

Neville James CHAPMAN

12/07/2018

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Late of Buckra Bendinni

Cousin to Andrew McDONALD # 23032

NSW Police Academy Class 119A

New South Wales Police Force

[alert_yellow]Regd. #
13773[/alert_yellow]

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed
23 June 1969

Senior Constable – appointed 23 June 1978
(1979 Stud Book)

No find in the 1988 Stud Book

Final Rank = Senior Constable

Stations: ?, Coffs Harbour Highway
Patrol, Grafton – Retirement

Service: From 12 May 1969 to 9 June

1982 = 13 years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: 25 October 1948

Died on: Saturday 7 July 2018

Age: 69

Cause: Suicide

Event location: Home

Event date: Saturday 7 July 2018

Funeral date: Monday 16 July 2018 @
2pm

Funeral location: at the Family Farm,
624 Lower Buckra Bendinni Rd (Nevilles
Rd), Buckra Bendinni via BOWRAVILLE

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?

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

Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

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May they forever Rest In Peace

Nothing is currently known about this man or his career at the time of publication.

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12 July 2018

Raymond William SHEAN

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Raymond William SHEAN

AKA Pin Head

Late of Mona Vale

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 21703

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 7 December 1984

Constable – appointed 7 December 1985

Final Rank = ?

Stations: ?, Manly GD's, VKG1 – Sydney (1987 – 1989), 'A' District – Sydney District VIP HWP (late 1980's – early 1990's), French's Forest (14 Division) HWP,

Service: From ?? pre December 1984? to ??? = ? years
Service

Awards: National Medal – granted 30 August 2000

Born: 16 November 1964

Died on: ?? 2001?

Age: 37

Cause: Depression – Suicide – Hanging

Event location: Home

Event date: ? ? 2001

Funeral date: ? ? 2001

Funeral location: either Northern Suburbs Crematorium or
Macquarie Park

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?

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

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Ray was a V.I.P. Cyclist with the Sydney District HWP.
His nickname was 'Pin Head' because the troops reckoned that
he had the smallest Police hat at the time.
Ray worked a lot around Manly and French's Forest areas.
Around 1990 – 1991, he had a fall from his Police Motor Cycle,
in the Redfern area in heavy rain, which resulted in him going

to hospital with a busted collar bone.

Ray eventually left NSWPF and had attempted suicide on previous occasions leading up to his death.

His death was discovered by his wife.

His family blame the cause of his death upon the NSWPF and requested that no official representation of NSWPF be present at his funeral i.e. – no Police uniforms or Police vehicles.

May Ray have found the peace that he sought and may his family and friends remember the good times with him.

Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney, NSW : 1901 – 2001), **Thursday 1 April 1999** (No.39), page 2649

NOTICE of intended distribution of estate.- Any person having any claim upon the estate of **FREDERICK WILLIAM THOMAS SHEAN**, late of Dee Why, in the State of New South Wales, **retired fire officer**, who died on **19th October. 1997**, must send particulars of his claim to the **executor, Raymond William Shean. c o Harris & Company Solicitors, level 11, 99 Bathurst Street. Sydney, within one (1) calendar month from publication of this notice.**

After that time the executor may distribute the assets of the estate having regard only to the claims of which at the time of distribution he has notice.

Probate was granted in New South Wales on 16th June, 1991. HARRIS & COMPANY, Solicitors. Level 11, 99 Bathurst Street, Sydney, N S W 2000 (D X 724, Sydney tel<02> 92611533

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/231987870>

Steven JOHNSON

12/07/2018

Steven JOHNSON

AKA Jonno

Late of Cambewarra, formerly of North Nowra & Orient
Point

Goulburn Police Academy Class 241

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 26376

**Rank: P.R.E.P. – Commenced on 30 April
1989**

**Probationary Constable – appointed 27
October 1989**

Peer Support Officer

**Senior Sergeant – Coordinator at
Leadership Development Directorate,
Goulburn (mid 2000's),**

**Chief Inspector (Duty Officer) –
appointed 19 October 2008**

Chief Inspector (Duty Officer) Bowral – Death

Stations: **?**, Education & Development
Officer (ED0) – Broadway Police Stn (
early 1990's), Lake Cargelligo (mid
1990's),

Education & Training Command, Nowra, Lake
Illawarra, South Region Officer, Bowral –
Death

Service: **From** 30 April 1989 **to** 22 May
2018 = 29 years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

National Medal – granted 19 November 2004

1st Clasp to National Medal – granted 20
September 2016

Police Service Medal – granted 30
September 2004

25 year – 3rd Clasp to Police Service
Medal – granted on 20 September 2016

Born: 5 October 1970

Died on: Tuesday 22 May 2018

Age: 47

Cause: Suicide – H

Event location: Home

Event date: Tuesday 22 May 2018

Funeral date: Wednesday 30 May 2018 @
11am

Funeral location: Shoalhaven
Entertainment Centre, Bridge Rd, Nowra

Funeral Parlour: Murphy Family Funerals,
Nowra

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?



2017: Captain of the Shoalhaven LAC Hot Fuzz team, Chief Inspector Steve Johnson have taken part in Movember. Photo: Nicolette Pickard

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

Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

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Rob Sasagi Cup flyer 2019 – in support for Steve

ABC Illawarra Radio Audio files:

- Mark Fisher **AIR.MP3**
- Adam Straney on Steve **Johnson.MP3**





2013: Inspector Steve Johnson and Acting Shoalhaven Local Area Commander, Acting Superintendent Paul Condon



2013: POLAIR 3: Senior crew member John Smith, NSW Police Force Inspector Steve Johnson, pilot

Allan Gary and assistant crew Kate Howe at the NSW Police Force open day at Nowra Anglican College on Saturday.



2017: Shoalhaven Local Area Command Chief Inspector Steve Johnson with some of the guns surrendered locally during the gun amnesty.





2016: SCRUMPTIOUS DELIGHTS: Shoalhaven LAC Chief Inspector Steve Johnson, Senior Constable Brian Balding and Constable Simon French with some of the delights from Thursday's morning tea.



2013: POSITIVE POLICING: Local Area Commander Superintendent Joe Cassar and customer service duty officer for Shoalhaven Local Area Command Inspector Steven Johnson encourage the community to compliment a cop.







Steve was an Inspector & Chief Inspector Stationed at Nowra (Shoalhaven LAC) and had been on loan to Lake Illawarra LAC, South Region Office and currently at Bowral LAC due to the current restructure of the NSW Police Force.

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**No matter your sex,
No matter your age,
No matter your rank,
Suicide just does not discriminate.**

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[/blockquote]

May you forever Rest In Peace mate.

Steven Johnson

22nd May 2018

At Home

Late of Cambewarra

Formerly of North Nowra and Orient Point

Beloved soulmate and best friend of **Sue**

Adored Dad of **Flynn (Squishy)** and **Molly (Pickle)**

Sadly missed son and son-in-law of **John & Carol**, Barry & Judy Turner

Much loved brother, brother-in-law and Uncle

The Shoalhaven will be so much poorer for the loss of this incredible, community man

Aged 47 years

Jonno's funeral service will be held at

The Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra

on Wednesday 30th May 2018 at 11:00am

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made at the service for **Shoalhaven Suicide Prevention Network**

Jonno's family invite you to join them for some light refreshments after the service, in the function room at The Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre.

THIS WILL **NOT** BE A FULL POLICE FUNERAL

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NSWFallenPolice/permalink/1146762998798366/>

posts/2485052948187084

Steve was always there for his work colleagues and community alike. He was also an active member and part of the Camp Quality family who was loved by all the companions and campers.

An avid fisherman, Steve often took his mates and kids out fishing.

Chief Inspector Johnson ... a True Gentleman and Humanitarian. You will be missed. Thank you for your service. Rest easy Sir.

