

John William BUXTON

26/06/2016

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New South Wales Police Force

**NSW Police College, Penrith – Class # 028
– 035**

Joined via NSW Police Cadet system

Cadet # 1003

Regd. # 7668

Rank: NSW Police Cadet – commenced 2 June 1952 (17 years, 5 months, 28 days old)

Probationary Constable – appointed 5 December 1953 (19 years old)

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 1 May 1977

Sergeant 1st Class – retirement

Stations: ?, 21 Division, Chatswood – retirement

Service: From 2 June 1952 to 6 February 1986 = 33 years, 8 months & 4 days Service

Awards: National Medal – granted 15 November 1982

1st Clasp to National Medal – granted 15 November 1982

Born: Wednesday 5 December 1934

Died on: Sunday 19 June 2016

Cause: ?

Age: 81 years, 6 months, 14 days

Funeral date: Monday 27 June 2016 @ 10am

Funeral location: the Chapel, Albert & Myer Funerals, 301-303
Pennant Hills Road, THORNLEIGH

Buried at: ?

Memorial at: ?

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

Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

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THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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May you forever Rest In Peace

Ronald Walter McGOWN

26/06/2016

Ronald Walter McGOWN

(late of Blackheath)

Joined NSW Police Force via NSW Police Cadet system on 22
February 1971

Cadet # 2697

Redfern Police Academy **Class # 132**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 15631

Rank: NSW Police Cadet – started 22 February 1971 (17 yrs,
0 months, 16 days old)

Probationary Constable – appointed 6 February 1973 (19 years
old)

Constable 1st Class – appointed 6 February 1978

Senior Constable – appointed 6 February 1982

Final Rank: Senior Constable

Stations: ?, Blacktown (1970's – 1980's), Penrith HWP (1980's), either Springwood or Katoomba, Lithgow (G.D's & Rescue Squad) – Death

Service: From 22 February 1971 to 10 June 1998 = 27 years, 3 months, 19 days Service

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 21 August 1989 (SenCon)
1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 4 May 1998 (SenCon)

Born: Saturday 6 February 1954

Died on: Wednesday 10 June 1998

Cause: Liver Cancer – died within 3 months of diagnosis

Age: 44 years, 4 months, 4 days

Funeral date: ? June 1998

Funeral location: Leura Crematorium

Buried at: Cremated

Memorial at: Leura Crematorium, NSW



Rescue 27 (Blacktown) 1980
Ron McGOWN



Rescue 27 (Blacktown) 1980
 Ron McGOWN, Henry LEVY, Col KELSON



Located at Leura Memorial Gardens

RON IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance



Touch plate at the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra



Snr Constable Ron McGown

6/2/1954 - 10/6/1998

*I Have Carried You
On Eagle's Wings. I
Will Care For You In
All Your Years.*



Ron McGown of whom our memory will never fail was a widely travelled man with a story for almost any occasion. His easygoing approach made him a friend to all, even to those he arrested in the execution of his duty as a serving Police Officer. There was a little bit of the larrikin in Ron that appealed to everyone.

Ron was a caring man with a balanced sense of his place in the world and a deep, abiding love for his family. He was a firm, friendly guide and mentor to many younger and less experienced Police and his advice was often sought by those above him when faced with difficulties. Ron was professional and dedicated in all he did and in his rescue work did many selfless and heroic deeds that remain unacknowledged. The 'Big Fella' is a loss to all those who knew him and loved him and will be sadly missed.

Believed to be hanging in Blacktown Police Station.

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Rons' cancer was deemed a **HOD** from a rescue response incident in Blacktown to a **chemical spill**.

Trevor Watkins was also a Rescue Operator who attended the **same incident** and **died some time before Ron** of the **same cancer**. Doctors linked the 2 Police to **the same chemical spill event**.

Trevor, however, is **NOT** mentioned on the National Police Wall of Remembrance. (Last checked 25 Aug 2022)



Cadets – Class 10 / 1972 (Class 132)



a Sergeants course or First Line Commanders course at Penrith Police Station around mid 1980s. Can't remember all the names but I will give it a try. **Back row:** Laurie Eddy (# 16868?), Greg Peterson (# 15106), Warren Newton (# 14491), Bob Murrell (# 15864), Hank Vanderwaarden (# 15760), Ron Blake (# 10029). **Middle row:** John HAMER – instructor (# 11103), Ernie Jones (# 15468 or # 14515), Gary BUCKLEY (# 16269), Ces Kearney (# 16804), Ray Filewood (# 15912), Dave Clouston (# 16727), Alan Targett (# 14196), Helmut Myers (# 16359). **Front row:** Kieron Power (# 17384), John Findlater (# 13571), Ron McGOWAN (# 15631), Gordon Middlemiss (# 17058), Gary Winchester (# 15414), Mal Roser (# 16028).

Michael Edward MULLANE

26/06/2016

Michael Edward MULLANE

(late of Nelson Bay & the Victoria Hotel, Hinton, NSW
)

aka Mick

Redfern Police Academy Class # 119

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 13684

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday
12 May 1969 (aged 20 years, 1 months, 15 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 23 June 1969 (aged 20
years, 2 months, 27 days)

Constable – appointed Monday 23 June 1969

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: ? (Appears in the 1969 Stud Book but not the
1975 issue)

Stations: ?

Service: From 12 May 1969 to ? ? ? = ? years Service

Awards: ? No find on It's an Honour

Born: Sunday 27 March 1949

Died on: Friday 15 January 2016

Cause: ? (Died in his sleep)

