Ashley John HARDIN

14/09/2014

Ashley John HARDIN

aka Bull

(late of Captains Flat)

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?????

Rank: Constable

Stations: Sutherland L.A.C. (Menai & Sutherland) – 1996 – 1998

Awards: ?

Service: From ? to 14 September 1998 = ? years Service

Born: Wednesday 5 November 1975

Died: Monday 14 September 1998

Age: 22 years, 10 months, 9 days

Event date: 14 September 1998 at Darkes Forest (Illawarra

Highlands)

Cause: Illness – Depression – Suicide by Service revolver

Event location: Darkes Forest (Illawarra Highlands)

Funeral date: Friday 19 September 1998

Funeral location: Anglican Church, Sutherland

Grave location: Cremated

Ashley is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

Constable Ashley John HARDIN, NSWPF

Ashley HARDIN, aka Bull, died as the result of a gun shot wound to the head with his service revolver.

He committed suicide as a result of how Police management treated him in relation to a 181D (show cause why his employment should not be terminated).

The NSW Police Commissioner at the time was Peter Ryan.

NEW SOUTH WALES
POLICE
QUIDQUID POENA FERMIT COMES
- ASHLEY JOHN HARDIN -
"BULL"
5 November 1975 - 14 September 1998
ALWAYS REMEMBERED BY
YOUR FRIENDS AT
SUTHERLAND LOCAL AREA COMMAND

Plaque in the Muster Room of Sutherland Police Station in memory of Ashley John HARDIN

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14 September 2015:

Ray Lambie: Gosh it is bad today! I went to Sutherland in 1998 & I was a team leader there. Bull was on my team and had suffered a malicious complaint arising from a domestic dispute that had occurred **prior** to his entry to the academy. Every time the domestic dispute was re visited a complaint was lodged with NSWPOL. He was cleared to enter the job, cleared whilst in the job on a number of occasions. In 1998 when the domestic complaint was raised again PIAB decided to give Bull a 181D ostensibly to make him do the work to get out of the complaint merry go round. He was suspended. He one day came in and took his service revolver to Darks Forest and committed suicide. On the day of his funeral I returned to the Sutherland Police Station and submitted my resignation. An absolute disgrace.

Noel John LOVES

14/09/2014

Noel John LOVES

late of Towradgi, NSW

New South Wales Police Force

Senior Sergeant

Regd. # ?

Stations: Wollongong Rescue Squad, Corrimal.

Born 24 December 1939

Died 2 August 1989

49 old

Funeral: ? Bulli General Cemetery, Carrington St.
Portion: GoM, Row 3

Further information needed.

John COADY

14/09/2014

John COADY

New South Wales Police Force

Sub-Inspector

Stationed at: Wingham – 2 years, Taree – 9 years,

Kempsey – 6 years, Scone until 1906 – Retired

late of Woollahra

Joined NSW Police Force – Mounted Police

83 old

Died 1920

Laid to Rest in the Vault, with his wife, at Waverley Cemetery.

OBITUARY.

Sub-Inspector John Coady.

On the 12th ult., at his residence, 26 Edgecliffe-road, Woollahra, John Coady, late Sub-inspector of Police, Scone, passed to his reward, at the age of 83. He was only six days ill before his death.

The late sub-inspector was a native of Freshford, County Kilkenny, Ireland, and came to New South Wales in 1860, allured thither by the gold fever 0f those days.

He spent several years on the Gulf diggings at Moruya, and afterwards joined the mounted police. From the Sydney depot he was sent to Wingham, Manning River, as senior-constable in-charge. After, two years he was transferred to the charge of Taree. There he remained nine years, and was promoted to Kempsey; and, after six years in Kempsey, was transferred to Scone, where he remained until 1906, when he retired from active service, and lived ever since at Woollahra.

He had an honourable and striking record of service well rendered, and of duty well fulfilled. He had many thrilling stories to tell of encounters with bush rangers and notorious criminals — notably, the famous Fred Ward, the bushranger (known us Thunderbolt), the Dora Dora blacks, the Breelong blacks, and others. As a bushman, the late sub-inspector was famous, and it was largely due to his close pursuit that Thunderbolt had to quit the coast districts of the Manning and Hastings rivers, and confine his operations to the tablelands, where he was finally captured, at Guyra. On one occasion, the ex-sub-inspector tracked Thunderbolt to Tomalla Tops, the plateau whence the Hunter, the Manning, the Barrington, and other rivers take their rise. On that occasion he captured the camp of the bushranger, but Thunderbolt made good his escape. The ex-sub-inspector was often heard to tell how he’d have caught the bushranger, too, but his mount was too slow on the

mountain side. Thunderbolt was remarkable for the splendid horses he always rode. On that occasion 13 horses were taken at the bushranger’s camp and brought to Taree, where they were sold by public auction.

The deceased was the father of a large family. His wife predeceased him by two years. His son, James, died some years before, as also did his daughter, Sister Mary Ignatius, who died at Moree three years ago. He leaves three sons and four daughters to mourn their loss. They are Rev. Father J. J. Coady, P.P., Taree. Rev. Mother Francis, Brigidine Convent, Cooma; Sister Mary Francis, superior of the Convent of Mercy, Narrabri ; and Sister Mary Raymund, Dominican Convent, Strathfield ; Mary and Vincent, Woollahra ; and William, Queensland.

During the last 13 years he was a familiar figure at the Holy Cross Church, Bondi Junction. He was always at morning Mass, and was a daily communicant. His death was as holy as his life. The Rev. Father Smith administered the last Sacraments several hours before he died, and he was conscious right to the end. His remains were laid to rest in the **vault** at the **Waverley Cemetery**, where rests the remains of his late beloved and faithful **wife**.— R.I.P.

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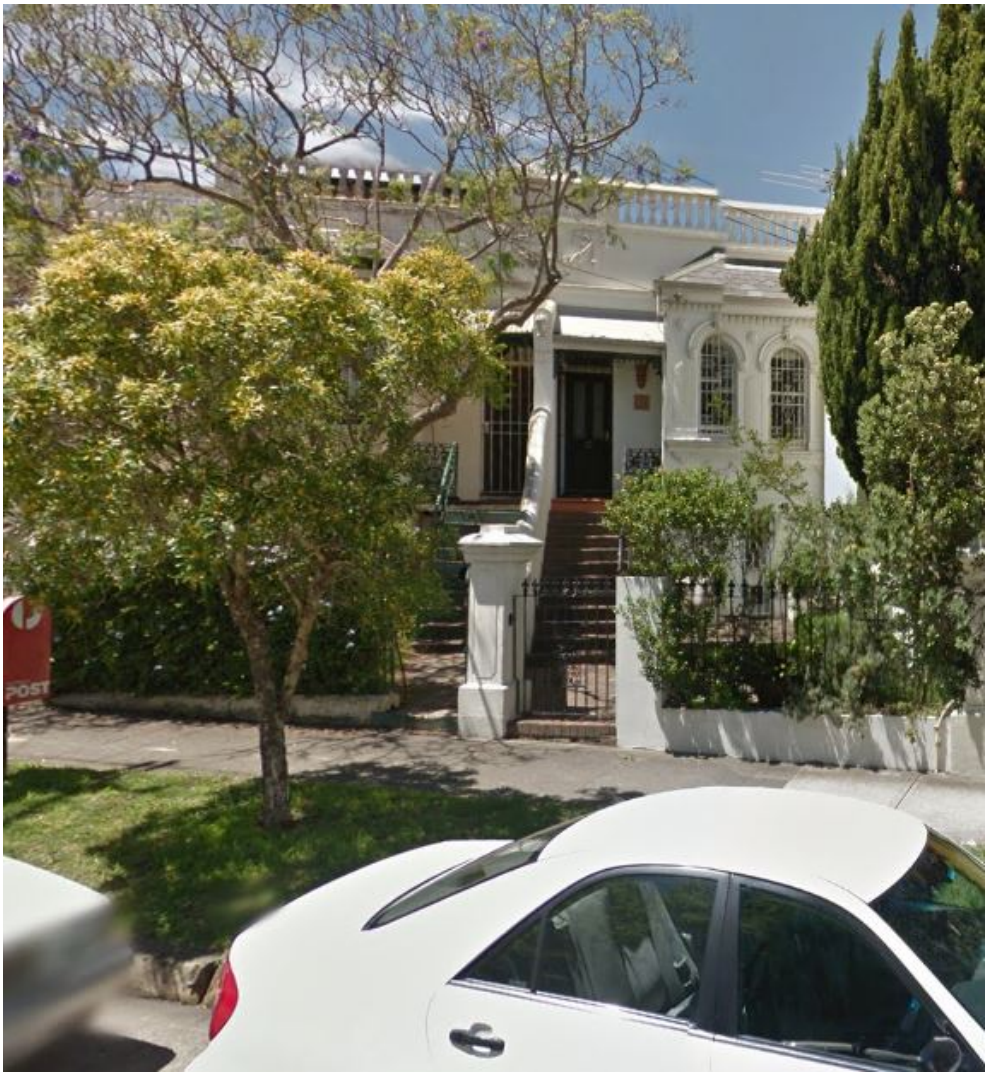
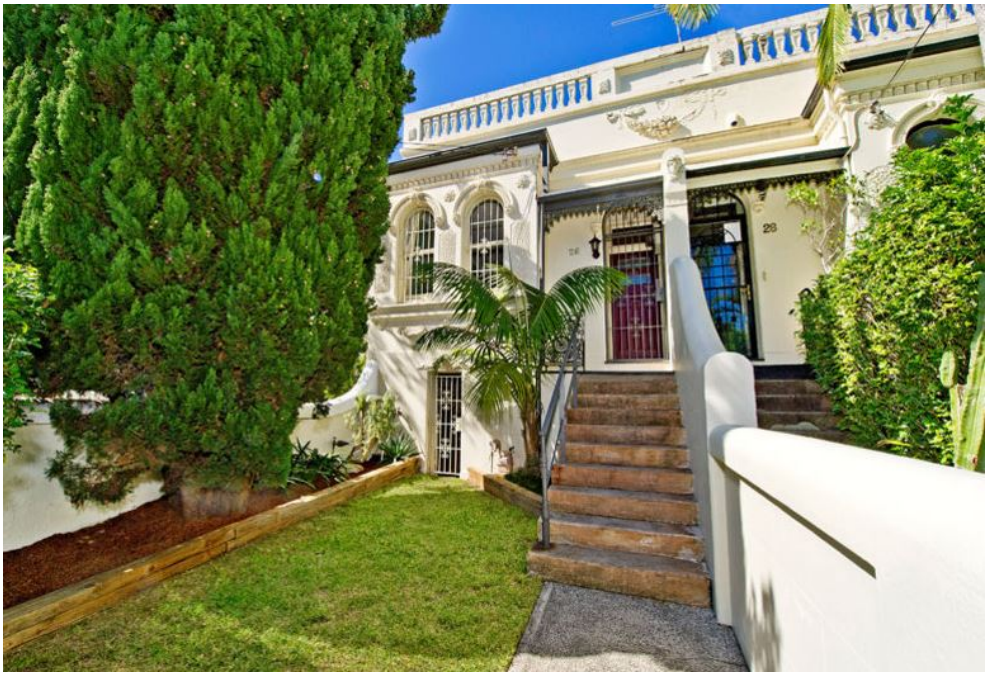


