

# Peter Robert O'CONNOR

06/11/2019

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AKA POC, ITCHY

Late of Warner's Bay, NSW

NSW Redfern Police Academy **Class # 142**

New South Wales Police Force

**Regd. # 16499**

**Rank:** Probationary Constable – appointed 12 August 1974

Constable – appointed 12 August 1975

Senior Constable – appointed 12 August 1983

**Final Rank** = Senior Constable

**Stations:** ?, 1974 – 1979 **Sydney, Waverley**, 1979 – 1984  
**Deniliquin**, 1984 – 1998 **Goulburn**, 1998 – 2000 **Port Macquarie**,  
2000 – 2002 **Ballina**, 2002 – 2003 **Newcastle, Charlestown**,  
**Police Rescue Squad** ( 1980s )

Service: From ? ? pre Aug 1974? to ? ? ? = ? years Service

Post NSWPF: Worked as a Control Centre Assistant, at Charlestown, with Ambulance NSW around 2010 until his death

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 29 March 1991 ( SenCon )

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 10 August 2000 ( SenCon )

Born: Tuesday 26 July 1955

Died on: Sunday 3 November 2019

Age: 64yrs 3mths 8days

Cause: Complications Post cardiac surgery

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Monday 11 November 2019 @ noon

Funeral location: Pettigrew Funerals, 12 Harris St, Wallsend, NSW

Wake location: Refreshments at Pettigrew after the funeral

Funeral Parlour: Pettigrew Funerals, Wallsend – 02 4951 1166

- **Not a Police Funeral BUT family openly invite all friends and colleagues to attend funeral**

**Buried at:** Cremation. Will be interred with his mother's Ashes at Ryhope Cemetery, 405 Cessnock Rd, Ryhope, NSW

**Memorial located at: ?**





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

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

PLEASE SEND PHOTOS AND INFORMATION TO Cal

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**May they forever Rest In Peace**

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After working for the NSWPF for a number of years, Peter left and then joined Ambulance NSW where he worked at Charlestown as a Control Centre Assistant from around 2010 until his death.

Got the nickname **POC** from the personalised number plates on his immaculate Toyota Celica with plates (POC-007).

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# Michael Barry LEWIS

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## Michael Barry LEWIS

AKA Barry

Late of Nelsons Bay, formerly of Camden, NSW

NSW Redfern Police Academy **Class # 123**

New South Wales Police Force

**Regd. # 14177**

**Rank:** Commenced Training at Redfern – 11 May 1970

Probationary Constable – appointed 22 June 1970

Constable 1st Class – appointed 22 June 1975

Sergeant – appointed 7 January 1986

**Final Rank** = Sergeant 2nd Class

**Stations:** Burwood ( ProCst – 9 Division ), Ingleburn, TRG,  
Campbelltown ( 35 Division ), Bathurst Bike Races ( 1980s ),

Weapons Instructor, Camden LAC – Custody Sgt – Retirement

**Service:** From 11 May 1970 to 5 January 2002 = 31+ years  
Service

**Awards:** National Medal – **granted** 8 June 1988 ( Sgt )

**Reserve Force Decoration** – granted ? ? ?

Australian **Defence Medal** – granted ? ? ?

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 2 December 1995 ( Sgt )  
**RFD**

National **Police Service Medal** – granted ? ? ?

Police **Diligent and Ethical Service** Medal with Clasp – granted  
? ? ?

**Born:** Wednesday 11 December 1946 in England

**Died on:** Wednesday 23 October 2019 surrounded by family and  
Linda

**Age:** 72 yrs 10 mths 12 days

**Cause:** Heart operation complications under surgery

**Event location:** ?, Hospital

**Event date:** Tuesday 22 October 2019 ( Heart Operation day )

**Funeral date:** Thursday 31 October 2019 @ 10.30am

**Funeral location:** Uniting Church, 174 Salamander Way,

Salamander Bay, NSW

Wake location: Contact Cal@AustralianPolice.com.au for details

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?



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

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Barry, whilst still living in England, joined the **Royal Air Force** before emigrating to Australia with his wife, Linda, aboard the ship TV Fairstar from Southampton.

At the time of arriving in Australia, on the 14 December 1969, he was employed in the Catering field as a Cook & Waiter.

They moved to a unit at 131 John St, Cabramatta, NSW

Barry Served in the **RAF** with Units: **RAF** White Waltham ( 1964 – 1969 ) & **RAF** Hereford ( 1964 – 1969 ) sub unit 114.

He held the Rank of SAC & Service # F4276992

His Australian Army Regimental # 2147621 – Commissioned on 24 August 1974 as 2nd Lieutenant. Baz left the Army Reserve holding the Rank of Captain.

