

Alton Caswell O'BRYAN

20/11/2019

Alton Caswell O'BRYAN

AKA Bob

Late of Coffs Harbour, NSW

NSW Redfern Police Academy Class # 'possibly' 039

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 7913

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 1 February 1955

Senior Constable – appointed 26 September 1967 (6mths loss of Seniority)

?

Final Rank = ?

Stations: ?, Mounted Unit (1955 – 1958, North Coast District (1967), ?

Service: From ? ? pre Feb 1955? to ? ? ? = ? years Service

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours

Born: Friday 20 May 1932

Died on: Wednesday 13 November 2019

Age: 87yrs 5mths 24days

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Friday 22 November 2019 @ 2.30pm

Funeral location: Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Cnr East Street & Fourth Ave, Sawtell, NSW

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: Keith Logue & Sons, Coffs Harbour Cnr East Street & Fourth Ave, Sawtell, NSW

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?



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

**FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED ABOUT THIS PERSON, THEIR LIFE,
THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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O'BRYAN, Alton Caswell 'Bob'

Passed away peacefully on the 13th November 2019, at Coffs Harbour.

Former Publican of the Great Eastern Hotel.

Sadly Missed By family & Friends

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Bob's Funeral Service to be celebrated in Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Sawtell on Friday 22nd November 2019, commencing at 2.30 pm.

KEITH LOGUE & SONS F.D.A. of N.S.W.

COFFS HARBOUR (02) 6652 199

Published in Young Witness on Nov. 19, 2019.

Alton CASWELL Obituary – COFFS HARBOUR, New South Wales |
Young Witness

Singleton Argus (NSW : 1880 – 1954),

Friday 10 December 1954, page 5

O'BRYAN – ALLEN WEDDING

A bridal gown of white chantilly lace over nylon tulle was chosen by **Patricia Charlotte Allen** for her marriage to **Alton Caswell O'Bryan** at St. Patrick's last Saturday.

Patricia is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clive Allen, of Dunolly, and the groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Vince O'Bryan, of Mayfield.

As the couple entered the church the Children of Mary formed a guard of honour.

The Rev. Father Troy performed the ceremony, and the bride was given away by her father.

Her full length veil was of nylon tulle and she carried a bouquet of gardenias, gladioli carnations and frangipani tied with satin ribbon.

Miss Beryl Spinks was the bridesmaid, and the miniature bridesmaid was the bride's sister, Miss Pam Allen.

Beryl wore a frock of blue organdie embossed with white, and Pam a frock of pink organdie embossed with white. They wore silver curvettes trimmed with blue and pink lace. Their bouquets were of gladioli, carnations, roses, tied with blue and pink tulle ribbons.

The best man was Mr. Laurie Rootes.

Miss Joan Kime played the organ as the register was signed, and Mrs. Arie Groot sang "Ave Maria."

After the wedding ceremony Nuptial Mass was celebrated. Hymns were sung by pupils of St. Catherine's College, where the bride was formerly a student.

The church was decorated by the Sisters of Mercy with gladioli and white shasta daisies.

The guests were received at the reception, held in the Band Hall by Mrs. Allen and Mrs. O'Bryan.

Mrs. Allen wore a frock of ming blue crepe with a shoulder spray of pink orchids and carnations and black accessories.

Mrs. O'Bryan wore a frock of navy blue crepe with a shoulder spray of pink carnations and stocks and navy and white accessories.

The wedding cake was made and decorated by Mrs. Rutherford.

The couple received many valuable gifts and congratulatory telegrams. Before leaving on her honeymoon, which is being spent at Coolangatta, the bride changed into a frock of orchid pink nylon with black accessories.

The couple will make their future home at Mayfield.

10 Dec 1954 – O'BRYAN- ALLEN WEDDING – Trove

Ian Hodges After the Cops, Bob had the Plantation and Pier Hotels in Coffs and the Seaview Tavern at Woolgoolga.

Many a fine service was held at the establishments of Father O'Bryan. RIP Bob O'Bryan your duty done.

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Nothing further (at the time of publication) is known – other than what is above, about this man, his Service or life.

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Raymond Francis SMITH

20/11/2019

Raymond Francis SMITH

AKA ?

Late of Forster, NSW

NSW Redfern Police Academy Class # 108

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 12204

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 16 September 1966

Constable – appointed 16 September 1967

“possible” Detective. R.F. SMITH Det SenCon appears in CIB Centenary 1879 – 1979 with no photo or other information.

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 15 June 1983

Appears in the 1988 Stud Book but NOT the 1989 issue

Final Rank = Sergeant

Stations: ?, Northern Region – Retirement

Service: From ? ? pre Sept 1966? to 22 June 1989 = 22+ years Service

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours – but,

National Medal – **granted** 19 November 1982 (Det SenCon)

Born: Wednesday 28 August 1940

Died on: Thursday 14 November 2019

Age: 79yrs 2mths 17days

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Friday 29 November 2019 (private funeral)

Funeral location: ?

Friends are invited to attend the wake:

Wake location: Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club, Parkes St,
Tuncurry, NSW @ 5pm

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?

RAYMOND is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance
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Born in 1940 – Raymond had just turned 26 when he was Sworn at a Probationary Constable.

It is **not** confirmed but the below information '**possibly**' relates to the same person as the time frame is consistent.

Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney,
NSW : 1901 – 2001),

Friday 18 May 1962 (No.48 (SUPPLEMENT)), page 1455

APPOINTMENTS (ON PROBATION)

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council and upon the recommendation of the Public Service Board, has approved of the appointment on probation of the following with effect from the dates shown:–

Department of Prisons

Mr. Max Schiller, Warder,–1st February, 1962.

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Mr. Raymond Vernon Morris, Warder,–20th October, 1961.

Mr. Raymond Francis Smith, Warder,–20th October, 1961.

Mr. Reuben Carl Thurbon, Warder,–20th October, 1961.

