

Bruce William TARRANT

03/05/2016

Bruce William TARRANT

aka Tubby & Tarro

(late of Tanilba Bay, NSW)

New South Wales Police Force

NSW Police Redfern Academy **Class # 109**

Regd. # 12305

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday
31 October 1966 (aged 23 years, 4 months, 9 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 12 December 1966 (aged 23
years, 5 months, 20 days)

Constable – appointed 12 December 1967

Constable 1st Class – appointed 12 December 1971

Senior Constable – appointed 12 December 1975

Appears in the 1989 Stud Book as a SenCon

Final Rank: Senior Constable

Stations: North East District (1967), Newcastle,
Carrington, HWP (Cyclist) at Scott St, Newcastle (? – June

1969), Gunnedah HWP – Cars – Sept 1972 –), PCBC Gunnedah –
(Police Citizens Boys Club), Lake Macquarie PCYC (Police
Citizens Young Club 1979 –) – retirement

Service: From pre 12 December 1966 to ? ? ? = ? years
Service

Awards: National Medal – granted 22 April 1983

1st Clasp to National Medal – granted 27 August 1992

Born: Tuesday 22 June 1943

Died on: Tuesday 3 May 2016 at Mayfield Aged Care, NSW

Cause: Illness – Heart failure after battling Ischaemic Heart
Disease and Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia for about 10 years.

In 2014 he had successful surgery for Bowel Cancer and major
heart surgery.

Age: 72 years, 10 months, 11 days

Funeral date: Wednesday 4 May 2016

Funeral location: ?

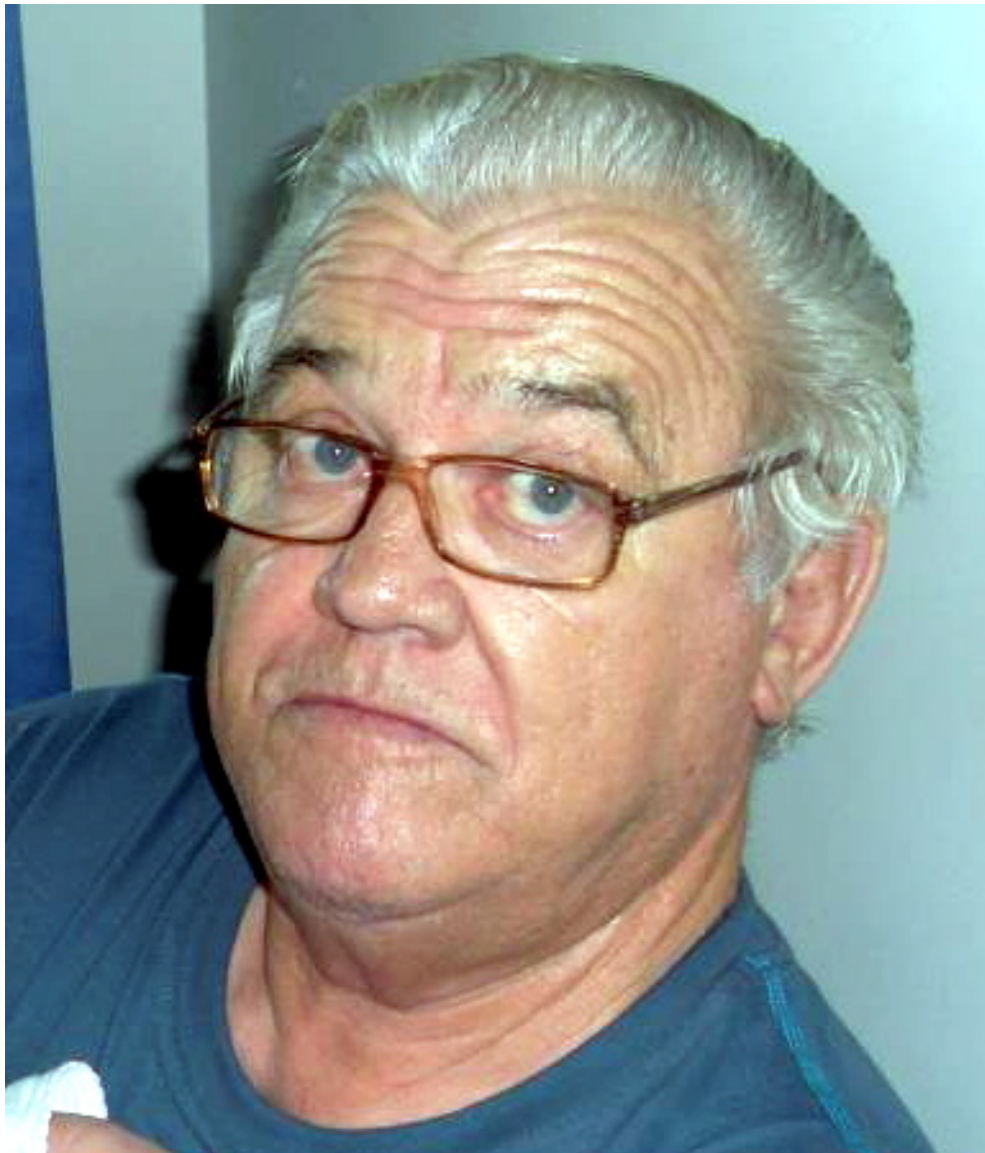
Buried at: Cremated (A private cremation took place. There
wasn't an official funeral or public notice as per his wishes
)

