

John ELSEY

09/03/2015

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Victorian (Melbourne) Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: (1) Sergeant, (2) ex-Detective Constable

Stations: ?

Service: From ? 1852 to ?

Awards: ?

Born: ?

Died on: 15 August 1856

Cause: Suicide – slit own throat

Location: Galway Arms Hotel, Melbourne

Age: about 30 ?

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: ?

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

The Argus (Melbourne) **Saturday 16 August 1856** page 5
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DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

SUICIDE OF AN EX- DETECTIVE OFFICER

Early yesterday morning it was discovered that **John Elsey**, late of the detective force of this city, had committed suicide by cutting his throat. The deceased was lodging in the **Galway Arms Hotel, in Flinders-lane**, and on his not making his customary appearance at breakfast, some person went to his room, and found the unfortunate man lying on his face on the floor, with his throat cut, and quite dead.

The deceased was **about thirty years** of age, a married man, and a native of Kentucky. Some time ago he left his wife behind him at **Castlemaine**, and went home to **America**. On his return, it appeared that she had formed an acquaintance with another man, by whom, it is alleged, she had two children.

Elsey obtained a situation in the **detective force** but was soon

after summoned to Castlemaine to provide his wife with a maintenance, and the **Bench** made an order of **£1 per week**. This award the deceased was dissatisfied with, and as **Mr. Smith**, the **late superintendent of the detective force**, wished, to keep back from his salary the amount awarded by the Bench to his wife, the deceased left the force. This happened **about a month ago**.

Since that time **Elsey** appears to have been harassed by applications on the part of the man who is living with his wife for the award of the Castlemaine Bench for her maintenance, and the deceased had since given way to dissipation, and formed acquaintances with disreputable women. His health appears to have broken down, and those circumstances together are supposed to have led to the committal of the rash act.

An inquest will be held over the body this morning.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/7134976>

Empire (Sydney) Friday **22 August 1856** page 6 of 8

The following extraordinary case of suicide by a detective officer is from the "Herald " of the 10th instant : -

" Yesterday, Dr. Wilmot, City Coroner, held an inquest at the **Galway Hotel, Flinders-lane east**, on the body of **John Elsey**, who was found dead in his room with his throat cut that morning. The deceased had been a well-conducted member of the detective force, and the circumstances which led him to commit suicide were of a very painful nature, as will be seen from the following evidence given at the inquest :- **Abraham Fenton**,

sergeant of police, said that he knew the deceased as belonging to the detective force, and hearing yesterday morning that he had committed suicide, he went immediately to the Galway Hotel, and found him lying on his face on the floor of the room, with a razor in his right hand, which was underneath the throat. On the dressing table there was a bottle labelled "**laudanum**," and in his trunk, amongst other documents, he found the following paper, in the handwriting of deceased : –

[blockquote]

" Galway Hotel. August 11, 1856.

*This is a correct statement of John Elsey. My name is **John Elsey**. I was born in the county of **Norfolk, England**. My people **emigrated** to the **United States** when I was only **one year old**. My mother died about six months after landing.*

*The first of my experience was working with a farmer for my board and clothes. At **twelve years** of age I went to drive on the **Erie canal** ; from that coasted out of **New York** till I came to this **colony**, which was in **1852**. I came out as **ordinary seaman** in the brig **Augustas** ; I ran and left the ship **three days** after she arrived. I went to **Gisborne** and worked on the roads for **two months**, after which I went to **Castlemaine**, and **joined** the **police**.*

*I was promoted to **sergeant**, and made plenty of money, and on the **11th of February, 1855**, commenced my troubles. I married a girl about sixteen years of age. She turned out very bad, so much so that I concluded to go home till she forgot. I went home, and was gone **twelve months**. When I arrived in this country again I joined the **detective police**. I had not been in them more than (?) before my wife summoned me to **Castlemaine**, and the **bench of magistrates** ordered me to pay the sum of **25s per week**. I could not afford to pay the same. I went and saw the **Chief Commissioner of Police**, and he told me he would **suspend me** for the period of which I was gone to **Castlemaine***

to find proof against my wife, and when I come back from Castlemaine he should immediately **take me on** again. When I came back from Castlemaine I went to him, and he told me he would **take me on**. After detaining my time for **two weeks**, he **would not do it**.

And now **for that reason I am about to commit this** : and may the great God cast a punishment on him that will make him feel that he has got this most abominable sin to answer for. I cannot do hard work, and there is nothing else left for me to do ; and before having to knock about the country like some, I will commit suicide.

Given under my hand this **14th day of August, 1856**.

JOHN ELSEY.

14th August – I state that I owe nearly the sum of **£3** for board which I wish to be awarded out of my effects.

JOHN ELSEY.

[/blockquote]

Patrick Kelly, landlord of the Galway Hotel, said that the deceased had been a lodger at his house for **about three months**, with the exception of a few weeks' absence.

