

# Paul Matthew TOPHAM

02/01/2019

## Paul Matthew TOPHAM

AKA TOPPY

Late of ?

Victoria Police Force

Academy Class # ?????

Regd. # 36971

Rank: Senior Constable

Final Rank = Senior Constable

Stations: ?, Hastings, Southern Metro  
Region – Somerville HWP – Death

Service: From ? ? ? to 1 January 2019  
= ? years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Posthumously ( 9 Jan 2019 ) Awarded a  
Commendation for two incidents he  
attended ( as mentioned below )

**Born:        ? ? ?**

**Died on:     Tuesday   1 January 2019**

**Age:        37**

**Cause:       PTSD – Suicide – Mental Health  
issues – ( Method ? )**

**Event location:       ?**

**Event date:       ?**

**Funeral date:     Wednesday   9 January 2019  
@ 4.30pm**

**Funeral location:     the Cumulus Stratus  
Chapel, Bunorong Memorial Park, 790  
Frankston – Dandenong Rd, Dandenong South**

**Wake location:       ?TBA**

**Funeral Parlour:       ?TBA**

**Buried at:       ?**

**Memorial located at:       ?**





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

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Fighting PTSD Vicpol

Today I attended the funeral service of **Senior Constable Paul TOPHAM** and listened to the many messages of love and appreciation of a great family man that Toppo was.

As I stood in the foyer of the Cumulus Stratus Chapel, I observed a full house of family, friends and police members paying respects to a man that was destined to be a member of the blue army. 6ft 9 inches tall and it was mentioned very big feet which were noticed during the beautiful photo presentation of his life.

We all observed a man that cared for his partner, 5 children and the family pets. I also saw a man with a love of motor bike riding or driving a tractor. His father spoke of Paul always finding peace on the property in Yea.

His father also spoke about the battle Paul had for many years being diagnosed with PTSD and thanked many that assisted Paul during his journey.

The funeral service finished with the sound of a single bagpipe player walking through the large guard of honour for Paul.

In memory of Pauls police life he received a commendation for the work he performed in relation to a high profile public incident where he looked after the grieving mother whose child had just been murdered. Paul was also the first on scene

giving CPR to the Hastings Jeweller who was murdered during a daylight robbery. These events unfortunately took a toll on a man who had a big heart

To all my friends who I spoke to today at the service and all those that were unable to attend. Please look after yourself and each other.

Its times like these that really makes me even more passionate for the #fightingptsdvicpol campaign.

There is always someone that is only a phone call away that you can call or message or please use the support numbers on the webpage

[www.protectingtheprotectors.com](http://www.protectingtheprotectors.com)

RIP Paul. Your legacy will continue with other members that have gone before you.

May you keep a look out for your family and friends from above.

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## **Batty case constable's death shocks friends and family**

Ryan Tennison, Herald Sun  
**January 1, 2019 9:15pm**

A senior police officer who helped Rosie Batty through the aftermath of her son Luke's murder has died, shocking friends and family.

**Leading Senior Constable Paul Topham** was a key part of a

coronial inquest into the 11-year-old's death and was praised for his efforts during the matter.

Police Association Secretary Wayne Gatt said the well-respected officer would be sorely missed.

ROSIE BATTY STEPS DOWN FROM FOUNDATION

STUNNING NEW PORTRAIT OF ROSIE BATTY UNVEILED

THE SHOCKING STATISTIC NO AUSTRALIAN SHOULD ACCEPT



Luke Batty. Picture: Supplied/Instagram

"The Police Association is deeply saddened by the sudden, tragic loss of one of our members in recent days," he said.

"We would like to express our deepest sympathies to the member's family, friends and shattered colleagues, and remind them that we are here to support them in any we can."

Ms Batty said she would remember Sen Constable Topham for helping her through some of her darkest days. "I can't speak highly enough of what he did for me," she said.

“He was someone I could turn to when I was scared or worried about something. He was there for me when some in the police force weren’t.”

Ms Batty said she had heard Sen Constable Topham had been struggling with mental health issues in recent times.

“I knew he was going through some tough times but I’m saddened to hear that he’s no longer with us,” Ms Batty said. “It’s an absolute tragedy.”

A Victoria Police spokeswoman confirmed an officer from the Southern Metro region had died and a report was being prepared for the coroner.

The death is not being treated as suspicious.

In his coronial findings, Judge Ian Gray praised Sen Constable Topham for his efforts during the investigation.

**If you are experiencing personal problems call Lifeline on 13 11 14.**

**[ryan.tennison@news.com.au](mailto:ryan.tennison@news.com.au)**

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## **trueblueline**

January 04 2019 – 06:49

In memoriam: Senior Constable Paul Matthew Topham, Victoria Police #36971, Southern Metro region, died suddenly after many years of brave struggle with PTSD on the 1st January 2019. He was 37 years old. He was a key part of the investigation and the subsequent coronial inquest into Rosie Batty’s 11-year-old son Luke’s death. Senior Constable Paul Topham arrested the killer in January 2013. Judge Ian Gray praised Sr Cst. Topham

for his excellent efforts during the investigation. □ □ Police Association Secretary Wayne Gatt said the well-respected officer would be sorely missed. “We would like to express our deepest sympathies to the member’s family, friends and shattered colleagues, and remind them that we are here to support them in any we can,” he said. □ □ Senior Constable Paul Topham fought a heroic battle with operational stress injury (PTSD) in recent times. □ □ He left behind his loving wife and five children. Our thoughts and prayers with his family.

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## Francis DRUM

02/01/2019

### Francis DRUM

AKA ?

Late of Marengo, NSW

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ‘P’ 0086

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

Rank: Constable – commenced 24 February 1862

Senior Constable

Final Rank = Senior Constable

Stations: ?, Morangarell ( 1875 ), Murringo, Marengo – Death

Service: From 24 February 1862 to 12 January 1882 = 20  
years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: 31 March 1838, Auchandinard, Bally Connell, Fermanagh,  
Ireland

Died on: Thursday 12 January 1882

Age: 45

Cause: Fall from horse whilst On Duty – Fractured neck

Event location: near Warrangong Station, Marengo

Event date: Thursday 12 January 1882

Funeral date: Tuesday 17 January 1882

Funeral location: Murringo Cemetery, Murringo Rd, Murringo,  
NSW, 2586

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Murringo Cemetery, Murringo Rd, Murringo, NSW, 2586

Memorial located at: ?

Widow: Mary Agnes DRUM & 6 children of Marengo in the Colony  
of NSW

~~FRANCIS is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance \*~~  
~~BUT SHOULD BE~~

On Friday 27 September 2019 an omission was rectified with the name of Senior Constable Francis DRUM being added to the NSW Police Wall of Remembrance together with the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra.

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## **Kevin Banister**

Admin · NSW Fallen Police FB Group

Regarding Senior Constable Francis DRUM. I received a message from Inspector Jacob REEVES, OIC of Young Police 3 days ago. My apologies for not posting earlier, it was in my 'other' messages.