Memorial at: Tubby's Ashes will be scattered on a farm at

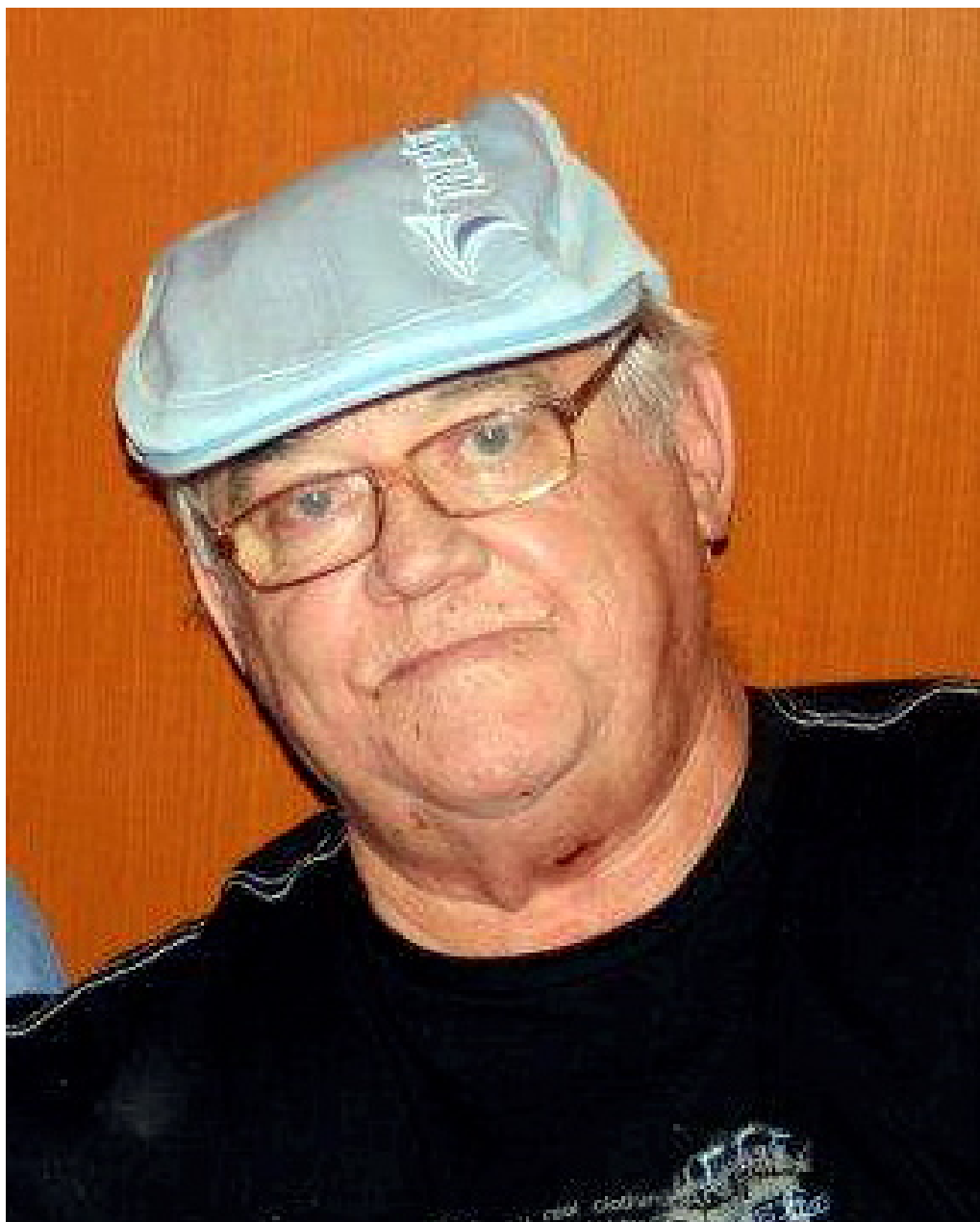
Burren Junction where he liked to go shooting.



2007



2010



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

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Due to an accident he had while in the Highway Patrol, he was always on pain killers and for more than ten years he has been using morphine patches, the prolonged use of these medications had a detrimental effect on his health this, coupled with his lifestyle, contributed to his early death.

Bruce had been ill since around August 2015 and had a bleed on the brain and surgery in September 2015.

Unfortunately Tarro had a few setbacks since that time and needed 24/7 care and was placed into the Mayfield Aged Care & Wallsend Nursing Home.

May he forever Rest In Peace.

Some work 'history' of Tubby from Gunnedah:

His stint on the motorcycles **ended in June 1969 in Newcastle**, when a VW failed to give way to Bruce when he was dispatched to a bank hold-up (**hoax**). He spent **four months** in the Mater **Hospital** in Newcastle and returned to work full-time the following year in **highway patrol cars**.

He transferred to **Gunnedah** in **September 1972** as the **only Highway Patrol officer** in the town, about a year later he transferred to the **PCBC** to become the **assistant constable** at the **Gunnedah Police & Citizens Boys Club** and shortly after he was made the **Officer in charge**.

He lobbied for a better site for a **multi-functional club** and plans were drawn up for the new **PCYC** on the **Gunnedah Showground**, before the building was finished Bruce was offered a transfer to **Newcastle** to build another club in the **Lake Macquarie** area.

In **1979** we returned to **Newcastle** and Bruce commenced the task of raising funds and planning the new club. This task was achieved with support from local businesses and a very strong committee and the new club was opened by the then Prime Minister the **Honorable Bob Hawke AC** on **1st October 1983**.

Bruce continued to run the club until his **retirement due continued complications** from the motorcycle accident back in 1969.

