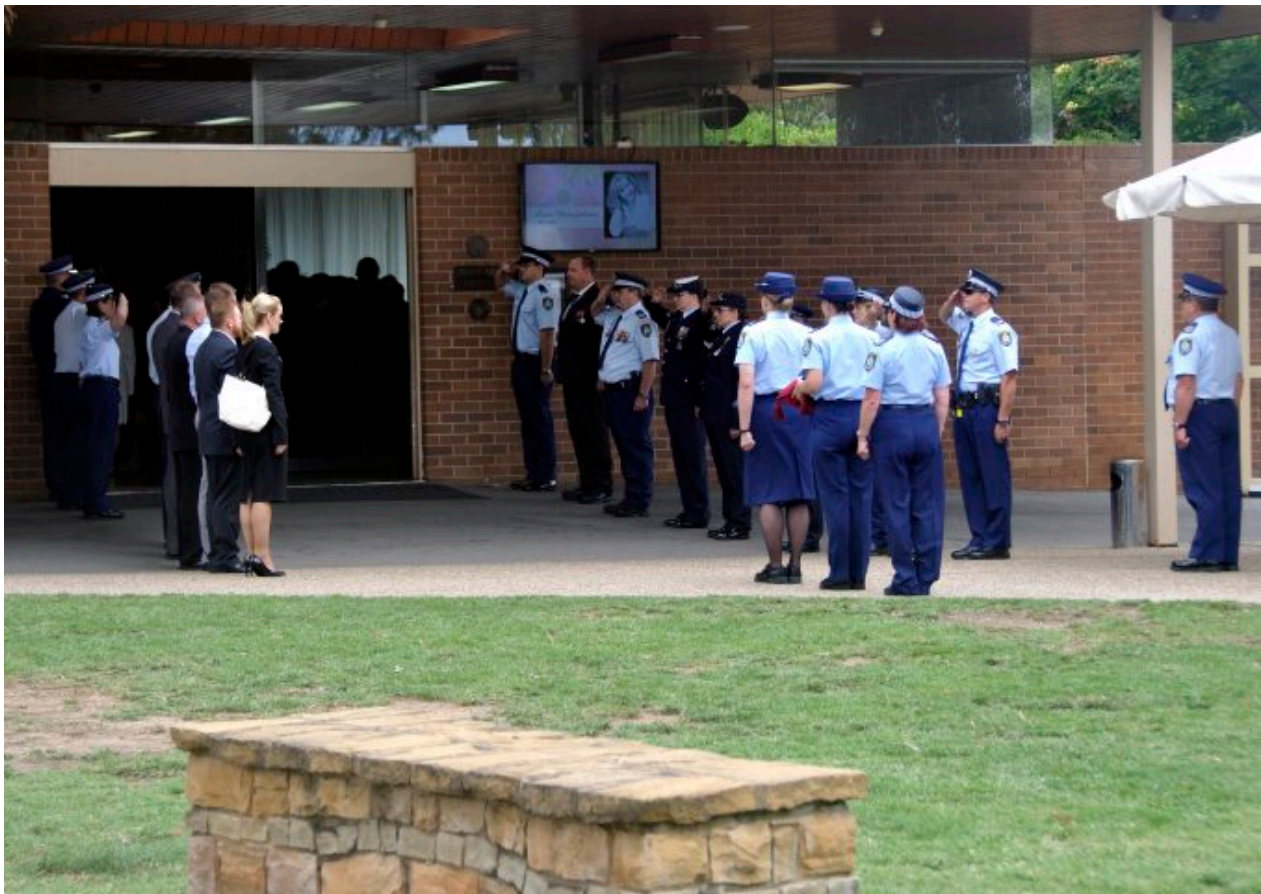
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