

Police Dog EDGE

08/04/2015

Police Dog EDGE Queensland Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Police Dog

Stations: ?

Service: From ? to ?

Awards: ?

Born: ?

Died on: Saturday 4 April 2015

Cause: ?

Age: ?

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: ?

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



Senior Constable Stuart Ellison & Police Dog EDGE.

It is with sadness we announce the sudden passing of police dog and TV star PD Edge overnight. (Saturday 4 April 2015)

PD Edge, who starred in Channel Nine's factual program *Send in The Dogs* in 2011, served as a general police dog with the Brisbane Dog Squad alongside Senior Constable Stuart Ellison.

His exceptional skills were demonstrated on many occasions

throughout his five years of service with the QPS, often assisting tactical police, drug squad and SERT.

The seven-year-old German Sheppard was responsible for tracking a large number of offenders and became well-known amongst other officers for his ability and skill, especially on Brisbane's Southside.

Overnight, while off-duty and enjoying rest over the Easter break, PD Edge was unwell and rushed to hospital where he underwent surgery but could not be saved.

Police dogs and their handlers form an incredible bond, working and living together.

Our thoughts are with Senior Constable Ellison and his family who are obviously devastated with the loss of PD Edge.

Police Dog CARTS

08/04/2015

Police Dog CARTS

New South Wales Police Force

Died 9 December 2007

Murdered – stabbed

5 years old

4th NSWPF Dog to be killed 'on duty' since formation of the Squad in 1932.



Police Dog CARTS & Senior Constable Dave WILLIAMSON.

The fourth Police Dog killed ' on duty ' was Police Dog Carts, who died after being stabbed during a police operation at Corrimal Surf Life Saving Club on December 9 last year. Last Wednesday, 18-year-old Nemanja Vukadinovic, of Balgownie, was sentenced to 18 months' jail for fatally stabbing Carts.



Police Dog CARTS & Senior Constable Dave WILLIAMSON at **David Carty Reserve**, at the corner of Horsley Drive and Fairfield St, Fairfield.



Location of Event: Corrimal Surf Life Saving Club

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Like his namesake, hero police dog 'Carts' slain on duty

- *By Gemma Jones*
- *The Daily Telegraph*
- **December 10, 2007 12:00AM**

A **POLICE** dog named after a slain officer was stabbed to death yesterday morning after successfully cornering a fleeing suspect.

Senior police yesterday paid tribute to veteran Police Dog **Carts**, who was raised by police and named after murdered officer **Constable David Carty**.

Carts and his handler **Senior Constable Brett Williams**, were called to Corrimal Surf Life Saving Club north of Wollongong just after 3am yesterday following reports of a break in. Two offenders allegedly fled the scene when police arrived, with officers apprehending one of the men. The second alleged offender, an 18-year-old Balgownie man, fled and was chased by **Carts** into nearby bushes and cornered. "It will be alleged Police Dog **Carts** was stabbed with a sharp implement and later died in a veterinary hospital from his wounds," a police spokesman said yesterday. "On this occasion, **Carts** was not wearing a vest as there was no indication of those people on the premises having any weapons."

Special stab proof vests were brought in after Police Dog **Titan** was stabbed to death **three years ago** but **Carts** was not wearing one because it was believed the alleged offenders were unarmed.

Titan was the **first** police dog to be **stabbed** in the line of duty. His killer **Luke Graham Curtis** was last year sentenced to **seven years jail** over the killing.

Chief Superintendent Wayne Benson said **Carts** had served NSW Police with honour and in his final act had secured the arrest of an alleged offender.

“Without doubt he served with honour, he has performed his task, that was what he was trained for and tragically he has died,” **Supt Benson** said.

He said **Carts** death also highlighted the terrible loss of **Constable Carty** who was murdered at Fairfield in 1997.

“The death of **David Carty** still lives on in all our memories and whether it is this incident or any other, it is just the nature of police work,” **Supt Benson** said.