.....
18 May 1962 – APPOINTMENTS (ON PROBATION) – Trove

Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney,
NSW : 1901 – 2001),

Friday 22 February 1963 (No.17 (SUPPLEMENT)), page 532

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council and upon the recommendation of the Public Service Board, has approved of the confirmation of appointment of the following:–

Department of Prisons

Mr. Reuben Carl Thurbon; Mr. Joseph Spencer Upton; Mr. James Stephen; Mr. Ernest William Worth; Mr. Leslie Herbert Holm; Mr. Edward David Charles Lutton; Mr. Raymond Vernon Morris; **Mr. Raymond Francis Smith**; Mr. Kenneth David Hamilton; Mr. John Joseph Horan.....

22 Feb 1963 – CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS – Trove

Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney,
NSW : 1901 – 2001),

RESIGNATIONS

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has accepted the following resignations from the Public Service, the last day of service being indicated within brackets.

Department of Prisons

Mr

Miss

Mr Raymond Francis Smith, Prison Officer [14th September, 1966 (quarter day)].

Mr

16 Dec 1966 – RESIGNATIONS – Trove

Nothing further is known about this man, his life or Service.

Any information and photos would be appreciated.

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Gerard Peter JOHNSTON

20/11/2019

Gerard Peter JOHNSTON

AKA ?

Late of Blackheath – formerly of Bronte, NSW

NSW Police Cadet # 2945

NSW Redfern Police Academy Class # ? ? ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 16??? – 17???

Rank: NSW Police Cadet – commenced 9 July 1973

Probationary Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank = Constable

Stations: ?

Service: From 9 July 1973 to 11 January 1979 = 5+ years
Service

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours

Born: ? May? ?

Died on: Thursday 11 January 1979

Age: 22

Cause: Depression – Suicide – Service weapon – Not Duty related

Event location: at his home in Bronte, NSW

Event date: Thursday 11 January 1979

Funeral date: ? ? 1979

Funeral location: ?

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?



Gerard Peter JOHNSTON – 1976
supplied by Peter Cameron

Photo

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RYERSON LIST.

<i>Surname</i>	<i>Given Names</i>	<i>Notice Type</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Other Details</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>Published</i>
JOHNSTON	Gerard Peter	Death notice	11JAN1979	Death	22	late of Blackheath, formerly of Bronte	Sydney Morning Herald	13JAN1979

NSW BDM: **Death**

JOHNSTON GERARD PETER **2487/1979**

Father: FRANCIS NORMAN

Mother: KATHLEEN THERESE

Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney,
NSW : 1901 – 2001),

Friday 21 September 1979 (No.130), page 4775

ANY person having any claims upon the estate of **GERARD PETER JOHNSTON**, late of Randwick, who died on 11th January, 1979, must send particulars of his claim to the administrators, Francis Norman Johnston and Kathleen Therese Johnston, c.o.

Laurence & Laurence, 54 Carrington Street, Sydney, on or before 4th December, 1979. The administrators will distribute the assets in the estate, having regard only to the claims of which at that date they have notice. Letters of administration were granted in New South Wales on 27th June, 1979. LAURENCE & LAURENCE, Solicitors, 54 Carrington Street, Sydney, N.S.W. 2000 (D.X. 115).

1258 – \$12.50

21 Sep 1979 – ANY person having any claims upon the estate of GERARD PETER JOHNSTON, late of Randwick, who died on 11th –
Trove

Douglas William NEWALL OAM

20/11/2019

Douglas William NEWALL OAM

AKA Bill

Late of Smithfield, NSW

Uncle to Mick NEWALL – Retired NSWPF # 21663

NSW Penrith Police College **Class # 025**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 7121

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 22 October 1951

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Detective Senior Constable – appointed ? July 1963 * Lost Seniority?

Detective Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 1 October 1967

Detective Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? January 1975

Detective Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 27 November 1978

Detective Chief Inspector – appointed ? December 1982

Final Rank = Detective Chief Inspector – Retirement 1986

Stations: Darlinghurst GDs (3 Division)(22 Oct 1951 – 16 Sept 1953),

Daceyville – solo cyclist (15 Division)(17 Sept 1953),

Daceyville – ‘A’ List (Plain Cloths until 9 March 1955),

21 Division – Trainee Detective (March 1955 – 16 Sept 1956),

(15 Division)(17 Sept 1956 -1957),

Darlinghurst (3 Division) (Jan 1957 – Oct 1959),
Liverpool Detectives (22 Division)(Oct 1959 – Nov 1968),
Campbelltown Detectives (35 Division)(Nov 1968 –)
*Campbelltown Dets had no vehicle assigned to them. They had to
borrow a vehicle with no radio.,
Vice Squad (1997),

Service: From ?? pre Oct 1951? to ? August 1986 = 35 years
Service

Awards: 3 Commendations:

- 1/ Highly commended for his courage & devotion to duty displayed at Darlinghurst in 1957 on the occasion of the wounding of Detective Constable 1/c **K. F. GILMOUR** by a well known criminal. Detective Gilmour was seriously wounded in the right arm, which caused him to retire. The offender had been killed by Detective Gilmour discharging his service pistol. Earlier that day, the offender had shot dead a male person and wounded a woman.
- 2/ Commended for his role in the operation between Nov 1962 and March 1963, in an endeavour to effect the arrest of a violent criminal, who was subsequently sentenced to 20 years imprisonment on charges of rape and attempted rape.
- 3/ Commended for his role in the search for Monica Schofield, missing from Heathcote Hostel, East Hills, June 1963 and inquiries which resulted in the arrest of her attacker and subsequent conviction for murder.

Medal of the Order of Australia (**OAM**) – **granted** 8 June 2015

For Service to veterans and their families and to the

community of Smithfield

National Medal – granted ? ? 1974

Diligent and Ethical Service Medal – granted post August 1986

Born: Monday 30 August 1926

Died on: Tuesday 5 November 2019

Age: 93yrs 2mths 6days

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Friday 15 November 2019 @ 11am

Funeral location: Liverpool Cemetery, 207 Moore Rd, Liverpool,
NSW

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?

Pre NSWPF – Bill Enlisted in the RAAF on 19 September 1944 and discharged on 10 December 1945 – reaching the rank of Leading Aircraftsman.