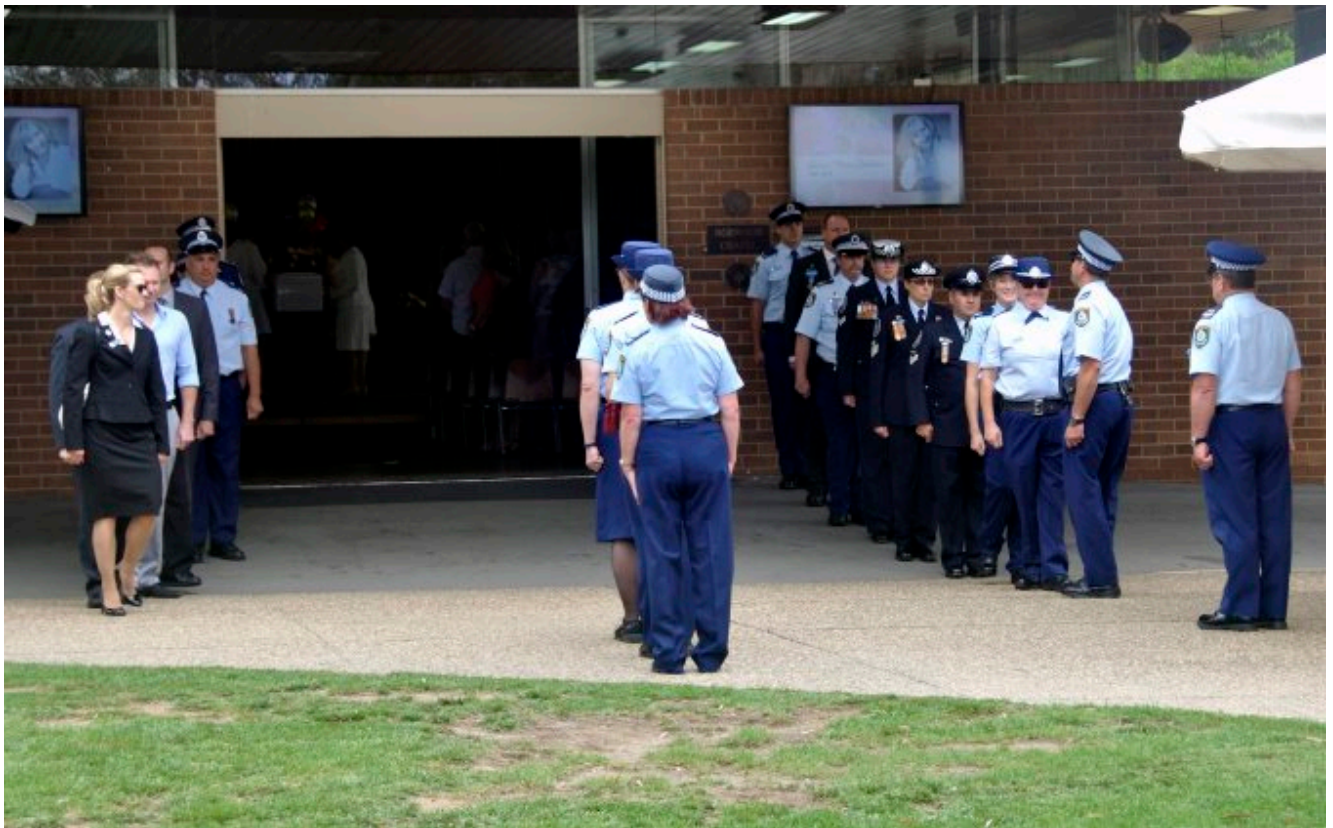


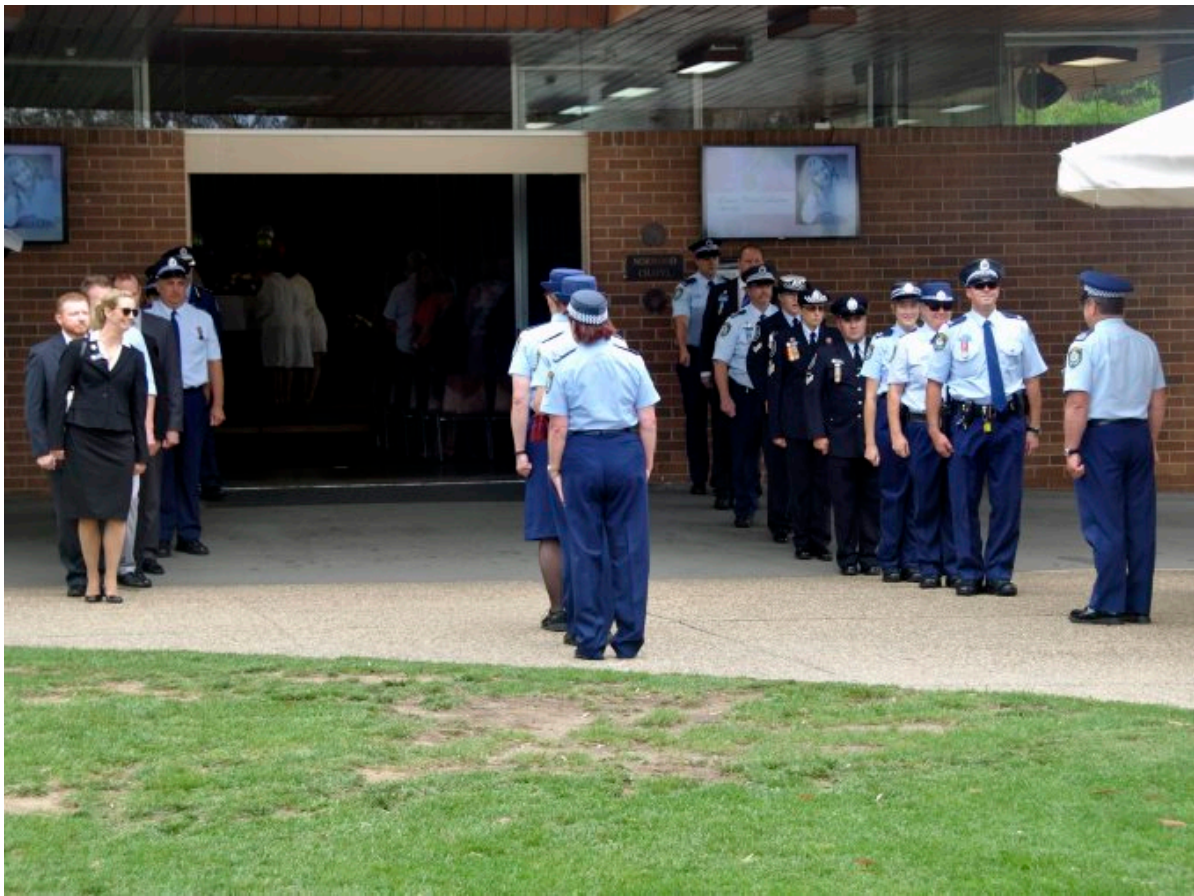