"Hello Kevin, just FYI, Senior Constable Patrick Smith of Young Highway Patrol has been lobbying to have S/Cst Drum added to the NSW Police Force Honour Roll in the Domain and has been successful. S/Cst Drum will be added in time for Police Remembrance Day 2019 and will also be sent to Canberra

for inclusion on the National Wall. We will be having a ceremony in Murringo to mark this event on Friday 27th September. The Hume Police District Facebook page will have details shortly.”

Outstanding.

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In 1882 Senior Constable Francis Drum paid the ultimate price in the execution of his duty. Unfortunately his death has not been accepted as duty-related by the various Commissioners (and Inspectors General) of the Police.

Francis Drum, a twenty year veteran, was thrown from his horse near Murringo while collecting crop returns and electoral lists. Sadly, his fatal fall was not regarded as being in the line of duty.

It has since been shown that in a report by Edmund Fosbery Inspector General of Police to the Principal Under-Secretary of the NSW Police Department that most country police had this task as a normal part of their duties at that time. “These duties and others such as the collection of the Electoral Lists, Jury List, Stock and Crop Returns interfere more or less with legitimate police work and occupy much time, but there is some counter-balancing advantage by bringing the police into contact with people they would not otherwise meet, whereby they acquire information of service to them in a police point of view”. (see Police Duties in NSW 1862 – 1915).

We have been in contact with a serving Police Officer who wishes to facilitate the process of getting Francis Drum recognised as his due right and to have his name included on the Police Honour Roll.

<https://www.change.org/p/nsw-police-commissioner-michael-fulle>

r-apm-help-us-get-senior-constable-francis-drum-on-the-nsw-police-honour-roll?recruiter=632287451&utm\_source=share\_petition&utm\_medium=facebook&utm\_campaign=psf\_combo\_share\_initial.pacific\_email\_copy\_en\_gb\_4.v1.pacific\_email\_copy\_en\_us\_3.control.pacific\_email\_copy\_en\_us\_5.v1.pacific\_post\_sap\_share\_gmail\_abi.gmail\_abi.lightning\_2primary\_share\_options\_more.control&utm\_term=psf\_combo\_share\_initial.pacific\_email\_copy\_en\_us\_3.control.pacific\_email\_copy\_en\_gb\_4.v1.pacific\_email\_copy\_en\_us\_5.v1.pacific\_post\_sap\_share\_gmail\_abi.gmail\_abi.lightning\_2primary\_share\_options\_more.variant&utm\_content=fht-14070029-en-au%3Av2&fbclid=IwAR3hxWZYVGIIIUMVwZeH7Kff20FlTTdohBLINB\_AiificyHe0502G3LT4gI

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Burrowa News (NSW : 1874 – 1951),

**Friday 20 January 1882, page 2**

**INQUEST ON SENIOR-CONSTABLE DRUM.**

The coroner (Mr. S. Robinson) and a jury of five held an inquest at the dwelling house of the late **Senior-constable Drum, Marengo**, on Tuesday, touching the death of that officer.

**John McSpadden** deposed : I am boundary rider to Mr. W. B. Suttor ; I know the deceased **Senior-constable Drum** ; I saw him yesterday morning ; he called at the station and asked me the road to **Beplate's** ; **he was collecting the electoral roll** ; I went on horseback with him ; we had ridden about three quarters of a mile from **Warrangong station** ; there was a storm rising ; **Drum** said he would turn back ; his horse gave two or three turns round ; **Drum** stuck the spurs into the animal ; she made a bound and deceased's hat fell off ; the **mare then bolted** ; **deceased could not hold her** ; after going **about 300 yards** I saw the **mare fall right through a six-wire fence, on**

**the top of the rider ; I galloped up, and found deceased bleeding copiously from the mouth and ear ; he was quite dead ;**

I then went and reported the circumstances to the overseer of the station ; **Mr. Johnson**, I, and my wife, went to where the body was ; we then took the body to the station ;

**Mr. Woodbridge**, who is a neighbour, afterwards reported to the police, and the body was then brought to **Marengo**, by order of the coroner ; the mare from the start was restless ; she appeared to be **a very fiery animal** ; I thought **she was not a safe animal to ride** ; I brought the mare here from **Warrangong** this morning ; she is marked in several places by the wire fence.

**Charles Henry Thompson** deposed : I am a **constable** stationed at **Marengo** ; **Senior-constable Drum** was in charge of the **Marengo station** ; from information I received I went yesterday to **Bang Bang**, distant from here **about 25 miles** ; I there saw **Constable Drum** ; he said he had been sick, but that he was then all right ; **Mrs. Drum** spoke to me on **Wednesday night** ; she said she had heard her husband was sick at **Bang Bang** ; she further requested me to take a buggy and bring him home ; I and **Mr. Connor**, inn-keeper, **started at 12 o'clock on Wednesday night**, and got to **Bang Bang** at **5 on Thursday morning** ; **Drum** was better, and started to **finish the electoral roll** at about a quarter past eight in the morning ; while I was with deceased he had **one glass of brandy** ; he said he had a touch of **sunstroke on Monday** last ; I arrived **home about noon yesterday**, and **about two hours afterwards** news came to me that **Drum** had been killed ; I telegraphed to the police, and also to the coroner, and upon the order of the coroner, I had the body brought home ;

he, deceased, left home on **Monday morning** : I have been **ten weeks here** ; I have known **Drum** for nearly **four years** ; I never saw him drunk ; when he started from **Bang Bang** on **Thursday** the

mare was **very fidgetty**, and was prancing about ; I told **Drum** if the mare was too much for him that I would ride her and finish taking the roll ; **I don't think the mare is safe to ride** ; she **is flash and has a bad temper** ; I would not care to ride or have charge of her ; **Drum** used to say that she required watching.

**Michael O'Connor** deposed : I am an innkeeper, residing in **Marengo** ; I knew the deceased, **Senior-constable Drum** ; I have known him on and off for about **twelve years** ; on Wednesday evening about 10 o'clock **Mrs. Drum** came to my house and said she had heard that her husband was sick at **Bang Bang** ; she asked me if I would go with my buggy and bring him home ; she said that **Constable Thompson** would accompany me ; I consented to go ;

I started with **Constable Thompson** about 12 o'clock, and arrived at **Bang Bang** at five in the morning ; when we arrived I saw **Drum** coming out of the stable ; **Drum** said, "Where are you going ?" I did not tell him my object in coming ; he appeared to have been sick, but not from drink ; I only saw him have one drink that morning ; the mare **Drum** rode was **very fidgetty** ; we afterwards left and came home ;

**Drum** was a very regular man, and not in the habit of drinking.

The **verdict of the jury** was that deceased met his death by **falling from his horse over a six-wire fence on the 12th instant**, which fall **dislocated his neck**.

The **jury added** a rider to the effect that they were of opinion that the **mare was not a fit animal to be supplied to the police force**.

The **funeral of Senior-constable Drum** took place on the evening of the inquest, and was followed by a large concourse of people, vehicles and horsemen.

The burial service was read by the **Rev. Father Long**, of

**Burrowa.**

A **public subscription** is being raised for the purpose of **erecting a memorial stone over the grave** of the deceased.