Vice Squad

Back row, left to right: Det. Sen. Const. P.P. Clear, Det. Sen. Const. T.M. Walsh, Det. Sen. Const. A.R. Reid, Det. Sen. Const. D.K. Murray, Det. Const. 1/c E.J. Gollan, Det. Sen. Const. N.J. Stoves.
Seated, left to right: Det. Sen. Const. A.J. Ross, Det. Sgt. 3/c G.D. Hoggett, Det. Sgt. 1/c D.W. Newall, Det. Sgt. 3/c B.W. Rope, Det. Sen. Const. D.J. Bass.

NSWPF Vice Squad c1979

Back Row (L – R)

Patrick Philip **CLEAR** # 12440, T.M. **WALSH** # 12771, A.R. **REID** # 13046, Donald Kevin **MURRAY** # 12315, Eric James **GOLLAN** # 14665, N.J. **STOVES** # 11198

Front Row

A.J. **ROSS** # 10899, Geoffrey David **HOGGETT** # 9203, Douglas William **NEWALL** # 7121, B.W. **ROPE** # 9307, Dennis James **BASS** # 11765

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Detective Constable 1st Class William NEWALL, from Liverpool Police, along with other Police, were involved in the investigation into the murder of 12 year old school girl, Monica Schofield, on the 17 June 1963.

Monica was abducted on her way to East Hills Girls High School from her home at Hammondville Migrant Hostel – sometime referred to as the Heathcote Migrant Hostel and currently located at the new suburb known as Sanctuary Point.

Source: Retired Det C/Insp. William NEWALL.

Source: Liverpool Police Time Line (1788 – 2016)

June 10 2015 – 12:00AM

**Smithfield's Douglas William (Bill)
Newall receives OAM**

SMITHFIELD'S **Douglas William (Bill) Newall** has achieved a remarkable milestone.

The 88-year-old has been awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (**OAM**) in the Queen's Birthday honours for his service to veterans and their families, as well as to the

Smithfield community.

Mr **Newall** was overseas when the honour was announced on Monday.

The former president of the Smithfield RSL Sub-branch was nominated by his mate Rick Stubbs, who is the junior vice-president of the Sub-branch, as well as being one of the club's directors.

"Bill has done a lot of amazing things for the service of NSW and the country," he said.

"His tireless and selfless commitment to others is outstanding.

"His life's motto is 'always work to the benefit of others and not yourself, and you will go a long way in life'.

"If any person deserves recognition for a lifetime giving, this man does."

Mr Stubbs said Mr **Newall** had dedicated about 63 years of his life to the state and country.

"He's been in the RAAF in World War II and spent many years in the NSW Police Force," he said. "He also joined the RSL to make a difference in the community for veterans and their families, so he is a very deserving recipient."

Mr **Newall** was the president of the Smithfield RSL Sub-branch from 2012 to 2014, a member of the club since 1995 and a trustee since 1999.

He was also the president of the Smithfield RSL Sub-branch Bowling Club from 1999 to 2002. He was awarded a life membership by the RSL of Australia in 2012.

Mr **Newall** also made significant contributions to the Bowls (Zone 2) Association.

In 2009, he was awarded the Meritorious Service badge by NSW RSL Bowls for his dedication to the sport.

Mr **Newall** joined the NSW Police Force in 1951 and retired in August, 1986 as a Detective Chief Inspector.

“He was awarded the Police Long Service Medal in 1974 and the Diligent and Ethical Service Medal since retirement,” he said.

“Without the support of his wife Domenica, he wouldn’t have been able to achieve what he has over the years.”

<https://www.fairfieldchampion.com.au/story/3134663/smithfields-douglas-william-bill-newall-receives-oam/>

First published on 10 November 2019.

Updated 28 April 2026 with Vice Squad photo.

Robert Andrew BROAD

20/11/2019

Robert Andrew BROAD

AKA Bob

Late of ?

NSW Redfern Police Academy Class # 131

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 15359

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 19 June 1972

Detective – appointed ? pre June 1977

Constable 1st Class – appointed 19 June 1977

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 31 December 1987

?

Final Rank = ?

Stations: ?

?, Parramatta Detectives (18 Division), ?

Service: From ?? pre June 1972? to ??? = ? years Service

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 7 November 1988 (Det SenCon)

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 24 March 2000 (Det Sgt

)

Born: Thursday 25 March 1948

Died on: Saturday 24 September 2005

Age: 57yrs 5mths 30days

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? 2005

Funeral location: ?

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Leura Memorial Gardens, Kitchener Rd, Springwood,
NSW

Grave location: Section ?, Row ?, Plot ?

Approx. GPS: -33.7065207 150.3461709

Memorial located at: ?



CIB Centenary book
1879 – 1979



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Parramatta Detectives

Back row, left to right: Det. Sen. Const. W.A. Allen, Det. Sen. Const. D. McMillan, P.C. Const. 1/c D.W. Williams, Det. Sgt. 3/c I.W. Hamilton, Det. Sen. Const. K.R. Sheens, Det. Sgt. 3/c L. Melchior, P.C. Const. P. Mayger.

Front row, left to right: P.C. Const. 1/c C.E. Brown, Det. Const. 1/c B.K. Driver, Det. Sgt. 1/c J.R. Bryant, Det. Sen. Const. B.J. Williams, Det. Sen. Const. R. Moore, Det. Const. 1/c R.A. Broad, Det. Sgt. 2/c B.L. Inglis, Det. Sgt. 3/c G.E. Martin.

Other Staff stationed at the No. 18 Division Detective Office, who do not appear in the photograph are listed hereunder:—

Det. Sgt. 3/c L.B. Walsh, Det. Sen. Const. G. Brent, Det. Sen. Const. M.A. Leary, P.C. Const. 1/c S.J. Small, Det. Sen. Const. P. Dickens, Det. Sen. Const. R. O'Regan, Det. Sgt. 3/c D. Ballard, P.C. Const. 1/c S.J. Leonard, Det. Sen. Const. L.R. Yorke, Det. Sen. Const. K.M. Godfrey, P.C. Const. 1/c L.A. Whalan, P.C. Const. M.N. Holmes.