Info: Mary Tarrant

A childhood friend of Bruce, comments: Although Bruce and I (Anthony Stevens) were never stationed together, we were both good childhood friends living in Whitegates, Wallsend and attended school together in Newcastle.

6 July 2020

Jenny Lee BONHAM nee TAYLOR

03/05/2016

**Jenny Lee 3/ BONHAM nee 1/ TAYLOR
nee 2 /ASTILL**

aka: Jenny Lee BONHAM, Jenny Lee TAYLOR, Jenny Lee ASTILL

New South Wales Police Force

Goulburn Police Academy – Class DPP 05 (279)

Regd. # 345??

Rank: Commenced Training with Class DPP 05 (279) on ? ? ?

Probationary Constable – appointed Friday 12 May 2000 (aged 32 years, 10 months, 9 days)

Senior Constable – Resigned

Stations: ?, Macquarie Fields (35 Division), Campbelltown Transits (35 Division), ? – Resigned (went back to Nursing)

Service: From 12 May 2000 to 12 January 2008 = 7+ years Service

Awards: ? – nil on It's an Honour

Born: Monday 3 July 1967

Died on: Thursday 17 March 2016

Cause: Cancer – Brain

Age: 48 years, 8 months, 14 days

Funeral date: Wednesday 23 March 2016 @ 11.30am

Funeral location: Palmdale Lawn Cemetery & Memorial Park.
Palmdale Road, Palmdale Ourimbah NSW 2258

Buried at: ?

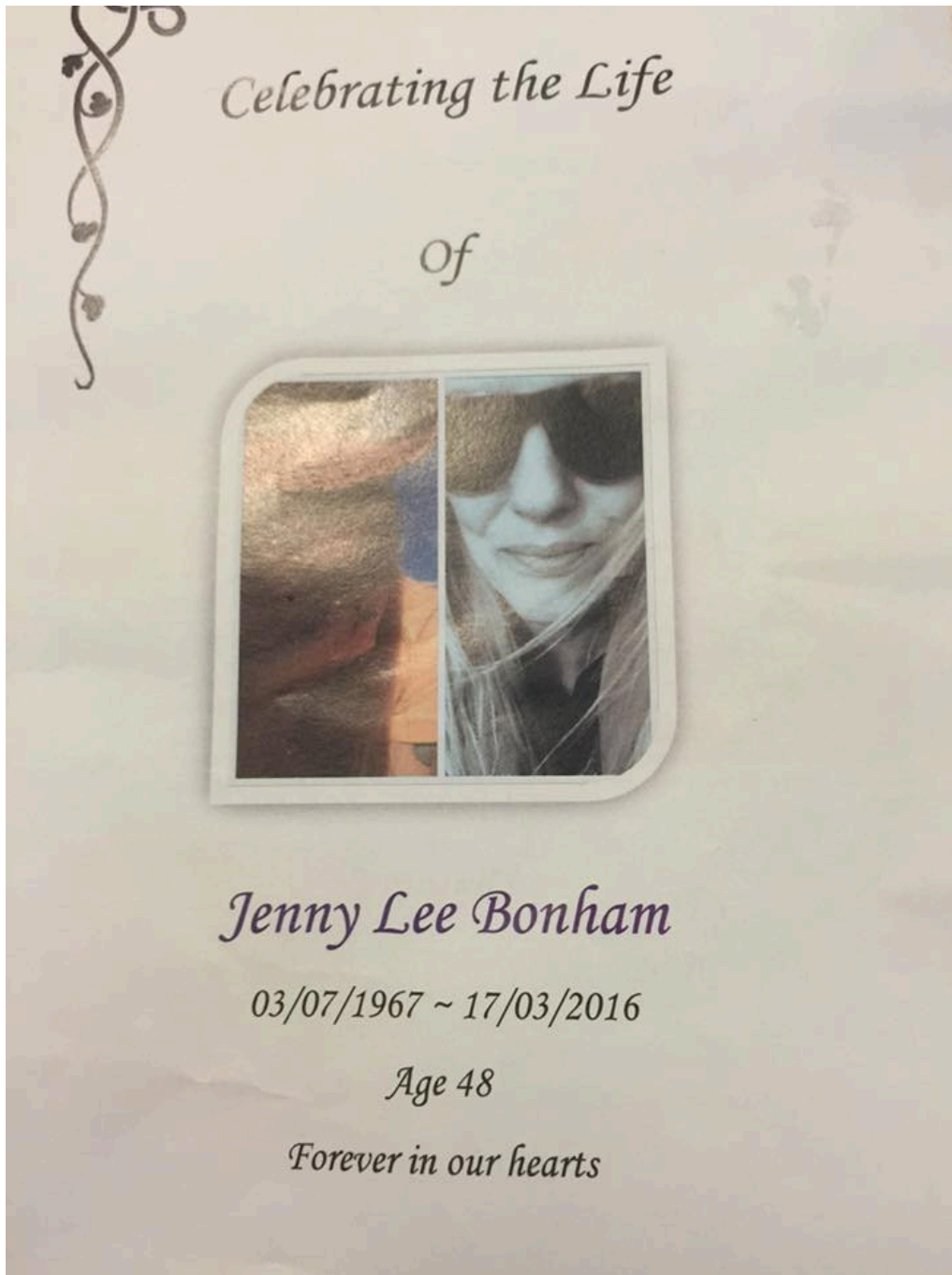
Memorial at: ?



Kate & Jen BONHAM



Jenny BONHAM nee TAYLOR



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JOB RELATED**

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On Behalf of all of us Resigned Police – may you forever Rest In Peace Jenny.

