

Wayne Allen RIXON

27/10/2012

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New South Wales Police Force

Police Academy Class # 158

Probationary Constable # 92154

ProCst # 92154

Regd. # 17???

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 3 April 1978

Constable 1st Class – Death

Stations: Mounted Police Unit, 10 Division GDs & 'C' District
(Maroubra) HWP

Service: From 23 January 1978 to 3 January 1985

Awards: No Find n Australian Honours

Born: Tuesday 27 August 1957

Died: Thursday 3 January 1985

Age: 27 yrs 4 mths 7 days

Cause: Motor Vehicle Pursuit – stolen vehicle – Driver –
Urgent Duty

Event location: Hayes St & Dunning Ave, Rosebery

Funeral date: Wednesday 9 January, 1985

Funeral location: ? Church, Bega

Buried at: Bega Cemetery, Princes Hwy, Bega

Memorial location: ?



Constable 1/C Wayne Allen RIXON

Wayne IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

About 5pm on **3 January, 1985** Constable Rixon and Probationary Constable **Meredith Ireland** were travelling in a Police Highway Patrol vehicle in **Bannerman Crescent, Rosebery** when they became involved in the high speed pursuit of a **stolen vehicle**. As the pursuit continued along Hayes Street the stolen vehicle sped through stop signs at the intersection of **Dunning Avenue**. The police vehicle slowed at the intersection but unfortunately collided with a **truck** that had been travelling along **Dunning Avenue**. After hitting the truck the police vehicle spun around and slammed into a **brick wall**. Constable Rixon sustained severe head and internal injuries and had to be released from the police vehicle by the **Police Rescue Squad**. He was conveyed to the **Royal South Sydney Hospital** where he was found to be dead on arrival. **Constable Ireland** was treated at the **Prince of Wales Hospital** for lacerations and shock before she was allowed to leave.

The constable was born in **1957** and joined the New South Wales Police Force on **23 January, 1978**. At the time of his death he was attached to the Maroubra Highway Patrol.



Wayne Allen RIXON – touch pad at the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra

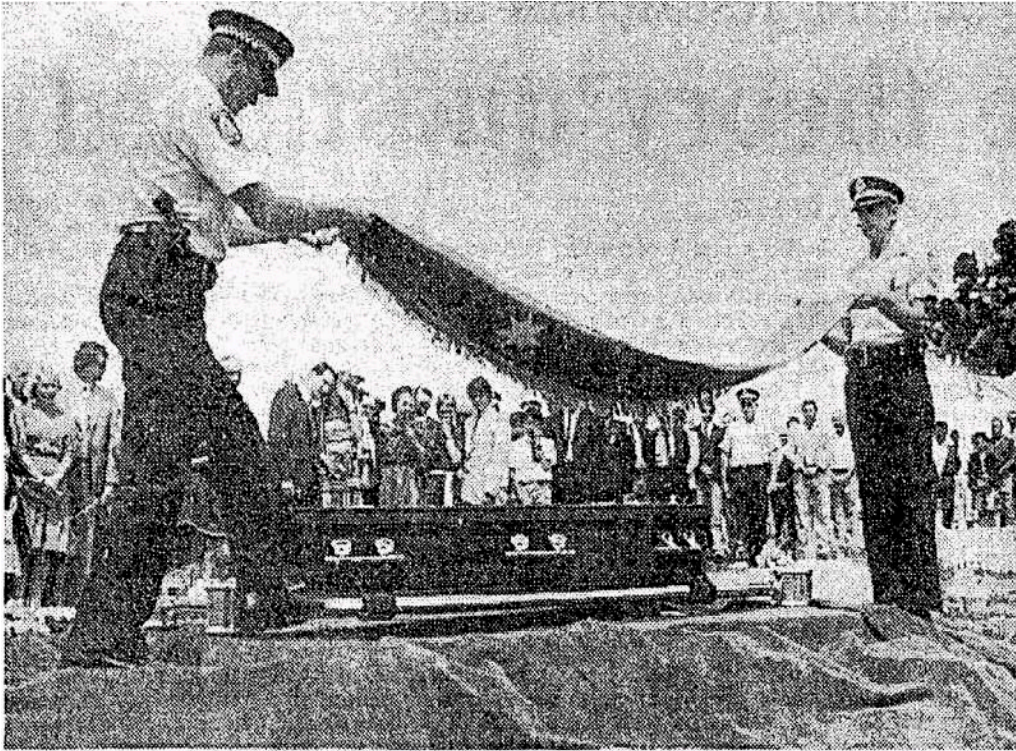


A plaque that Wayne's family had engraved, then placed in position by former members of Maroubra HWP and visited every year. At the intersection of Hayes St & Dunning Ave, Rosebery.

Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

Thursday 10 January 1985, page 9

Hundreds attend funeral of constable at Bega



Sergeant Grahame Langford, left, and Sergeant Len Harris, of the NSW Police Academy, Redfern, fold the flag at the funeral in Bega yesterday of Constable First Class **Wayne Rixon**, of the Maroubra highway patrol.

From BRONWYN YOUNG, in Bega

Hundreds of people packed the church and lined the streets of Bega yesterday for the police funeral of highway patrolman Constable First Class Wayne Rixon, 27, killed in a high-speed car chase in Sydney last Thursday.

About 100 police in uniform and plainclothes had been arriving in Bega for the funeral since Tuesday.

Constable First Class Rixon was working with Maroubra highway patrol when he died on Thursday, but he grew up in Bega. Many of the people in the church and watching from the street had gone to school with

him. Police closed two roads for the funeral procession and its police escort.

The coffin draped with the Australian flag was carried from the church by six police officers.

Some of them had worked with Constable First Class Rixon in

Maroubra. A seventh police officer, Sergeant Grahame Langford, of the NSW Police Academy, Redfern, walked in front of the coffin carrying the constable's cap on a blue cushion. The caps of the six pallbearers lay on the roof of the waiting hearse.

Two mounted highway patrolmen in full ceremonial uniform headed the solemn procession which escorted the hearse from the church. Among those marching were Acting Commissioner Barney Ross, Assistant Commissioner, Traffic, Bill Fleming, and Assistant Commissioner, General, Ted Bunt. The police marched in slow step down the street to the pipes of the NSW Police Pipe Band.