Home of John COADY – 26 Edgecliff Rd, Woollahra, NSW



Home of John COADY – 26 Edgecliff Rd, Woollahra, NSW

James SMITH

14/09/2014

James SMITH

New South Wales Police Force

Sub Inspector

Joined the NSW Police Force in 15 January 1868 – Mounted Police

Previously stationed at: Maitland (2 years), Singleton,

Wollombi as Senior Constable,

Muswellbrook as Sergeant

April 1883 – promoted to Senior-Sergeant

1891 – promoted to Sub-Inspector

27 years Service

Illness – Suicide – Firearm

Born 1846 ??

Died Thursday 31 December 1896 around 8am

50 old

Funeral 2 January 1897

leaves behind a wife & 7 children

Grave of Sub-Inspector James SMITH

Grave of Sub-Inspector James SMITH

Narrabri Cemetery

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James Smith was a brother of Mr. G. Smith of Oak Farm, Rosemonte, near Goulburn, NSW, and his father, who died a few years ago, was a well-known gardener of that place.

Father's name: George

Mother's name: Isabella

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW) Friday **1 January 1897** page 5 of 8

SUICIDE BY A SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

This morning Sub-inspector James Smith, the **officer in charge** of the **Narrabri police district**, was found dead. A report of a shot was heard and deceased's son, who rushed into the room, found his father lying on the bed with a **revolver** on his breast. From appearances that weapon had exploded in the mouth and the bullet had passed into the brain. During the past fortnight Mr. Smith had been indisposed, and it is stated that when unwell he always became very despondent and developed symptoms of melancholia. Only one chamber of the

revolver was discharged, and death was apparently instantaneous. Deceased was 50 years of age. He joined the police force 27 years ago, and, beginning as a constable, worked his way up to his present rank. During the past **six years** he has had charge of the **Narrabri police district**. Deceased leaves a widow and seven children. An inquest was opened at the courthouse this morning and adjourned till Monday.

Later particulars of the death of Sub-inspector Smith show that the deceased **left three letters**, one addressed to his wife, the second to Mr Kenyon, P. M., (Police Magistrate) and the third to Mr A. R. Stafford, of Barry and Stafford. In one letter he stated that he felt his **mind** was **becoming unhinged** and preferred death to living the remainder of his life in an asylum. The deceased had arranged all his affairs, leaving everything provided for. The Masons will accord the deceased a Masonic funeral, which takes place tomorrow morning. The family are left provided for.

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Singleton Argus (NSW) Saturday **2 January 1897** page 2 of 6

The Late Sub-Inspector Smith.

Many old residents of Singleton will regret to hear of the death of Police Sub-Inspector James Smith at Narrabri, an account of whose tragic end is published in another column. Sub-Inspector Smith joined the police force about 1868, and after doing duty at Maitland for about two years he was

transferred to Singleton, where he remained for some time under Inspector Thorpe, and afterwards he was stationed at Wollombi with the rank of senior-constable.

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Singleton Argus (NSW) Saturday **2 January 1897** page 6 of 6

SUICIDE OF A SUB-INSPECTOR.

Sub-Inspector James Smith who has had charge of the division at Narrabri aged 50 years, committed suicide on Thursday. He got up as usual, and went round the barracks, and at 8 o'clock went back to his bedroom. A few minutes later Senior-Sergeant Thomas Clarke, hearing a report of firearms rushed into the bedroom, and found the sub-inspector stretched on his bed with a bullet wound in his head. Death was instantaneous. The revolver was quite hot when the sergeant took it from the dead man's hand. The only cause that ran be assigned for the terrible deed is that the sub-inspector had been ailing for the last three weeks, and his wife has also been ill for some time, and is at the present moment in a very bad condition.

Great surprise was expressed locally at the news, and also regret. Sub-Inspector Smith was well liked both in his official and private capacity. He was a member of the Masonic order, and also the M.U. (Manchester Unity) Order of Oddfellows. The deceased inspector joined the mounted police on **January 15, 1868**. On leaving the depot in Sydney he was

sent to the north-western district, being first stationed at Maitland. From that place he was transferred to Muswellbrook as sergeant, and was promoted to senior-sergeant in **April, 1883**. In **1891** Mr Smith attained the rank he held at the time of his death, and was appointed to the Narrabri sub-district.

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The Maitland Weekly Mercury (NSW) Saturday 2 January 1897 page 3 of 16

Suicide of Sub-Inspector Smith at Narrabri.

Narrabri, Thursday

Great excitement prevailed in town this morning when a report became current that police Sub-Inspector James Smith had committed suicide at his residence between 8 and 9 o'clock by shooting himself through the head with a revolver, death being instantaneous. The report was immediately confirmed, and the particulars furnished go to show that the Sub-Inspector had been suffering from some slight illness for the past week, and had been subject to fits of melancholia for some time previous, but the commission of such a rash act was never dreamed of by his friends. The greatest sympathy is felt for his wife and family. An inquiry will be held during the day. Alater telegram states that Mr. Smith got up as usual, and went round the barracks. At 8 0'clock he went back to his bedroom, and a few minutes later Senior-Sergeant Clarke,

hearing the report of firearms, rushed into the bedroom and found the Sub-Inspector stretched on his bed with a bullet wound in the head. Death had been instantaneous, and tbe revolver was quite hot when the Sergeant took it from the dead man's hand. The only cause assigned for the terrible deed is that the Sub- Inspector has been ailing for the last three weeks, and his wife had also been ill for some, and at the present moment is in a very bad condition. Great surprise is expressed in town at the news, also regret. Mr. Smith was well-liked both in his official and private capacity. He was a member of the Masonic Order, and also of the Manchester Unity Order of Oddfellows. The late Mr. James Smith, or " Long Smith " as he was generally called by other members of the force to distinguish him from another officer of the same name, was well-known in the Maitland district, where the news of his death will create some excitement. Mr. Smith joined the police force about the year 1868, so that he had served 28 years and would in the natural course of events have retired in a couple of years' time. In the 70's he was stationed at Singleton under Inspector Thorpe, who has since retired, and later with the rank of senior-constable he was in charge at Wollombi. He was also stationed at several other places, and for a number of years prior to 1896 be was a senior-sergeant at Muswellbrook, in which year he was superseded by Senior-sergeant Cowan, now of East Maitland. Mr. Smith then went to Narrabri, with the rank of sub-inspector in charge of the sub-district of Narrabri, which is a most important one, including as it does Moree. During the miners' strike at Greta, Mr. Smith was one of the officers engaged there. He was 50 years of age, and, as stated in our telegram, leaves a wife and family. Mr. Smith was a fine soldierly man in appearance, and was a noted strict disciplinarian.

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Harry BRENNAN GM

14/09/2014

Harry BRENNAN GM

aka Henry, Bren

Late of Caringbah, NSW

Penrith Police Academy Class # 018

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 6424

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 13 June 1949 (aged 21 years 3 months, 11 days)

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 1 June 1966

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 14 September 1973

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 14 March 1976

Chief Inspector – appointed 30 September 1984 (1985 Stud Book)

Does NOT appear in the 1988 Stud Book

Retired – Chief Inspector

Stations: ?, 15 Division HWP (1970s), Sutherland (24 Division), ?