Ian Betts to Retired, Resigned, Rebuffed and Recycled – Former members of the NSW Police

(Thursday 24 March 2016)

Yesterday I attended the funeral of ex Jenny Bonham (Taylor) who worked at Macquarie Fields and Campbelltown.

Jenny served for 8 years before resigning and going back to nursing.

I was somewhat amazed to learn that if you have resigned from the Police they will not issue a Nemises message regarding your death or any funeral details, this also applies to public servants in the Police.

So much for the Police Family.

John Wilson RIP Jenny

Kate Bonham feeling heartbroken.

March 23 at 7:06pm ·

Today we said our final goodbye to a beautiful lady. Mother, daughter, sister, mother and friend to so many. It was possibly the hardest thing I have had to do thus far. Watching my brother's heart break as he said goodbye to his soul mate was something I will never forget.

Jen made the world a better place. She had a zest for life

that was second to none. I'm still in a state of shock, it was far too soon and I really wasn't ready. Today hurtled me through so many emotions that are hard to explain.

It really does prove that we have no control over when we go. Hug and tell your loved ones as much as you can.

Jen was more than a sister in law to me, she was my sister. One I had craved for all my life. I was nervous meeting her for the first time, wondering if she would like me. Never did I expect to find someone who would change me in so many ways.

Christmases changed for our family, we finally spent time together. We finally laughed and loved as a tight family and that was because of Jen. Never before had I felt as if I truly did belong until Jen built a relationship between my brother and I. It wasn't until one Christmas night after everyone had gone to bed that Jen told me how much my brother loved and cared for me...he may not always say it but he did. It was moments like this I will always remember with her.

This coming Christmas will be hard knowing she won't be there telling me 'its wine o'clock somewhere' as she poured a glass and sat outside by the bbq and it's going to be tough not hearing the greeting 'Sister' again.

All I know right now in my period of fresh grief is time will heal my wounds and my broken heart, but I will never forget this woman who changed me in so many great ways. These memories that I have of her, will be cherished and remembered forever.

Although I am an author, I can't seem to find enough words to sum up this amazing woman who inspired and loved so many. I only hope she knew how much she was loved and still will be by all that knew her. She genuinely was a true Aussie spirit, one that will never dim with age.

RIP Jenny Bonham

1967-2016

First published 25 March 2016.

Updated 29 July 2025 with further calculations.

Elizabeth FAHEY

03/05/2016

Elizabeth Fay FAHEY

aka Liz

New South Wales Police Force – Widow

the wife of the Late Sergeant Bill Fahey (NSW Police Rescue Squad)

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: Monday 31 May 1948

Died on: Sunday 25 December 2016

Place of death:

Cause: Brain tumour

Age: 68 years, 6 months, 24 days

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: Castlebrook Cemetery, 718 Windsor Rd, Rouse Hill,
NSW

Memorial at:



May they forever Rest In Peace



Liz and Bill FAHEY

As of Monday **14 September 2015**, Elizabeth Fahey – the wife of deceased Sergeant Bill Fahey, is currently in hospital with a brain tumour and having scans to determine the extend of the tumour.

We wish Elizabeth all the very best for a full and speedy recovery.

As of Wednesday **29 September 2015**, Liz's brain tumour pathology is back and it was found to be malignant. Doctors are going to do chemotherapy & radiotherapy.

Dear family and friends.

Maybe the majority of you will not know the name nor my relationship with this lovely Lady. Yesterday on **25/12/2016**, Elizabeth (Liz) Fahey lost her battle with a brain tumour. She was the wife of a 'giant' in the New South Wales Police Rescue Squad, Sergeant William (Bill, Uncle Bill) Fahey. Liz and Bill were living in Queensland when Bill died some years back. Liz moved back to NSW but not much is known of her life back here (to my shame) until recently when she became ill.

I joined the NSW Police Force in 1974 and till 1978 I was stationed at Annandale. In 1978 I completed a Rescue course and was transferred to the Police Rescue Squad. One of the first senior members of the Squad I was introduced to was Bill. He was a big man but not tall. Think of the size of an 18 gallon beer keg and apply that to his upper body.

Think this. When wearing his white overalls, he could roll up his sleeves, put the pointy end of a full size anvil in the sleeve and pick up the blunt end of the anvil and lift vertically. A powerful man with the heart of gold. Wasn't long before I met his beautiful partner Liz. She was a tiny thing, 5 foot nothing. But, when she came around for a visit, or a function at the PRS, she lit up the room. What a gentle soul she was. She would sit with anyone, everyone for a chat. She was a 'mum' to us all.

The last time I saw and spoke to Liz and Bill together was in 1985 at my wedding, and have a couple of photos. I shall treasure those photos. God bless Liz, you put up the good fight. You had so many people praying/thinking of you over these past months. The New South Wales Police Rescue Squad, The New South Wales VRA, any Rescue organisation that knew Liz will be thinking of her.

God Bless dear Lady.

Article by Kevin Banister, NSW Fallen Police FB Group

Kel Stewart I remember being the barmaid at the Cleveland Inn Surry Hills in those years and serving Liz and Bill Fahey beer whilst they were enjoying a smoke surrounded by Police rescue personel. Liz was a gentle soul Kevin and when I think of her....I smile. Liz is now back with Bill probably enjoying a beer & smoke. RIP Liz. Kel

Like · Reply · 2 · Yesterday at 8:44am

Kevin Banister The old Clevo. Many a de-brief at that pub especially on pay day

Like · Reply · 22 hrs

Graham Allan REIHER

03/05/2016

Graham Allan REIHER

Late of ?

