

# Sally HOWE

24/03/2026

## Sally HOWE

AKA Sal HOWE, Howey

\* Nickname: ?

Late of ?

Relations in 'the job' ?

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Goulburn Police Academy – **Class # PREP 265**

New South Wales Police Force

**Regd. # 30783**

**Rank:** Commenced Training at Goulburn Police Academy on  
Sunday 18 February 1996 ( aged 21 years, 6 months, 3

days )

Probationary Constable – appointed Friday 16 August 1996 ( aged 22 years, 0 months, 1 days )

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Constable

Stations: Wollongong ( 82 Division )( ProCst ), Corrimal ( 82 Division ), Sutherland ( 24 Division ), ?

Service ( From Training Date ) period: From 18 February 1996 to 2 July 1999 = 3 years, 4 months, 14 days  
Service

Time employed ( Paid ) with NSW Police: From: 18 February 1996 to 2 July 1999 = 3 years, 4 months, 14 days  
Service

Time in Retirement from Police: 26 years, 8 months, 3 days

Age at Retirement / Leaving: = 24 years, 10 months, 17 days

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours system



Sally HOWE  
AKA Sal HOWE, Howey

**Born:** Thursday 15 August 1974

**Died on:** Thursday 5 March 2026

**Age:** 51 years, 6 months, 18 days

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

Cause: Blood issues Pre. Op. for a minor surgery.

Event location: ?

Event / Diagnosis date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: Private funeral already held

**LIVE STREAM** – No Live Stream

Wake location: ?

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Grave Location: Section: Row: ? Plot: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

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

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

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

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24 March 2026

Updated 25 March 2026 with Regd. # and various calculations.

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# Ross Cameron GRAHAM

24/03/2026

## Ross Cameron GRAHAM

AKA Ross GRAHAM

\* Nickname: Bear, Big Bear

Late of ?

Relations in 'the job' ?

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Goulburn Police Academy- Class # 311, 312 or 313

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 47224

Rank: Commenced Training at Goulburn Police Academy on Monday  
?? 2010 – 2011 ( aged ? years, ? months, ? days  
)

Probationary Constable – appointed ??? ( aged ?  
years, ? months, ? days )

Constable – appointed ???

Constable 1st Class – appointed ???

Detective – appointed ???

Senior Constable – appointed ???

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ???

Final Rank: = Constable

Stations: ?, Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command –  
Retirement with PTSD

Service ( From Training Date ) period: From ?? 2011 to  
2 May 2019 ( PTSD ) = 8 years, ? months, ? days  
Service

Time employed ( Paid ) with NSW Police: From: ?? 2011  
to 2 May 2019 ( PTSD ) = 8 years, ? months, ? days  
Service

Time in Retirement from Police: 6 years, 2 months,  
0 days

Age at Retirement / Leaving: = ? years, ? months, ?  
days

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours system



Born: ? ? 1980 – 1981

Died on: Wednesday 2 July 2025

Age: 44 years, ? months, ? days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause: Depression –

Event location: ? TBA

Event / Diagnosis date: ?

Funeral date: Friday 18 July 2025 @ 1pm

Funeral location: St Brigids Church, 135B Brook St, Coogee,  
NSW

LIVE STREAM ? TBA

Wake location: ?

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ? TBA

Buried at: ?

Grave Location: Section: Row: ? Plot: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

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

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

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May you Forever Rest In Peace Bear.







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14 July 2025

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# Morris Langlo WEST

24/03/2026

**Morris Langlo WEST AM, APM**

AKA Morris WEST, Maurie WEST, Morry Marbo

Late of Dubbo, NSW

“possible” relation in ‘the job’: ?

New South Wales Police Force

**Regd. # 16865**

**Rank:** Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on  
Wednesday 29 January 1975 ( aged 19 years, 0 months, 20 days )

Probationary Constable- appointed 10 March 1975 ( aged 19  
years, 2 months, 1 day )

Constable – appointed 10 April 1976 ( Loss of 1 month  
Seniority for unknown reason )

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed 10 April 1984

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

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Inspector – appointed ? ? ?

