

Lachlan Alexander Kench BRANSGROVE

14/07/2025

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AKA Lachlan BRANSGROVE, Lachy BRANSGROVE

* Nickname: The Big Fella

Late of Lismore, NSW

Rest Easy Big Man

Relations in 'the job' ?

"possible" relation in 'the job':

Mark Antony BRANSGROVE, NSWPF # 18000 ?

NSW Goulburn Police Academy – **Class # 264**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 30658

Rank: Commenced Training at Goulburn Police Academy on Sunday 19 November 1995 (aged 26 years, 8 months, 13 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed Friday 17 May 1996 (aged 27 years, 2 months, 11 days)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Senior Constable

Stations: Burwood LAC (9 Division)(ProCst)(18 May 1996 – 17 April 1999), Ashfield LAC (11 Division)(Intel.)(18 April 1999 – 10 December 2000), Marrickville LAC (5 Division)(C.I. Duties)(11 December 2000 – 8 December 2001), Moree LAC (GDs & Anti Theft duties)(3 years)(9 December 2001 – 21 June 2003), Mungindi (5 years)(22 June 2003 – 26 August 2006), Alstonville (27 August 2006 – 12 November 2016), PCYC – Lismore (North Region Youth Command)(13 November 2016 – 8 July 2021) – Retirement

Service (From Training Date) period: From 19 November 1995

to 8 July 2021 = 25 years, 7 months, 19 days
Service

Time employed (Paid) with NSW Police: From: 16 May 1996
to 8 July 2021 = 25 years, 1 months, 22 days
Service

Time in Retirement from Police: 0 years, 11 months,
7 days

Age at Retirement / Leaving: = 52 years, 4 months,
2 days

Awards: No Find on the Australian Honours system – although:

NSW Police Medal – granted 13 February 2007

1st & 2nd Clasps to the NSW Police Medal – granted 15
September 2017

National Police Service Medal – granted 15 September 2017

1st Clasp to National Medal – granted 24 November 2021

NSW Police Emergency Commendation Medal – granted 24 November
2021

3rd Clasp to NSW Police Medal – granted 24 November 2021



Born: Thursday 6 March 1969 in Melbourne, Victoria

Died on: Wednesday 15 June 2022

Age: 53 years, 3 months, 9 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause: Cancer – Pancreatic & Liver

Event location: ?

Event / Diagnosis date: Diagnosed on 5 August 2021 – 10 months prior to passing

Funeral date: Thursday 23 June 2022

Funeral location: St Andrew's Anglican Church, 10 Zadoc St,
Lismore, NSW

Wake location: Wollongbar Tavern, 53 Simpson Ave, Wollongbar,
NSW

Wake date: Thursday 23 June 2022

Funeral Parlour: Binney Family Funerals, 55 Magellan St,

Lismore, 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 (July 2025)

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

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

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Prior to joining the NSWPF, Lachlan tried Nursing.

He joined the Force although 3 weeks prior to Attestation he contracted glandular fever and missed out.

He reapplied and Attested 17 May 1996.

2022

We are sorry to inform you that a member of our Police Family is in trouble.

Recently retired Senior Constable **Lachlan Bransgrove** has been diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer, and has been given limited time to live.

Lachlan and his wife Michelle have three daughters, Sarah (21), Emma (18) and Amy (16).

Sergeant Charles Browning and his colleagues from the Northern Region Youth Command are fundraising to assist Lachlan and his family during this incredibly difficult time.

Run4Lachie

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Story

Hi there! We have decided to create this team Run4Lachie to support the Run4Blue campaign.

On Sunday the 26th May, 2024, we will be joining together to walk or run in memory of Lachlan Bransgrove and other fallen Police Officers from our Local Area Command. There will be 3 distances, 5km, 10km and 15km, starting and finishing at Edge Fitness Gym, Alston Ave Alstonville, kicking off at 6.30am. We would love to see you all there for a great event, bringing our Community together.

Run4Blue Virtual Run 2024 | Run4Lachie

PCYC Lismore gets a cool upgrade

21 May 2020, 11:07 AM



At Lismore PCYC are: Ben Franklin MLC with PCYC Lismore Club Manager Greg Enfield and Senior Constable Lachlan Bransgrove.

The Lismore PCYC will soon have temperature control in their primary exercise areas thanks to a new air conditioning system and purpose fitted doors.

The PCYC will receive \$50,261 in funding from the NSW Government to undertake the upgrades.

With hundreds of people from the local community accessing the facility each week, they will now be able to exercise in greater comfort.



At Lismore PCYC are: Senior Constable Lachlan Bransgrove with Ben Franklin MLC and PCYC Lismore Club Manager Greg Ironfield.

Nationals Member of the Legislative Council Ben Franklin said the upgrades were needed to make sure the PCYC could continue offering great facilities to the community.

“The Lismore PCYC is a really important place for schools, local clubs and groups, but most importantly, it is a safe place for young people to go, particularly those who are most vulnerable,” Mr Franklin said.

“Upgrading the facilities will mean they can be accessed more frequently and youth programs can be expanded to continue looking after vulnerable and at-risk youth in the local community.

“Ensuring that the facilities are modern also makes sure the wider community can enjoy the PCYC year round and support their wellbeing.”

The increased usability of the PCYC will mean the Club can focus on increasing the capacity of young people to come together, increase their divisionary and Aboriginal youth

programs and expand NSW Police youth case management with disadvantaged young people.

Mr Greg Ironfield, Club Manager at the Lismore PCYC said this was great news for the Club.

“We’re very excited to receive funding through the Stronger Country Communities Fund,” Mr Ironfield said.

“We will be utilising the funds to upgrade our Club facilities, including adding air conditioning to our gym, martial arts and boxing rooms.”

“We will also be enhancing and expanding our Police Rise Up Programs to reach more young people in our community.”

Air conditioning and purpose-fitted doors will be installed to the gym, the martial arts room and the boxing room.

Replacing the current barred doors with more appropriate sealable doors will mean temperature regulation is possible and will provide for sustainable use of electricity through heating and cooling.

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 services at the PCYC have currently been suspended in line with the Public Health Order but anyone who needs support during this time can contact the Lismore Police on 02 6626 0599.

PCYC Lismore gets a cool upgrade



MENTOR: Hip hop artist Blake "Teddy" Rhodes is eager to help establish a youth hub in Lismore. PHOTO: MARC STAPELBERG

Youth hub for Lismore

Claudia Jamber
claudia.jamber@northernstar.com.au

A COP, a musician and a social worker have teamed up to help fill a gap for young people in the Lismore community.

Hip-hop artist Blake "Teddy" Rhodes jumped at the chance to collaborate with Senior Constable Lachlan Bransgrove and Francis O'Neill of Social Futures to launch a youth night initiative through the Police Citizens Youth Club.

When he was a teenager growing up in Lismore, Mr Rhodes through his friends

discovered an after-school youth connections group, which he said had helped shape the musician and person he is today.

He said the initiative led to a great place to hang out with his mates and equipped him with life skills such as learning how to cook.

"Lismore definitely needs something sort of like what I had back in the day," Mr Rhodes said. "I was one of those kids who fell into those bad habits until I found youth connections."

Snr Const Bransgrove said the hub would be crucial to

reducing anti-social behaviour around Lismore by providing various activities to engage youth.

"It (the hub) is about trying to find something that they can get involved in, trying to find something that takes them away from needing to do that kind of behaviour because they have an outlet somewhere else," Sr Const Bransgrove said.

Mr Rhodes, who also mentors school students and holds workshops around the community, wants to engage with Lismore's youth.

He said the combined

experience of the three men would create a constructive avenue to guide and support Lismore's young people through their teens.

Snr Const Bransgrove said setbacks such as the March flood had pushed back the launch of the hub.

Mr O'Neill said last week that he and Sr Const Bransgrove had started visiting high schools to "get the word out" about the hub and ask what youth wanted from the initiative.

For more information about the PCYC youth hub phone 0488 013 906.

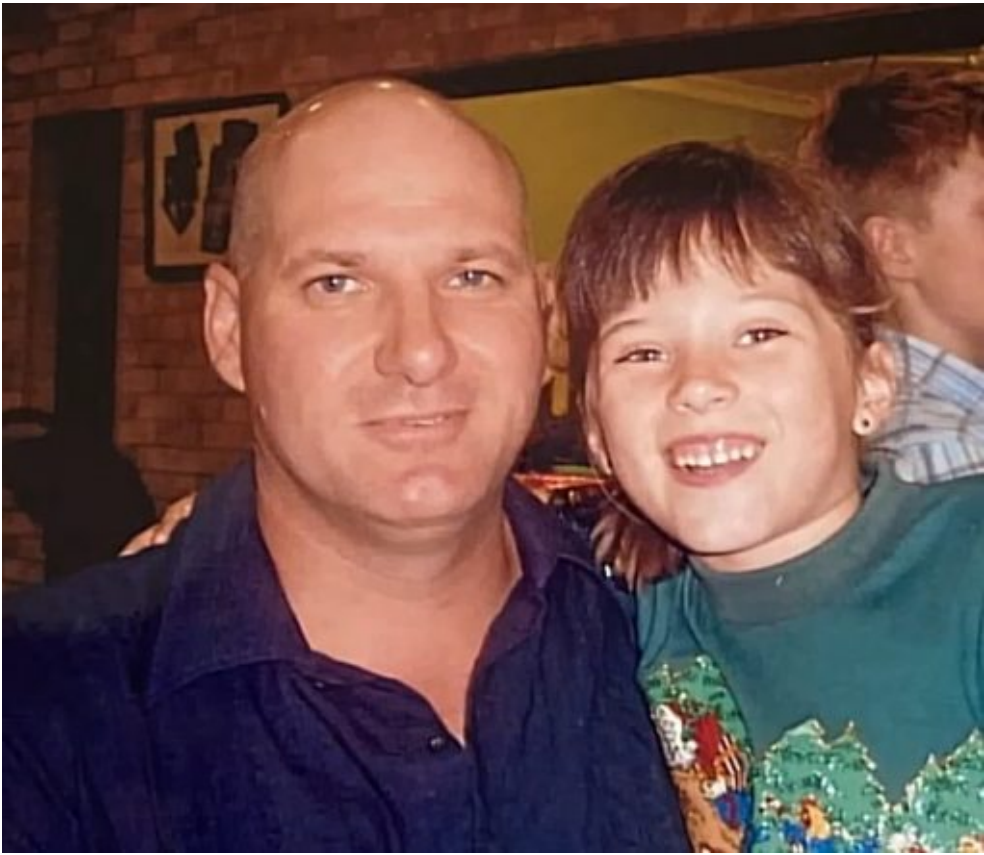


17 May 1996 – Goulburn Police Academy



17 May 1996 – Goulburn Police Academy.

Michelle & Lachlan BRANSGROVE







* Story behind any Nickname:
4" height and stature.

