

Renee Anne LONGFORD

22/01/2021

Renee Anne LONGFORD

NSW Goulburn Police Academy PREP Class # 268

Married to NSWPF Member Sgt Peter Cotton, # ?????

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 31467

Rank: Commenced Training at Goulburn Police Academy on Sunday 17 November 1996 (aged 19 years & 20 days)(spent 5 months, 29 days at Academy)

Probationary Constable – appointed Friday 16 May 1997 (aged 19 years, 6 months, 18 days)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1/c – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? 2008?

Final Rank: Sergeant

Stations: ?, Liverpool GDs(22 Division)(May 1997 – 2000), Cabramatta GDs(34 Division)(2000 – ?)(involved in Operation Puccini), Picton GDs (Sgt)(35 Division), Bowral (2008 – death)

Service: From 17 November 1996 to 24 January 2012 = 15

years, 2 months, 7 days Service

Awards: No find on Australian Honours system

Born: Friday 28 October 1977

Died on: Tuesday 24 January 2012

Cause: Cancer (Angiosarcoma)

Age: 34 years, 2 months, 24 days

Event Date: Diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of cancer since late 2010

Funeral date: Friday 10 February 2012 @ 12.30pm

Funeral location: St John's Anglican Church, Menangle Rd,
Camden, NSW

Buried at: Cremated – Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Leppington,
NSW

Memorial: NSW Police Force Service Memorial Wall, Sydney
Police Centre, Surry Hills, E10 (right wall)





Photo: Courtesy of **Joe Stanioch # 14194**
Liverpool Police History

RENEE is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance
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**FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED ABOUT THIS PERSON, THEIR LIFE,
THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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This is a song I (Tom Longford) started writing for Renee when she was first diagnosed with Angiosarcoma.

After completing the first verse, I had optimistically hoped that each subsequent verse would be brighter than the last, and that the song would eventually include a happy ending.

Unfortunately, I was never given the opportunity to add anything positive for the rest of Renee's battle.

I finished the song after we lost Renee and shared it with our Parents and our Brother.

I hope to one day record it properly with my band – but at this stage, if you're interested in listening, you'll just be hearing a version recorded via web-mic on my laptop.



<https://www.australianpolice.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Rest.mp3>

Sergeant Longford, of Picton, died on January 24 after battling a rare and aggressive form of cancer since late 2010.

She served as a police officer for 14 years and worked at Liverpool and Cabramatta before she began working at Bowral in 2008.

Superintendent Worboys said Sergeant Longford would be remembered as an excellent communicator who was positive about

her duties, with no task ever too big or small.

“Sergeant Longford was the sort of officer that police commanders just want to have around,” he said.

“Renee was just as good at chasing and catching criminals as she was comforting victims of crime.

“She will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with her family.”

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LONGFORD, Renee Anne

28.10.1977 – 24.1.2012

Beloved wife of Peter,

loving Mum of Dean, Jake and Emma.

Very much loved daughter of Dell and John,

loved sister of David & Nat, and Tim & Alison.

Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Aged 34 years

Forever in our hearts

RENEE's relatives and friends are warmly invited to attend her Funeral Service to be held in St John's Anglican Church, Menangle Road, Camden on Friday, 10th February 2012, commencing at 12.30pm.

Following the service the cortege will proceed to Forest Lawn Crematorium.

In lieu of flowers, donations to cancer research would be appreciated, a donation box will be available at the church.

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February 14 2012 – 5:20AM

'Humbling' farewell to policewoman

• **Nick Bielby**

FAMILY, friends and colleagues of **Sergeant Renee Longford** said farewell to their friend and comrade at an official police funeral on Friday.

Sgt Longford died on January 24 after battling a **rare and aggressive form of cancer** since late 2010.

She served as a police officer for 14 years and worked at Liverpool and Cabramatta before she began working at Bowral in 2008.

Sgt Longford and husband **Peter Cotton**, a police officer based at Picton, have three children, Dean, Jake and two-year-old Emma.

Sgt Cotton said his wife was also step mother to two of his children from a previous relationship.

About 500 people attended the service at St John's Anglican

Church in Camden, among those Sgt Longford's colleagues, some wearing plain clothes and others in uniform.

Sgt Cotton said the rain stopped when his wife was brought to the family home before the funeral and the wet weather held off until after the service.

A police guard of honour saluted Sgt Longford as she was taken into the church and Sgt Cotton said it was only when leaving that he realised how many people had come to pay their respects to his wife.