Koz

May 24 2018 – 2:00PM

Death of former Illawarra police officer Steven 'Jonno' Johnson shocks community

▪ Cydonee Mardon



The Illawarra police community is mourning the sudden loss of a well-loved and respected senior community-based cop.

Chief Inspector Steven “Jonno” Johnson, formerly of Lake Illawarra and the Shoalhaven commands died unexpectedly on Tuesday.

“Jonno will be very much missed by everyone he knew,” a long-time colleague told the *Mercury*.



“He was one of those quirky people who would always put a smile on your face by one of his many stories or passions that he was involved with,” the police officer said.

“I don’t think people realise the amount of work he did for the Aboriginal community, for conservation with his fishing and general community causes. He had a strong passion for fishing and if anyone showed a slight inkling of interest he would have them straight on his boat and take them out.

“Jonno was one of those people who got more satisfaction from doing things for others than for himself.”



Tributes are flowing on Facebook for the 47-year-old officer being remembered “as a legendary and inspirational man”.

Senior Constable Koz Ismail, who worked with Jonno at Lake Illawarra and has produced a video tribute, said his colleague was “a man of endless empathy”.

(*see video above*)

“He worked for the community, he was an endless supporter of the youth and indigenous youth.

“He was passionate to the case of youth mental health, always put the community and his peers first before himself.

“He was a loving family man, a selfless community man and

police officer.”

<https://www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/5427025/man-of-endless-empathy-illawarra-cops-death-shocks-police-community/?cs=300>

William EIFFE

12/07/2018

William EIFFE

Late of Singleton

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # **P** 1154

For the purposes of this website ‘**P**’ = represents those Police joining Pre 1862 when NSWPF “Officially” commenced

Rank: Constable

Stations: **?**, Singleton

Service: From 11 August 1857 to 24

January 1867 = 9+ years Service

Awards: ?

Born: ? ? 1833 – 1834

Died on: Thursday 24 January 1867

Age: 33 – 34

Cause: Shot – accidental

**Event location: between Bendemeer &
Tamworth, NSW**

Event date: 16 January 1867

Funeral date: Friday 25 January 1857

**Funeral location: Old Bendemeer
Cemetery**

Funeral Parlour: ?

**Buried at: Old Bendemeer Cemetery (
private property and unmarked)**

**Memorial located at: Bendemeer
Cemetery, NSW**

[alert_green]**WILLIAM** IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance – but under an incorrect surname of EFFE which they won't correct[/alert_green]

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On **16 January 1867** Constable **Fyffe** was performing **gold escort duty** on a coach travelling between **Bendemeer and Tamworth**.

It is thought that the **shaking of the coach** caused a **rifle to accidentally discharge** shooting the Constable.

The wounded Constable was left in a shepherd's hut while the coach continued to **Tamworth** to obtain medical assistance.

Dr Scott of Tamworth provided assistance for **Constable Fyffe** however the wound was to prove fatal and he died the following Thursday.

The Constable was born in 1834 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 11 August 1857.

<http://npm.org.au/honour-roll-entry/?eid=3691>

January 24 2017 – 5:30PM

Constable William Eiffe memorial unveiled by Oxley police at Bendemeer Cemetery

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Breanna Chillingworth

A PERMANENT memorial to recognise a fallen officer has been unveiled near Tamworth on the 150th anniversary of his death.

Constable **William Eiffe** died from a gunshot wound to the thigh on January 24, 1867, and is buried in an **unmarked grave** in the **Bendemeer cemetery**.

Oxley police together with Tamworth Regional Council – who helped to construct the memorial – commemorated his career in the force in a service on Tuesday morning.

"It's a great part of the local history to have this recorded and I think it brings some interest in the local cemetery and the history of Bendemeer," Oxley Acting Superintendent Jeff Budd said.

"And, hopefully for centuries to come, people will be able to come here and look at this and remember what has happened in our past."

The Singleton-based officer was on a police escort on the night before his death when he was accidentally shot in the

leg.

"On the evening of Wednesday the 23rd of January, 1867, there was a gold escort moving through the Moonbi Ranges, approximately seven miles from Bendemeer," Oxley Sergeant Josh McKenzie said.

"A rain show had caused members of the escort to retreat into the carriage, another member of the escort had handed his rifle to Constable Eiffe, he rested the rifle across his thighs with the butt resting against the side of the coach.

"It is thought that the shaking and bouncing of the carriage has caused the rifle to accidentally discharge, shooting Constable Eiffe in the thigh."

Constable Eiffe was left at Shepherds Hut nearby and the coach returned to Tamworth.



Memorial service: Oxley Acting Superintendent Jeff Budd lays a wreath at the unveiling of the plaque at the Bendemeer cemetery. Photos: Breanna Chillingworth

Memorial unveiled: Oxley Acting Superintendent Jeff Budd with Sergeant Josh McKenzie in Bendemeer.



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Paying tribute: Senior Oxley police, along with officers from Kootingal, Walcha, Nowendoc and Tamworth, pictured with Tamworth councillor Phil Betts.





Memorial unveiled: Oxley Acting Superintendent Jeff Budd with Leading Senior Constable Ron Stoltenberg and Cr Phil Betts.



William EIFFE Memorial
William is actually buried in an unmarked
grave.



Constable William Eiffe

Born in Ireland between 1830 and 1834
Roman Catholic, Former Soldier
Emigrated to Australia on 13th July 1857
Joined NSW Police Force on the 12th August 1857

Constable William Eiffe was stationed at Singleton in 1867
where he was shot with his own service revolver
and four children.

On the evening of Wednesday the 23rd January 1867, he was on a
gold escort moving through the Murrumbidgee region, approximately
seven miles from Bendungan.

A man who was said to have been of the escort had retired
into the carriage. Another member of the escort had handed
his rifle to Constable Eiffe. He raised the rifle across his thigh
with the butt resting against the side of the coach.

The rifle was a cap and ball style weapon.

It is thought that the shaking and bouncing of the carriage has
caused the rifle to accidentally discharge, shooting
Constable Eiffe in the thigh. He was left at a shepherd's hut,
while the escort returned to Temora, some thirty miles away.

Doctors from Temora were taken to the hut, but
unfortunately Constable William Eiffe had died from the
effects of the gunshot.

His funeral took place at the Bendungan cemetery on
Friday the 25th January 1867.





Constable William Eiffe

Born in Ireland between 1833 and 1834
Roman Catholic, Former Soldier
Emigrated to Australia on 10th July 1857
Joined NSW Police Force on the 11th August 1857

Constable William Eiffe was stationed at Singleton in 1867
where he resided with his wife Hannah (nee Commer)
and four children.

On the evening of Wednesday the 23rd January 1867, he was on a
gold escort moving through the Moonbi Ranges, approximately
seven miles from Bendemeer.

A rain shower had caused members of the escort to retreat
into the carriage. Another member of the escort had handed
his rifle to Constable Eiffe. He rested the rifle across his thighs
with the butt resting against the side of the coach.

The rifle was a cap and ball style weapon.

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caused the rifle to accidentally discharge, shooting
Constable Eiffe in the thigh. He was left at a shepherd's hut,
whilst the coach returned to Tamworth, some thirty miles away.

Doctor Scott of Tamworth was taken to the hut, but
unfortunately Constable William Eiffe had died from the
effects of the gunshot
wound at Noon on the 24th January 1867.

His funeral took place at the Bendemeer cemetery on
Friday the 25th January 1867.



"Dr Scott of Tamworth was taken to the hut but unfortunately Constable William EIFFE died from the effects of the gunshot wound at noon on the 24th of January, 1867."

Acting Superintendent Budd said the service was a reminder of how far the force had come in 150 years.

It is thought that the shaking and bouncing of the carriage has caused the rifle to accidentally discharge.

Sergeant Josh McKenzie

“One of the things that would be a tragedy today is for this to occur and his family to not be supported,” he said. “In the days of Constable William Eiffe, his wife and **four children** would have been destitute without the support we have today and we should be grateful for that.”