Chief Inspector – appointed ? ? ?

Superintendent – appointed ? ? ?

Chief Superintendent – appointed ? ? ?

Assistant Commissioner – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Assistant Commissioner ?

Stations: ?, Cronulla ( 24 Division )( 1975 ), ?, Picton ( 35 Division )( 1982 ), Camden ( 35 Division ), ?, Campbelltown ( 35 Division ), ?, Campsie ( 13 Division )( O.I.C. ), ?, Bourke ( Patrol Tactician ( c1992 ), ?, Camden ( 35 Division ), ?, Inner City Sydney, ?, " possibly" Wollongong ( 82 Division ), ?, South East Region – Commander ( 4 – 5 months ) before the restructure of 2002 when the number of regions were reduced / amalgamated., Western Region Commander – Dubbo ( Assistant Commissioner )( March 2002 – 2004 ) – Retirement

Service: From 29 January 1975 to ? ? 2004 = 29 years Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = ?

Time in Retirement from Police: ?

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 17 March 1992 ( Sgt )

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 6 April 2001 ( Supt )

Australian Police Medal ( **APM** ) – **granted** 14 June 2004 ( Assistant Commissioner )

Born: Monday 9 January 1956

Died on: Saturday 6 May 2023 during the morning

Age: 67 years, 3 months, 27 days

Organ Donor: Yes

Cause: Organ failure – Perforated Bowel

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Wednesday 10 May 2023

Funeral location: ? TBA

**LIVE STREAM** ? TBA

Wake location: ??? TBA

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Cremated

Grave Location: Plot: ? Section: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

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

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

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**Class 146** – Redfern Police Academy. Sworn In on Monday 10 March 1975. They didn't have a March Out because the Parade ground was flooded. They were Sworn In in one of the Class rooms. Martin BETCHER ( Back Row, 2nd from left )

Given Name	Surname	State	Award	Date
Morris Langlo	WEST		Member of the Order of Australia	26-January-1985
Morris Langlo	WEST		Officer of the Order of Australia	09-June-1997
Morris Langle	WEST		National Medal	17-March-1992
Morris Langle	WEST		National Medal - 1st Clasp	06-April-2001
Morris Langlo	WEST		Australian Police Medal	14-June-2004

There is some confusion about the **middle name** of **Morris WEST** which is exaggerated by the misspelling within the Australian Honours system. As mentioned in the screen shot from Australian Honours system, Morris **Langle** WEST was an **Uncle** to Morris **Langlo** WEST. Morris **Langle** WEST was an **Author** whereas Morris **Langlo** WEST was, in fact, a **Member of the NSWPF**.

Therefore, the screen capture above, from the Australian Honours system, clearly shows that **Langlo** is credited with Honours that he didn't actually receive and **Langle** is also credited with Honours that he didn't actually received. Both of these persons were actually named Morris **LANGLO** West. Our Policeman was named after his fathers brother – the Author which means the spelling upon the Australian Honours system is incorrect in relation to the middle name **LANGLE**.

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Morris Langlo WEST was named after his Uncle, who was an Author – Morris Langlo WEST.