Baz and Linda met as 15 year olds and have been together every since.

Barry was a member of the Royal Australian Corps of Military Police prior to joining the NSWPF.

During his career with NSWPF, Baz was a member of the TRG ( Tactical Response Group ) and trained many Police in the use

of the ( then ) new long batons ( which replaced the small rubber 'trungens' that we used to be issued.

He was instrumental on the inception of 'simunition' training, the change over from the Smith & Wesson .38 to the Glock Pistol, Mandatory OS ( Officer Survival ) tactics and training and the full time Weapons Unit.

He was also called, many times, to give 'expert' evidence in relation to various 'shooting' incidents in relation to Police related shooting incidents.

After his Policing career he joined Corrective Services in the Court system for a short time before finally giving up work to enjoy a more 'relaxing' life.

Prior to the invention of Facebook, Barry was an on-line member of the Policing Forum, the TBL ( or the Thin Blue Line ) – which is still an active Policing Forum which hangs off my main site – [www.AustralianPolice.com.au](http://www.AustralianPolice.com.au)

Barry, or 'Barry7', as he was known on TBL, joined TBL on 26 April 2005 – a few years before FB was 'a thing'.

He posted over 5,760 posts on that Forum and his knowledge and expertise shone through with the way he helped other former, serving and 'wannabe' Police.

Barry, and others like him, put himself forward to bring vast improvements to Policing and Police safety – for the benefit of us all, and the benefit of Police who will come well and truly after we ( the old guard ) have all left this earth.

His comments and insights, on TBL, are still part of the enduring legacy that he leaves behind – for others to read and be guided & learn by.

There are, no doubt, Police who possibly owe their life to Baz – for the training he provided those people over many years.

It can never be said that Baz did not stand before an angry man – for he was always the one to ‘lead’ from the Front and By Example when the battles began and the ‘shit’ hit the fan.

The 1985 Bathurst Bokie Riots are just one example of this Bullmastiff standing up to the Rotweiler.

Eventually, when Facebook came along, communications were becoming more instantaneous and, eventually, Barry moved from the Forum style of on-line communications to the FB style, and thus – hadn’t made a Post on the TBL Forum since 23 October 2016 – but his 5,760 Posts remain.

Lots have met Barry, many more haven’t. He was always up for a chat and always up for a coffee crunch at Campbelltown when it was arranged.

Baz was always boasting about his visits to NZ to visit family ‘over the ditch’ and how extremely proud he was of his kids and grandkids. That deep love and affection is quite obvious in all the photos he has shared with us over the years.

He and Linda recently moved up the coast, from Camden, to be closer to their daughter.

Barely time for any of them to settle down in their new digs, when the old boy went into the Hospital system for a relatively minor heart operation on Tuesday but was met with complications from which he was not to recover and, sadly, passed away with Linda and family by his side on Wednesday – never to have regained consciousness again.

Baz, you contributed to this world. You did not leave empty handed but holding the love and affection of a great tribe of people who loved and put their trust in you.

My friend, our friend – may you Forever Rest In Peace.

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## **Kirstie Jolly**

( from a FB Group )

Hi everyone. I would like to introduce myself before I continue. I am Barry Lewis's 3rd daughter, the gorgeous one and the one who was of course the apple of her daddies eye ( I also got his tongue in cheek wit as you can by now probably tell).

On behalf of my family I would like to say thank you. Your condolences and lovely words have carried our family through this very tough time. My dad would have been so proud that you have all stepped up to support us.

We are so totally overwhelmed with the outpouring of grief that has been displayed and want to reach out to each and every one of you and offer comfort.

My dad was my hero, he is the example that I have held every man I have ever met up to and most have failed. He was my dad my friend, my inspiration and my strength and through this page I have been able to see that he was also these things to so many more people.

To all of you I offer my condolences for your loss, I never realised the hole that he would be leaving in your lives.

Thank you for being a part of his life. He valued every one of you and was so proud of his work here on this page.







December 6, 2016 · With Barry Lewis, Peter Nellies, Sharon Aylward, Paul Quilter Daley, Jan Wilson, Esther Mckay and Jeff Rey at Wests League Club.





July 11, 2016 · With Craig Campbell and Barry Lewis.



Evi Messer March 8, 2016 · With Barry Lewis at Wests League Club.



July 11, 2016 · With Jeff Rey, Barry Lewis and Peter Nellies.





October 1, 2015 · Sultan Barry Lewis & his harem. Lucky bugger. ☐ with Barry Lewis and Gail Brooks.









March 19, 2018 · 'MEATHEAD' Lewis. Operations Officer, 2 MP Company (ARA).