There is no doubt that the **primary cause of the accident** was the **temper of the mare**, which appears to have been very bad. She has **passed through several hands** and was given up each time by the possessor **as being unsafe to ride**.

It is said that **she killed a man sometime ago** in another district, and was brought over here **for the use of an officer of rank in the service**, who **declined to have her**, since which she has been sent away from place to place with the object of exchanging her.

Under these circumstances **it is not creditable to the authorities to allow animals of this class to be ridden by the police**, who, of all men, require horses which can be kept thoroughly under control. It is to be hoped that the rider to the verdict will have some effect in the proper quarter.

Assuming however, that the horse had been a quite animal, then the **Government would still be blameable for permitting the use of wire fences without a top rail, at any rate along public roads**.

Only a few months back **another trooper lost his life over a similar fence** to the one in question. And so the **affair as usual**, rests, until **death after death** at last compels the **selfish red taped authorities** to move in the matter.

There is a fence of this class on a main road not many miles from **Young**, and as a matter of course, it is impossible for man or beast to see it by night, nor indeed often by day. What is of more common occurrence than, for say a vehicle to run slightly off the track of a bush road on a night, not necessary dark, and if the fences are not discernible, what guide is there for a driver. A matter of this kind could be

easily regulated by a brief Act, and would prevent many an accident to life and limb. – Argus (Young.) .

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/107930196>

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Burrangong Argus (NSW : 1864 – 1913),

**Saturday 1 August 1868, page 2**

**DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.**

Thomas Evans was brought from Murrumburrah by constable Francis Drum, charged with the above offence. Fined 10s., or three days' imprisonment.

**OBSCENE LANGUAGE.**

Thomas Evans was charged with using obscene language. Constable Francis Drum deposed that, when attempting to arrest defendant, he made use of the language complained of, a repetition of which would be unfit for publication. Fined 1/., or fourteen days' imprisonment.

**ASSAULTING POLICE.**

Thomas Evans was charged with assaulting the constable in the execution of his duty. Constable Francis Drum deposed that, when arrested, defendant refused to walk, after which he got up, kicked him in the stomach, and tried to turn his thumb back. Eventually he had to obtain the assistance of Mr. Dillon. Defendant resisted all the way to the lockup. He was the worst man he (constable) ever had his hand on. Fined 2/., or one month in gaol. Locked up in default.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/247265628>

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The Hume Police District

**Friday 27 September 2019** ( National Police Remembrance Day )

Young Sector – **Police Remembrance Day**

Today on duty and off duty police from Young Sector gathered at Murringo Cemetery to commemorate Police Remembrance Day and the addition of the **Late Senior Constable Francis Drum**, Officer in Charge of **Marengo**, (as it was then known) to the **NSW Police Force Roll of Honour**.

**Senior Constable Drum** was killed on duty in a horse riding accident in 1882.

Research and hard work from the **Murringo First Families Group**, **Young and District Family History Group** and **Leading Senior Constable Pat Smith** of **Young Highway Patrol**, supported by the Mayor and Local Member, saw **Senior Constable Drum** included on the Roll in time for this year's Remembrance Day.

A message from the Deputy Prime Minister was read, our Local Member Steph Cooke MP made the opening remarks and a prayer service was officiated by Fr Allen of St Mary's Young.

Wreaths were laid by our Local Member, our Mayor, the **great-grandson of Senior Constable Drum** and also by **Leading Senior Constable Smith**.

We paused for a moment at the grave of another police officer who died of illness in 1904 before we gathered for lunch at the Murringo Memorial Hall.

A day in remembrance of our fallen colleagues.









**The Hon Michael McCormack MP**  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development  
Leader of The Nationals  
Federal Member for Riverina

27 September 2019

### **MESSAGE FOR YOUNG POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY**

My apologies for not being able to attend today's commemorative service due to a prior commitment. I thank the Young Police for allowing me to have this message read out today.

Days such as these are vitally important to pay tribute to and remember those who have paid the ultimate price to serve and protect our local communities whilst in the line of duty.

Today, the Murrumbidgee community pauses to remember one of its own.

Senior Constable Francis Drum was 43 years old when he died on 12 January 1882. He was a husband to Mary and a father to six children. He was also a brother to those who he served alongside in the New South Wales Police Force.

Senior Constable Drum was a 20-year police veteran when he was thrown from his horse while collecting electoral lists and crop returns. His death was not considered as being in the line of duty.

But today Francis finally gets the recognition he deserves – being included on the New South Wales Police Force Honour Roll.

Congratulations to those who persisted for Francis to be included on the honour roll at the Domain in Sydney and to also be included on the national police memorial in Canberra. I would like to particularly mention Senior Constable Pat Smith who led the push for Francis to be properly honoured.

The efforts to give Senior Constable Drum the recognition he deserves typifies the reason National Police Remembrance Day exists.

This year is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this important date and, by telling the stories of our fallen police officers, we ensure this significant commemoration continues well into the future and that we will never forget the service of our men and women in blue.

(Thanks to the  
Young Witness for the photos)

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# Norma LORENZO

02/01/2019

## Norma LORENZO

AKA ?

Late of ?

### NSW Public Service

## New South Wales Police Force

**Regd # 8520887**

Rank: Administrative Officer

Stations: ?, Blacktown Traffic Office ( 27 Division )

Service: From ? ? 1985? to ? ? ? = ? years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? ?

Died on: Thursday 27 December 2018

Age: 63

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Saturday 5 January 2019 @ 10am

Funeral location: St John 23rd Parish Church, 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens, NSW

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?

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Richard Hurst: I was Traffic Sgt at Blacktown when Norma started she was amazing.....I'm lost for words. She was the most efficient, loyal person you could wish to meet, she had a lovely family, her husband Freddy was a great bloke. Rest in Peace Norma.



# Peter ROBB

02/01/2019

## Peter ROBB

AKA ?

Late of ?

NSW Redfern / Penrith Police Academy  
Class # ? ? ?

New South Wales Police Force

[alert\_yellow]Regd. #  
10132[/alert\_yellow]

**Rank:** Probationary Constable – appointed  
30 October 1961

Constable 1st Class – appointed 1 April  
1967

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 1 February  
1978

Senior Sergeant – appointed 21 June 1986

**Final Rank** = Sergeant 1st Class –  
Resignation

**Stations:** ? , Bankstown ( 1970/71 ),  
Liverpool ( 22 Division ) Detectives 1973  
– 1978, Police Rescue Squad –  
Marrickville ( 70's – 80's ),

**Service:** From ? ? pre Oct 1961? to 19  
January 2001 = 39+ years Service

Also attended Darwin, N.T. re the  
Christmas eve / Christmas day Cyclone  
Tracy in 1974 as part of the NSW Police  
contingent

**Awards:** National Medal – granted 6  
November 1980

1st Clasp to National Medal – granted 2  
November 1988

2nd Clasp to National Medal – granted 28  
August 1997

**Born:** 23 November 1941

**Died on:** Sunday 30 December 2018 about  
noon surrounded by family

**Age:** 77

**Cause: ?**

**Event location: ?**

**Event date: ?**

**Funeral date: ? ? ?TBA**

**Funeral location: ?TBA**

**Wake location: ?TBA**

**Funeral Parlour: ?**

**Buried at: ?**

**Memorial located at: ?**

[alert\_yellow] **PETER** is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance[/alert\_yellow] \*NEED MORE INFO

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Nothing further is known at this time so please return to this page for further updates on funeral details etc.