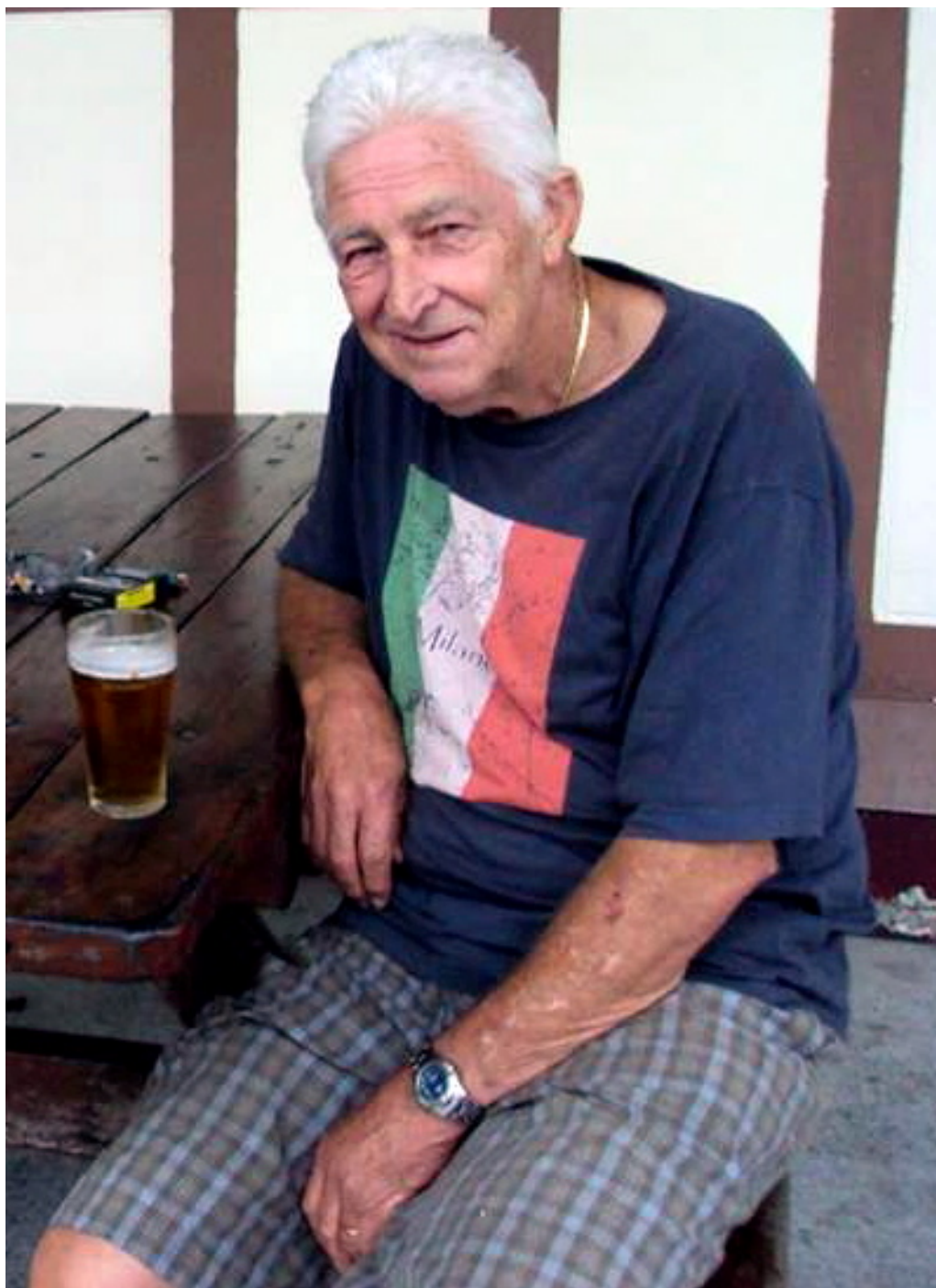
Age: 66 years, 9 months, ? days

Funeral date: Saturday 23 January 2016

Funeral location: St Joseph's Catholic Church, East Maitland

Buried at: Cremated

Memorial at: ?



MICK is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance ***NEED
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MULLANE, MICHAEL EDWARD "MICK"

Aged 66 Years Of Nelson Bay and Victoria Hotel Hinton

Dearly loved husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather of ELLEN, MICHAEL, TRUDY, LILY MAY, AIDAN MICHAEL and RUBY ELENA, son of PATRICIA (dec'd) and EDWARD, brother, brother-in-law and uncle of ANNE and RICHARD CRONIN, BERNARD and MERRYNN and Families.

MICK's Family invite you to attend a Mass in Celebration of his Life to be celebrated at St Joseph's Catholic Church, East Maitland this SATURDAY morning at 10.30.

A private cremation will follow.



Published in The Newcastle Herald from Jan. 20 to Jan. 21, 2016

<http://tributes.theherald.com.au/obituaries/theherald-au/obituary.aspx?n=michael-edward-mullane&pid=177356072>

Mick was a member of NSW Police Force but left 'the job' and eventually became the Licencee / Publican of the Victoria Hotel, Hinton, NSW, with his wife Ellen.

Locally known as the Hinton Pub, it has been continuously licensed since 1840 and is the oldest remaining pub in the Hunter Valley.

Regulars mourn loss of Hinton publican

BELINDA-JANE DAVIS

Jan. 17, 2016, 8:46 p.m.

Tributes have been laid at the doors of the **Hinton Pub** as the town mourns the death of its publican **Michael Mullane**.

Mr Mullane died **in his sleep** on **Friday**. (*15 Jan. 2016*)

The **Victoria Hotel** paid tribute to its fearless publican on Facebook over the weekend as it broke the news to the village.

"Mick passed away [on Friday] peacefully during his **compulsory afternoon nap**," the statement said.

Customers and friends have rallied around Mr Mullane's wife Ellen and their family.

Some took to Facebook to reveal their shock, while others left bunches of flowers at the pub door.

Wayne Campbell had his last drink at the pub on Thursday night and when he left the Mullanes were still behind the bar.

He was shocked Mr Mullane had died.

Ron Bremmell said it was a huge loss to the community and the pub would never be the same without him.

"I know Mick is looking down from heaven at all of us. Be strong as hard as it must be – Mick I'll have an extra drink for you tonight," Paul and Anne Martinovic added.

The pub is the oldest in the Hunter Valley and has been an integral part of Hinton since 1840.

The Mullanes renovated the pub and added a bistro where up to 70 people can dine.

The pub will be closed until further notice.

<http://www.maitlandmercury.com.au/story/3669149/regulars-mourn-loss-of-publican/>

New look Victoria Hotel Hinton ready for grand unveiling Friday

DONNA SHARPE

May 17, 2016, 5 p.m

It has been the lifeblood of the Hinton community for 176 years, a meeting place and a safe haven for isolated residents and farmers in times of flood.

If the walls of the historic **Victoria Hotel** at Hinton could talk it would be the making of a best seller.

Steeped in history the pub is about to start a **new chapter** with a relaunch on Friday following its **untimely closure in January** when **former owner Michael Mullane** died suddenly.

As a result the premises was **sold** and purchased by a local consortium, Goldthor Hotels.

Over the past four months the landmark pub has undergone a massive transformation, with a total refurbishment on the ground level.

New licensee Tom Greene said all will be unveiled when the Victoria's doors re-open on Friday at 5pm.

<http://www.maitlandmercury.com.au/story/3912866/historic-hinton-pub-set-for-friday-relaunch/?cs=171>

NSW floods: Hinton barman admits defying owner to open pub without power

MATTHEW KELLY

April 27, 2015, 8:30 a.m.

BARMAN Bill Bailey doesn't dispute that he was told not to open Hinton's Victoria Hotel last Thursday.

But his sense of civic duty got the better of him and he rode his tinny across the rising floodwaters to open up for a few hours after lunch.

"It has never been closed during a flood for 140 years," Mr Bailey, told the *Newcastle Herald* after assisting clean-up crews at Wallalong on Sunday.

"It's where everyone goes not just for a drink, but to meet.

"There were people putting up signs with important information on them."

There's no shortage of stranded locals who are grateful for the barman's defiance, but the hotel's owner and **publican Michael Mullane** isn't among them.

Mr Mullane said he specifically directed Mr Bailey not to open up because there was no power.

"Any reasonable person would understand that the hotel cannot operate when there is no electricity.

"It could have led to a whole range of safety and insurance

issues," Mr Mullane, who **bought the hotel five years ago**, said.

"There's been two floods since I bought it and it's remained open each time because the power wasn't cut."

Mr Mullane, who was told on Thursday night that the pub was operating, denied he had sacked Mr Bailey.

The pair have spoken once on the phone since Thursday and are expected to meet later this week to discuss the situation.

"It's a private matter," Mr Mullane said.

Mr Bailey said he had no regrets about opening up for the community's benefit.

"It's my issue; there's nothing I can do; I did the wrong thing," he said.

The pub's doors have remained closed since Thursday, but that didn't stop a sizeable crowd of Anzac Day revellers gathering outside on Saturday for a game of two-up.