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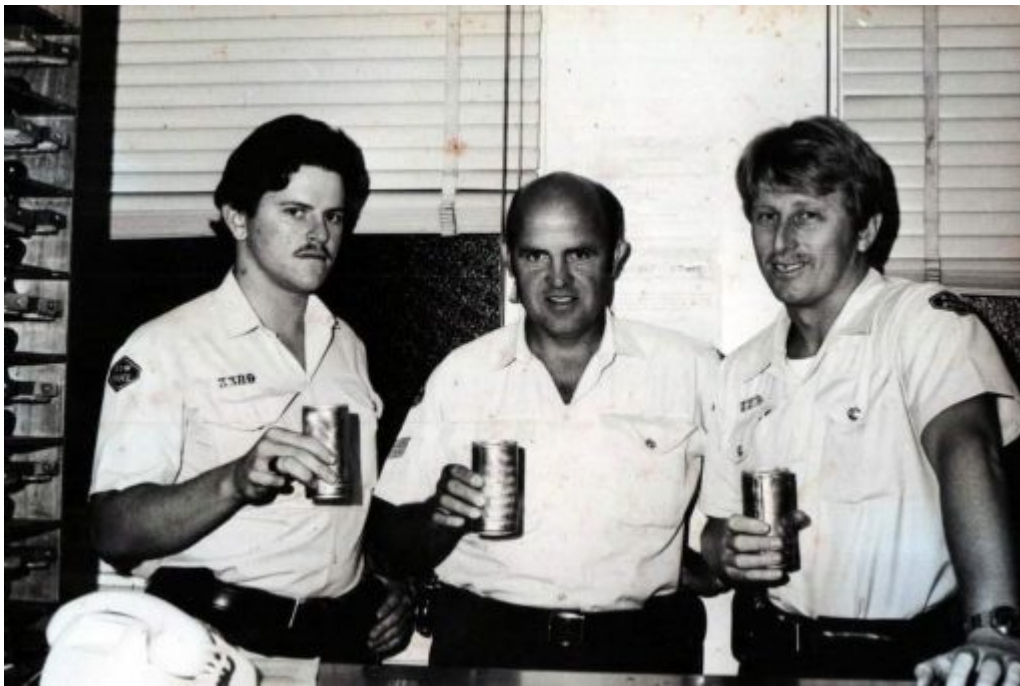






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8 May 2023

Updated 14 June 2023

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# Wesley Raymond WALKER

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## Wesley Raymond WALKER

AKA Wes WALKER

Late of Cabramatta, NSW

“possible” relation in ‘the job’: ?

Father = Ray WALKER, NSWPF # 15050 ( R.I.P. )( 2005 )

NSW Goulburn Police Academy – Class # DPP 13 ( Class 286 )

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 37845

Rank: Commenced Training at Goulburn Police Academy on Monday  
?? 2002

Probationary Constable- appointed Friday 30 August 2002

Constable – appointed ???

Constable 1st Class – appointed ???

Detective – appointed ???

Senior Constable – appointed ???

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ???

Final Rank: = ?

Stations: ?, Cabramatta ( 34 Division ), Flemington ( 32 Division ), Auburn ( 32 Division ) – Resigned and took up a plumbing trade.

Service: From ?? 2002 to ?? 2011 = 9? years Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = ?

Time in Retirement from Police: ?

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours system

Born: Friday 3 February 1978

Died on: Saturday 30 July 2022

Age: 44 years, 5 months, 27 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause:

Event location: ?

Event date: ? July 2022

Funeral date: Thursday 11 August 2022

Funeral location: Our Lady of the Rosary, 18 Vine St,  
Fairfield West, NSW

**LIVE STREAM** PIN: **TBA** Email: **TBA**

( **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: Rookwood Cemetery, Lidcombe, NSW

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

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



IN LOVING MEMORY

**Said goodbye today**

**Wesley Raymond Walker**

30 FEBRUARY 1978 — 30 JULY 2022



@WALKER\_PLUMBING

**THURSDAY 11 AUGUST 2022**

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY • FAIRFIELD

DOB should read: 3 February 1978

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NOT JOB RELATED

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Wes had resigned from the employ of NSWPF in 2011 and pursued a career in Plumbing – making a family business from it.

Wes is described as a larakin and life of the party.



Culburra – 2020



May Wes, and his father – Ray, Forever Rest In Peace.

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12 August 2022

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# Adam Victor CHILD

24/03/2026

## Adam Victor CHILD

AKA ?

Late of ?

“possible” relation in ‘the job’: P/Woman C M Child ( nee  
Doherty ) ?