The Big Fella due to his 6'

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

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14 July 2025

Updated on 15 July 2025 with further information.

Updated 28 July 2025 with additional photos.

Lisa Ann CAMWELL

14/07/2025

Lisa Ann CAMWELL nee PARRISH

the First Full Time Female Rescue Operator at Zetland Rescue Squad

AKA ?

Late of ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 26988

Rank: Commenced Training at Goulburn Police Academy on 30 July 1989 (aged 20 years, 9 months, 26 days) (spent 5 months, 26 days at the Academy)

Probationary Constable- appointed Thursday 25 January 1990 (aged 21 years, 6 months, 23 days)

Constable – appointed 27 April 1991

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (NO)

Senior Constable – appointed 30 June 1995

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank = Senior Constable

Retirement / Leaving age: = 49 years, 6 months, 15 days

Stations: Sutherland, Menai GDs, State Protection Group – Police Rescue Squad – Zetland (4 July 1993 – ?), Engadine Police Rescue Squad, ?, Monaro District, Police Rescue Squad – Cooma & GDs & Lock Up Keeper (12 July 1998 – 5 January 2004), Queanbeyan GDs (6 January 2004 – 18 September 2010), Queanbeyan had a name change to Monaro / Cooma District (12 January 2004), Blue Mountains GDs & Police Rescue (19 September 2010 – 19 April 2018)

Service: From 29 October 1989 to 19 April 2018 = 28 years, 8 months, 20 days Service

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours system although –
NSW Police Medal (10 years) granted on 30 September 2004
1st Clasp to NSW Police Medal (15 years) granted on 30 March
2005
National Medal (15 years) granted on 28 April 2005
2nd Clasp to NSW Police Medal (20 years) granted on 11
October 2010
NSW Police Commissioners Sesquicentenary Citation granted on
4 October 2012
1st Clasp to National Medal (20 years) granted on 10
September 2018
3rd Clasp to NSW Police Medal (25 years) granted on 10
September 2018
NSW Police National Service Medal granted on 10 September 2018

Born: Friday 4 October 1968

Died on: Saturday 2 January 2021

Age: 52 years, 2 months, 29 days

Cause: PTSD – Liver and Kidney failure

Event location: Blacktown Hospital, NSW

Event date: Saturday 2 January 2021

Funeral date: Tuesday 12 January 2021 @ 2pm

Funeral location: Pinegrove Memorial Park, North Chapel,
Kington St, Minchinbury, NSW 02 9625 8066

(**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: Guardian Funerals

Buried at: **? TBA**

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

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (**January 2021**)



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*NEED MORE INFO

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Condolences to her partner, Grant Gibson & his two children,
family and friends.

Lisa was the eldest child of parents, Ian Roderick Parrish and
Marilyn Ann Gibson and Stepmom Judith Parrish.

Sister to Jody and Amanda and Aunty to their children.

Mother of Dayna, Hunter, Kade and Tamsyn.



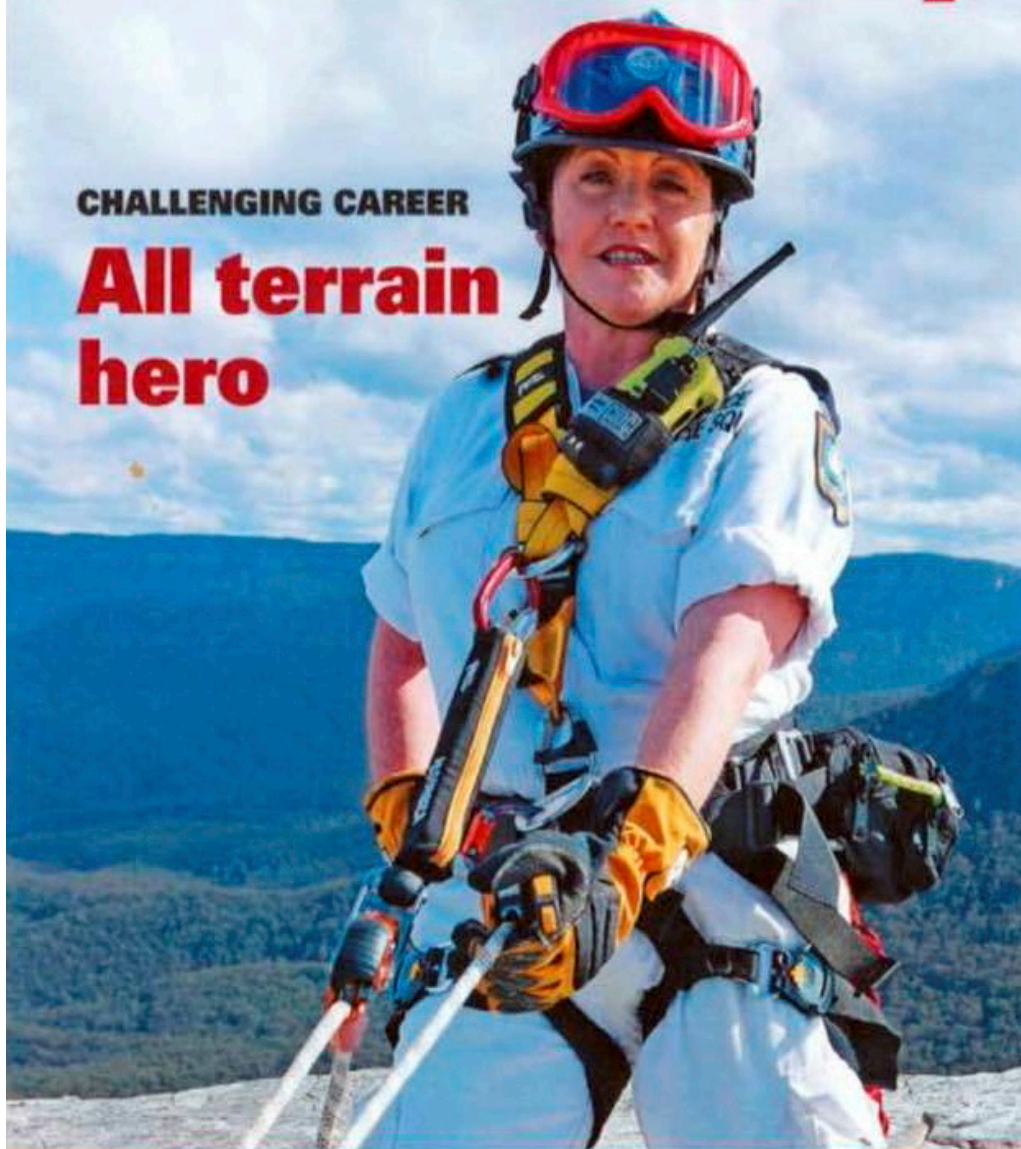
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CHALLENGING CAREER

**All terrain
hero**























This was published 13 years ago

Officer who found Byrne's body grilled

June 14, 2007 – 7.40pm

The policeman who found **Caroline Byrne** dead at **The Gap** has told a Sydney court that in almost 20 years of rescue work, he had not seen any other bodies so far out from the cliff face.

Senior Sergeant Mark Powderly (# 14425) gave evidence at the committal hearing for **Gordon Wood**, who is defending the charge that he murdered his former girlfriend.

The body of the 24-year-old model was found wedged head-first in rocks at the bottom of **The Gap** at **Watsons Bay**, in Sydney's east, on **June 8, 1995**.

Wood, who was stockbroker **Rene Rivkin's chauffeur** at the time, is accused of throwing her from the 29-metre high cliff.

Exactly where **Ms Byrne** landed is central to the case, but her death was initially treated as suicide and no photographs were taken of her body at the scene.

Sgt Powderley told **Burwood Local Court** he and **Constable Lisa Camwell** retrieved **Ms Byrne's** body from a crevice next to a pyramid-shaped rock.

The officer, who spent **19 years in the Police Rescue Squad**, said he had **recovered up to 20 bodies from The Gap** but had never found anyone **that far out** from the cliff.

Research by **physics expert Rodney Cross** allegedly shows that **Ms Byrne** could only have landed at this point, **11.8 metres from the cliff face**, if she was hurled using a **spear throw**.

But a different place was nominated as the point of impact in a **1996 police video**, which was played to the court.

In the video, **Sgt Powderley** narrates from the **cliff top** as **Constable Camwell** indicates a place several metres from the pyramid rock.

Sgt Powderley said he “wasn’t really concentrating” when the video – intended to publicise the **Byrne case** – was recorded.

He had only realised in 2004 that it showed the wrong place.

“If we were there to do a **Forensic Services assessment** of the scene and pinpoint the exact location ... things would have been done differently,” he said.

Sgt Powderley said he saw the video for the first time at the 1997 inquest into **Ms Byrne’s** death, but did not notice the position was wrong because he “just wasn’t paying the attention to it that I should have”.

Police initially gave **Prof Cross** the wrong information about where **Ms Byrne** landed and he concluded she probably jumped, the court has been told.

Defence barrister **Winston Terracini SC** suggested measurements of the location had been “wrong for ages”, but were changed when police received a report “that doesn’t suit their purposes”.

Sgt Powderley denied having been asked by the **detective heading** the investigation, **Paul Jacob (# 18752)**, to reconsider the body’s location.

Earlier, **Prof Cross** told the court he had not considered information from 1994 about **Ms Byrne’s** sporting ability when concluding she could not have jumped so far from the cliff.

Instead, he used reports from **Ms Byrne’s** high school teachers that she had no athletic ability.

Mr Terracini asked why he had not taken into account the more recent information which, he said, showed **Ms Byrne** “excelled at a whole range of different sports” including basketball, swimming and aerobics.

“I presumed that that material was provided by **Caroline Byrne** herself,” **Prof Cross** said.

The hearing continues on Friday.

Officer who found Byrne’s body grilled

On **9 September 2008** the Daily Telegraph / AAP reported “Exact spot of model’s body ‘forgotten’”

It said a police officer who recovered the body of model **Caroline Byrne** has told a Sydney court **she will never remember** the exact location of the body. **Senior Constable Lisa Camwell** told the **New South Wales Supreme Court** a controversial 1996 video re-enactment was her best memory of the recovery operation.