<http://www.theherald.com.au/story/3037936/barman-defies-boss-to-open-hinton-pub/>

Clive Maxwell WRIGHT

26/06/2016

Clive Maxwell Timothy John WRIGHT

late of Lachlan St, Cowra

New South Wales Police Force

Father of Robert # 30890 (Windsor HWP) & Steven # 29509 (Lake Macquarie District – Toronto GD's)

Joined NSW Police Force via NSW Police Cadet system on 5 December 1960

Cadet # 1639

Police Training Centre – Redfern Academy Class 95B

Regd. # 10643

Rank: NSW Police Cadet – commenced Monday 5 December 1960 (aged 16 years, 8 months, 14 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 21 March 1963 (aged 19 years, 0 months, 0 days)

Senior Constable – appointed 21 March 1972

Sergeant – appointed 2 April 1979

Final Rank: Sergeant 1st Class

Stations: Sydney Metropolitan Area (including STP), Plain Cloths & GD's at Broken Hill, Tumut, Talbingo (around late 1960's – early 1970's), 6th Contingent to Cyprus from 13 May

1969 to 16 June 1970 as a Civilian Police Peace Keeper,
Blayney, Tea Gardens, Buronga (1980's), Cowra, Retirement
due to poor health

Wentworth & Newcastle.

Service: From 5 December 1960 to 5 September 1996 = 35
years Service

Time In Retirement: 19 years, 7 months, 16 days

Age at Retirement: 52 years, 5 months, 15 days

Awards: National Medal – granted 20 January 1981

1st Clasp to the National Medal – granted 8 June 1988

Police Overseas Service Medal – Clasp CYPRUS – granted 8 July
1992

2nd Clasp to the National Medal – granted 27 September 1996

Born: Tuesday 21 March 1943

Died on: Thursday 21 April 2016

Cause: Heart attack *see below

Age: 72 years, 1 month, 0 days

Funeral date: Monday 2 May 2016 @ 11am

Funeral location: St Raphael's Church, Lachlan Street, COWRA

Buried at: Cremated – Ashes buried in Cowra Cemetery

Grave location: Cowra Cemetery, Doncaster Dve, Cowra, NSW

Memorial Tree Section D26

* There is also a Plaque attached to his **parents grave** in Narooma (his wishes)

Memorial at: ?





Constable Clive WRIGHT at Menindee – possibly relieving from Broken Hill – 1966



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

Funeral location: **[codepeople-post-map]**

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WRIGHT, Clive Maxwell

Passed away suddenly 21st April 2016, aged 72 years.

Late of Lachlan St, Cowra.

Loving husband of Judy & devoted father and father in law to Rob & Julie, Steve & Shayne.

Adored Pop to Liam, Jessica, Travis & Laura.

Clive's family & friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, to be held at St Raphael's Catholic Church, Cowra, commencing at 11.00am on Monday 2nd May 2016.

Thence for private cremation.

<http://philpottfunerals.com.au/>



Clive Maxwell WRIGHT Father of Robert (Windsor HWP) & Steven # 22401 (Lake Macquarie District – Toronto GD's)



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION of AUSTRALIA
NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

To believe Mr Wright

In Gratitude and Honour
for
Services to World Peace
with the
UNITED NATIONS FORCE
IN CYPRUS



Paula Smith
PRESIDENT

Patricia Lister Jones
EXECUTIVE OFFICER





Clives' cause of death was a sudden and severe Heart Attack whilst Caravanning in South Australia (Mt Gambier) with Judy, his wife.

Clives' memorial (plaque) is pending but will be placed in Cowra and Narooma (his home town) soon.

He is survived by his wife, Judy, his two current serving

NSWPF sons Rob and Steven and their families.

May Clive forever Rest In Peace.

Keith KENTWELL

26/06/2016

Keith KENTWELL

(late of Girvan, NSW)

aka Digger

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 4809

Rank: commenced training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday 11 May 1942 (aged 17 years, 0 months, 15 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 19 November 1945 (aged 20 years, 6 months, 24 days)(was Held Back 1.5 years most probably through injury or being Enlisted in World War II – although I can't find any mention of him in relation to

Military Service)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 11 July 1966 (D District)

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 1 April 1970

Inspector 3rd Class – appointed 12 August 1974

Senior Inspector – appointed 24 August 1978

Superintendent – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: Superintendent – Retired

Stations: ?, 'D' District (1966), ?, Inspector at the
Superintendent of Licensing Office, District Superintendent –
Albury – Retirement

Service: From ?pre November 1945 to 28 July 1982 = 40
years Service

Age at Retirement: 57 years, 3 months, 2 days

Time in Retirement: 33 years, 8 months, 10 days

Awards: ? – No find on It's an Honour

Born: Sunday 26 April 1925

Died on: Thursday 7 April 2016

Cause: ?

Age: 90 years, 11 months, 12 days

Funeral date: Friday 15 April 2016 @ 12.30pm

Funeral location: St. Johns Anglican Church Stroud, 85 Cowper
St (The Bucketts Way, Stroud, NSW

Buried at: ?

Memorial at: ?

KEITH is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance ***NEED
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Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has pursuant to subsection (2A) of section 119 of the Liquor Act, 1912, approved of Inspectors Third Class **Keith Kentwell** and John Tilden Wylie being appointed to assist the Metropolitan Licensing Inspector in the exercise and discharge of his powers, authorities, duties and functions under that Act, as from 30th October, 1975.

J. C. MADDISON,
Attorney-General and Minister of Justice.

Inspector 3rd Class Keith Kentwell appointed to assist the Metropolitan Licencing Inspector.

APPOINTMENTS

Premier's Department

Police Department

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has approved of the following appointments and promotions effective from the dates shown:

Promotion Senior Inspector

Inspector **Keith Kentwell**, 24th August, 1978.

Inspector Ernest Robert Day, 28th August, 1978.

Appointment to Inspector

Sergeant 1st Class Clifford Henry McAway, 26th July, 1978.

Sergeant 1st Class John Lindsay Hunter, 1st August, 1978.

NEVILLE WRAN, Premier.

Government Gazette of NSW Fri. 22 Sept. 1978 P
4048

This Keith KENTWELL, Regd # 4809 is NOT the same Keith KENTWELL who was a NSW Police Cadet – Cadet # 375 and who joined NSW Police on 11 May 1942. [Two different people.](#)

Kevan Francis McAULIFFE

26/06/2016

Kevan Francis McAULIFFE – QPM

New South Wales Police Force

Joined via NSW Police Cadet system on 4 July 1939

Cadet # 233

Regd. # 4603

Rank: NSW Police Cadet – commenced 4 July 1939

Probationary Constable – appointed 12 June 1942

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 22 March 1968

Inspector 2/c – appointed 11 May 1975

Superintendent – appointed 14 June 1977

Superintendent 3rd Class – retired

Stations: ?, Chief Supt. Metropolitan Area – retirement

Service: From 4 July 1939 to 21 October 1981 = 42 years
Service

Awards: Queen's Police Medal (QPM) – granted 3 June 1978
National Medal – granted 8 November 1979

Born: Saturday 22 October 1921

Died on: Thursday 21 January 2016

Cause: ?

Age: 94 years, 2 months

Funeral date: Friday 29 January 2016 @ noon

Funeral location: West Chapel, Rookwood Crematorium,
Hawthorne Avenue, ROOKWOOD

Buried at: Cremated

Memorial at: ?

KEVAN is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

***NEED MORE INFO**

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AUSTRALIAN STATES

STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Reginald James DOUGLASS, Superintendent 1st
Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Maxwell Alexander FYFFE, Inspector 3rd Class, New
South Wales Police Force.

William Thomas Peter HOLMES, Superintendent 3rd
Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Kevan Francis McAULIFFE, Superintendent 3rd
Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Jack McNEILL, Superintendent 3rd Class, New South
Wales Police Force.

Edward William QUILL, Superintendent 3rd Class,
New South Wales Police Force.

Eric Ward RANKIN, Superintendent 2nd Class, New
South Wales Police Force.

Robert Alexander SUTHERLAND, Superintendent
3rd Class, New South Wales Police Force.