"They lined the road way and it surprised me on the way out because I knew how many people we had left behind (in the church).

"I've done a lot of police funerals in my time and it was one of the biggest I had been to let alone been involved with."

Sgt Cotton said a second service was then held at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Leppington, where the police guard of honour continued the display respect.

He said Goulburn LAC commander Superintendent Gary Worboys and family friends Ben and Tim Mallott were among those who spoke about Sgt Longford at the service.

Supt Worboys said Sgt Longford's funeral was a fitting tribute to her dedication to her job as a police officer.

He said Sgt Longford would be remembered as an excellent communicator that was positive about her duties, with no task ever too big or small.

"Sgt Longford was the sort of officer that police commanders just want to have around," he said.

"Renee was just as good at chasing and catching criminals as she was comforting victims of crime.

“She will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with her family.”

Sgt Cotton said the service was the best the family could have hoped for.

“It was quite humbling and quite fitting.

“I’m very proud that she’d touched the hearts of so many people.”



Sgt Longford being taken into St John’s Anglican Church in Camden on Friday for an official police funeral service. Photo by Jeff de Pasquale



Colleagues of Sgt Longford, led by **Senior Constable Natalie Innes**, speaking at the funeral service on Friday. Photo by Jeff de Pasquale

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Officer fights against cancer

• **Ben McClellan**



RENEE LONGFORD isn't letting an aggressive form of cancer plaguing her body defeat her.



Tracey Bailey, Jill Linford, Daren Farr (# 23446) and Renee and Emma Longford catch up at Bowral Police Station last week. Photo by Ben McClellan



Picton bowling day organisers **Constable Leisa Faulkner** and **Constable Kim Rutley**, **Renee Longford**, Picton Bowling Club GM **Debbie Egan** and Mens Bowls president **Bob Lang** last December. Photo by Jonathan Ng

The Bowral police sergeant, who has been off work since September last year, dropped in on some of her colleagues last week to thank them and the community for all the money raised to help her family.

A fundraising dinner at Mittagong RSL last November along with a host of smaller events and donations raised \$47,255.

The family lives in Picton and a fundraising bowls day, where everyone was asked to don Ms Longford's favourite colour yellow, was another success last December.

Ms Longford's partner Peter Cotton, also a police officer, has returned to work at Camden. The couple have five children between them.

The couple has three children, including a one-year-old, and Mr Cotton has two children from a previous relationship.

The 33-year-old has been an officer for 13 years and served at Liverpool and Cabramatta before moving to Bowral as a sergeant in October, 2008.

Ms Longford used the visit to publicly thank the Highlands community.

“Thanks to the business community for their donations and all my colleagues who have been fantastic,” she said.

“Thanks to Graeme Day for hosting the night and Tony Fountain for running the auction.”

Ms Longford has undergone six rounds of chemotherapy and she said the cancer around her hips and spine has stopped growing.

She said she was considering using an experimental kidney transplant drug that could help.

While she would never walk the beat again she was focused on getting back to work.

“I’d love to get back to work,” she said.

Bowral colleague Jill Linford said the station had been overwhelmed by the support the community had shown.

“It’s really, really nice,” she said.

Sergeant Darren Farr, one of the longest serving officers at Bowral, said he didn’t realise how much support was out in the community for the police.

Longford appeal

A BANK account has been opened with the BDCU to help Renee Longford and her family:

BSB: 802 101. ACCOUNT: 352 583. A/c NAME: Renee Longford Appeal

southernhighlandnews.com.au/story/1070377/officer-fights-against-cancer/



Event Details...

Event : Summa Krooze Nite [NSW]
Venue : 17 Childs Rd. Chipping Norton
Event Date : 15-01-2011
Time : 6:00 AM - 11:59 PM
Type : New South Wales
Description :

Summa Krooze Nite [NSW] 17 Childs Rd. Chipping Norton 15th January, 2011

Summa Krooze Nite is at Drag-Ens Club Rooms, 17 Childs Rd. Chipping Norton, NSW on 15 January, 2011.

Hours: 6:00 PM till late

Pre 48 Hot Rods, Customs and American muscle cars all welcome.

Flattrakkers live.

Jumping castle for kids. Raffles.

Sausage sizzle and cold drinks available.

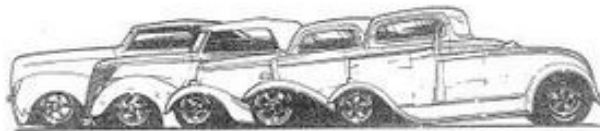
All funds raised will be donated to the Renee Longford Fund.

