

# Eoin James PETERS

07/04/2026

## Eoin James PETERS

AKA Eoin PETERS

\* Nickname: ?

Formerly of Kiama & Kanahooka, NSW. Late of Wagga Wagga, NSW

Relations in 'the job' ?

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class # 131**

NSW Police **Cadet # 2549**

New South Wales Police Force

**Uniform # 5693**

**Regd. # 15249**

**Rank:** Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy as a Police Cadet on Monday 24 November 1969 ( aged 16 years, 5 months, 21 days )

Probationary Constable – appointed Saturday 3 June 1972 ( aged 19 years, 0 months, 0 days )

Constable – appointed 3 June 1973

Constable 1st Class – appointed 3 June 1977

Detective – appointed ? ? ? ( No )

Senior Constable – appointed 3 June 1981

**Final Rank:** = Senior Constable

#### **Stations:**

##### **As a Cadet:**

C.I.B. ( 24 November 1969 – 15 February 1970 ), Ryde ( 17 Division )( 16 February 1970 – 2 August 1970 ), Eastwood ( 17 Division )( 3 August 1970 – 16 May 1971 ), Headquarters ( 20 Division )( 17 May 1971 – 5 July 1971 ), Redfern Police Academy ( 5 July 1971 – 12 December 1971 ), Strathfield ( 9 Division )( 13 December 1971 – 2 June 1972 )

##### **As a Sworn Member:**

Eastwood ( 17 Division )( ProCst )( GDs )( 3 June 1972 – 6 May 1973 ), Gladesville ( 17 Division )( GDs )( 7 May 1973 – 9 February 1974 ), Eastwood ( 17 Division )( GDs )( 10 February 1974 – 6 July 1974 ), 4 Wheels – Transport Unit ( 20 Division

)( Driver )( 7 July 1979 – 25 May 1980 ), Eastwood ( 17  
Division )( GDs )( 1 February 1976 – 6 March 1976 ),  
Gladesville ( 17 Division )( GDs )( 7 March 1976 – 7 July 1979  
) , Balmain ( 8 Division )( GDs )( 8 July 1979 – 25 May 1980 ),  
Glebe ( 8 Division )( GDs & Foot Patrol )( 26 May 1980 – 25  
January 1986 ), Drummoyne ( 9 Division )( Foot Patrol )( 26  
January 1986 – 7 January 1989 ), Wollongong District ( 82  
Division )( Ancillary Duties )( Media Liasion )( 8 January  
1989 – 6 January 1990 ), Warilla Police Station ( 79 Division  
) ( GDs & Community Liasion )( 7 January 1990 – 16 November  
1996 ), Wollongong Patrol ( 82 Division )( GDs & Community  
Liasion )( 17 November 1996 – 1 November 1997 ), Warilla  
Police Station ( 79 Division )( GDs & Community Liasion )( 2  
November 1997 – 7 February 1998 ), Warilla Police Station ( 79  
Division )( Youth Liaison Duties )( 8 February 1998 – 9  
September 2003 ), Lake Illawarra Local Area Command ( 79  
Division )( GDs & Youth Liaison Duties )( 10 September 2003 –  
8 October 2003 ), Lake Illawarra Local Area Command ( 79  
Division )( Ancillary Duties – Youth Liasion Office / Media  
Officer )( 9 October 2003 – 2 January 2004 )

**Service ( From Training Date ) period:** From 24 November  
1969 to 2 January 2004 = 34 years, 1 months, 9 days  
Service

**Time employed ( Paid ) with NSW Police:** From: 24 November  
1969 to 2 January 2004 = 34 years, 1 months, 9 days  
Service

**Time in Retirement from Police:** 22 years, 3 months,  
4 days

**Age at Retirement / Leaving:** = 50 years, 6 months,  
30 days

**Awards:** National Medal – **granted** 2 November 1988 ( SenCon )

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 20 November 1998 ( SenCon )

Commissioner's Olympic Citation award – granted 1 July 2001

NSW Police Medal with 4th Clasp – granted 4 June 2003

National Police Service Medal – granted 8 September 2016



Eoin James PETERS  
AKA Eoin PETERS

**Born:** Wednesday 3 June 1953 in Annandale, NSW

**Died on:** Monday 6 April 2026 at 4.30pm

Age: 72 years, 10 months, 3 days

Organ Donor: No

Cause: Advanced Alzheimers Disease

Event location: Nursing Home, Wagga Wagga, NSW

Event / Diagnosis date: March 2025

Funeral date: Monday 13 April 2026 @ 3pm

Funeral location: St Paul's Uniting Church, Dalley St,  
Junee, NSW

Wake location: June Hotel, Junee, NSW

Wake date: Monday 13 April 2026

Funeral Parlour: Moroney Funeral Directors, 12 Belmore St,  
Junee, NSW

Buried at: Cremated. His Ashes will be scattered at his  
favourite beach.

Grave Location: Section: Row: ? Plot: ?  
Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this  
time ( April 2026 )

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

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## Australian Police YouTube Channel

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Upon joining the NSW Police Cadet system, Eoin was described as:

5' 9.5" tall, 13 st 6 lb in weight, green eyes, dark hair, medium complexion, a student, no religion.

As a Cadet he was Stationed at the Modus Operandi Section ( M.O. )

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Some of the Cadets from Class 131. Eoin James PETERS # 15249 is 2nd from right.



Some of the Cadets from Class 131. Eoin James PETERS # 15249 1st on the left. Acting Sgt Len HARRIS on the far right.



Class 131 – 01 – 1973. Eoin PETERS in 2nd row between the two policewomen in the front row on the right.



Class 131 – 02 – 2023 reunion. Ian PETERS, Middle row ( black shirt with wide square ) on right.