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# Bernard Joseph WALSH

02/01/2019

# Bernard Joseph WALSH

Son to Jack WALSH – NSWPF – Deceased ( *possibly* # 3686  
– born 090911)

AKA BERNIE, 'THE REV' ( the Reverend )

Late of ?

NSW Penrith Police Academy Class # ? ? ?

New South Wales Police Force

[alert\_yellow]Regd. #  
8576[/alert\_yellow]

**Rank:** Probationary Constable – appointed  
29 October 1956

Senior Constable – appointed 29 October  
1967

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 6 April  
1973

**Final Rank** = Detective Sergeant

**Stations:** Darlinghurst, Broken Hill ( 1958 ), Southern District, Goulburn Scientific ( 1966 ), Goulburn STP ( HWP ) 1968 / 1970's, Tumut Detectives, Chatswood

Most of his career was spent in  
Scientific

Service: From ? ? pre Oct. 1956? to ?  
? ? = 30 years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: 20 February 1933

Died on: Friday 21 December 2018

Age: 85

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Thursday 3 January 2019  
@ 10.30am

Funeral location: Our Lady of the  
Rosary Catholic Church, Glennie St,  
Wyoming, NSW

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

**Buried at: Catholic Cemetery, Goulburn,  
on Friday 4 January 2019 @ noon**

**Memorial located at: ?**



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January 14 2019 – 12:00PM

# Goulburn detective, father, artist, referee and Lion passes

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## Darryl Fernance

A former Goulburn detective who was well known for his art will long be remembered by the many people who came to know him throughout his life.

Bernard Joseph Walsh, known as Bernie – and also known as ‘The Rev’ (short for ‘The Reverend’), a nickname given to him by his mates – passed away on December 21, 2018.

He was born on February 20, 1933, the first child of Jack and Minnie Ada Walsh. Several years later he was joined by his sister, Denise.

Most of his education was at Marist Brothers, North Sydney, where he excelled at sport, specifically football.

His first job was with David Jones. During this time he was following his passion for art, attending East Sydney Technical College part-time for five years.

In 1956, he decided to follow in his father’s footsteps and

join the NSW Police Service.

This was start of a distinguished 30-year career.

In 1958 he transferred as a young constable from Sydney to Broken Hill.

He met and married Beverley Bush, a girl from Cammeray, in 1961, and she joined him in Broken Hill where their first daughter, Melissa, was born; two years later, Simone followed.

In 1966 he transferred to Goulburn, joining the scientific section where he would work 15 years. Daughter Jacqueline was born in 1970.

Sadness struck the family in 1975 when wife Bev passed away, leaving Bernie a single father with three girls aged under 13.

Ian Radford ( [# 10203](#) ), a former police colleague who worked in the scientific section in Albury, remembered Bernie as a meticulous investigator and a very good artist.

“He was always thorough in his work, but also known for the quality of the artwork he produced,” Mr Radford said. “Though I worked in Albury, we often caught up with each other.”

Daughter Melissa agreed: “Dad had meticulous attention to detail and documentation of his work.

“A few years ago, a detective from the murder squad investigating unsolved cold crimes contacted Jacqui regarding a case Dad had investigated in the early ‘80s.

“She commented on the thoroughness and detailed notes Dad had carried out in the initial investigation of the disappearance and assumed murder of a nurse.

“This case was recently showcased on a TV program, Manhunt, where Dad was mentioned by name as the detective who retrieved the relevant evidence that, with new DNA technology available

today, resulted in a murder conviction 30 years after the crime was committed, despite a body never being recovered.”

While in Goulburn, Bernie became an active member of the Lions Club of Goulburn City.

His art also flourished and he staged at least one solo exhibition. He was often featured in the Goulburn Evening Post under headlines such as ‘Cop his art’ or ‘Just cop this for a brush with the law!’

He won many awards, but was probably most proud of his submission into the Archibald Prize of rugby league football player, Paul Harragon.

Bernie loved sport and for many years was a rugby league referee in Goulburn.

After retiring from refereeing he joined the Hash House Harriers in Goulburn and later the Central Coast Harriers: social runners clubs mixing sport with regular social activities. He even went to a couple of international Hash events in Asia.

Bernie completed 19 City to Surf events. He also competed in at least one marathon, on the Gold Coast in 1980, and in 1982 carried the Queen’s message baton in the relay to the Brisbane Commonwealth Games.

After hanging up his running shoes, he morphed into a lycra-wearing cyclist, competing in several charity cycle events from Sydney to Wollongong and ventured far and wide around the country with his cycling mates.

His three daughters say they will always appreciate the job Bernie did, bringing them up as a single father. He juggled police work with domestic duties and made time for sport and art.

His last seven years were spent in the care of Orana Baptist

Health, where illness finally overcame his zest for life.

Melissa said the staff had always treated their father with respect and dignity and she and her sisters appreciated, very much, this support.

<https://www.goulburnpost.com.au/story/5847852/memories-of-bernie-walsh/?fbclid=IwAR1RpvTZU0GvainJq5wv6CPQd3Bl-kRco9xECHeB2iWsXnaYCJgqUIIvxwo>

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# **Anthony John PROBST**

02/01/2019

## **Anthony John PROBST**

**AKA TONY or PIGEON**

**Late of Moonan**

**NSW Redfern Police Academy Class # 159**

**NSW Police Cadet # 3279**

**New South Wales Police Force**

**ProCst # 92316**

# Regd. # 18219

Rank: NSW Police Cadet – commenced 5 July 1976

Probationary Constable – appointed 15 August 1978

Senior Constable – appointed 15 August 1987

Final Rank = ?

Stations: ?, 15 Division,

Service: From 5 July 1976 to ? ? ? = ? years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: 15 August 1959

Died on: Tuesday 25 December 2018 ( Christmas Day )

Age: 59

Cause: Cancer

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Monday 31 December 2018 @ 10am

Funeral location: Coffs Harbour Crematorium, Hogbin Dve,  
Coffs Harbour

Wake location: Coffs Hotel

Funeral Parlour: Keith Logue & Sons, Coffs Harbour 6652 1999

Buried at: Cremated

Memorial located at: ?



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

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**May they forever Rest In Peace**





## **PROBST, Anthony John 'Tony'**

25th December 2018, passed away peacefully, late of Moonan. Dearly beloved son of Peter (dec'd) & Mae. Much loved brother of Jenny.

**Aged 59 Years**

**Sadly Missed By His Family And  
Friends**

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Tony's Funeral Service to be held in the Chapel of Hogbin Drive Crematorium & Memorial Gardens, Stadium Drive, Coffs Harbour on Monday 31st December 2018, commencing at 10.00 am.