Service: From ? ? pre June 1949 to 1 March 1988 = 39 years of Service

Age at Retirement: 59 years, 11 months, 28 days

Time in Retirement: 26 years, 3 months, 0 days

Awards: **G**eorge **M**edal (Imperial)(**GM**) – granted 22 November 1955 for apprehension of armed man (Constable)

National Medal – granted 8 June 1988 (Chief Inspector)

Born: Friday 2 March 1928

Died on: Sunday 1 June 2014

Age: 86 years, 2 months, 30 days

Funeral date: Friday 6 June 2014 @ 9am

Funeral location: Woronora Crematorium, Sutherland, NSW

Buried at: Cremated

Interred 1 August 2014 – HENRY KENDALL GARDENS – ROSE GARDEN 40 – Position 0056

Henry BRENNAN

Lest we forget

How is this for a group of legends?
Around ’75 and Harry BRENNAN is giving the Maroubra HWP people a stir up, Bob ALLGOOD is behind him, Stevo Bill White and Jerry AMBROSE. Four out of the six have gone.

Harry (Henry) BRENNAN GM, 86 old, former Regd. No. 6424, an Unattached member of Caringbah.

Henry passed away on 01/06/2014 and his funeral is proposed to be held at 9am on Friday 6th Instant at Southern Chapel, Woronora Crematorium, SUTHERLAND

Funeral location: Dress is winter uniform (leather jacket) plus full size medals. For plain clothes Police it is suitable day dress with medals.

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Not all names come up in the 1968 ‘ Stud Book ‘ Inscription: Traffic cyclists L – R: Jack ” Happy Jack ” **AGNEW** (NSWPF # ???), Col ” Smoothie ” **COGLE**, Joe **Dainer**, Max ” Slobber ”

Robertson, Harry ” Bren ” **BRENNAN** (NSWPF # 6424), John **Ackroyd**, Charlie **Spicer** (NSWPF # 7263?), Dino **Tallon**, Brian ‘ Boofa ” **Skyes** and Wally ” Sockeye ” **Salmon**. Names are from an article in an old Retired Police Journal by Harry **BRENNAN**, which featured the photo. I am guessing mid 60’s, leather caps have given way to black helmets and BMW’s instead of the earlier Triumphs. Looks like Centennial Park – possibly on delivery of the BMW’s??? https://www.flickr.com/photos/nswpoliceforce/5599527423/in/photostream/

Police outside Prince Henry Hospital confer on moves in the search for the gunman. On the left is Constable Harry Brennan who exchanged shots with the gunman.

Constable Harry Brennan – 14 October 1954

Two Policemen Shot In Wild 80-m.p.h. Chase Across City:

Dragnet Out For Gunman

In Sydney's biggest manhunt hundreds of police last night and early this morning were searching for a gunman who had shot and wounded two police, during an 80-mile-an-hour chase through eastern and southern suburbs.

The gunman wounded Sergeant Neville Townsend and Constable John Melton (both of Bondi).

Sergeant Townsend was shot in the ring finger of the right hand, which was later amputated.

Constable Melton was shot under the left arm.

Police have been told that earlier the gunman fired five shots over the head of a woman at Manly and threatened to shoot her dead.

He then made off in a grey sedan car with a Victorian number-plate.

Constable Harry Brennan, a motor cyclist of the Safety Bureau, heard the description of the car over the police radio.

He was patrolling Bondi Promenade five minutes later when he saw the wanted car being driven slowly past him.

The driver saw that he was being followed but he still did not hurry.

SOUNDED SIREN

Constable Brennan sounded his siren as they passed Bondi

Police Station.

The crew of the Bondi police truck – Sergeant Townsend, Constable Melton and Constable Len Ryan – heard the siren and ran out.

They jumped in the truck and joined in the chase.

The truck drew level with the car at the end of Blair Street. The car driver leant out and the shooting started.

Police said that Sergeant Townsend's handcuffs saved his life. A bullet fired by the gunman passed through Sergeant Townsend's clothing and struck his handcuffs, hanging from his belt.

The handcuffs deflected the bullet, which only grazed the skin around Sergeant Townsend's ribs.

A second bullet hit him on the hand.

A shot passed through Constable Ryan's cap just above the badge.

Another shot broke a glass wind deflector.

Police in the truck, Constable Brennan, and the driver were firing together at one stage.

One bullet whistled past Constable Brennan's face. Constable Melton, who was driving the van, had his revolver ready but did not fire any shots. He received a bullet under the left arm, but continued to drive the van while Constable Ryan called other police cars to the scene.

When the other cars arrived the Bondi police van pulled out of the chase and took the injured officers to St. Vincent's Hospital.

The man fired about seven shots. Constable Brennan did not know that the police in the truck had been hit. He chased the

car when the driver, apparently having emptied his magazine, stopped firing and increased his speed.

Police think that the man must have reloaded while driving.

The car entered Birriga Road, slewed round at a bend and nearly overturned.

Constable Brennan, who was following close behind, nearly crashed into the side of the car.

The driver leant out and fired a shot point blank at Constable Brennan but it missed.

The chase continued through Bondi Junction, along Oxford Street, down Lang Road into Robb Road and into Anzac Parade.

CYCLE HIT

In Robb Road, approaching Centennial Park, Constable Brennan drew close to the racing car. The man slowed down suddenly and swerved across the road.

The car struck Constable Brennan's motor cycle and sent it careering sideways, but he managed to keep it from crashing.

The man leaned out of the window and fired a shot at Constable Brennan.

The car then entered Anzac Parade at Moore Park and headed south and the man fired two more shots both of which missed.

A car in Anzac Parade near Cleveland Street was struck and hurled on to the footpath.

Soon after the fugitive car crashed into another car and then almost immediately scraped past the front of another car.

The driver braked just in time to stop a serious crash.

The fugitive swerved repeatedly in attempts to wreck Constable Brennan’s motor cycle.

Constable Brennan fired five shots during the chase and he thinks several of them hit the car.

The car was travelling at about 80 m.p.h. when it approached Prince Henry Hospital.

Constable Brennan raised his pistol to fire the last shot in the magazine, but the bullet jammed in the barrel.

The car then swerved hard to the right past St. Michael’s Golf Course. Constable Brennan had to stop when his pistol became useless.

He ran into the hospital and called for reinforcements.

A man who resembled the fugitive was seen at Yarra Bay about 10.30 p.m. and shortly afterwards near Bunnerong Power-house.

Practically every available police car in Sydney was sent to the La Perouse and Bunnerong area.

Hundreds of police, armed with pistols and “shot guns,” began to search St. Michael’s golf course and the surrounding area.

It was thought the gunman might have taken cover on the golf course.

“FROGMAN”

About midnight police began to think that the fugitive had slipped through their cordon.

The man is believed to know the area very well and in the few minutes he had after escaping from Constable Brennan he might have had time to double back possibly by the road running between Bunnerong power station and Botany Bay.

This would have enabled him to reach Botany Road and reach the southern suburbs while he was still thought to be at La Perouse.

The man is said to be an accomplished “frogman” and a strong swimmer. Police think he could have swum out to a ship or yacht anchored in Botany Bay.

Early to-day police were searching a tanker anchored in Botany Bay.

A police launch from Blakehurst was speeding to Botany Bay to assist in the search.

POLICE PUZZLED

Police are puzzled by the fact that they have not been able to find the grey car, which is believed to be bullet scarred.

Detectives have considered the possibility that the man realised he could not escape unobserved in the car and drove it over the cliffs before trying to escape on foot.

Using searchlights they began a yard by yard search last night of the cliff edges for tyre marks.

Squads of police made an intensive search of caravans, humpies, sheds, backyards, and other buildings at Yarra Bay and nearby.

Other police searched among the tombstones of the Botany cemetery.

Aborigines from the settlement assisted police in the search.

Police, outside Prince Henry Hospital confer on moves in the search for the gunman. On the left is Constable Harry Brennan who exchanged shots with the gunman.

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Sunday Mail (Brisbane, Qld) Sunday 17 October 1954 page 1 of 36

‘DON’T SHOOT’ : GUNMAN’S PLEA TO POLICE AT CAPTURE
HUNT ENDS ON THIRD DAY

Offender — Robert Brown

SYDNEY— After the grimmest manhunt New South Wales has known Robert Michael Brown, 20, surrendered to two young police officers on Bushrangers' Hill, in the Sydney suburb, Newport, at 11.25 a.m. yesterday. Brown, who was dirty arid dishevelled, was hiding in a crevice under a clump of bushes when the police arrested him.

CONSTALBE Clive Curtayne . . . *ordered the gunman to surrender.*

With their guns drawn, the two policemen, Constables Clive Curtayne and George Spowart, stood over Brown as he crouched in the bushes and ordered him to surrender.

"Throw up your hands and submit quietly or we will shoot," Constable Curtayne ordered. Rising slowly to his feet and with both hands' in the air, Brown said: "I've had it. Don't shoot. You're too good. I'm all in. Give me a break. I've thrown my gun away. I'll go quietly." Brown's capture was the climax to the biggest search on land, sea, and air in the history of New South Wales. He had been at liberty for 62½ hours. The police search for Brown began on Wednesday night after two police men had been shot in a running gun battle between Bondi and La Perouse.

Ate meal

Brown threw back his head and stared defiantly at police and Press while his picture was taken from all angles. He made no attempt to conceal his face and made a couple of half-hearted wise cracks to photographers as the bulbs flashed. With the

Commissioner of Police (Mr. C. J. Delaney) in the front seat, Brown was driven to the Collaroy Police Station where he dictated a long statement.
[blockquote]While making the statement Brown ate ravenously and gulped down several cups of water. Later he smoked cigarettes and drank tea. [/blockquote]

It is understood that Brown commandeered the trawler Aklavic from The Spit about 9 p.m. on Friday and sailed it out of Sydney Harbour. The trawler struck heavy seas late on Friday night and about 1 a.m. yesterday it is believed that Brown dived overboard. Brown told police that the trawler was running against a strong wind and a high tide. The vessel was found firmly aground on the sand on Newport Beach. It showed no signs of serious damage.