On his return to the house on the **31st of July**, after being away for a **few weeks**, he observed a change in his appearance, and deceased told him that he had been unwell ever since he left his house, and was getting worse. He only complained of a cold, and about a week ago said that he had **again joined the detective force**, but had leave of absence for a week in order to get rid of his cold. The last time he saw him alive was on Thursday at mid-day, when he appeared the same as usual. One of the lodgers saying that he had knocked at the door of deceased without receiving any answer, he sent up to ascertain the fact, and subsequently forced open the door, when he saw

deceased in the state in which he then lay. To his knowledge deceased was not addicted to drinking.

Patrick Boyle, teacher, had known the deceased for the last fortnight, and had opportunities of seeing a great deal of him. For the last eight or nine days he appeared very dejected in mind, and said that he was very unwell. For the last three days he could hardly go up and down stairs, and seemed to have lost the power of his limbs, and to have been very absent in mind. He had never seen him under the influence of liquor.

Henry White of the **detective force**, had known the deceased since **March last**, when he was **in the detective force**, and was a steady well conducted man. He **resigned in June**, and proceeded to **Castlemaine**, where he had been summoned by his wife for maintenance, and he was ordered to pay her a weekly allowance.

He felt greatly aggrieved at his wife living with another man. He then **resigned the force**, and had since been leading a very irregular life. The last time he saw him alive was on Monday, the 12th instant, when he seemed very low in spirits, and said he thought he should **rejoin the force**. He traced all his troubles to the **conduct of his wife, which preyed heavily upon his mind.**

The jury, by their verdict, found that John Elvey(**sic**) had died from a wound inflicted by his own hand by a certain **razor across the throat, whilst in a state of temporary derangement.**"

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/64975028>

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John Elsey, a native of Kentucky, and an **ex-detective** officer of the **Melbourne Police**, committed suicide by cutting his throat, on the 15th inst., in the Galway Arms Hotel, Melbourne, where he had been lodging.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/112486829?searchTerm=%22police%20suicide%22&searchLimits=sortby=dateAsc|||l-australian=y>

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The Age (Melbourne) **Thursday 17 April 1856** page 3 of 4

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

The Assault on the Detectives. – **George Pickering**, the oyster-dealer, who, on Tuesday, created a serious disturbance in **Little Bourke street**, and was secured with great difficulty, made his appearance on Wednesday, with his head and face severely mauled and blood-stained.

On **Detective Elsey's** announcing his authority to arrest him, he said that he **never went without a fight for it**, and immediately struck the detective a violent blow in the chest.

In self-defence he drew and wielded his **neddy** vigorously, and, besides contending with the prisoner, had to withstand the attacks of a whole host of **pick pockets** and oyster men, the friends of the prisoner. At last, by the aid of **Detectives White and Randall**, he was hauled off to the lock-up.

His wife, at whose instance he had been arrested, appeared against him.

She supports herself by washing, and on the present occasion

had a considerable quantity of clothes in the house. **Pickering**, just out of gaol, went into the house, and after brutally ill-treating his wife, threw all the clothes out of the window into the street.

She has two children by the prisoner, who broke the leg of one of them in a fit of drunkenness, some time previous. The prisoner was sentenced to **three months' hard labor**, and at the conclusion of that term he was ordered to find **two sureties of £25 each**, to keep the peace towards his wife for twelve months.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/154863101>

The Argus (Melbourne) **Monday 12 May 1856** page 4 of 8

THE ARGUS

Publish Daily.

MORE STURT'S JUSTICE

Another sample of this very peculiar commodity has been exhibited at the Melbourne Police Office during the past week.

Four " fast " young men, named **James Bruce, William Bruce, Henry Younger**, and **John Ford** were charged on Tuesday with having the previous evening created a disturbance at the **Theatre Royal**, and **assaulted Detective Elsey** in the execution of his duty.

The evidence of the detective was to the effect that, hearing **James Bruce** making use of disgraceful language he (**Elsey**) desired him (**Bruce**) to desist.

Bruce hereupon first abused and then struck **Elsey**, who tried to arrest his assailant, but the latter was immediately reinforced by the other three prisoners.

Elsey was severely beaten among them, his clothes torn, and a " gold nugget pin " plucked from his breast and flung away.

Ultimately **Elsey** received **succor**, and the brawlers were arrested. On being brought before the Police Court the next day, **James Bruce**, **William Bruce**, and **Henry Younger** were sentenced to **one month's imprisonment**, **Ford** being released on payment of a **forty shilling fine**, his participation in the disturbance having been small.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/4837589>

Richard John HAZEL

09/03/2015

Richard John HAZEL

aka Rick

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Detective

Stations: Redfern (about 1985), Kings
Cross

Awards: ?

Service: From ? to ?

Born: ?

Age: ?

Died: September 2002

Cause: Suicide at Caringbah. Knife in
the chest, but also a suspected murder.

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Grave site: ?

FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED ON THIS PERSON

[alert_yellow]HAZEL is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of
Remembrance[/alert_yellow]

It should be noted that there was a suicide of a former Police officer by the name of **Hazell** who killed himself allegedly surrounded by news articles of the 1996 Royal Commission, in which he had been summonsed as a witness at the time.

It shows the long lasting and continued effects of the Royal Commission on those involved.