Ms Byrne, 24, was found wedged head first in rocks at the base of cliffs at The Gap, in Sydney’s east on **June 8, 1995**. Her live-in boyfriend **Gordon Wood** is on trial for her murder. **Sen Const Camwell** was **one of two police** involved in **retrieving Ms Byrne’s body**. She was tasked with carrying a body bag and stretcher across to the recovery site.

The officer today told the jury her recollection of the morning was based solely on her own actions “which was carrying equipment and looking at the ground”. When she took part in a video re-enactment about a year after **Ms Byrne’s** death, **Sen Const Camwell** said she determined the place she believed the body found was based upon an estimate of how long it had taken her to reach it that night. “Most of those large

rocks found down the bottom there are mostly just large rocks to me," she said. "I wouldn't ever say I know exactly where her body was."

Sen Const Camwell said she had no further involvement in the case until she was contacted about the video in 2004. She told the court the officer then in charge of the murder investigation said the position of **Ms Byrne's** body had become a "significant issue", and where she had indicated on the video appeared to be incorrect. She agreed with Wood's barrister **Winston Terracini SC** that her best memory of events was as recorded on the video.

The location of the body is essential to the Crown case that **Ms Byrne** was not pushed nor jumped, but was forcefully thrown to her death. **Sen Const Camwell's** partner **Mark Powderly** has told the jury the body was recovered from a different location which is consistent with the theory that **Ms Byrne** was murdered. The location indicated by **Sen Const Camwell** supports the hypothesis that **Ms Byrne** took her own life. The trial continues.

NSW reports: Exact spot of model's body 'forgotten' – 9
September 2008

This was published 12 years ago

Murder trial hears of 'freakish scream'

By Kate McClymont

September 10, 2008 – 10.00am

MICK BRUNETTA had heard a lot of screams during his 17 years of fishing at The Gap, but he had never heard anything like the one he heard on the night of June 7, 1995, he told a

murder trial yesterday.

Mr Brunetta and his brother-in-law Norm Wano were not having much luck as they cast their lines into the darkness from the cliff top. About 11pm they heard what they variously described as a woman's "freakish scream" and that she sounded "like someone who was panicked or scared".

Mr Wano turned and said, "F— man, what was that?" and the pair continued fishing.

Gordon Wood, 45, has pleaded not guilty to throwing his girlfriend, Caroline Byrne, a 24-year-old model, from the cliffs at the notorious suicide spot in Sydney's east.

Mr Wano said that he contacted the police 11 months later after seeing a re-enactment on television where police asked the two fishermen, who were potential witnesses, to come forward.

Wearing an olive-green bandanna over his dreadlocks and his sunglasses perched on top of his head, Mr Wano said that although he was not a keen fisherman, he often accompanied his brother-in-law.

He said he had heard the scream about 11pm and, "It wasn't a scream of happiness. It was like a scared scream."

He said that later three men had come by calling out the name "Caroline". Upon being told of the scream, Mr Wano said, one of the men had said, "On no, she's done it, she's done it."

Mr Brunetta, who gave evidence with the assistance of an Italian interpreter, said that he recalled seeing a lone man calling out "Caroline" and that later that night that same man, who had blond hair, had come back with two other men. After telling the group of the scream, they asked to borrow his torch.

Mr Brunetta said his torch was not very good because the

battery "was a bit flat".

He agreed that in his 2004 statement he had said that when he saw the men trying to shine the torch to illuminate the bottom of the cliff, he had said, "There's no way that man will be able to see anything because the torch is not strong enough."

The two fishermen stayed on until dawn watching the police recover Ms Byrne's body. Mr Brunetta said no one had ever taken him back to The Gap to try to pinpoint the exact location of where Ms Byrne had landed.

Also yesterday, a police witness contradicted another on critical evidence against Wood.

One officer told the jury that she would never be able to pinpoint the exact location of the body, which is vital to proving that Ms Byrne's death was murder.

The jury has heard conflicting evidence about where the body was found, with senior retrieval officer Mark Powderly testifying Ms Byrne was some 10 metres from the cliff face.

But his partner, Senior Constable Lisa Camwell, yesterday told the court she believed Ms Byrne was in a crevice closer to the shore.

No measurements or photographs were taken on the night of her death.

A 1996 video re-enactment of the rescue operation shows Senior Constable Camwell pointing to a spot, which is referred to as the "exact location" of Ms Byrne's body.

The officer yesterday said she had estimated the site based upon how long it took her to reach the body on the night of the retrieval, and the video showed her best recollection of events.

"Most of those large rocks found down the bottom there are

mostly just large rocks to me," she said.

"I wouldn't ever say I know exactly where her body was."

Murder trial hears of 'freakish scream'

During the trial the court was told of some

During the trial, the Court was told of some uncertainty regarding the actual location where the body was found. **Senior Constable Lisa Camwell**, one of the officers who retrieved Byrne's body in 1995 gave evidence that she had in 1996 participated in a video re-enactment in which she indicated the body's location. She gave evidence that in 2004 she was contacted by an officer in charge of the murder investigation (Sergeant Powderly) and told that the position of Ms Byrne's body had become a significant issue. She was told that the body position she had indicated on the video now appeared to be incorrect. Media reports during the second trial suggested the location of the body was an essential component to the Crown case that Ms Byrne was not pushed nor jumped, but was forcefully thrown to her death [The12]

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Deliberation and verdict After five full days of deliberation on 21 November 2008 they found Wood guilty. On 3 December 2008 Wood was sentenced to a custodial sentence of 17 years, with a minimum time in prison of 13 years. Wood lodged an appeal to the conviction. 2.4.4 Inquests, Investigations and Trials Two inquests were held into Byrne's death by New South Wales State coroner John Abernethy, with Wood claiming it was suicide. The second inquest in 1998 delivered an open finding. That same year, Wood left Australia. Police investigations continued

from 2000 onwards as “**Strikeforce Irondale**” with hundreds of witnesses interviewed and resulting in a brief of evidence running to more than 350 pages. Caroline’s father Tony Byrne continued to press for action from the investigation eventually enrolling the assistance of New South Wales politician Fred Nile who raised questions about the investigation in State Parliament up till 2004. In 2004 scientific reports relating to the physics of a body falling/jumping/being projected from the cliff produced by Professor Rod Cross were the principal elements of new evidence which encouraged the Crown to push for a trial of Gordon Wood. In March 2006 the New South Wales Director of Public Prosecutions Nicholas Cowdery QC agreed with police that there was enough evidence to charge Wood with Byrne’s murder. Wood was detained in London in April 2006, extradited to Australia and released on bail by a Sydney court on 4 May. On 6 July 2007, Wood was committed to stand trial for the murder of Byrne. The first trial started on 21 July 2008 with Mark Tedeschi QC appearing for the Crown and Winston Terracini QC defending Wood. On 6 August 2008, Justice Graham Barr declared a mistrial because of the alleged contact that a member of the jury had with 2GB radio host Jason Morrison. The juror, who remained anonymous, claimed that some of the jurors were planning a secret night visit to the crime scene (the Gap) being organised by a particular juror who was a “bully” and who had “already decided that Wood was guilty.” Justice Barr ruled “I had to discharge the jury ... because some jurors disobeyed my instructions and misconducted themselves.” The second trial commenced on 25 August 2008 and for the first time in New South Wales court history a panel of 15 jurors was sworn in instead of the usual 12 to provide some contingency.

Death of Caroline Byrne

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Death of Caroline Byrne

	✖
Date	7 June 1995
Location	The Gap, Watsons Bay, New South Wales, Australia
Coordinates	✖ 33.843803°S 151.284998°E﻿Coordinates: ﻿33.843803°S 151.284998°E✖
Cause	Death by falling
Deaths	Caroline Byrne
Coroner	John Abernethy
Suspects	Gordon Wood
Charges	Murder
Verdict	Guilty, overturned on appeal

Caroline Byrne (8 October 1970 – 7 June 1995), an Australian model, was found at the bottom of a cliff at The Gap in Sydney in the early hours of 8 June 1995. Her then boyfriend Gordon Eric Wood (b. 1962), who at the time of her death was chauffeur and personal assistant to businessman Rene Rivkin, was convicted of her murder on 21 November 2008 and spent three years in Goulburn jail. He was acquitted of the conviction in February 2012.^{[1][2]}

Events of 7 June 1995



The Gap at Watsons Bay, location of Byrne's death.

Born on 8 October 1970,^[3] Byrne had been in a relationship with Wood since 1992. She was a model but principally worked as a modelling instructor for Sydney department and etiquette educator June Dally-Watkins. On 7 June 1995, she failed to turn up for work and for an appointment with a psychiatrist. There were three claimed sightings of her near The Gap at Watsons Bay that afternoon and evening, in the company of two

men, one of whom matched Wood's description. Two of the sightings – at 1 pm and 3 pm – were by local cafe owners, Craig Martin and Lance Melbourne. In 1998 John Doherty, an Irish artist who had been out of the country in the intervening years, came forward to say that around 8.30pm that evening he too had seen Byrne outside his studio window arguing with one man while another man stood nearby.^[4]

Wood denied being present at Watsons Bay that afternoon. Evidence was sworn at both inquests by Wood's friends Brett Cochrane and Nic Samartis that they lunched with him briefly around 1:15 pm in Potts Point before he was called away after a call from Rivkin.^{[5]:206} Wood claimed that he was asked by Rivkin to chauffeur prominent lobbyist and ex-federal minister Graham Richardson to an appointment and then spent the afternoon doing regular chores for Rivkin before going home around 7 pm. The Richardson alibi was compromised by Richardson when he was interviewed by police in 2001, when he advised that he had lunched that day with rugby league administrator Peter Moore.^[4]

Wood's movements in the afternoon have never been reported prior to the late evening, when Wood said he awoke on his couch having fallen asleep in front of the television and was immediately alarmed that Byrne was still not home. Wood has said he did not know Byrne's whereabouts but was led by what he termed "telepathic communication" to The Gap. He had first driven to the beachfront car-park at Bondi Beach where he and Byrne had spent much time and then to a favourite park at Camp Cove where they had often picnicked. Heading back from Camp Cove he spotted Byrne's white Suzuki Vitara parked in a lane at The Gap. It was when running about the cliff-top and shouting her name that Wood encountered two rock fishermen who verified his appearance around midnight.