'The swim knocked it out of me." Brown told police. "I didn't think I would make the shore. I've had practically no sleep since last Wednesday. It's been a terrible business."
After receiving countless false alarms, police finally pinpointed Brown soon after 9.15 a.m. yesterday, when residents sighted him on Bushrangers' Hill.

No shoes

An anonymous phone caller told police: "Brown is at Newport on Bushrangers' Hill. He has just gone into a house. I think the house is unoccupied."
About 20 police cars, police trucks, and motor cycle police gathered at the foot of the hill, and the hunt began. A shout went up when Brown was sighted by police about 300 yards from a house.
Brown, who was wearing a light sweatshirt, shorts, and gaberdine overcoat, was barefooted when police caught him.
He showed only one visible sign of injury — a deep scratch on the left side of the face.
He looked a picture of misery when police handcuffed him and marched him back to the main road, where scores of police had

been posted.
His shoulders sagged, and he was limping. His eyes were bloodshot, and he had a stubble of beard on his chin.

Had limp

At times police had to hold him up as he staggered through the dense bush back to the road. Placed in a police car between the two arresting officers. Brown said wearily: “There’s no doubt about you boys, you’re too hot.” “For God’s sake, give me a cigarette, and I want a drink of water. I’m thirsty and I’m hungry.” ‘There was no need to worry about a gun. I threw it away. It went into the water. I had to throw it away.”

TIME: 10.30 p.m. Water runs across Queen Street, and lights glitter on the wet pavement. Rain had stopped the usual Saturday night bustle of the city; streets were almost deserted.

Brown's grandmother, Mrs. Florence Brown, said to-day: "My grandson, Bobbie, is ill . . . mentally very ill … I am sure of it."

Last Tuesday he had told her : "I've got women-trouble Nan. Bad women-trouble."

Mrs. Brown said Brown's wife had a maintenance order out against him. His parents had divorced when he was about 16, and his father, a dog trainer; now lived at Southport,

Queensland.

CONSTABLE Harry Brennan . . . set off the chase for the fugitive. On Wednesday night he chased a car for eight miles and fired six shots. Several bullets whizzed past his head.

After Brown had been questioned he was charged with the following: –
Shooting with intent to murder Constable Harry Brennan, Detective Sergeant N Townsend, and Constable Len Ryan.
Stealing a diesel trawler, valued at £5000, the property of Dr. T. J. Cottee, sen., dentist, of Military Road, Mosman.
Disobeying a maintenance order. Having in his possession a motor car stolen from another State.

Police refused bail and Brown will appear before the Central Court of Petty Sessions tomorrow.

Find car

Police late yesterday found a stolen Victorian car, in dense bush on St. Michael’s golf course near Malabar with seven bullet holes in it. The car was reported stolen from Victoria

at the beginning of the week.

On Wednesday night about 25 shots were exchanged by police and a man in the car during a chase.

DETECTIVES escort fugitive gunman Robert Michael Brown, 20, to a waiting police car after his capture yesterday. — RADIOPHOTO.

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FEATURES

A Worried Young Man Has —

ONE LESS FEAR

By A Staff Correspondent

ROBERT MICHAEL BROWN, the 20-year-old ex-skin diver who sits today in Long Bay Gaol on remand, has at least one thing less to worry him at the moment. He has not got T.B.

AS 300 police, armed with sub-machine guns, turned Sydney into what seemed like Chicago on-Sea the week before last, word spread that Brown was worried about a spot on his lung.

Pleas to surrender went out from his girl friend. Relatives said he needed medical treatment.

He was reported to be extremely worried about the condition of his lungs. This amounted, it was said, almost to a phobia with him.

But last week that fear ended. Under a heavily armed escort of prison officers, Brown was taken from behind the big walls of Long Bay Gaol to the Prince Henry Hospital for an X-ray examination.

This showed that his lungs were clear.

Back in Long Bay the young man spends much of his time in a padded cell under constant observation.

Glass panels give prison officers a view of him, even as he sleeps.

However, he is not isolated in the observation block. Every day about 35 other detained men are his companions, and with

them Brown plays handball, cards, and chess.

The only member of his family to see him in the gaol so far has been his father.

Last week, only a few minutes walk from Long Bay's grim walls, a "Sun Herald" reporter visited Brown's grandmother. Mrs. Florence Brown.

Her well-kept, modern, little brick home in Anzac Parade, Maroubra, was shuttered against inquisitive eyes.

A doctor's car stood outside. Mrs. Brown peered through the half-open door and nervously said that her grandson's alleged escapade had no effect on her apart from the worry and strain.

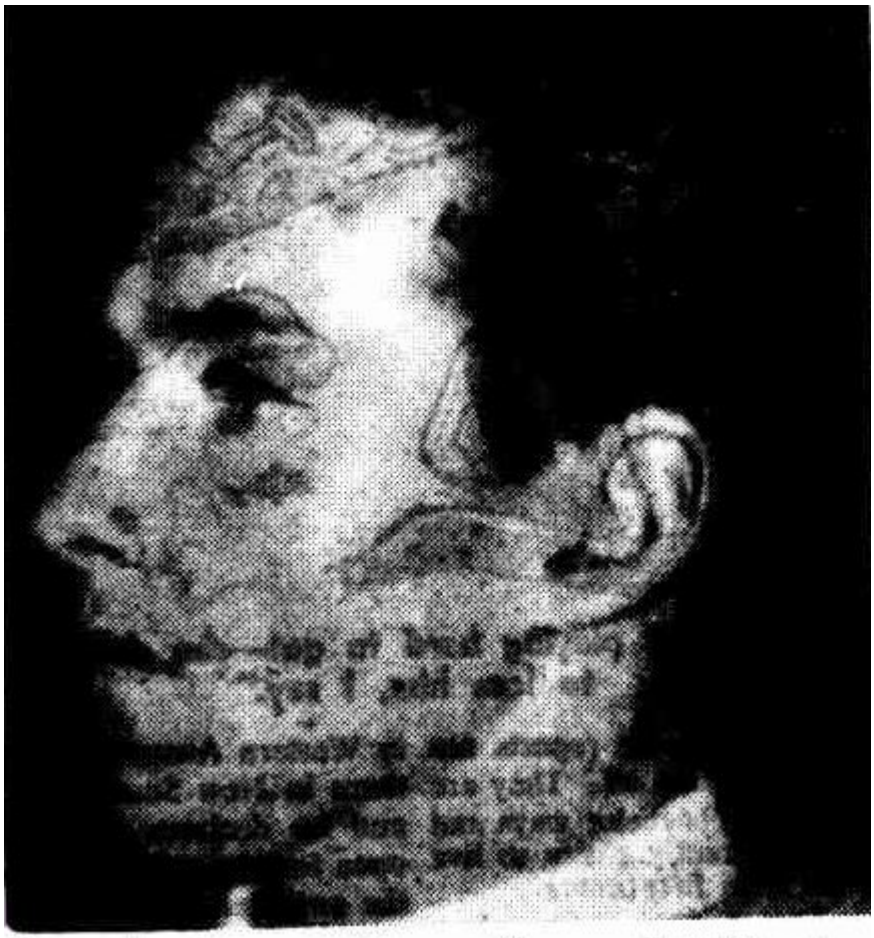
People had left her alone.

She had not been bothered by the curious.

She obviously intends to stay that way, for she shut the door very firmly as she said: "I don't think I had better say anything at all now."

Brown will appear in court on November 1.

He is charged with wounding two policemen with intent to murder them; shooting at two other policemen with intent to murder them; having an unlicensed pistol and a stolen car in his possession; and stealing the trawler Aklavic from The Spit on October 14.



Brown leaving court in a police car last Monday.

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Queensland Times (Ipswich) Wednesday 3 November 1954 page 3 of 8

Policeman's Claim:

"FIRED AT FROM 10ft., BUT MISSED"

SYDNEY, Nov. 2. — A motor cycle policeman said today that Robert Michael Brown (20) had fired at him from a distance of 10ft., but missed. The policeman, Constable Harry Brennan, was giving evidence in the Central Court in the hearing of seven charges against Brown.

Brown was charged with having attempted to murder four policemen, having carried an unlicensed revolver, possessed a stolen car, and stolen a £5000 trawler.

Police have alleged that Brown tried to murder the police officers when he fired at them during an 80 mile an-hour car chase through Sydney streets on October 13.

Constable Brennan described how he questioned Brown on October

13, at Bondi, about the Holden car he was driving. The car had been reported stolen from Victoria. Brennan said he asked Brown to follow him to the police station.

Brown had agreed, but instead accelerated the car and drove at the police motor cycle. The car collided with the cycle and then drove off.

Brennan said he followed the car, and saw Brown lean out the window and fire a shot in his direction. The chase sped past Bondi Police Station, and a police van carrying three policemen joined in.

[blockquote]Brennan said at one stage during the chase Brown aimed at him from 10ft. away, but the bullet struck the ground between the motor cycle's wheels. Brennan said his gun jammed, and Brown eluded the police pursuers. [/blockquote]

Constable Clive Curtayne said he and another officer arrested Brown on October 16 near the beach at Newport, 11 miles north of Sydney. Brown told them he had jumped overboard to swim to shore from the trawler Aklavic.

Curtayne said Brown told the police he would have shot them if he had not lost his gun in the swim for the shore. The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.