**KEITH LOGUE & SONS**

**Coffs Harbour 6652 1999**

Funeral Director's Assoc. of NSW

Accred No 12033-01



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# Phil Thomas PETERS

02/01/2019

## Phil Thomas PETERS

AKA ?

Late of Caringbah

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern Police Academy Class #  
'Possibly' 107

New South Wales Police Force

**Regd. # 11589**

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 16 August 1966

Constable – appointed 16 August 1967

Senior Constable – appointed 16 August 1974

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 17 July 1981

**Final Rank** = Senior Sergeant

Stations: North District, Fingerprints, Police Library,  
Sutherland ( 1981/82 ), Kogarah – Retirement

Service: From ? ? pre Aug 1965? to 25 August 1999 = 34  
years Service

Awards: National Medal – granted 15 April 1981

1st Clasp to National Medal – granted 28 May 1992

Born: Thursday 10 February 1944

Died on: Tuesday 25 December 2018 ( Christmas day ) with  
family by his side

Age: 74yrs 10mths 15 days

Cause: Phil had major surgery on 18 December for bladder  
cancer. He went home to recover but, unfortunately, a blood  
clot had developed that went into his lungs.

Event location: Home

Event date: 25 December 2018

Funeral date: Friday 4 January 2019 @ 1pm

Funeral location: Gymea Baptist Church, cnr Hotham Rd & Tea  
Gardens Ave, Gymea

Wake location: Trade Union Club, Gymea

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Cremated.

Memorial located at: Memorial Plaque – Woronora Memorial  
Park

Police Memorial Garden – Ash Garden 1, Position 094

Interment on 16 January 2019



**PHIL** is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

**\*NEED MORE INFO**

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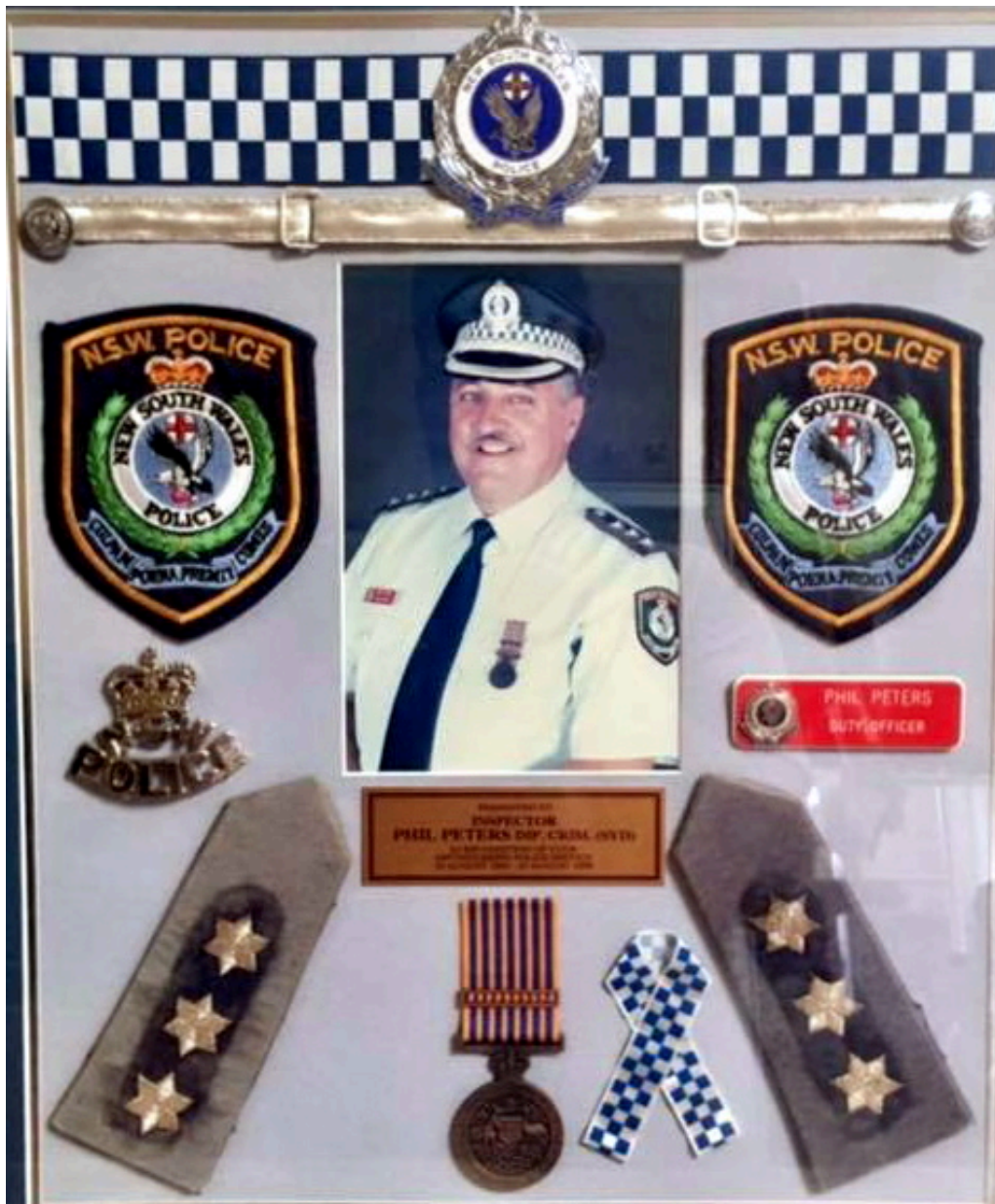
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Phil was also the Editor of the Australian Police Journal ( APJ ) for many years and also did a lot of work with the Metropolitan South – Associates Branch of the Retired Police Association.

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Phil PETERS in 2015



NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione helped unveil a new police memorial at Woronora Cemetery, Sutherland on Thursday.

Pictured from left: Andrew Scipione, Tony Grant and Phil Peters. Picture Chris Lane