Letter to Bronwyn Bishop, Parliament House in 2002

Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional affairs – 19 Feb 2003

The Sydney Morning Herald

Not obscured by the thin blue line

Date

April 21, 2012

Review By Malcolm Brown

Read more:
<http://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/books/not-obscured-by-the-thin-blue-line-20120419-1x87f.html>

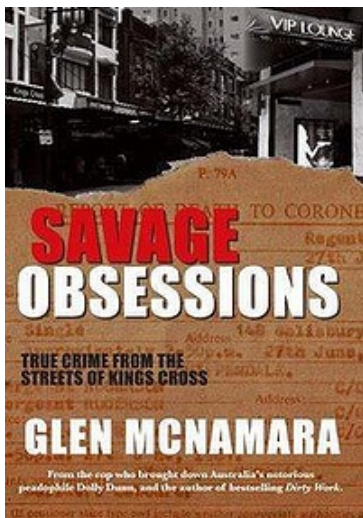
Name Savage Obsessions
Genre Mystery/Crime
Author Glen McNamara
Publisher New Holland
Year 2012
Pages 147
RRP 29.95

Glen McNamara – who was set up in the police force by corrupt officers he investigated, then was cleared, then pensioned off – is presented here as the archetypal honest cop who flew in the face of a corrupt system and was savaged by it. Even though he is writing about himself, it has a ring of authenticity. A former investigator with the National Crime Authority and with the NSW Police, where he was a detective stationed in Kings Cross and Sydney's south, he gave evidence to the NSW Police Royal Commission about alleged police protection of paedophiles.

With *Savage Obsessions: True Crime from the Streets of Kings Cross*, McNamara has joined other former police, such as former assistant commissioner Clive Small, in writing about crime, capitalising on its popularity – as exemplified by the success of the *Underbelly* TV series – and drawing on the vast volume of inside information available to police.

His chapters are fairly short and each tells a different story. But the linking theme, about criminal obsession ("The criminal mind is self-obsessed and determined, and I realised that this trait knows no boundaries, professional or otherwise") seems to work.

What amounts to a series of snapshots of police work does give some revealing insights, including into the corruption and brutality once prevalent in Kings Cross, seen from the inside.



Savage Obsessions
by Glen McNamara.
New Holland,
\$29.95.

Some insights are new, such as the horrific sexual abuse paedophile "Dolly" Dunn committed while on the staff of Catholic schools – an aspect of Dunn's life hinted at but never disclosed. It does raise the question of how he continued so long.

McNamara confirms what was suggested as a defence in the Schapelle Corby case, that there has been a corrupt ring of airport baggage handlers dealing in illicit drugs, and mentions the case of an unnamed couple who got right through the international barriers and then found drugs in their bag.

He goes in detail into the wretched tangle surrounding drug dealer Warren Lanfranchi and his supposed girlfriend Sally Ann Huckstepp. Also, he deals with the wretchedness of Rick Hazell, who was drawn into paedophile protection, gave evidence to the Police Royal Commission and died in circumstances a coroner found were an accident but which McNamara believes was murder.

Like any account by a former cop, the presentation is all black and white, with no attempt at interpretation on sociological lines. People are either law abiders or rotters.

There could be no compassion for sex offender Bruce Synold who, according to McNamara, boasted that he would crawl naked into people's bedrooms, slither across the floor like a snake and touch the sleeping couple lightly "to see if they would stir". Or cat burglar John Harvey Rider, who sneaked into the bedrooms of sleeping children. There is no doubt that a "homicidal maniac", Mark Hampson, with his Rasputin-like beard and his penchant for swords, was a bad man. And so were rapist Bilal Skaf and adoptive parent-killer Heidi McGarvie.

But the selection of cases rather glosses over, by omission, the vast array of other stories that could be told about people who have committed offences. Qualifications can be written into some accounts of crime to explain how these dreadful things happened. And, from time to time, how people are wrongly convicted.

SAVAGE OBSESSIONS

Glen McNamara

New Holland, 147pp, \$29.95

Read

more:

<http://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/books/not-obscured-by-the-thin-blue-line-20120419-1x87f.html#ixzz3MXLsGC08>

Leonard James MILLER

09/03/2015



Leonard James MILLER



aka Len

(late of Hawkesbury Hts)

New South Wales Police Force

NSW Police Academy Class – Redfern – #
146

[alert_yellow]Regd. #
16891[/alert_yellow]

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed
10 March 1975

Constable – appointed 10 March 1976

Final Rank = ?

Stations: ?, Four Wheels (Transport
Section),

Service: From ? ?pre March 1975 to ?
? ?

Awards: National Medal – granted 17
March 1992

[blockquote]

Vietnam Veteran – Service # 2786734

Army – Lance Corporal

Service between 23 April 1968 – 4 March 1969 = 316 days

Royal Australian Army Medical Corps

1st Australian Field Hospital – 1968

8th Field Ambulance – April 1968 – March 1969

[/blockquote]

Born: 13 May 1946

Died on: 11 October 2012

Cause: Suicide

Age: 66

Funeral date: Friday 19 October 2012 @
1pm

**Funeral location: Pinegrove Crematorium
(West Chapel), Minchinbury**

Buried at: Cremated

Memorial location:

MILLER, Leonard James.