Det Sgt Phil Child ( Liverpool ( 22 Division )( 1970s ) ) ?

NSW Goulburn Police Academy – **Class # 26?**

New South Wales Police Force

**Regd. # 30369**

**Rank:** Commenced Training at Goulburn Police Academy on Sunday  
20 August 1995 ( aged 19 years, 8 months, 16 days )

Probationary Constable- appointed ? ? ?

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? ( YES )

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

**Final Rank:** = Detective Sergeant

**Stations:** ?, SCC Serious Crime Directorate ( Parramatta )( 18  
Division ) – Homicide Squad – Death

**Service:** From 20 August 1995 to 1 August 2022 = 26  
years, 11 months, 12 days Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = 46 years, 7 months, 28 days

Time in Retirement from Police: 0

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours

Born: Thursday 4 December 1975

Died on: Monday 1 August 2022

Age: 46 years, 7 months, 28 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause: Depression – Anxiety – Suicide – Firearm –  
Departmental Glock

Event location: Inside Ermington Police Station, 18 Lister  
Ave, Ermington, NSW

Event date: Monday 1 August 2022



Funeral date: Thursday 11 August 2022

Funeral location: ? TBA

LIVE STREAM PIN: TBA Email: TBA

( [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 ( AUGUST 2022 )

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BUT SHOULD BE

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**Beyond Blue's coronavirus support service:** 1800 512 348 or  
[coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au](http://coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au)

**Kids Helpline:** 1800 55 1800 or [kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au)

**Headspace:** 1800 650 890 or [headspace.org.au](http://headspace.org.au)

Are you anxious? Take the Beyond Blue quiz to see how you're tracking and whether you could benefit from support

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# Police officer found dead at Sydney's Ermington Police Station

An investigation has been launched after a police officer was found dead at a Sydney police station on Monday.

less than 2 min read

**August 1, 2022** – 8:12PM

A detective has been found dead at a Sydney police station.

The body of a male police officer was found at Ermington Police Station in the city's southwest at around 12.30pm on Monday, NSW Police said.

He is believed to have been shot with his police issue gun, the Daily Telegraph reported.

The 46-year-old detective sergeant from a specialist command was on-duty at the time and initial inquiries suggest there are no suspicious circumstances. A critical incident investigation has been launched by detectives from South West Metropolitan Region, who will prepare a report for the Coroner.

NSW Police says support services have been made available to

the man's colleagues and the officers at the station.

<https://www.news.com.au/national/nsw-act/news/police-officer-found-dead-at-sydneys-ermington-police-station/news-story/4001a446807de952dab5e45c9baec0a1>

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## Death of officer at Ermington Police Station uncovers police force's tragic crisis

The body of a police officer who was found dead at a station exposes a sad reality for some of the force's most vulnerable victims.



Jessica Wang

@imjesswang\_

4 min read

**August 2, 2022** – 5:43PM

The death of a detective sergeant in Sydney's northwest exposes a sad reality gripping some of the police force's most vulnerable victims.

On Monday, the body of a 46-year-old Detective Sergeant was found at Ermington Police Station at around 12.30pm.

It's understood he was on-duty at the time. Authorities are not investigating his death as suspicious and support services have been offered to his colleagues, and other staff and

officers at the station.



Police are not investigating the death as suspicious. Supplied

A critical incident has since been declared, as is standard procedure after the death of an officer. The investigation will be reviewed by the Professional Standards Command and independently oversaw by the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC), a statement from NSW Police said.

A report is also currently being prepared for the Coroner.

The death comes two years after the suicide of Sergeant Matthew Theoklis in November 2020. The father-of-two took his own life at the Sydney Police Centre building in Surry Hills.

He had joined the NSW Police in 2005 and was promoted to the rank of sergeant in December 2019.



Sergeant Matthew Theoklis was found dead in an office at the Sydney Police Centre in Surry Hills. Picture: NSW Police.

