

Daniel James SYKES

17/12/2023

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AKA Dan SYKES, Danny SYKES

* Nickname: SYKSEY

Late of Nords Wharf, NSW

Listen here sweet heart

Relations in 'the job':

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Goulburn Police Academy – **Class # 233**

*Last of the Pre 1988ers' in relation to Police Superannuation
changing on 1 April 1988*

New South Wales Police Force

ProCst # 99706

Regd. # 24895

Rank: Commenced Training at Goulburn Police Academy on Sunday
3 January 1988 (aged 21 years, 7 months) (Previously
employed as an Electrician)

Probationary Constable- appointed Friday 25 March 1988 (aged
21 years, 10 months, 21 days)

Constable – appointed 25 March 1989

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (NO)

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? (Newcastle)

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

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? 2003 (Newcastle)

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Inspector – appointed ? ? ?

Chief Inspector – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Chief Inspector

Stations: Lake Macquarie area (10 years)(1988 – 1998)(GDs) – Swansea, Belmont, Catherine Hill Bay, Charlestown, Newcastle – Youth Liaison Officer (1998 – 2001), Newcastle (GDs)(2001 – 2007), Communications Group (VKG)(Sgt)(2007 – 2012), Lake Macquarie area (2012 – ?)(Field Operations)(Sgt – Acting Insp), Fairfield (34 Division)(South West Metro area)(Inspector)(? – 2020), Lake Macquarie (Inspector – Duty Officer)(March 2020), seconded to VKG Newcastle (2021 – 2022) but remand attached to Lake Macquarie District as a Duty Officer until his Death.

Time employed with NSW Police: From: 3 January 1988 to 16
December 2023 = 35 years, 8 months, 21 days

Service: From 3 January 1988 to 16 December 2023

Retirement / Leaving age: = 57 years, 7 months, 12 days

Time in Retirement from Police: 0

Awards: No Find on the Australian Honours system – however
4th Clasp to the NSW Police Medal – granted
1st Clasp to the National Medal – granted
National Police Service Medal – granted



Photo – 2014 in Stroud, NSW

Born: Wednesday 4 May 1966 in Darlinghurst, NSW

Died on: Saturday 16 December 2023

Age: 57 years, 7 months, 12 days

Organ Donor: Yes

His Liver has saved another's life,

His Kidneys freed two people,
His Heart continues to beat within another

Cause: Depression – Suicide / Euthanasia – Hanging – At home

Event location: Nords Wharf, NSW

Event / Diagnosis date: Friday 15 December 2023

Funeral date: Friday 29 December 2023 @ noon

Funeral location: The Chapel, 7 Murray Dwyer Circuit,
Mayfield West, NSW

Wake location: ???

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: Pettigrew Funerals, 02 49511166

Buried at: ?

Grave Location: Section: Row: ? Plot: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (December 2023)

DAN is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance * BUT
SHOULD BE

DAN IS entitled to be mentioned on the Police Wall of
Remembrance

DAN IS entitled to be mentioned on the Sydney Police Centre
Memorial Wall, Surry Hills

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

PLEASE SEND PHOTOS AND INFORMATION TO Cal

May they forever Rest In Peace

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AustralianPolice.com.au/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NSWFallenPolice/>

Australian Police YouTube Channel

December 2024

On September 27, at the NSW Police Wall of Remembrance, and all around the nation, National Police Remembrance Day was celebrated. Before the ceremony, our Chair Det Supt Donna McCarthy held a private Touchstone Ceremony, where members of the Zucchetti, Burns, and Schell families were presented with the Touchstones of their loved one.

At the service we honoured the names of NSW Police Force's Sergeant **Peter Thomas Stone**, and SA Police's Brevet Sergeant **Jason Christopher Doig**, who died while on duty, as well as the serving members of NSW Police who have passed away in the last 12 months:

Administrative Assistant **Sivarajasingham Sivakumarasingham**

Chief Inspector **Matthew John Jeremiah Meares**

Senior Constable **Tanya Louise Smith**

Detective Senior Constable **Joanne Katherine Travers**

Chief Inspector **Daniel James Sykes**

Sergeant **Joshua David Kasun**

Communications Officer **Nicholas Jones**

Sergeant **Penny Ann Armstrong**

Sergeant **Leslie Michael Nugent**

Senior Intelligence Analyst **Fiona Taylor**

Administrative Support Officer **Ashley Linden Feeney**

Probationary Constable **Timothy John Wally Sheppard**

General Administrative Support Officer **Tammy Leigh Nagle**

After the ceremony, three of our young Police Legatees – Oscar, Max, and Bronte – were presented with the Commissioner’s Scholarship. This award has the personal endorsement of the Commissioner, and each young Legatee receives money to support them in their chosen studies and endeavours.

A day of love and remembrance, a day of sadness and of promise.

National Police Remembrance Day 2024 | NSW Police Legacy

For those who worked in Fairfield, SWM, Lake Macquarie and their surrounds, it is with much sadness that I inform you that Inspector Dan SYKES has succumbed to the Black Dog and has passed away.

Dan attempted suicide, on Friday, and was placed on life support but has now passed on Saturday.

Dan, you were a great guy and great cop.

I am sorry that the black dog wouldn’t let you go for long enough to reach out.











Photo – 2014 in Newcastle



Photo = 2019



Make sure that everyone is alright.

Check on each other.



Talk to each other.

Seek Help after a shit job.

Make the Welfare check.

Call on the Team after a shit job.

*When you are asked, Say you are **NOT O.K.***

☐   Shattered, such a great calibre of a cop, a colleague you want to have by your side. Funny, supportive and great all round guy, *he was a Sgt and did periods of acting Chief Inspector whilst stationed at Newcastle.*

Paul Lyth
Retired C/Insp.
Newcastle
17 December 2023

Tributes

Paul Gauci wrote on 29 December 2023

Dan SYKES one of the true good guys. I will value the time we got to know each other and work together whilst at Fairfield. My deepest condolences to the family.

Kim Marsden (nee Thomas) wrote on 27 December 2023

I was so sad to hear about the passing of Danny and my heart goes out to Raelene, your family and friends. May you rest in eternal peace.

Greg Callander wrote on 26 December 2023 May Dan SYKES (NSWPF # 24895 from Goulburn Police Academy Class 233) who Served the people of NSW for 35 years, 8 months, 21 days between 3 January 1988 – 16 December 2023) Forever Rest In Peace.

Daniel James SYKES

Memorial Post updated 1 October 2025 with police Legacy post – dated December 2024.