13.05.1946 – 11.10.2012

Passed away suddenly.

Late of Hawkesbury Heights.

Beloved husband of Glenda. Proud father of Christopher and Carolene and their partners Ann and Joey.

Len will be sorely missed by his colleagues from the **NSW Police Force** and those he served with in Vietnam, together with his many other friends.

Aged 66 years.

Finally at peace.

The family and friends of LEN are warmly invited to attend his funeral service to be held at Pinegrove Crematorium (West Chapel), Minchinbury, on Friday (October 19, 2012), commencing at 1 p.m.

Blue Mountains Funerals

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blue mountains funerals.

com.au/notices.html

<http://tributes.smh.com.au/obituaries/smh-au/obituary.aspx?n=leonard-miller&pid=160464719>

David Andrew CARTY

09/03/2015

David Andrew CARTY VA

formerly of Parkes, NSW

New South Wales Police Force

NSW Police Academy Class # 257

Regd. # ??????

Rank: Commenced Training at Goulburn Police Academy on Sunday
20 February 1994 (aged

Probationary Constable – appointed 19 August 1994 (aged

Constable – appointed 19 August 1995

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Time employed with NSW Police: From: 19 August 1994 to

18 April 1997 = 2 years, 7 months, 30 days

Served: From 20 February 1994 to 18 April 1997 = 3 years,
1 month, 29 days Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = 25 years, ? months, ? days

Time in Retirement from Police: 0

Stations: Liverpool (22 Division)(19 August 1994 – 19
November 1994),

Fairfield (20 November 1994 – 18 April 1997) – Death

Awards: Commended for Good Police Work & Professionalism
displayed in connect with an attempted hold-up of a takeaway
food store in Fairfield in February 1996.

Commissioners Valour Award

No find on It's An Honour

Born: 1971 in Parkes, NSW

Age: 25

Died: Friday 18 April 1997

Cause: Stabbed (Murdered)

Event date: Friday 18 April 1997

Event location: Cambridge Tavern, Horsley Dve & Alan St,
Fairfield

Location of the Murder: [codepeople-post-map]

Funeral date: ?

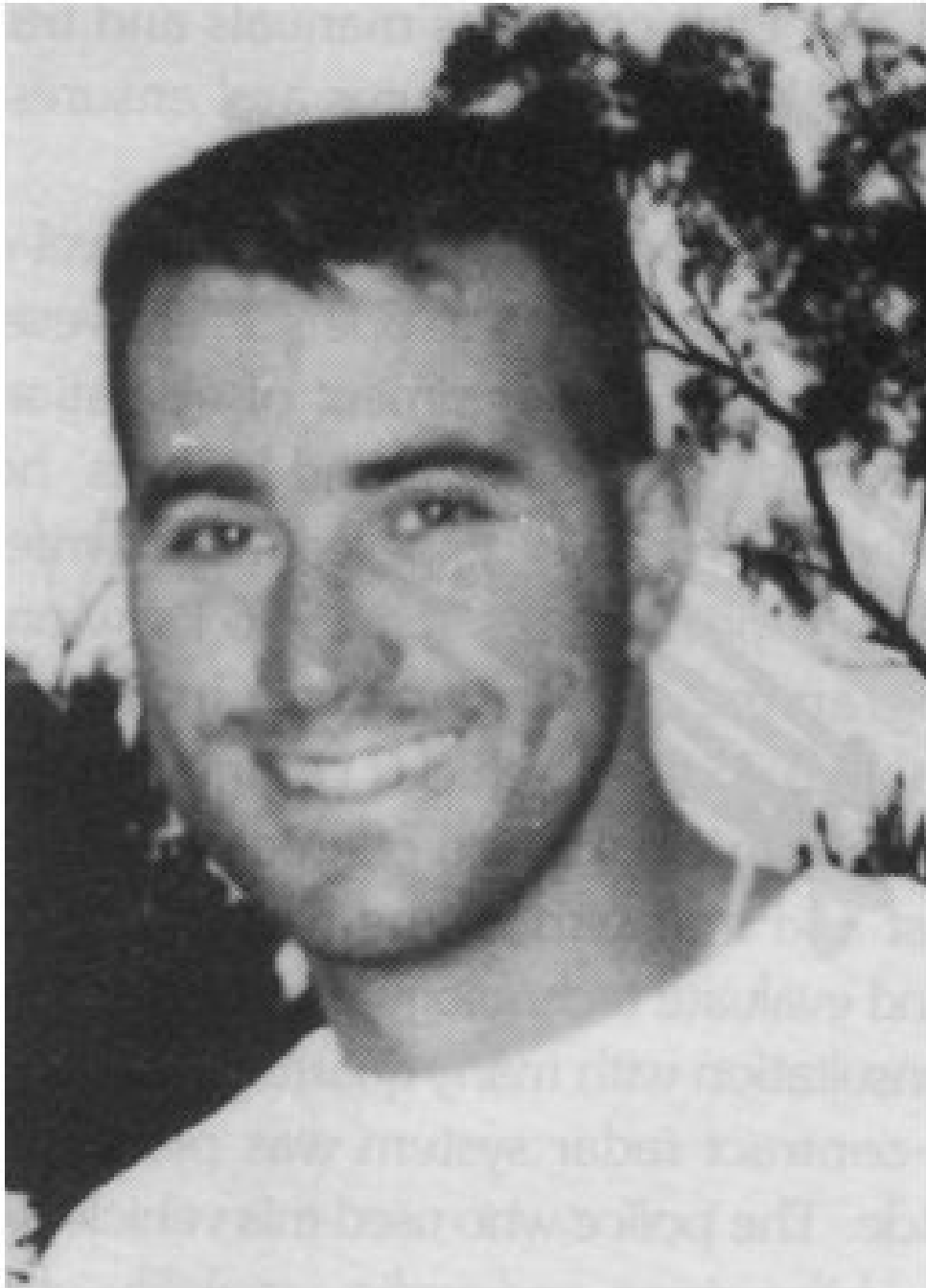
Funeral location: ?