Wood then rang Tony Byrne and Caroline's brother Peter. He drove back into Sydney city and collected them and all three

then went to the Gap and scoured the cliff-top. Peter Byrne later gave evidence that at about 1am Wood claimed to have spotted her body at the base of the cliff using torchlight. Byrne himself said he could see nothing and nor could the police who arrived soon after with police torches. The night was dark and the cliff misty. Peter Byrne claimed it was difficult to see the rocks below the cliff, let alone a body. The contention whether Wood had claimed he could see something in the darkness figured in much media speculation over the years and formed a key part of Crown evidence in the 2008 trial. In 2011 the Appeal Court felt that the Crown had presented speculation in this area posing as evidence. This was one of the grounds resulting in Wood's 2011 appeal being upheld.

The identity of the second man supposedly sighted by Melbourne and Martin with Wood in Watsons Bay earlier in the day has remained unclear. With evidence contradicting the likelihood that the man was either of those whom the police considered in investigation (Byrne's modelling agent Adam Leigh or Rivkin associate Gary Redding) the Crown chose to pose speculation without evidence on either during the trial and drew criticism from the trial judge and later the appellant judges.

Media interest

Byrne's death was accepted as a suicide by local Rose Bay Police and others. No photographs were taken of the location of her body's landing point.

In 1996, Byrne's father began to agitate against the notion of suicide such that from 1997 onwards the case and circumstances of Byrne's death were regularly examined in Australia's national newspapers and reported as "one of Sydney's unsolved crimes". The death of a beautiful model at one of Sydney's notorious suicide spots, the connection to the flamboyant and newsworthy Rivkin, and a net of witnesses and commentators

which included some prominent Sydney identities all added to the intrigue of the case.

Offset Alpine speculation

Attention was particularly heightened by the still unproven speculation of a connection with Rene Rivkin's financial activities. The day before Byrne's death, Wood and Rivkin were interviewed by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission about the Offset Alpine fire of 1993 and the true ownership of share parcels traded in Offset Alpine owned by nominees related to Swiss bank accounts.^{[5]:203} Tony Byrne claimed that Wood had indicated to his daughter that the fire was a set-up for insurance purposes.

Ultimately in 2001 Rivkin was charged with insider trading (of Qantas shares) and his eventual conviction in 2003 had a devastating effect on his mental stability, culminating in his 2005 suicide.^[6] However the ASIC investigation into share trading in Offset Alpine and the true beneficiaries proved an epic that outlived Rivkin, commencing in 1995 and continuing from 2005 with a focus shifted to Graham Richardson and Trevor Kennedy until eventually closed without outcome by ASIC in 2010.^[7]

Peripheral celebrities

Adding to this intrigue was a list of celebrities with a peripheral involvement in the case. Byrne's medical doctor who had referred her to the psychiatric appointment she did not keep on 7 June was television celebrity physician, Dr Cindy Pan.^{[5]:205} Graham Richardson's diarised luncheon appointment that day (which caused him to question whether he may have been chauffeured anywhere by Wood) was with rugby league identity Peter Bullfrog Moore at Sydney's Hilton Hotel and was set up to broker a peace deal in the Super League war which

deeply divided Australian rugby league at that time. Wood always claimed that he had driven Moore from a noon meeting with Rivkin to what may well have been a lunch, though the press and (later) the Crown ignored this possibility. Moore died in July 2000 a year prior to the Strikeforce Irondale interview with Richardson, thus preventing corroboration of the luncheon timings and Rivkin too was dead before the trial.^[8]

Byrne's close friends included entertainer Tania Zaetta and actress Kylie Watson, a *Home and Away* cast member. It was the amateur sleuthing around Watsons Bay armed with photographs of Byrne in the weeks after her death which had Dally-Watkins and Watson uncover the Martin/Melbourne sighting lead.^{[5]:206} Other celebrity witnesses who figured in the case at some point included businessman John Singleton, journalist Paul Barry and paparazzo Jamie Fawcett.

Inquests, investigation and trials

Two inquests were held into Byrne's death by New South Wales State coroner John Abernethy, with Wood claiming it was suicide. The second inquest in 1998 delivered an open finding. That same year, Wood left Australia.

Police investigations continued from 2000 onwards as "**Strikeforce Irondale**" with hundreds of witnesses interviewed and resulting in a brief of evidence running to more than 350 pages. Caroline's father Tony Byrne continued to press for action from the investigation eventually enrolling the assistance of New South Wales politician Fred Nile who raised questions about the investigation in State Parliament up till 2004.^[9]

In 2004 scientific reports relating to the physics of a body falling/jumping/being projected from the cliff produced by Professor Rod Cross were the principal elements of new

evidence which encouraged the Crown to push for a trial of Gordon Wood.^[10] In March 2006 the New South Wales Director of Public Prosecutions Nicholas Cowdery QC agreed with police that there was enough evidence to charge Wood with Byrne's murder.^[11] Wood was detained in London in April 2006, extradited to Australia and released on bail by a Sydney court on 4 May. On 6 July 2007, Wood was committed to stand trial for the murder of Byrne.

The first trial started on 21 July 2008 with Mark Tedeschi QC appearing for the Crown and Winston Terracini QC defending Wood. On 6 August 2008, Justice Graham Barr declared a mistrial because of the alleged contact that a member of the jury had with 2GB radio host Jason Morrison. The juror, who remained anonymous, claimed that some of the jurors were planning a secret night visit to the crime scene (the Gap) being organised by a particular juror who was a "bully" and who had "already decided that Wood was guilty." Justice Barr ruled "I had to discharge the jury ... because some jurors disobeyed my instructions and misconducted themselves."^[12]

The second trial commenced on 25 August 2008 and for the first time in New South Wales court history a panel of 15 jurors was sworn in instead of the usual 12 to provide some contingency.

[12]

Trial evidence

Presentation of the Crown case

Following the aborted first trial Tedeschi, as Crown Prosecutor, presented the Crown case over a nine-week period from 26 August until 24 October 2008. Over 70 witnesses were called and the jury heard hours of audio and video evidence including taped interviews with Rivkin and Wood.^[13]

Witnesses called by the prosecution included Pan, Richardson, Watson, Zaetta, Singleton, Fawcett, Bob Hagan and sports journalist Phil Rothfield. Tony Byrne, Peter Byrne, Dally-Watkins and her daughter Carol Clifford appeared. Doherty and Cochrane gave evidence via video link up from overseas. **Police witnesses included Tracey Smit (ProCst # 61020)** and **Paul Griffiths (# 23770 ?)** (officers on scene), **Sgt Mark Powderly (# 14425)**, **Sgt Neville Greatorex (# 16136)** (who gave evidence on police procedures), **Snr Const Lisa Camwell (# ?????)** (who retrieved the body) and the first investigating officer of the case **Sgt Craig Woods (#22599 ?)** of Rose Bay who had first dismissed the death as suicide and who gave evidence that in the first weeks Tony Byrne too accepted the suicide verdict and was explicitly against the idea of an inquest. Another **ex-policeman** to appear was Byrne's former boyfriend **Andrew Blanchette (# ?????)**. At one stage **Justice Barr** counselled **Blanchette** that he ought consider taking legal advice before answering a particular question. Sensationally on his second day in the witness box, **Blanchette** admitted that early that morning he had phoned another witness – **Melinda Medich**, his girlfriend and a minor at the time of Byrne's death – before she was due to give evidence later that day. **Blanchette** was reported to police by **Medich** who had not heard from him for a number of years. **Blanchette** denied that he had been attempting to influence her evidence.

Location of the body

Retired University of Sydney physicist Associate Professor Rod Cross spent two days in the witness box. Over a six-year period Cross had produced six reports on the case – with his initial findings being quite different to the later findings presented in the trial.^[10] Although formally qualified in the field of plasma physics, Cross had experience working with biomechanists regarding sports research and had published and refereed many papers on biomechanics;^[14] he was therefore

proposed by police investigators as a forensic expert in fall dynamics. Between 1998 and 2004 Cross' reports all concluded that Byrne could have jumped to her death, as he was told that Byrne's body had been found at a distance of 9 metres (30 ft) from the cliff.^[15] In 2005, when he was recontacted by the police that the position of the body was in fact farther away (11.8 metres (39 ft)), he conducted experiments which informed his speculation that Byrne could not have jumped that far and must have been thrown.^{[5]:210[16]} The required launch speed, from the top of the 29 metres (95 ft) high cliff, was 4.5 m/s (see range of a projectile^{[17][18]}), and the available runup distance was only 4 metres (13 ft) – although appeal submissions in 2011 called this into question. Cross tested eleven females from the New South Wales Police Academy and found that they could dive and land head first (in a swimming pool) at about 3.5 m/s after a 4 metres (13 ft) runup. A strong male could throw a 61 kilograms (134 lb) female at 4.8 m/s after a runup of only 2 metres (6 ft 7 in) or 3 metres (9.8 ft).

During the trial the Court was told of some uncertainty regarding the actual location where the body was found. **Senior Constable Lisa Camwell**, one of the officers who retrieved Byrne's body in 1995 gave evidence that she had in 1996 participated in a video re-enactment in which she indicated the body's location. She gave evidence that in 2004 she was contacted by an officer in charge of the murder investigation (Sergeant Powderly) and told that the position of Ms Byrne's body had become a significant issue. She was told that the body position she had indicated on the video now appeared to be incorrect. Media reports during the second trial suggested the location of the body was an essential component to the Crown case that Ms Byrne was not pushed nor jumped, but was forcefully thrown to her death.^[19]

Suicide history

The court heard that Caroline's mother Andrea Byrne had committed suicide in March 1991 after she became depressed following a breast enlargement operation that went wrong.^[20] Terracini also read to the court a letter Tony Byrne had previously provided to police in which he claimed that Caroline had made an attempt on her own life via overdose in 1992. In court Tony Byrne denied that Caroline had on that occasion intended to kill herself and instead was making "a cry for help". At another stage of the cross examination, he claimed to suppose that had Caroline wanted to kill herself she would have copied her mother's method rather than jumping from a cliff.^[21]

Byrne's doctor, author and television personality Cindy Pan, gave evidence that she had seen Byrne for two years before her death and had specifically discussed Byrne's depression with her in the weeks leading up to her death. Dr. Pan told the court Byrne said she had felt depressed for about a month and the condition had worsened in the week leading up to their appointment on 5 June 1995. Pan said the model told her she could not put a finger on what she was unhappy about.