<https://www.northerndailyleader.com.au/story/4423228/fallen-of-ficer-remembered-video-photos/?cs=159>

Of Note: Searching NSW State Archives & Records on 14 May 2018:

There are NO surnames of FYFFE

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There are NO surnames of EIFFE

There were no Williams born in 1834

There is no Registered number 1154 on that website. There is 1153 (Beatty) and 1155 (Moloney) but no 1154

A wildcard search on ‘FFE’ didn’t reveal any similar names or anyone born in 1834 on THAT website.

Danny Webster notes on 24 January 2017:

He is sometimes referred to as “Fyffe” and “Effe”, however the **Registers of Police Employment 1847–1885** provides the spelling as “Eiffe”, his registered number as **1154**, the fact that he was married at the time of appointment and that he was a former soldier.

The **New South Wales Police Gazettes** of **5 March, 1862**, **3 April, 1867** (£100 gratuity awarded to his wife), and **3 July, 1867** indicate “Eiffe”.

His death was registered at Armidale as “Eiffe”.

He is incorrectly listed in the official New South Wales Police Honour Roll as William “Effe”.

This was originally recorded as:

Constable William FYFFE

Accidentally Shot

Tamworth

24 January, 1867

On 16 January, 1867 Constable Fyffe was performing gold escort duty on a coach travelling between Bendemeer and Tamworth. It is thought that the shaking of the coach caused a rifle to accidentally discharge, shooting the constable. The wounded constable was left in a shepherd's hut while the coach continued to Tamworth to obtain medical assistance. Dr Scott of Tamworth provided assistance for the constable, however the wound was to prove fatal and he died the following Thursday. **He is sometimes referred to as William Effe.**

The *Sydney Morning Herald* dated **25 January, 1867** reported that news from Tamworth had been received that " *Last evening, Constable Fyffe, on gold escort duty, was accidentally shot in the thigh whilst riding in the coach on Moonby Ranges, seven miles from Bendemere. His rifle accidentally discharged, it is supposed, by the shaking of the coach. He was left at a shepherd's hut. The escort proceeded to Tamworth, and on its arrival there Dr. Scott was immediately started off. Fyffe died from the effects of the wound at noon today. He has left a wife and large family at Singleton.*

The constable was born in 1834 and joined the police force on 11 August, 1857. In 1862 he became a member of the newly-formed New South Wales Police Force. At the time of his death he was stationed at Singleton.

Alexander David ADAMS

12/07/2018

Alexander David ADAMS

Late of ?

Victoria Police Force

Regd. # ?????

Rank: Sergeant – Suspended

Stations: ?, St Kilda – Suspension

Service: From ? ? ? to ? ? ? = ?
years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? ?

Died on: Wednesday 22 December 1982

Age: ?

Cause: Suicide – shotgun

Event location: ?, Frankston, Victoria

Event date: Wednesday 22 December 1982

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?

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

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Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995), **Wednesday 15 December 1976**, page 16

NOTES FOUND, COURT TOLD

MELBOURNE, Tuesday. – – A cache of notes found in the home of a **Melbourne man** was thought to be valuable evidence in relation to the **Victorian Club robbery**, an **armed robbery squad detective** told the **Melbourne City Court** today.

Detective-Senior Constable Alexander Adams said he went to the man's home in **Kett Street, Nunawading** on July. 14, looking for a man known as **Stanley Ernest James**.

He said Mr **James** was wanted for questioning in connection with the **Victorian Club robbery** in **April** this year.

Detective Adams said Mr **Daniel Hacking** opened the door of his home wearing pyjamas when he went with other police to Kett Street at 10.35pm on **July 14**.

He said he found large bundles of money in a plastic bag in a set of drawers in a built-in wardrobe. He said Mr **Hacking** told him he was looking after the money for his **brother-in-law, Mr Stan James**.

Mr **Hacking** and his wife were charged with having **unlawfully possessed \$11,400** in notes of various denominations reasonably **suspected of being stolen**, and with having handled the same amount of money, **knowing it was stolen**, between **June 1 and July 14** this year.

Mr **Hacking** was committed for trial on the second charge. He pleaded not guilty and was allowed **bail of \$500** with a similar surety.

The charge of having **unlawfully possessed** the money was **adjourned** to a date to be fixed.

Charges against **Mrs Hacking** were **dismissed**.

Mr **Norman Leung Lee**, 28, of **Kerferd Street, Essendon**, appeared in the **Melbourne City Court** today on a charge involving the **robbery of \$1.3 million**.

Mr **Lee**, a **dim sim maker**, is charged with **armed robbery** on Mr **Norman Paragree**, an armed guard, of **\$1,387,540** at the **Victorian Club** in **Queen Street** on **April 21**.

Mr **Lee** is also charged with having received **\$124,000** in cash between **April 21 and October 5**.

Mr **Lee** was recently granted bail in the Supreme Court.

Mr **L. T. Griffin CSM** respite his bail today and adjourned the charges to **March 24** next year.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/131801471>

Sergeant pocketed bail: witness

MELBOURNE: A Sydney man told the **County Court** in **Melbourne** yesterday that a **St Kilda policeman** had pocketed \$500 that he had given to him for **bail money** in **1977**.

Mr **John Mitchell Purvis**, of **Rose Bay**, told the court he thought he had "been had" after the policeman refused to give him a receipt for the money.

Mr **Purvis** was giving evidence before **Judge Ravech** at the trial of a **suspended policeman, Sergeant Alexander David Adams**.

Sergeant **Adams** has pleaded **not guilty** to having **obtained** \$500 by deception, having **stolen** \$500 and having **received a secret commission** of \$500.

The **Crown prosecutor, Mr J. T. Hassett**, told the jury that the charges were **alternative counts** and related to an incident alleged to have occurred on **August 3** at the **St Kilda CIB office**.

Mr **Hassett** said that Mr **Purvis** had owned a **milk bar** in **Elwood** in August last year and Sergeant **Adams** had been one of a number of policemen who questioned him about **stolen property** found in his shop.

He said Mr **Purvis** had been taken to the **Prahran police station** to be charged with receiving stolen property and had asked Sergeant **Adams** on the way about bail.

Mr **Hassett** said Sergeant **Adams** asked him, "How would \$500 suit?" Mr **Purvis** had later been **released on bail** on his **own undertaking**, which meant he did not have to lodge any bail money.

Mr **Purvis** said that Sergeant **Adams** asked him to come to the **St Kilda CIB** the next day and he thought he was going there "to

pay bail money”.

He went to the **CIB office** the next morning and gave Sergeant **Adams** \$500 in cash.

“I took the money out and gave it to **Adams** and asked for a receipt”, he said.

“He said, ‘You’re not getting a receipt’. He took the money and stuck it in his pocket”.

The trial continues today.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/110602462>

Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995), **Thursday 23 December 1982**,
page 8

Shot officer ‘on charge’

MELBOURNE: A **Melbourne police sergeant** who was found dead in a car at suburban **Frankston** yesterday morning had appeared in the **Melbourne City Court on Tuesday** on a **blackmail charge**.

Police said that **Sergeant Alexander David Adams** had been found with a **gunshot wound** to the head. A **shotgun and a note** were found near his body.

Police said that **Sergeant Adams** had been **suspended from duty** and had entered no plea at his **court appearance yesterday**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/130838548>

Bruce Frederick COOPER

12/07/2018

Bruce Frederick COOPER

AKA Coops

Late of ?, Qld

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?????

Rank: ?

Stations: ?, Sydney District HWP (mid 1990's), St George /
Sutherland HWP

Service – NSWPF: From ? ? ? to ? ? ? = 10 years Service

Queensland Police Force

Regd. # ?????

Rank: ?

Stations: ?