PARRAMATTA

DETECTIVES

Back Row (L – R)

W.A. ALLEN # 14367, D. McMILLAN, D.W. WILLIAMS # 14959, I.W. HAMILTON # 10159, K.R. SHEENS # 11044, L. MELCHIOR # 9268, P. MAYGER # 17359

Front Row (L – R)

C.E. BROWN # P/W 0205, B.K. DRIVER # 14681, J.R. BRYANT # 6835, B.J. WILLIAMS # 12935, R. MOORE, Robert A. BROAD # 15359, Barry L. INGLIS # 8179, Gwen E. MARTIN # P/W 0041

Nothing further, at the time of publication, is known about this man, his career or life – other than what is recorded above.

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7 March 2024: Updated with Parramatta Detectives photo.

Paul Viktors Norman TROTMAN

20/11/2019

Paul Viktors Norman TROTMAN

AKA Trotters

Paul's wife's name was **Robyn**. Robyn passed away in **May 2018**.
May she forever Rest In Peace.

Late of Goulburn, NSW

NSW Police Cadet # 2243

NSW Redfern Police Academy Class # 120

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 13882

Rank: NSW Police Cadet – commenced 20 February 1967

Probationary Constable – appointed 23 September 1969

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 13 June 1985

Final Rank = Sergeant – Retirement

Stations: ?, NSW Police Academy – Senior Instructor (23
years – Retirement)

Service: From 20 February 1967 to ?? 2002? = 35+ years
Service

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

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

Born: Saturday 23 September 1950

Died on: Friday 9 December 2011

Age: 61yrs 2mths 16days

Cause: Cancer – **type ?**

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: ? December 2011

Funeral location: ?

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: Goulburn Police Academy – NSW Police
Computer labs named in his honour



PAUL is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance *NEED
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Via Project "eyewatch" – NSW Police Force

"Sergeant Trotman served the community with distinction as a NSW Police Officer, retiring after 35+ years of service. His final 23 years of service was at the NSW Police Academy as the senior instructor with Police Technologies.

All Police recruits for the last 23 years remember Sgt Trotman.

The NSW Police Computer labs are named in his honour."

Publications by Paul Trotman & others.

The use of case studies in police education. [Unpublished paper] / Brian J Couper, Peter Shinfield, Paul Trotman.

Buck Rogers The Sarge was one of the best and a true gentlemen.

Loved how he called all the blokes, "squire".

Proud to see the portrait of him in the computer room hallway at Goulburn, which I do believe, they named in his honor.

Thanks for the lessons Sarge.

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Australian Government Gazette # G40 14 October 1975

Defence force appointments P21

Cowra High School – to be Lieutenant (on probation), 1 March 1975 – Paul Victors Norman Trotman.

https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=14&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwiMzPf94NzLAhX0meYKHbIiAaYQFjANegQIAhAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.legislation.gov.au%2Ffile%2F1975GN40&usg=A0vVaw1Ibfa_p_0lxU0JgVuNqr39

Paul's wife's name was Robyn. Robyn passed away in **May 2018**.
May she forever Rest In Peace.

Rodney Glen SONTER

20/11/2019

Rodney Glen SONTER

AKA Rod SONTER

Late of Gorokan, NSW

NSW Redfern Police Academy Class # 099

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 11046

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday
11 May 1964 (aged 20 years, 0 months, 21 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 12 June 1964 (aged 20
years, 1 month, 23 days)

Constable – appointed 11 May 1965

Constable 1st Class – appointed 11 May 1969

Senior Constable – appointed 11 May 1973

Senior Sergeant – appointed 31 December 1987

Final Rank = ?

Stations: ?

Service: From 11 May 1964 to ? ? ? = ? years Service

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 20 January 1981 (Sgt 3/c)

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 27 November 1990 (SenSgt)

Born: Thursday 20 April 1944

Died on: Friday 18 September 1992

Age: 48 yrs, 4mths, 29days

Cause: *Heart attack

*Died from a Heart attack whilst partaking of a bike ride to raise money for Newcastle Ronald McDonald House

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Palmdale Lawn Cemetery & Memorial Park, Palmdale,
NSW

Grave location: 33°19'47.2"S 151°22'29.9"E

Memorial located at: ?



ROD is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance *NEED
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No further details, other than what is above, are known about this man at the time of publication.

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John Douglas HARDAKER

20/11/2019

John Douglas HARDAKER

AKA ' Hard Arse Hardaker '

Late of Moonbi, Armidale & Macksville, NSW

NSW Redfern Police Academy Class # "possibly" 149

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 17125

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 25 August 1975

Constable – appointed 25 August 1976

Senior Constable – appointed 25 August 1984

?

Final Rank = ?

Stations: ?, Lakemba (13 Division), Ashford, Gunnedah HWP,
Cootamundra, Broken Hill, Armidale,

Service: From ? ? pre Aug 1975? to ? ? ? = ? years Service

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 17 March 1992 (SenCon)

Born: Saturday 26 May 1956

Died on: Tuesday 22 June 1 999

Age: 43yrs 27days

Cause: Motor Vehicle Collision – Upper Hunter region

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Saturday 26? June 1999

Funeral location: ?

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?



This is a picture of John Hardaker. He is the one on the right of the picture walking. Location – Broken Hill. I presume during the Mad Max 3 filming. Courtesy of his son Mitch Hardaker. John Hardaker passed away in 1999.



Location – Broken Hill, Mitch Hardaker, **John Hardakers** son, was told that this was taken whilst Mad Max 3 was being filmed out there. You can see the old bus on the left of the picture. This picture is of John Hardaker and other officers. Most probably **Don BRATTAN** with his back to camera and the large Crown (Sgt 1/c) on the left sleeve.

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

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Nothing further is known, or can be found, about this man at the time of publication.