NSW Police Redfern Academy Class # 119

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 13674

Rank Probationary Constable – appointed 23 June 1969

Stations: ?, Wollongong HWP

Service: From ? ? pre June 1969? to ? ? pre 1980? = 10? years
Service

Awards: National Medal – granted 30 June 2000

Born: 14 October 1948

Died on: Saturday 20 December 2008

Age: 60

Cause: Brain tumour

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: St Mary's Catholic Church, Berkeley

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Life of
Graham Reiher

14.10.1948 – 20.12.2008

Beloved Husband, Cherished Dad, Son and Brother, Precious Pop.



St Mary's Catholic Church Berkeley
Celebrant: Fr Joe Nguyen OFMConv

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

Funeral location: TBA

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May they forever Rest In Peace

Graham Reiher passed away on 20.12.08. He had a huge funeral with a "Guard of Honour" made up of the guys and girls of the S.E.S. in their orange overalls and looked quite impressive.

Graham was a Policeman pre 1980 in the Illawarra and worked at the Wollongong HWP.

He later became a Ranger with the **Wollongong Council** and, in 2008, developed a tumour in the brain – which was diagnosed in South Australia whilst he was on holiday down there, forcing him home and back to N.S.W.

George Bruce STEWART

03/05/2016

George Bruce STEWART

New South Wales Police Force

Regd # 14812

Senior Constable – Retired

Illness – Brain tumour

Born: 9 June 1948

Died: 13 October 2012

Pt Kembla Hospital

64 years

Funeral: 17 October 2012

<http://www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/1420243/police-ball-raises-funds-for-palliative-care/?cs=300>

Police ball raises funds for palliative care

By CYDONEE MARDON

April 10, 2013, 4:02 a.m.



George Stewart was in a deep coma but that didn't stop staff at Port Kembla's palliative care centre talking to him all the time, comforting him in his darkest

hours.

"My husband had a brain tumour, was operated on, and died 12 months later," Lorraine Stewart said yesterday.

"When we brought him in they talked to him all the time, they explained things, whether he could hear or not we didn't know, but that didn't matter to them, they were absolutely marvellous.

"I slept there alongside him, they kept me comfortable too. They do seem to be short staffed – no-one said anything but they always seemed to be running, to make sure they do everything they can for everyone."

Mrs Stewart, who lost her best friend six months ago, was thrilled to hear her husband's former colleagues in the NSW Police Force were raising funds for the rehabilitation centre and palliative care unit at Port Kembla.

"They looked after my husband so well. He was several times in rehab, then for the last week or so in palliative care. And they could definitely do with more funding."

Inspector Bryan Rugg, Commander of Radio Operations, said the organisers of this year's Illawarra Police Charity Ball were

happy to give something back to the facility that helped their colleague through his toughest year.

Senior Constable Stewart joined in 1971 and worked in Sydney before transferring to Warilla in 1986. He joined the communications section in 1997 and stayed until retiring in 2006.

He was an avid bowler and received The Australian Sports medal for Service to Bowls (Australian Honours System).

“Whilst the palliative care unit has some fantastic facilities, there is always room for improvement and upgrade of identified equipment utilised by the staff for the benefit of the patients,” Insp Rugg said.

“The rehabilitation section has a limited recuperation area for the patients waiting to undergo or after having received treatment.”

Some of the funds will go towards improving the outside sitting area and garden of the rehab centre.

Tickets for the July 26 ball have been snapped up, but auctions and raffle items are needed. Donations can be left at the NSW Southern Region Command, 84 Crown Street, Wollongong, or call Annemarie on 4226 7734.

**Retired SenCon George Stewart, VKG2, in W’G Hosp – brain op.
Posted 10 Oct 2011.**

For those of you who know George Stewart, Retired member from VKG2 Warilla, George is currently in Wollongong Hospital. On 071011 – George was operated on for a brain tumour. It came very quick and the symptoms very sudden. He is currently in Wollongong Hospital, Ward C4, Bed 31 where he is recovering.

Recovery is pretty good but sight and speech affected at this stage but should improve (that message was on the 7 October)

Today, 10 October, I spoke with George via phone at the Hospital and he sounds to be in good spirits.

Although he has various things hanging out of him, the one thing that isn't hanging out anymore is the old gaspa. He has given up the cigarettes. He said that the Doctor was fairly savage with what he took out (in relation to the tumour).

Lorraine and family are by George's side and he will have to undergo Radio / Chemotherapy in the coming weeks and will remain in Hospital for a short time before he gets back out onto the Bowling paddocks.

I am sure that George would appreciate some visits from his old mates.

**Re: Retired SenCon George Stewart, VKG2, in W'G Hosp - brain
Posted on 6 August 2012**

For all of you who know retired SenCon George Stewart, I went and visited him at home for a short time on Saturday. He is still living in the Illawarra. He still looks like his old self but let me tell you now - he ISN'T. He has now lost his peripheral vision and needs to wear sun glasses when he is outside in the brighter light. George, who is suffering from a TERMINAL brain tumour, knows what he wants to say but sometimes forgets what it is that he wants to say if he doesn't get the message out straight away. A symptom of the tumour.

I would **STRONGLY** suggest and **ENCOURAGE** any of his old friends to take the time and take a drive and visit George and Lorraine at their home and **DON'T** wait until the **END** of **SEPTEMBER** to do it either. Do it **NOW** !

He would dearly love to say g'day to his old mates **BEFORE** the

tumour takes its final toll.

He isn't looking for sympathy. He is simply looking to say g'day to his old mates before his life is cut prematurely short.