Service – QPol: From ? ? ? to ? ? 2008 = 10 years Service

Total Police Service: 20 years

Awards: No find on Australian Honours

Born: Thursday 1 May 1958

Died on: Saturday 21 April 2018

Age: 59 years, 11 months, 20 days

Cause: Chronic PTSD – Suicide – Firearm

Event location: ?, Qld

Event date: Saturday 21 April 2018

Funeral date: Tuesday 1 May 2018 @ 10.30am

Funeral location: Mt Thompson Memorial Gardens and
Crematorium – East Chapel
329 Nursery Road, Holland Park

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Cremated

Memorial located at: ?



**BRUCE is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance *
BUT SHOULD BE**



Funeral location: [\[codepeople-post-map\]](#)

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On behalf of Bruce's sons, Simon, Joshua, Paul and Myself we would like to invite you to Bruce's funeral to celebrate his life with us.

Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 10.30am

Mt Thompson Memorial Gardens and Crematorium – East Chapel
329 Nursery Road, Holland Park.

Post from Mark Kelly, Director Blue HOPE

It is with great sadness that I announce the death of **Bruce Cooper** who tragically died by **suicide** on the morning of **Saturday, 21 April 2018**.

He was 59 years old.

A **20-year** veteran police officer, Bruce served with pride for **10 years** with the **NSW Police Force** and another **10 years** with the **Queensland Police Service** before leaving the job in **2008**.

Policing took its toll on Bruce. He struggled with **chronic PTSD** for a long time and, like many who struggle with PTSD, Bruce tried to numb the pain with alcohol. Bruce was a fighter though; he fought his way back and had control over alcohol for a long time. The nightmares, painful memories and horrific images however, would not relent.

I first met Bruce in 2016, when he hit a hurdle and relapsed. His amazing wife Michelle reached out and we decided together that I would drop by to say G'day. I arrived unannounced and met a man who was in immense pain and struggling badly. At first, he was reluctant to talk so we just sat together watching television while he sized me up out of the corner of his eye.

Trusting people was hard for Bruce. He'd been let down many times in his life and aside from a couple of close friends and his family, he didn't easily let people in. He was also a fixer; a man of great skill who could build and repair just

about anything he turned his mind to. Cars, trucks, motorbikes, things around the house. You name it, Bruce could fix it.

Sadly, when it came to his own demons, Bruce couldn't find a fix and he was reluctant to ask for, or accept help. So needless to say, he was a bit cross at me and Michelle when I showed up that day.

[blockquote]He was also embarrassed and as he told me later, "*bloody ashamed*".[/blockquote]

We didn't speak much at first. I'd share a bit and he'd open up a little bit and after a while the rapport that so often occurs between coppers started to build. Bruce was still wary though. He was also embarrassed and as he told me later, "***bloody ashamed***". It's hard to admit that you're not ok and it can be even harder to admit that you need help. Eventually though, Bruce started to talk. We talked about his life, his sons, his grandchildren and his love for Michelle (his "Shelle Machine"). We talked about cars, motorbikes and eventually we started to talk about the job. That was hard for Bruce. He had seen and experienced a lot as a police officer. Police see some awful things, but I think Bruce got more than his share.

So, we sat together for hours; hours became days and thankfully, in time Bruce got some help. He entered a treatment program and was placed into the care of some great mental health professionals. Bruce and I became friendly, talking and texting occasionally. He'd often tease me about the day we met and the blue shoes I was wearing that day. He was a funny bugger. He seemed to be doing pretty well and, in the Winter of 2017, he and Michelle came to a Blue HOPE car show to say Hi. We hugged, and I was struck by how well he looked. He had spark and it seemed that the future looked pretty bright.

[blockquote]“It’s too fucking hard”, “It hurts so much”[/blockquote]

Unfortunately, towards the end of 2017, Bruce relapsed after a death in the family. I called in to see him and was shocked to see how much pain he was in. The Bruce I knew was still there, but the demons had resurfaced and taken hold. Everyone who knew and loved Bruce was rallying around him to encourage him to get back into treatment, but he didn’t want to go. “It’s too fucking hard”, “It hurts so much”, he told me. His pain was unfathomable. He wanted to get better. He wanted to beat PTSD. He wanted the nightmares and images to go away. He wanted to help others. Bruce had so much to offer the world but first he needed to get help.

We all had countless conversations about options and eventually, Bruce started to attend his appointments again. After a rough few weeks things were starting to look up. We spoke from time to time, I’d see him on social media and he’s touch base regularly via text, signing off with his traditional gorilla emoji. He seemed ok; but he wasn’t.

During the morning of Saturday 21 April, I received a call from Michelle saying that Bruce was in crisis; asking if I could come. He had somehow come into the **possession of an old firearm** and was talking about hurting himself. The police were immediately called, and I raced over to offer what assistance I could.

When I arrived, police, ambulance and tactical units were in attendance, all carefully positioned out of Bruce’s view. Thankfully, I was allowed through the cordon to speak with the police in command, provide a briefing to the negotiators and most importantly provide support for Michelle. I did not have the opportunity to speak with Bruce. Sadly, before anybody could make contact with him, Bruce took his life.

It’s important that I thank the members of the **Queensland**

Police and the **QLD Ambulance** who were present. The **QPS negotiation team** in particular were incredibly professional, caring and supportive to all present. All emergency services personnel present should be commended for their incredible efforts to save Bruce.

To Bruce... Coops, I'm sad and I'm angry but I'm also thankful that you are no longer in pain. I'm sorry I couldn't do more. For what it's worth, I'm a better man for having known you. Rest well mate.

Finally, to everyone who is reading this.

If you are struggling, know this. Recovery starts and ends with you. You might have all the help in the world at your fingertips but unless you accept responsibility for your own recovery and surrender yourself to the healing process, recovery will elude you. It's not enough to just show up for appointments; you have to get your hands dirty and do the hard work. This can mean going to hospital, accepting psychiatric and psychological treatment, taking the meds and persisting with recovery groups. Don't just turn up. Engage with it. Your life depends on it.

Yes, it will be a grind. In fact, it will seem unbearable at times but all of the people that I know who are doing well (myself included) know that this is the only path. It's hard and it'll take time but it's worth it. Not only for you, but for your family.

No police officer I have ever met was diagnosed with PTSD as a result of being a coward. **If you were strong once, you can be strong again.** I promise you that it can be OK.

Blue HOPE stands ready to help.

Thanks for taking the time to read about this terrific man.

Mark Kelly

Director
Blue HOPE
mark@bluehope.org.au

Two years on:

BLUE HOPE

19 hrs ·

Today we remember Bruce Cooper who died by suicide on this day
2 years ago in Brisbane.

Indelibly marked by trauma in his early life, Bruce channelled his life experience into something better; joining the NSW Police Force where he served for 10 years before moving to Queensland where he served a further 10 years with the Queensland Police Service.

I first met Bruce briefly in 2002, when we were both in the job, but our paths didn't cross again until 14 years later when his wife Michelle re-introduced us during his struggle with trauma, PTSD and alcohol addiction. After a while, we became good friends and the next couple of years were a mix of happiness, hope, sadness and frustration as Bruce improved in clinical programs, only to relapse sometime later. He did his best, but trauma and addiction had their hooks in him. He had so much love and support in his life. Honestly, if love and support alone could have saved him, Bruce would still be alive today.

I wish it was that simple.

Despite the efforts of those who loved him and tried to help, Bruce lost his battle. Many people worked so hard to save Bruce that awful day. We waited nearby, as incredible members

from the QPS tried valiantly to reach out to him; we tried to help them with as much information that we could provide ... we prayed and we waited. We honestly thought that he would be recovered safely but that wasn't to be. We all failed to get through... and Bruce took his life. The rest is indescribable, so I won't try. It wasn't really Bruce in that moment; it was his pain, his trauma and his addiction that took him away. He loved us and we loved him, and we live in hope that he is now in a better, more peaceful place.