When the procession neared the Bega Courthouse the ranks broke and formed a guard-of honour. The hearse passed between the lines and gathered speed as it turned on to the road to the Bega Cemetery.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article122477525.txt>

The Canberra Times

Wednesday 10 December 1975 p 38

Junior Open title

OUTSHONE

Country boys, although outnumbered, outshone their metropolitan rivals in the Tully Park event.

Another Queanbeyan player, G. Gibson, won the Brian Todkill Memorial trophy in the 36 hole stabelford event for juniors

and school boys.

Wayne Carpenter, of Orange, won the junior country title with an aggregate of 148 and Wayne Rixon, of Bega, the country schoolboy title with 149.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/102190841>

The Canberra Times

Monday 12 February 1973 p1



Wayne Rixon, 15, and his two sisters, Wendy, 11 (front) and Pam, 12, all of Bega, wait their turn to compete in motor-cycle scramble races at the Pialligo track, near Canberra Airport, yesterday.

Deadly toll

By Jonathan Pearlman

November 6, 2004

Alone in his patrol car, **Chris Thornton** had the police siren

flashing as he chased a white sedan through **Woy Woy**.

Thornton, 35, a highway patrolman, had been in the force for 15 years. He was, his mother says, "the best driver I have ever seen".

The reason for the chase that night in April 2002 is unknown. Both cars were seen travelling at high speed. Thornton was about 50 metres behind.

Meanwhile, Leonard Rowley, 56, an unlicensed driver, was driving to his local KFC to pick up dinner. He saw the first car flash past and judged – wrongly – that he had time to turn out in front of the patrol car. Thornton tried to avoid Rowley's car but clipped the back, veered onto the wrong side of the road and hit a power pole.

Thornton died on the spot, which is marked by a permanent stainless-steel cross. Rowley later received a suspended two-year sentence.

"His life from the age of 12 was about helping people," says Thornton's mother, **Freada Thornton**. "He was in the surf club and he was there to rescue people and then he went into the force and he was doing the same thing." His father, **Barry Thornton**, says: "He loved life. He had been in Gosford for 15 years and was so popular with the community there."

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But pursuits have come at a cost to the NSW Police Department. Fifteen officers have died as a result of high-speed chases, beginning with the death of Constable George Boore in 1937.

Details provided by the NSW Police Association show a steady stream of fatalities involving cars and motorcycles. The full

list of casualties is as follows:

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June 2, 1954: Constable Cecil Sewell;

November 14, 1958: Constable Brian Boaden;

December 23, 1958: Constable William Lord;

October 14, 1961: Constable James Kinnane;

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<http://www.smh.com.au/news/Police-Pursuits/Deadly-toll/2004/11/05/1099547386960.html>

Both **Wayne Rixon** and **Glenn Rampling** formed part of a 3 man team at the Mounties, going around mainly to country fairs performing vault tricks with the draft horse. Tragically both lost their lives in High Speed pursuits after leaving the

Mounties for other duties. RIP, both were good men.

Terry John MONCUR

27/10/2012

Terry John MONCUR

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 16656

Rank: Constable

Stations: Balmain (8 Division), Flemington HWP

Service: From 24 September 1974 to 2 December 1976 = 2+
years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? 1953 (possibly 24 September 1953) The rest of his
Class attested 23 September 1974

Date of Event: 1 December 1976

Place of event: Adderton Rd, Telopia

Died on: 2 December 1976

Cause: Motor Vehicle Pursuit – Observer – Urgent Duty –
Pursuit

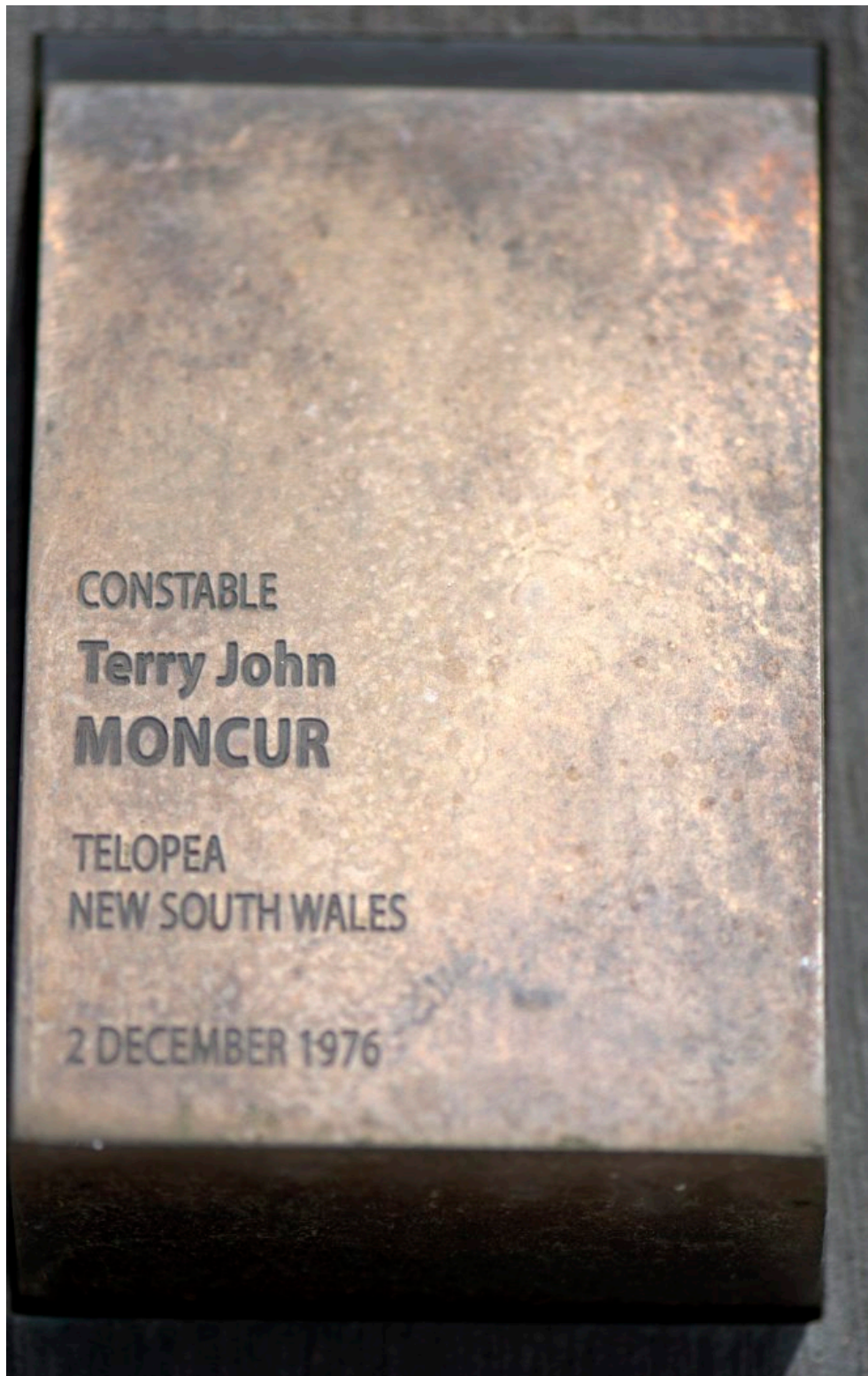
Age: ?