Mr Theoklis was survived by his two twin daughters, Brooke and Sophie, as well as his fiancée Rebekah, who was also a member of the NSW Police Force.

At the time Police Legacy chairperson Detective Superintendent Gary Merryweather said the pandemic and recurring natural disasters had added extra pressures to the job.

“It can become very taxing emotionally and physically being a police officer and this year has been particularly hard,” he told 2GB’s Drive host Jim Wilson.

“As we know policing can be so difficult. You can go from tragedy to a job where you’ve helped someone and feel very satisfying.

“In circumstances where it’s not foreseen by anyone, it just makes it a little bit harder, and I’m sure the family just think it’s all very surreal at the moment.

“There’s just no other way to explain it.”



The father-of-two was survived by his two twin daughters. Picture: NSW Police

According to an ABC report from January 2019, four Australian Federal Police officers died by suicide at their workplace between 2017 to 2019.

The deaths prompted the introduction of stricter firearm rules, which required officers to provide sufficient reason before drawing their weapons.

At the time, AFP Commissioner Andrew Colvin described the organisation's former measures of addressing mental health as

a “culture issue” within the force. However, he hoped that “through tragedy comes opportunities for us to learn,” adding that he hoped officers would feel better equipped to talk about and share their experiences.

“The old adage that police run towards the problem when everyone else runs away, that’s in our DNA, that’s what we do,” he said.

“So the idea that we should stop and take a break because we’re tired, because we’re fatigued, because we’re having trouble, is so foreign to police.”

In 2004, high-profile officer Steve Leach, 51, took his own life in a soundproof weapons storage room at Parramatta police station. As reported by *The Sydney Morning Herald*, he was on sick leave when he entered the building and was discovered by another officer.



Detective Senior Sergeant Steve Leach died in 2004. Picture: Jeff Herbert

Detective Senior Sergeant Leach was celebrated as the prominent homicide detective who arrested serial killer Ivan Milat in 1994. He was also involved in the investigation into the 1986 disappearance of Bondi schoolgirl Samantha Knight.

Prior to his death, he had applied for his pension after he

was hurt on duty while seconded to the European War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague.

According to his colleagues, his death was not expected, *The Age* reports.

The then NSW Police Commissioner Ken Moroney described his death as a “terrible tragedy”.

“Detective Sergeant Leach was a highly respected officer with 35 years experience and had been involved in some of the state’s most high-profile homicide investigations,” he said.



Detective Steve Leach pictured here with Shirley Soire, the sister of Ivan Milat.  
Picture: Troy Bendeich

More than a decade onwards, the suicide of former police officer Ashley Bryant triggered a coronial inquest in 2017 which found that a post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and alcoholism brought on by the extreme stresses of his work were key factors in his death.

In December 2013, the 44-year-old drove to a national park in the Byron Bay hinterlands where he ultimately died. Prior to his death, the father-of-three had made a triple-zero call where told the operator that he was “about to take my own

life”.

“I suffer post traumatic stress disorder ... I can no longer live with the pain. I want this to go to the coroner,” he said in the record call that was played at this inquest,” he said.

“There needs to be more done, more things put in place for what happens.”



Ashley Bryant made a triple-zero call in the moments before his death. Picture: Supplied

His death came a year after he was discharged from the police on medical grounds. Attempts to apply for a 'hurt on duty pension' also forced Mr Bryant to relive his traumas, before he was denied a full pension.

This was after two psychiatrists under the Police Superannuation Scheme determined that he could still work again, if he retrained for less stressful work, *The Daily Telegraph* reported.

During the inquest, his widow Deborah Bryant said the pressure of trying to apply for the pension exacerbated his PTSD, that led him to drink.

"It was the pressure of all the assessments that he had to undergo that made it too stressful for him that, unfortunately, led him back to alcohol. He never recovered from it," she told reporters.