Harry Desmond TUPMAN, Inspector 3rd Class, New
South Wales Police Force.

Supplement to the London Gazette 3rd June
1978 page 6258

1978 Birthday Honours

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1978_Birthday_Honours

Wilfred TUNSTALL

26/06/2016

Wilfred TUNSTALL – QGM

aka Bill

(Husband to Dawn Frances TUNSTALL nee HAWKINS) R.I.P.

New South Wales Police Force

Redfern Police Training Centre – Class # " possibly " 085

Joined NSW Police Force via NSW Police Cadet system on 5
January 1959

Cadet # 1481

Regd. # 9862

Rank: Cadet – 5 January 1959 (aged 16 years, 10 months, 27

days)

Probationary Constable – 9 February 1961 (aged 19 years)

Sergeant 3rd Class – 3 April 1977

Detective Sergeant – Retirement ? / Resignation ?

Stations: ?, Central (1 Division) 1970's, Special Bomb Squad (1980's), Penrith (1982)

Service: From 5 January 1959 to ? ? 1991 = 33+ years
Service

Awards: Queen's Gallantry Medal QGM – **granted** 1 October 1976
(SenCon)(apprehend an armed man)

National Medal – **granted** 6 November 1980 (DetSgt)

Born: Monday 9 February 1942

Died on: Friday 8 January 2016

Cause: ?

Age: 73 years, 11 months, 1 days

Funeral date: Wednesday 20 January 2016 @ 1pm

Funeral location: North Chapel, Pinegrove Crematorium,
Kington Street, Minchinbury, NSW

Wake: Wake to be held at the Waratah Room, Rooty Hill RSL,
Sherbrooke Street, Rooty Hill, from 2.30pm. All welcome.

Buried at: Cremated

Memorial at: ?



From John Cooke

7 September 2020 – NSW Fallen Police:

Homicide Squad reunion at Police HQ in 2016 with **Geoff McDowell** on left & **Wilfred ‘ Bill ’ TUNSTALL** (who died shortly after in 2016).

Both **Geoff** and **Bill** received bravery awards following a **siege at Granville** in 1975 in which Bill received a gunshot wound to his shoulder/arm. Geoff continued to back up Bill despite being severely affected by tear gas. The offender died in the shootout.

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

Funeral location: **[codepeople-post-map]**

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May you forever Rest In Peace.

TUNSTALL, Bill

09.02.1942 – 08.01.2016

Loving husband of Maureen. Beloved father and father-in-law of Andrew & Cheresa and Matthew & Kirstie. Loving and adored grandfather of Sean, Holly, Breanna, Harvey and Amber.

Decorated Police Officer of 33 years service in the NSW Police Force

Bill's family and friends are warmly invited to attend a Celebration of his Life to be held in the North Chapel of Pinegrove Crematorium, Kington Street, Minchinbury on WEDNESDAY (January 20, 2016) commencing at 1 pm.



Published in The Sydney Morning Herald on Jan. 18, 2016

<http://tributes.smh.com.au/obituaries/smh-au/obituary.aspx?n=bill->

[tunstall&pid=177329726&eid=sp_ommatch&eid=sp_ommatch#sthash.RIoFJvXD.dpuf](http://tributes.smh.com.au/obituaries/smh-au/obituary.aspx?n=bill-tunstall&pid=177329726&eid=sp_ommatch&eid=sp_ommatch#sthash.RIoFJvXD.dpuf)

Laughter at killing, court told

SYDNEY. — A man shot a motorist through the throat after waking him in a parked car, Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The man later laughed when he heard a report of the killing on the radio, the court was told.

The radio report had described the finding of the man's body in his car three days after the shooting.

Kevin Gary Crump, 24 and Allan Baker, 26, both laborers of no fixed address, have pleaded not guilty to conspiring to murder Virginia Gai Morse, 34, a grazier's wife, at Collarenebri, northern NSW, last November.

They have also pleaded not guilty to the murder of Ian James Lamb, 43, at Narrabri, northern NSW, on November 3.

Both men have pleaded not guilty to two further charges of maliciously wounding a police officer and shooting at police near

Newcastle to avoid arrest on November 13.

Detective Wilfred Tunstall, told the court that Crump had told police Baker shot Lamb when they found him asleep in his car.

He said they had intended holding up any motorist for money and petrol for the stolen car they were driving, when they saw Lamb's parked car ahead.

Crump allegedly said it was night, and they approached the parked vehicle standing on a lonely road with balaclava hoods over their heads.

Tunstall alleged that Crump said Baker had a loaded .308 rifle and after knocking on the car door to wake the sleeping man, shot him through the neck.

Tunstall said: "Crump told us Lamb was just waking up and had no time to say anything."

Baker allegedly shot him after poking the rifle through the window.

Crump allegedly said they then punctured a hole in the petrol tank and drained two gallons from it to put into their own car.

Baker then drove Lamb's car about 10 miles further into the bush and searched the body for money. About \$20 was found in a wallet in the glove box.

They took all garments and odd clothing from the car and after picking out what they wanted, burnt the rest. They kept Lamb's razor and a few other small toilet items.

Crump allegedly said that about three days later they heard a radio report that Lamb's body had been found. The report said he was shot through the head with a shotgun.

"Allan Baker laughed and thought it was funny," Crump allegedly said.

Tunstall said he and Detective-Sergeant Bradbury also interviewed Baker.

Baker allegedly said: "I shot him through the voice box from a distance of about 3 ft.

"I then went through his pockets and we shifted the body, twisting it on to the passenger's side, so I could drive the car."

Asked why he had shot Lamb, Baker allegedly said: "I don't know why. He could not have identified us with our hoods on."

He said he pointed the rifle directly at Lamb and shot him point-blank.

Baker said both he and Crump were sober at the time, and that Lamb offered no resistance.

The trial is continuing.

Farewell for postal chief

Senior officers of Australian Government Departments last night farewelled the retiring Director of Posts and Telegraphs for Victoria (Mr. I. M. Gunn).

Mr. Gunn, MBE, retires on June 21, after more than 45 years with the Australian Post Office.

Arrest of Baker & Crump

Man shot dead in Sydney siege

SYDNEY, Monday. — Police used tear gas to force a man from a Sydney house today and shot him dead as he ran out firing a high powered rifle.

The man, 55, had held police at bay in the house in Glanville *(**possibly Granville**) for nearly three hours.

He wounded a policeman (**Wilfred TUNSTALL**) in the arm before he was shot dead.

Another policeman suffered from gas inhalation when two cannisters of gas were lobbed into the house.

Earlier witnesses reported that a woman *(**Nadia Wehbe**) staggered out of the house wounded and collapsed in the gutter. A man who went to her aid was ordered away.

The woman and the policemen are in a satisfactory condition.



The wounded policeman (left) is led away from the siege in Sydney.

The Canberra Times (ACT) **Thursday 15 May 1975** p3
of 26

Recovering

SYDNEY, Wednesday. — **Detective Bill Tunstall**, who was shot in the arm during a two-hour siege at a Western Suburbs house on Monday afternoon, has left hospital. The condition of Mrs Nadia Wehbe, 40, who was hit in the right shoulder and later underwent emergency surgery, is satisfactory.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/110637767?searchTerm=%22detective%20tunstall%22&searchLimits=sortby=dateAsc#pstart12743938>



Queens Awards at the Government House today. Detective Senior Constable **Wilfred Tunstall** awarded with Queen's Gallantry Medal. Det Tunstall (middle) with other awarded with Queens Commendation for Brave Conduct for the same action left Det Sen. Const. **Aldo Lorenzutta** and Det. Sen. Const. **Geoffrey Neil McDowell**. April 18, 1977. (Photo by Antonin Cermak/Fairfax Media via Getty Images).