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: Cremated at Castlebrook Cemetery. Ashes taken by
family to Allambie Park, Gold Coast, Qld, where they are
buried with his mother, father and grandmother

Memorial at:



Touchplate at the National Police Wall of Remembrance

[alert_green]TERRY IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance[/alert_green]

On the night of 1 December, 1976 Constable Moncur was the

observer in a police **Highway Patrol vehicle** engaged in a high speed pursuit of a motor cycle in Adderton Road, Telopea. As the vehicle was negotiating a left hand bend in the roadway it skidded and collided with a parked vehicle. Constable Moncur sustained severe injuries and died the following morning.

The constable was born in 1953 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 24 September, 1974. At the time of his death he was attached to the Highway Patrol.

Photo available on line

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Joseph Edward Matthew GIBB

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AKA Joe GIBB

Nickname: ?

Late of Tarren Point, NSW

Relations in 'the job': **Patrick GIBB**, NSWPF # **3673**

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class # 111**

Last Class to be issued with the Webley Scott semi auto pistol

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 12679

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday
15 May 1967 (aged 23 years, 6 months, 25 days)

Probationary Constable- appointed Monday 26 June 1967 (aged
23 years, 8 months, 6 days)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Constable

Stations: ?, Miranda (24 Division) – Death

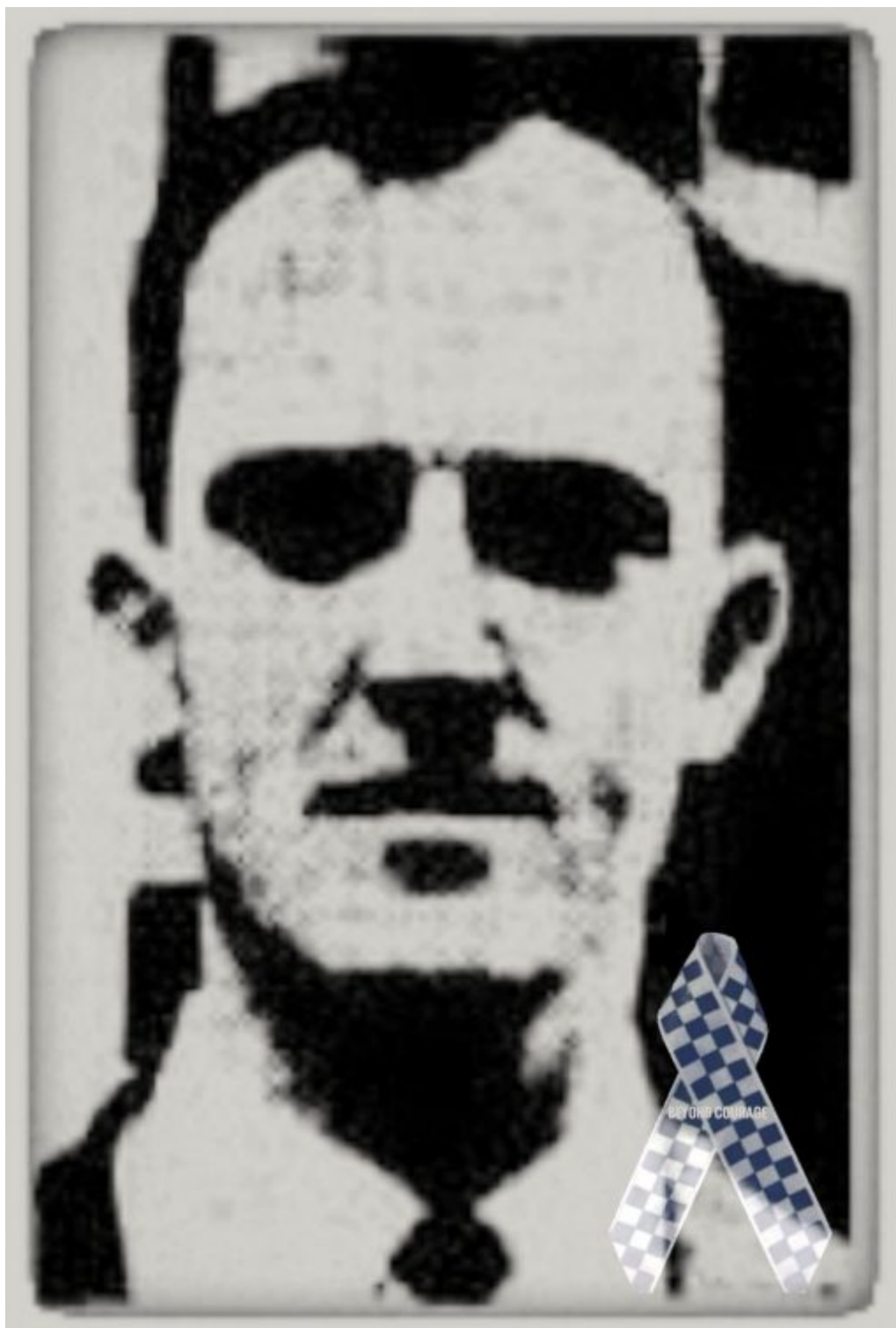
Service: From 15 May 1967 to 23 January 1972 = 4

years, 8 months, 8 days Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = ?

Time in Retirement from Police: ?