For more info. call Mick Cooley 4628 8819

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17 CHILDS RD CHIPPING NORTON

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- ✳ FLATTRAKKERS LIVE
- ✳ JUMPING CASTLE FOR KIDS
- ✳ RAFFLES
- ✳ SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND COLD DRINKS AVAILABLE
- ✳ ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO THE RENEE LONGFORD FUND



MICK COOLEY 4628 8819

Summer Cruise Benefit Night

Saturday 15 January 2011

The Club hosted a Cruise Night on Saturday 15 January 2011 with proceeds going to Renee Longford, the daughter of one of our life members, John Longford.

□ Renee was recently diagnosed with an aggressive type of bone cancer. The Club members decided to help by organising a cruise night at our clubrooms with all proceeds going to Renee.

□ The night started about 6.00pm and it wasn't long before the car park was filled with Hot Rods, Customs and American Muscle Cars. There were many more vehicles parked in the street. All in all there were in excess of 100 cars.

□ The Flattrackers provided the music for the evening and the kids were entertained with a giant jumping castle. The members were kept busy cooking the BBQ for the crowd of over 500 people. A monster raffle was held during the night with prizes donated by various members and other supporters of the evening.

□ It was a great night which was enjoyed by all and we thank everyone for their support. We were able to hand Renee an amount of \$3000.00 which will assist her and her family during this difficult time.

□ A special thanks must go to Mick and Pam Cooley who co-ordinated the night as well as all the members who donated items for the raffle.

□ Here are a few photos taken during the night.



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Renee Longford

MY BATTLE WITH CANCER

Renee thought she had nothing more than a sore back from carrying her gun belt, but unfortunately, this was not the case.

Local police Sergeant Renee Longford, thought she had nothing more than a sore back from carrying her gunbelt (a common problem for police officers). Sadly this was not the case. After numerous scans and consultations, the cause of her nagging back pain was identified as a rare and aggressive form of cancer.

On Saturday 23rd July, I had the most wonderful opportunity to sit down with Renee and her husband Peter to chat to her about her ongoing battle with this wretched disease. This warm loving family invited me into their home like an old friend. In a house filled with the sounds of children yelling and playing video games, they seem a typical, boisterous young family. It seems hard to believe that over the past eleven months, they have been through more pain than any family should have to. Renee was very forthcoming and open with me as we discussed her battle with cancer. Her is

a very rare form called Angiosarcoma, in short (AS).

Renee was just 33 years old, in September 2010 when the diagnosis was made, following 6 weeks of scans and investigations.

In November 2010 our local community here in the southern highlands held a fundraising night, hosted by our local radio spokesman Graeme Day, in support of Renee. This helped raise over \$50,000.00 for Renee and her family.

Since the diagnosis, Renee has gone through an unimaginable number of scans, operations, chemotherapies and radiation treatments. The doctors found two tumours in her skull, which needed to be surgically removed. This meant the complete removal of the left side of her skull, which was then replaced with titanium. Renee has also had a hip replacement. She continues to need blood transfusions every 6 - 8 weeks.

AS is so rare that no specific medications have been developed to treat it. Doctors are currently treating Renee with a drug called



Renee and her Husband Peter sit together watching their children running around the backyard



Abraxine, normally used to treat breast cancer.

Renee contacted me again the other day with some more terrible news. She had begun experiencing chest pains and shortness of breath, and when the doctors investigated, they found three more tumours; one on each lung, and one on her sternum. Of course, this means more scans and more chemotherapy. Because the drugs she has been using are experimental for this type of cancer, it also raises questions about their effectiveness. At this stage, if the doctors find that the tumours continue to grow while taking Abraxine, a different Chemotherapy will have to be trialled. If tests confirm that the Abraxine is effectively shrinking the tumours, the treatment will remain the same.

With all of the difficulties and uncertainties of this rare and serious condition, Renee con-



tinues to live every precious moment with her three wonderful children; Dean, 7, Jake, 5, and little Emma, just 2 years. Every other weekend Renee's step sons, Matthew, 12, and Lucas, 14, also come to stay. It truly is a full house, and Renee is a true battler.

I know everyone here at The Highland's Way is wishing Renee and her family all the best for the future.

Readers who would like to send their support and best wishes to Renee can find her on her facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100001667191577&sk=wall>

We wish you all the best, Renee.