23 months old son of **Mathew Tunstall**, could not resist to join his father despite the strict protocol and National Anthem during the ceremony. On the right side of **Tunstall** are **Detective SenConst Aldo Lorenzutta** and further **Det SenConst Geoffrey Neil McDowell**, awarded with Queens Commendation for Brave Conduct for the same action. Queens' Awards at the Government House today (17 April 1977). **Detective Senior Constable Wilfred Tunstall** awarded with Queens Gallantry Medal. Two-year-old **Matthew Tunstall** ignored protocol and the National Anthem to run to his father, **Detective Senior Constable Wilfred Tunstall**, who was

awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal at Government House yesterday. April 18, 1977. (Photo by Antonin Cermak/Fairfax Media via Getty Images).

The Canberra Times (ACT) **Wednesday 31 December 1980**
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New code name for bomber sought

SYDNEY: Sydney police have appealed to the Woolworths bomber to give them a new code name to avoid confusion with hoax callers.

Many of the hoax callers have used the bombers code name – “Mr Dunmore” – since it was published in a Sydney newspaper on Monday.

Police said yesterday that they believed the bomber has not made contact with Woolworths for at least 48 hours.

“Even though his code name has been revealed there are many many other ways he could establish that he is the real bomber when he makes contact with Woolworths again”, a detective said.

“It is his turn to make a move now – although we are still following several leads which might prove fruitful”.

Woolworths received more than 20 hoax bomb threats against its Sydney stores yesterday, despite a police warning that hoaxers

could be sent to jail.

The threats were mostly against suburban stores but the main city store, which was the scene of the Christmas Eve blast, was evacuated for more than an hour while police carried out a search after a threat.

Heavy city traffic was slowed to a crawl as police blocked part of George and Park Streets and diverted traffic around the area.

Detective Sergeant W. Tunstall, of the special bomb squad, said any person caught making hoax threats would be charged with creating a public mischief.

"This is a very serious charge carrying a penalty of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine", he said.

The bomb hoaxes have fully extended police manpower.

Police estimated that more than 200 uniformed police have been taken from other duties to patrol Woolworths stores and carry out the searches after many of the threats.

"It is most frustrating", they said. "Every hoax has to be checked out thoroughly and in many of the cases the stores have to be evacuated of staff and customers causing great inconvenience", they said.

The Acting NSW Minister for Police, Mr Hills, said yesterday that no stone would be left unturned by police to bring those responsible for the Woolworths bombings and extortion demands to justice.

The total resources of the police force would continue to be available to protect the public and employees of the company from those responsible.

A special task force was working around the clock on the case.

A 19-year-old man was arrested yesterday at Ringwood, Melbourne, after a hoax call to a Woolworths store, police said last night.

They said that the man was arrested after increased activity by Telecom to help catch hoax callers. He is due to appear in court today charged with making a menacing phone call and a false report to police.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/126166721?searchTerm=%22sergeant%20tunstall%22&searchLimits=sortby=dateAsc#pstart13922622>

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The Canberra Times (ACT) **Tuesday 3 February 1981**
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Woolworth-bombings charges later, court told

NOWRA: A man who appeared in Nowra Court yesterday would be charged later as the principal in connection with the Woolworths bombings, police told the court yesterday.

Police said that the charges would relate to placing explosives at the stores in Warilla, Maitland and Sydney Town Hall.

The allegations were made by the police prosecutor, Sergeant Ken Earl, as he put questions to Detective-Sergeant W. Tunstall, of the CIB.

Before the court was Mr Larry Burton Danielson, 48, a club entertainer, of Huskisson, a small town near Nowra.

Mr Danielson already faces charges of having conspired with Mr Gregory McHardie and others to demand money with menaces and with having attempted to steal \$1 million, the property of

Woolworths.

Mr Danielson entered no plea yesterday before Mr Butler, SM. He was remanded in custody to appear in Sydney Central Court on Monday.

Opposing bail, Sergeant Earl said Mr Danielson had used the name Bradford to commit false pretences in the 1960s.

Sergeant Tunstall agreed with Sergeant Earl that Mr Danielson had changed his name to what it was now by deed poll.

Sergeant Earl said, "He will be charged as the principal in relation to the bombings in Warilla, Maitland and Town Hall.

"The charges relate to placing explosives and charges.

"Serious damage was caused to the store at Warilla, the Maitland store was destroyed, and five people were slightly injured in the explosion at Town Hall", he said.

Sergeant Tunstall agreed with Sergeant Earl that it had been only the wide investigation by the CIB which had prevented detectives from presenting the explosives charges yesterday.

Sergeant Earl said the police had "a very strong case against the defendant"; "strong charges" would be laid against the defendant on Monday.

Mr Danielson's lawyer, Mr David Crampton, applying for bail, said Mr Danielson was a single man who owned property at Huskisson, where he had an equity of \$12,000 to \$14,000.

The three times Mr Danielson had been interviewed he had denied the offences laid against him.

Despite the fact the first time Mr Danielson had been spoken to was 10 days before his arrest, he had made no effort to leave the area.

Mr Crampton said Mr Danielson did not have a current passport

although he had come from New Zealand originally.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/125650473?searchTerm=%22sergeant%20tunstall%22&searchLimits=sortby=dateAsc#pstart13923525>

The Canberra Times (ACT) **Thursday 23 April 1981**
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COURT REPORTS

Charged man said 'You're kidding', SM told

SYDNEY: An entertainer told a detective, "You're kidding", when informed he would be charged over the Woolworths extortion attempt, Central Court was told yesterday.

Detective-Sergeant Wilfred Tunstall said this was the reaction of Mr Larry Burton Danielson, 48, of Huskisson, who, with Mr Gregory Norman McHardie, was appearing before Mr Webb, SM, charged with conspiring to demand money with menaces and by force between July 1 last year and January 13, 1981.

Each is also charged with attempting to steal \$500,000 in cash, 22 diamonds and 10 50-ounce gold bars, the property of Woolworths, on January 13. Mr Danielson is further charged with breaking into Pro Diving Services at Huskisson on October 15, 1980, and January 13, 1981.

No plea has been entered.

Sergeant Tunstall said he had interviewed Mr Danielson at Nowra police station on January 29. He had also played tapes of two telephone calls made to Woolworths employees by an extortionist.

"I told him he would be charged in relation to these matters", Sergeant Tunstall said. "He said, 'You're kidding' ".

Earlier, evidence was given that on January 17 Mr Danielson had bought a diver's oxygen tank from a shop at Rushcutter Bay, Sydney. That night the shop had been broken into and other diving equipment stolen.

Mr Christopher Charles Benning, diving instructor, of Manly Vale, said he had locked the shop when he left it at 10.30pm. After the robbery, diving gear and a diver's propulsion unit had been missing.

Mr Benning said a propulsion unit produced in court was of the same colour and type as the one stolen.

Mr John Pritchard, for Mr Danielson, objected when the police prosecutor, Sergeant Garry Wells, tried to tender the propulsion unit as an exhibit. He said there was nothing to connect his client with the unit.

Sergeant Wells said the unit had been found in Sydney Harbour about a mile from where a diver, alleged to be Mr McHardie, had tried to collect a bag of extortion money from under a wharf at Taronga Park.