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Peter Robert O'CONNOR

20/11/2019

Peter Robert O'CONNOR

AKA POC, ITCHY

Late of Warner's Bay, NSW

NSW Redfern Police Academy **Class # 142**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 16499

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 12 August 1974

Constable – appointed 12 August 1975

Senior Constable – appointed 12 August 1983

Final Rank = Senior Constable

Stations: ?, 1974 – 1979 **Sydney, Waverley**, 1979 – 1984
Deniliquin, 1984 – 1998 **Goulburn**, 1998 – 2000 **Port Macquarie**,
2000 – 2002 **Ballina**, 2002 – 2003 **Newcastle, Charlestown**,
Police Rescue Squad (1980s)

Service: From ? ? pre Aug 1974? to ? ? ? = ? years Service

Post NSWPF: Worked as a Control Centre Assistant, at Charlestown, with Ambulance NSW around 2010 until his death

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 29 March 1991 (SenCon)

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 10 August 2000 (SenCon)

Born: Tuesday 26 July 1955

Died on: Sunday 3 November 2019

Age: 64yrs 3mths 8days

Cause: Complications Post cardiac surgery

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Monday 11 November 2019 @ noon

Funeral location: Pettigrew Funerals, 12 Harris St, Wallsend,
NSW

Wake location: Refreshments at Pettigrew after the funeral

Funeral Parlour: Pettigrew Funerals, Wallsend – 02 4951 1166

- **Not a Police Funeral BUT family openly invite all friends and colleagues to attend funeral**

Buried at: Cremation. Will be interred with his mother's Ashes at Ryhope Cemetery, 405 Cessnock Rd, Ryhope, NSW

Memorial located at: ?





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

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THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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May they forever Rest In Peace

After working for the NSWPF for a number of years, Peter left and then joined Ambulance NSW where he worked at Charlestown as a Control Centre Assistant from around 2010 until his death.

Got the nickname **POC** from the personalised number plates on his immaculate Toyota Celica with plates (POC-007).

Richard Norman THORNETT

20/11/2019

Richard Norman THORNETT

AKA Dick

Late of Milthorpe, formerly of Bronte, NSW

NSW Redfern / Penrith Police Academy Class # 065

NSW Police Cadet # 1429

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ????

Rank: Commenced NSW Police Cadet training – 28 January 1958

Probationary Constable – appointed around November 1959

?

Final Rank = ?

Stations: ?, Darlinghurst, NSW Police Water Polo Team, 1960

Rome Olympian Water Polo Team, Randwick 1st grade NRL, 1961

Wallabie for the 2nd Test against Fiji, – Resigned

Service: From 28 January 1958 to ?? 1965 (Resigned) = 7 years Service

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours

Born: Monday 23 September 1940

Died on: Saturday 12 October 2011

Age: 79yrs 19days

Cause: ? possibly heart issue

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: 18 October 2011 @ noon

Funeral location: All Saints, 85 Ocean St, Woollahra, NSW

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?



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23rd September 1940 – 12th October 2011
Randwick Hall of Fame Inductee 2010

A tribute to Dick Thornett

Posted by Steve Hill on Friday, 7 February 2014

13/10/2011

Australian Rugby mourns the passing of Dick Thornett

By ARU Media Unit

Australian Rugby Union is today mourning the loss of tri-international **Dick Thornett**, who passed away on Wednesday morning.

One of three brothers, **Dick** first sprung onto the international sporting scene in 1960 with the Australian Olympic water polo team, before switching to Rugby in 1961 where his rapid rise through club, state and into the national

team was as fast as they come.

After impressing with Randwick he was given a start with NSW and after a strong showing against Fiji joined his brother John in the Test pack for the three Test series against the Pacific Island nation.

His debut against Fiji in 1961 was the start of his career with the Wallabies, which lasted until the end of the 1963 season when he decided to switch codes and excel at rugby league.

In a career that included 11 consecutive Tests and 11 tour matches, Thornett was never dropped from a Wallabies side and is considered to be one of the most extravagantly gifted sportsmen Australia has produced in the last 50 years.

ARU Managing Director and CEO, John O'Neill AO, said **Thornett** would always be remembered for his deeds in both Rugby codes.

"There could be no greater tribute to a Rugby forward than to have former All Blacks great Colin Meads describe you as one of the finest second rowers he ever opposed," Mr O'Neill said.

"Dick Thornett was paid that honour after playing against Meads in 1962.

"Dick Thornett played his 11 Tests across only a short period of time but his impact was enormous. He was a ferocious ball runner and at more than 100kg was a prototype for the modern day forward.

"The **Thornett** family has given wonderful service to Australian sport. John is a Wallabies legend who captained Australia for many years. Ken never played for the Wallabies but was one of rugby league's great fullbacks.

"Dick played Tests with them both, across two codes. He was a uniquely talented sportsman and a proud Wallaby. He will be missed."

Dick Thornett	
Full Name:	Richard Norman Thornett
Date of Birth:	23/09/1940
School Attended:	Randwick Boys HS, Sydney
Wallaby Number:	465
Test Cap:	11
Non-Test Cap:	11
Test Points:	6 (2 tries)
Position Played:	Lock
State:	NSW 4 (1961)
Clubs:	Randwick
Tours:	1961 SA, 1962 NZ

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Gentle giant a multi-talented sportsman

October 17, 2011 – 3.00am

Dick Thornett, the youngest of the three Thornett sporting brothers, represented Australia in Olympic water polo, rugby union and rugby league and could have played just about any other sport.

In a rugby Test against the All Blacks, an opposing forward

saw Dick Thornett aim some well-directed retaliatory blows and asked: "Were you an Olympic boxer as well as a water polo player?" But, as it turned out, when off the field Dick Thornett was very much the gentle giant.

Richard Norman "Dick" Thornett was born on September 23, 1940, of a Canadian migrant, Harold Thornett, who had settled in Griffith as an irrigator, and Marjorie (nee Attwood). When the family moved to Bronte, the Thornett brothers learnt to swim before they were five and became the mainstays of the Bronte water polo team.

The sport built muscles and Thornett would claim that it gave him wonderful ball control. He captained Randwick High's rugby team in 1957.