Lisa Ride March 5, 2015 · Memories! My first day in the Army as a commissioned officer. I arrived at 2MP for my very first Dining In Night at the Ingleburn Area Officers Mess. I was pooping myself! The formality of it all went out the window when Mr Vice stood up to toast the Queen. He raised a very

unsteady glass and declared "God save the Queen and all those who sail in Her!" Major Hoban sat down and there was an unnerving silence in the room. I didn't know what to do. Then the sound of hobnail boots clearly marching towards the entrance and in burst two immaculately presented MP Corporals who quietly and ever so efficiently whisked away Mr Vice. I never saw him again..... Ever. □ with Barry Lewis.



Working the Courts with Corrective Services NSW





Anger management



Donation to Greg & Bud Callander for a drought Hay run



Barry Lewis August 7 · Well, today is the 54th Wedding Anniversary of Linda and myself. We have been together since we were 15 and she has stuck by me through thick and thin. Always supportive, we have always been a Team. When I look back I realise now that I was a mere callow youth in the formative years of our relationship, but with her help and guidance I

gradually matured into Manhood and Fatherhood. She may only be 4 foot 11 inches tall, but she is a force to be reckoned with when roused. I couldn't imagine life without her. My Rock, my life, my love. I would do it all over again and never change a thing. XXX



For the love of family.





Barry Lewis September 23, 2013 · Me and my three Grandsons, Nick (17), Chris (14) and Jack (6).



Barry Lewis November 28, 2014 · Happy, carefree days painting with my beautiful Granddaughter Sam Jolly





18 December 2018 With Shaune Edwards, Udo Starkis, Barry Lewis and Greg Callander.



July 9, 2014 · Games time with Holly Beth in New Zealand. ☐  
with Charlotte Grace Lewis-Surch and Barry Lewis.



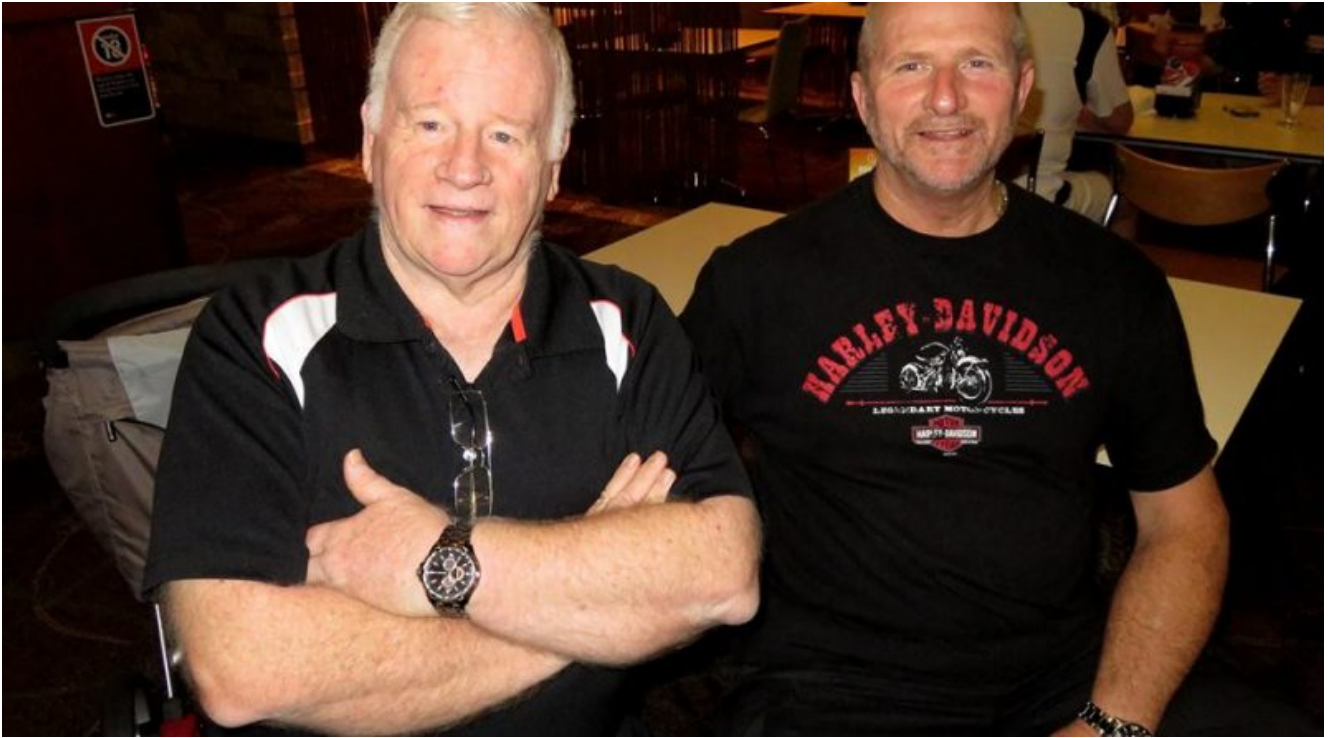
Barry Lewis January 21, 2016 · Lovely surprise this afternoon,  
Eldest Grandson Nick called in on his way home from work to  
see his Gran and Pops.