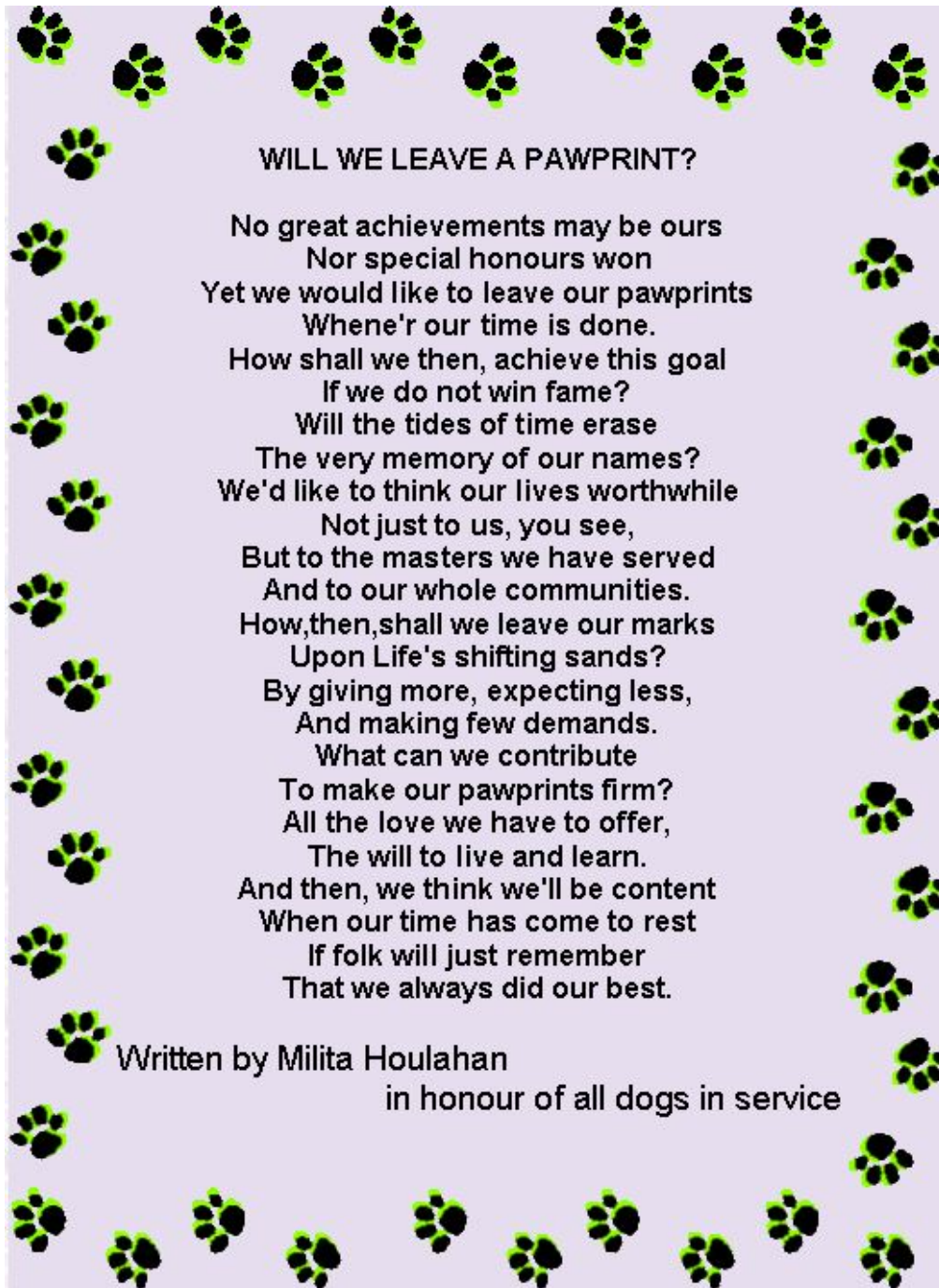
Carts’ first handler **Sen-Constable David Williamson** last year paid tribute to the special connection between his charge and **Constable Carty** when he took **Carts** to a memorial service.

Both alleged offenders were charged with aggravated break and enter and take conveyance without consent of owner.

Carts’ alleged **killer** was also charged with **kill or seriously injure animal used for law enforcement** and **use weapon to resist arrest**. He was refused bail and will face court today.



Police Dog Memorial – Thamoor NSW



WILL WE LEAVE A PAWPRINT?

No great achievements may be ours
Nor special honours won
Yet we would like to leave our pawprints
When our time is done.
How shall we then, achieve this goal
If we do not win fame?
Will the tides of time erase
The very memory of our names?
We'd like to think our lives worthwhile
Not just to us, you see,
But to the masters we have served
And to our whole communities.
How, then, shall we leave our marks
Upon Life's shifting sands?
By giving more, expecting less,
And making few demands.
What can we contribute
To make our pawprints firm?
All the love we have to offer,
The will to live and learn.
And then, we think we'll be content
When our time has come to rest
If folk will just remember
That we always did our best.