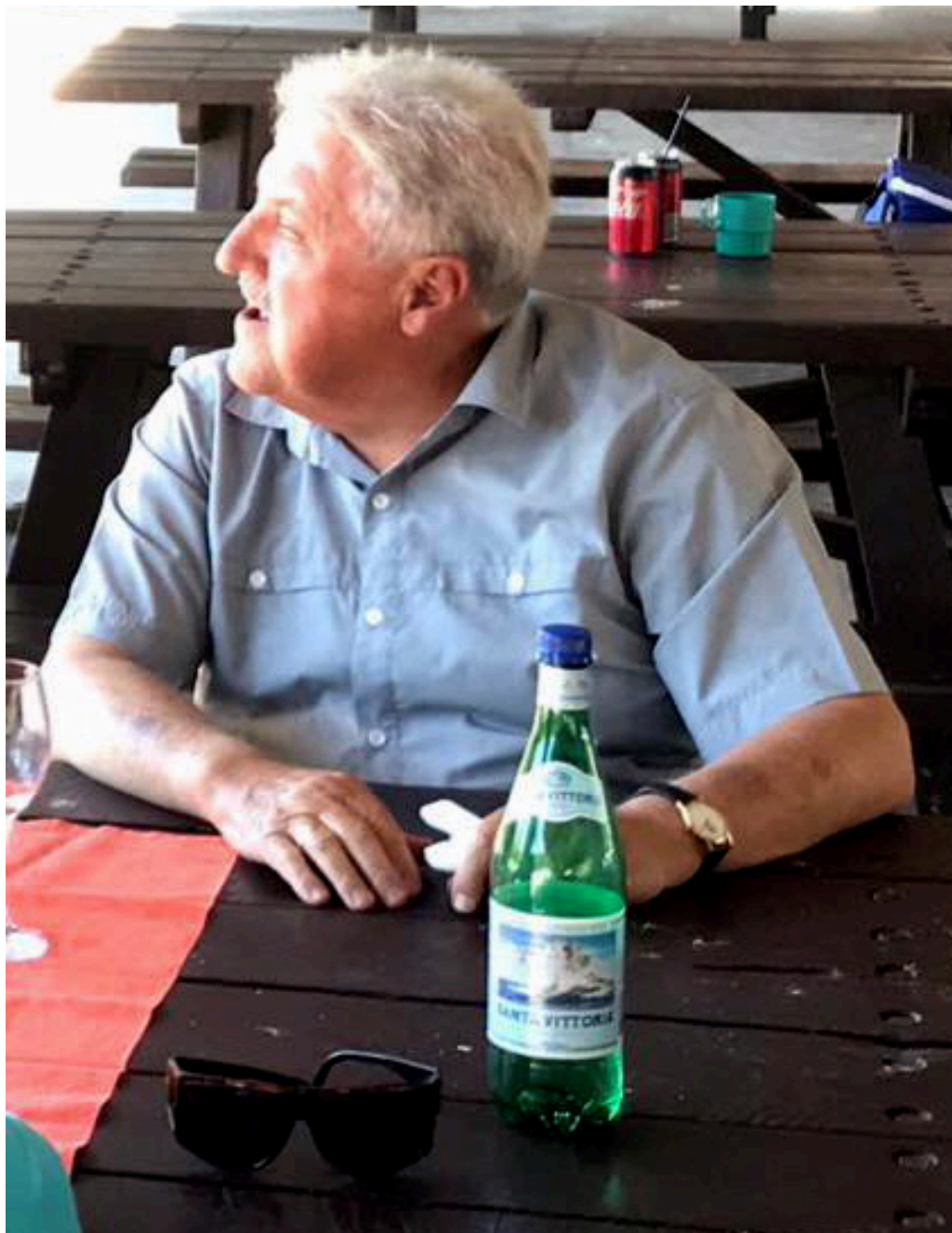
Remembered: Graham Boyd and **Phil Peters** at the police memorial will will be opened on Thursday. Picture: Chris Lane.



Remembered: Graham Boyd and **Phil Peters** at the police memorial will will be opened on Thursday. Picture: Chris Lane.



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**Edwin Francis KAIN**

02/01/2019

# Edwin Francis KAIN

AKA EDDIE & YOGI

Late of ?

Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday 4  
August 1969

NSW Redfern Police Academy **Class # 120**

New South Wales Police Force

**Regd. # 13809**

Rank: Commenced at Redfern Police Academy on 4 August 1969 ( aged 21 years, 2 months, 15 days )

Probationary Constable – appointed 15 September 1969 ( aged 21 years, 3 months, 26 days )

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed 15 September 1974

Senior Constable – appointed 15 September 1978

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 13 July 1985

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Inspector – appointed ???

Final Rank = Inspector

Stations: ?, Five Dock ( 1970's ), Pymble ( 1973 ), worked at  
Supt. of Licences Officer, Gosford ( Licencing Sgt ) – 30  
Division, Ashfield, Eastwood – Retirement

Service: From 4 August 1969 to 31 October 2003 = 34  
years, 2 months, 27 days Service

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 10 September 1986 ( Sgt 3/c  
)

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 8 November 1995 ( Sgt  
3/c )

Police Ethical & Good Conduct Medal – granted ? ? ?

20 year Clasp to Police Ethical & Good Conduct Medal – granted  
? ? ?



Born: Thursday 20 May 1948

Died on: Thursday 6 December 2018

Age: 70 years, 6 months, 16 days

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Age at Retirement: 55 years, 5 months, 11 days

Years in Retirement: 15 years, 1 month, 5 days

Funeral date: Thursday 13 December 2018 @ 11am

Funeral location: Rose Chapel, Palmdale Lawn Cemetery &

Memorial Park, 57 Palmdale Rd, Palmdale, NSW

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Palmdale Lawn Cemetery & Memorial Park,  
Apple Gum Garden, Site 25



Memorial located at: ?

**EDDIE is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance  
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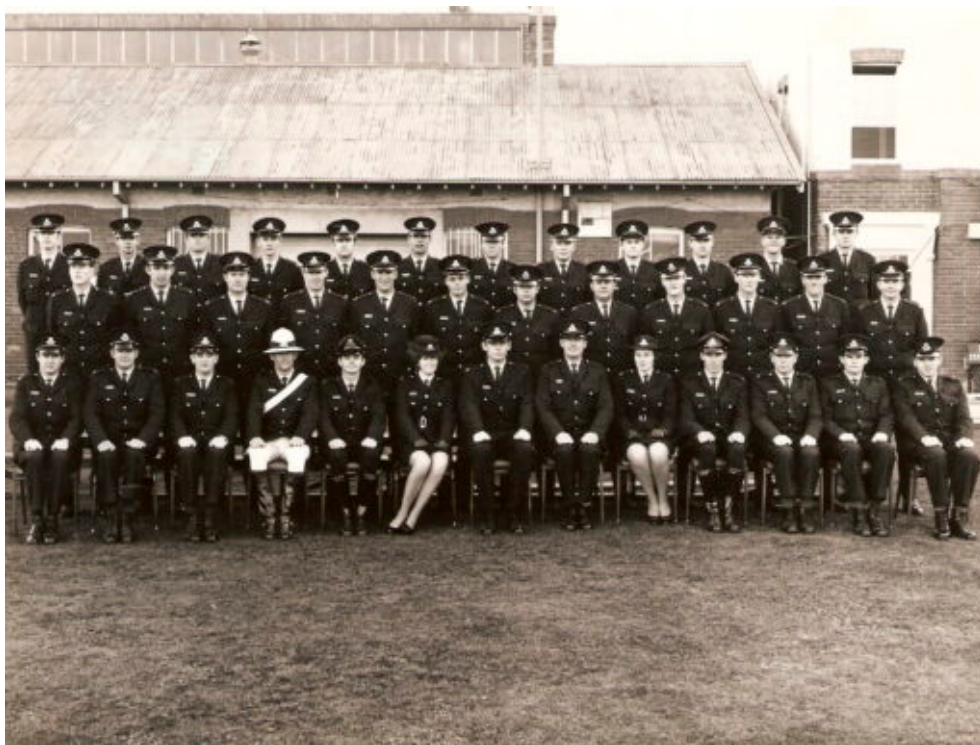
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**May they forever Rest In Peace**

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NSWFallenPolice/>  
Greg Muir ( # **15816** ) It was a quiet service at Palmdale.  
Valedictory given by Jack Williams and reminiscing by Greg  
Ashurst ( # **14281** ) and Eddie's son **Gavin**.  
Condolences to Sandra and the family. RIP Eddie, no longer  
suffering.