Mr Webb said he would admit the exhibit, but was doubtful about its value. He adjourned the case until 10am today.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/126835233?searchTerm=%22wilfred%20tunstall%22&searchLimits=sortby=dateAsc#pstart1392>



Workmen patch the hole in the roof of Woolworths store in Liverpool yesterday after an early-morning bombing. Store staff rearrange stock to allow the store to open in the afternoon.

Escaper, store bomb link SYDNEY: Police are "keeping an open mind" on the possibility of a link between convicted **Woolworths bomber** Mr **Graham McHardie** and an explosion at the Woolworths variety store at Liverpool early yesterday.

Detective Superintendent Noel Morey (NSWPF # 5283), of the Sydney CIB, confirmed that two sticks of gelignite had exploded, causing damage estimated at about \$10,000.

Police intensified their search for Mr McHardie, 28, who escaped from Parramatta jail last month during his trial for the extortion bombings of three Woolworths stores in 1980. The police believe Mr McHardie or some of his associates could be responsible for yesterday's explosion.

They also have not ruled out the possibility that the

explosion was intended as revenge. "We are keeping an open mind," a police spokesman said.

Detectives from the Special Breaking Squad, which investigated the 1980 bombings, spent several hours in the store yesterday, with members of the Police Scientific Squad, after it was found that the explosion was similar to previous Woolworths explosions.

Police said last night that the explosion had been caused by two sticks of gelignite which blew a hole three metres by one metre in the roof of the store about 4.40am. It also blew a hole in the wall of a second-storey office and was heard five kilometres away.

The means of detonating the explosive had not been discovered, although the area was searched yesterday by an officer from the Army Bomb Disposal Unit.

The bomb could have been placed on the roof, or thrown up, since there was no sign of breaking and entering, or theft.

Police said blasts at Woolworths stores in Warilla and Maitland in 1980 were caused by gelignite bombs placed on the roof.

The store opened to the public at 3.30pm after workmen had repaired the damaged corrugated-iron roof and cleared debris.

A spokesman for Woolworths, Mr John Hendry, said security would not be increased "because previous experience shows it to be at a pretty high level".

No ransom demand had been made by last night to Woolworths, and **Detective-Sergeant Bill Tunstall**, who investigated the previous Woolworths bombings, said that at that time demand letters had not come for two days. If the style was to be the same this time "we might not get any letter for a few days yet", he said.

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Valuable paintings recovered

SYDNEY: Two valuable Australian paintings, stolen in 1976, have been recovered in a raid on a Darling Point house in Sydney.

The raid was carried out on Sunday by the Penrith-based regional crime squad, led by **Detective-Sergeant Bill Tunstall**.

Six paintings by well-known Australian artists were stolen from the Manly Art Gallery in May, 1976.

The recovered paintings were an oil by Tom Roberts, painted in 1895, and entitled 'The Flower Seller' and a Norman Lindsay water colour entitled 'Swans and Peacocks'.

No arrests were made and inquiries are continuing in relation to the other paintings.

Rogerson used false name, bank man says

SYDNEY: Former Sydney detective Mr Roger Rogerson had used a false name for an account he opened at a Penrith bank in July 1985, Glebe Local Court heard yesterday.

A former Westpac Bank branch manager, Mr Albert Blatch, told the court that Mr Rogerson had opened an account at his bank using the name Robert Tracey with a \$58,000 bank cheque on July 9 that year.

Mr Blatch was giving evidence at committal proceedings against Mr Rogerson and two others charged with conspiring to pervert the course of justice.

He said that Mr Rogerson had come into the bank with Detective Sergeant Bill Tunstall – whom Mr Blatch knew – and two others to discuss opening the account.

Mr Blatch said the cheque represented the balance of an account from another bank. Mr Rogerson had said he was not happy with the service.

Mr Rogerson had been introduced to him as Mr Rogerson, but had indicated he would like to keep his account in the name of Robert Tracey.

Mr Blatch said he understood the account was opened to hold funds “coming from Mr Rogerson refurbishing motor vehicles that had been sold”.

Mr Blatch said that Mr Rogerson had telephoned three days after the account had been opened and inquired about

withdrawing \$40,000.

Mr Blatch said the funds subsequently had been transferred to the Taxation Department.

Earlier yesterday, "Miss Jones", the protected witness giving evidence about a drug deal she allegedly made with Mr Rogerson in May 1985, broke down and wept after she was questioned about fears for her safety.

Under cross-examination by counsel for Mr Rogerson, Miss Jones said she feared for her safety after the death of Mr Dennis Allen, who died in April last year.

She told the court she feared one person and she wrote that name on a piece of paper.

Mr Rogerson, Sydney businessman Mr Maurice Nowytarger and Mr Nick Paltos have been charged with conspiring with Mr Ross Karp between May 1985 and March 1986 to pervert the course of justice.

The hearing resumes on Monday.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/102031470?searchTerm=%22sergeant%20tunstall%22&searchLimits=sortby=dateAsc#pstart11012867>

BEYOND ALL EXPECTATIONS

On the 2nd of December 1999 I was officially discharged Medically Unfit H.O.D. The first 20 of my 25 or so years of policing life, did without exception, surpass all expectations of what policing was about.

During that time I was stationed at various suburban and inner city stations, including the 'haunted' Pyrmont Police Station. I saw some of the funniest things in life, in addition to attending to some of the most tragic situations such as Granville, and the trauma of many of my closest friends in the force, killed in the line of duty.

I also worked with some of the smartest Police in the business, such as Don Rizzi, Merv Beck, Ross Nixon, Wilfred (Billy) Tunstall, Ida Luke, Janne McMahon, Laurie Kotze, Jack Myers, and Ron McJannett, to name but just a few of a great many men and women.

These men and women were real Police who taught me and many others of that era not to be afraid of anyone or anything, and just do my job.

Upon my discharge I commenced, what turned out to be, a long and tedious struggle for a Section 12d gratuity claim on one of my numerous injuries suffered.

After striking numerous legal and medical hurdles throughout the claim process, this particular matter has finally been resolved. I would like to offer my absolute appreciation to Tony Laraakers of JNT Legal for his professional manner, including taking a personal and caring interest, and who, within two years, reached a far greater acceptable and more expedient result, than what was previously offered via lip service, and took seven years away from my retired life.

I would also like to thank Katherine Hughes of the Association for her insight on certain matters, and her amazing attention to detail when she initially assisted with my claim.

Kevin Piper

Leon BOWRA

26/06/2016

Leon BOWRA

(late of Glenmore Park, NSW)

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 7136

Joined NSW Police Force via NSW Police Cadet system on 24
January 1949

Either **Class # 025** at Penrith Police College or **Class # 044** at
Redfern Police Academy

Cadet # 790

Rank: Commenced training at ? Academy on 24 January 1949 (aged 16 years, 1 month, 29 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 26 November 1951 (aged 19 years)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 25 October 1967

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 22 February 1975

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 1 December 1978

Inspector – appointed ? ? ?

Chief Inspector – appointed 25 June 1986

Final Rank: Chief Inspector – retired

Stations: ?, 'R' District (Newcastle)(1967), VKG1 (1986 – retirement)

Service: From 24 January 1949 to 27 July 1988 = 39+ years
Service

Awards: National medal – granted 8 June 1988 (C/Insp)

Born: Saturday 26 November 1932

Died on: Sunday 13 September 2015

Cause: ?

Age: 82 years, 9 months, 18 days

Funeral date: Friday 25 September 2015 @ 2.30pm

Funeral location: South Chapel of Rookwood Crematorium,
Lidcombe

Buried at: Cremation

There will be no formal police involvement at the funeral service however the family do invite all friends and former colleagues to attend if they wish.



L to R Sgt, Leon Bowra and Inspector Max Mathew, keep a close watch on the proceedings as the hemp drops into the furnace.

