

Patrick Leslie CARNEY

13/11/2013

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(late of the Gold Coast QLD & Wauchope NSW)

aka Pat, Coons

New South Wales Police Force – Resigned

Completed Training at Redfern Police Academy with Class 151

Regd. # 17347

NSW Police Cadet # 3097

Rank: NSW Police Cadet – commenced 3 February 1975

Probationary Constable – appointed 29 August 1976

Senior Constable – appointed 29 August 1985

Final Rank: Senior Constable – Resigned

Stations: Sutherland, Wollongong, Unanderra, P.S.U. –
Wollongong

Service: 3 February 1975 to ? ? 1990 = 14+ years Service

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 27 August 1992 (Former SenCon)

Born: Thursday 29 August 1957

Age: 46 yrs 2 mths 12 days

Died on: Monday 10 November 2003

Cause: Suicide – Hanging

Funeral date: Monday 17 November 2003

Funeral location: Wauchope, NSW

Funeral location 2: Gold Coast, Qld

Buried at: Wauchope Cemetery, NSW

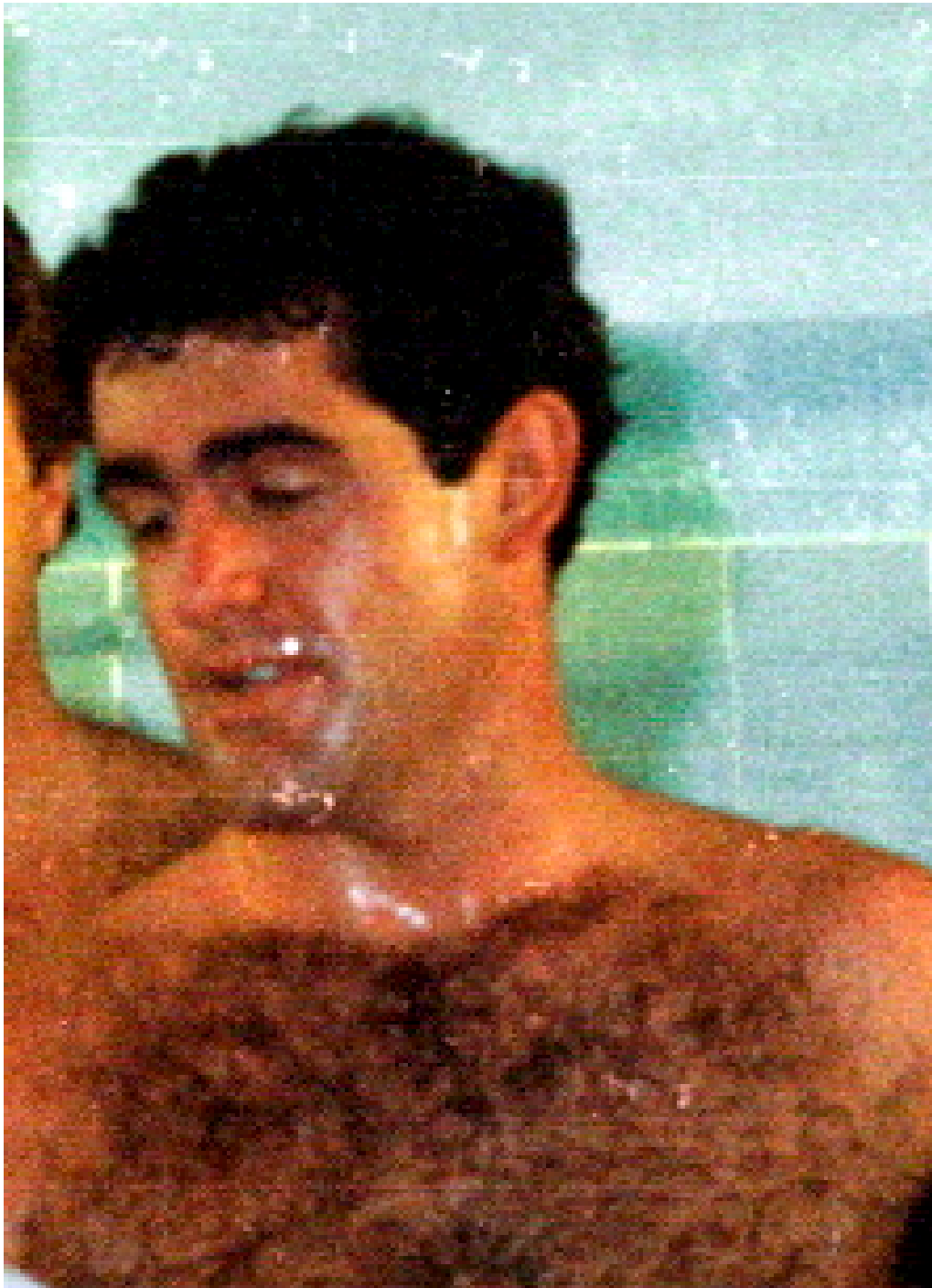
**PAT is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance *NEED
MORE INFO**



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FIELD, FIGTREE.