Written by Milita Houlahan

in honour of all dogs in service

Ode' to Police Dogs – Will we leave a pawprint ?

Police Dog TITAN

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Police Dog TITAN

New South Wales Police Force

Died 23 December 2004

Murdered – stabbed



Police Dog TITAN – stabbed to

death during a siege at Seven Hills, NSW.

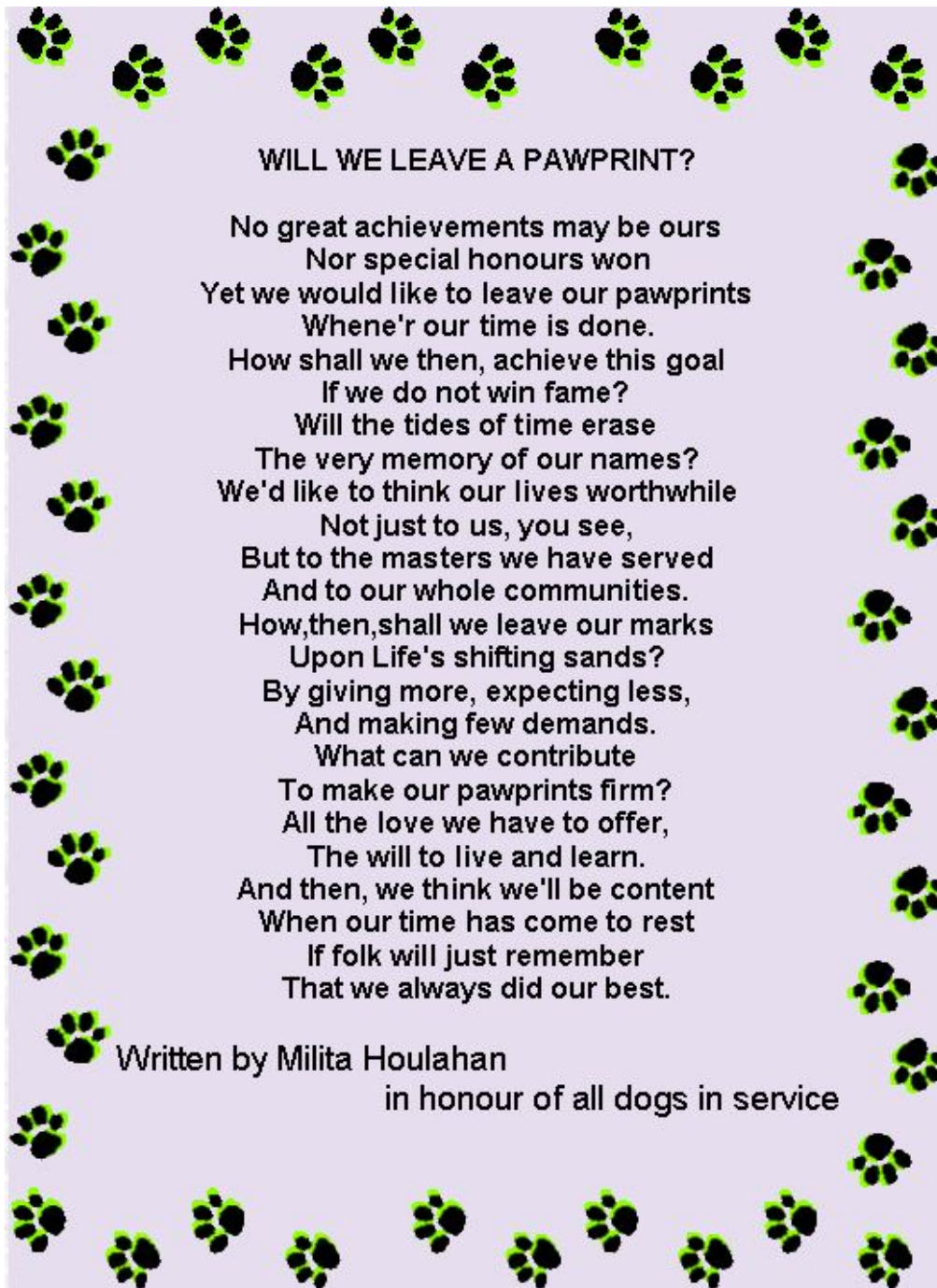
Police Dog **Titan**. (Beychief Magic Return) **Titan** was tragically stabbed to death during a **siege** at **Seven Hills, December 23rd, 2004**.