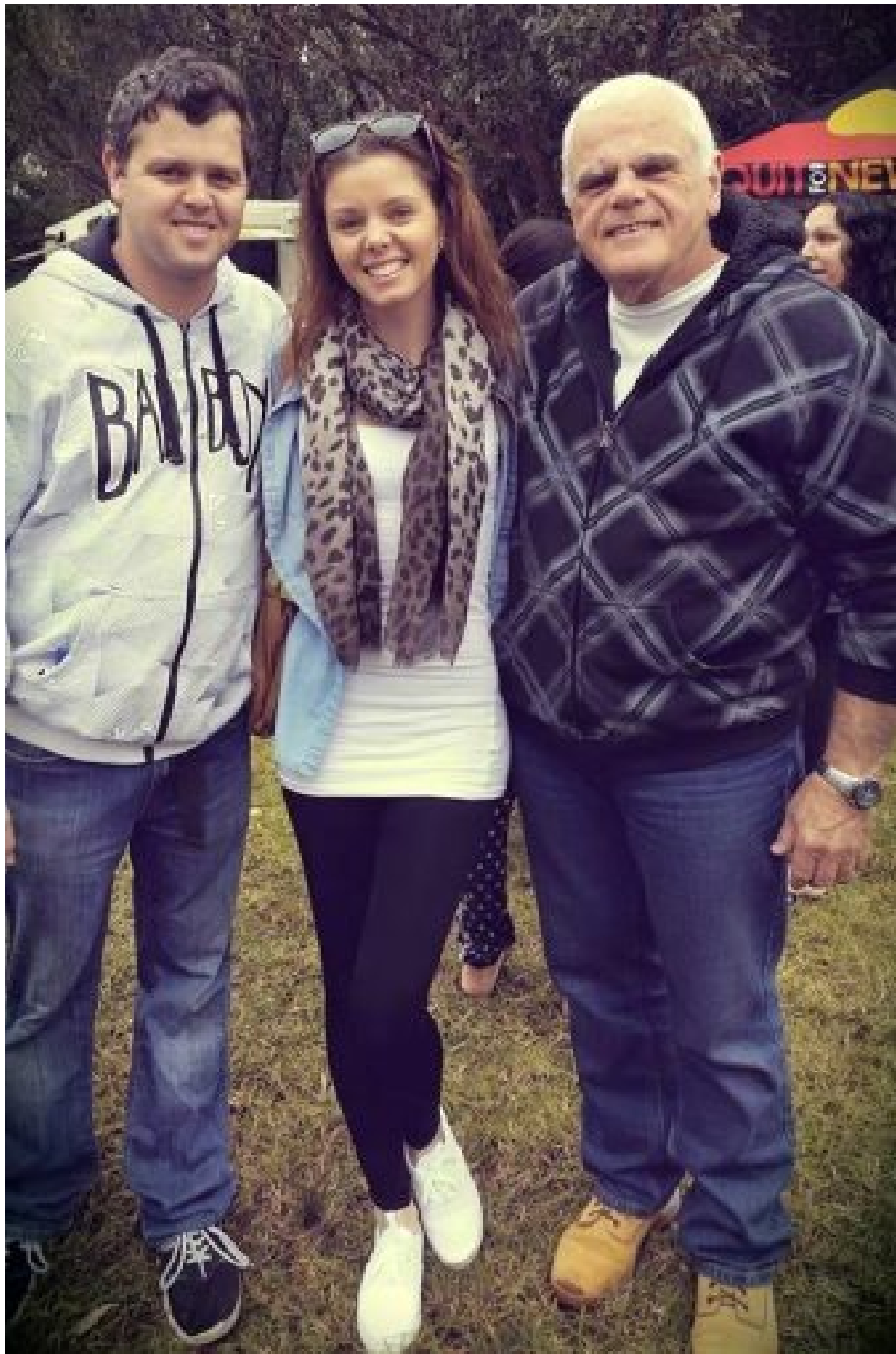
Eoin James PETERS  
AKA Eoin PETERS



Eoin James PETERS  
AKA Eoin PETERS  
with his grandson and his son, Eoin PETERS ( Jnr )



Eoin James PETERS  
AKA Eoin PETERS  
and his son, Eoin PETERS ( Jnr )



Eoin James PETERS ( Jnr ), his sister Jessica & Eoin PETERS ( Snr )



Eoin James PETERS ( Jnr ), Eoin PETERS ( Snr )  
his daughter Jessica PETERS.



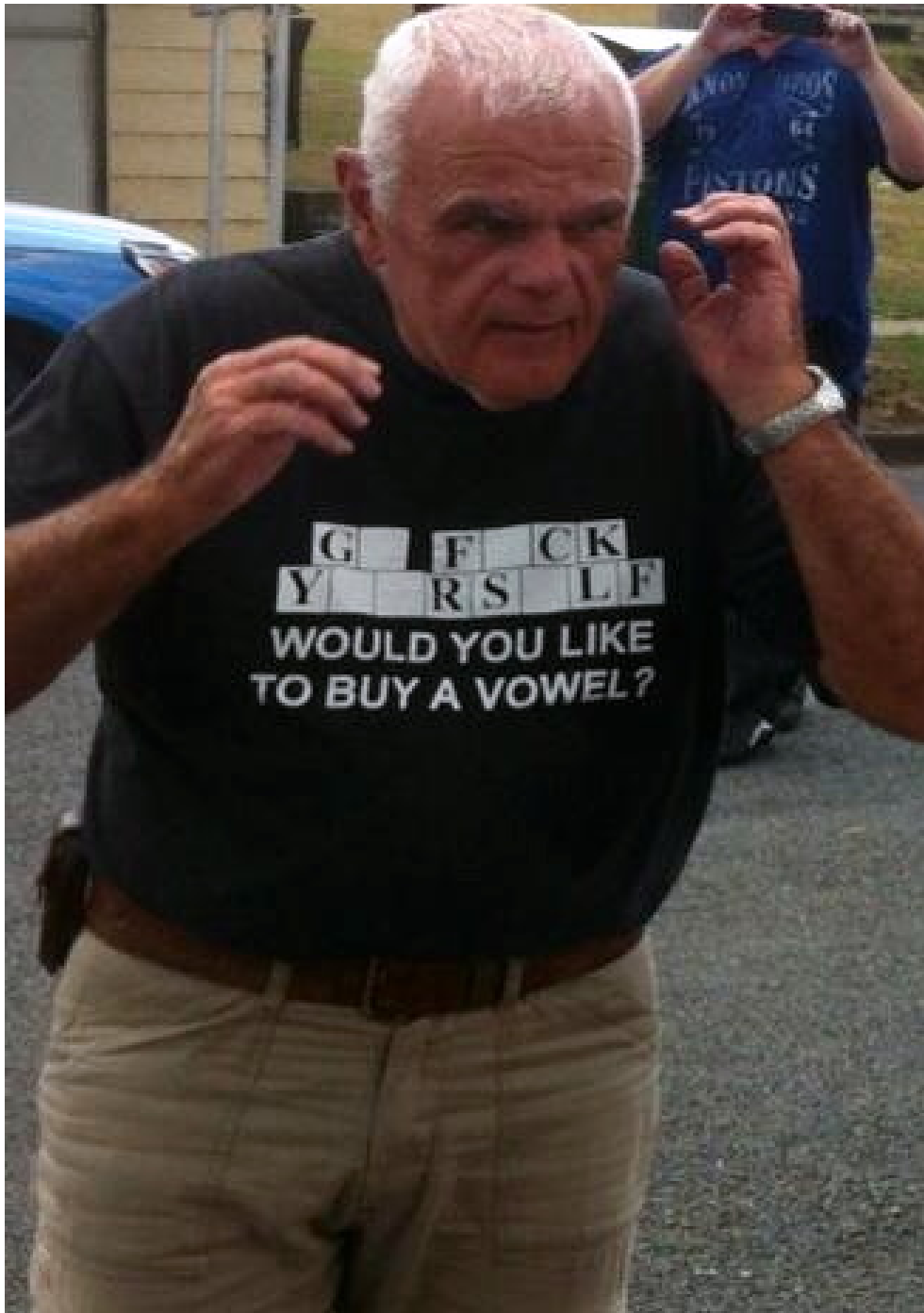
Jessica PETERS & her dad – Eoin James PETERS  
AKA Eoin PETERS



Eoin James PETERS & Granddaughter  
PoppyHood.



Eoin James PETERS  
Stand back people.



Just one vowel please.



Eoin James PETERS



Eoin James PETERS  
Loved his riding.



Eoin James PETERS



THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2016

LAKE ILLAWARRA RETIRED POLICE DAY.

45 people turned out to Lake Illawarra ( Oak Flats ) Police Station at 10am today for the Retired Police Day.

15 National Police Service Medals were awarded to various Police who live in and / or worked in the Lake Illawarra Area Command.

These awards were presented by the current LA

Commander, Zoran Dzevlan.  
Eoin PETERS accepting his Medal.



SATURDAY 5 MARCH 2005  
LAKE ILLAWARRA, OAK FLATS.  
DRAGON BOAT RACING WITH WOLLONGONG POLICE &  
ILLAWARRA POLICE.  
FORMER S/C EOIN PETERS AND A WORK COLLEGE,  
CANDY, WATCHING THE DRAGON BOAT RACES.



March 2010

Eoin Peters and Allan Stubbs

Jindabyne, NSW. Thick black hair is just so  
'over rated'

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\* Story behind any Nickname:

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7 April 2026

Updated 16 April 2026 with Live Stream and additional Stations.

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**Raymond Warren BUTTERFIELD**

07/04/2026

**Raymond Warren BUTTERFIELD**

AKA Raymond BUTTERFIELD, Ray BUTTERFIELD

\* Nickname: Dudley

Late of Orange, NSW

Relations in 'the job' ?