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours system



Born: Wednesday 20 October 1 943

Died on: Sunday 23 January 1972

Age: 28 years, 3 months, 3 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause: Accidentally Shot – own weapon during a violent arrest

Event location: ? , Miranda, NSW

Event / Diagnosis date: Sunday 23 January 1972

Funeral date: Wednesday 26 January 1972

Funeral location: St Joseph's Catholic Church, Rosa St, Oatley, NSW

LIVE STREAM N/A

Wake location: ???

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?



In Loving Memory of Joseph Edward Matthew GIBB. Loved husband of Therese, fond father of Jude and Josephine. Loved son of Pat & Ella. Died 23.1.1972, aged 28 years. Also Jude Thomas, 3.1.1971. Erected by the New South Wales Police in Recognition of ?, Constable Joseph Edward Matthew GIBB.

Buried at: Woronora Memorial Park, Linden St, Sutherland, NSW

Grave Location: Section: Roman Catholic Monumental Sect. 12

Row: ? Plot: 1309

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: Woronora Memorial Park, Police Section, Linden St, Sutherland, NSW



Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this time (June 2023)

JOE IS mentioned on the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra



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THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AustralianPolice.com.au/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NSWFallenPolice/>

Australian Police YouTube Channel

On the afternoon of 23 January, 1972 **Constable Gibb** was in a police vehicle with **Constable Michael Buckley** and another constable.

In Shirley Road, Miranda they spotted a stolen vehicle and gave chase.

During a brief pursuit the stolen vehicle drove into a dead-end street where it collided with a fence. Three offenders emerged from the vehicle and ran to a nearby house, with **Constables Gibb** and **Buckley** in pursuit.

As the offenders split up the pursuing police each fired a warning shot into the air.

Constable Gibb caught up with the offender he was chasing as he attempted to scale a fence and as the constable took hold of him he began to struggle violently.

While he was grappling with the offender the constable's service revolver discharged and he was shot in the chest.

Constable Gibb was conveyed to the Sutherland District Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

POLICE OFFICER SHOT DEAD

SYDNEY. Sunday – A 28-year-old police constable was shot dead today in a struggle with a young man only 70 yds from the policeman's home at Taren Point, a southern Sydney suburb.

The policeman, **Constable Joseph E. M. Gibb**, is believed to have been shot through the heart with his own service revolver.

Three young men were being questioned tonight at Sutherland Police Station.

Mrs Therese Gibb, who is expecting a baby in about five weeks, collapsed when she heard of her husband's death and was taken by ambulance to Sutherland District Hospital.

She had been shopping and arrived home to find the street full of police cars.

Police said Constable Gibb had been just about to finish work at Miranda police station at 3 pm and was getting a lift home with his workmate Constable Michael Buckley.

They had seen a small sedan they suspected had been stolen and had given chase.

The sedan, containing three young men, had turned into a dead-end street and had crashed into a wire fence of Consolidated Timber Pty Ltd at the end.

Three men had jumped out of the car. Constable Buckley had pursued two of the suspects who had climbed a fence and run into bush at the right side of the back garden. Constable Gibb had gone to the left of the house into the back garden and grappled with the other suspect.

A shot had been heard and Constable Gibb had been found dead.

Constable Buckley was too upset later to be interviewed."

The constable was born in 1943 at Darlinghurst and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 15 May, 1967.

At the time of his death he was stationed at Miranda.

He is listed in the official NSW Police Honour Roll.

Source: Beyond Courage

Story behind any Nickname:



picture of **Class 111** Sworn In on 26th June, 1967. All the cyclists have the first of the white helmets. They didn't last long either', once they realised that the broken necks were coming from the bad design, where the back of the helmet sat at the perfect point to break your neck, if your head was snapped backwards. Second white helmets issued hurriedly, 'say no more'..!

Funeral Service







PC shot dead with his own pistol

SYDNEY. — A young policeman was shot dead in the yard of a house about 100 yards from his home at Taren Point, a southern Sydney suburb, yesterday afternoon.

The shooting followed a chase by two policemen after they had seen a car believed to have been stolen.

The dead policeman, Constable Joseph Gibb, 29, was shot once through the heart with his own service pistol. Father John Stack, from Miranda Catholic Church, was called to administer the last rites to the dead policeman.

Constable Gibb's father, Inspector Pat Gibb who is officer in charge of the Sutherland area, and his mother also were taken to the scene.

Mrs. Gibb, who is due to have her first child in five weeks, collapsed when she was told of her husband's death, and was taken to Sutherland Hospital.

Constable Gibb was on his way home from Miranda police station with another policeman, Constable Michael Buckley, when he saw a car which had been reported stolen.

They chased the car along several small streets, and the small car crashed into a wire factory fence at the bottom of a dead-end street.

Three youths jumped from the car, and ran into the yard of a nearby house.

Constable Gibb chased one youth, and Constable Buckley headed after the other two.

Soon afterwards all police cars in the area were alerted to search for the two other youths.

They had been seen swimming across a creek at the back of the house and run into bush towards a football oval.

They were chased by uniformed police and detectives, and soon afterwards were caught.

Police at Waverley were questioning three youths late last night.

The shooting was only one of many violent incidents in Sydney yesterday.

A man was fatally stabbed in his home at Glebe, a Greek man was in a critical condition in hospital last night after being stabbed in the chest during a domestic argument at Enmore, and an armed robber held up a suburban theatre and escaped with \$600.

Late yesterday police at Cremorne, a harbor suburb, were searching for a young armed man who earlier had threatened to jump from the sixth floor of a partly completed apartment block.



Constable Gibb's widow who is almost eight months' pregnant, is carried from her home after collapsing when she heard her husband had been shot dead.

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

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22 September 2013

Updated 16 June 2023

Francis Laurel BURKE

27/10/2012

Francis Laurel BURKE

Late of ?

New South Wales Police Force

Uniform # 2495

Regd. # 8115

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy,
“possibly” with Class 041 on ? ? 1955 (aged ?)