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Barrier Daily Truth (Broken Hill, NSW) Thursday 4 November 1954 page 2 of 8

GUNMAN FOR TRIAL

Sydney, November 3. — In Central Court today Robert Michael Brown, 20, was committed for trial on seven charges, including four of having attempted to murder policemen.

Mr. Beavers, S.M. refused bail and directed that Brown should stand trial at Central Criminal Court next Monday.

When he was asked if he had anything to say, Brown replied: “I have nothing to say, Your Worship.” During the proceedings Brown stood stiffly erect, with his fists clenched, and stared sternly ahead.

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Illawarra Daily Mercury (Wollongong, NSW) Wednesday 8 December 1954 PAGE 1 of 12

Date Fixed For Hearing

SYDNEY, Tues. — Robert Michael Brown will stand trial in Central Criminal Court next March.

Brown, 20, of Darley Rd., Manly, is charged with having in October, wounded a police officer and shot at another with intent to prevent arrest, with possessing an unlicensed pistol and with larceny.

Brown is at present in custody in Long Bay gaol.

Mr. Justice Dovey, in Central Criminal Court today, adjourned the trial till the first week in March on the application of solicitor, Mr. P. Roach, who made no application for bail.

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The Sydney Morning Herald Wednesday 8 December 1954 page 11 of 36

TRIAL OF BROWN

IN MARCH

Mr. Justice Dovey yesterday adjourned the trial of Robert Michael Brown until the March sittings of the Central Criminal Court.

Brown, 20, labourer, of Darley Road, Manly, was committed for trial at Central Court of Petty Sessions on November 3, on seven charges.

Indictments for Brown's trial have not yet been laid, but he was committed on charges of having wounded a sergeant and a constable with intent to murder, having shot at two constables with intent

to murder, having used an unlicensed pistol, having been in possession of a car stolen from Melbourne, and larceny.

Brown's solicitor. Mr. P. N. Roach, asked Mr. Justice Dovey yesterday to postpone the trial to enable him to interview a number of witnesses and obtain evidence.

Brown was in gaol, and no application would be made for bail, he said. Brown, therefore, would have to remain in gaol until the trial.

CAR REPAIRS

The Senior Crown Prosecutor, Mr. W. J. Knight, said the Crown

did not object to the trial being stood over, but said the owner of the car, which would be an exhibit in the case, would like to have the car repaired.

Mr. Roach said he had no objection to photographs of the car being used in evidence.

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The North Western Courier (Narrabri, NSW) Monday 28 March 1955 page 1 of 10

Manhunt Ends IN COURT

SYDNEY, Monday,

The central figure in a dramatic police search last October, Robert Michael Brown, (20) of Darley Rd., Manly, pleaded guilty to seven charges in the Central Criminal Court today.

Two of the charges alleged Brown maliciously wounded two police officers with intent to prevent his lawful apprehension, and two others alleged he shot at two other policemen to prevent lawful apprehension.

Brown also pleaded guilty to having in his possession a stolen car, without lawful excuse, having used a pistol, without a license, and, having stolen a trawler from Mosman.

The hearing is unfinished.

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The Canberra Times

Tuesday 29 March 1955 page 1 of 6

GUNMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FIRING AT POLICE

SYDNEY. Monday,

Robert Michael Brown, 21, of Darley Road, Manly, pleaded guilty in Central Criminal Court today to four charges of shooting at police.

Detective Inspector Aldridge described the manhunt in Sydney last october in which Brown was alleged to have exchanged a number of shots with police.

The four charges were malicious shooting at Bondi of Sgt. Neville Bernard Townsend and Constables Henry Brennan, Leonard Ryand and Charles Melton, with intent to prevent arrest.

Brown also pleaded guilty to three other charge, relating to the possession of a stolen car, use of a pistol without a licence and the stealing of a trawler.

Inspector Aldridge said that last October a message was received from the Melbourne C.I.B. stating that Brown had left Melbourne in a stolen car with the intention of shooting his wife in Sydney.

After threatening his wife with a gun, she agreed to withdraw the warrant if he did not shoot her, Aldridge said.

Brown was detained at Bondi by Constable Brennan.

Brown swerved his car at Brennan’s motor cycle and drove off.

Brown fired a shot at Constable Brennan and later fired four more shots, all of which struck a police truck.

More shots were fired during the chase, and one struck Sgt. Townsend on a finger, which was later amputated.

The next day Brown boarded the trawler Aklavic and headed out to sea.

Inspector Aldridge said Brown swam ashore at Newport and was arrested.

Aldridge said Brown had told him he intended to shoot himself at Melbourne but he did not have the nerve.

Brown had said that he had never intended to injure the police, but had fired so that “they would get serious and shoot me.”

Mr. Justice MacGuire remanded Brown for medical observation before passing sentence.

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GUNMAN GAOLED FOR FIVE YEARS

SYDNEY, Thursday.

Mr. Justice Maguire today sentenced Robert Michael Brown, 21, to five years' gaol for shooting and wounding two policemen.

Brown figured in a running gun chase through the Eastern Suburbs last October, in which a police Sergeant had a finger shot off.

Mr. Justice Maguire said he had taken into account Brown's youth and previous good behaviour.

"You are very, fortunate not to be facing a more serious charge," he added.

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The Argus (Melbourne) Friday 22 April 1955 page 5 of 26

Crown appeal on sentence

SYDNEY, Thursday : The Crown will appeal against a five years' gaol sentence imposed on Robert Michael Brown, 21, frogman, for a number of offences, including maliciously shooting at police.

Mr. Sheahan, Attorney General, said today he had directed that an appeal be lodged.

On March 31 Judge Maguire imposed two sentences of five years, one of three years, two years, and one of six months' gaol, , on Brown.

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The Canberra Times Saturday 8 October 1955 page 4 of 8

Sentence Doubled On Appeal

SYDNEY, Friday.

A former professional frogman who featured in one of the biggest man hunts of recent times, had his gaol sentence doubled to 10 years to-day.

Robert Michael Brown, 21, was sentenced to five years gaol by Mr. Justice Maguire in March.

Brown was convicted of having wounded two policemen with intent to kill.

He was also convicted of stealing a car and a trawler and carrying an unlicensed pistol.

The Supreme Court heard an appeal by the Attorney-General on the ground that the sentence was inadequate.

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The Canberra Times Tuesday 22 November 1955 page 5 of 8

Cooma Police In Bravery Awards

SYDNEY, Monday.

Six policemen who took part in gun battles have been awarded bravery medals by the Queen, the Governor, Sir John Northcoft, announced to-day.

They are:

Constable Henry **Brennan** (George Medal), Sergeant Neville Townsend, Constable Leonard Eyan and Charles John Melton (British Empire Medals) for their part in the capture of Robert Michael Brown in October, 1954.

Sergeant Alfred Edmund Frederick Chapman and Constable William Alexander Graham (British Empire Medals), who shot dead Canadian migrant Harry Edgar Rymal, in a gun duel at Cooma in May this year.

In the Cooma gun battle, Rymal was shot by Constable Graham, as he was about to shoot Sergeant Chapman at almost point blank range.

Rymal and the police exchanged 10 shots at a range of less than 20ft. during the fight.

Earlier Rymal had dragged a woman acquaintance from a Cooma

hotel and shot her in the thigh as she lay in a shop doorway.

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The George Medal was granted to Henry Brennan on the 22 November 1955 as a result of apprehending an armed man during a shootout whilst pursuing the offender(s) on his motor cycle.

The George Medal

On the 8 June 1988, Henry was granted the National Medal.

May Henry forever Rest In Peace

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Updated 20 December 2025 with Maroubra HWP Photo and further links.

Noel John THURGOOD

14/09/2014

Noel John THURGOOD

New South Wales Police Force

Started NSW Police Cadets on 14 January 1952

Cadet # 0976

Regd. # 7898

Rank: Police Cadet – commenced 14 January 1952

Probationary Constable – appointed 13 December 1954

Constable 1st Class – appointed 13 December 1960

Senior Constable – appointed 13 December 1965

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 1 April 1970

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 13 January 1978 –

Retirement – Medical discharged on 17 June 1983

Stations: As a Cadet: M.O. Unit (Method of Operation) – January 1952,

Maroubra (15 Division) May 1952,

Traffic Branch – December 1952,

Parramatta (18 Division) February 1953,

Liverpool (22 Division) June 1953,

Burwood (9 Division) November 1953,

Liverpool (22 Division) June 1954

Sworn in and stationed at: Regent St (2 Division) December 1954,

Metro Supt. Office (20 Division) July 1956,

Liverpool (22 Division GD's) January 1957,

Liverpool (22 Division – Inspectors Clerk) February 1958,

Liverpool (22 Division GD's) December 1960,

Liverpool (22 Division – Outfit Cyclist) November 1961,

Liverpool (22 Division – Licencing) December 1961,

Liverpool (22 Division – Licencing Sgt) September 1970,

Campbelltown (35 Division – Licencing Sgt) May 1974,

Redfern (7 Division GD's) October 1975,

Fairfield (34 Division GD's) April 1978 until retirement on 17 June 1983

Service: From 14 January 1952 to 17 June 1983 = 31+ years Service

Awards: Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal – granted on 1 June 1977

Born: Monday 25 November 1935 @ Kempsey NSW

Died on: Monday 25 November 1985 – England

Cause: Heart attack

Age: 50 years

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ? ? ?