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16 Petrie Plaza, Canberra City

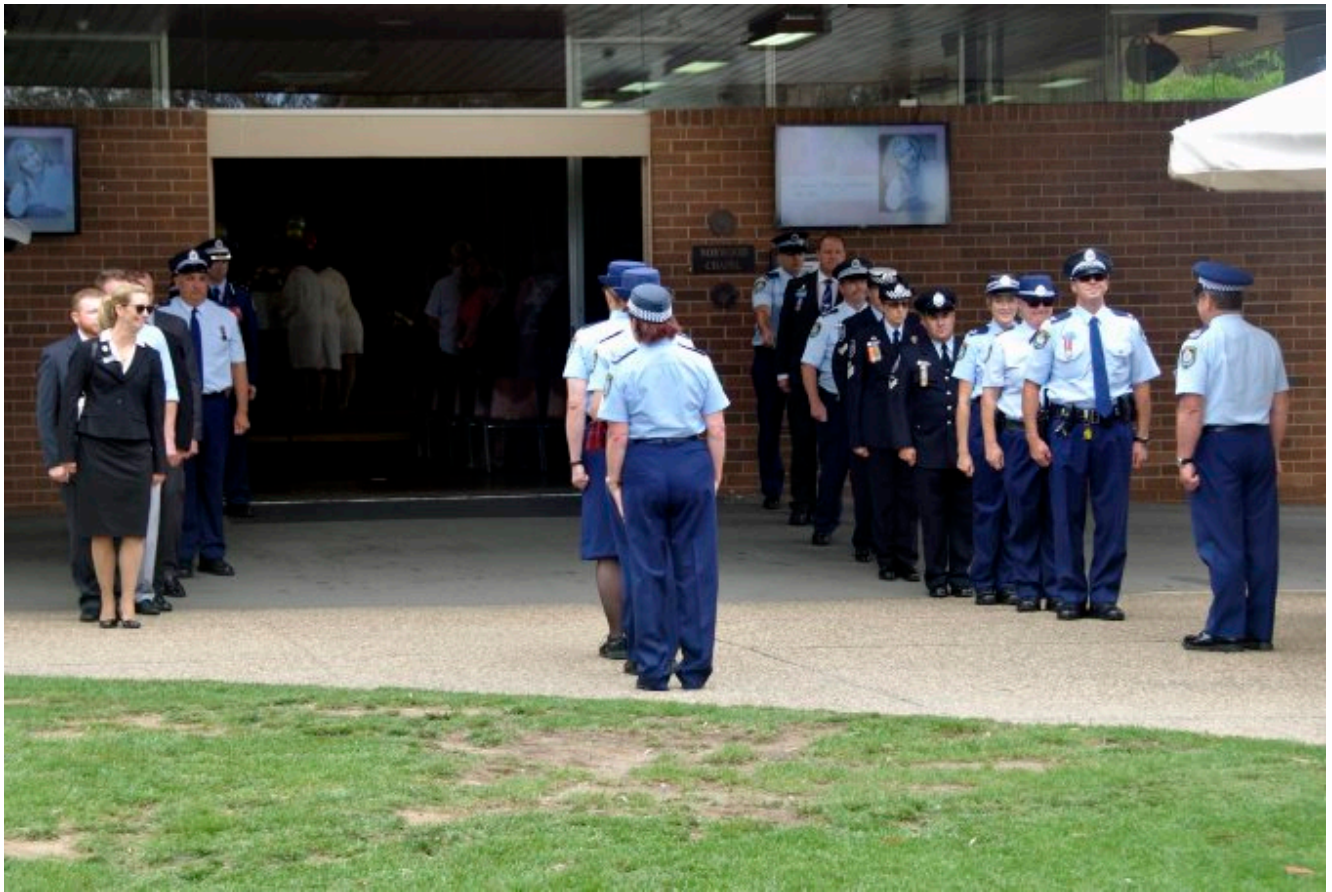