"possible" relation in 'the job':

Grant P. BUTTERFIELD, NSWPF # ????? ? ( R.I.P. )( Class 237 )

Sharon L. BUTTERFIELD, NSWPF # ????? ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class # 136**

*The 1st class to be ' Sworn In ' by a Governor – Sir Roden Cutler.*

New South Wales Police Force

**Uniform # 1557**

**Regd. # 15946**

**Rank:** Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday 13 August 1973 ( aged 23 years, 2 months, 22 days )

Probationary Constable – appointed 19 September 1973 ( aged 23 years, 3 months, 28 days )

Constable – appointed 19 July 1974

Constable 1st Class – appointed 19 September 1978

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed 19 September 1982

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? ( N/A )

**Final Rank:** = Senior Constable

**Stations:** ?, Crime Scene Unit – Bathurst, Resignation

**Service ( From Training Date ) period:** From 13 August 1973  
to 29 October 1997 = 24 years, 2 months, 16  
days Service

**Time employed ( Paid ) with NSW Police:** From: 13 August  
1973 to 29 October 1997 = 24 years, 2 months,  
16 days Service

**Time in Retirement from Police:** 27 years, 10 months,  
24 days

**Age at Retirement / Leaving:** = 47 years, 5 months,  
7 days

**Awards:** National Medal – **granted** 15 December 1989 ( SenCon )



**Born:** Thursday 22 May 1950 in Belmore, NSW

**Died on:** Monday 22 September 2025

**Age:** 75 years, 4 months, 0 days

**Organ Donor:** Y / N / ?

**Cause:** Alzheimer's disease

**Event location:** Calare Nursing Home, March St, Orange, NSW

Event / Diagnosis date: ? TBA

Funeral date: Tuesday 30 September 2025 @ 10.15am for 11am  
Service

Funeral location: Orange Funerals Chapel, 1 Cameron Pce,  
Orange, NSW

Central West Police district will provide an Official Police  
Guard of Honour

*A donation box will be available for Alzheimer's Research  
Australia in lieu of flowers.*

Wake location: ? TBA

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: Orange Funerals, 1 Cameron Pce, Orange, NSW

Buried at: ?

Grave Location: Section: Row: ? Plot: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this  
time ( September 2025 )

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JOB RELATED

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In Loving Memory Of

*Raymond Warren  
Butterfield*

22<sup>nd</sup> May 1950 - 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

Passed away peacefully in his sleep. Beloved husband of Lyn, Brother to Doug and John. Father to Rachel, Rebecca and Christian. Step-Father to Carla, Stacey and Anna. Grandfather to Jordan, Kyla, Emily and Hannah, Ava and Lui, Georgia and Isaac, Molly, Max and Charlie. Great-Grandfather to Eli and Ari and Hunter and Harry the Schnoodle. The family would like to express their gratitude to the Calare Nursing Home staff for their care and support. In accordance with the family's wishes, a donation box will be available for Alzheimer's Research Australia in lieu of flowers.

*"So dearly loved and so sadly missed"*

A **Service of Celebration** for the life of **Raymond** will be held at **Orange Funerals Chapel, 1 Cameron Place, Orange**, on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**, commencing at **11.00am**. Relatives & friends are respectfully invited to attend.

[orangefunerals.com.au](http://orangefunerals.com.au)



OrangeFunerals

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25 September 2025

Updated 1 October 2025

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**Peter                      John                      Citizen**  
**CHILDERHOUSE**

07/04/2026

**Peter John Citizen CHILDERHOUSE**

AKA ?

Late of ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class # 086**

New South Wales Police Force

**Regd. # 9906**

**Rank:** Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday  
? ? ?

Probationary Constable- appointed 27 February 1961 ( aged 21  
years, 8 months, 20 days )

Constable – appointed 27 February 1962

Constable 1st Class – appointed 27 February 1967

Senior Constable – appointed 27 February 1971

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 1 May 1977

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 1 March 1984

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 18 August 1985

Inspector – appointed 29 August 1990

**Final Rank = Inspector**

**Stations:** 27 Feb 1961 -Trainee at Redfern Police Academy, 28  
March 1961 – Waverly GDs ( 10 Division ), 3 May 1961 – Bondi  
GDs ( 10 Division ), 27 Sept 1962 Waverly Cyclist ( 10  
Division ), 19 Jan 1968 – Maroubra ( 15 Division )( Licencing  
, 17 March 1974 – Waverly ( 10 Division )( Licencing ), 22  
May 1977 – Hurstville ( 31 Division )( Licencing Sgt ), 15  
July 1984 – Balmain ( 8 Division )( Division Licencing Sgt ),  
26 January 1986 – Legal Section – Licencing ( Legal Services  
, 7 Sept. 1986 – ‘A’ District – Licencing, 26 June 1988 –  
State Intelligence Licensing – Retirement

**Service:** From ? ? 1961? to 6 June 1994 = 33 years Service

[blockquote]

NASHOS

Service name: Australian Army Reserves

Service number: 2770079 271922

Rank: Sergeant

Unit Name: 2nd Infantry Battalion, 3rd  
Battalion NSW Royal Regiment,

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Date of intake: 9 January 1958

Date of exit: 25 July 1961

Total Days:

NS Training: ?

National Service:

Follow Up Training: ?

Basic Training: ?

Next of Kin: ?

Medals: Anniversary of National Service  
Medal 1951 – 1972, Australian Defence Medal

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Retirement / Leaving age: = 54 years, 11 months, 30 days

Time in Retirement from Police: 27 years, 6 months, 17 days

**Awards:** National Medal – **granted** 11 December 1980 ( Sgt 3/c )

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 8 June 1988 ( SenSgt )

2nd Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 8 June 1988 ( SenSgt )

NSW Police Medal with 4th Clasp – granted 29 May 2008

National Police Service Medal – granted 3 September 2015

**Born:** Wednesday 7 June 1939

**Died on:** Thursday 23 December 2021

**Age:** 82 years, 6 months, 16 days

**Cause:** Alzheimers disease

**Event location:** ?

**Event date:** ?

**Funeral date:** Tuesday 11 January 2022 @ 10.30am

**Funeral location:** St Jude's Anglican Church, Avoca St,  
Randwick, NSW

( **click here to see Corona19 Virus Pandemic rules – this will**

**be a limited numbers Funeral )**

any Future Wake location: **??? TBA**

any Future Wake date: **??? TBA**

( Due to current Govt. restrictions on 'Gatherings' due to Corona19 Virus Pandemic, some families may wish to have a Memorial Service / Wake with friends and family at a later date )

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this time ( **January 2022** )



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

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Unfortunately my computer system has become weak and can no longer stand the strain I place upon it.

In order to get my systems up and running again, I have invested \$6k in a new computer system which is currently being built and I would expect that a lot of the notices I place on the system, will be devoid of a lot of information that I usually include; until my new system arrives and my databases and photos are transferred across.

This might not be completed until late February 2022.

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8 Jan 2022

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# Terence William NEWMAN

07/04/2026

## Terence William NEWMAN

AKA Terry

Late of Mittagong, Southern Highlands, NSW

- Terry passed away on 22 December 2020. His funeral being held on 30 December 2020.

- His wife, **Dianne**, who was also a resident of the same Nursing Home and also suffering from Alzheimers, **passed away** on the evening of **31 December 2020**. He may have died from a combination of **Alzheimers** and **Heart Break**.
- Funeral details, for Dianne, are unknown at this time.