Buried / Cremated: Carty Family property – Parkes, NSW

Memorial location: 1/ Police Dog Carts (coincidentally also
stabbed to death)

2/ David Carty Reserve, Fairfield East, NSW (cnr Fairfield St
& The Horsley Dve)

3/ David Carty Conference Room – Fairfield Police Station,
Smart St, Fairfield, NSW (Dedicated / Opened on 18 April
2017)



Constable David Carty (1997)



David Carty – whilst a Student Police Officer

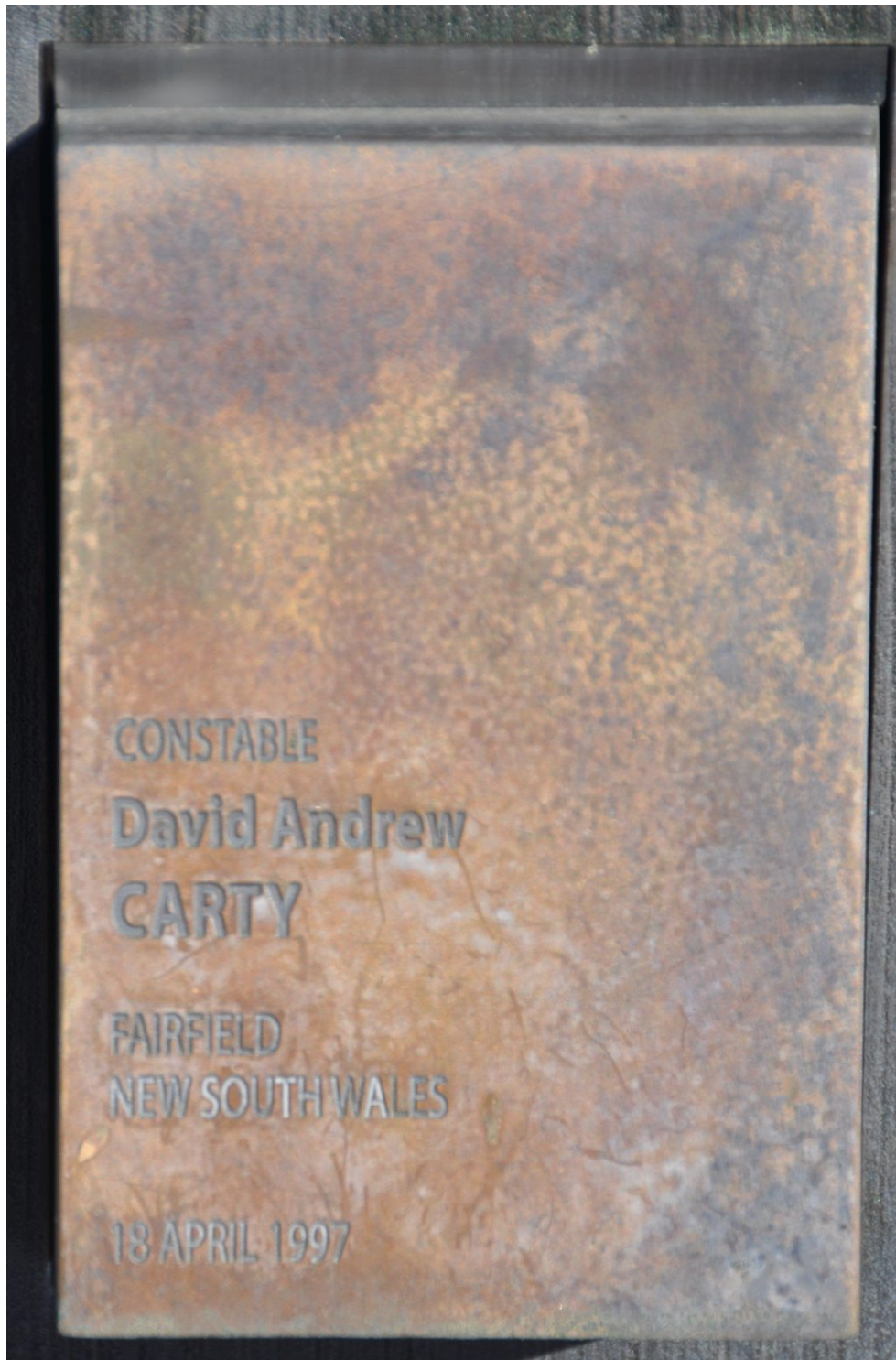
DAVID IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