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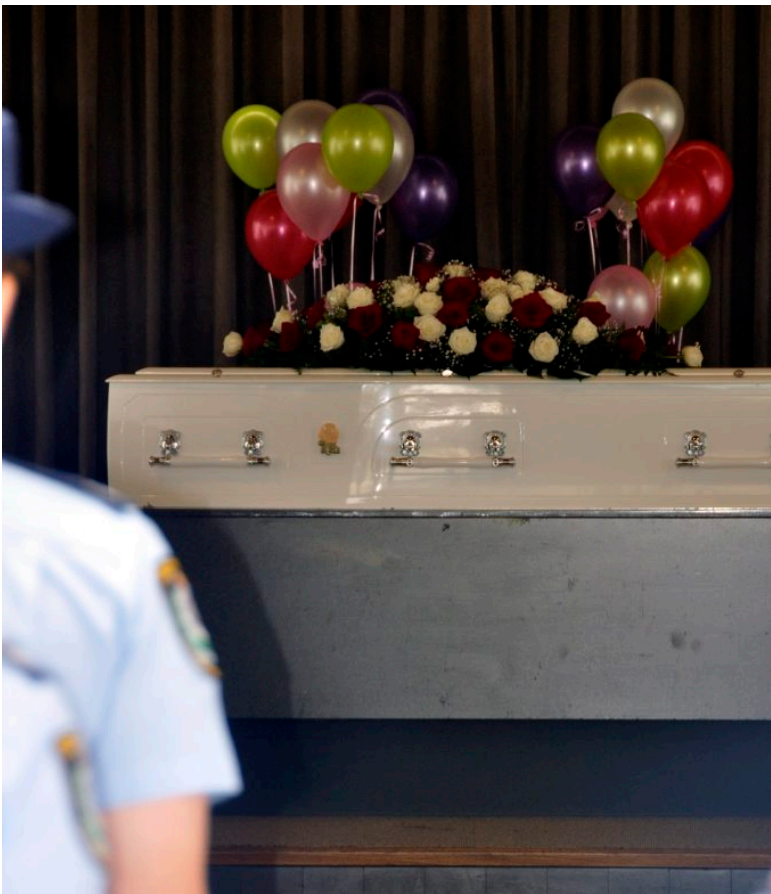






