

Ronald Joseph REDMOND

08/04/2015

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Queensland Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: 15th Police Commissioner:

Acting Commissioner Qld Police Service

22 September 1987 – 1 November 1989

Stations: ?

Service: From ? to ?

**Awards: Queen's Police Medal (QPM) –
 granted 25 June 1983**

National Medal – granted 3 December 1987

**Australian Police Medal (APM) – granted
 26 January 1990**

Born: 5 July 1932

Died on: Wednesday 1 April 2015

Cause: ?

Age: 82

Funeral date: Thursday, 9th April 2015
at 11:00am

Funeral location: St Francis Of Assisi
Catholic Church, 463 Oxford Street,
Paddington, Australia

Buried at: ?



Ron Redmond, Queensland Police Force. Appointed Deputy Commissioner on 02.07.1987, Ronald Joseph Redmond became Acting Commissioner of Police just two months later, replacing Commissioner Terence Lewis. Image PM1180 Courtesy of the Queensland Police Museum.

The eleventh Deputy Commissioner, Ronald Joseph Redmond, rose to this rank on 02.07.1987 after 35 years in a variety of state-wide branches. A long term member of the CIB, R.Redmond was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 1979 to enable him to study Scenes of Crime techniques in the UK and USA. Deputy

Commissioner Redmond enjoyed just two months at this level before taking on the top policing job as Acting Commissioner when Terence Murray Lewis was ordered to stand down whilst allegations before the Fitzgerald Inquiry were resolved. Mr Redmond guided Queensland's Police through two turbulent years with a wealth of knowledge and fine sense of humour.

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

Location of Funeral Service: [codepeople-post-map]

REDMOND, Ronald Joseph Members of The Queensland Police Legacy Scheme are advised of the passing of esteemed Life Member and former President and founding Director, Ronald Joseph Redmond. A Funeral Mass will be held to celebrate Ron's life commencing 11 a. m. on Thursday, 9th April, 2015, at St Francis of Assisi, 463 Oxford Street, Paddington, Sydney, NSW. Greg Tutt, President

Funerals

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<http://tributes.couriermail.com.au/notice/141582044>

REDMOND, Ronald Joesph QPM APM

5 July 1932 – 1 April 2015

Passed away peacefully at home. Beloved Husband of Fay (RIP) and Father of John-Paul. He will be sorely missed by many. A Funeral Mass to Celebrate Ron's life will be conducted at St Francis of Assisi, 463 Oxford Street, Paddington, on Thursday, 9 April, 2015 at 11 a. m.

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Funerals

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<http://www.oliverose.com.au/notice/138782016/view?random=1428428968143>

Desmond TRANNORE

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Desmond TRANNORE

Queensland Police Force

Regd. # 5091

Rank Senior Constable

**Stations Gordonvale, Cairns, Thursday
Island & Brisbane**

Born: 1928 – Shepparton, Victoria

Joined QPol in 1951 aged 22

**Died 27 October 1964 at Little Mulgrave,
FNQ**

Funeral

Buried Gordonvale Cemetery, FNQ

**Plot 10408, Site 181 Division SR Sect.
Mon, Row RC**



On Sunday October 26 it will be
50 years since Des Trannore
(pictured) was shot and killed
by John Thomas Verney.
(Queensland Police Media)

24 October, 2014 12:07PM AEST

Remembering a hero: Senior Constable Des Trannore

By Isaac Egan and Phil Staley

Desmond Trannore is more than just a name on a far north Queensland bridge or the name of a Gordonvale police officer; it is the name of a hero who lost his life in the line of duty and saved the lives of two children in the process.

Sergeant Steve Webb has spent a lot of his life researching what happened on that fateful day and described the experience to the ABC's Phil Staley.

Born in Shepparton, Victoria, Senior Constable Trannore came to Queensland to work in the cane fields before deciding he wanted to be a police officer.

"Des couldn't swim a stroke before deciding to join the police force, so he actually used to jump off the old bridge to teach himself to swim," said Sgt Webb.

After being sworn in he served at Gordonvale, Cairns, Thursday Island and Brisbane, before coming back to serve in Gordonvale in 1956.

Sgt Webb describes it as a time where in the small farming town of Gordonvale police officers were well known local figures in the community and some like Senior Constable Trannore were something more.

"He was a bit of a knock about bloke, he played Aussie rules and he taught boxing and he was well known to give a few of the young blokes a fair kick up the backside if they played up," he said.

"He was well respected in that town amongst the young people and the older people, and he still is to this day."

A dark day for FNQ

On the evening of October 27, 1964 Senior Constable Trannore was on the 4pm to midnight shift alone.