Leaving school, Thornett joined the NSW Police Force and was appointed to Darlinghurst station. He also went to the Randwick Rugby Club as second rower and lock, joining his brother Ken. He also found a place in the NSW water polo team. At 188 centimetres and weighing 104 kilograms, in 1960 Thornett competed for Australia in water polo at the Rome Olympics. In the 1961 season, he played in the Randwick first grade side.

Thornett played with the Wallabies for their second Test against Fiji in 1961, joining his other brother, John. His game was distinguished by his uncanny ball distribution skills.

He toured with the Wallabies in South Africa and ended playing 11 rugby Tests for Australia. In 1962, when Dick and John lined up in the second row against New Zealand, Dick Thornett was acknowledged as the finest forward out of both teams. North Sydney, South Sydney, Newtown and St George rugby league clubs were bidding for him. Parramatta, which had already signed on Ken, was said to be prepared to better the offer of any other club.

Joining Parramatta in 1963, Thornett handled his fame easily. The sports writer Jim Webster said: "Despite his massive frame, Dick is docile – off the field – and very quietly spoken. A bit stand-offish to those unknown to him, he is reserved and speaks in very low tones even when a friendship is made." Parramatta reached the final in the Sydney competition, but they went down to St George.

Thornett had his international rugby league debut on July 20, 1963, when he turned out for the first Test against South Africa.

Later that year, Ken and he joined the Kangaroo tour of England and France. At Swindon, fired by the antagonism of an opposing forward, he produced one of the greatest second-row performances of all time. Thornett played against the French when they toured Australia in 1964.

In 1965, he married Maureen Kay, an airline hostess, and resigned from the police force to help Ken, who was captain-coach of Parramatta.

In 1966 Maureen gave birth to Liesl and in 1967 to Amanda.

Also in 1967, when Thornett finished a four-year contract with Parramatta, he suffered a form lapse and missed a chance to tour again with the Kangaroos. That year he took over the North Star Hotel in North Sydney. He also signed a five-year contract with Parramatta, and in 1968 scored four tries in one match against Canterbury.

In 1968, Thornett was vice-captain to Johnny Raper in Australia's successful World Cup campaign. He turned out 13 times in rugby league for NSW and 11 times in Tests for Australia. In 1969, his third daughter, Sophie, was born. Thornett stayed with Parramatta until the end of the 1971 season, totting up 168 appearances for the club.

Even that year, he was in the running for a tour with the

Kangaroos to New Zealand but he declared himself unavailable because of business. In 1972, he joined Eastern Suburbs but played only a handful of games before announcing his retirement so that he could concentrate on running his hotel.

In 1976, Thornett moved to the Dolphin Hotel in Surry Hills. Ten years later, he and Maureen were divorced and he later married a former Olympic swimmer, Jan Andrew. In 1993 he ran into serious financial problems and had to make ends meet by doing gardening jobs and driving taxis. He then settled in Millthorpe in the state's central west where he had a small farm and could be near his brothers.

Thornett's second marriage ended in divorce several years ago and, after battling heart and general health problems for some time, he died in Sydney last Wednesday. Dick Thornett is survived by his brothers and their families, his three daughters, two sons-in-law and five grandchildren. His funeral will be at All Saints, Woollahra, at noon tomorrow.

Malcolm Brown

Gentle giant a multi-talented sportsman



SHOW OF FORCE

The Police Team of the Century:

Vic Bulgin, John Greaves, Bob Keyes,
Brian Moore, Bob Landers, Steve Rogers,
Kevin Roberts, Craig Young, Kevin
Schubert, Frank Farrell, Paul
Sironen, Jack Rayner
(capt-coach), John Raper ▶

Reserves: Dick Thornett,
Neville Glover, Harry Pierce,
Pat Jarvis

Manager: Barry Nelson

Referee: Bill Harrigan



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● PARRAMATTA—*Back:* Brian Winney, Dick Thornett, Fred Pickup, John McMartin, Archie Brown, Barry Rushworth, Spencer O'Neill (secretary), Ted Heinrich. *Centre:* Ken Thornett, Frank Glover, Peter Linde, Brian Beven. *Front:* Bob O'Reilly, Ivor Lingard, Brian Hambly (capt-coach), Ron Lynch, Mike Kelly (ballboy).



PARRAMATTA — FIRST GRADE, 1967

Back row (left to right): Ted Heinrich, Barry Rushworth, Frank Glover, Ken Thornett, Gabe Very. Centre row (left to right): Peter Linde, Brian Hambly (captain), John McMartin, Ivor Lingard. Front row (left to right): Fred Pickup, Bob O'Reilly, Brian Bevan, Ron Lynch.

PARRAMATTA ON A SCORING SPREE

A scoring spree in the first 25 minutes yesterday gave Parramatta a convincing Rugby League victory against Balmain at Leichhardt Oval.

Parramatta won 26-17 after leading 23-5 at half-time.

Parramatta streaked to a 20-0 lead with four glorious converted tries in the opening 25 minutes of the game.

In this period Parramatta combined superbly to run through a scattered Balmain defence.

In the second half Balmain took charge and gradually whittled down the big Parramatta lead.

Parramatta lasted the distance, and its powerful forwards again got on top of Balmain in the closing stages.

Parramatta full-back Ken Thornett yesterday played his first League game in Sydney following

three highly successful seasons in England.

Thornett took things quietly, but showed his class as a player.

He fielded the ball beautifully, brought off some solid tackles, and showed a turn of speed in some strong breaks with the ball.

Parramatta's opening burst bewildered Balmain.

The early rout started when half-back Bob Bugden darted over between the posts for a ruck close in.

Bugden capped a grand game with the last try of the match, scored from the

dummy-half position.

A 75-yard intercept try by winger Ken Foord, and tries by five-eighth Toohey and second-rower Hambly, followed Bugden's early break.

The four tries were scored near the posts, and each was converted.

Hambly and Bugden shone in Parramatta's early glory.

Hambly worked intelligently from the rucks and ran strongly.

He set up five-eighth Toohey's try with a magnificent piece of football ingenuity in the first half.

Balmain came out in the second half a revitalised team.

It closed the gaps in its defence through which the Parramatta forwards had run so freely.