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Class 120 at Redfern Police Academy in 1969.  
Back Row ( L – R ): ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?,  
Eddie KAIN, ?, ?, ?  
Middle Row ( L – R ): ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?,  
?, ?, ?, ?  
Front Row ( L – R ): ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?,  
?, ?, ?, ?



Edwin Francis KAIN Send Off – 2003

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This article is obviously not the Edwin Francis KAIN ( above )  
but could possibly be a relative.

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954),

**Saturday 29 July 1944, page 21**

## FUNERALS

KAIN- The relatives and Friends of Mr and Mrs **Frank Kain** of **41 Burlington avenue, Earlwood** and Mr. and Mrs. J. Selator, of Stanmore are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved Brother and Cousin **Edwin Francis Kain** to leave our **Chapel 7 Missendon Road, Camperdown**, This Saturday Afternoon at 1.30 o'clock, for **Church of England Cemetery, Field of Mars**.

Wood Coffill Limited.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/17915226>

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# **Gary Ian THATCHER**

02/01/2019

## **Gary Ian THATCHER**

**AKA GONAD**

**Late of Thirroul**

**Son of SenSgt ( Retired ) Laurie Ian THATCHER Regd # 8009 ( R.I.P. )**

**NSW Redfern Police Academy Class # 155**

**New South Wales Police Force**

**Regd. # 17604**

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 27 June 1977

Constable – appointed 27 June 1978

Senior Constable – appointed 27 June 1986

**Final Rank = Senior Constable**

Stations: ?, Austinmer, Thirroul, Corrimal, Sutherland?,  
Wollongong

Service: From ?? pre June 1977? to ??? = ? years  
Service

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 28 April 1993

Born: 11 March 1958

Died on: Wednesday 12 December 2018 about 6pm

Age: 60

Cause: Heart attack

Event location: Palm Court, Corrimal Hotel, Corrimal

Event date: Wednesday 12 December 2018 about 6pm

Funeral date: Friday 21 December 2018 @ 10am

Funeral location: Hansen & Cole Funerals, Northcliffe Dve,

## Kembla Grange

**Wake location:** Ryans Hotel, Thirroul @ noon

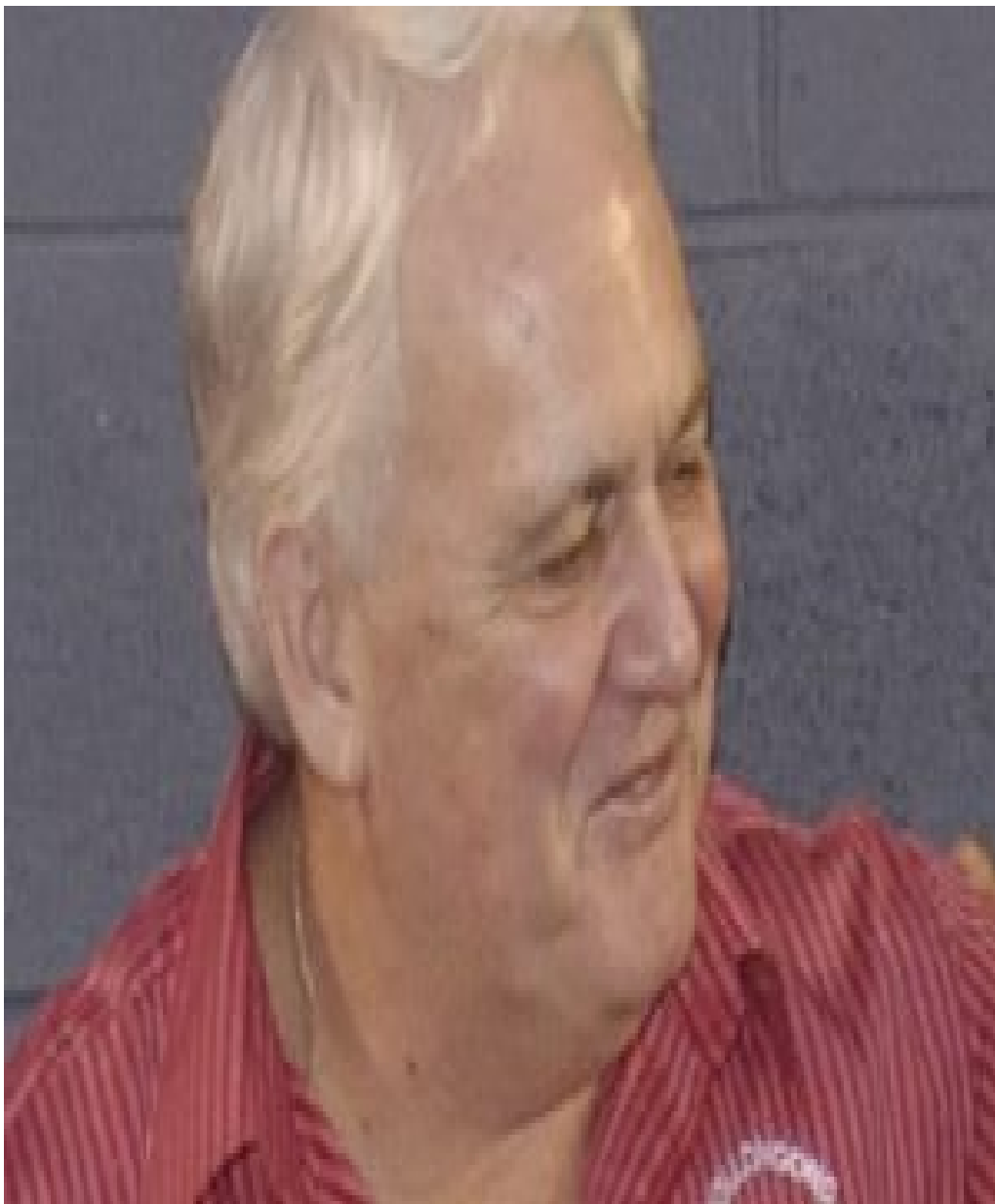
**Funeral Parlour:** Hansen & Cole, Kembla Grange – 42724900

**Buried at:** ?TBA

**Memorial located at:** ?



Gary THATCHER – 6 April 2016















**GONAD is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance[/alert\_yellow] \*NEED MORE INFO**

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**Funeral location: TBA**

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Gary **THATCHER**, son of Laurie, was with old work mates at the Palm Court Restaurant, Corrimal Hotel, Princes Hwy, Corrimal tonight ( *Wednesday 12 December 2018* ).

This 'get together' was with old Policing Footy Team mates from the Illawarra – who regularly gathered to celebrate old war stories and great times together.