POLICE FOOTBALL AT ROSE BAY.
CONSTABLE PAT CARNEY, WOLLONGONG POLICE.
20 APRIL 1983

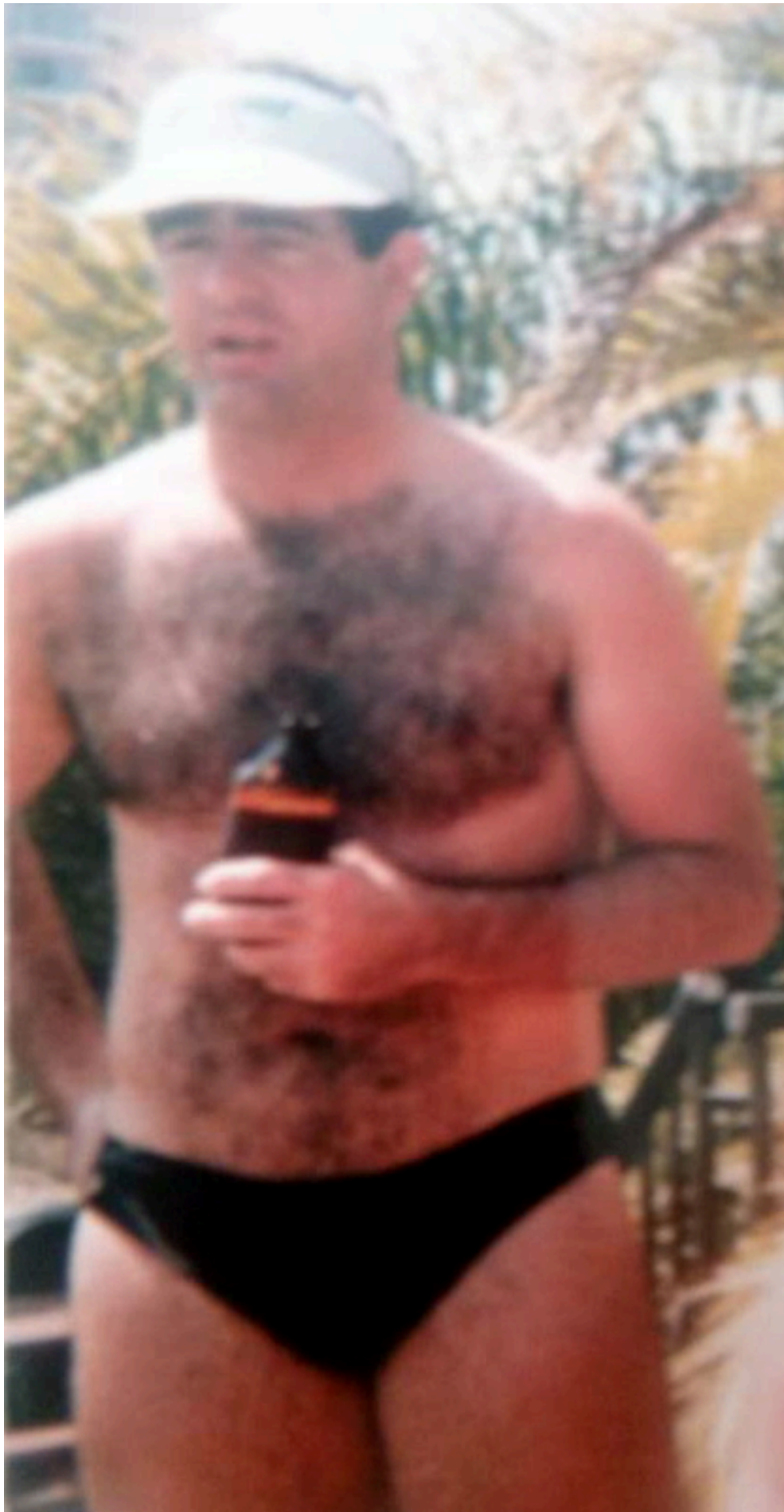




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1985 or 1986, Surfers Paradise, Qld



Darren STARLING, Pat COONEY (RIP), Gary THATCHER (RIP) at the home of John HITCHCOCK. This would have been a Police Footy BBQ.