August 7, 2015 · With Linda Lewis and Barry Lewis.







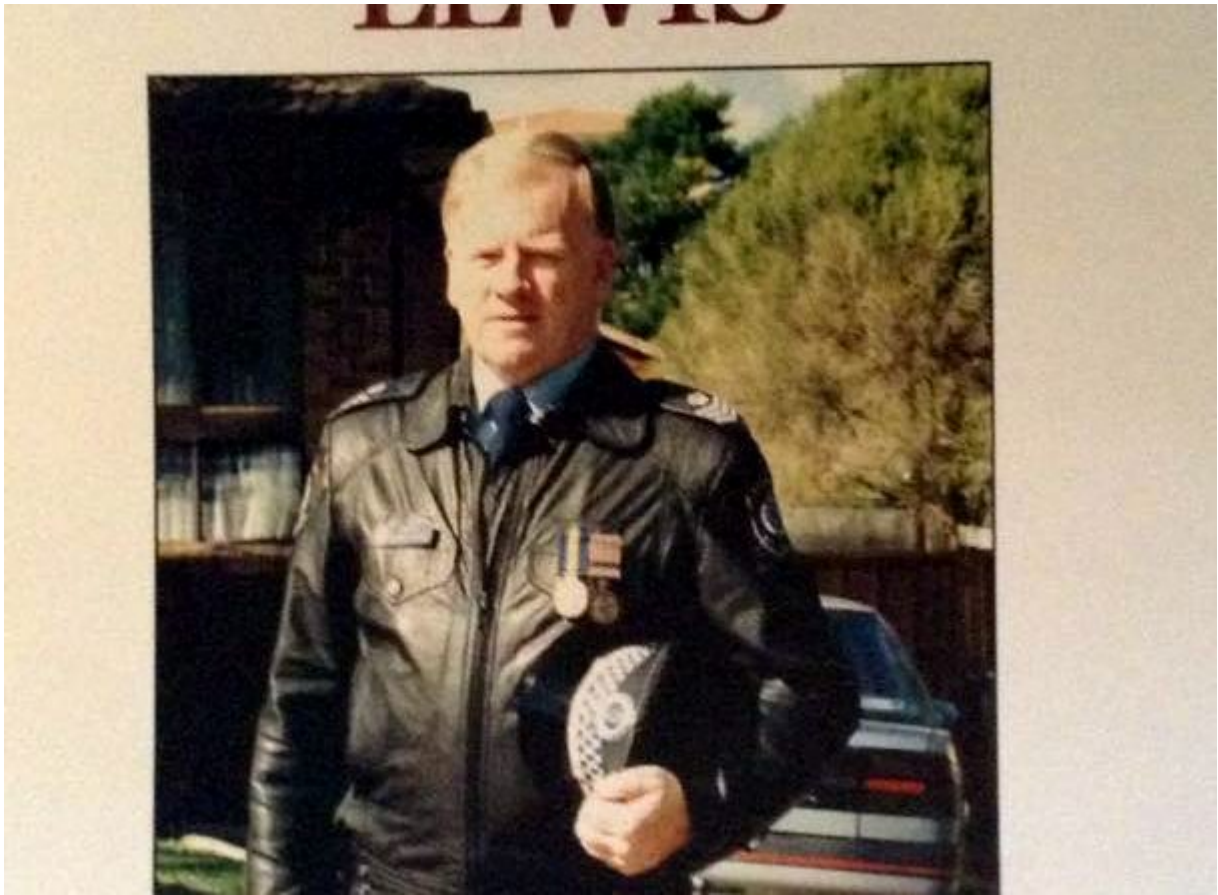
Awards



CANDLE □ CREST □ RIP

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On Thursday 01 October 2017

At 10:30am

Officiating: Jules Amidy

The family sincerely thank you for joining them  
today to celebrate Barry's life.

For all the times you were by our sides  
to help and support us.....  
to celebrate our successes  
to understand our problems  
and accept our defeats?  
Or for teaching us by your example,  
the value of hard work, good judgment,  
courage and integrity?  
We wonder if we ever thanked you  
for the sacrifices you made.  
To let us have the very best?  
and for the simple things  
like laughter, smiles and times we shared?  
If we have forgotten to show our  
gratitude enough for all the things you did,



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