Today, Michelle and I visited Bruce at his resting place. We sat and we chatted. We reflected on his life and we thought about the meaning that this tragedy can have for others. What can we learn?

What I know is this. When you are faced with the impossible, the pain and the struggle you have to decide what is important. You have to decide what kind of person you are. All the support and love in the world can be available to you, but you have to make the choice to accept it and engage with it. Taking your life, ultimately robs the world of your potential to be more. You have so much to give, even if you don't realise that now. Ask yourself, "What will my legacy be?"

Most importantly, suicide leaves a trail of destruction in its wake. When I look at my dear friend Michelle, I see an amazing woman who is trying to rebuild her life as best she can; in her own way, in her own time, and on her terms. Grief permeates every aspect of life, but I know she will prevail. As CS Lewis wrote, "Her loss was like the sky; spread over everything." I was honoured to climb Mt Kilimanjaro with Michelle late last year so I know she can do anything. She is an incredible person.

I asked Michelle today, what she thought about trying to help someone who is struggling. She said very simply, "reach in and keep reaching in. It will be frustrating. Sometimes you will hate them, and they will often give you the shits, but you've

got to keep trying.” She is not one to give up and I am immensely proud of her.

I have mixed feelings about Facebook posts about the death of police members. They are often polarising. Some people appreciate them and others dislike them. Today though, I write in the hope that someone, somewhere will draw strength to continue. It’s not too late. Two years ago, when I wrote about Bruce I said, “you have to get your hands dirty and do the hard work”. That remains true. So much help and support is available; you just have to accept it and commit to getting better for yourself and your loved ones. It will be hard and often unbearable, but it is worth it. The decision is yours and yours alone.

I apologise for the lengthy post and I appreciate you taking the time to join me in reflecting on the life of Bruce and all of the brothers and sisters we have lost to suicide. If you know someone who has lost a family member or friend to suicide, reach out to them today and tell them that you are thinking of them.

If you know someone who is struggling, “reach in, and keep reaching in”.

Their life may depend upon it.

Mark Kelly – Blue HOPE

21 April 2020

Stephen William SIVEWRIGHT

12/07/2018

Stephen William SIVEWRIGHT

~~Unknown NSW Serving Policeman~~

AKA Sivey

Late of Ballina, Wagga Wagga, NSW

Goulburn Police Academy Class # DPP 01 (CEP 98/2) Class 274)

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 32691

Rank: Commenced Training at Goulburn Academy on ? ? ?

Probationary Constable – appointed 22 December 1998 (aged 23 years, 1 month, 7 days)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: Sergeant at time of Death

Stations: ?, Richmond LAC, Lismore (SenCon), Wagga Wagga
HWP (Sgt) – Death

Service: From ? pre December 1998? ? to 11 April 2018 =
19+? years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

although had been Awarded:

National Medal

National Police Service Medal

Police Service Medal

Born: Saturday 15 November 1975

Died on: Wednesday 11 April 2018

Age: 42 years, 4 months, 27 days

Cause: Depression – Suicide – Service Glock

Event location: Sturt Hwy, near Berry Jerry Rest area,
Collingullie, Wagga Wagga, NSW

Event date: Wednesday 11 April 2018

Funeral date: Monday 23 April 2018 @ 11.30am

Funeral location: St Andrews Anglican Parish, 10 Zadoc St,
Lismore

Funeral Parlour: Lismore Funeral Services – 6621 8266

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?

SIVEY is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance
***NEED MORE INFO (Last checked 151121)**

**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





Stephen William Sivewright

Stephen William Sivewright

15/11/1975 – 11/4/2018

42 years

Today recalls a memory
Of a loved one gone to rest
And those who think of him today
Are those who loved him best.
The flowers we lay upon his grave
May wither and decay
But the love for him who lies beneath
Will never fade away
Forever and always remembering with love
Dad & Mum, Leon, Dylan & Sarah and Kimba
South Grafton 2460

Date listed: 11/4/2019

Stephen William Sivewright | Tributes & Condolences | Northern
Rivers / Byron | The Advertiser

Police investigate death of NSW officer

- Australian Associated Press
- 9:20AM April 12, 20

A NSW Police critical incident team will investigate the death of one of its own officers after a policeman was found dead near Wagga Wagga.

Concerns were raised for the male officer's welfare with colleagues heading to the **Sturt Highway** about **30km from Wagga Wagga** on Wednesday afternoon.

The officer's death is **non-suspicious** circumstances, and a critical incident team has been formed to investigate the circumstances surrounding the matter.

<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/latest-news/police-investigate-death-of-nsw-officer/news-story/52c610f5bd71c516ffc452cd3fa3c8a6>

April 12 2018 – 7:39AM

Critical investigation launched after police death near Wagga

Daisy Huntly

An internal investigation has been launched after a police officer's death in the **Riverina Police District**.

Emergency services raced to the **Sturt Highway**, around 30 kilometres from Wagga, around **4.25pm on Wednesday**.

They were responding after concerns were raised to the welfare of a police officer.

Paramedics from NSW Ambulance also responded to the location, but were unable to revive the officer.

Police said that there is no evidence the incident is suspicious.

A critical incident team has been formed to investigate the circumstances surrounding the officer's death and will be subject to independent review.

<https://www.dailyadvertiser.com.au/story/5337758/critical-investigation-launched-after-police-death-near-wagga/>

7 News Sydney is in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, Australia.

April 12 2018 at 8:29am ·

Police say a critical incident investigation has been launched after the death yesterday of a police officer near the Sturt Highway 30km from Wagga Wagga. "At this time there is no evidence the incident is suspicious."

Police Statement: A critical incident investigation has been launched after the death of a police officer near Wagga Wagga. Police were called to the Sturt Highway about 30km from Wagga Wagga around 4.25pm yesterday (Wednesday 11 April 2018) after concerns were raised for the welfare of an officer. Ambulance paramedics responded to the location but were unable to revive the officer. At this time there is no evidence the incident is suspicious. A critical incident team has been formed to investigate the circumstances surrounding the matter. That investigation will be subject to independent review.

www.7News.com.au

<https://www.facebook.com/7newssydney/posts/2080256375331818>

SIVEWRIGHT, STEPHEN WILLIAM

Taken suddenly from us on the 11th April 2018.

Much loved Son to Harold and Eleanor.

Cherished Partner to Leon.

Loved Brother to Ian and Jack.

Adored Uncle to Sarah, William and Jake.

Funeral details to be advised in later edition.

<https://www.northernstar.com.au/classifieds/ad/2884355/>

Police disappointed at close of Operation Tortoise

2 Apr 2018, 6 p.m.

It would have been difficult to escape a random breath test in Wagga across the Easter long weekend.

It follows a Highway Patrol crack down on fatigue, drink and drug-driving.

With thousands hitting the roads for the holiday, Riverina police conducted more than 6600 random breath tests across four days.

These numbers come at the close of Operation Tortoise, with double-demerits in force until midnight on Monday.

Despite the low number of drivers busted drink driving, **acting-Senior Sergeant Stephen Sivewright** said the behaviour of drivers across the region had been disappointing.

"The message isn't getting out there," **Sergeant Sivewright** said. "People are still speeding."

He said road users continued to put the lives of their

passengers and other people in danger, with more than 200 drivers issued speeding fines.

A further 25 infringements were issued for not wearing seatbelts and 308 drivers were busted for other traffic offences.

“People shouldn’t have to die for drivers to listen,” Sergeant Sivewright said. “This should be a wake-up call.”

His words follow the tragic death of an elderly driver on a Riverina road, near Jindera, on Monday morning.

This death brought the number of fatalities on Riverina roads to six this year.

“That’s ridiculously high,” **Sergeant Sivewright** said. “Up until March 28, there were 59 fatalities on state roads – a definite increase on last year.”