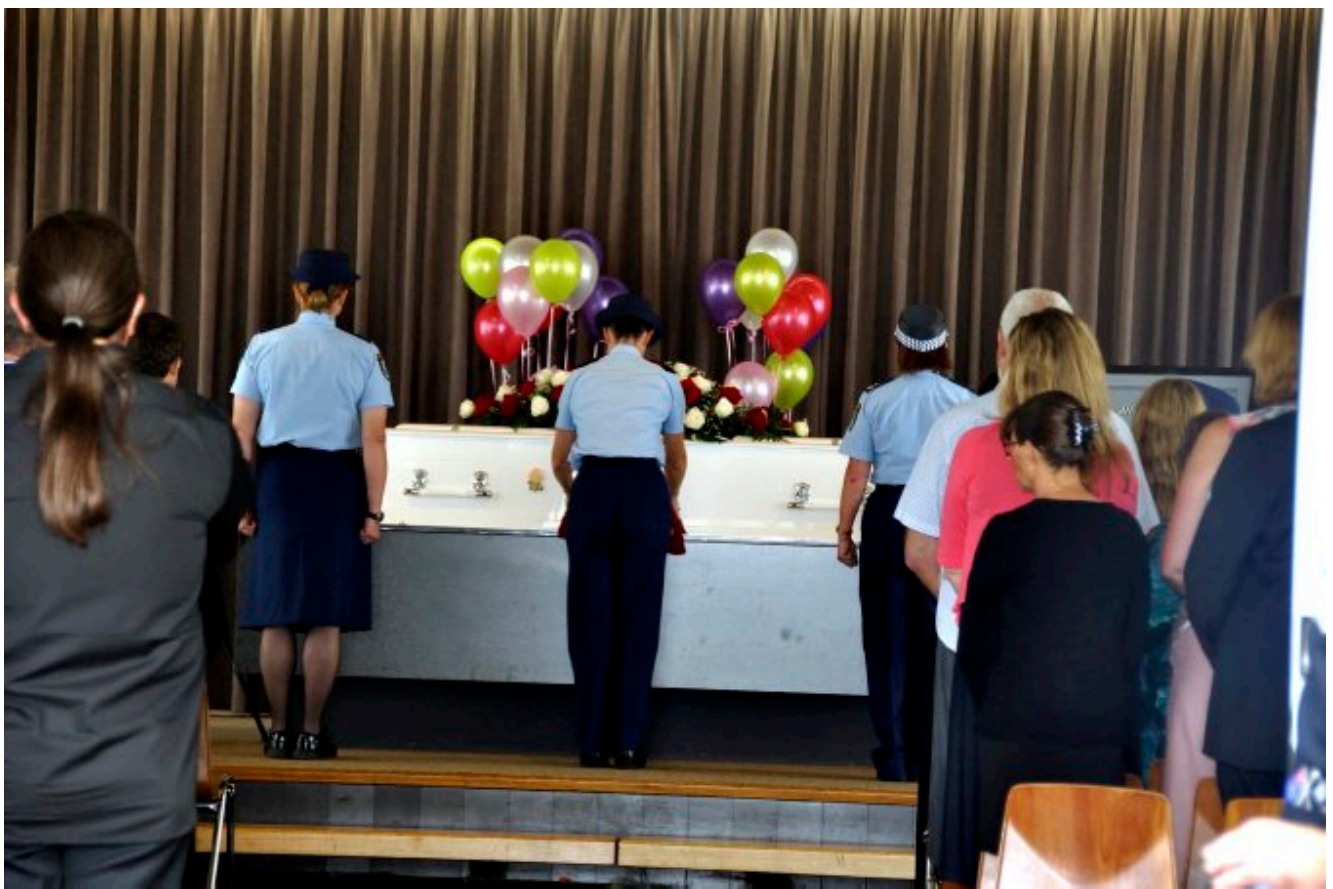




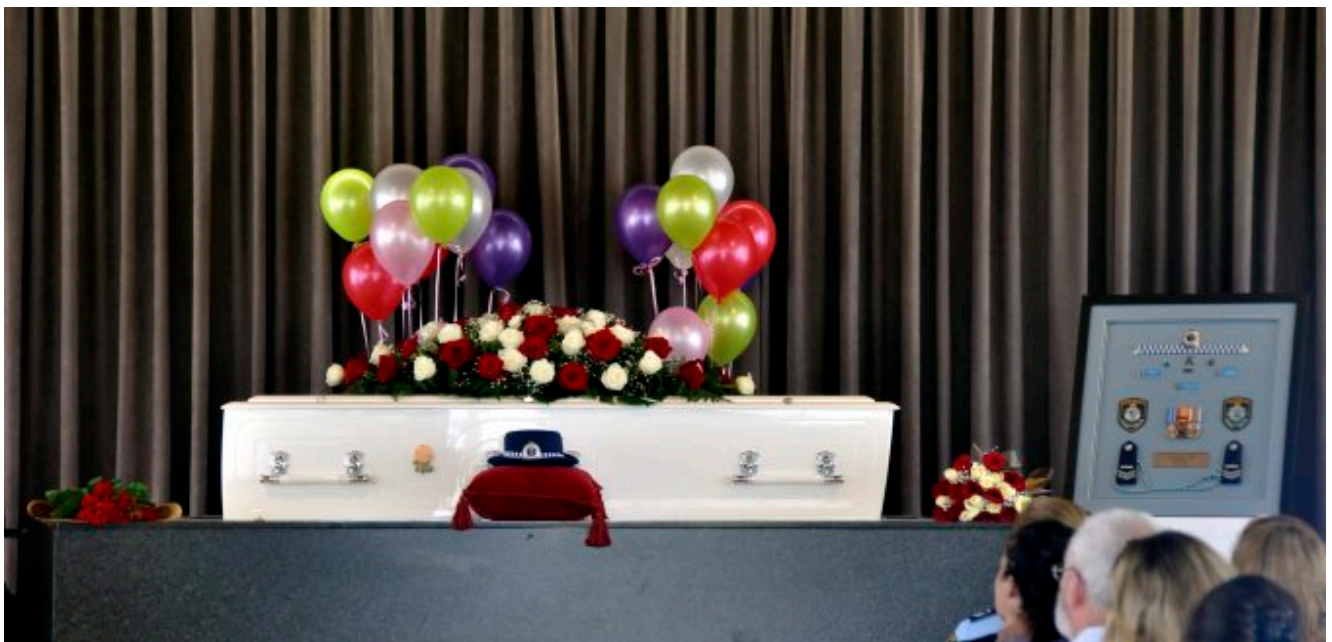