Tonight, about 6pm, Gary was ready to leave the restaurant with his mates and went to the bathroom. At the time he was wearing a moon boot due to a recent operation. Gary was in good spirits when he went into the toilet but a short time later he was found lying on the floor in the bathroom and it is unsure what has occurred and further enquiries by police are continuing.

His friends and colleges commenced CPR until the arrival of Paramedics who took over but unfortunately Gary passed away.

Gary was in good spirits and health and his passing comes as a total shock to all that knew him and were with with him.

Gonad will forever be resting with his father, Laurie.

Funeral details have yet to be arranged.

May the lads forever Rest In Peace.

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**Keith Maree Caldwell 141218**

Wednesday was supposed to be a great day for myself & a group of mates..Xmas Lunch with a bunch of good guys beers & punting, war stories, funny times.....we do this 6 times during the year. 13 of us were there on Wednesday (few missing) but only 12 got to go home to their loved ones, family & friends!

But this day we will never forget because of the passing of

one of us Gary 'GONAD' Thatcher ??????????. I'm crying as I write this & all of us will deal with this in our own special way.

Some of us had left, but majority were still there, when Gary had a fall around 6pm. NSW Ambo's / Paramedics attended & a few of the boys assisted them????????? wow..heartbreaking boys but there was nothing else you could do. Maria & myself ended up getting back to the pub with others who arrived to console everyone, it was heart breaking & sad.

This is hard to say but you know what Gary went doing something he really enjoyed...together with old boys having a giggle, telling war stories, food & beer plus a few bets on the side. It is now a special but sad day in our lives.

Gary was loyal to his mates until his last day, loved his family & would do anything for both. A funny bugger who made us laugh. If you had the chance to work with him in the cops (which I did), he was a good old fashion cop.

Police Footy was special, he loved this from his early days as a Campsie 'Camel' to the world famous Wollongong 'Falcons'....he had a ball, and come to think of it majority of us did, great days playing, enjoying life long friendships, away bus trips & end of season trips away. ???? The Townsville trips to see my good mate Muzza ( RIP ) were up there too. This is hard for us but GONAD you wont be forgotten mate...we all loved you♥

Few mates caught up yesterday which was good.

Look over us as we continue in life...a few photos

Our thoughts,prayers & condolences to his family.

RIP GONAD

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# William Peter CROOKS

02/01/2019

## William Peter CROOKS

AKA PETE, CROOKSY

Late of Umina

NSW Goulburn Police Academy Class # ???

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 32060

**Rank:** Probationary Constable – appointed  
? ? ?

**Final Rank** = Inspector

**Stations:** ?, Eastwood, Police  
Prosecutor, CMR Region Office, Office of  
General Counsel and Brisbane Water Police

## District – Death

**Service:** From ? ? ? to 29 November  
2018 = ? years Service

**Awards:** No find on It's An Honour

**Born:** 3 February 1969

**Died on:** Thursday 29 November 2018

**Age:** 49

**Cause:** Brain tumour

**Event location:** ?

**Event date:** ?

**Funeral date:** Monday 10 December 2018

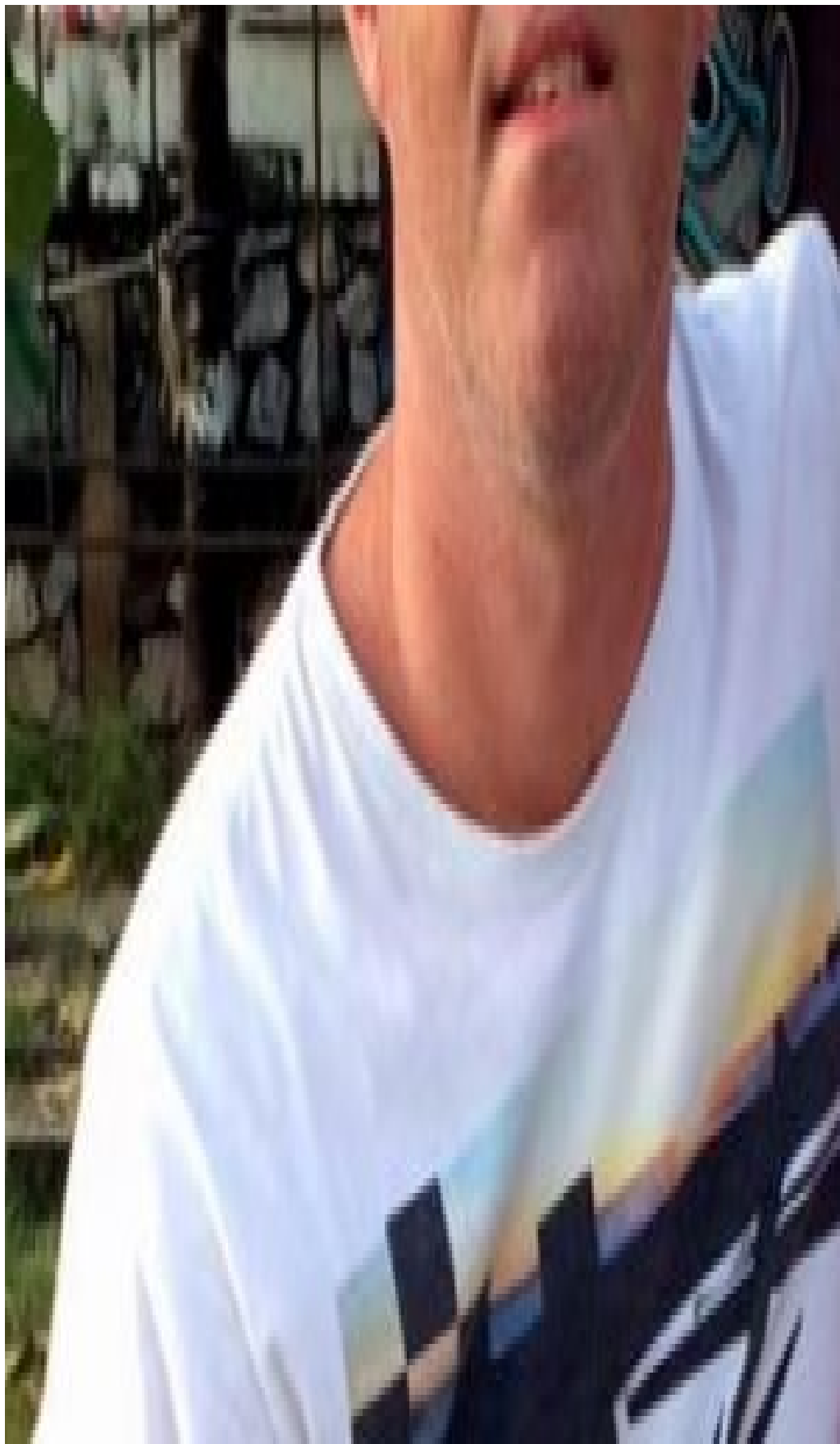
**Funeral location:** Green Point –  
Central Coast, NSW

**Wake location:** ?

**Funeral Parlour:** ?

**Buried at:** ?TBA

**Memorial located at:** ?





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**Funeral location: TBA**

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Nothing further, at the time of publication, is known about  
this man, his career or cause of death.

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