The story Shock follows number of speeding drivers busted on Riverina roads first appeared on The Daily Advertiser.

<https://www.theland.com.au/story/5317931/shock-follows-number-of-speeding-drivers-busted-on-riverina-roads/>

December 26 2017 – 3:00PM

Ten drivers busted drink driving across Wagga

▪ **Steff Wills**

Police say the results of this year’s initiative to reduce the holiday road toll are concerning.

It follows Wagga Highway Patrol's launch of Operation Safe Arrival on December 22.

Acting Senior Sergeant Stephen Sivewright on Tuesday said local officers, combined with resources from Sydney, had already performed thousands of random breath tests across Wagga.

The Highway Patrol chief said of more than 8520 tests, ten drivers had been caught drink driving.

In addition, **Sergeant Sivewright** said 225 drivers had been fined for speeding across the region, which was more than half the combined number of traffic-related offences, during that period.

"We are concerned about the 10 drink driving offences," **Sergeant Sivewright** said. "We'd like that to be zero."

Double demerits will apply from Friday, December 22 with all Traffic and Highway Patrol Command staff on duty until New Year.

Sergeant Sivewright urged Riverina drivers to stick to the speed limit, to make a plan-b and to get to their destination safely.

<https://www.dailyadvertiser.com.au/story/5140382/ten-drivers-busted-drink-driving-across-wagga/>

December 15 2017 – 3:30PM

**Highway Patrol want you to survive the
drive home this Christmas | Video**

▪ **Madeleine Clarke**

Wagga's Highway Patrol force are gearing up for the busy Christmas period with Operation Safe Arrival kicking off today.

Double demerits will apply from Friday, December 22 with all Traffic and Highway Patrol Command staff on duty until New Year performing random breath tests, mobile drug testing, speed enforcement and vehicle and driver compliance checks.

Acting Senior Sergeant Stephen Sivewright said the Riverina cluster will be boosted by additional resources from Sydney.

"We'll have all our vehicles out on the roads during the day and night time so the public can see us."

The Wagga Command is made up of 20 officers and nine vehicles.

"With more people going away, wanting to get there, they can get distracted by their mobile phones, we'll be out there trying to deter people from committing offences," **Sergeant Sivewright** said.

"For those travelling long distances we hope they have had at least eight hours sleep before they begin their journey, and stop every two hours or when tired.

"Personal responsibility is the key to road safety in NSW. We urge those on our roads over the school holidays, Christmas and the New Year to help us keep everyone safe on NSW roads."

Last Christmas and New Year period saw 40 people die on Australian roads, up from 34 the year before.

NSW was the worst state for fatalities, claiming 12 of the dead.

<https://www.dailyadvertiser.com.au/story/5119873/survive-the-drive-home-this-christmas-video/>

David Clarke

Story

Hi there,

I have decided to support NSW Police Legacy's largest annual fundraiser in remembrance of all deceased NSW Police Force Officers.

I'm raising funds to continue providing essential financial assistance and social programs and experiences to the widows, widowers and dependent children of deceased police officers.

Through here you can easily support this great cause.

I would also really appreciate it if you could share my page above or comment below so more people know about it.

Click '**Donate Now**' to make a secure online donation.

Thanks so much for your support!

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Stephen Sivewright

Donated AUD \$53.00 online in support of David Clarke

Good luck mate. Regards **Sivey**

April 26 2017

<https://2017remembrancebikeride.gofundraise.com.au/page/DavidClarke0>

District on display at Sydney Royal Easter Show

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Best beef

Stephen Sivewright, from Diddine Brahman Stud at South Lismore, was awarded junior and senior reserve champion bull at the Sydney show, making it three out of four Royal Easter Shows he has entered where he has won reserve champion.

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<https://www.ruralweekly.com.au/news/district-on-display/259286>

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Gavin John FREW

12/07/2018

Gavin John EW

Late of Mt Bruno, formerly of Horsham

Victoria police force

Regd. 27893

Rank: Leading Senior Constable

Stations: Broadmeadows, Ararat, Horsham and Wangaratta HWP –
Death

Service: From ? ? 1989 to 24 September 2017= ? years
Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: 26 March 1969

Died on: Sunday 24 September 2017

Age: 48

Cause: PTSD – Suicide

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: 5 October 2017 @ 10.30am

Funeral location: Our Lady's Catholic Church, corner of

Murdoch Road and White Street, Wangaratta

Buried at: Private Cremation

Funeral Director: Mason Park Funerals – 03 57215060

Memorial located at: ?



GAVIN is NOT mentioned on the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra *NEED MORE INFO

He is NOT mentioned on the VicPol Wall of Remembrance (March 2018)

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

Frew Gavin- Funeral Service Booklet – pdf

September 28 2017 – 7:00PM

Family mourns dedicated Wangaratta police officer, father and ‘lovable idiot’ Gavin Frew

• Shana Morgan

The death of Leading Senior Constable Gavin Frew has devastated his family and Wangaratta police colleagues who always found joy in his unique ways.

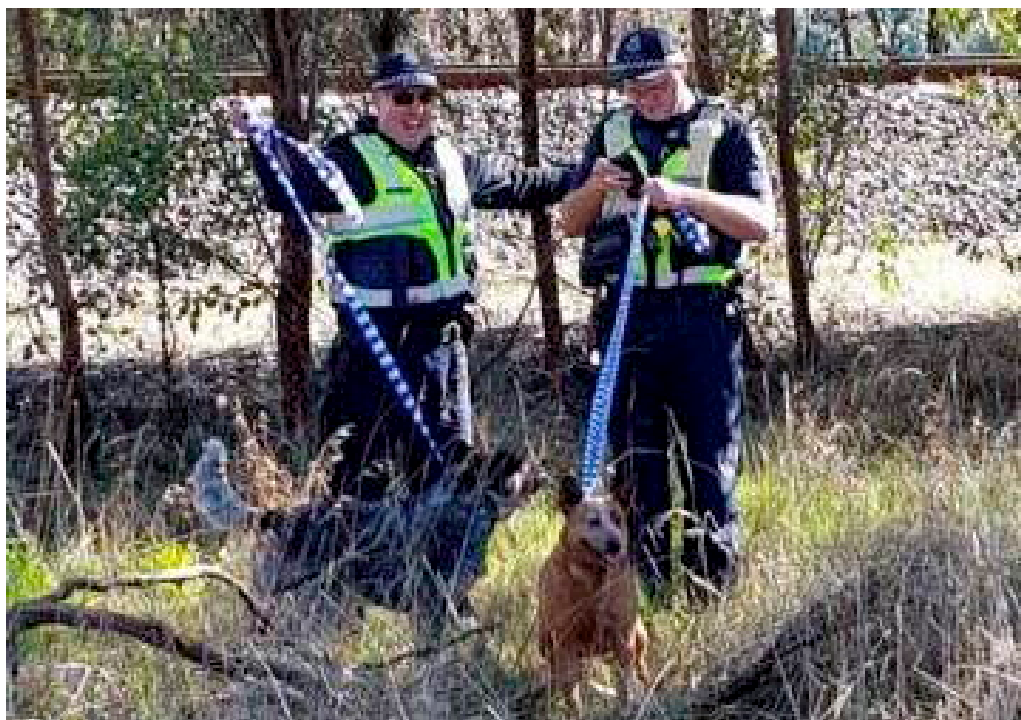
He had been stationed with the Wangaratta Highway Patrol in recent years after moving to the region from Horsham, but died this week.



Daughter Kaycee Frew said her father was her best friend.

"He was a loving husband, an amazing father and a lovable idiot to all," she said.

"His many years of service in the Victoria police brought joy to the people who worked with him – the hole left in our lives is deep and painful."



Leading Senior Constable Frew was known for his dedication to the job and sense of humour, but also suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Ms Frew described him as her “sad clown” and wanted to make him the face of the disorder within Victoria Police. His death comes as Police Remembrance Day will be commemorated on September 29.