Pat was born and bred in Wauchope, NSW, and joined the New South Wales Police Force via the Police Cadet system, aged 16, and commenced at the Redfern Police Academy on the 3 February 1975 and was assigned Cadet # 3097.

After the Police Academy, Pat was stationed at various locations including Sutherland. He was later transferred to Wollongong General Duties and also performed duties at Unanderra as part of the District Foot Patrol.

Pat was a funny bastard and always up for a practical joke. He was also a great footballer, playing in the NSW Police Football competition and playing for Wollongong District.

He served his final years back at Wollongong in the Prisoner Security Unit (PSU) until his resignation in 1990.

Two funeral Services were held for Pat. One in his old home town of Wauchope, NSW, where he was laid to rest and the second

was held on the Gold Coast where Pat resided.

Pat was born on the 29 August 1957.

Gabrielle Patricia McDONALD

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Gabrielle Patricia McDONALD – nee Eggleston

aka Gabby

late of Maryland

Wife to Andrew McDonald # 22289

NSW Police Academy Class # 242C

“possibly” a Rejoinee

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 26685

Rank: Commenced training at Goulburn Police Station on Sunday 30 July 1989 (aged 19 years, 5 months, 5 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 25 January 1990 (aged 19 years, 11 months, 0 days)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (YES)

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: Detective Sergeant

Stations: ?, Inner City (Sydney), Newtown Detectives, Balmain (8 Division), Newcastle, Lake Macquarie L.A.C., Northern Region Professional Standards

Service: From 30 July 1989 to 3 July 2013 = 23 years, 11 months, 3 days Service

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours

Born: Wednesday 25 February 1970

Died on: Wednesday 3 July 2013

Cause: Depression – Suicide – hanging – ON DUTY

Previous attempt in 2012 inside Newcastle Police Stn

Age: 43 years, 4 months, 8 days

Funeral date: Thursday 11 July 2013 @ 11am

Funeral location: Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church,
Sandgate Rd, Shortland

Buried at: Sandgate Lawn Cemetery, 116 Maitland Rd, Sandgate,
NSW

Grave Location: Lawn Cemetery 1, Row R, Grave 54

GPS: Lat: -32.8703445 Long: 151.709213



Gabrielle "Gabby" McDonald

**GABBY is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance –
Canberra**

*** BUT SHOULD BE. Last checked ~~2 Aug 2019~~ 24 Jan 2024**

**GABBY IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance – NSW
Domain**

Grave location: [codepeople-post-map]





Grave of Gabrielle Patricia McDONALD – nee Gabby Eggleston



Class 242C Goulburn – Attested 25 January 1990
Gabby EGGLESTON, Front row, 3rd from right

Late of Maryland

Gabrielle passed away on 03/07/2013.

Her funeral is proposed to be held at 11am on Thursday 11th Instant at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church, 262 Sandgate Road, SHORTLAND.

Dearly loved wife of ANDREW, loving mother of JESSICA and JOSH. Loved daughter and daughter-in-law of CARMEL and NORM (dec'd) EGGLESTON, FRAN and WARREN McDONALD.

Sister and sister-in-law of PETER and MAREE, MEL and JULIE, MARIA and MARK, ANDREW and AREEYA, ANGELA and MARK, SUE and STEVE, PATRICK and CAROLINE, NICOLE and NIGEL, GREG and loved aunty of their FAMILIES.

The Relatives and Friends of GABRIELLE are warmly invited to attend her Funeral to be held in Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church, Sandgate Rd, Shortland on THURSDAY 11/7/13 Funeral Liturgy commencing at 11am. An interment will follow at Sandgate Lawn Cemetery.

<http://pettigrew.com.au/upcoming-funerals/2013/7/11/mcdonald-gabrielle-patricia-gabby.html>

Gabrielle "Gabby" McDonald (1970 – 2013)

In Memoriam

Gabrielle Patricia MCDONALD

Passed away suddenly on 3/7/2013

What would we give to hear your voice and see your face again.

In our hearts is your memory and there you will always be.