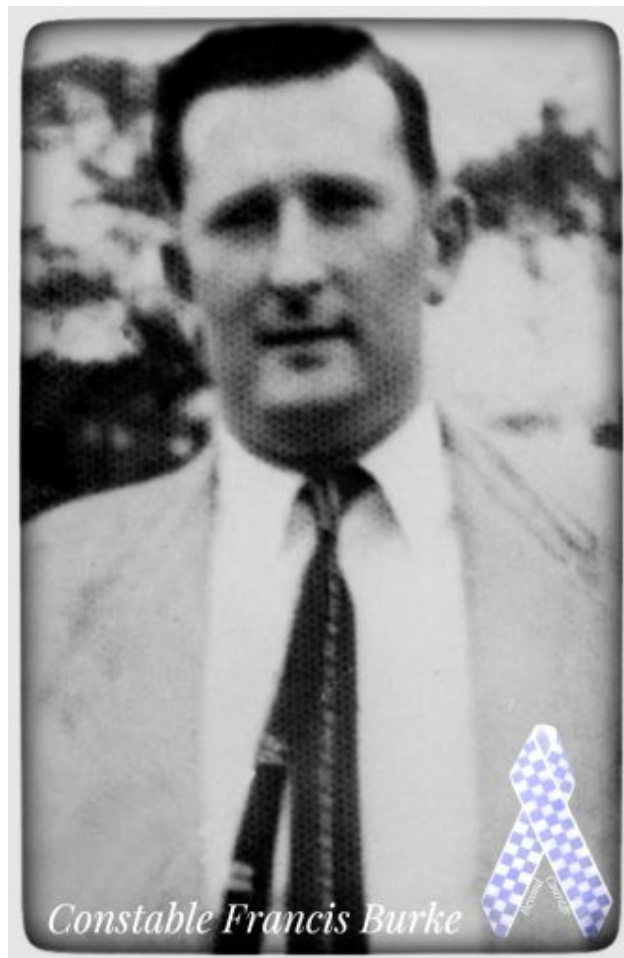
Probationary Constable – appointed Monday 20 June 1955 (aged 28 years, 5 months, 13 days)

Constable

Stations: ?, Redfern – Death

Service: From 20 June 1955 to 20 January 1961 = 5 years, 7 months, 0 days Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour – however posthumously awarded the Bronze Medal and Certificate of Merit of the Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society for Gallantry.



Francis Laurel BURKE

Born: Friday 7 January 1927 at Condobolin, NSW

Died on: Friday 20 January 1961

Age: 34 years, 0 months, 13 days

Cause: Drowned during a "Off Duty" surf rescue

Event location: Kiama Beach, Kiama, NSW

Event date: Friday 20 January 1961

Funeral date: possibly 23 January 1961

Funeral location: ?

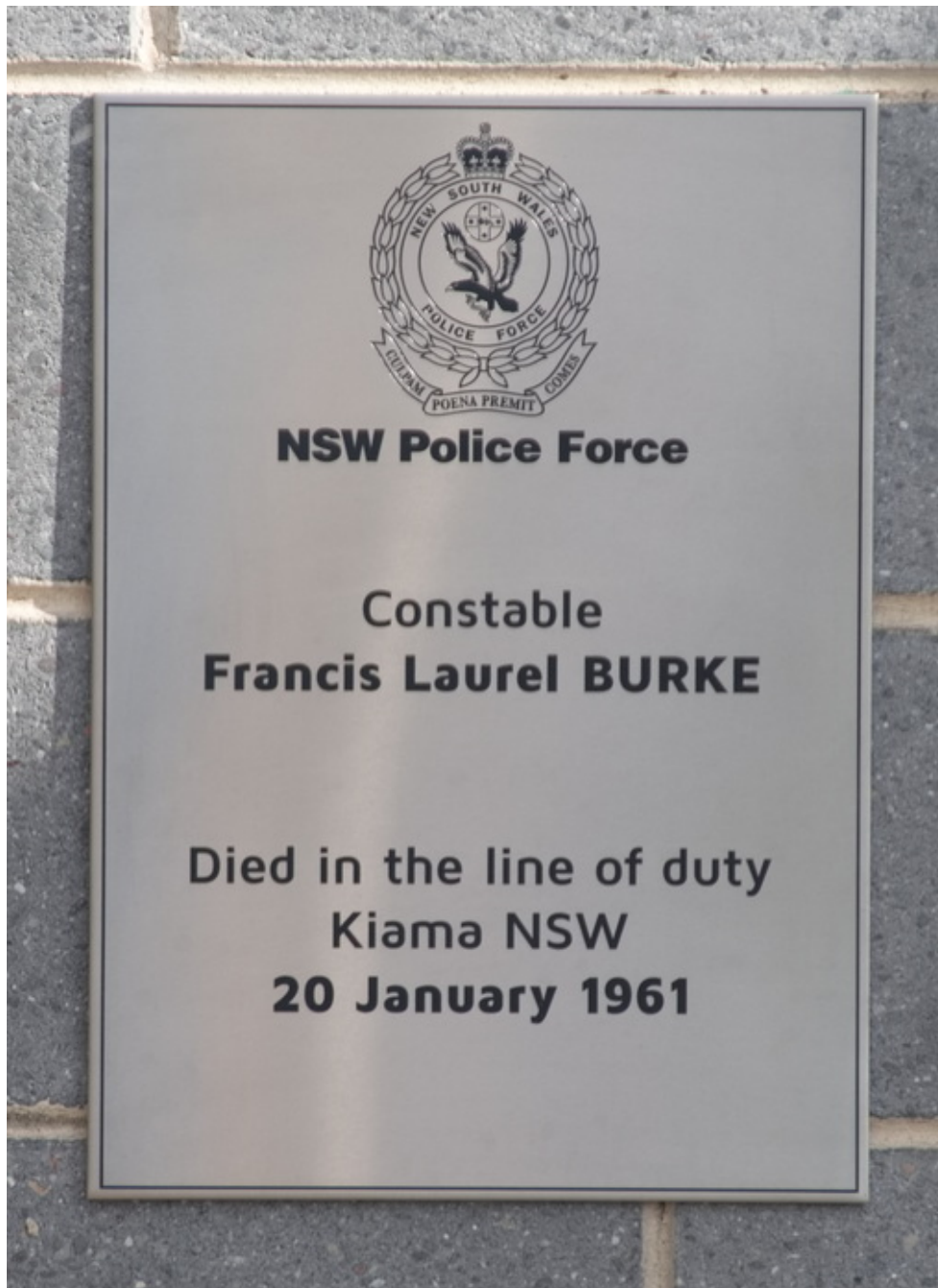
Buried at: Rookwood Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria, ?,
Lidcombe, NSW

Grave:- Portion Lawn 1, Plot 59

Memorial located at: ?



Francis Laurel BURKE
Memorial Touch Plate at the National Police
Wall of Remembrance, Canberra.



THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2014

RETIRED POLICE DAY HELD AT LAKE ILLAWARRA
POLICE STATION, OAK FLATS.

Francis Laurel BURKE

Dedication Memorial on the front wall of Oak
Flats Police Station (part of Kiama Police
area)



THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2014
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Francis Laurel BURKE
Frame hanging inside of Lake Illawarra Police
Station.

**“There are a number of photos of this man on Ancestry.co.au
which I can't access” 26 July 2017**

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THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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May they forever Rest In Peace

On 20 January, 1961 Constable Burke was holidaying on the South Coast with his family. In the afternoon of that day the family were at Kiama Beach when the constable was informed by his son that two boys were in difficulties in an undertow. Constable Burke entered the water and swam out through the heavy surf to assist. Unfortunately he collapsed during his efforts and after being seen floating face downwards in the water, was carried onto the beach. He failed to respond to resuscitation and was conveyed to the Kiama District Hospital where life was pronounced extinct.

The constable was born in Condobolin in 1927 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 20 June, 1955. At the time of his death he was stationed at Redfern. He is listed in the official New South Wales Police Honour Roll.

Source: Beyond Courage by Retired Sgt Danny WEBSTER, NSWPF.

There is a Francis L BURKE buried at Rookwood (as detailed above) but no other verifying details via internet search.

There is also a Francis Neil BURKE mentioned in the Kiama Independent on 25 January 1961 having died at Kiama, late of Sydney.

Nothing found on Trove.

Acts of Bravery by Police

The late **Constable F. L. Burke** was posthumously awarded the Bronze Medal and Certificate of Merit of the Royal Shipwreck Relief and Humane Society for gallantry in attempting to save the lives of two boys in the surf at Kiama on the 20th January, 1961. The Constable lost his own life on this occasion although the boys were saved.

Police Killed in the Execution of Their Duty

Constable Francis Laurel Burke.

Drowned at Kiama on the 20th January, 1961, whilst assisting two boys who were in difficulties in the water. The Constable was on annual leave at the time and holidaying with his family at Kiama.

Mentioned twice, on page 29 of 1962 Parliament of NSW – Report of the Police Department for 1961

[annual_report_archive_1961 – 1 – document.pdf](#)

Police Remembrance Day:

JOSHUA BUTLER

29 Sep 2014, 3 p.m.



A family member of Constable **Francis Laurel Burke**, who died in 1961, laid a wreath at the Police Remembrance Day commemorations on Monday. Picture: ANDY ZAKELI

Almost 60 years on, Kenneth Nash still misses his uncle Allen.

Sergeant Allen William Nash, aged 40, was killed in the line of duty by a gun-wielding offender at Primbee in 1956.

Sgt Nash was one of eight officers stationed in the Lake Illawarra local area command who were recognised with memorial plaques on a wall of honour outside Lake Illawarra police station on Monday, as part of Police Remembrance Day commemorations.

Dozens of current and retired officers, families, friends, politicians, councillors and members of the public gathered at Oak Flats for a ceremony to unveil the memorial wall, and honour past and present officers.



THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2014

Since 1862, more than 250 NSW Police officers have died in the line of duty.

<http://www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/2591540/lake-illawarra-officers-honoured-on-police-remembrance-day-photos/>

The Sydney Morning Herald from Sydney, New South Wales ...

www.newspapers.com > [newspage](#)

Gave Life For Boys

He was Constable *Francis Laurel Burke*, 34, of Redfern, who gave his life while saving the two boys. He was holidaying with his wife and ...

First published on 15 September 2014.

Updated 20 March 2026.

William Thomas GREEN

27/10/2012

William Thomas GREEN

AKA TRIGGER (Gosford)

Late of ?

NSW Redfern / Penrith Police Academy
Class # ? ? ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ???? (790* – 797*)

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed
? ? ?

Final Rank = Constable

Stations: ?, Gosford – Death

Service: From 1 February 1955 to 2
October 1960 = 5+ years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? 1931

Died on: Sunday 2 October 1960 during

the morning

Age: 29

Cause: MVA – Rider – Urgent Duty –

Event location: Victoria St & Adelaide St, Gosford

Event date: Saturday 1 October 1960
about 6pm – Gosford Hospital

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Point Clare General Cemetery,
Coolam Ave, Pt Clare

Anglican 9, Row 20, Plot 18

Lat -33.433889

Long 151.311667

Memorial located at: ?

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
WILLIAM THOMAS
GREEN
DIED 2ND OCT. 1980 AGED 29 YEARS

RCI



Inscription In Loving Memory of WILLIAM THOMAS GREEN DIED 2nd OCT 1960 AGED 29 YEARS

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About 6pm on 1 October, 1960 Constable Green left the Gosford Police Station to assist at the scene of a serious motor vehicle accident at Terrigal. At the time he was riding a Special Traffic Patrol motor cycle. As he was travelling along Victoria Street a panel van travelling in the opposite direction began to turn into Adelaide Street in front of the police cycle. The cycle collided with the front of the panel van, throwing the constable to the roadway. He was conveyed to the Gosford District Hospital where he died the following morning.

The constable was born in 1931 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 1 February, 1955. At the time of his death he was stationed at Gosford.

William John LORD

27/10/2012

William John LORD

aka Bill

(late of Miranda)

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 7671

Joined the NSW Police Force via NSW Police Cadet system on 2
June 1952

Cadet # 1011

Rank: Constable

Stations: **?**, No. 4 Division from 15 December 1953, Traffic
Branch – Sydney

Service: From 2 June 1952 to 23 December 1958 = 6+ years
Service

Awards: ?