Police today burnt 1.5 tonnes of Indian Hemp at the Waverly Tip, Botany Rd, Waterloo.

The hemp had a street value of \$2,000,000, and all except 5 plastic bags of the hemp was from one drug raid.

April 7, 1982. (Photo by Pearce/Fairfax Media via Getty Images).

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

Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

BOWRA, Leon

7136

Much loved husband of Marilyn, devoted father of Tracey, Leon and Craig. Father-in-law to Tony and Sue. Grandfather to Chris and Kate.

Aged 82 years

LEON'S family and friends are warmly invited to attend his Funeral Service to be held in the South Chapel of Rookwood Crematorium, Lidcombe on FRIDAY (September 25, 2015) commencing at 2:30 pm.



NOTHING FURTHER IS KNOWN ABOUT THIS MAN OR HIS DEATH.

HIS SON, CRAIG, USED TO WORK AT VKG1 (SYDNEY)



Picture by STUART DAVIDSON

Constable Bruce Mexon at work in communications.

Police radio room is a bundle of nerves

By MARK COULTAN

The radio operations room of the NSW Police is the central nervous system of the force — a central nervous system which is slightly twitchy.

The radio operations room works 24 hours a day, every day of the year. The people who work in it, in an old building in Surrey Hills, live among Sydney's disasters. They are a phone call away from being the centre of a rescue, an accident, a life and death situation at any time.

A NSW Government report into the health of members of the communications section of the police force found that many were suffering problems, mainly brought on by stress.

The report found that its members were working far too much overtime — up to a week extra each month — because the section was undermanned.

The number of emergency calls to the section increased by 57 per cent between 1983 and 1985. But in that time there has been no increase in staff. The section has applied for an increase of 66 people.

Because of the workload, it is difficult at the moment to take people off regular duty to train them on new equipment about to be installed.

The communications section includes the police switchboard, which receives transferred 000

emergency calls and must decide whether to divert them to the radio room for an immediate response, or to a local police station.

The radio operations room is staffed by up to eight telephonists who take the distraught messages of people reporting murders, family tragedies or horrific accidents.

As well as the stress of passing on quick, accurate messages, the operators also have to experience the frustration of sometimes not having a car available, or the anxiety of directing police to an armed hold-up.

Inspector Leon Bowra, who works in the section, said calling a high-speed pursuit was like calling a horse race, except that it was more important to be accurate.

As well, there were the more mundane things such as checking vehicle registration numbers, driver's licences, or warrants against people, using a computer installed on their desks.

Unlike other jobs, they can not wander off to the toilet when they like.

It is hoped that when the section is transferred to the new police centre working conditions will improve.

At the moment some of the equipment is old, and workers try to get some fresh air through an open window at the end of a large room.

VKG1 — They Sydney Morning Herald
Friday 6 June 1986



NSW

Police Academy

Inspector's Course # 8

18 – 29 July and 30 August t 2 September **1983** Back Row (L – R)

N.C. **SEINOR** # 6234, L.N. **DUFFY** # 6739, D.H. **JACKSON** # 7682, Richard G. **SAMUELS** # 6745, P.K. **VAUGHAN** # 6607, B. **HUGGETT** # 7166, C.J.G. **MACKIE** # 6962

Middle Row

Don A.G. **CARTER** # 6749, J.R. **SHARPE** # 5647, W.J. **WOODS** # 6554, R.V. **KOBOROFF** # 7009, John **OLIVEIRA** # 6918, Leon **BOWRA** # 7136, N.T. **COLE** # 5923, G.W. **SHIELL** # 7072

Front Row

George H.R. **GREAVES** # 6858, G.B. **STONE** # 6496, Brian M. **JOHNSON** # 9221, F. **NEWMAN** # 7908 (Assist. Course director), Merv D. **KANE** # 5736 (Course Director), J.K. **BOURKE** # 6837 (Assessing Officer), N.D. **WHALAN** # 6959

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Harry James EDGECOMBE

26/06/2016

Harry James EDGECOMBE

late of Fairfield, NSW

Father of Barry EDGECOMBE , NSWPF # 16307

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 9191

**Joined NSW Police Force via the NSW
Police Cadet system on 27 April 1948**

Cadet # 754

**Rank: NSW Police Cadet – Commenced Training at Redfern Police
Training Centre on 27 April 1948**

Probationary Constable – appointed 24 December 1958

Constable 1st Class – appointed 24 January 1964

Senior Constable – appointed 1 July 1968

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 1 March 1974

Final Rank: Sergeant 1st Class

Stations: ?, Fairfield (Traffic Sergeant) in the 1970's.

Service: From 27 April 1948 to ? ? ? = 38+? years Service

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 22 August 1980 (Sgt 2/c)

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 15 May 1986 (Sgt 2/c)

Born: Monday 28 July 1930

Died on: Tuesday 27 January 1998

Cause: ?

Age: 67 years, 5 months, 30 days

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: ?

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

Funeral location:

Death was advertised in the Sydney Morning Herald on 29 January 1998.

It is believed that Barry EDGECOMBE , NSWPF # 16307, is the son of Harry EDGECOMBE.

Michael John MIDDLETON

26/06/2016

Michael John MIDDLETON

aka Mike MIDDLETON

(possibly late of Kings Langley)

**‘possibly’ from Redfern Police Academy
Class 107**

New South Wales Police Force

Uniform # ?698

Regd. # 12074

Joined NSW Police Force via the NSW Police Cadet system on 13
May 1963 (aged 15 years, 10 months, 17 days)

Cadet # 1847

Rank: NSW Police Cadet – commenced 13 May 1963

Probationary Constable – appointed 5 July 1966 (aged 19
years, 0 months, 0 days)

Constable – appointed 5 July 1967

Constable 1st Class – appointed 31 August 1971

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (YES)

Senior Constable – appointed 31 August 1975

Detective Senior Constable – appointed 31 August 1975

Final Rank: Detective Senior Constable – death

Stations: (Cadet) – Redfern – 7 Division, (Uniform) –

Blacktown – 27 Division, Police Driver Training – St Ives,
Surveillance Unit, Fairfield – Detective – (34 Division) –
Death

Service: From 13 May 1963 to 7 April 1983 = 19+ years
Service

Awards: ? National Medal – granted 18 November 1982

Born: Saturday 5 July 1947

Died on: Thursday 7 April 1983

Cause: Heart attack – whilst seated at his desk, Mick
complained of pain in his jaw before having the heart attack

Event location: Inside the Detectives office, the old
Fairfield Police Stn, Smart St, Fairfield