Love from Andrew Jessica Joshua your family & friends

Published in The Newcastle Herald on July 3, 2015

– See more at:

<http://tributes.theherald.com.au/obituaries/theherald-au/obituary.aspx?n=gabrielle-mcdonald-gabby&pid=175205192#sthash.ti7JDssd.dpuf>

Family of NSW policewoman who took her own life suing state for millions

Exclusive by the National Reporting Team's Lorna Knowles

Updated **12 Jul 2016**, 6:00am

The family of a policewoman who took her own life is suing the state of New South Wales for millions of dollars, for allegedly failing to protect her from harm.

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Key points:

- Andrew McDonald has filed three negligence claims against the state
- The claim alleges his wife did not receive adequate care after attending several traumatic incidents
- It also alleges police failed to investigate a previous suicide attempt

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Video:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-11/family-of-nsw-policewoman-who-took-her-own-life/7587948>

Newcastle mother-of-two Sergeant Gabrielle McDonald developed post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and depression after witnessing a string of horrific incidents on the job.

She took her own life on July 3, 2013, the day after a police medical officer had declared her as fit for duty.

Her husband Andrew McDonald has filed three negligence claims against the state of NSW on behalf of himself and his two children, Jessica and Joshua.

His statement of claim, filed to the NSW District Court, said over the course of her career, McDonald attended numerous traumatic incidents, including domestic disputes, assaults, car accidents, suicides and murders.

She was particularly distressed by the drowning of a 17-year-old boy in 2009 and a double road fatality in 2010, but did not receive any counselling, debriefing or monitoring after the incidents, the statement of claim alleges.

In late 2010, she was promoted to Detective Sergeant in the Professional Standards Unit, Northern Region. But she struggled with the heavy workload, which included two stints relieving for her supervisor.

In 2012, McDonald attempted suicide in an office at the Newcastle police station, but police never investigated the incident.

"It's investigation 101," Mr McDonald, who was also a police officer, told the ABC.

"That's what police do and it's appalling that it was never done."

Police medical officer found suicide attempt 'was not genuine'



The day before McDonald took her own life, she was sent to see a police medical officer, Dr Naresh Verma.

Mr McDonald told the ABC, Dr Verma determined her previous suicide attempt was not genuine and he did not believe she had PTSD.

"All the staff thought well, OK, things must be on the improve, maybe Gabrielle is not sick at all, maybe she's pulling the wool over our eyes and that was clearly wrong," Mr McDonald said.

Dr Verma did not respond to repeated requests for comment.



The police force determined that McDonald should be transferred to another police station the next day.

According to the statement of claim, she was summoned to a meeting without warning and without a support person to be

told she was being moved.

McDonald left the meeting in a distressed state, drove to a state forest and took her life.

Mr McDonald said he had one last telephone conversation with his wife.

“She said I can’t go on any more. I’m not getting better. I’m such a burden. They keep kicking me down at work. All I’m trying to do is keep my hours up. You know, this is hopeless,” he said.

“And I said: ‘You can’t do this’. I pleaded with her and begged her not to.

“She said I love you and the kids. We talked about all the things we’d done together, but nothing I said would make sense to her, she was just that determined to do it”.

McDonald ‘did not receive proper monitoring’

Mr McDonald’s lawyers allege that the police service ought to have known the meeting would cause her distress and that she was at risk of self harm.

They allege the NSW police force was negligent because it failed to maintain a safe system of work to avoid injury to McDonald.

It had also allegedly failed to provide her with adequate training to perform her duties and to take precautions for her safety, “putting her in a position of peril”.

The service is also accused of failing to provide adequate training on how to recognise the symptoms of psychiatric injury.

“The deceased did not receive any or proper monitoring of her condition while she continued to work in a stressful environment,” the claim states.

The claim also alleges the police force had failed to devise a system for the flagging of police officers involved in numerous distressing or traumatic incidents.

As a result of its negligence, McDonald had suffered a major depressive disorder, chronic PTSD, alcohol abuse and death by suicide, it is alleged.

Mr McDonald said he now suffered from an adjustment disorder with depression and anxiety.

He was on track to become a superintendent, before he was medically retired.

He is claiming about \$900,000 in future lost earnings, in addition to damages and interest. He is also seeking damages on behalf of his two children.

Damages are limited to \$750,000 in the NSW District Court, but it does have the discretion to lift the cap.

In a statement to the ABC, the NSW police force said it could not comment specifically on the tragic circumstances which led to the death of a serving officer.