Born: ? ? 1934

Died on: 23 December 1958

Cause: Injuries received from a Motor Vehicle Pursuit
collision

Event location: Cnr Alison Rd & Wansey Rd, Randwick

Age: 23

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

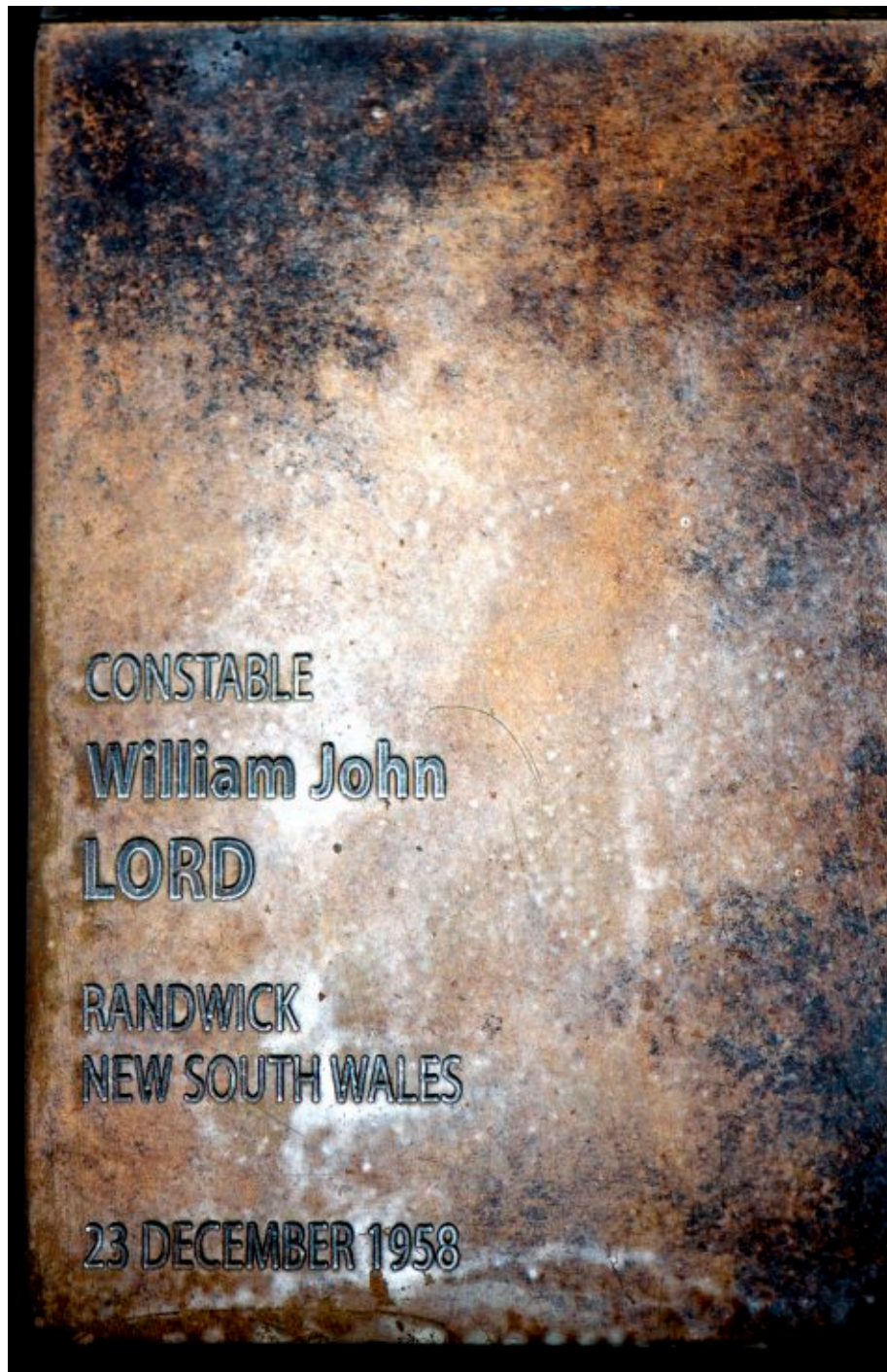
Grave location: Woronora Cemetery, Sutherland

Roman Catholic Section, 3B

Event Location: [codepeople-post-map]



Constable Bill LORD



William LORD – Touch Plate at National
Police Wall of Remembrance

About 5pm on 23 December, 1958 Constable Lord was riding a Police Public Safety Bureau motor cycle in Alison Road, Randwick, when he became involved in the pursuit of a speeding motor cycle. At the intersection of Wansey Road another vehicle began to turn in front of the oncoming police cycle. Seeing the police cycle approaching the driver of the vehicle

took evasive action, however a collision occurred and Constable Lord was thrown from his cycle and onto another car. Although admitted to St Vincent's Hospital he died a short time later.

The constable was born in 1934 and joined the New South Wales Police Force as a cadet on 2 June, 1952. He was sworn in on 5 December, 1953. At the time of his death he was attached to the Traffic Branch, Sydney.

NSW BDM

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Motor Vehicle Accident

Ulladulla

14 November, 1958

About 3pm on 14 November, 1958 Constable Boaden was riding a police solo motor cycle along the Princes Highway at Ulladulla. While he was pursuing a speeding vehicle, another car commenced to turn into the driveway of a dwelling. The constable increased his speed in an attempt to pass in front of the turning vehicle, however the cycle struck the front of the vehicle. Constable Boaden was thrown over the vehicle, his helmet came off and he landed head-first on the roadway. Although he was conveyed to the Milton District Hospital, he died about three hours later.

The constable was born in 1936 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 1 April, 1957. At the time of his death he was stationed at Moruya.

Brian is buried in the Orange Cemetery, Lone Pine Ave, Orange, NSW.

Grave location: Old Section, Grave 68.

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Cecil Edwin SEWELL

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Late of Wycombe Rd, Yagoona, NSW

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # **????**

Rank: Constable

Stations: **?**, Parramatta – Public Safety Bureau – Death

Service: From 3 August 1948 to 2 June 1954 = 5+ years
Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: **? ?** 1927 at Werris Creek, NSW

Died on: Wednesday 2 June 1954

Death location: Parramatta District Hospital

Age: 27

Cause: Motor Vehicle Collision – Rider – Pursuit

Event location: Woodville Rd, near Farnell St, Merrylands

Event date: Tuesday 1 June 1954

Funeral date: Thursday 3 June 1954

Funeral location: **Baptist Church, Harrow Road, Auburn**

Buried at: Rookwood Cemetery, Rookwood

Area: Zone F, Sect: Independent General K, Grave 2643

Memorial located at: ?





at the base of Cecils grave



Here are some amazing photos for you,
I have attached some photos of dad in uniform also a few of
funeral procession that I found. Dad was also one of the
officers who escorted the Queen on her Coronation Tour in
Sydney May 1954. I think that might be the photo of him on his
bike. After Sydney tour he was to escort the Queen & Duke to
Canberra but his bike broke down at Liverpool. A couple of
weeks later he lost his life.
Thanks again.