Lock Peter Provan and half-back Laurie Fagan provided much of Balmain's second-half strength.

Winger Bob Mara scored two good tries.



PARRAMATTA'S HOPES HIT NEW HIGH



JACK ARGENT
hopeful.

By W. F. CORBETT

Parramatta Rugby League club today flung down the gauntlet in its challenge to St. George for the premiership struggle.

Unprecedented enthusiasm is sweeping the big Parramatta district now it has gained Rugby Union star forward Ted Heinrich and goal-kicking Queensland winger Arch Brown.

Strengthening of this side, at which the club has been aiming for years, moved treasurer Jack Argent to declare, "With a bit of the luck that occurs in play we will take out our initial first grade premiership."

"If St. George is in the final," Mr Argent predicted, "we will be their opponents."

committee will work as a team.

"Ken Thornett and Ron Lynch have had several meetings to work out tactics and from top officials down there is great enthusiasm.

"We're going places," said Argent.

"We have nearly as many schools playing Rugby League as the rest of the metropolitan area

put together and have easily the biggest junior League."

Parramatta will hold its annual meeting on February 24.

Changes are not expected in the chief official positions, but terrific rivalry is predicted in the ballots for vice-presidents, general committee and provisional selectors.

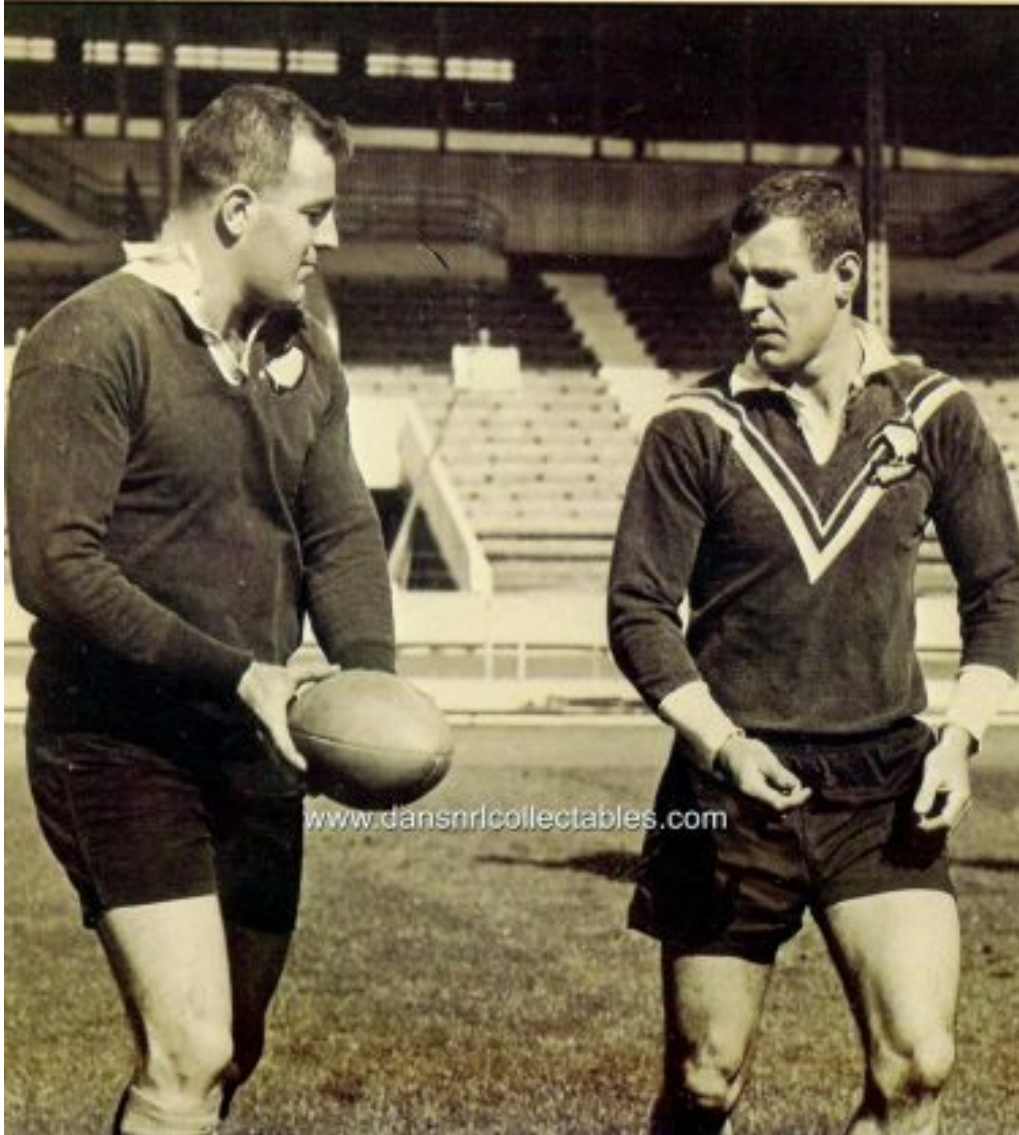


KEN THORNETT
Parramatta's captain and coach.

Rugby



The Thornett Brothers



PARRAMATTA



DICK THORNETT

SECOND-ROW FORWARD

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DICK THORNETT
PARRAMATTA EELS

S/ROW
FORWARD





DICK Thornett, one of the club's outstanding boys for 1963, on the move in the game against Warr. With brother Ken, he was selected with the 1963 Kangaroos, one of the greatest sides to leave Australia.

Sporting brothers tribute

Alex Cauchi

ALAN Hampson grew up idolising the Bronte-born Thornett brothers, who each carved out careers in rugby league, rugby union and water polo.

Mr Hampson had been organising a tribute night, hoping to get the Thornett brothers - John, 76; Ken, 73; and Dick, 71 - together on stage for one last time.

But Dick Thornett, a triple international in union, league and water polo, died last Wednesday (October 12) following heart complications.

There's now an added significance to Friday night's tribute dinner, although Mr Hampson would have much preferred to have had all the brothers together.