Ashley Bryant's wife Deborah Bryant said the stress of reliving his traumas while attempting to apply for a pension drove him to excessive drinking. Picture: Richard Dobson

Startling research from Beyond Blue in 2018 also found that a first responder dies by suicide every six weeks. The mental health and wellbeing support organisation found that police and emergency services workers are more than twice as likely to experience high or very high rates of psychological distress compared to the general population.

Those who had spent more than 10 years in their jobs were also more than twice as likely to experience psychological distress and were six times more likely to experience symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

<https://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/real-life/news-life/death-of-officer-at-ermington-police-station-uncovers-police-forces-tragic-crisis/news-story/b210ec6eb3857cd2c4d2f5f815f4bf08>

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## **Hardened detective who was shot dead inside a police station is from a highly respected cop family and he cracked one of Australia's biggest murder cases: 'A steely determination for justice'**

- **Colleagues found Detective Sergeant Adam Child dead at Ermington station**
- **The accomplished cop has been remembered for his kindness in the role**
- **He was part of the Homicide Squad and had a hand in solving tough murders**
- **For confidential crisis support, contact Lifeline on 13 11 14**

By Brittany Chain For Daily Mail Australia

Published: 20:14 EDT, **3 August 2022** | Updated: 22:32 EDT, 3 August 2022

A top detective found dead inside his police station is from a highly regarded law enforcement family and solved some of Sydney's toughest cases in a two-decade career with the homicide squad.

Shocked colleagues discovered **Detective Sergeant Adam Child** dead from a gunshot wound inside a room at Ermington police station, in Sydney's west, about 12.30pm on Monday.

The 46-year-old father, who worked in the force alongside his wife, has been remembered as 'one of the finest humans and detectives' by relatives of murder victims whose cases he helped solve.

Police do not believe Mr Child's death was suspicious. He was on duty at the time and a police-issued firearm was used in the incident.

Friends and former colleagues have expressed horror at learning of the father-of-two's untimely death and questioned what support services were in place.

'I am just heartbroken. [Adam] was one of the finest humans and detectives,' said one woman, who met Mr Child when he was assigned to the case of her loved one.

She added Mr Child would be remembered for his 'compassion and steely determination for justice'.

He was publicly involved in the investigation into murdered mother Jody Galante, and was praised by her relatives for his kindness and dogged search for the truth.

The case was the subject of an Australian Story episode in 2008 which featured Mr Child, as he explained the steps he took to solve the murder and put Mrs Galante's husband, Mark, behind bars for 27 years.

'Adam Child and Anthony Agnew were so caring, they knew they were asking us to do hard things,' Mrs Galante's mother Julie-Anne Hand said at the time.

Mr Child had suspicions Mrs Galante's husband was responsible for her death but did not have enough evidence to make an arrest.

He asked her family to continue publicly supporting him while the investigation was ongoing to lull him into a false sense of security.

Almost two months later, he asked them to help clear out Mrs Galante's daughter's belongings from the house, noting 'she wouldn't be going back there'.

Following Galante's arrest, the 27-year-old pleaded guilty to his wife's murder and was sentenced to 27 years imprisonment, with a non-parole period of 20 years.

Mrs Galante's family could not praise Mr Child enough for his work on the case.

The homicide squad in NSW leads the response to major criminal investigations, including murders, suspicious deaths, critical incidents and coronial inquiries.

Mr Child has been commended for his role in countless investigations over his 20-year career.

'I'm so sick at heart right now, the ripple affect of the loss of Adam will be felt by many families today, his own family and the his family in Blue,' one friend said.

'It's a very sad day. Adam was a good man and detective... Rest

well brother.'

Mr Child was usually based at the Parramatta head office but was stationed at Ermington while working on an active investigation in the region.

A critical incident has been declared as part of standard procedures within NSW Police when an employee dies in the vicinity of other officers.

NSW Police said in a statement Mr Child's colleagues and all officers at Ermington station will be offered support to deal with the grief and shock.