Superintendent Paul O’Halloran said messages of sympathy for the loss of Leading Senior Constable Frew had come from the Border region and from Horsham.

“He was always quite vocal around the building ... it’s had a really significant impact,” he said.

“We’re shocked and saddened. Gavin was a well-liked and very well-respected member of the Wangaratta Highway Patrol and he’s also really well known across the force.”

Horsham-based friend Michael Ryan said Leading Senior Constable Frew was loved by all.

“He was a gorgeous young man. It was very hard to not like

him, even as a copper. He was just good to people," he said.

"There was nothing about him that was evil or mean."

Mr Ryan knew Mr Frew through their mutual involvement with Horsham Saints Football Netball Club.

"Gavin came from a fantastic family – really good community-minded people," he said.

"He was really good policeman. It takes a bit of skill and nous to be good at the job and still be at peace with your community, but he was both. We could do with a lot more people like him."

A service for Leading Senior Constable Frew will be held in Wangaratta next week.

If you or anyone you know needs help, support is available by calling Lifeline on 13 11 14.

-With Carly Werner

<http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/4955669/family-mourns-dedicated-police-officer-father-lovable-idiot/?cs=11>

Date of birth: 26 March, 1969

Date of passing: 23 September, 2017

FREW – Gavin John

(Late of Mt Bruno and formerly of Horsham)

Tragically taken too soon on Saturday September 23, 2017 aged 48 years.

Soulmate and best friend to Rebecca, Brendan, Jemma and Kaycee.

Beloved son of Neil and Maree and son-in-law to Gary and Diane.

Adored brother and brother-in-law of Jodie, Nicole, Fiona-Louise, Rodney and their families.

You left a space no-one can fill.
You were loved beyond life.

Funeral Details

Funeral Prayers for Leading Senior Constable Gavin Frew 27893 will be offered in Our Lady's Catholic Church, corner of Murdoch Road and White Street, Wangaratta on Thursday October 5, 2017 commencing at 10.30am.

A Private Cremation will follow this Service.

POLICE HONOURS

In lieu of flowers, a donation made to the Starlight Foundation for Rosie Carroll would be greatly appreciated. Donation envelopes will be available at the Church.

October 5 2017 – 4:00PM

The final salute of respect for much-loved Wangaratta police officer Gavin Frew

▪ Shana Morgan

The emotional, and at times funny, funeral for **Leading Senior Constable Gavin Frew** was a fitting tribute to the well-loved Wangaratta police officer.

His colleagues lined **White Street** after the service on **Thursday** in a **guard of honour**, saluting his casket and family

members as a final mark of respect.

Leading Senior Constable Frew's death came as a shock to those around him, and wife **Bec Frew** thanked the hundreds of people at the funeral for their support to keep her strong.

"If everybody just took on that little bit of love and happiness, and shared it with everyone around them, what a wonderful world it would be," she said

"You were my other half, my soulmate, my anchor in so many storms ... You made our world a better place, you will be forever in our hearts."

He was remembered as a proud father, larrikin big brother, devoted friend and although he was constantly making those around him laugh on and off the job, he was the ultimate professional as a police officer.

A police procession ends what has been a lovely funeral service for Wangaratta LSC Gavin Frew today.

@bordermailpic.twitter.com/uljCtorEol

– Shana Morgan (@shana_morgan) October 5, 2017[/code]

Daughter **Kaycee Frew** said the day was a chance to "celebrate the life of a very loved idiot".



Kaycee Frew September 24, 2017 · It hurts my soul to inform you all that my best mate Gavin has left us too soon. I will miss you forever. Thanks for helping to make me the amazing person I am today. Miss you so much already Dad. Rest easy my Gangster. ♥️

“My dad had the amazing ability to make people laugh in any circumstance, especially under serious ones. His cheeky smile and quirky personality is what we’ll all miss the most,” she said.

Leading Senior Constable Frew graduated the police academy in 1989, passing the final fitness test despite a broken collarbone he suffered while trying to do a stand-up somersault after winning a football final.

He served in Broadmeadows, Ararat and Horsham, before moving to Wangaratta in 2012.

Most of the speakers at the funeral recounted Leading Senior Constable Frew’s favourite piece of trivia he would constantly ask family, friends, colleagues and even people he pulled over on the road: when was the Battle of Hastings?

Wangaratta Highway Patrol Sergeant Michael Connors confirmed the legend that the officer was always looking for a motorist who knew the right answer, 1066. "If they got that correct, there was a chance of them getting a warning," he said.

Leading Senior Constable Frew's call sign "**Wangaratta 610**" has been retired as a mark of respect.

Thursday's service was also attended by **Acting Chief Commissioner Andrew Crisp** and **Acting Assistant Commissioner Clive Rust**.

Donations to the **Starlight Children's Foundation** were being collected by the family in lieu of flowers.

Police 'macho culture' needs to change

Leading Senior Constable Gavin Frew was a man of extraordinary light and good humour, but he was also one of many police officers who suffered **post-traumatic stress disorder**.

His family now want to raise awareness of the condition.

Long-time friend **Anthony Hoffmann** told Thursday's service about the many good times he had with Leading Senior Constable Frew, but said things had to change when it came to dealing with **PTSD**.

"Over the years we'd always get together and trade some war stories – some funny, some not so funny – but we'd never talk about how these moments affected us, I guess mainly because silently we did not want to appear weak," he said.

"This is wrong and we need to change this attitude.

"If there's one thing we can and should take away from this tragedy, it's that we need to change this macho culture and to learn to talk and to ask for help when we need it, otherwise we'll needlessly lose more sons, daughters, husbands, wives,

fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters – enough is enough.

“I implore you to take this message away today: life is precious and our time here short, so we owe it to our loved ones to be the best we can, but we can’t do that alone so it’s time to man up and be honest with those around you.

“Don’t wait to be asked, just please ask for help if you need it.”

Mr Hoffmann said his friend was a very courageous man, looking out for team mates on the football field and in other parts of life.

“He never took a backwards step, even when the odds were stacked against him,” he said.

If you or anyone you know needs help, support is available by calling Lifeline on 13 11 14.





SPECIAL MAN: Leading Senior Constable Gavin Frew was remembered as an “idiot to all and loved by everyone”.







GUARD OF HONOUR: Wangaratta, Horsham and police command officers along White Street after Thursday's funeral.
Pictures: MARK JESSER



<http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/4969368/the-final-salute-of-respect-for-much-loved-police-officer-gavin-frew/#slide=9>

ST. MICHAEL'S CRICKET CLUB

C Grade Premiers 1988/89

St. Michael's 149 & 123 outright tied Jung City 82 & 189



Back Row: Gavin Frew, John Lane, Peter Avery, Michael Ryan (President), Nick Orchard, Ray Eldridge, Anthony Hoffmann
Front Row: Brendan Bush, Paul Magee, Andrew Harrington, Phil Freijah (Captain), Mike Toone, Laurie Vallance

Horsham Saints Cricket Club

Like This Page · September 26, 2017 ·

Vale Gavin Frew.

This morning I learnt of the untimely passing of Gavin Frew who by his own words couldn't bat and couldn't bowl.

Gavin played just the 20 matches for the club for 68 runs (HS 26) but he did return for our premiership reunions earlier this year as a member of the C Grade 1988/89 premiership team.

Gavin was a Vicpol member here in Horsham before heading up to Wangaratta.

On behalf of the Horsham Saints (formally St. Michael's) Cricket Club we pass on our condolences to his family. – Trent King, Secretary

Remember is ok to not be ok.

It's always okay to ask for help.

If you notice mates acting strange it doesn't hurt to ask if they are okay.

□ with Mike Toone.

Garin COLLINS

12/07/2018

Garin COLLINS

Late of ?

Western Australia Police Force

Regd. # 11141

Rank: Senior Constable

Stations: ?