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class # 175**

New South Wales Police Force

**Regd. # 19896**

**Rank:** Commenced Training at Redfern Academy on Monday 17 August 1981 ( aged 29 years, 0 months, 22 days )

Probationary Constable- appointed Friday 6 November 1981 ( Aged 29 years, 3 months, 11 days )

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed 6 November 1986

Detective – appointed ? ? ? ( YES )

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

**Final Rank = Sergeant**

**Stations:** ?, Cabramatta ( 34 Division ), ?, TRG Course 11 / 1983, Bathurst Riots – 1985, Bowral ( SenCon ), Campbelltown ( 35 Division ) – Retirement

**Service:** From 17 August 1981 to 15 May 2009 = 27 years, 8 months, 28 days Service

**Age at Retirement:** 56 years, 9 months, 19 days

**Time In Retirement:** 11 years, 7 months, 7 days

**Awards:** No Find on Australian Honours system

**Born:** Saturday 26 July 1952

**Died on:** Tuesday 22 December 2020 during the morning

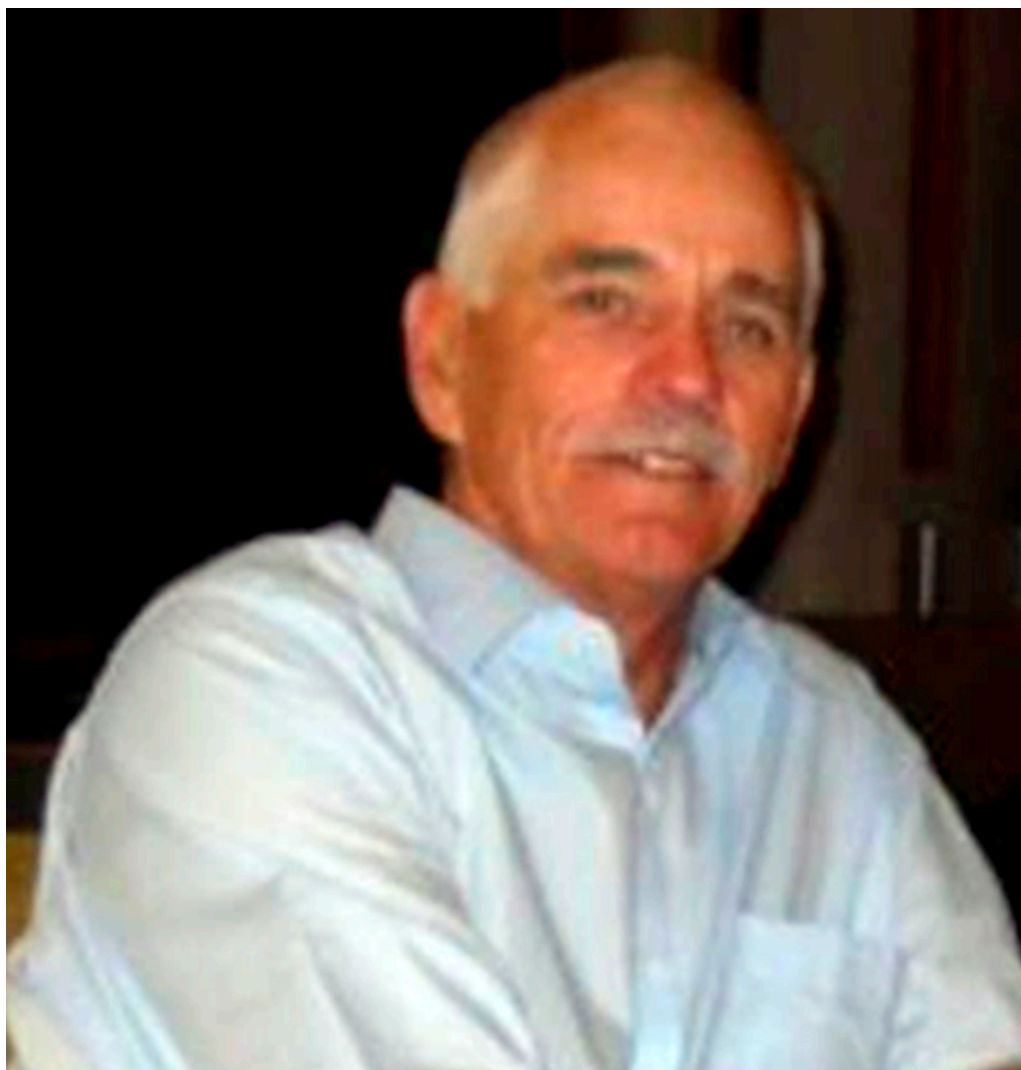
**Age:** 68 years, 4 months, 26 days

**Cause:** Alzhiemers ?

Is known to have been suffering from Alzhiemers for the past few years and lately, Septicaemia. His wife, **Dianne**, also resides at the same Nursing Home and is also a sufferer of Alzhiemers.

**Event location:** ? Nursing Home

**Event date:** ?



**Funeral date:** Wednesday 30 December 2020 @ 1.30pm

**Funeral location:** St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 2  
Bendooly St, Bowral, NSW

**All friends and former colleagues are invited to attend.**

**NO LIVE STREAMING**

All persons attending are to be mindful on the current Government restrictions on gatherings in the venue and congregations outside the venue. Guidance given by Clergy, Funeral Directors, Venue staff or other persons controlling the service should be followed.

A streaming service may be provided and will be sent as a nemesis in the future.

( **click here to see Coronal9 Virus Pandemic rules – this will be a limited numbers Funeral** )

any Future Wake location: ???

any Future Wake date: ???

( **Due to current Govt. restrictions on ‘Gatherings’ due to Coronal9 Virus Pandemic, some families may wish to have a Memorial Service / Wake with friends and family at a later date** )

Funeral Parlour: G. BEAVAN Funeral of Bowral, NSW

Buried at: Cremated

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this time ( **November 2020** )

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

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Deepest condolences to their son, Wayne NEWMAN and family.

It is believed that Dianne wanted to be with Terry again.

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Terry is known to have attended Primary School in the north Campbelltown area.

He was a footy player and cricket player and also enjoyed ferreting as a youngster around the Campbelltown hills.

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**NEWMAN**

Terence William (Terry)

Passed away surrounded by family

22nd December, 2020.

Aged 68 years.

Beloved husband of Dianne.

Much loved father and father-in-law of Wayne & Janice, Russell, Todd & Daryle, Megan & Michael, James & Kristy.

Adored Poppy to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren

A Funeral Service and offering of prayers for Terry will be

held at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Bendooley Street  
Bowral on Wednesday 30th December, 2020 commencing at 1.30pm.

A private cremation will follow.

TERENCE WILLIAM NEWMAN Death Notice – Sydney, New South Wales  
| Sydney Morning Herald

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Nothing further, than what is recorded above, is known about  
this man at the time of publication.

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24 December 2020

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# John Wallace HITCHCOCK

07/04/2026

## John Wallace HITCHCOCK

AKA Hitchy

Late of Dapto, NSW

Mrs Nancye Hitchcock ( nee Nancye HOURIGAN ) – believed to have really been melancholy about the loss of her long time husband, John, passed away, peacefully in her sleep, on the morning of 8 September 2020, aged 86 – five days after Johns Funeral.

NSW Police Training College – Penrith Class # 017 – 030

NSW Police Cadet # 0848

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 7414

**Rank:** Commenced Training as Police Cadet on 13 February 1950  
( aged 16 years & 5 months )

Probationary Constable- appointed Saturday 13 September 1952  
( aged 19 years )

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? ( YES )

Senior Constable – appointed 13 September 1963

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 10 August 1968

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 30 September 1976

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 23 April 1980

**Final Rank** = Senior Sergeant

**Stations:** ?, Western District ( 1963 ), ?, 'R' District ( Newcastle area )( 1969 ), ?, Deniliquin ( Det Sgt ), Wollongong Police Station – GDs ( Sgt 1/c )( 1980s ), Pt Kembla ( Sgt 1/c )( OIC ) – Retirement

**Service:** From 13 February 1950 to 24 September 1988 =  
38 years, 6 months, 11 days Service

**Time in Retirement:** 32 years, 0 months, 6 days

**Age at Retirement:** 54 years, 11 months, 11 days

**Awards:** National Medal – **granted** 21 August 1989 ( Former Det SenSgt )

Nothing further found on the Australian Honours system

**Born:** Wednesday 13 September 1933 in Auburn, NSW

**Died on:** Saturday 29 August 2020

**Age:** 86 years, 11 months, 17 days

**Cause:** Dementia – passed in his sleep after it progressed very quickly over the last few weeks

**Event location:** ?

**Event date:** ?

**Funeral date:** Friday 4 September 2020 @ 2pm

**Funeral location:** **Kembla Grange Golf Club**, Princes Hwy,  
Kembla Grange, NSW

( **click here to see Coronal9 Virus Pandemic rules – this will be a limited numbers Funeral** )

**any Future Wake location:** ??? **TBA**

**any Future Wake date:** ??? **TBA**

( **Due to current Govt. restrictions on ‘Gatherings’ due to Coronal9 Virus Pandemic, some families may wish to have a Memorial Service / Wake with friends and family at a later date** )

**Funeral Parlour:** H. Parsons, Wollongong, NSW 02 4228 9622

**Buried at:** Both Cremated.

**Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at:** ?

**Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument:** Nil – at this

time ( August 2020 )



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

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## **NSW Police Force**

### **HITCHCOCK John Wallace (Hitchy)**

Passed away peacefully at home with Nancye on August 29, 2020. Beloved husband of Nancye. Dearly loved father and father in law of David, Joanne and Craig, Allison and Paul, and Melissa. Much loved Grandad of Josh and Sam, Bekk and Derek, Joel and Narelle, Tori and Hayden, Kyle and Adelaide, and Great Grandad of Nixon, Edison, Hudson, Taimane and Tanoa. Loved brother and brother in law of Bill (dec) and Shirley. John will be sadly missed by his loving family and many dear friends.