At 5:45pm he received a call saying there was a domestic disturbance on a property at Little Mulgrave.

"Des wrote a note that said '5:45pm, domestic brawl, Little's place, Little Mulgrave' and left it on the typewriter so that the officer-in-charge would know what was going on if anything happened," said Sgt Webb.

"You've got to bear in mind that in those days radios were pretty well non-existent and there was no such thing as mobile phones."

Mr Verney had assaulted one of his stepsons and was assaulting his wife.

"Verney had caught Clifford and his sister Karen playing in the creek down the road and he attempted to drown Clifford and he smashed Clifford's head against the side of his utility," said Sgt Webb.

"Mrs Little came down and tried to intervene and told Clifford to go to the neighbours and get them to call the police.

"Des arrived at the neighbour's house where he saw young Clifford and he told him to get into the police car."

Senior Constable Trannore then drove to the farmhouse and asked Mrs Verney and her daughter to get in the police car.

Mr Verney confronted Senior Constable Trannore, threatened him and repeatedly ordered him off the property before disappearing into the house.

He came back out with a .310 rifle and aimed it at Senior Constable Trannore.

“Desmond turned around, approached Verney with no fear and said ‘that’s it, I’ve had enough, give me the bloody rifle’,” said Sgt Webb.

“And with that Verney pointed the rifle and fired from the hip through Des Trannore’s chest – piercing his heart.

“Des turned and ran 20 metres towards the children and said to them ‘run for your life’ before collapsing to the ground.”

Clifford ran towards the cane fields as Mr Verney lifted his rifle to shoot at him.

“He didn’t get a shot out because Clifford disappeared into the cane,” said Sgt Webb.

Mrs Verney heard the shot and ran outside to where Senior Constable Trannore was lying dying.

She attempted to resuscitate him, but he died at the scene. Mr Verney, meanwhile , fled in his ute.

When word got back to Gordonvale, one of the largest manhunts in far north Queensland history began.

Around 300 on and off-duty police joined the hunt for Mr Verney as well as a large group of Gordonvale residents.

The following day Mr Verney presented himself at the Cairns police station.

“It is thought that Verney got word of the lynch mob at Gordonvale and surrendered for his own safety,” said Sgt Webb.

John Thomas Verney was charged and later convicted of the wilful murder of Senior Constable Trannore and sentenced to life in prison.

Remembering Desmond Trannore

A quote from an unknown Gordonvale resident in the Cairns Post on Tuesday October 27, 1964 reads:

"[Senior Constable Desmond Trannore] was a terrific man and one of the most popular police officers we have ever had, if they ever brought the killer here I would not give much for his chances."

A letter by Clifford Little describes the event and praises Senior Constable Trannore as a hero and a man unlike any other.

Here is an excerpt from that letter:

"He died with dignity and kept that dignity to his last breath. Desmond Trannore was a humanitarian. His actions that day went beyond that of a serving police officer. Concern for fellow human beings is the most honourable emotion. It becomes even more commendable when the courage of one's convictions is carried out. I knew a man that other men could only hope to be."

Researching the case became a passion of Sergeant Webb and in 2009 he suggested the **new bridge over the Mulgrave River** be named after Senior Constable Desmond Trannore.

"People should remember who he was and the fact that he gave his life to save a family and he did save that family," he said.

<http://www.abc.net.au/local/stories/2014/10/24/4114006.htm>

Media Statements

**Minister for Main Roads
The Honourable Craig Wallace**

Monday, December 07, 2009

Local officer honoured in naming of Mulgrave River bridge

Main Roads Minister Craig Wallace today announced the new bridge over the Mulgrave River at Gordonvale will be officially named 'Desmond Trannore Bridge' as part of Queensland's 150th birthday celebrations.

"This name is chosen in honour of Senior Constable Desmond Trannore, whose bravery and dedication to both the community and his profession is held in high regard by many Gordonvale locals," Mr Wallace said.

"Mr Trannore was a well respected police officer and member of the Gordonvale community, where he was stationed throughout most of the late 1950s and early 1960s.

"He was heavily involved in community activities – teaching boxing at the local youth club and running the Gordonvale Pony Club, Aussie Rules, tennis and cricket clubs.

"Mr Trannore was tragically killed in the line of duty in 1964 while attending a domestic dispute at Little Mulgrave, north of Gordonvale, and this bridge naming is a community tribute to his bravery."

Mr Wallace said the bridge name was chosen from more than 50

nominations received across the community.

"It is wonderful to see the Gordonvale and greater Cairns community getting behind this Q150 initiative," he said.