Mr Child's death is the latest in a string of tragic police deaths in recent years.

Just two years ago in November 2020, Sergeant Matthew Theoklis died by suicide at the Sydney Police Centre in Surry Hills.

Between 2017 and 2019, a further five Australian Federal Police officers took their own lives on the job.

A 24-hour trauma response hotline was established in NSW and 1,200 officers were trained as part of a state-wide peer support program.

Lifeline: 13 11 14 or [lifeline.org.au](https://www.lifeline.org.au)

Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636 or [beyondblue.org.au](https://www.beyondblue.org.au)

Adam Child died after gunshot in Ermington police station  
after 20 years in homicide squad | Daily Mail Online

nina007, Perth, 8 hours ago

R.I.P.....Mr Childs

Supremegsus, Hobart, Australia, 8 hours ago

RIP, sorry you couldn't stick around mate! Sounds like you did a lot of good in your life! Thanks for being a good man, copper and Aussie! Thoughts are with family and friends in this extremely sad time!

My feelings today, Rockhampton, Australia, 8 hours ago

It reads to me Adam was there to help many people but unfortunate no one was able to help Adam. May Adam Rest In Peace and Adam's family find comfort and understanding within. My thoughts are with you

MissSarajevo88, Watertown, United States, 8 hours ago

We need a royal commission into the police force. The toxicity in leadership is at all levels.

Battiato, Sydney, Australia, 8 hours ago

Condolences to the family & friends.

CorruptionFighter, New York, United States, 8 hours ago

Why do we always lose the good people too early ? I wish he had spoken to someone because he clearly is a man of ethics and hard work and a champion of the victims. He is the kind of policeman we always want to have in the force. So sad for his family of police, wife and children. We need to honour police more than we do, in a public way.

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**Spate of deaths in police forces across**

# Australia

Steps have been taken within police forces across the nation to improve mental health support services for serving officers following a spate of suicides among serving and former cops.

In the span of two years, five Australian Federal Police officers tragically died by suicide in the workplace, prompting overhauls to firearm rules.

Previously, officers were able to check out their guns even while they were off duty, but the new restrictions meant they would need a reason to take their weapons.

Last year, two serving West Australian police officers died in the span of a fortnight.

Just two years ago in November 2020, Sergeant Matthew Theoklis died by suicide at the Sydney Police Centre in Surry Hills.

A 24-hour trauma response hotline was established in NSW and 1,200 officers were trained as part of a state-wide peer support program.

‘It’s not uncommon, and that’s the scary thing,’ a serving police officer told Daily Mail Australia.

‘At the end of the day, it’s a high pressure job and when you combine that with stresses that aren’t work related, it can really add up.’

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# Critical investigation launched after on-duty detective, 46, found shot dead inside Sydney's Ermington Police Station

A 46-year-old on duty detective has been found dead inside a police station in Sydney's north-west.



Jack Mahony Digital Reporter

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**August 2, 2022** – 8:25AM

A detective has been found dead inside a police station in Sydney's north-west.

The 46-year-old detective sergeant was on duty when he was found dead by colleagues inside a room at Ermington Police Station about 12:30pm on Monday.

NSW Police revealed initial inquiries suggest there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death.

The Daily Telegraph has reported the man died after a "shooting incident" and early investigations suggest the officer was shot with a police-issued firearm.

Detectives have launched a critical incident investigation into the man's death.

"The 46-year-old detective sergeant from a specialist command

was on-duty at the time and initial inquiries suggest there are no suspicious circumstances," a statement from NSW Police read.

"A critical incident investigation has been launched by detectives from South West Metropolitan Region, who will prepare a report for the Coroner.

"The investigation will also be reviewed by the Professional Standards Command and independently oversighted by the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC)."

Support services have been made available to the man's colleagues, the officers who found him and those who were in the station at the time.

The death comes less than two years after another police officer took his own life at the Sydney Police Centre in Surry Hills.

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