***Aged 86 Years***  
***"CAN'T DONE NOTHIN"***

Relatives and friends are invited to attend John's funeral service to be held at **Kembla Grange Golf Club, Princes Highway Kembla Grange** on **Friday September 4, 2020** at 2pm.

 FUNERAL  
DIRECTORS  
**H. PARSONS** (02) 4228 9622  
WOLLONGONG











John Wallace HITCHCOCK AKA Hitchy & Nancye Hitchcock ( nee Nancye HOURIGAN )





John Wallace HITCHCOCK AKA Hitchy & Nancye Hitchcock ( nee Nancye HOURIGAN )



John Wallace HITCHCOCK AKA Hitchy & Nancye Hitchcock ( nee Nancye HOURIGAN )



John Wallace HITCHCOCK AKA Hitchy & Nancye Hitchcock ( nee Nancye HOURIGAN )



John Wallace HITCHCOCK AKA Hitchy & Nancye Hitchcock ( nee Nancye HOURIGAN )





**WOLLONGONG DISTRICT POLICE RUGBY LEAGUE  
FOOTBALL TEAM – 1981**

**REAR: L – R:**

**ALLAN PIRIE, JOHN HITCHCOCK, KEVIN VERDON, BOB  
LONGUE, BARRY ODMARK, PAT CARNEY, KEITH  
CALDWELL, GRAHAM THOMPSETT, TERRY O'BRIEN, TONY  
CHAPLIN, PETER CARTER, KEN JEFFREY, NEIL  
PARSONS, PHIL RUSSELL, GAL CLEARY (COACH), DON  
JONES (TRAINER), RON JACKSON, STEVE FROST  
(SECRETARY)**

**FRONT: L – R:**

**BOB LEWIS, GRAHAM KING, STEVE BYRNES, DAVE  
ROUTLEDGE, STEVE TIER**



WOLLONGONG DISTRICT POLICE RUBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL  
TEAM – 1980

**REAR: L – R:**

TED BEAVER (TREASURER), JOHN GUEST, **JOHN HITCHCOCK** (MANAGER), STEVE BYRNES (SECRETARY), BRIAN WYVER, GRAHAM THOMPSETT, DENNIS CLARKE, PETER SKEENE, MAZ HERMANN, KEVIN SHEPSTONE, JOHN MAY, PHIL RUSSELL, BARRY FOORD, **KEVIN GOLDSPIK** (COACH), BARRIE KEENAHAN.

**SEATED: L – R:**

NEIL PARSONS, PAT DUNN, BOB LEWIS, BOB DALBY, **BERNIE DOYLE, JOHN GOOD**

**FRONT: L – R:**

**PAT CARNEY, BOB LONGUE**, PAUL JONES, DON JONES (TRAINER), TONY CHAPLIN, BARRY ODMARK, IAN MOORE, BRIAN SMITH, LARRY BARBER, KEN JEFFERY



**WOLLONGONG DISTRICT POLICE RUBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL  
TEAM – 1979**

**REAR: L – R:**

SERGEANT **JOHN HITCHCOCK** (MANAGER), STEVE BYRNES  
(SECRETARY), MAZ HERMANN, PAT DUNN, BRIAN  
SMITH, **PAT CARNEY**, DENNIS CLARKE, IAN MOORE,  
DON JONES (TRAINER)

**MIDDLE: L – R:**

ROD HENDERSON, BOB LEWIS, WAYNE COULEY (CAPTAIN  
– COACH), KEV SHEPSTONE, LARRY BARBER, WADE  
CHANDLER, JOHN BERNARDI

**FRONT: L – R:**

BOB CANTWELL, DAVE ROUTLEDGE, PHIL RUSSELL,  
GARY THOMPSON, KEN JEFFREY, BOB DALBY, SERGEANT  
**FRANK GROGAN** (CLUB PRESIDENT)

# RETIRING SERGEANTS ATTACK NEW LOOK FORCE

● Sgt Frank Grogan (left) and Sgt John Hitchcock toast their retirement and the good times under the old policing system. Both slated the new system at Sgt Hitchcock's farewell dinner last night.

Picture: Orlando Chiodo

**Latest  
police  
style  
cops  
blast**



Despite the extremely short notice, I am extremely proud of the members of Lake Illawarra Police for arranging a Police Guard of Honour, for such a great man, at the conclusion of his funeral. Cal.



NEW POLICE FORCE  
INDIVIDUAL PROFILE

System: DEL  
Client: 010  
Report: BIRCHROCK

Employee No.: 7414  
Name: HITCHCOCK, JOHN WALLACE  
Gender: Male  
Birth date: 13.09.1933  
Termination date: 23.09.1988

Rank/Grade:  
Duty type/Role Description:  
Location:  
Hire date: 13.02.1950

**Police Promotion History**

13.02.1950	12.09.1952	Cadet
13.09.1952	12.09.1953	Pro Constable
13.09.1953	12.09.1958	Constable
13.09.1958	12.09.1963	Const 1/C
13.09.1963	09.08.1968	Sen Constable
10.08.1968	29.09.1976	Sgt/3rd Class
30.09.1976	22.04.1980	Sgt/2nd Class
23.04.1980	23.09.1988	S/Sergeant

**Transfer History**

13.02.1950	16.07.1950	Metro	No. 18	General
17.07.1950	21.01.1951	Metro	C.i. branch	M.o. section
22.01.1951	01.04.1951	Metro	No. 4	General
02.04.1951	22.07.1951	Metro	Vice squad h.q.	General
23.07.1951	11.11.1951	Metro	C.i.b.	Inquiry office
12.11.1951	14.04.1952	Metro	No. 9	P.v. room
15.04.1952	15.09.1952	Metro	No. 3 sub-dist	Supts office
16.09.1952	30.12.1953	Metro	No. 1	General
31.12.1953	05.05.1957	Western	Parke	General
07.05.1957	14.01.1958	Metro	No. 1	General
15.01.1958	02.02.1958	Metro	C.i.b.	Scntfc sct trng
03.02.1958	08.09.1959	Metro	No. 21	Special
09.09.1959	10.02.1960	Metro	No. 18	Relieving & test
11.02.1960	16.01.1961	Metro	No. 3	C.i. duty
17.01.1961	19.05.1963	Metro	No. 11	C.i. duty
20.05.1963	19.01.1969	Western	Parke	C.i. duty
21.01.1969	15.08.1976	Riverina	Deniliquin	C.i. duty
16.08.1976	28.05.1977	South co	Wollongong	C.i. duty
29.05.1977	01.10.1984	Wollongong	Wollongong	Administration
02.10.1984	23.09.1988	WOLLONGONG,PORT KEM	PORT KEMBLA	GENERAL

**HVA/Temporary Assignment**

**Qualifications**

**Education**

**Awards**

01.01.2000	01.01.2000	Award	21041962 P62/57748/7414 CMD BY JUDGE ROONEY, ALERTNESS IN ARREST AT MARRICKVILLE
			27091989 GN 37 AWARDED THE NATIONAL MEDAL.