"I was trying to explore with her what she might be depressed about, but she was not really able to identify any one specific thing," Pan told the court. She said Byrne told her she "had the same thing three years ago" and had been put on medication, which had helped. Pan said Byrne denied having thoughts of self-harm and she referred her to a psychiatrist, obtaining an appointment for 4 pm on 7 June.^[22]

Presentation of the defence

One defence witness, Prof John Hilton, a forensic pathologist, was called during the Prosecution case, due to his later unavailability. Otherwise Terracini commenced the defence case

on 27 October 2008 calling another physics expert Prof Marcus Pandy, a electromechanical engineer who conducted experiments on running and jumping speeds of two females. Only a handful of defence witnesses were called – two forensic pathologists, one psychiatrist, Prof Pandy, a stunt diver, and Wood's sister Jacqueline Schmidt – and the defence case concluded within a week.

With the trial drawing to a close, the jury made a number of requests of Justice Barr that included a visit the Gap for a third time; for a transcript of Doherty's evidence; and for video footage of Pandy's running experiments.^[23]

Deliberation and verdict

For the first time in New South Wales court history, a ballot was used to select the three jurors who would stand down so that twelve of the sitting fifteen would deliberate to a verdict. After five full days of deliberation on 21 November 2008 they found Wood guilty.^{[24][25]} On 3 December 2008 Wood was sentenced to a custodial sentence of 17 years, with a minimum time in prison of 13 years. Wood lodged an appeal to the conviction.^[26]

Appeal

Wood's appeal hearing commenced on 22 August 2011 in the Criminal Court of Appeal before Chief Judge at Common Law Peter McClellan, Justice Megan Latham, and Justice Stephen Rothman. Wood's barrister Tim Game SC submitted that the jury's verdict was unreasonable and not supported by the evidence. His submission spoke of nine grounds for appeal. One was that the trial miscarried by reason of the prejudice occasioned by the Tedeschi's closing address. Others related to criticisms of Barr's directions to the jury.

Early media reporting of the appeal focused on Game's

submission that the scientific evidence used to convict Wood and presented by Associate Professor Cross was flawed. A photograph was presented in the trial and purported to be taken in 1996 showing that scrub near the fence line had limited Byrne's possible run-up to the jump, supporting an argument that she would have needed to have been thrown to achieve the horizontal distance from the cliff wall that her body travelled. The appeal judges heard and the Crown acknowledged that the photo was in fact taken in 2003 and that photo's quality meant that a shadow might have appeared to be scrub. The appeal judges heard that a 1996 colour photo which showed that there was no scrub limiting the run-up was available to the Crown during the trial but that the Crown had chosen to introduce the blurrier, non-contemporaneous, more ambiguous image.^[27]

Game's submission, consistent with so much of the trial evidence, concerned matters relating to the exact positioning of Byrne's body at the base of the rocks and the orientation of her legs and torso and leading to questions regarding the contended launch point and the assumptions and assertions made by Cross in his pre-trial studies and reports and his trial evidence. Day two of Game's submission focused on the police's changed view between 1996 and 2005 as to Byrne's landing spot and specifically trial evidence given by Sergeant Mark Powderly used to justify the reconstruction.^[28]

The Criminal Court of Appeal delivered their opinion on 24 February 2012 acquitting Wood of Byrne's murder and ordering his release from jail.^[1] The appellate judges delivered a unanimous decision that there was insufficient evidence beyond reasonable doubt that Wood murdered Byrne and that the jury's verdict was not supported. They dismissed the Crown evidence as being critically flawed and ruled that the possibility of her suicide ought not have been excluded.^{[1][2]}

Justice McClennan described Cross' experiments as "unsophisticated" and in the summation of his decision said that he was not satisfied by either of the two motives presented by the Crown.^[1] Regarding the motive submitted by Tedeschi that Byrne had information about Rivkin's business dealings that Wood was trying to hide, McClennan said "The exploitation of public rumour and the use of mere innuendo to compensate for inadequate evidence of motive is not consistent with the obligations of a prosecutor to press the Crown case "to its legitimate strength" by reliance upon credible evidence".^{[2]:para 305} McLennan was also troubled that the notion Byrne may have been unconscious when she left the cliff top was introduced by the Crown late in the case.^{[2]:para 277} He described Tedeschi's suggestion, first made in his closing address and mentioned at no other time in evidence, that a "shot-put" action was used to despatch Byrne as "an invention of the prosecutor...for which there was absolutely no support in evidence".^[29] McClennan also expressed some doubt as the reliability of evidence concerning the claimed sightings of Wood and Byrne at Watson's Bay on 7 June 1995 noting that some of these witnesses had come forward years after the event and the initial investigations; he raised concerns that the Melbourne/Martin first identification of Wood and Byrne was based on a specific photos shown to them by Dally-Watkins rather than from being picked from a selection. Tedeschi was criticised by McClellan for presenting reasoning that was "dangerous" and "entirely without foundation". Tedeschi contributed to the alleged miscarriage with his "50 killer questions" which took an "impermissible course" in asking the jury to consider rhetorical questions dealing with matters that had not been presented with in evidence.^[29] McClennan ruled that he was not persuaded that Sgt Powderly's evidence regarding the changed landing position of the body was entirely reliable.^{[2]:para 317}

Wood was freed from prison on 24 February 2012; having served three years two months in Goulburn Correctional Centre, following an initial month in Parklea prison. Three weeks later the new New South Wales Director of Public Prosecutions, Lloyd Babb SC, issued a press release simply announcing that “the OPDD will not appeal the Court of Criminal Appeal’s judgement in the matter of R v Gordon Wood . No further comment will be issued”.^[30] This was 24 hours after meeting Tony Byrne and attending the Gap with him – a meeting which Byrne described as ‘fruitful’.^[31]

Post-appeal

Wood left Australia after his release from prison and spent time in the United States and Britain. In 2014 he brought defamation actions against the Sydney radio stations 2GB and 2UE, Channel Seven Sydney, and The Daily Telegraph^[32] which were all settled out of court in his favour for undisclosed sums.^[33]

In 2016 Wood sued the state of New South Wales for millions of dollars plus costs for malicious prosecution and wrongful imprisonment, based on a number of grounds including a “hopelessly corrupted” and “ridiculous” police case against him.^[34] In a witness statement filed as part of his lawsuit against the state, Mr Wood said that during his three years in Goulburn Jail he lived in constant fear of guards who dished out “therapy” and was king-hit (a term widely used in Australia, meaning a very hard punch, usually delivered to the head, that is completely unexpected) and knocked unconscious in the prison yard by an infamous rapist and killer.^[35] The suit was dismissed on 10 August 2018, with Wood receiving no compensation.^[36]

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

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3 January 2021

Richard Laurence MARTIN

14/07/2025

Richard Laurence MARTIN

AKA Dick, Dicki

Late of Sylvania, NSW

NSW Goulburn Police Academy Class # 242

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 26743

Rank: Police Training – commenced 30 July 1989

Probationary Constable – appointed 18 January 1991

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank = Sergeant ?

Stations: ?, Kogarah GDs (1988), Mounted Police Unit –
State Planning Unit (1992 – onwards – still Serving)

Service: From ? ? December 1988 to 10 October 2019 = 30+
years Service

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours

Born: Monday 11 October 1965

Died on: Thursday 10 October 2019 about 3.40pm

Age: 53 yrs 11mths 29 days. (1 day short of his 54th
birthday)

Cause: Cancer – Stomach & Liver

Event location: Home with family

Event date: Thursday 10 October 2019

Funeral date: Thursday 17 October 2019 @ 10.30am

Funeral location: Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 389 Port
Hacking Rd, Caringbah, NSW

Wake location: TBA

Funeral Parlour: Olsens Family Funerals, 02 9545 3477

Buried at: TBA

Memorial located at: A pub at Bathurst, where Dick enjoyed a
drink during the Bathurst Races each year, had a section of
the Hotel renamed the " Dick Martin Beer Garden " in honour of
Dicki.



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

DICK IS NOT mentioned on the Sydney Police Centre Memorial
Wall, Surry Hills – But should be (by 2020)

Funeral location: TBA

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

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May they forever Rest In Peace

MARTIN Richard Laurence

Passed away peacefully at home with his loving family by his side October 10, 2019.

Late of Sylvania.

Beloved husband of Trish.

Adored father of Ben and Daniel.

He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Aged 53 Years

Dearly Loved By All Who Knew Him

Requiem Mass for the repose of RICHARD'S soul will be celebrated at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 389 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 10:30am

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8 October 2019

A '**family**' member of the **Kogarah days** was extremely ill and *did* not make the rest of the week.

Richard 'Dicki' Martin. Approximately 4 weeks ago, was not feeling well and was diagnosed with Stage 4 Stomach cancer and liver cancer. Dick is at home in palliative care.

You may all remember he went to the **mounted unit**, and is **still attached** to the **State Planning Unit**.

Gregor Dumbrell: Oh wow that is terrible. So sad to hear. Great guy. Haven't seen him for a few years. Fellow 242 member. Thanks for sharing xx

David Draper: Gregor Dumbrell – good bloke. Another of our class

Mick Holmes: Really sad news, always a real character, liked by everyone, would like to get in contact, can anyone please PM me with a contact No.

Tracey Kearns: What terrible news for him and his family. Thinking of him x

Ian Logue: Sad, sad news, Richard was a real nice bloke to work the truck and the station with. Please keep us informed.

Greta Rae: That is very sad news, sending him all our love. X

Robert Gillespie: Dicky is a champion and doesn't deserve this. Very sad news.

Kevin Stewardsen: Sorry to hear the news. Always a laugh with dick on the shift.

Margo Starr-Sizzle: Such sad news , one of the greats , thoughts to him and his family at this hard time

Mick Lee: Bloody Hell ????

Champion bloke to work with.????

Lee Howell: Saw him just over a week ago walking very slowly

through the SPC. A bit bent, a bit slower but same cheek and laughter about a few things. Facing it unbelievably strong with a lot of the 'it is what it is' attitude and a laugh. Great guy and I like many just hope he is as comfortable as is possible. Tough on his mum as well, lost Dicky's older brother when we were all teenagers. Not supposed to happen this way.

Garry Law: So sorry to hear that news. A great bloke and he was often my Reserve Constable. He had me enthralled one Night Shift telling me about his time working at Spendthrift Stud Farm in Kentucky and all the famous American racehorses he saw. We had some great young Police in those days and he was one of them.

Steve Papworth: That's terrible news Dicky is one of the nicest guys you'd ever meet.

Brett Farragher: I am shocked and saddened by the news that Dickie is sick. I always wondered what happened to him. I always thought I would catch up to him again one day and talk about the old days. He was always such a good guy to be around and he made me laugh. I have some great memories of our time at Kogarah. Shitty, shitty news.