His slaying caused new laws to be passed giving higher prison sentences for killing or injuring **Police Service Animals**. **Titan's** handler was **Snr Const Sean McDowell**.

<http://www.beychief.com/in-memory-killed-in-the-l.asp>



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New South Wales Police Force

Event 18 October 2008

Died 20 October 2008

Accident – misadventure



Police Dog FIDEL

POLICE DOG DIES IN LINE OF DUTY

By Caroline Berdon

SYDNEY, AAP: The handler of a novice Sydney police dog that died from horrific injuries suffered in the line of duty says he is 'shattered'.

The German shepherd dog Fidel pulled at the public's heartstrings after he was fatally injured while investigating a break and enter in Sydney's inner-west on the night of 18 October.

Fidel and his handler, Senior Constable Andrew Smith, were called to a primary school in Birchgrove after reports that multiple intruder alarms had gone off.

Detecting a scent, Fidel jumped a wall, fell about five metres and landed on a metal pole, suffering a puncture wound to his stomach.

He was taken to North Ryde Animal Hospital where he underwent two rounds of emergency surgery before dying on the operating table on 20 October.

Sen Const Smith suffered a fractured wrist and injuries to his hand while rushing to Fidel's rescue.

Speaking from his hospital bed, he said the dog was like his best friend.

'You spend more time with them than you do your family and your kids,' he said. 'You're working with them everyday.

'Like the rest of my family, I'm shattered.'

Sen Const Smith, who has worked with the NSW Police Dogs' Unit for six-and-a-half years, said he trained Fidel for three months and had worked with him professionally for the last three months.

'He was a very good worker for a young novice dog that's only been on the road for three months,' he said.

'It takes a lot to get them to be effective on the street. It's hard for a dog to learn what it needs to do.'

Police have arrested and charged four youths, one aged 15 and three aged 16, in relation to the incident.

They were all granted bail and appeared at Bidura Children's Court on November 11.

Dogs' Unit chief operations manager Tony Irons said the squad had been fielding a lot of calls about the death of Fidel from upset members of the public.

He added that the Dogs' Unit was 'absolutely shattered'.

Mr Irons said most of the squad's dogs retired after about eight years of service, so Fidel still had six-and-a-half or seven years left of his career.

'He hadn't experienced too much operationally. He was young, a novice, very keen,' he said.

'We've lost a very up-and-coming dog that had the potential to be a really great dog on the road.'

He said Fidel 'was instrumental' in the recent arrest of four people who had been involved in a carjacking and an armed robbery of a post office.

Mr Irons said it cost around \$65,000 in taxpayers' money to train a police dog – excluding additional costs


such as food and veterinary care – which had added to the sense of loss for the squad, which currently has 32 police dogs.

Location of accident:

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New South Wales Police Force

Died 15 October 2014

14 old



Police Dog WINSTON

Winston had a lengthy career as a **NSWPF** detection dog and passed away on 15 October 2014 at age 14.

On his retirement from the Police in late 2011 Winston lived at home with his handler, who will miss him very much.

Hero police dog Bosun, who caught Damian Leeding's killers, sadly dies QLDPD

08/04/2015

BOSUN

Queensland Police Force

Retired Police Dog

Died 23 June 2014

Hero police dog Bosun, who caught Damian Leeding's killers, sadly dies

- *Andrew Potts*
- *Gold Coast Bulletin*
- June 23, 2014 6:45PM

<http://www.goldcoastbulletin.com.au/lifestyle/pets-and-wildlife/hero-police-dog-bosun-who-caught-damian-leedings-killers-sadly-dies/story-fnk74alk-1226964130234>

FAMED police dog Bosun has died just one year after retiring.

The beloved German Shepherd, who caught the killers of Senior Constable Damian Leeding in 2011, passed away this morning after a short illness.

Bosun tracked the gunman, Phillip Graeme Abell, into “pitch-black” bushland after tracking him 350m into scrub on the fateful night.

Bosun’s handler Senior-Constable Wayne Algie said the leash went slack and he drew his firearm and a torch to see the dog had bitten a man and was holding him by the left armpit.

The nine-year-old dog died just months after receiving the Australian Defence Force Service Medal for his long career.