About 8pm on 17 April, 1997 Constable Carty and other police had reason to speak to a number of people in the street at Fairfield while carrying out foot patrols. Some time later the constable and other police, then off duty, attended a local

hotel, the Cambridge Tavern. About 2.10am as he was leaving the hotel Constable Carty was set upon by a number of offenders, including some of those he had spoken to earlier, and was stabbed to death. Senior Constable Michelle Auld (# 23293), who had gone to his assistance, was also seriously assaulted in the cowardly attack.

Both Constable Carty and Senior Constable Auld were awarded the Commissioner's Valour Award.

The constable was born in 1971 and was sworn in as a probationary constable in August, 1994. At the time of his death he was stationed at Fairfield.



Constable David Andrew CARTY touch pad at the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra.



Constable
David Andrew CARTY
General Duties - Fairfield
18th April 1997





A small section of St John Of God, Richmond Hospital, where Police (and others) with PTSD have gone for Inpatient Treatment.

This is a small Memorial that previous patients (Police) have done to remember our friends who have fallen before us. The Black & Dark Blue Memorial stones are by Army members.

Details mentioned:

JRNR

S. McALINEY

020493

RIP LWF

25684

1988/237

(25684 = Regd #)

1988 is year Attested. 237 is the Class #)

David CARTY

R.I.P. Brother

OZZY 5 HODGY (Appears to have a Legacy Crest
glued to it)

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M. LAMBERT

R.I.P.