Buried at: Cremated

Memorial: Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Camden Valley Way, Leppington, NSW, OPPOSITE THE CAFE'

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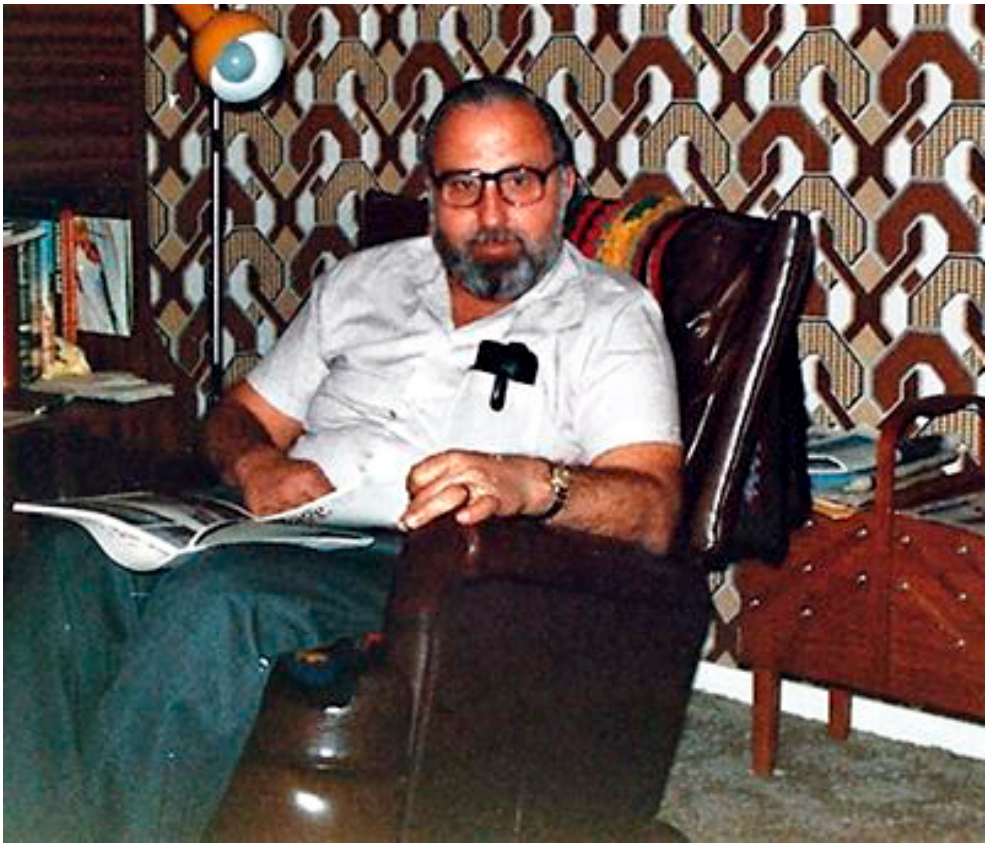
NOEL is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance * Not work related



Noel in his latter years

Noel is in the centre of the top row. This is part of a group photo of the Sergeant’s Course # 2 of 1971.

TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2010

I FOUND THIS NAME PLATE IN THE GARDENS OF THE FUNERAL HOME AT LEPPINGTON, ON CAMDEN VALLEY WAY. THE MEMORIAL IS OPPOSITE

THE CAFE’.

NOEL THURGOOD WAS A SGT 2nd Class AT FAIRFIELD IN THE LATE 1970’s.

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I EVENTUALLY LOOKED UP THE PHONE BOOK AND FOUND THE WIFE OF NOEL THURGOOD, Grace, WHO TOLD ME THAT IT WAS, IN FACT, OUR NOEL THURGOOD AND THAT HE DIED ON HIS 50th BIRTHDAY.

NOEL AND HIS WIFE WERE VISITING FAMILY IN ENGLAND AND NOEL WAS IN THE LAUNDRY OF THE PREMISES THEY WERE VISITING WHEN HE COLLAPSED AND DIED.

I REMEMBER THAT NOEL HAD LIGHT BLUE EYES AND A STY OVER ONE OF HIS EYE LIDS.

HE WAS A NICE AND GENTLE MAN.

MAY HE FOREVER REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND.

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David Andrew SHEAN

14/09/2014

David Andrew SHEAN

(late of Waterford West)

Queensland Police Force

Regd. # 3607

Rank: Senior Constable

Stations: ?, Darling Downs, Brisbane, Brisbane Traffic Branch, Brisbane Traffic Tail bike Squad, , South Brisbane District Training Office, Brisbane Traffic Camera Officer, Metropolitan South Regional Traffic Adjudication Office

Service: From pre 27 May 1977 to 5 April 2001 = 24 years Service

Academy: 'B' Squad

Awards: National Medal – granted 20 July 1994

Born: 10 July 1952

Died on: 5 April 2001

Cause: Injuries received – Traffic accident

Event location: Eight Mile Plains, Brisbane, Qld

Age: 48

Funeral date: 10 April 2001

Funeral location: Great Southern Memorial Park, Carbrook, Qld

Buried at: Cremated. Ashes were scattered at Hope Banks in Moreton Bay, Qld.

Memorials: Waterford West State School unveiled a plaque dedicated to his memory in their garden of conciliation and reflection.

Gold Coast (Qld) Water Police rescue vessel ” D A Shean ” named in honour of David.

David Andrew SHEAN – QPol – MVA – 5 April 2001

DAVID IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

Senior Constable David Andrew Shean

On 5 April 2001, Senior Constable Dave Shean's life was tragically cut short when he was killed in a traffic accident while responding to a crime in progress.

It came as no surprise to those who knew Senior Constable Shean to discover he was among the first to respond to a call for assistance. This is a mark of his character and of the professionalism he consistently displayed in serving the people of Queensland.

Senior Constable's Shean's service commenced in 1977. He performed duty in both the Darling Downs area and Brisbane before realising an ambition to serve in the Brisbane Traffic Branch. His versatility and knowledge was exemplified in the various roles he performed while serving in the South Brisbane District Training Office, the Brisbane Traffic Camera Office and the Metropolitan South Regional Traffic Adjudication Office.

His commitment to the community was further showcased by his active involvement with Radio Lollipop and with many police displays at the RNA and Brisbane Motor Shows. His contribution since 1988 to the Adopt-a-Cop program was highlighted earlier this year when the Waterford West State School unveiled a plaque dedicated to his memory in their garden of conciliation and reflection.

The contribution of Senior Constable Shean to policing in Queensland is reflected in the words of Assistant Commissioner Freestone who said, "In representing the Service and the community he so faithfully served, David has made the ultimate sacrifice in the execution of his duty."

The positive contribution to policing made by Senior Constable Shean stands as a testament to him. He too, will be sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues and the community he so ably served.

David was a "sparkie" (electrician) pre Queensland Police employment.

Named in honour of David Andrew Shean

Senior Constable Shean was sworn into the Queensland Police Force in 1977. He performed duty in both the Darling Downs area and Brisbane before joining the Brisbane Traffic Branch.Senior Constable Shean served in a number of positions including the South Brisbane District Training Office, Brisbane Traffic Camera Office and the Metropolitan South Regional Traffic Adjudication Office before joining the South Brisbane Traffic Branch.

In 1988 Senior Constable Shean volunteered for the 'Adopt a Cop' program with the Waterford West State School. Following his death the staff and students of the School unveiled a plaque dedicated to his memory in their garden of conciliation and reflection.

On the 5 April 2001, while a member of the South Brisbane Traffic Branch, Senior Constable Shean responding on urgent duty to a crime in progress was killed when his police motorcycle collided with a truck at Eight Mile Plains in Brisbane.

Qld Police Vessel “D.A.SHEAN” – Gold Coast

“D.A.SHEAN”

The “**D.A.SHEAN**” launched 9th December 2005.The Honourable Judy Spence MP, Minister for Police and Corrective Services and the Commissioner for Police Mr Robert Atkinson APM, officiated at the commissioning and launching of the D. A. SHEAN at the Southport Yacht Club, Macarthur Parade, Main Beach.

Senior Constable Shean’s wife **Paula** and children **Katie**, **Kimberley**, **Christopher** and **Matthew** attended the launch.

The “D.A.SHEAN” is a 10 metre aluminium vessel constructed by Yamba Welding and Engineering Pty Ltd. The vessel is powered by twin 420hp (8.2 litre) M.P.I. fuel injected V8 inboard Mercruiser petrol engines with Mercruiser Bravo 3 stern drives fitted with dual propellers.

The “D.A.SHEAN” has a cruising speed of 22 knots and a top speed of 44 knots (80 km/hr) and is fitted with a dual fuel system with a total capacity of 1200 litres of unleaded petrol. The vessel is equipped with the latest electronic equipment for navigation and communication purposes and is registered in 2C commercial survey (50 nautical miles to sea) for 2 crew and 16 passengers.

http://www.qldwaterpolice.com/Bio/D_A_Shean.html

Ashie Dave We at the Gold Coast Water Police are proud to have the Water Police Vessel named in his Honour. The Police Vessel D A Shean is our rescue vessel and has saved many lives. In Memory of Dave. I’m proud to say I have been its Master on many rescues.

Graham Mark HILDER

14/09/2014

Graham Mark HILDER

Late of Wentworthville, NSW

New South Wales Police Force

Senior Constable

Regd. # 28153

Stationed at Granville Police Station (18 Division)

Awards: ?

Served: From ? to ?