**Sideline job**

**Prior Service**

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# Harry Desmond TUPMAN

07/04/2026

## Harry Desmond TUPMAN QPM

( late of Ashfield, NSW )

Husband to Yvonne TUPMAN, nee ROBERTSON, NSWPF Police Woman #  
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Father to Judge Robyn TUPMAN

## New South Wales Police Force

Uniform # 78

Regd. # 5450

Rank: Commenced Training at ? Academy on Monday 11 November  
1946 ( aged 25 years, 9 months, 6 days )

Probationary Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? ( YES )

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 1 April 1968

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Inspector 3rd Class – appointed 7 January 1976

**Final Rank:** Detective Inspector – Retired

**Stations:** ?, 21 Division, Arson Squad, Special Crime Squad,  
Homicide Squad

**Service:** From 11 November 1946 to 4 February 1981 = 34  
years, 2 months, 24 days Service

**Age at Retirement:** 59 years, 11 months, 30 days

**Years in Retirement:** 34 years, 2 months, 3 days ( was Retired  
just about as long as he Served )

**Awards:** Queen's Police Medal ( QPM ) for Gallantry ( Imperial  
 ) – **granted** 3 June 1978 ( Insp )

**Born:** Saturday 5 February 1921 on Jones Island, NSW

**Died on:** Tuesday 7 April 2015

**Cause:** Alzheimer's disease

**Age:** 94 years, 2 months, 2 days

**Death location:** Hospital



Harry Desmond TUPMAN QPM

Funeral date: Monday 13 April 2015 @ 2pm

Funeral location: Magnolia Chapel, Macquarie Park  
Crematorium, Plassey Road, NORTH RYDE

Buried at: Cremated

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

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

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**TUPMAN**, Harry Desmond, QPM

Detective Inspector (Retired) NSW Police

05.02.1921 – 07.04.2015

Late of Ashfield

Loved husband of Yvonne for 65 years. Beloved father of Robyn and Lyn and father-in-law of Geoff Graham. Proud and treasured grandfather of Jessica, Paul, Emily, Aleisha and Tom and great grandfather to his namesake, Harry. Younger brother of Kath, Connie and Peggy (all deceased) and brother-in-law of Eric Robertson.

A gentleman and a man of integrity. He will be missed by his family and friends and will be remembered always.

Aged 94 years.

HARRY'S family and friends are warmly invited to attend a Celebration of his Life to be held Monday (April 13, 2015) in the Magnolia Chapel of the Macquarie Park Crematorium, Plassey Road, North Ryde to commence at 2pm.

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## MAN DECLARED HABITUAL CRIMINAL

### Companion Warned

**SYDNEY, Monday:** Judge Lloyd in the Quarter Sessions today declared a 24-year-old shopbreaker an habitual criminal, and warned a younger man that he was heading for a similar punishment.

Norman Benaldo Brazemall ( 24 ) and Alwayn John Howard, ( 19 ), pleaded guilty to five shop robberies.

Judge Lloyd sentenced Brazemall to three years and declared him an habitual criminal. He sentenced Howard to two years.

Detective **Harry Tupman**, of 21 Division, said that both men had been released from gaol in February. They had almost immediately begun a series of robberies, using stolen motor cars.

Brazemall had had convictions since he was 15 and Howard's convictions went back to 1947.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/161200306>

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TUPMAN (nee Robertson). – May 25, at Crown Street Hospital, to Yvonne and Harry – a daughter (Robyn).

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/18223470>

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**Wednesday 26 July 1972** page 6 of 104

By KAY KEAVNEY

**The MYSTERY of MARY and EMMA GOFFMAN**

Ben Goffman returned to his home at Mosman, N.S.W., from an average working day last summer. His wife and youngest

daughter were not there. They have never been seen since. Here are the clues in a tragic story for which the police ending is, temporarily, "missing, believed murdered".

STRANGERS have bought the house that Mary Goffman made.

Husband Ben used to say, in better times: " Look around. This house is Mary. "

Last February 11, in broad daylight, with her little daughter Emma, Mary disappeared from the white house in the quiet suburban street on the north side of Sydney.

It may have been the scene of their murder.

On July 1 police informed Ben that the "grave fears" he had entertained from the first appeared to be justified.

Mary and Emma were almost certainly dead. So was their probable killer, Robert John Hynes.

Thin, dark, and bearded, with convictions for robbery while armed, Hynes died of injuries suffered in a car crash on June 20. while trying to evade police.

He had rented the car in the name of a Missing Person, Allan John McColm.

In the wreck, in a briefcase, police found a sawn-off rifle, and certain property of Allan McColm's. Later, after an anonymous tip, they found McColm's body in bush at the side of the Mona Vale Road. He had been shot through the head with a bullet from the same sawn-off rifle.

( During the long months of uncertainty, while Mary and Emma too were Missing Persons, Ben often said: " There's so much heavy bush on the north side. They could be dead in there, where nobody might ever find them. " )

There were other alarming developments.

When Hynes was taken from the wreck, a telephone number was inked on his hand.

Police traced it to a housewife at North Curl Curl, also on the north side. She told a terrifying story.

On June 16 a man had telephoned in the name of a well-known carrying company. He was checking, he said, that someone would be at home to help him with a heavy parcel.

The housewife was instantly suspicious. She was expecting no parcel, and said so.

But in due course the man appeared. He was thin, dark, and bearded.

The housewife let him leave the heavy parcel. But she resisted every pretext he gave to get inside the house.

That parcel contained sand. The man she has now identified as Robert John Hynes.

Her quick wits that day had probably saved her life. But how often, the alarmed police wondered, had Hynes used this ploy and succeeded'?

In Hynes' house at West Ryde, they found certain names and telephone numbers. Allan McColm's was among them.

So, on a slip of paper, was B. C. Goffman's.

The detectives called for the Missing Persons file on Mary and Emma.

What they read deepened their fears. On July 1 they cabled the English police to contact Ben.

By then, the house that Mary made had been sold to strangers. Over the months, Ben had found it increasingly unbearable to live there.

And besides, he needed money.

Since February, desperate to turn up information, he had spent hundreds of dollars on advertisements.

He had even employed a private detective.

And on that afternoon of February 11 when his loved ones disappeared, a "bearded man" had gone to his bank with two cheques signed by Mary.

They cleaned the Goffman's joint account of all \$44.

Ben needed money badly.

Late in June, broken in heart and health, he went back to his native London.

Jane (9) and Sarah were soon to follow.

Teddy the dog, beloved of Mary, had been found a new home.

Mary's elderly mother, pencil-thin from the months of anguish, still lived about 50 yards up the road from the white house.

But she too planned to leave Australia.

She had never believed for a moment that Mary had willingly left home and family.

But the news, when it came, nearly killed her.

In distant London, Ben reacted bitterly. From the first, he insisted, the police should have regarded the case as a homicide.

On July 3 he rang me.

I never met Mary or Emma, but I heard the story through a mutual friend.

Before he left, I spent weeks, off and on. with Ben, his

friends, and family, probing what seemed a impenetrable mystery.

Now, with the link to the man Hynes, we knew at least part of the answer.

But Ben wanted us to publish this story. Some clue might emerge, some reader come up with information that would help solve the rest of the mystery.

Detectives in charge of the case concurred strongly.

Here, then, is what I learnt of the Goffmans, and the known events of that February day.

It was a golden Friday. Second daughter Sarah had just turned six and Mary ( the most devoted of mothers ) was planning a birthday party to be held the next day.

Youngest daughter Emma was small for her age – almost four. Ben describes her as " build medium, eyes blue, straight hair, light-brown to honey-blonde; probably wearing a short-sleeved navy-blue dress; articulate, trained to quote her name, address, and telephone number. "

Mary was 43. " build slim, complexion tanned, height 5ft, 7in., hair brown and greying, speaking with an attractive Border lilt; probably wearing slacks, a yellow knit top, a distinctive ring, and a man's Omega calendar watch. "

She and Ben had been married ten years. It was Mary's first marriage, his second.

They met on a boat that brought them to Sydney, him from New Zealand, her from the United States. A telephonist, she had lived and worked in several countries since leaving Britain.

She passionately wanted children. In the ten years she had Jane, Sarah, Emma, and a miscarriage.

Friends and neighbors testify that the couple were unusually close. So does Mrs. White, Mary's mother, who migrated to Australia to be near them.