Service: From ? ? ? to ? ? ? = ?
years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? ?

Died on: "possibly" Wednesday 28
February 2018

Age: ?

Cause: Suicide

Event location: Joondalup, W.A.

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Thursday 8 March 2018 @
10am

Funeral location: West Chapel, Pinnaroo
Valley Crematorium, Whitfords & Gibsons
Ave

IF YOU CAN, PLEASE WEAR SOMETHING GREEN

& any Hibby's out there, if you want to
wear strips or scarves – please feel free
to do so.

Funeral Parlour: TBA

Buried at: ?TBA

Memorial located at: ?TBA



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

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BLUE HOPE

Ladies and Gents,

Its with heavy hearts that we advise of the passing of highly respected **former WAPOL Senior Constable Garin Collins 11141**, who sadly **took his own life** at Joondalup in Perth's north earlier this week.

Our deepest and sincere condolences to Garin's family, friends and to his life long blue brothers and sisters.

Lets not dwell on how he died, but rather how he lived...

February 28, 2018 by JUFC Media

JUFC to wear black armbands as mark of respect for former player Garin Collins

Joondalup United is saddened to hear news of the passing of former midfielder Garin Collins earlier this week.

Edinburgh native Collins was an integral part of the JUFC team which won the 2014 State League Division Two title without losing a game.



Dubbed 'The Invincibles' for their achievement, the talented side conquered the Division at the first attempt following their promotion from the Amateur League, and Collins was the Coach's Player of the Year.

"Garin was different class the year we went unbeaten in State League Division Two and he easily won our Coach's Player of the Year," said JUFC NPL Operations Manager Rudy Proctor, who was part of the first team coaching staff at the time.

"His quality on the ball and will to win were on another level; when he crossed that white line all that mattered to him was winning and he dragged his team mates along with him.

“He would run through a brick wall for his team mates and coaching staff to get three points.”

As well as JUFC, Collins played for a number of Perth clubs, including Floreat Athena, ECU Joondalup, Quinns and Cockburn City, during an excellent career at State League level.

“We are all gutted at JUFC, and we especially gutted for his young children and his family in both Scotland and Australia,” said Proctor.

“Our thoughts are also with his best mate and current JUFC player Ross Edwards, I have no idea how those close to him must be feeling but we are all thinking of them and will do what we can to make things easier in any way possible.

“Rest in peace, Garin, you will forever be a JUFC Invincible.”

JUFC’s NPL first team will wear black armbands as a tribute to Collins for this Saturday’s game against Bayswater City, and everyone at the club offers their condolences to his family and friends.

May he rest in peace.

If you need to talk for any reason, don’t hesitate to contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or MensLine 1300 78 99 78.









<https://www.jufc.com.au/jufc-black-armbands-former-player-garin-collins/>

Richard Kreider

February 28 at 9:54pm

RIP GARIN COLLINS

West Australian football is in shock following the sudden death of the likeable Scot Garin Collins.

The left-sided frontman first played for Sorrento in 1994 and over the years turned out for such clubs as ECU Joondalup, Bassendean Caledonian, Floreat Athena, Mandurah City, Wanneroo City, Joondalup United, Canning City and Quinns winning many awards along the journey.

He was an integral part of 'The Invincibles' when Joondalup United clinched the 2014 State League D2 championship without defeat – after shifting from the amateur ranks the season prior. Proof of his impact came in the form of the Coach's Player of the Year award.

"His quality on the ball and will to win were on another level," said Rudy Proctor, Joondalup's NPL Operations Manager.

A Hibbees fan from Edinburgh, Garin passed away earlier this week – he had turned 38 last month.

JUFC's NPL first team will wear black armbands against Bayswater City this Saturday.

The Western Australian football family offers its deepest sympathy to Garin's family and friends.

If you need to talk for any reason, don't hesitate to contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or MensLine 1300 78 99 78.

Pic and stats: Courtesy Brett Klucznik.



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The University of Western Australia

University News

Feeling safe on campus

Thursday, 23 May 2013

'Look out for the vest: we'll do the rest' could be the motto of the new contract security staff who are now patrolling the

Crawley campus.

The University now employs security guards 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They wear blue vests with bands of red and white checks to ensure staff and students notice them and know they can ask them for help.

Garin Collins, a UWA staff duty officer and field supervisor, said there was a fine line between providing a presence and unnecessarily interrupting people as they work.

"But we want everybody to know we are here to help," he said. "I think, at first, people weren't approaching us because they thought we were parking inspectors!"

The contract staff constantly patrol the campus four at a time – in two pairs. They are part of a complete security upgrade being implemented by Bob Leaver.

Mr Leaver has been the Manager of Security for 18 months and is completing a new master plan for the University.

"It started with a lot of staff training, then we got the Wilsons Security contract guards on board," he said. "We are in the process of creating improved response services and hoping to get an electric vehicle to make our night time escort service quicker and more efficient and enhance response capabilities to incidents and emergencies."

The most visible change is that security guards are now also on duty during daylight hours. There were only night shifts before the new regime.

"We'll find that our incident statistics will increase," Mr Leaver said. "But that doesn't necessarily mean more crime on campus. It means we are detecting more incidents and dealing more efficiently with crime and problems."

He said the guards recently made a citizen's arrest of a man who was trying to break into a vending machine near the Maths

building recently.

“The evening patrol noticed the locks had been tampered with and they assumed whoever had done that would come back. So we put on extra patrols the next day and the man came back with a drill to drill out the lock – and he was arrested.

“That could not have happened last year, without security staff working in daylight hours,” Mr Leaver said.

The contract staff provide the foot patrols; the UWA staff supervise and help them, and are available for emergencies.

Mr Collins said he thought students were slowly getting used to seeing the uniformed guards around the campus and even inside some areas such as libraries. “At first, it was like seeing police walking through your work area. You ask: What’s happening? Now they realise nothing’s happening, but I hope they are feeling safe.”

Mr Leaver said the new guards were high quality employees who had a focus on customer service, had good education and experience, and were able to deal with any incidents.

He said he anticipated that the new security plan would eventually include improved closed circuit television cameras, ‘Help’ points and lighting to make the campus even safer.

<http://www.news.uwa.edu.au/201305235686/features/feeling-safe-campus>

Thomas Edward BACON

12/07/2018

Thomas Edward BACON

Late of ?

Unknown Australian Police Force

Regd. #

Rank: ?

Stations: ?

Service: From ? ? ? to ? ? ? = ?
years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? 1935 – 36

Died on: ? November 2017

Age: 82

Cause: Suicide – firearm – .38 Smith &
Wesson – to the throat

Event location: Bang Khun Thian,
Ekachai Soi 88, Bangkok

Event date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? ?

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Retired Aussie policeman shot himself because he “didn’t want to be a burden”

By webfact, November 20 in Bangkok News

Posted November 20

Retired Aussie policeman shot himself because he “didn’t want to be a burden”

Bang Khun Thian police were called to a condominium in Ekachai Soi 88 in Bangkok on Saturday after reports that a foreigner had shot himself.

In the sixth floor room on a bed they found 82 year old Thomas Edward Bacon (name transliterated from Thai) with a single

gunshot wound to the throat from a .38 gun.

On a table was a suicide note. It read: "I don't want to be a burden for anyone to look after".

The victim's wife Thanakorn Lomrat, 54, who owns the condominium, said that her husband was a former policeman. He came to Thailand twenty years ago but his health had deteriorated and he had many illnesses.

Recently he had suffered diabetes that had affected his eyesight and was barely able to walk.

The body was sent for autopsy and the embassy have been informed.

Source: Daily News

<https://www.thaivisa.com/forum/topic/1012114-retired-aussie-policeman-shot-himself-because-he-didnt-want-to-be-a-burden/>

<https://www.samuitimes.com/retired-aussie-policeman-shot-didnt-want-burden/>