Ron



Cecil SEWELL







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CECIL is mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

(*NEED TO OBTAIN PHOTO OF TOUCH PLATE IN CANBERRA*)

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

PLEASE SEND PHOTOS AND INFORMATION TO Cal

May they forever Rest In Peace

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Cumberland Argus (Parramatta, NSW : 1950 – 1962),

Wednesday 1 September 1954, page 1

SEWELL FUND IS CLOSED

The fund for the dependants of the late **Constable Cecil Sewell**, is now closed.

Previously acknowledged, -£386/0/6, – **Parramatta Police functions etc.**, £519/14/7 ; total, £905/15/1.

A donation of £5/5/- In the list published last week, should have been credited to **Parramatta Musical Comedy Company**.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/132143069>

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

Friday 4 June 1954, page 4

Funeral Of Policeman

More than 200 plain-clothes and uniformed police attended the **funeral yesterday of Constable Cecil Sewell, 27, of the Public Safety Bureau.**

Constable Sewell was fatally injured on **Tuesday** when his **police motor cycle** crashed after hitting and killing a pedestrian in Woodville Road, Merrylands.

Constable Sewell was chasing a speeding motor cyclist when he hit the pedestrian – **John Thomas Nivens, 60, of Paton Street, Merrylands.**

The **Police Pipe Band** led the funeral procession to **Rookwood Cemetery** after a **service** at the **Baptist Church, Harrow Road, Auburn.**

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/27517645>

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Parramatta Police

Motor Vehicle Pursuit

2 June, 1954

Resting Place – Rookwood Cemetery, Rookwood

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sustained severe injuries and were conveyed to the Parramatta District Hospital. The pedestrian was found to be dead on arrival and Constable Sewell died the following morning. The Sydney Morning Herald of 3 June, 1954 printed the following article, and funeral notices.

CONSTABLE'S DEATH FROM INJURIES IN CYCLE CHASE CRASH

Constable Cecil Sewell, 27, of the Public Safety Bureau, who knocked down and fatally injured a civilian while chasing a speeding motor cyclist on Tuesday, died yesterday from injuries he received in the accident. He will be buried at Rookwood Cemetery today with full police honours. Constable Sewell was chasing the motor cyclist along Woodville Road, Merrylands, at 70 m.p.h. about 4.45 p.m. when he struck **John Thomas Nivens**, 60, who had stepped from a bus. **Nivens**, of Patons Street, Merrylands, died later from his injuries. Constable Sewell, who was thrown from the cycle after it had skidded along the road for 60 yards, died in **Parramatta Hospital** at **6.30 a.m.** yesterday without regaining consciousness. He suffered a fractured skull and internal injuries. Doctors said his condition was too serious to operate. He was married with two children.

FUNERAL TO-DAY

Constable Sewell's funeral will leave for Rookwood after, a service at the **Baptist Church, Harrow Road, Auburn**, at **1.30 p.m.** The Police Pipe Band will lead the cortege, and **Public Safety Bureau** motor cyclists will escort the funeral. The **Superintendent of Traffic**, Mr. **H. E. Snowden**, will represent the **Commissioner of Police**, Mr. **C. J. Delaney**. Among other police officers present will be the **officer in charge** of the **Public Safety Bureau**, **Inspector J. J. Agnew**, and the **officer in charge** of **Parramatta Division**, **Inspector C. S. Jardine**. Police are making a wide search for the speeding motor cyclist, whom they blame for the deaths of **Nivens** and **Constable Sewell**. A senior police officer said yesterday that

the cyclist, if arrested, faced charges of manslaughter.

"FINE OFFICER".

Mr. Snowden said last night: "**Constable Sewell** was an outstanding young policeman with a particularly fine character. He was a policeman the public and the Police Force could ill afford to lose. His workmates in the **Public Safety Bureau** are stunned by his death." **Mr. Snowden** said that police would not treat reckless and thoughtless motorists and drunken drivers and speedsters with "kid glove methods". "We are determined to exert every means at our disposal to make the roads safe for everybody," he said.

SEWELL – Masonic Lodge Auburn No 404 U G L of N S W, The Officers and Members of the above Lodge are fraternally Invited to attend the Funeral of their late esteemed Brother **C E SEWELL**. For particulars see family notice. Regalia."

The constable was born in 1927 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 3 August, 1948. At the time of his death he was stationed at Parramatta. He is listed in the official New South Wales Police Honour Roll.

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Sun (Sydney, NSW : 1910 – 1954),

Wednesday 2 June 1954, page 1

CONSTABLE DIES



The late **Constable Sewell**

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WIDE HUNT FOR CYCLIST

70 mph chase costs two lives

A police constable who killed a man when chasing a speeding motor cyclist last night, died at **6.30 am today**. Police are now making an intensive search for the speedster who caused two deaths.

Dead as a result of the chase are **Constable Cecil Sewell**, 27, married with two children and **John Thomas Nivens**, 60, of **Paton St., Merrylands**.

At 4.45 pm yesterday **Constable Sewell** was chasing a motor cyclist along **Woodville Rd., Merrylands**, at about **70 mph (180kph)**.

Siren's scream

His cycle siren was screaming but **Nivens** stepped out on to the road from behind a bus. The police bike crashed into **Nivens**, who was **killed instantly**.

With **Nivens** draped across the handlebars, the motor cycle skidded for **60 yards** before **Nivens** and **Constable Sewell** were catapulted from it.

Sewell, of **Wycombe Rd., Yagoona**, and attached to **Parramatta traffic squad**, was rushed to hospital. He was admitted with a fractured skull and facial injuries. **Sewell** was too badly hurt for doctors to operate on him and he died without regaining consciousness.

At present there is no clue as to the identity of the cyclist responsible for the crash.

Constable Sewell was a member of **Yagoona Baptist Church**. His two children are ; boys – **Ron, 5**, and **Noel, 2**.

Mrs. Sewell, 25, was with her parents in **Lidcombe** during the night.

Constable Sewell's father, **Mr. J. Sewell**, of **Alice St., Auburn**, said today his son had been in the police force for

six years.

“No gloves”

Traffic Supt. H. Snowden said, “Our drive throughout the State for road safety is going to be enforced with the gloves off. “Reckless motorists and road users who have no regard for the rights of other road users can expect no mercy. “Since police squads have been operating in plain-clothes and ordinary cars, there has been a noticeable decrease in the number of traffic breaches.”

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