Cal

Retired SenCon George Stewart Posted 8 October 2012

Letting all those who know Retired SenCon George Stewart who was last stationed at VKG2 (Warilla) NSW. As of Saturday 6 October 2012, George was admitted to Port Kembla Hospital in a "very ill" condition as a result of a brain tumour he suffered earlier this year. If you wish to visit George – that you do it sooner rather than LATER.(copied off an email sent by Cal.)

Re: Retired SenCon George Stewart Posted on 8 October 2012

George has now slipped into a coma and has his family by his side at Pt Kembla Hospital.

Re: Retired SenCon George Stewart Dear All Posted on 14 October 2012 I have been advised George Stewart passed away at 4pm on the 13th October 2012.

Re: Retired SenCon George Stewart, VKG2, in W'G Hosp – brain George Bruce Stewart

Born on 9 June 1948

Passed away on 13 October 2012

Aged 64 years

Funeral service will be held at Hansen & Cole Funerals, 634 Northcliffe Drive, KEMBLA GRANGE on Wednesday, 17th October 2012 at 1:00pm.

[http://www.heavenaddress.com/George-Bru ... rt/423739/](http://www.heavenaddress.com/George-Bru...rt/423739/)

George Bruce STEWART

Tribute

<http://tributes.dailytelegraph.com.au/obituaries/dailytelegraph-au/obituary-preview.aspx?n=george-bruce-stewart&pid=160467469&referrer=2581#fbLoggedOut>

STEWART, George Bruce Passed away on 13th October, 2012. Late of Windang.

Dearly beloved Husband of Lorraine. Loving Dad and Father-in-law to Matthew and Shellie and Stepdad to Craig and Jill. Adored Poppy to Harrison.

“will always be thinking of you your big sister Lilian” – **Lilian Stewart**

“To Lorraine and family, our condolences and best wishes to you. Your loss is our loss, George was a great workmate and a great bloke. He will be missed by everyone who knew him, but he will never be...” – **Ron Padgett**

Will be sadly missed by family and many friends. Aged 64 Years
The relatives and friends of GEORGE are warmly invited to attend his Funeral Service to be held at the Northcliffe Chapel of Hansen and Cole Funerals, 634 Northcliffe Drive, Kembla Grange on Wednesday 17th October, 2012 commencing at 1pm. The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be considered to Garvan Research Foundation. A bowl will be located at the chapel for this purpose.

Raymond James PAFF

03/05/2016

Raymond James PAFF

Late of Corrimal

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?????

Rank: Constable

Stations: ?, "possibly" Werris Creek, Wollongong

Service: From ? ? pre January 1949 to 19 March 1958 = 9+
years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? 1929 at Nabiliac, NSW

Died on: 19 March 1969

Age: 39 – 40

Cause: Motor Vehicle Accident – Pedestrian – directing
traffic.

fatal cerebral haemorrhage 16 years later

Event location: Princes Hwy near Mt Ousley Rd, Fairy Meadow,
NSW

Event date: 5 August 1953

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?



Constable Ray Paff (1960)

RAYMOND is mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

Funeral location: TBA

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May they forever Rest In Peace

On the night of **5 August, 1953** Constable Paff was directing traffic around a traffic accident on the **Princes Highway**, near **Mt Ousley Road** at **Fairy Meadow**.

A taxi approached the constable, who was using a torch, and slowed down. Another vehicle which had been travelling behind the taxi then attempted to overtake. As it did so **it struck Constable Paff**, carrying him along about **twenty metres** and throwing him to the ground.

The constable sustained **serious head injuries** as a result of the incident.

Due to **deteriorating health caused by his injuries** Constable Paff was discharged from the police force in **March, 1958**. He then worked for some time as a **handyman** on the **Wollongong Council**. He suffered a **fatal cerebral haemorrhage** at work on **19 March, 1969**.

The constable was born at Nabiac in 1929 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 17 January, 1949. At the time of his injury he was stationed at Wollongong.

January 9 2008 – 5:00PM

Wollongong police memorials

• ALEX ARNOLD

The NSW Police Force carries on its logo the phrase “**Proud Traditions since 1862**”, but capturing the history of these traditions at an operational level has never been a priority for the force.

However, almost 150 years after it was first formed, NSW Police – and **Acting Southern Region Commander Gary Worboys** in particular – is using history as a tool to instil pride in those wearing the uniform.

Three memorials for Wollongong police officers who died while serving the community were unveiled at **Wollongong Police Station** yesterday at a ceremony attended by family members and former colleagues of the deceased officers.

The memorials, located in the **hallway of the detectives’ floor**, feature images and biographies of the men as well as an account of the incidents that led to their deaths.

The memorial wall was **Mr Worboys’ idea**, with **Senior Constable Dave Henderson** given the task of completing the project.

Snr Const Henderson said the project had involved research through police archives, old copies of the **Illawarra Mercury** and interviews with family members.

Mr Worboys, who will return to his former role as **Wollongong Local Area Commander** at the end of the month, said he became inspired to record police history during his time as **commander of the Goulburn LAC**. It was there he heard about a policeman who'd **been shot by bushranger Ben Hall's gang at Collector**.

Mr Worboys said research led to the discovery of the grave of the officer, **Samuel Nelson**, in a cemetery near the police station, but it was found to be an **"absolute shambles"**.

The grave was restored and distant family members invited to take part in a subsequent ceremony, proving to **Mr Worboys** the value of history to the police force.

"There is so much history associated with police stations, but as walls get painted and people move on we don't capture that history."

"The memorials and the stories they have attached to them provide officers with a link to the past and makes them realise they are not the only ones who have walked these corridors."