"Dick and Ken in particular were heroes to me so it was sad to hear of

TRIBUTE DINNER

When: 6pm, Friday October 29

Where: Steve Waugh Room, Sydney Cricket Ground

Tickets: \$200 (includes three-course meal and beer, wine, spirits) moshtix.com.au

Dick's passing," Mr Hampson said.

Dick was known as a larrikin and played in an era when sportsmen still had to work for living.

He worked as a police officer and publican and was named as a reserve in the NSW Police Rugby League Team of the Century. He played 11 rugby union tests, 11 rugby league tests and was a member of the Australian Water Polo team at the 1960 Rome Olympics.

John Thornett played 37 union tests and Ken played 12 league tests.



Dick Thornett in action.

Picture SUPPLIED



DICK THORNETT in action during his short career with Eastern Suburbs. There were few finer "ball players" in the game.



The Thornett brothers. Left to right: John, the Wallaby captain, and Ken and Dick of Rugby League fame.

Crack Leeds full-back Ken Thornett today signed to play for Parramatta.

He will make his Sydney Rugby League debut against Balmain at Leichhardt Oval on Sunday.

Thornett is believed to have received a record figure for four seasons with Parramatta.

South Sydney will protest to the League and will ask that Thornett be prevented from playing on Sunday.

Thornett's lawyer, Mr J. V. Comans, said today that Thornett had signed an agreement with Parramatta this morning.

South Sydney had been advised that their offer had been rejected.

Mr Comans said that although the figure commanded by Thornett was high it had to be remembered that the club had to pay no transfer fee to any other club.

Thornett's contract with Parramatta already has been registered with the N.S.W. Rugby League.

Thornett now will loom as a possible Test full-back for Australia.

The position is wide open

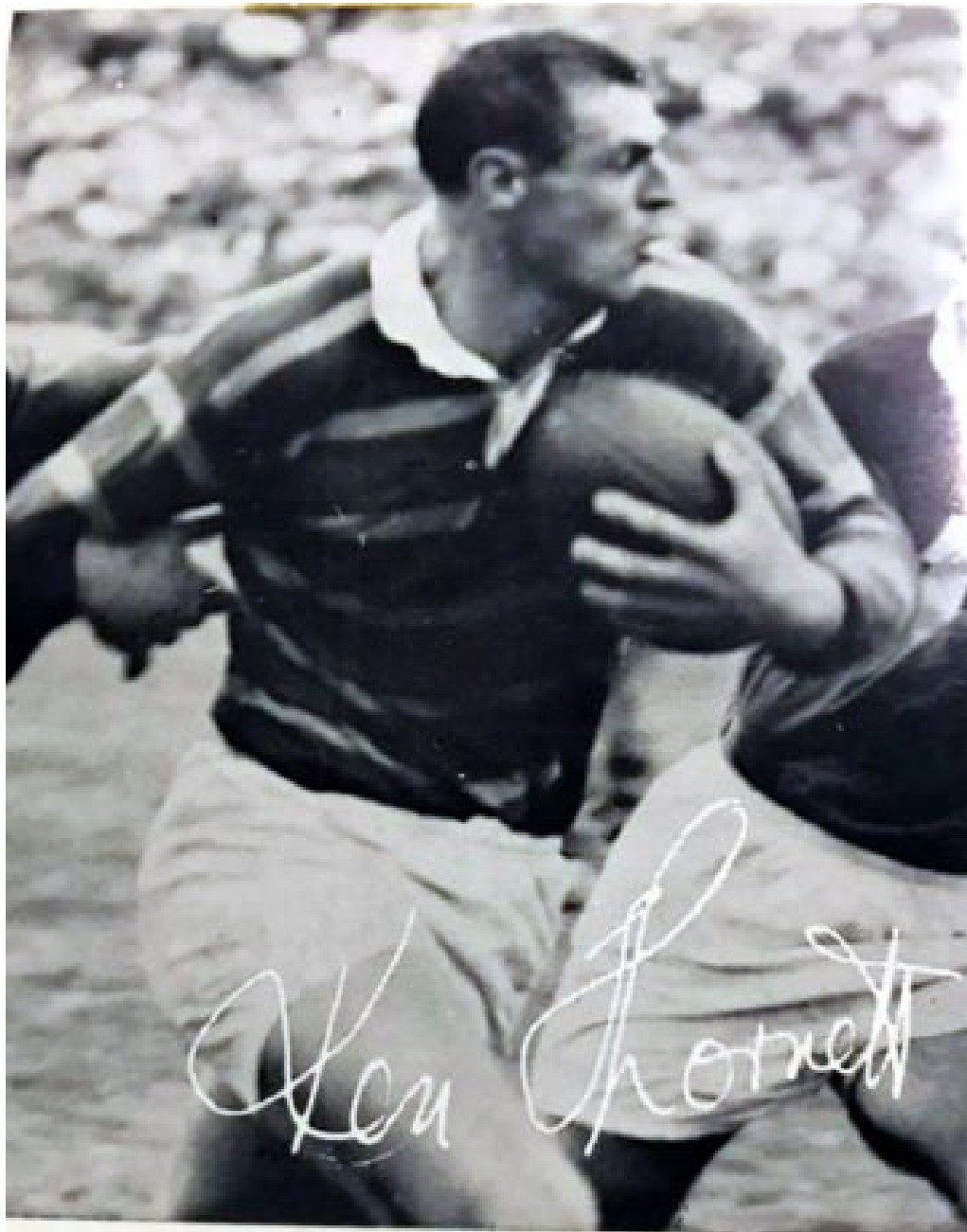
and Thornett is rated the best full-back in England.

Yesterday's interstate match showed that Frank Drake, one of Australia's full-backs in N.Z. last year, will have to lift his game to make the Tests.

The N.S.W. selectors have by-passed Don Parish and Brian Carlson for Graeme Langlands, the Wollongong colt who did well yesterday against Queensland.

If Thornett plays well against Balmain on Sunday he could be chosen for Sydney against England on Saturday week.

Langlands, a country player, will not be eligible for that match.



Ken Thornett (Parramatta)
FULL BACK





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**KEN THORNETT—PARRAMATTA
FULLBACK**