Ford Scarelane: Shit I only saw him the other week ... a true gentleman... always had time for a chat ... that sucks big time ... fuck cancer!!!!

David Longfield 🙌 #Toby Lindsay

Toby Lindsay 🙌 David Longfield that's crap mate

Rebecca Carven: So sorry to hear this devastating news ... will pray for him and his family. Thank you for sharing xx


Da Vid Mudds: Such sad news, top bloke, loved working with Dicky in those Kogarah days, thoughts with him and his family.

Carl Reburg: Terrible news. Please pass on my thoughts if speaking with him. Groobs.

Gra Naps: That is terrible news. Thanks for passing this on. I have some great memories of working with him at Kogarah.

John Green: Sad to hear – such a short time from diagnosis to palliative...! I remember Dick well from Kogarah days and then the Mounties when I was in City East and OSG. Thanks for sharing the information.

Lee Greenstein: Sorry to hear this need I know the name can't put a face to him any one got any pics of him

Gregory Moose McMahon:  Thanks for the information. I contacted Craig MELVILLE. He is aware. He has spoken to Trish. But does not want to bother here too much. If you get any more news please let everyone now. Ta.
Sandra Parriott Thanks for the update.
John Elfes: Terrible news, please keep us posted.
David Draper Very sad news. Good bloke.

Sadly Dicki passed away during the evening of Thursday 10 October 2019.

Now at peace and out of pain.

May Trish, family and friends accept our condolences.

Dicki also played in the Cronulla / St George Police Football Team in years gone by.

Russell Spencer PALMER

14/07/2025

Russell Spencer PALMER

AKA PARRA

Late of Springfield, NSW

NSW Redfern Police Academy Class # "possibly" 157

NSW Police Cadet # 3120

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 17760

Rank: NSW Police Cadet – commenced 3 February 1975

Probationary Constable – appointed 31 October 1977

Still appeared as a Probationary Constable in the 1979 Stud
Book

Senior Constable – appointed 31 October 1986

Final Rank = Senior Constable

Stations: ?, Darlinghurst (1984 / 85), HWP, VKG1 – Sydney (Pensions Out)

Service: From 3 February 1975 to 2 January 2004 = 29 years Service

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 16 September 1993 (SenCon)
1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 19 December 2001) (SenCon)

Born: Friday 31 October 1958

Died on: Tuesday 20 November 2018

Age: 60 yrs 20 days

Cause: Liver & Kidney Failure

Event location: ?, Phillipines

Event date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?, Phillipines

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?, Phillipines

Memorial located at: ?

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

Grave location: TBA

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THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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May they forever Rest In Peace

Nothing further is known about this man, his career or life at the time of publication other than the man did like a drink.

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Peter Richard IRBY

14/07/2025

Peter Richard IRBY

AKA IRBS

Late of Ocean Shores, NSW

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 36522

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed
2001

Final Rank = Senior Constable

Stations: ?, Marrickville (ProCst),
Transit Police, Tuggerah Lakes LAC, Mid
North Coast LAC, Richmond LAC – Nimbin
Police Stn

Service: From ? ? 2001 to 2 February
2012 = 11 years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: 29 May 1978

Died on: Wednesday 31 October 2018

Age: 40

Cause: Cancer – Bowel, metastasised to
the Liver, Colon, (diagnosed Wednesday
7 March 2018)

Event location: ?

Event date: Wednesday 31 October 2018

Funeral date: 5 November 2018

**Funeral location: St John's Catholic
Church, Mullumbimby**

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

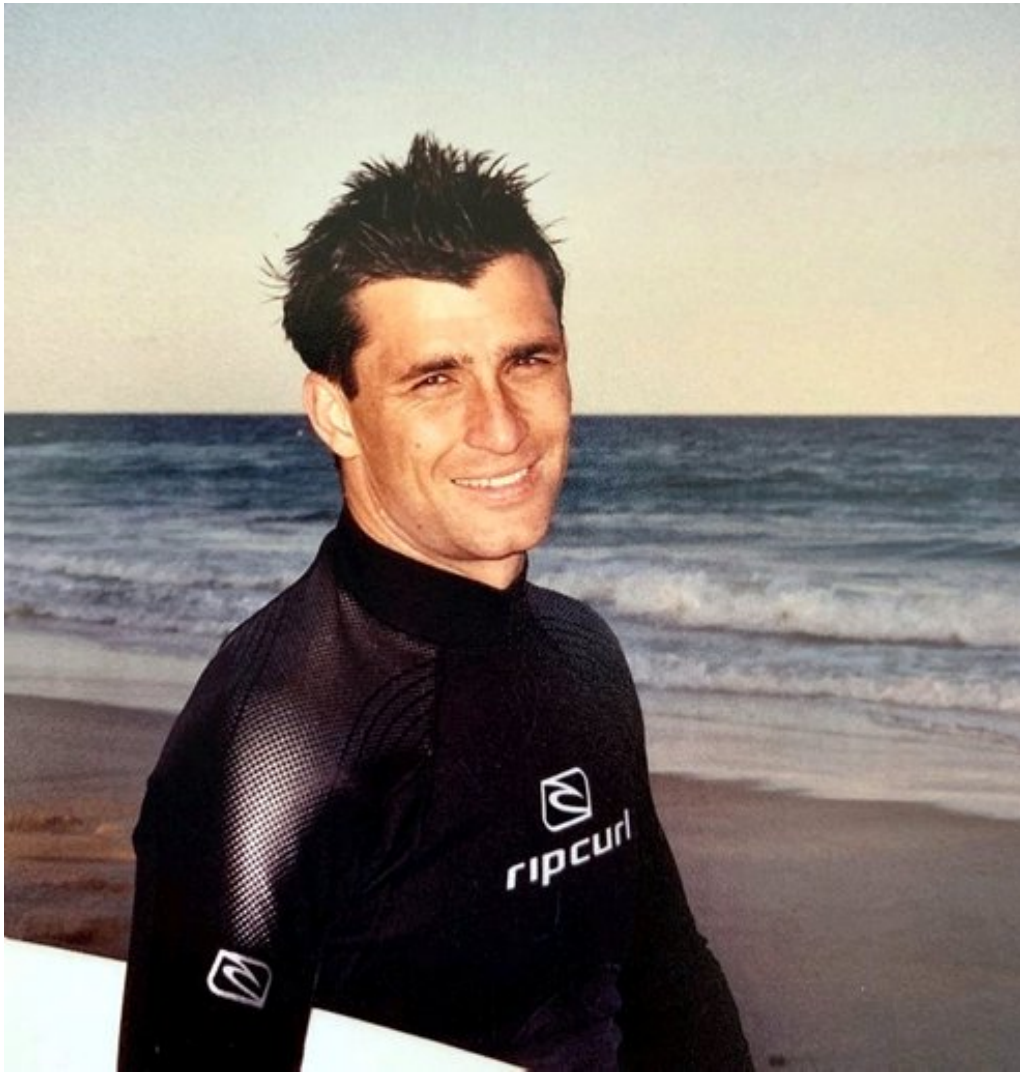
Memorial located at: ?





Peter Richard IRBY and his children

















Peter Richard IRBY with mate, Peter Fysh

In loving memory of
Peter Richard Irby



29th May, 1978 - 31st October, 2018

Monday 5th November, 2018
St John's Catholic Church, Mullumbimby

[alert_yellow]**PETER** is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance[/alert_yellow] *NEED MORE INFO

Grave location: TBA

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THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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May they forever Rest In Peace

Peter IRBY, was a serving member of the NSW Police Force between **03/05/2002** and the **02/02/2012** where he attained the rank of **Senior Constable**. Peter performed general duties at **Marrickville, Transit Police** and **Tuggerah Lakes Local Area Command** before being stationed at **Richmond Local Area Command** between **09/09/2007** and the **02/02/2012** where he performed duties at **Nimbin Police Station**.

Peter passed away in hospital on the **31/10/2018** after a lengthy but valiant fight with cancer. Peter was only 40 years old and had been a proud Police officer. He leaves behind his wife, Diona, their three young children, Henry,

Darcy & Milah.

One of Peter's last wishes was for Diona and the children to go to Disneyland. This is a very small wish for a man who dedicated himself to serving the people of NSW. It is hoped that we can raise some funds to assist Diona and their children at this difficult time.

<https://thepeterirbylegacyfundraiser.gofundraise.com.au/>

NSW Police Legacy

Friday 9 November 2018

Today we have the melancholy honour of launching the Peter Irby Fundraiser. Senior Constable Peter Irby served in the NSW Police Force for ten years. At the age of just 40 he lost his lengthy battle with cancer, leaving behind his wife and three young children. One of his final wishes was for his family to go to Disneyland in California, and this fundraiser seeks to help with that. Please help if you can, and please help spread the word: <http://bit.ly/peterirby>

Peter attended Mullumbimby High School between 1990 – 1996 to Year 12.

In September 2014 he did the Introduction to Return to Work Co-ordinator Course.

In April 2015 he did the Cert IV training and Assessment for Diploma of work, health and safety.

In March 2015 he was a Student at the Southern Cross University.

'PETE IRBY – WHAT A TOP BLOKE' – If I had a dollar for every

time I heard that comment made!! For all of us who love and adore him, Pete is that cheerful, loyal, fun loving guy who can always put a smile on your face with his wicked sense of humour!

Pete and his partner in crime Diona, have been married for over 12 years. Together they are raising the most wonderful little humans, Henry (11), Darcy (9) and Milah (7). Pete is the most amazing, devoted and loving father.

Pete has devoted his professional life to making a difference in the community and proudly served as a police officer attached to Marrickville LAC, Tuggerah Lakes LAC and Richmond LAC. It is a challenging environment and as his former Supervisor Mark said, "I was honoured to be his supervisor for several years of his service". Pete is an outgoing and positive person with a strong desire to perform any role to the best of his ability. His perfectionist nature, empathy and willingness to help others selflessly are character traits we all admire in him. In keeping with Pete's desire to help out his community, he is currently studying to be a nurse.

DIAGNOSIS

On Wednesday **7th of March 2018**, Diona and Pete were given the heartbreaking news Pete was diagnosed with **Bowel Cancer**. When he was diagnosed, Pete was also informed that the cancer had spread through to his **Liver**. Since then a PET scan has identified that the cancer has shown up in his **colon** as well. When cancer cells break away from the primary tumour in the bowel, they can travel around in the blood stream or in lymph fluid. There is a common pattern in the way that bowel cancer spreads in the body. The name given to this kind of bowel cancer is 'metastatic' and each new area of growth away from the primary tumour is known as a 'metastasis'

Pete has endured numerous tests and procedures over the past week to ascertain what the best course of action is, along with his team of specialists. Pete will start chemo next week.