The medal ceremony was his last public outing before retiring to the home of his handler, Sen-Const Algie.

Read tomorrow’s Gold Coast Bulletin for Sen-Const Algie’s emotional tribute to Bosun.



Dog Squad officer Wayne Algie tells of the terrifying night that earned him a nomination for the Valour Award

- *Robyn Wuth*
- *Gold Coast Bulletin*
- April 11, 2014 12:01AM

THE Dog Squad officer who risked his life to hunt down the gunman who killed Gold Coast Detective Damian Leeding has been nominated for the highest bravery award available in the Queensland Police Service.

Speaking exclusively to the Bulletin, Wayne Algie recalled the night that earned him the nomination for the Valour Award – given to an officer who performs an act of exceptional bravery in hazardous circumstances.

Detective Senior Constable Leeding was shot in the head and died days later in hospital.

His murder led to an outpouring of support from the Gold Coast community, who turned out in the thousands for his funeral.



That cold night in May 2011 started out as any other for the handler and his dog. It ended with the fatal shooting of an officer at the Pacific Pines Tavern and stalking a man with a fully loaded gun in dark bushland.

Police had no idea where cold-blooded killer Phillip Graeme Abell was camped in the thick scrub, or if he was prepared to shoot again.

For Sen-Constable Algie and his police dog Bosun, it didn't matter.

It was a risk they were prepared to take after Bosun picked up the bandit's scent leading into dense bushland.

To get there, they would have to cross an open field – no cover and totally exposed.

“I grabbed Bosun and asked for volunteers, who was going to come with us, and a first-year officer put his hand up and said, “I'll go”.

“They started to organise a cordon, but I knew the area. I’ve actually trained in it.

“It was a two-minute-old track – it was the best chance to get the gunman.

“He had already shown that he was prepared to shoot a police officer. I was hoping he wasn’t sitting there, waiting for me, that’s what I was thinking.

“Actually entering the bush was the most dangerous time. The light was at my back. It would light us up, but I knew once I was in there, it would be pitch black.

“I knew I had a good chance. If he fired, he would probably hit the dog first.”

“He had just shot a cop, but it’s still the same basic stuff. They are still dangerous whether they have shot a cop or robbed a convenience store. We deal with dangerous people.”

Sen-Constable Algie and Bosun tracked the scent, moving slowly through the scrub for around 300m.

“I could not see Bosun. You couldn’t see your hand in front of your face, it was that dark.

“Comms were turned down so not to give away our position.

“We were moving as slowly as I could, so I wouldn’t lose my back-up.

“ There was no sound – he doesn’t bark – and suddenly the line went slack.

“I lit up the area, and Bosun had gone straight in under the arm and he’s just grabbed him.”

Sen-Constable Algie looked into the cold eyes of a killer.

“I looked at him and you could see he was thinking about

having a shot at me.

“He thought it was just him and me at first. He was weighing it up and then he’s spotted the bloke behind me.

“You could see the fight go out of him. He realised then it was over.

“We handcuffed him and marched him out.

“He knew the game was up. It was over.”

Coomera CIB boss Detective Senior Sergeant Marc Procter said the bravery of all police on that night was remarkable.

“The action of Senior Constable Wayne Algie and his police dog Bosun was the single bravest act I have ever seen in 25 years of policing,” Sen-Sgt Procter said.

Bosun is now retired from duty and has the run of the Algie family home.



Donna Lee McAvoy, found guilty of the murder of Detective Senior Constable Damian Leeding, sentenced to life in prison

- *Emmaline Stigwood*
- *Gold Coast Bulletin*
- March 28, 2014 9:19AM

<http://www.goldcoastbulletin.com.au/news/crime-court/donna-lee-mcavoy-found-guilty-of-the-murder-of-detective-senior-constable-damian-leeding-sentenced-to-life-in-prison/story-fnje8bkv-1226867336600>



UPDATED: COP killer Donna Lee McAvoy has been sentenced to life in prison with a non parole period of 15 years for murdering Gold Coast detective Damian Leeding.

Accomplice Benjamin Ernest Power has been sentenced to nine years prison for manslaughter. He has been declared a serious violent offender.

EARLIER: The sister of slain Gold Coast detective Damian Leeding has mocked his killers in court for their roles in the crime.

In a victim impact statement, a furious Hayley Sinton told

Donna Lee McAvoy and Benjamin Ernest Power her grief had turned to anger since the killers' trial last September.