Mary enjoyed home-making and was good at it, though she suffered at times from "suburban ennui."

Ben handled all the business, including paying the bills and marketing in bulk.

Mary had a very real flair for interior decoration, and turning up bargains in antique shops.

With their own hands, she and Ben transformed the broken-down old house they were paying off at Mosman into a distinctive and charming home.

Dozens of books, records, photographic equipment, testified to the Goffmans' catholic interests.

So did their friends, ranging (said one of them) "from professors to the man who runs a stall at the city markets; from quiet suburbanites to pot-party goers."

Last year there was a minor burglary at the house and Mary was nervous. She never went out without double-locking doors and windows and fixing the fly screens.

Nor would she go out, even to garden, without wearing sunglasses.

All these facts have significance in the story.

Throughout, like a leit-motif, is a "bearded man."

The first mention came from Mary herself, to Ben, her mother, and a woman neighbor, a week before she disappeared.

Ben's car was advertised for sale. A bearded man (she said) called at the house to inspect it, presumably on foot.

Something about him Bearded man at Goffmans' house frightened her. She described him to Ben, to her mother, and to a woman friend as "sick." He asked her to go with him in the car for a test drive. She refused. (She herself never drove.)

When she suggested he leave his briefcase with her as surety, he appeared to take umbrage and walked off.

( Says Detective-Sergeant Harry Tupman, now in charge of the case: "No wonder he took umbrage. That briefcase probably contained the sawn-off rifle." )

That same night Ben sold the car to quite another buyer, later paying the cheque into the couple's joint current account at a local bank.

It turned a deficit into a credit. On that Friday, February 11, the credit stood at exactly \$744.

That morning, Ben testifies, all seemed normal when he left for work. Mary was to deliver Teddy, their airedale, to a dog salon at the Spit for clipping and shampooing.

She and Emma did, around 9 a.m. The salon offered to ring when Teddy was finished.

Mary said not to bother, she'd call back before five.

Nothing in her manner caused remark.

A neighbor who spoke to her walking back found her "perfectly normal."

The local milkman was waiting to collect his weekly money. He found her "her usual bright self."

He thinks she was wearing dark jeans and a darkish top (but only a yellow-knit top appears to be missing).

Emma, he thinks, "wore a plain dark dress."

Mary went into the house and got the money. The milkman gave her change and a receipt. He got into his van and drove away.

He estimates the time at 10.15 a.m.

And no one who knows Mary and Emma has seen them since, or at least has come forward to say so.

They were still (Ben says) in the house at 12.30. He rang from his city office, as he did at least once a day.

He said, "She sounded a bit sick, but she had a period, and both she and Emma had colds. Also we'd been out late the night before.

"She talked a bit about Sarah's party, and at the end seemed quite bright and normal."

Around 1.30, the elderly couple next door heard Emma coughing in the yard.

"Shortly after lunch" (the police were told later), a man claiming to be Ben rang the bank with a query about the state of the joint account.

About 2.20. Mary rang her mother.

Mrs. White's last sight of her daughter had been late on the night before. The Goffmans had been to a dinner party, and the grandmother "baby-sat." Mary and Teddy walked her home, as they always did, and at the gate Mary kissed her and said. "See you tomorrow. Mother."

Her manner then was "normal." Now it was markedly agitated.

She asked Mrs. White to pick up Jane and Sarah after school. This was by no means unusual. What followed was.

"She asked me to bring them hack to my place, instead of taking them home." said Mrs. White. "That had never happened before, never once.

"She asked me to keep them there till she called. I thought she must be preparing some surprise for Sarah's birthday next day.

"I said. "Yes, of course, dear. But what about Emma'?"

"For about a week, after being on the waiting list for months, Emma had been going to a nearby pre-school in the afternoons. I think Mary must have kept her home that day because of her cold."

Mrs. White's voice shook. "Mary." she went on, "said, in such a funny way. 'I've got Emma.' Got. She put an emphasis on 'got.'

"I said, 'Mary, are you all right'?" and she said 'Yes, Mother' and hung up."

And that was the last time anyone has heard Mary's voice, or at least has come forward to say so.

"I nearly went down," said Mrs. White. "Only 50 yards away. How I wish I had! But I was afraid she'd think me foolish."

Some time around three, the elderly woman next door saw "a tall, thin man with a small beard" standing across the road from the Goffmans', looking toward the house.

"He held a handkerchief up to his face," she said. " I watched him for some time. until he noticed me at the window. Then he turned on his heel and walked up the road.

"He made me so nervous I wore all my rings when I went shopping a bit later. On the way, I saw him walking back toward the Goffmans'."

There was no sign of him, and all seemed quiet, when she got home around 4.30. At 4.55, just on closing time, a bearded man entered the Goffmans' bank and presented two cheques.

Together they totalled \$700. Both were signed "Mary C. Goffman."

The signatures were unmistakably Mary's. But she invariably added the words: "per B. C. and M. C. Goffman." They appeared on neither cheque. ( Ben: "I'm positive she signed under duress, perhaps from a threat to Emma. Mary wasn't businesslike. I think she believed leaving off the extra words would invalidate the cheques." )

Both cheques were apparently legal. Even so, the teller referred them to a superior, who referred them to the manager. The manager came out and looked at the man, who seemed perfectly at ease.

The bank officers later described him to the police as: "about 30. 5ft. 10in., slim build, dark complexion, dark wavy hair, beard closely cropped, no moustache, dark glasses, well dressed in a dark suit." ( They have since identified him as Robert John Hynes. )

When the manager saw no sign of Ben or Mary, he rang both the Goffman house and Ben's office. Neither answered.

Meanwhile, the bank doors had been closed and locked. Still the bearded man seemed unperturbed.

The bank felt obliged to honor the cheques, for \$50 and \$650. When they paid over the cash, it left \$44 in the joint account.

The bearded man asked to be let out by the back door, which led into a Mosman car park.

The bank officers are said to have watched him, intending to note his car number.

But he walked calmly out of the car park and was lost to sight.

Ben Goffman takes up the story: "After work I'd been to the markets to buy vegetables, as I always did on a Friday night. "I drove up about ten to six in the new car, expecting to find the whole family, including Teddy, at home.

"But the bedroom blinds were drawn and all the windows shut. "I pressed the front-door bell and it didn't work. So I got out my key. The door opened right away, which meant it wasn't double locked. That wasn't like Mary, if she were going out.

"As soon as I got inside I saw why the bell hadn't worked. The plastic casing and two of the batteries were lying on the floor, along with some of Emma's toys. "The receipt for the milk money and some change were still on the hall table.

All this seemed strange. "Beside them on the table were her sunglasses. "I went through to the kitchen and tried the back door. It was locked, but not chained, again not like Mary since the burglary.

" The vitamiser was on the sink, with the remains of some milk in it. It was new, and Mary was fanatical about washing it right after use. Alongside was an empty yoghurt carton. She'd often give Emma milkshake with yoghurt for lunch.

"The kitchen window was shut but not locked, and the flyscreen not replaced properly. "And the whole knife drawer from the cupboard under the sink was missing.

"Later I found it on the bed in the spare bedroom off the kitchen.

" I couldn't understand any of it. I thought perhaps they'd all gone down to the dog salon, and drove there via the park.

" The salon had closed at five. When Mary hadn't turned up as promised, they'd left Teddy at the adjoining vet's.

" Then I tried Mary's mother's, and found Jane and Sarah there, and heard about Mary's phone call.

" Even then I was puzzled rather than scared. I had no reason to suspect anything sinister. Mother and I took the girls home, thinking it would soon be Emma's bed time."

By 8.15, after vainly checking with various friends, Ben was ringing the police, while his closest friend, Ron Poison, tried the hospitals.

The police came, and that night two more names were added to the bulging files of Missing Persons.

" I don't know what I thought." Ben said. " That she'd had some sort of breakdown, all sorts of things. But a breakdown between breakfast and lunchtime? I didn't know then about the cheques and the bearded man."

Next morning, late, he rang nine little girls, to cancel Sarah's birthday party.