“NSW police continues to improve its practices and procedures, having made significant advances over many years to minimise the psychological impact of policing duties on our officers, who frequently undertake stressful and difficult work,” the statement said.

“As a major priority, NSW police encourages the reporting of these impacts and offers a range of services to support, guide and educate our staff.

“These support services are comprehensive and effective.

“It is well understood that every officer’s circumstances are unique and most often extremely complex with regard to the impacts of psychological injury.”

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-11/family-of-nsw-policewoman-who-took-her-own-life-suing-state/7576870>

Scott Perrin 18 May 2020

Gabby was my partner Newtown D’s. She was rock solid, loyal and supportive. She spoke her mind and was honest in opinion and views.

Gabby was from the Eggleston family of the Hunter & loved horses and racing. She taught riding to kids with patience & care. Gabby also helped place horses with the Mounted Section NSW Police.

Along with Gabby & Deb Hayton, we had a tough feminine perspective to our office in the 90’s.

Sad to know when she was in need, Gabby felt alone.

Gabby was loved by many and will be missed by all!

Grant Charles EASTES

13/11/2013

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New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 18467

Joined via NSW Police Cadets on 4 July 1977

Cadet # 3345

Class 161 of 1978

Rank: NSW Police Cadet – started 4 July 1977

Probationary Constable – appointed 9 February 1979

Senior Constable – appointed 9 February 1988

Stations: Manly (1978), Narrabri HWP, Lismore District
Accident Investigation Squad

Service: From 4 July 1977 to 13 January 1990 = 12+ years
Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: Tuesday 9 February 1960

Died: Saturday 13 January 1990

Age: 29 yrs 11 mths 4 days

Cause: Illness – Suicide – overdose – P.T.S.D.
at Fortitude Valley, Brisbane, Qld

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location:

Buried at: Casino Lawn Cemetery

Memorial location:



Grant IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance



Senior Constable Grant Charles EASTES – Grave.
Casino Lawn Cemetery, NSW.



Senior Constable Grant Charles **EASTES** touch plate at the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra.

On **13 January, 1990 Senior Constable Eastes** took his own life in a **Brisbane Motel**. On 20 October, 1989 he had been one of the first police to arrive on the scene of the horrific **bus crash** upon the **Pacific Hwy, Cowper**, (commonly referred to as the **Grafton bus crash**) in which **twenty one** people **died** and **twenty two** more were **injured**. **At the time** it was the worst road accident in Australia's history. Following the accident

the senior constable **reported off duty on sick report**, suffering from **Acute Post Traumatic Shock Syndrome**.

The constable was born in **1960** and joined the New South Wales Police Force as a **Cadet** on the **4 July, 1977**. At the time of his death he was attached to the **Lismore District Accident Investigation Squad**.

From the book, **Picking up the pieces** by **Don Woodland, Simon Bouda**: page **159**

[blockquote]It was during that time that I had a lengthy conversation with a highway patrol officer, **Grant Eastes**. I could sense that this man was in quite a bad way, finding it hard to cope. It was just his attitude, what he was saying, how he expressed how he was feeling. As we talked he brought up all these other incidents on the highway that he'd attended in recent months. I was so concerned that I mentioned the conversation to some senior police officers and later, **Major Errol Woodbury**, who was one of the State's **senior police chaplains** at the time.[/blockquote]

From the book, **Picking up the pieces** by **Don Woodland, Simon Bouda**: page **164**

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A postscript to the **Grafton tragedy**. Three months after the accident, **29 year old Senior Constable Grant Eastes**, the officer **I was so concerned about** on the night of the tragedy,

was found dead in a motel room in the **Brisbane suburb of Fortitude Valley**. He'd taken an **overdose of pills**.

Grant's father **Ken** told journalists his son's life had been **destroyed by the sight of the dead and injured** at the **Grafton bus crash** scene.

I'm afraid to say his suicide didn't surprise me. Here was a crash investigation officer who had witnessed a real slathering of fatal accidents up and down that highway. The **bus crash** was the **catalyst** for his suicide. **It was just too much**.

[/blockquote]

http://books.google.com.au/books?id=PhJj1DhGp_QC&pg=PA164&lpg=PA164&dq=senior+constable+grant+eastes&source=bl&ots=CC_3-fhx-n-&sig=ZMIjSgfrs8ypwFb6oMkw62eCaz4&hl=en&sa=X&ei=LOHTUsrcEIXTkQX324DADQ&ved=0CDgQ6AEwAw#v=onepage&q=senior%20constable%20grant%20eastes&f=false