Born Friday 3 March 1961

Died Monday 9 December 1996

35 years, 9 months, 6 days

Suicide

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Memorial Touch Stone plaque:

Castlebrook Memorial Park

Location: Gazebo 2

Section/Lot: Gumnut 1/

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FURTHER INFORMATION IS REQUIRED ABOUT THIS PERSON

Death notice published in Daily Telegraph (Sydney) 12 DEC 1996

Memorial plaque location: [codepeople-post-map]

Graham Mark HILDER – NSWPF – Suicide – 091296 – Grave

Graham Mark HILDER – NSWPF – Suicide – 091296 – Grave

Gary DUNNINGHAM

14/09/2014

Gary DUNNINGHAM

Late of Warilla, NSW

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 22761

Constable 1st Class – Resigned

Stations: Last Stationed at Warilla HWP

Service: From ? to ?

Awards: ?

Born: 6 May 1959

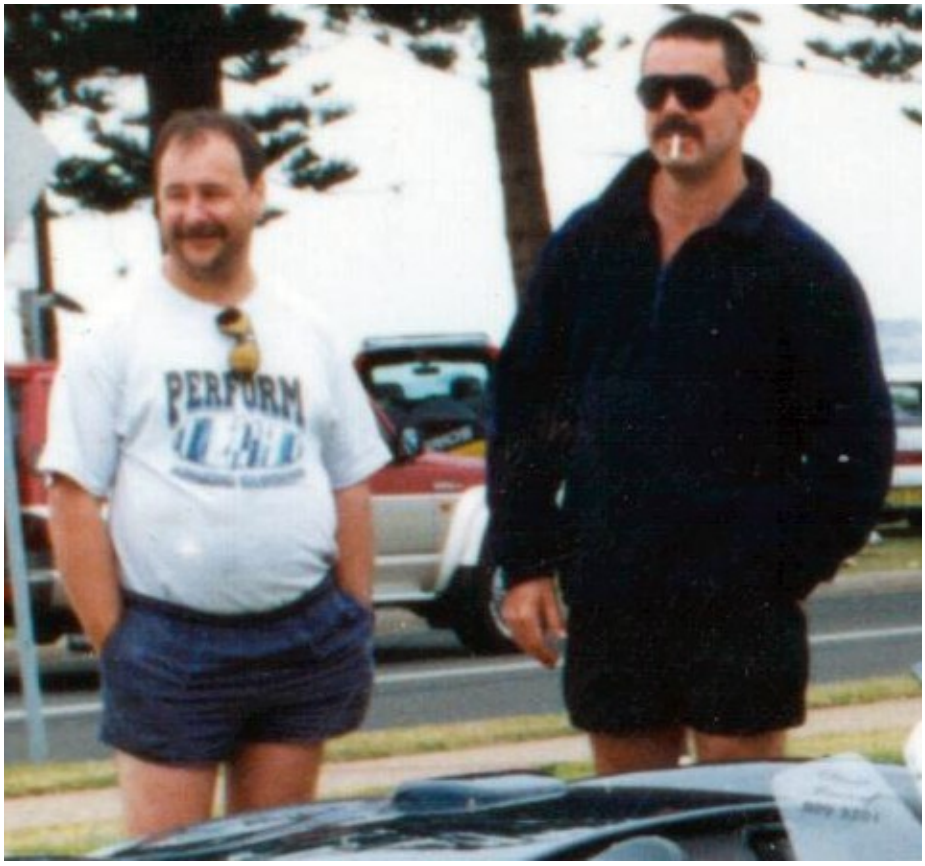
Died: 21 March 2000

Age: 40

Cause: Suicide – hanging – at home

Funeral: 27 March 2000 – Unanderra Crematorium

Constable Gary Dunningham arresting Santa Claus



Gary Dunningham & Greg Callander in Marine Drive, Wollongong, at a car show around 1998.

Gary DUNNINGHAM memorial plaque

A good bloke and always a “funny bastard”.

Old Gaz was bit of a ‘lad’ and joker, always wearing his thongs, shorts and ‘T’ shirts, he was the last person who I thought would have taken his own life.

May you forever Rest In Peace mate.

Cal

Ray Clifford SCHUBERG

14/09/2014

Ray Clifford SCHUBERG

New South Wales Police Force

Class 195 from Redfern Academy

Regd. # 20999

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 3 June 1983

Constable 1st Class – appointed 3 June 1988

Senior Constable – death

Stations: Mona Vale (1983), Warilla, Albion Park

Service: From ? ? pre June 1983? to 24 November 1997 = 13+ years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: 20 May 1960

Event date: 23 November 1997 – early a.m.

Event location: Crown St, Wollongong, NSW

Died on: 24 November 1997

Death location: Wollongong Hospital

Cause: Assault – Murder downgraded

Age: 37

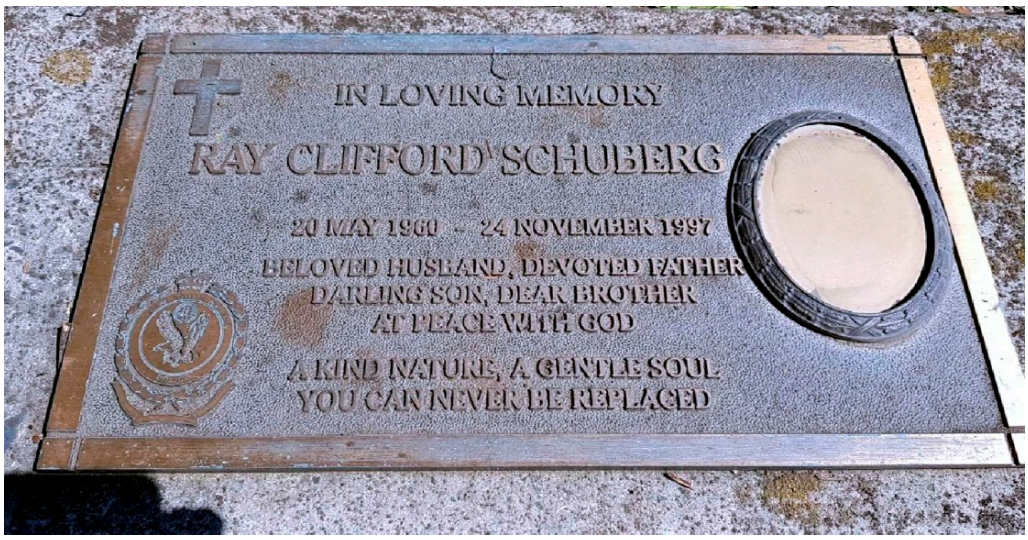
Funeral date: 28 November 1997

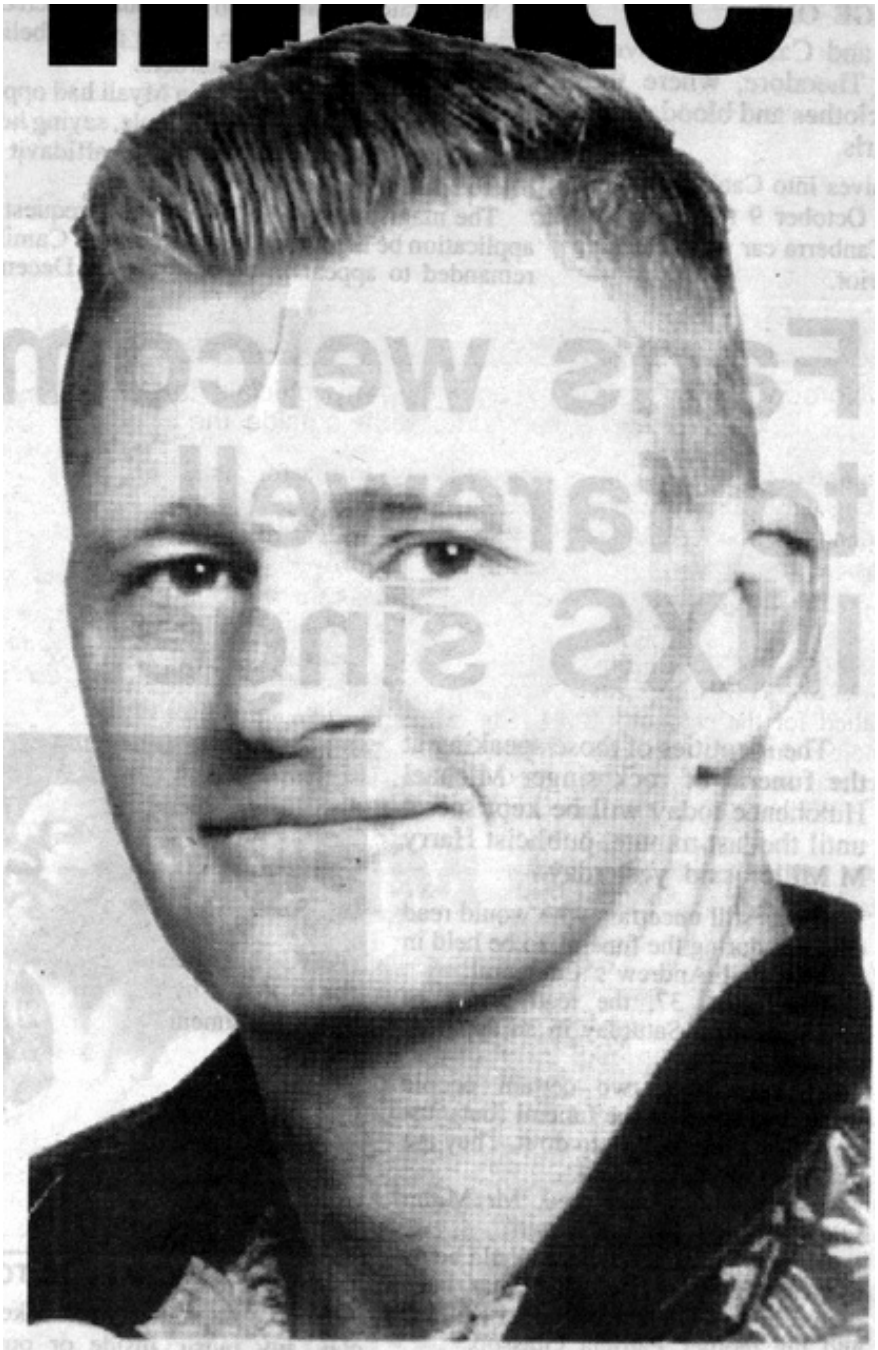
Funeral location: ?