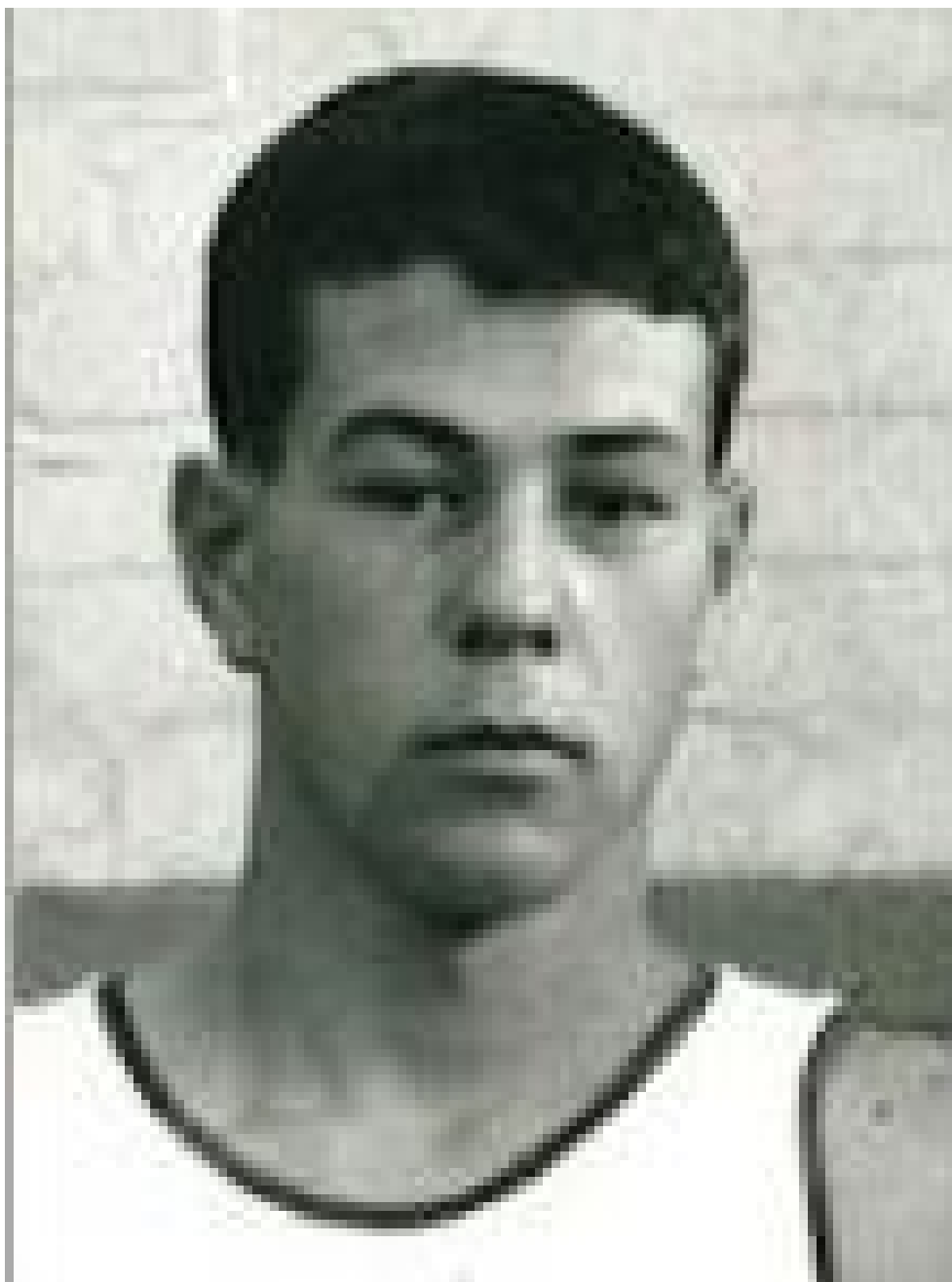
Age: 35 years, 9 months, 2 days

Funeral date: Monday 11 April 1983

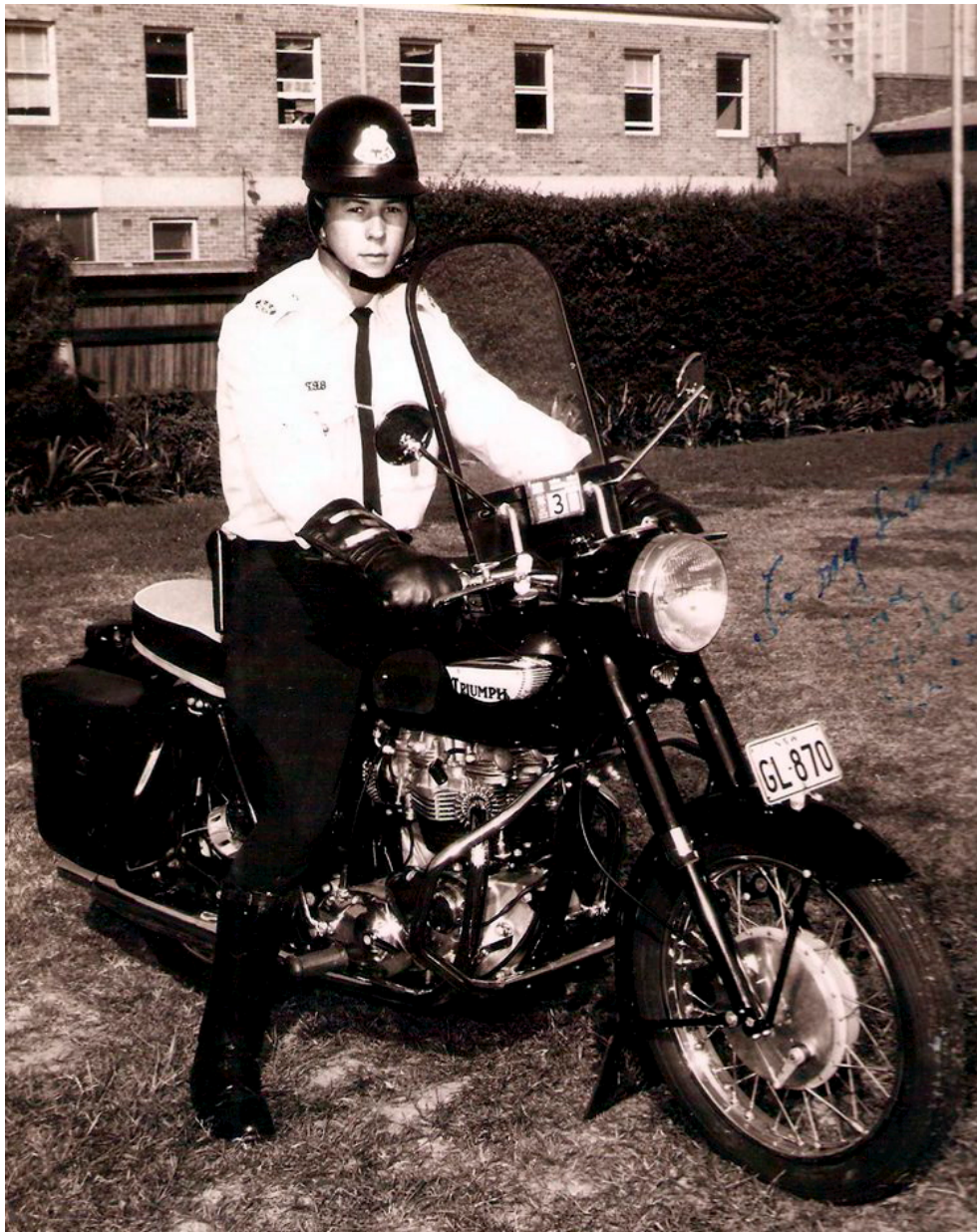
Funeral location: Pinegrove Cemetery

Buried at: Cremated. Mike's Ashes are laid under a Memorial
plaque at Pinegrove

MICK is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance, SPC,
NSW or CANBERRA * BUT SHOULD BE



Cadet Mick Middleton



Michael John MIDDLETON. Written on front: To
my Darling. Love Mike. xxxx

Class 107

The Detectives office being on the ground floor of the 3 storey building on the left – looking down the (then) driveway, from Smart St, which went between both buildings.

When Mick arrived at work in the morning, he complained of a tooth ache / pain in his jaw. He was sitting at his desk and said he did not feel good and collapsed to the floor. His workmates were later told that he was gone before he hit the ground. He was survived by a wife and two young daughters.

Mick was a nice bloke and always approachable.

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