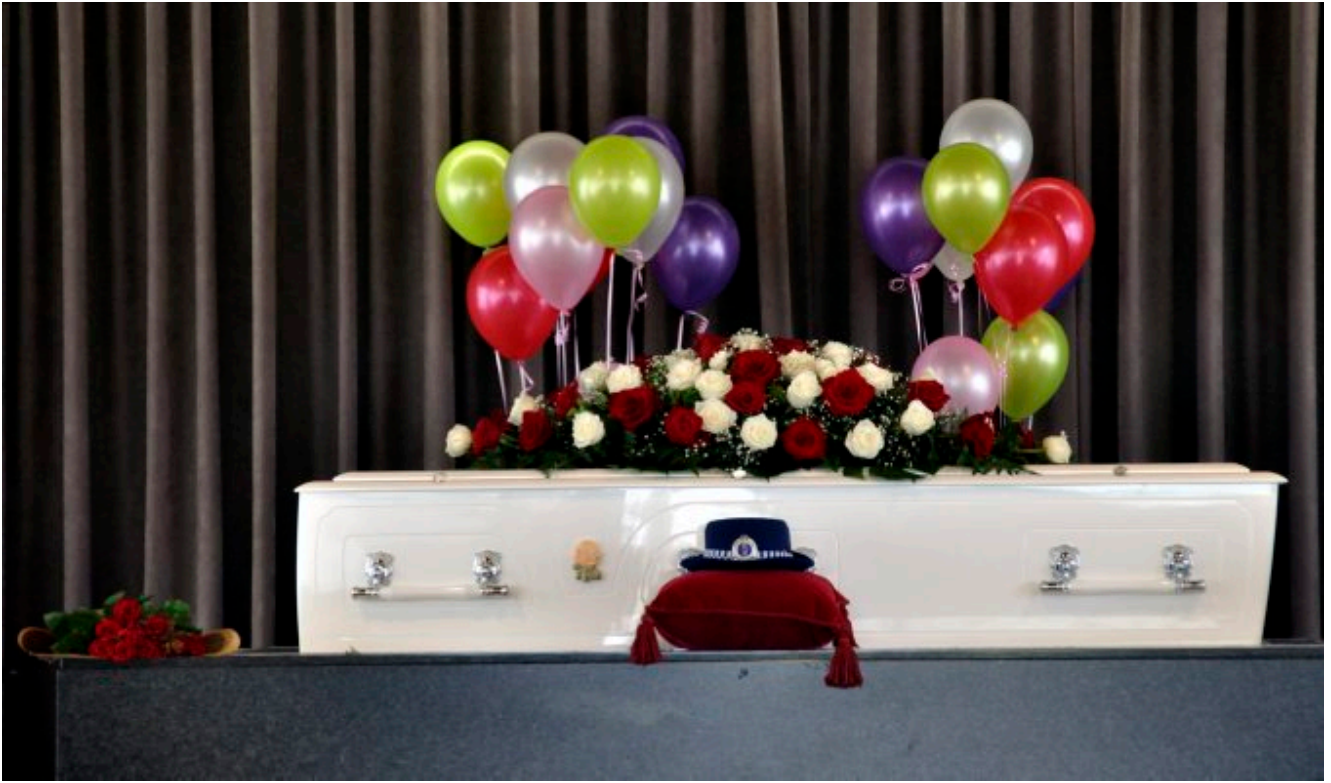


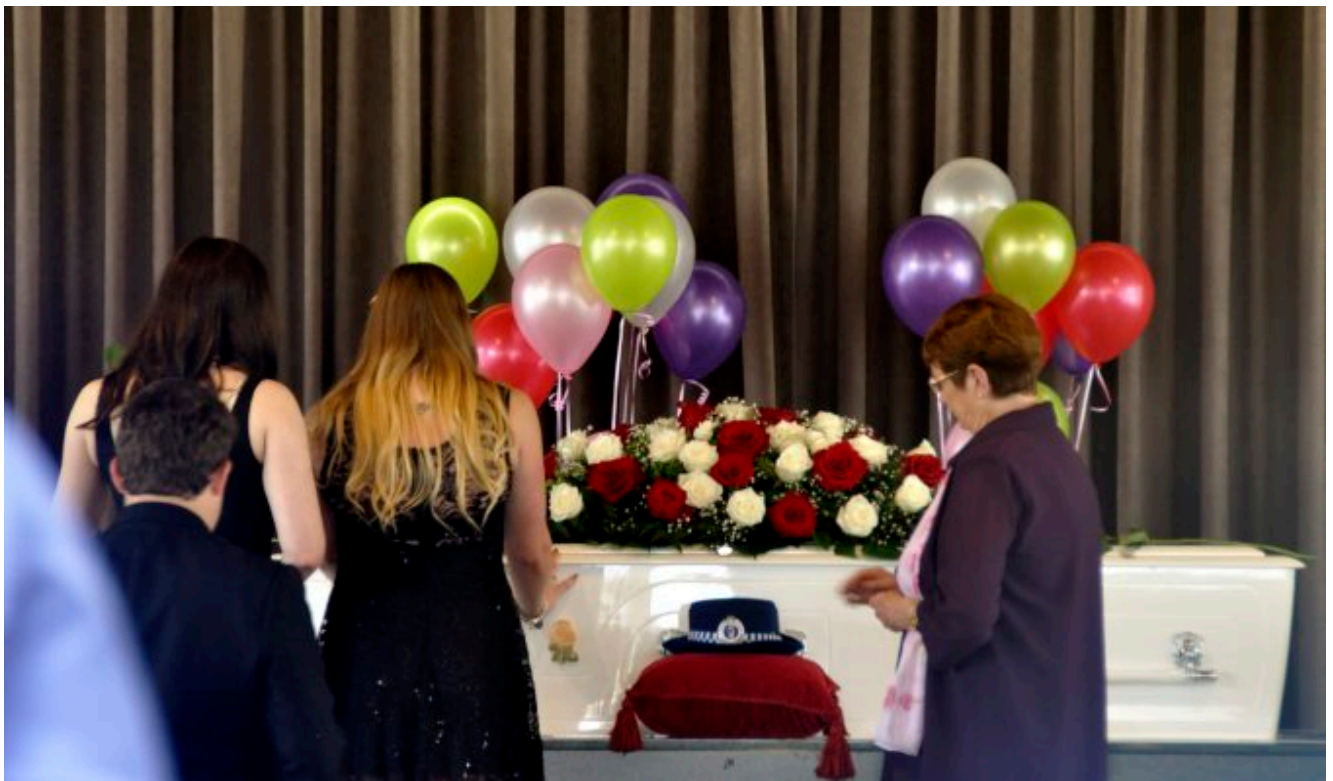




