Buried at: Wollongong Lawn Cemetery, Wylie Rd, Kembla Grange

Grave location: Lawn 1, Row L, Plot 4

Memorial Location: NSW Police Memorial Wall – Police Centre, Sydney – details were added to Wall at the 2nd dedication ceremony on Sunday 25 September 2016





Ray Schuberg ... remembered as a loving, gentle giant and an inspiration to many people.

Ray SCHUBERG

RAY is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance * NOT JOB RELATED

Senior Constable Ray Schuberg died about **5.30pm** on the **24 November 1997** when life support was **turned off** at **Wollongong Hospital** after being bashed by **Christopher O'Rourke** who is a football coach for **Figtree**, during the early hours of **Sunday morning**, **23 November, 1997**, in Crown St, Wollongong.

Ray was Off Duty at the time of the event and struck his head on the footpath after being punched by **O'Rourke**.

Mate to take on mate to boost charity

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IT will be mate against mate on Sunday when the Wollongong branch of the NSW Police Association holds its second annual charity rugby league match in North Wollongong.The match, for the Chief Inspector Graham Donnelly Memorial Cup, pits the Wollongong Police Station Falcons against the Lake Illawarra Police Station Lions to help raise funds for NSW Police Legacy and local PCYCs.

Several trophies will be presented on the day along with the Chief Inspector Graham Donnelly Memorial Cup.

They are for the Sergeant Nick Skomarow Player of Match, Senior Constable Ray Shuberg Memorial Touch Game and the Sergeant Colin Stevenson Memorial Tug of War.

All trophies are named after police officers who had died in the last decade.

Part of the proceeds of the day go to help the families, widows and children, of these officers.

Recent wet weather meant the game has been moved to the soccer ground near the PCYC in North Wollongong. The gates will now open at 2pm on Sunday with the main game starting at 3pm.

Sergeant Robert Minns said it was also a family day with activities for children and a display of new and vintage police vehicles.

"Last year we raised $6000 with the goal of $10,000 this year.

"It is a gold coin donation to come and watch," Sgt Minns said.

He said PCYC did great work in the community and the NSW Policy Legacy helped hundreds of people each year.

He said it helped a lot more people than many realised.

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Officers honoured in sport

Dec. 2, 2013, 5:03 p.m.
WOLLONGONG and Lake Illawarra police officers battled it out during a sports day to honour fallen comrades and raise funds.

The **Graeme Donnelly** Memorial Cup Fund-raiser for Police Legacy (Police Bushfire Appeal) and PCYC on October 22 drew more than 800 spectators and raised almost $6000.

The event was a fitting memorial day for Kiama's Chief Inspector **Graeme Donnelly**, Sergeant **Nick Skomarow** and Senior Constable **Ray Schuberg**.

It involved a fierce tug-of-war won by the heavyweight Wollongong team, which had three members weighing more than 120 kilograms each. The Wollongong team also won the Senior Constable **Ray Schuberg Memorial touch football game**.

Senior Constable Schuberg died in 1997, and a memorial trophy was made in his honour for touch football between the emergency services, but hasn't been played since **2002**.

The main game of rugby league featured Wollongong recruiting guest player, former Australian representative **Paul McGregor**, while the Lake Illawarra team turned to former Australian halfback **John Simon**.

Both teams had a few other ring-ins and the game was played hard, like police football used to be played.

The **Wollongong Falcons** did well to hold out a strong Lake team and win the game by only two points. The Sergeant **Nick Skomarow Man of the Match award** went to **Fletcher Wyver**.

Inspector **Donnelly** and Sergeant **Skomarow**'s families attended and presented the awards.

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Coppers pull strings for footy trophy

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Wollongong and Lake Illawarra police officers battled it out during a recent sports day to honour fallen comrades and raise funds for worthy organisations.The **Graeme Donnelly Memorial Cup** Fund-raiser for Police Legacy (Police Bushfire Appeal) and PCYC on October 22 drew more than 800 spectators and raised almost $6000.The day was a fitting memorial day for Kiama's Chief Inspector **Graeme Donnelly** (Wollongong Local Area Command), Sergeant **Nick Skomarow** (Wollongong LAC) and Senior Constable **Ray Schuberg**.The fun included a fierce tug-of-war competition won by the Wollongong team, which had three members weighing more than 120 kilograms each.

The Wollongong team also won the Senior Constable Ray Schuberg Memorial touch footy game.

Senior Constable Schuberg tragically died in 1997 and a memorial trophy was made in his honour for touch footy between the emergency services but it hasn't been played for since 2002.

Organisers were "thrilled" to use the trophy again and remember "a good copper who loved his touch footy".

In the main game of rugby league Wollongong recruited former Australian representative Paul McGregor, while the Lake Illawarra team turned to former Australian halfback John Simon.

Both teams had a few other "ring-ins" and the game was played hard and tough, like police footy used to be.

The Wollongong Falcons did well to hold out a strong Lake team and win the game by only two points.

The Sergeant Nick Skomarow Man of the Match award went to Fletcher Wyver.

The families of Inspector Donnelly and Sergeant Skomarow attended the event and were presented awards.

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On **22 October** the Wollongong and Lake Illawarra Branches of PANSW conducted a sports day. The day was fitting memorial day for **C/Insp Graeme Donnelly**, **Sergeant Nick Skomarow** as well as the late **S/Cst Ray Schuberg**. The captains of the teams were **Phil Bunker** for Wollongong and **Paul Winston** for Lake Illawarra. Both members did a great job in putting the teams together and playing their part in organising the event.

There were close to 800 spectators on the day when the main game started with approximately $6000 dollars raised. Most of this money went to Police Legacy and moved into the Police Bush Fire Appeal. An amount was donated to the local PCYC club as well. There were some great local sponsors of the day including H.Parsons Funeral Directors, Collegians Rugby League Club, PANSW Panel Solicitor Chris Nikolovski Lawyers, Cleary Bros, West Wollongong Rotary and other local companies.

The day involved a Tug a War competition. The Wollongong team stacked with nine members who were all over the 100kg mark. The Wollongong team made the tonne and some more on top. The Lake team had no chance with an average weight of about 85kg except a couple of their team but they know who they are. Wollongong team defeated the Lake team in record time but when it was suggested it should be the best of five attempts both teams walked off exhausted. The Captain of the Wollongong Team Anthony Collier, when he received the trophy, acknowledged the good fight the Lake team put up but they had no chance against the big Wollongong Team.

The next part of the day was the **S/Cst Ray Schuberg Memorial Touch Footy Game**. Ray worked at Wollongong. He was a great street Police Officer and a good bloke who loved his touch footy. Ray tragically died in 1997 and a memorial trophy was made in his honour for touch footy between the emergency services but hasn't been played since 2002. This was a great time to use the trophy again and remember a good copper that Ray was.
Again this was a hard fought game with a speedy Brain Rice and Pete Roncato the standouts for the winning Wollongong Team. Daryl Smith formed Lake and now PTC and Cate Johnston from the PCYC were the standouts for the Lake Team.

The game was won by Wollongong with all members again looking pretty exhausted. The captain of the winning team Darrell Buckman, who wasn't working at Wollongong when Ray died but was informed of the tragic circumstances of his death, stated it was a great honour to play in the touch footy game and to honour and remember Ray.

The main game of rugby league was one tough game with some massive hits ups which got the emotions of both teams boiling over at times. It was played like rugby league of old, nothing fancy. The Wollongong Team's guest player was former Australian centre Paul McGregor who has still got it. The Lake Illawarra Team had former Australian half back John Simmon who still has the ball skills. The coaches were Commissioned Officer Delegate Brian Wyver who was the patron on the day and Life Member of the Wollongong Falcons Police Rugby League Club. Wollongong also had Former Sgt Barry Doherty as manager and Joe Davidson as head masseur who is the father of two NSW Police Officers, Jackie and Matt. Lake coach was Det/Sgt Steve Worthington who was a tough second rower in first grade for the Illawarra Steelers in his youth.

Both teams had a few "ring ins" along the way, which made the game even more interesting. The score went back and forth over the three quarters of 20

minutes each with Paul and John weaving their magic for both teams. Due to the high intensity and the average age of both teams there were a lot of bench changes. In the end the Wollongong Falcons won by two points which showed how close the game was.

The **Sgt Nick Skomarow Man of the Match award** went to Fletcher Wyver. Captain Phil Bunker took possession of the Graeme Donnelly Memorial Cup and thanked all the players for their efforts and for the big turnout by the spectators.

The families of Graeme and Nick were in attendance with Graeme's son Brad Dean playing a good strong game. Graeme's wife Kerry was presented with Graeme's Police Board and Nick's wife Coralie was presented with a framed "Wall to Wall" board. It was great game and a great day for a great cause.

The second annual Graeme Donnelly Cup will be held on Sunday the 10th of August 2014 and will no doubt be bigger and better than last year.

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