Mr Worboys said the memorials not only represented distinguished service, but the trauma, grief and heartache suffered by families.

He said the last death of a Wollongong officer on duty was in **1969**, and he hoped no more stories would be added to the wall: but the memorials were a reminder that policing was a dangerous occupation.

Among those at yesterday's ceremony were **Constable David Reiher's father Bruce (RIP – Nov 2009)**, and **Constable Ray Paff's widow Valerie**, who described the memorial as "a

wonderful tribute" to her late husband.

"It may have been a long time ago. But you never forget," she said.

<https://www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/602982/wollongong-police-memorials/>

Gloucester Advocate (NSW : 1905 – 1954),

Friday 14 August 1953, page 2

Personal Pieces

Constable Raymond Paff, who was seriously injured at Wollongong recently is a brother of Mr. Rory Paff of Wallanbah.

Constable Paff, who is stationed at Wollongong was investigating a car smash when another car ran into him. He received a fractured skull and other injuries and was admitted to Wollongong hospital.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/160382659>

Illawarra Daily Mercury (Wollongong, NSW : 1950 – 1954),

Wednesday 5 May 1954, page 2

POLICEMAN INJURED ON DUTY AFTER ACCIDENT. COURT TOLD

The hearing into a charge in which a man, allegedly under the **influence of liquor** at the time, allegedly struck down a police constable on traffic duty, began in the Court of Petty Sessions yesterday.

Leslie Wallace Speed, 27 years old **engineer** of **Webber St., Towradgi**, was charged with having caused **grievous bodily harm** to **Raymond James Paff**, while driving a motor vehicle **under the influence**. The accident occurred about **6.25 p.m.** on **August 5**, while **Constable Paff** was **directing traffic** near the intersection of the Mount Ousley turn-off and Prince's Highway. It was stated that at the time, **Constable Paff** was directing traffic around a small car which had **overturned**.

Speed is alleged to have knocked **Paff** down as he drove past. **Paff** received a **fractured skull** and **lacerations** to his **head, hands** and **legs**.

Det. H. North said that when he questioned **Speed** he could smell intoxicating liquor on his breath. **Speed** had admitted having **six beers** between 4.30 and 6 o'clock that afternoon.

He had claimed that he had **not seen Paff** until he was right on top of him, said **Det. North**. **Speed**, said **Det. North**, had admitted that his **brakes and lights** were **not as good** as they could have been.

When he was being charged **Speed** had admitted that he was under the influence and had declined the services of a doctor, **Det. North** alleged.

A **motor mechanic, Donald Frazer**, of **Douglas Rd., Fernhill**, stated that he had **tested the brakes** on **Speed's** car and had found them **slow to respond**. The **hand brake** was **ineffective** and the lights were dull. The case was adjourned until **June 7**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/133778160>

South Coast Times and Wollongong Argus (NSW : 1900 – 1954),

Monday 10 May 1954, page 5

Engineer Charged With Causing Grievous Bodily Harm to Constable

A 27 years old engineer, **Leslie Wallace Speed**, of **Webber Street, Towradgi**, appeared at **Wollongong Court** last week on a charge of causing **grievous bodily harm**, by **driving under the influence** of intoxicating liquor, to **Constable Raymond James Paff**, of Wollongong.

The hearing of the charge was **adjourned** after **six of the 12 witnesses** to be called by the Police had **given evidence**. The hearing will be resumed on **June 2**, **Speed** being allowed: £40 bail.

Det. H. O. North, of Wollongong, said that at 6.20 p.m. on August 5 he went , with **Const. Paff** to the scene of an accident north of **Mount Ousley Road** turnoff on **Princes Highway**. Shortly after they arrived, **Constable Millar** also came on the scene.

Const. Paff began to direct traffic around a small sedan car that had overturned on the highway. He had a lighted torch in his right hand and was controlling traffic with it. **Const. Paff** was also illuminated by the lights of the overturned car. **Det. North** said he heard a bump and **Const. Millar** called out something. He looked and saw a car travelling towards him at about **25 m.p.h.** He saw **Const. Paff** lying across the bonnet of the car, which was **travelling north**. The car swerved onto its incorrect side of the roadway and he had to jump out of its way. **Const. Paff** then disappeared from view and the car

continued on and came to a halt on the **eastern side** of the roadway.

Det. North said he then saw **Const. Paff** lying sprawled across the centre of the roadway and immediately ran to a phone and contacted the ambulance. When he returned **Paff** was seated on a wooden ramp on the footpath on the **eastern side** of the roadway. **Const. Millar** approached him with **Speed** and told him **Speed** was the driver of the car that struck **Paff**.

Det. North said he told **Speed** he could smell liquor and asked him if he had been drinking beer. **Speed** replied that he had **six middies** of beer at the **Wollongong Hotel** between 4.30 p.m. and until the time the hotel closed. He said **Speed** was unsteady on his feet, his breath smelt strongly of liquor and his speech was slurred and hesitant.

After the overturned car was cleared from the roadway, he took the **defendant** to the **police station** where **Det Clunas** questioned him. He told **Det. Clunas** he very seldom drank beer. When told he would be charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, **Speed** said " I'm sorry, gentlemen I am not drunk." **Det. Clunas** replied: " You are not being charged with being drunk. You are going to be charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. " **Speed** told **Clunas**, according to **Det. North**, that he did not see **Paff** until he was right " on top of him. " He also said he did not see the overturned car until he was " right on top of it ". He said **Speed** claimed he had been following a taxi that pulled off to the side of the roadway and he thought it was picking up a fare. As he went to go around it, the **constable** was right in front of him.