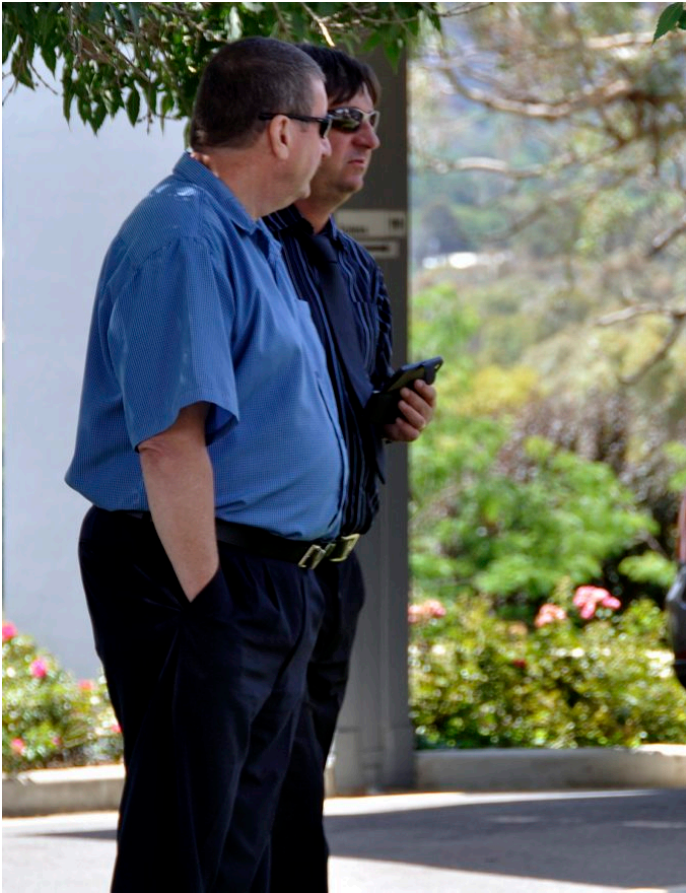