He and Mrs. White, Ben said, searched the house to see what was missing.

" She seemed to have gone just in old slacks and the yellow top, and Emma in the thin navy-blue dress. So far as we could see, she had no purse, no bag, nothing warm for Emma, and was without any sunglasses."

Mrs. White discovered that one of a pair of highly distinctive large sheets was missing. They were a gift from Mary's brother in the United States, and would certainly be rare in Australia.

The sheet was a tan color, with a pattern of white flowers on a black grid, labelled "Vera Collection by Burlington."

Also missing were the scissors Mary kept in the kitchen. (A large pair of scissors was found in Hynes' home, identified as Mary's by Mrs. White. There was also a broken pair of sunglasses.)

A joint savings-account book containing \$600 (held by Mary for her mother) was safely hidden. But the chequebook was missing.

That was what sent Ben to the bank on Monday morning, to be told about the two signed cheques and the bearded man.

Ben said, "From that moment, I was sure Mary and Emma had come to harm."

In those days before either of us had heard of Robert John Hynes, many things puzzled me.

If Mary had the wit to leave off the extra words, why not sign even more incorrectly, to alert the bank?

"I think she tried to." Ben said. "The cheque immediately preceding those two has never been presented. She could have used it first that day, signing it incorrectly.

"But there were several things in the house signed 'Mary C. Goffman.' The man could have checked with them, and forced her to tear the cheque up.

"So leaving off the initials was the best she could do."

How did he get the two away, in broad daylight, and without an outcry?

"Mary would do anything," Ben said, "if he threatened Emma. Or perhaps they were dead when he took them out."

Always Ben came back to the "bearded man", who called about the car, and frightened Mary.

At first, the man was to inspect the car at night, when Ben was home.

"Then he rang back and cancelled, 'because he had to work back at a Parramatta pharmacy', and arranged to go out to the house when I wasn't there.

"Afterwards my friends and I, then the private detective, combed Parramatta but we never found that man."

Ben's life over those months was torture.

It happened when he was especially tired, closest to breakdown. Very soon he would think: Not Mary. Mary wouldn't have just run away, deserting Jane and Sarah too, putting him and her mother on this rack, causing Teddy to fret. Not Mary.

Had she broken down? Were she and Emma wandering about in God knew what condition?

One witness thought so. After reading a newspaper story, she identified them as a lost-looking, dirty woman and child she had seen wandering about at Circular Quay.

Ben felt the descriptions didn't fit. But for a long time afterward, he haunted the Quay. Deep down, though, he knew the truth from that first moment in the bank, when he heard about the bearded man.

His last words to me before he left were: "That man killed them, and hid them somewhere in the bush."

Now Ben and the police appeal for aid.

If you observed anything on that February day, or before, or since, which might be of assistance, please contact your local police or the Sydney C.I.B. (Tel. 20966).

**Det.-Sgt. Tupman:** " Someone may have seen Hynes acting in unusual or suspicious circumstances. He may have used his own car or a stolen one.

" Particularly contact us if you were ever approached, either by telephone or in person, in a similar manner to the North Curl Curl housewife.

"Someone may have seen the missing sheet from the Goffman

home, or Mary's distinctive ring.

" Any information, however slight, may help us to break this case, and who knows how many others? "

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/47473545/4906874>

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The Canberra Times  
**Tuesday 5 December 1972** page 7 of 24  
**Missing woman believed murdered**

**SYDNEY, Monday.** – A missing Sydney woman and her three year-old daughter are believed to have been murdered by a man killed in a car accident while being pursued by police on June 16 this year, police said today.

The Senior City Coroner, Mr K. M. Waller, SM, today opened a magisterial inquiry into the disappearance of Mrs Mary Crozier Goffman, 43, and her daughter Emma, of Mosman, on February 11.

**Detective Sergeant Harry Desmond Tupman**, of the **Special Crime Squad**, told the Coroner he believed that Mrs Goffman and her daughter had been killed by Mr **Robert John Hynes**.

He said Mr Hynes had been involved in a car accident on June 16 after being pursued by police and had died as a result of his injuries on June 19 in the Royal North Shore Hospital.

Sergeant Tupman said police inquiries had shown that on February 11, two cheques for \$50 and \$650 had been drawn from the Goffman's joint account by a man who had later been identified as Mr Hynes by bank officials from a photograph.

The manager of the Mosman branch of the Commercial Bank of Sydney, Mr Henry John Barnard, told the court he had tried to ring Mrs Goffman at work but had been unsuccessful in contacting them.

Mr Barnard said he had initialled the cheques and the money, in \$10 notes had been handed to the man.

He said the amount of the cheques, the fact that they were to be presented in cash and that it was not Mr Goffman accepting the money, had worried him.

However, the man's actions had not revealed any fear and he had not acted suspiciously.

"I felt at that point that I was satisfied it was all right", he said.

The hearing was adjourned.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/110623865>

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### **Finding of murder**

**SYDNEY**, Tuesday. – A coroner acting as a Justice of the Peace found today that Mrs Mary Crazier Gofman, 43, and her daughter Emma, of Mosman, died on February 11 this year at the hands of a person since deceased.

The Senior City Coroner, Mr Wallen, SM, said, "But as to the manner and cause of death and place, the evidence does not enable me to say. I further find that although no bodies have been found I am satisfied death actually took place".

He said he was satisfied that they had been killed by Mr Robert John Hynes who, he had been told at an earlier inquiry, had died in Royal North Shore Hospital on June 19 after a car accident while being pursued by police.

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**Identified**

**SYDNEY, Monday.** –

Police positively identified today two skeletons found at Ingleside on Friday as Mrs Mary Goffman, 43, and her daughter, Emma, 3.

At a coroner's inquiry on December 5, 1972, Mr K. M. Walker, SM, found the mother and daughter had been murdered by Robert John Hynes, 34, who died in a car accident while being chased by police on June 19, 1972.

The Canberra Times

**Friday 21 January 1977** page 1 of 24

**Sailor, 19, charged over Nowra fire**

A junior sailor had been charged by the Navy yesterday afternoon with a number of serious offences in relation to the fire at the Nowra naval air station on December 4, the

Minister for Defence, Mr Killen, said in a statement yesterday.

Able Seaman G. J. Trent, 19, of the base, was charged after lengthy questioning at the base yesterday.

A spokesman for Mr Killen said that the man had been charged under the Naval Discipline Act, but no further details of the charges were available yet. He is in naval custody.

## **12 aircraft**

Investigations into the fire, which damaged or destroyed 12 Grumman Tracker aircraft and a hangar, have been in progress since the fire.

Mr Killen said that the investigation had been greatly assisted by the **NSW Police Arson Squad, led by Detective Inspector Harry Tupman**, Commonwealth Police and Navy officers had also inquired.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/110836319>

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Mr Tupman, the first head of the state's homicide squad when it was formed in 1977, was known as the "detective's detective" in the days before CCTV, DNA, the internet and mobile phones made the job easier.

Among his high-profile cases was the tracking down and arrest of Ryan, who had shot and killed a prison officer during an escape from Melbourne's Pentridge Prison in 1965. Ryan was caught while visiting a woman in Sydney in a car with a boot full of loaded firearms and became the last man to be hanged in Australia.

In 1960, the former detective inspector Tupman solved the kidnapping and murder of eight-year-old Graeme Thorne, whose father had won \$100,000 on the Opera House lottery, the equivalent of more than \$5 million in today's money. The killer, Stephen Bradley, was tracked down after he fled to Sri Lanka and was extradited to Australia.

Mr Tupman was guest of honour at a recent reunion of the elite homicide squad when those who had worked with him as young officers spoke of him as a "super sleuth", a "relentless hunter" and a meticulous professional. Mr Tupman said at the time that technology would never replace the key to being a good detective, which was to be a good listener.

Mr Tupman had suffered from Alzheimer's disease and died in hospital, leaving his wife Yvonne, 94, their daughters Robyn Tupman – a NSW District Court judge – Lyn Bardetta, five grandchildren and a great-grandson.

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