22.8.11

D & E PLATOON

69 – 70

LWF

II

L. GAVIN

RIP

29.11.11

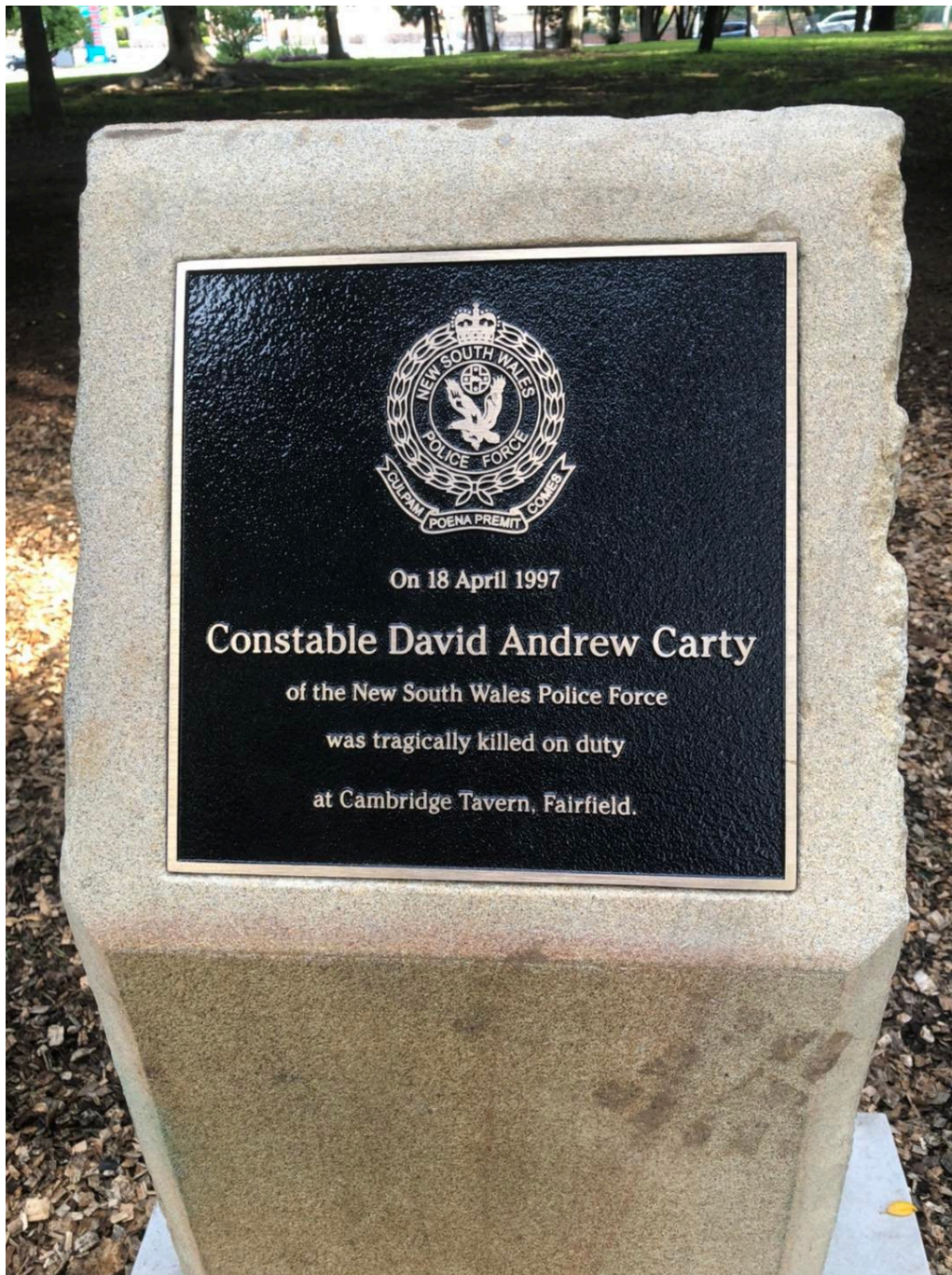
PAUL WILCOX

R.I.P. BROTHER

SHELLY DAVIS

1977 – 2004

Photo posted up on NSW Cops, Old, Bold &
Retired FB Group on 28 May 2017.



On 18 April 1997

Constable David Andrew Carty

of the New South Wales Police Force

was tragically killed on duty

at Cambridge Tavern, Fairfield.



Remembering our colleague, Constable David Carty after 25 years.

An Official Ceremony will take place on **Tuesday 19 April 2022** @ 10am at the Fairfield RSL (Due to weather conditions it won't be held at David Carty Park).





Senior Constable Michelle AULD (# 23293) at Constable David Carty's Funeral – 1997



Police officers pallbearers at funeral of NSW police officer David Carty in 1997.

Tuesday 18 April 2017

20 year Memorial



18 April 2017



18 April 2017



Fairfield Police Station Wall of Remembrance
Smart St, Fairfield



David Carty Conference Room – Fairfield Police Station (Dedicated / Opened on 18 April 2017)

Constable David Carty was remembered as a respected man at the 17th anniversary of his death

- *Kimberley Caines*
- *Fairfield Advance*
- **April 23, 2014 12:00AM**



Constable David Carty is remembered as a respectable country man.

THE pain of April 18 doesn't get any easier for Fairfield police officers who recall Constable David Carty as a respectable country man.

Const Carty (pictured) was remembered by police officers and former colleagues at Fairfield police station on Friday, the 17th anniversary of his brutal death.

On April 18, 1997, Const Carty, 25, was stabbed in the Cambridge Tavern car park, after having a drink with colleagues after a late shift.

Superintendent Peter Lennon said April 18 was one date he and his fellow officers would never forget. "He (Const Carty) came from the country and was well-respected by everyone," he said.

During the memorial service, a minute's silence was held and wreaths were laid in memory of the young man.

Supt Lennon said being in the police force meant brave men and women confronted dangers as they performed their duties.

"Police officers put their lives on the line every day for their community," he said. "Whilst this event was after hours, he was still a serving officer because he was known to be a

police officer when the incident occurred.”

HONOURING DAVID CARTY

- David Andrew Carty, from Parkes, joined the NSW Police Force on February 20, 1994
- After being posted to Liverpool police station, he was transferred to Fairfield police station on November 20, 1994, and confirmed to the rank of Constable on August 19, 1995
- During the early hours of April 18, 1997, Constable Carty, 25, was stabbed in the car park of Fairfield’s Cambridge Tavern, where he had enjoyed a drink with colleagues after a late shift
- His memory was honoured at Fairfield police station on Friday for the 17th anniversary of his death



Friday was the **17th** anniversary of the murder of David Carty. Fairfield police officers held a minute’s silence at the station’s Wall of Remembrance. Picture: Tim Clapin



Fairfield police officers and former colleagues holding a memorial for the **15th** anniversary of the death of Constable David Carty.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/south-west/constable-david-carty-was-remembered-as-a-respected-man-at-the-17th-anniversary-of-his-death/story-fngr8hxx-1226892214839>

Slain local police officer remembered

April 19, 2012, 10:32 p.m.



The David Carty Memorial set up at this week's service in Sydney.

NSW Police Force held a memorial service on Wednesday to commemorate the life and service of former Parkes man Constable David Carty, who was slain 15 years ago.

Const Carty was stabbed to death as he left licensed premises in the Sydney suburb of Fairfield in the early hours of Friday, April 18, 1997, after having a drink with colleagues following a late shift.

At 10am on Wednesday April 18, 2012, colleagues and friends gathered at Fairfield Police Station for a memorial service, on the 15th anniversary of his death.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Michael Gallacher, NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione, South West Metropolitan Region Commander, Assistant Commissioner Frank

Mennilli, Fairfield Local Area Commander, Superintendent Peter Lennon, former colleagues, local police officers, local members of Parliament and members of the Fairfield community also attended.



Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Michael Gallacher, and NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione, pay their respects to slain local police officer, David Carty and Wednesday's special memorial service in Sydney.

Senior Catholic Police Chaplain, Father Paul O'Donoghue, led the blessing for serving police and emergency service officers.