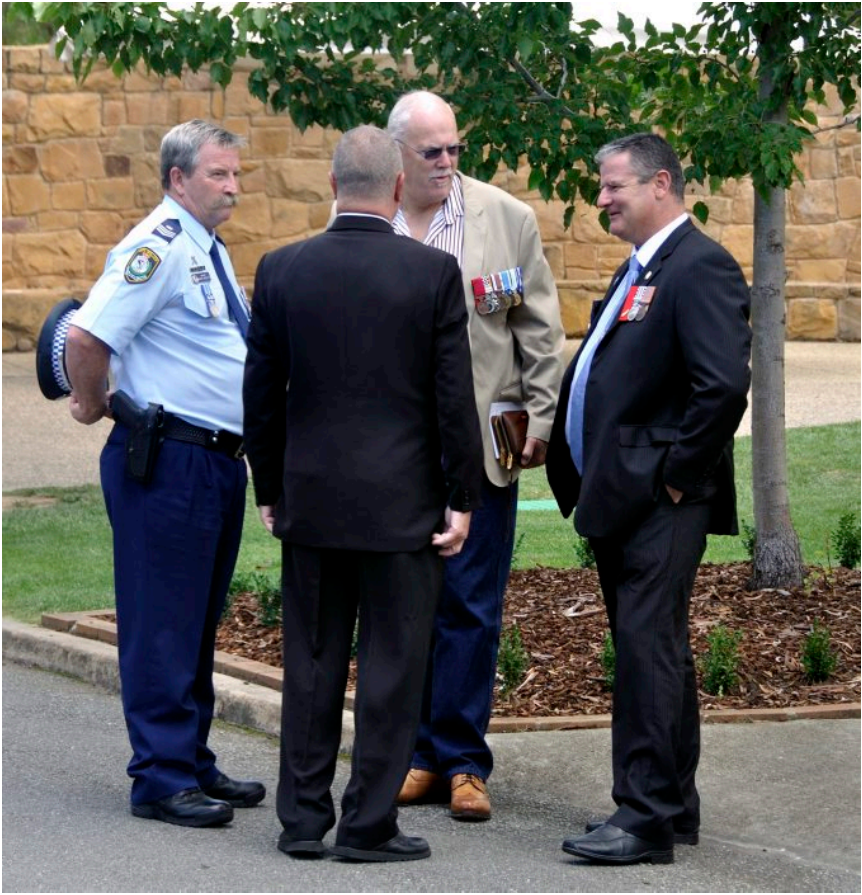












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