She glared at the pair as they sat in the dock and loudly told them their actions had changed her family's life forever.

"I can't for the life of me understand why none of you stopped to aid a dying man," she said from the witness box before a packed court.

"Where is your moral compass? Where is your basic human compassion for another person?"



Ms Sinton vowed to do whatever she could to make sure the pair stayed locked up forever.

She said she was looking forward to finally taking a much-needed holiday, "sipping cocktails" and watching her children play at the beach.

"You will be in jail. I hope it's as lonely and as miserable as that plainly sounds," she told McAvoy, 40, and Power, 39, in the Supreme Court in Brisbane on Friday.

Detective Senior Constable Leeding's mother Julie Waters condemned the "cowardly" killers who had shown "no remorse".

"I do not know how anyone could walk past ... a fatally wounded man and leave him to die," she said during her victim impact statement.



The 35-year-old police officer was shot in the head while trying to stop an armed robbery at the Pacific Pines Tavern in May 2011.

Gunman Phillip Graeme Abell, 41, and accomplice McAvoy were found guilty of murdering the father-of-two last September.

Getaway driver Power pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

Abell was sentenced in October to life imprisonment with no parole for at least 20 years.

The sentencing hearing continues.

EARLIER: Two people involved in the shooting of Gold Coast policeman Damian Leeding are due to be sentenced today.

Detective Senior Constable Leeding was fatally shot in the head when called out to respond to an armed robbery at the Pacific Pines Tavern in May, 2011.

The man who shot him, Phillip Abell, was last year sentenced to life for murder following a trial.

Co-accused Donna Lee McAvoy was also found guilty of murder after trial and will this morning be sentenced in the Supreme Court in Brisbane on a number of charges the killing, deprivation of liberty and robbery with violence.

Getaway driver Benjamin Ernest Power is also listed for sentence today on manslaughter and related armed robbery charges.

The mother of Det Snr-Cst Leeding told the court his killers were "not fit for society".

His sister also read a victim impact statement, saying she would follow the case for decades and fight any parole applications in the future.



Police Dog ‘ Mojo ‘

08/04/2015

Police Dog ‘ Mojo ‘

New South Wales Police Force

Died for a fall – on duty

Alexandria, NSW

Friday 31 January 2014



Police Dog 'Mojo'


Police dog 'Mojo' dies in the line of duty – Alexandria Police dog 'Mojo' has died during a search of a building site in Alexandria overnight.

About 9.15pm (Friday 31 January 2014), officers attached to Redfern Local Area Command were called to Wyndham Street, after reports a group of men had gained access to a building site.

Specialist officers from the Police Dog Unit – NSW Police Force also attended the scene. Police dog Mojo and his handler began a search of the premises. A short time later, Mojo fell and sustained extensive injuries.

The dog's handler took him to Sydney University Emergency Animal Clinic, where he died.

Police continued a search of the premises, but no one was found.

Investigations into the matter are continuing. Police are urging anyone with information about this incident to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000  1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: <https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/>. Information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. We remind people they should not report crime information via our Facebook and Twitter pages.

<http://www.cwaustral.com.au/emag-2014/policenewsmarch2014-45884124/>

"The passing of any workmate is a big loss to the NSW Police community and the death of Mojo will be felt across NSW.

"The canine unit is incredibly valued as a frontline resource and my thoughts are with the members of the unit and the wider police family today," Police Minister Gallacher said.

SYDNEY, AAP: He has been remembered as a good, keen and driven police dog.

But even Mojo's shining attributes could not shield him from the danger and inherent risks involved with being a canine member of the police force.

Mojo, an almost three-year-old German Shepherd, died on 31 January after taking a fall during a search in Sydney.

Mojo suffered significant internal injuries and was rushed to an animal hospital but could not be saved.

Mojo had been searching an Alexandria building site with his handler after police received reports a group of men had gained access to the site.

Dog Unit Superintendent Donna Adney said Mojo, a general purpose police dog, began his active service in November 2012.

"General purpose police dogs are trained primarily to track and or search in order to locate offenders (and) missing persons or property," she said.

"Unfortunately, their job is quite dangerous and involves inherent risks."

Mojo, like all NSW police dogs, lived with his handler.

"The handler and his family are greatly saddened by Police Dog Mojo's premature passing," Supt Adney said.

"To a police dog handler, their dog is their companion, partner, friend, workmate, playmate and a member of the family."