Det. North said **Speed** said he knew the brakes and lights on his car were not " as good as they should be. " When asked by the **station sergeant, Sgt. Bradley**, if he wanted to be examined by a doctor, **Speed** replied: " I've had six middies of beer and admit I'm under the influence. It would be no use

seeing a doctor. ”

Donald Fraser, foreman motor mechanic, of Douglas Road, Fernhill, said he tested the brakes of **Speed's** car on the day after the accident. The footbrake was in a bad condition and due to the battery being low, the headlights were dull. The speedometer was not registering correctly, being 2 m.p.h. fast.

Witness admitted to **Mr. McInerney** that the battery could have lost a lot of its efficiency overnight.

Constable Raymond James Paff said that he was in uniform on the night of the accident. He was directed to go to the scene and direct the traffic. He remembered commencing to do this.

He was injured, but did not remember how he received his injuries. He had been **off duty ever since**. He still suffered from " **double vision**." He remembered the arrival on the scene of **Constable Millar**.

Constable John Blair Millar said that when he arrived, **Detective North** and **Const. Paff** were there. There was a car lying on its side on the eastern side of the road. **Constable Paff** went to the centre of the road and started to direct the traffic with a torch. He saw a car strike **Paff** and throw him onto the bonnet. **Witness** said that **Speed** got out of the car and came over. He admitted he was the driver. **Speed** smelt strongly of intoxicating liquor and was unsteady on his feet. He said to **witness**, " I am sorry, constable ; I didn't see him."

At the police station later, witness noticed that **Speed's** eyes were bloodshot and he was holding onto the counter.

Dr. Ian D. Alexander, of Wollongong, said **Const Paff** was taken to **Wollongong Hospital** on the night of **August 5 last year** and, although conscious, he had no recollection of the accident. He had **lacerations** to the right forehead, multiple lacerations to

both hands, the right ear and right knee, swelling of the right eye and bruising of the right forehead. An X-ray showed he had a linear fracture of the right frontal bone of the skull and a probable fracture underneath the right eye. He complained of blurring of the vision, and was **discharged** as "quite sound" **six days later**. He did not complain of blurred vision when he left.

Const. W. K. Tuchin, of the **Scientific Bureau**, told of examining the roadway at the scene of the accident **two days later**. There were fragments of glass on the edge of the roadway. About **68ft. 6ins.** from this point and slightly east of the centre line there was what appeared to be blood on the roadway. He also inspected the defendant's vehicle and saw a new crack in the windshield and a dent in the bonnet.

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COULD NOT REMEMBER ANY COLLISION

The driver of a utility who "could not remember" having had a collision with a car was fined for **negligent driving** when he appeared at the **Wollongong Court** last week.

He was **Kenneth Goodman Jones**, of **51 Gipps St., Wollongong**, for whom **Mr. McInerney** appeared. **Constable Paff** told the Court that the collision occurred in **Corrimal Street, Wollongong**, on **19th September last**. After receiving a report, the police checked on a motor vehicle number and as a result interviewed **Jones**, who said he did not remember having been in a

collision. When shown a hole in his mudguard, he said to witness, " That looks like a new one, and I must have hit something." He also said that when nearing the **Harp Hotel**, the steering wheel started shaking in his hand, so he gave a stop signal. He had just about pulled up when the shaking stopped, so he got into low gear and drove home very carefully.

To **Mr. McLnerney**, witness said **Jones** was very helpful to the police. The marks on the utility were very minor ones.

Gordon Godfrey McDonald, 6 Matthew Street, Wollongong, said his car was parked in **Corrimal Street**. After someone had spoken to him, he examined it and found damage to the front bumper bar and wheel. The repairs cost £7/5/0.

James Francis Lear was called as a witness, but did not appear, and when **Albert Barnett** was called, **Police Prosecutor Sergeant W. J. Smith** said he " had gone home to get a shirt " so that he might come to Court suitably attired.

Barnett subsequently appeared but by then his services as a police witness were not required.

Defendant **Jones**, after confirming what he had said to the constable at the time, said he could have hit another vehicle but he did not know that he had done so.

Jones was fined £2/18/0 with 12/- costs and 30/- witness's expenses:

A charge of failing to stop after an accident was dismissed.

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Two Month's Gaol

A man who on a previous occasion told the magistrate that he took drugs and alcohol together, with disastrous effect, came before the **Wollongong Court** on Monday and was sent to gaol for two months for assaulting a constable.

He was **Reg Lacey, 32, labourer, of 17 Campbell Street, Woonona**, who was alleged to have poked his head into the cabin of a **police patrol van** and " **booed** " at two constables last Saturday. **Lacey** was charged with **offensive behaviour, resisting arrest, and assaulting a policeman.**

Constable R. Paff told the Court that after **Lacey** had put his head into the police van, which was outside the **Commercial Hotel, Wollongong**, he stepped back, **raised his thumb in a vulgar gesture** and then ran down the road.

The **two constables** who had been in the van chased him and tried to arrest him. Witness said that **Lacey struggled wildly and kicked him several times** in the stomach and legs. He still struggled when they eventually got him to the police station.

Police Prosecutor, Sergeant W. J. Smith said that **Lacey** had **two previous convictions** for similar offences and had been warned that a recurrence would be regarded seriously by the Court.

He had been drinking on Saturday and had provoked some other persons to fight. It took a **quarter-hour struggle** before he could be placed in the police van.

Lacey was fined £5 on each of the first two charges, **in addition** to the **gaol sentence** for assault.