PURPOSE OF THIS PAGE

This go fund me page has been created to help Pete and Dee pay the mounting Medical bills that will come their way. After helping so many people professionally and personally it is

fitting his colleagues, friends and community 'have his back' in this time of need.

This diagnosis has rocked all of Pete's friends and family to our core. As Pete's mate **Fyshy** said, "Last Thursday morning I woke to the news that my best mate had this hideous disease, absolutely broke my heart. **Pete Irby** is not my best mate he is my brother that's how close we are, we were inseparable growing up, Pete's family give us the nickname **Fysh n Chips**. This is going to be a very long and tough journey for Pete and his beautiful family, and I hope we can help them all as much as we possibly can. There are so many things I can say about Pete, but the biggest thing is he needs each and everyone's support in this shit time. "

Pete is determined to beat this hideous disease. Let's get behind Pete and his family and try to ease some of the financial pressure for them.

Any contribution you can make is greatly appreciated. Please keep Pete and his family in your thoughts as he fights this insidious disease.

#TeamPete

<https://au.gofundme.com/teampete-pete039s-cancer-fund>

Darren Robert JONES

14/07/2025

Darren Robert JONES

Husband to Serving Member – Trish and brother of
Serving Member Paul (Tocumwal)

Late of ?

Goulburn Police Academy class 245

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 28112

Rank: Sergeant – death

Stations: ?, Parramatta LAC (2011 –
2018) – Death

Service: From ? April 1990 to 9 March
2018 = 28 years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: 16 November 1968

Died on: Friday 9 March 2018

Age: 49

Cause: Cancer – liver

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

**Funeral date: Friday 16 March 2018 @
10am**

**Funeral location: Garden Chapel,
Castlebrook Memorial Park, 712 Windsor
Rd, Rouse Hill**

**Funeral Parlour: Guardian Funerals 1300
662172**

Buried at: Buried at the cemetery

Memorial located at: ?



July 2017



August 2015



December 2014

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May they forever Rest In Peace

In Loving Memory



Darren Robert Jones

16th November, 1968 - 9th March, 2018



"Forever In Our Hearts"

When I'm Gone

When I come to the end of my journey
And I travel my last weary mile,
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned
And remember only my smile.

Forget unkind words I may have spoken
Remember some good I have done,
Forget that I ever had heartache
And remember I've had loads of fun.

Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
And sometimes fell by the way,
Remember I have fought some hard battles
And won, by the close of the day.

Then forget to grieve for my going
I would not have you sad for a day,
But in summer just gather some flowers
And remember the place where I lay.

And come in the shade of evening
When the sun paints the sky in the west,
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember only my best.



17 March 2017

Sergeant Darren Jones is a serving member of the NSW Police Force based at **Parramatta Local Area Command**.

Darren was diagnosed with **Stage 3 Bowel Cancer** in **June 2015** which he successfully treated with Chemotherapy. He was in remission in **August of 2016** when Doctors found **metastasised cells** in Darren's **abdomen**. He underwent further Chemotherapy and all was looking good until **mid-February 2017**, when he received a **Stage 4 Liver Cancer diagnosis**.

Darren and Trish, also a serving member of the NSW Police Force have **twin 11-year olds**, a **boy** and a **girl**, **Ty and Charli**. Ever since **Darren and Trish** had their children, they have dreamt of being able to take their family on a **holiday to Disneyland**. A goal that now seems more pressing to create special memories for the children, and to give the family some **precious time away together**.

With the assistance of **NSW Police Legacy, Darren's mates** and colleagues are fundraising to support **Darren** with his medical expenses, and to give the family their dream holiday.

Donate here:
<http://nswpolicelegacydarrenjonesappeal.gofundraise.com.au/cms/home>

<https://www.4bc.com.au/nsw-police-legacy-darren-jones-appeal/>

Darren Jack SLATTERY

14/07/2025

Darren Jack SLATTERY

AKA Slats

Late of Vietnam and Ban Patong, Phuket, Thailand for the past
9 years

NSW Redfern Police Academy **Class 184B**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 20319

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 23 July 1982

Constable 1st Class – appointed 23 July 1987

Senior Constable – Retirement

Stations: ?, Sutherland (24 Division), Kogarah (31 Division
– 1980's), Warilla GD's, Corrimal GD's, Wollongong Prisoner
Security Unit, Georges River – Retirement

Service: From 3 May 1982 to 20 August 1998 = 16+ years

Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: Friday 2 December 1960

Died on: Saturday 4 November 2017

Age: 56

Cause: Enjoying life the way he wanted. Liver failure

Event location: Bangkok

Event date: ?

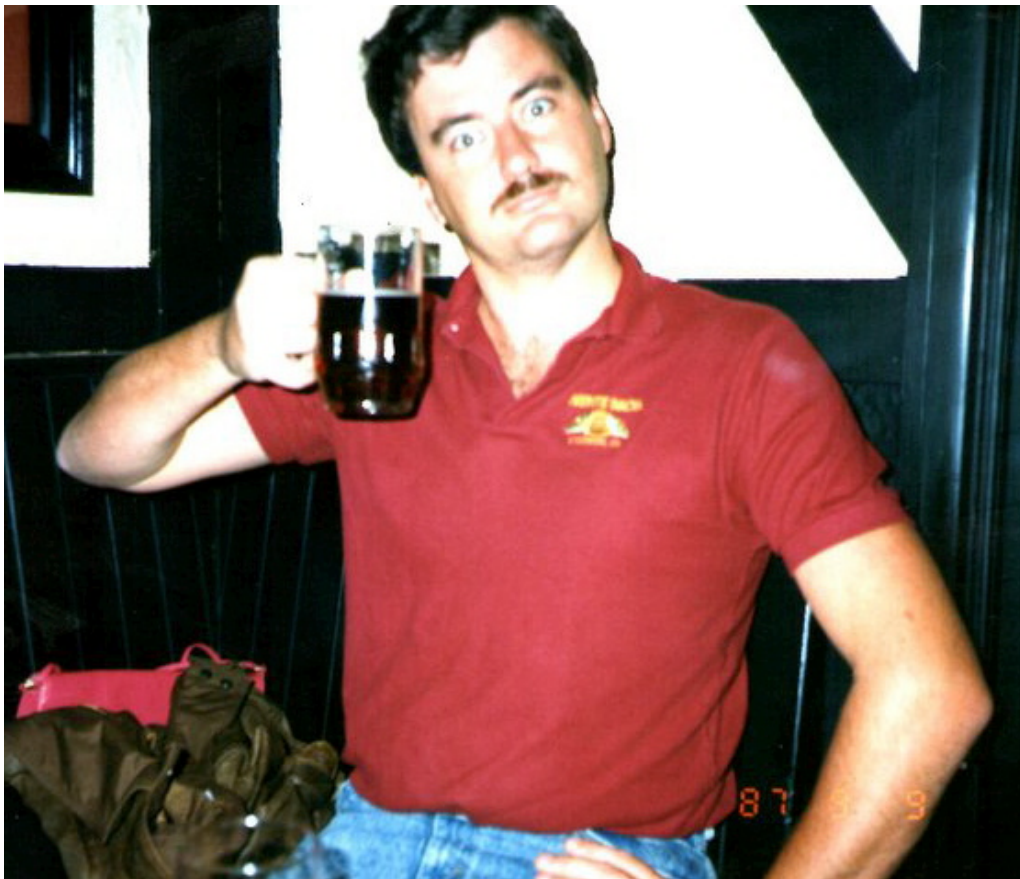
Funeral date: Wednesday 15 November 2017 @ 1pm

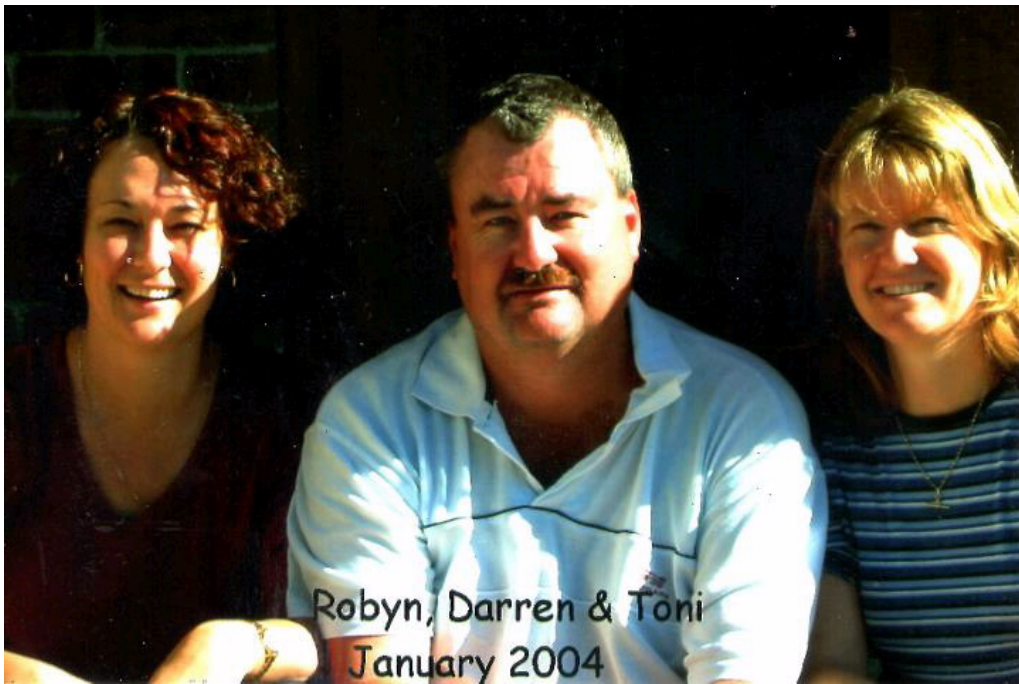
Funeral location: South Chapel, Woronora Cemetery, Linden St,
Sutherland

Wake: Sutherland United Services Club, E Parade & Oxford St (
Club on East)

Buried at: Cremated

Memorial located at: ?















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

Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

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

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May they forever Rest In Peace

Apparently Slats has been unwell for some time and was medivaced from Phuket to Australia, with liver failure. He

spent several days in Hospital, in January, with Cellulitis in his left leg together with deep vein thrombosis.