Constable Carty's family also held a memorial service on the family property in Parkes where Lachlan Local Area Commander, Robert Ryan, and local police officers paid their respects.

Supt Lennon said while it was painful to recall the circumstances of Constable Carty's death, it was important for his memory to be honoured.

"David was a young man with a great future, personally and professionally," Supt Lennon said.

“He had committed himself to protecting his community and paid the ultimate price.

“Every day, officers confront dangers as they perform their duties, and the memory of a departed colleague reminds us that a safe community can come at a high price for officers and their families,” Supt Lennon said.



Police officers during the ceremony

Constable Carty joined the NSW Police Force on February 20, 1994, attesting as a Probationary Constable on August 19, 1994, and began working at Liverpool.

On November 20, 1994, he was transferred to Fairfield and confirmed to the rank of Constable on August 19, 1995.

Before joining the NSW Police, David Carty worked on the family farm and showed as much dedication and independence there as he did as a Constable.

“Constable Carty’s relatively short experience in the NSW Police Force showed him to be an exemplary police officer,” Supt Lennon said.

<http://www.parkeschampionpost.com.au/story/192991/slain-local->

Tribute to Constable David Andrew Carty

About this Item	
Speakers	Zangari Mr Guy; Page Mr Donald
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TRIBUTE TO CONSTABLE DAVID ANDREW CARTY

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Mr GUY ZANGARI (Fairfield) [12.11 p.m.]: On **18 April 2012** Fairfield police station held a 15-year memorial service for the late Constable David Carty. The memorial was to be held at David Carty Reserve but due to the torrential rain it was held at Fairfield police station. Besides the Fairfield memorial, a memorial was held also at the Carty family property in Parkes where Lachlan Local Area Commander Robert Ryan and local police officers paid their respects, together with the Carty family. The memorial at Fairfield was attended by the police commissioner, assistant commissioners, police Minister and local and State government representatives. Local fire, ambulance and State Emergency Service representatives paid their respects on this solemn occasion. Also present were the emergency response officers who, in the words of Superintendent Peter Lennon, moved heaven and earth to save this officer's life. Inspector Brendan McMahon was the official master of ceremonies, with Commissioner Andrew Scipione offering kind and comforting words to the entire community. Superintendent Peter Lennon brought home the message of the loss to the community of David Carty and how to this day, so many years later, people in Fairfield still feel

the pain. Father Paul O'Donoghue offered blessings and prayers to the gathering. Following the prayers a wreath-laying ceremony took place. It was at that point that emotion set in and not a dry eye could be seen in the gathering. Many of those who were present did not know David but they had grieved his loss for years. I recall that David's death in 1997 was a shock to the entire community. So brutal was his death that churches around Fairfield held masses and services in his memory. At that time I was teaching at Patrician Brothers College, Fairfield, and I remember witnessing the grief that beset the community. Students and teachers held prayer services following David's death. Sitting at the memorial service gave me the empty feeling that Fairfield experienced in 1997. I can only imagine what it was like for David's work colleagues and especially for his family. David Carty was a country boy who came to Sydney to fulfil his dream of becoming a police officer. He joined the NSW Police Force on 20 February 1994, was sworn in as a probationary constable in August 1994 and began working at Liverpool. On 20 November 1994 Constable Carty was transferred to Fairfield and quickly established himself in the Fairfield Local Area Command and in the community as a hardworking police officer. On 17 April 1997, whilst on a daily foot patrol, David and other police officers had reason to speak to a number of people on a local Fairfield street. Later that evening, whilst off duty, Constable Carty and his colleagues attended the Cambridge Tavern. At about 2.10 a.m., as he was leaving the tavern, David was set upon by a number of offenders, including some of those he had spoken to earlier that day. Constable David Carty was stabbed to death by his attackers. Senior Constable Michelle Auld also was seriously assaulted whilst giving David assistance. Early that morning a piece of Fairfield was taken away. We will never forget David Carty. As a community we keep his memory alive by having a reserve named in his honour—the David Carty Reserve. There are plans in the Fairfield community to include a memorial garden in the reserve, to create a place where the community can offer prayers and

thanks to the late Constable David Carty and reflect on the many sacrifices that he ultimately made as a result of his vocation as a police officer. David was never given a chance to marry, to have children and to experience what so many of us take for granted. What we as legislators can do is to ensure that our police are given the powers and support they need not only to keep the community safe but also to keep uniformed officers safe in the line of duty. Constable David Carty will never be forgotten by Fairfield.

Mr DONALD PAGE (Ballina—Minister for Local Government, and Minister for the North Coast) [12.15 p.m.]: I take this opportunity to thank the member for Fairfield for reminding us of the terrible murder of David Carty. I am sure that all members and the people of New South Wales remember the despicable murder that took place late at night in a car park outside licensed premises when David Carty was off duty. David Carty's father, John Carty, is a constituent of the member for Dubbo who is in the Chamber. I was interested to hear the member for Fairfield mention the David Carty memorial that is to be established in the Fairfield reserve—a nice tribute to a man whose life was cut short by a most heinous crime.

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