His mother and sister flew from Australia to Phuket on the 31 October, 2017, but Slats passed away on an AirAmbulance flight back to Australia from Bangkok.

It has come to notice that the **son** of Darren, **Ryan Jack "Slats" Slattery**, passed away on the 29 December 2017, aged 29. Just over a month since Darren passed away.

SLATTERY Ryan Jack "Slats"

Passed away 29.12.2017 Aged 29 years

Adored son of Karen and Garry and **Darren** (dec'd).

Loving brother of Haydn, Dean, Curtis and their families.

Beloved grandson of Dawn and Bill (dec'd), Coral and Jack (dec'd).

Much loved nephew, uncle, cousin and friend of many.

Relatives and friends are warmly invited to Ryan's celebration of life this FRIDAY, **19.1.2018** at **Lake Macquarie Memorial Park, 405 Cessnock Road, Ryhope**, commencing at 1pm.

In lieu of flowers Donations to the **Black Dog Institute** may be left at the chapel.

In accordance with **Ryan's wishes**, please wear something colourful.

"Go the Sharkies"

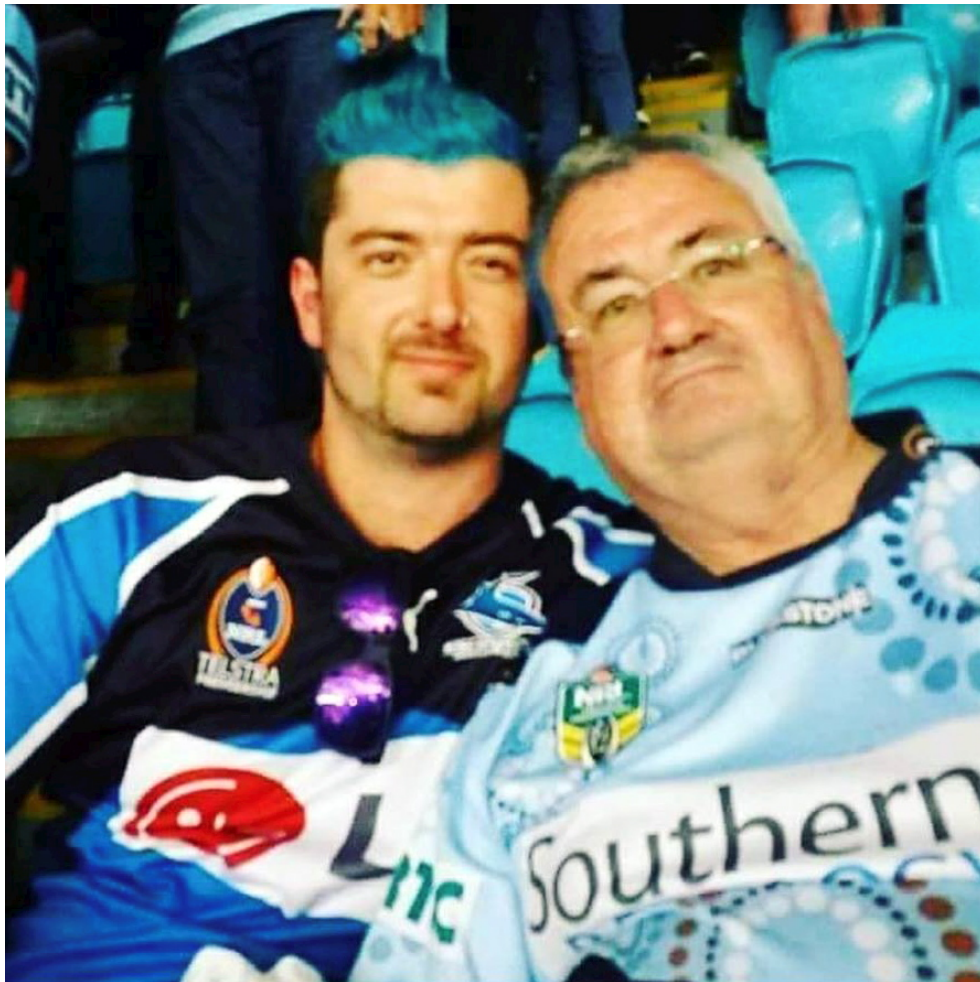
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Ryan SLATTERY & Darren Jack SLATTERY



Ryan Jack SLATTERY





Trevor Lloyd WATKINS

14/07/2025

Trevor Lloyd WATKINS

aka Wokeye

New South Wales Police Force

NSW Redfern Police Academy Class # 160

Probationary Regd. # 92499

Regd. # 18284

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Academy on Monday 3 July 1978 (aged 25 years, 2 months, 24 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 18 September 1978 (25 years 5 months 9 days old)

Senior Constable – appointed 18 September 1987

Final Rank: Senior Constable

Stations: Riverstone (28 Division), Parramatta (18 Division), Blacktown G.D's & Rescue Squad (27 Division)

Service: From 3 July 1978 to 18 October 1997 = 19 years, 3 months, 15 days Service

Awards: National Medal – granted 2 February 1995

Born: Thursday 9 April 1953

Died on: Saturday 18 October 1997

(Sydney Morning Herald has an article I can't read fully:
Apr 25, 1994 – Blacktown. Pensioner deceased will be made by
Trevor Lloyd Watkins Creditors are required to send
particulars of their claims upon her estate....

Cause: Liver Cancer stemming from a toxic spill obtained
whilst working Rescue Squad

Age: 44 years 6 months 9 days

Funeral date: ?TBA

Funeral location: Tweed Heads, NSW

Buried at: Cremated: **Ashes scattered at Cabarita Beach, NSW**

Memorial at: NIL





Rescue 27 – Blacktown.

Back Row (L – R)

?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, Trevor Lloyd WATKINS #18284

Front Row (L – R)

?, ?, Col 'Pussa' KELSON # 17357, ?

TREVOR is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

*** BUT SHOULD BE (still not mentioned in May 2021)**

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THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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Trevor's cancer **should be** deemed a **HOD** from a rescue response incident in Blacktown to a **chemical spill**.

Trevor Watkins was a Police Rescue Operator who attended the

same incident as Ronald Walter McGOWN.

Ron died on the **10 June 1998** within 3 months of being diagnosed with **Liver Cancer**.

Ron IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance but **Trevor** is **NOT** mentioned on the same wall.

Doctors are reported to have linked the two Police and their disease to **the chemical spill event**.

John FELTON

14/07/2025

John FELTON

aka Felto

(late of Seven Hills)

“possible” family in ‘the job’: **R.D. FELTON, NSWPF # 15959**

New South Wales Police Force
Redfern Police Academy – Class 149
Regd. # 17164

Rank: Commenced Training with Class 149 at on Monday 6
October 1975 (aged 21 years, 11 months, 27 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 8 December 1975 (aged 22
years, 1 month, 29 days)

Constable – appointed 8 December 1976

Constable 1st Class – appointed 8 December 1980

Senior Constable – appointed 8 December 1984

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ?

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ?

Final Rank: Sergeant – retired

Stations: ?, Blacktown GD's & Rescue Squad (27 Division),
Wetherill Park (34 Division), Green Valley (22 Division)

Service: From 7 October 1975 to 9 July 2010 = 34 years, 9
months, 3 days Service

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 17 March 1992 (Sgt)
1st Clasp to the National Medal – **granted** 4 September 2001 (

Sgt)

Born: Friday 9 October 1953

Died on: Wednesday 20 May 2015 about 5pm

Cause: Liver Cancer

Age: 61 years, 7 months, 11 days

Funeral date: Monday 25 May 2015 @ 9am

Funeral location: Pinegrove Crematorium, North Chapel, Great Western Hwy, Minchinbury

Buried at: Cremated



John Felton on the left

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

Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

FELTON, John

9.10.1953 – 20.05.2015

Formerly of Seven Hills

Loving husband of Stacey. Much loved father & father-in-law of Courtney & Adam and Ashley & Kirstie.

Adored Poppy-Chicken of Riley & Madeline.

Family and friends of JOHN are invited to attend his Funeral Service on Monday, May 25, 2015, to be held in the North Chapel of Pinegrove Crematorium on the grounds of Pinegrove Memorial Park, Great Western Highway, Minchinbury at 9:00am.

Minchinbury 9625-8500

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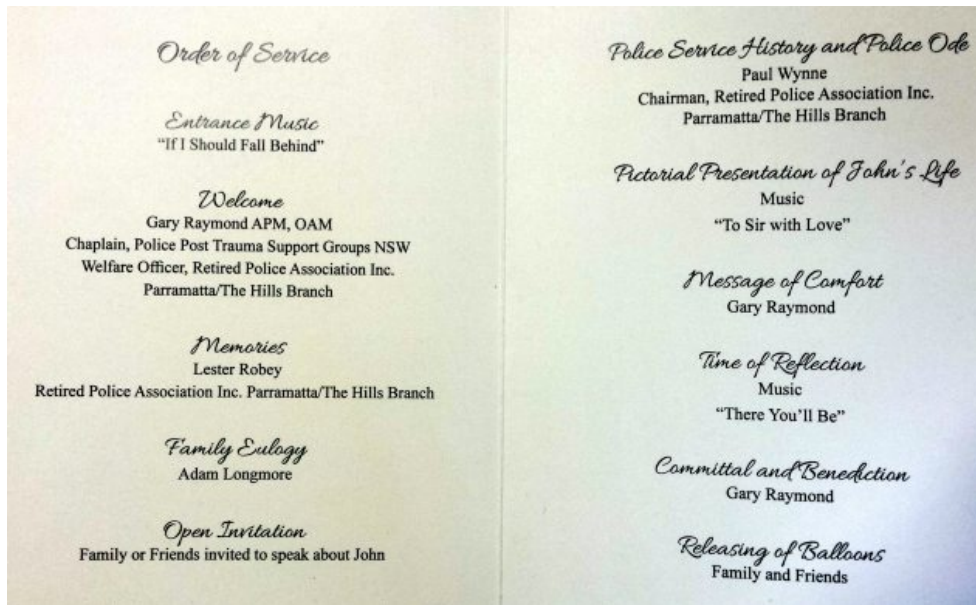
Celebrating the Life of



John Felton

9th October 1953 - 20th May 2015

John Felton funeral pamphlet



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*Thank you for being with us today
and for your love, comfort and support.*



*Family and friends are now invited to celebrate
John's life at 44 Margaret Street, Seven Hills.*

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