Mr Wallace said members of the Trannore family will join local members and representatives of the Cairns community in celebrations to officially commission and name the \$48 million bridge on Thursday, 17 December.

Jim Turnour, Federal Member for Leichhardt, will join Curtis Pitt, State Member for Mulgrave, on the banks of the Mulgrave River to officially commission the \$48 million bridge and unveil the new name sign for the bridge.

"The new bridge is a valuable and vital piece of road infrastructure for Far North Queensland," Mr Turnour said.

"It will reduce the duration of closures due to wet season flooding and better serve to stabilise the local economy by keeping communities connected all year round."

The new bridge is part of the Rudd Government's commitment to improving flood immunity and accessibility between Cairns and Townsville.

"The new 480-metre-long bridge, which opened to traffic in April this year, ahead of time and under budget, is providing significant benefits for far north Queensland.

"Standing five metres higher than the existing bridge and located on a better road alignment, this bridge will limit disruptions to residents and motorists during the wet season by minimising delays caused by wet season flooding."

The bridge was just one component of the Australian Government's \$347 million Accelerated Bruce Highway Upgrade Package, delivered by the state government.

The majority of works have been delivered, with remaining

projects to be completed in early 2010.

Mr Wallace said naming the new bridge over the Mulgrave River after Desmond Trannore recognised the integral role people have in building a community.

“We have chosen a name that recognises an important local identity and also reflects community spirit and local history,” he said.

“This is what the Q150 bridge naming celebrations are all about – Queenslanders having their say on what makes our state unique and being able to recognise these things through the naming of significant road structures.”

<http://statements.qld.gov.au/Statement/Id/67777>

 A memorial ceremony will be held at the Gordonvale Police Station this week:

WHEN: 10.30am Friday 24 October 2014

WHERE: Police Station, Cannon Street, Gordonvale

Gordonvale Police and members of the Trannore family would like to extend an invitation to members of the community, to help commemorate and honour the memory of Senior Constable Desmond Trannore, who so bravely gave his life in service to the community.

<http://mypolice.qld.gov.au/farnorth/2014/10/21/senior-constable-des-trannore-honoured-50th-anniversary-death/>



Qld Police Vessel "D.
TRANNORE" – Brisbane

"D. Trannore II" Moreton Bay

A 8.25 metre glass reinforced epoxy resin planing catamaran powered by twin 225 h.p. Outboard motors.



Qld Police Vessel "D. TRANNORE III" –
Brisbane

"D. Trannore III"

The "D. TRANNORE III" was launched on the 9th April 2009 by Senior Constable Trannore's widow (see photo right) in the presence of the Police Minister Neil Roberts, Deputy

Commissioner Kathy Rynders and invited guest.

Capable of speeds in excess of 45 knots the “D. TRANNORE II” was built by Swift Marine of the Gold Coast and is a rigid hull inflatable speedboat capable of carrying up to 12 people. The “D. TRANNORE II” was purpose built for use by the Redland Bay Water Police to patrol the waterways and islands of Moreton Bay.



Widow of the late
Constable Desmond
Trannore launches
the D Trannore III

Queensland Police Service remembers fallen colleagues during Cairns march

- *Rebecca Elliott*
- *The Cairns Post*
- September 30, 2014 12:00AM



RESPECT: Cairns police march down the Esplanade and towards St John's Anglican church to mark National Police Remembrance Day. The Federal Police canine squad participated in the march. Picture: Brendan Radke.

KATELIN and Kieren Trannore never got to meet their grandfather, but yesterday the Queensland Police Service showed them just how exceptional his sacrifice was.

As the rain came down, the 16-year-old and 14-year-old marched with their dad, Shane Trannore, Aunty Karen Trannore, and Cairns police as part of National Police Remembrance Day.

The Trannores' father and grandfather was recognised at this year's Cairns service for the 50th anniversary of his death.

"I didn't know much about my grandfather except that he died in the force and just being here is really nice, I am really proud," Katelin said.

Katelin said it was overwhelming to be part of the day which honoured her grandfather.

"It was, just being part of the march and walking down the street," she said.

“It was amazing, I really enjoyed it.”

Senior Constable Desmond Trannore was stationed at Gordonvale in 1964 when he attended a domestic disturbance and was gunned down while he was trying to get the mother and the children medical attention.

Senior Constable Trannore’s daughter, Karen, who was only a child when her father was killed, said it was a great honour to be there.

“It was very important and quite emotional to march with the officers,” she said.

“It’s such a hard job to do and I respect each and every one of them and they always have our support.”



RESPECT: Cairns police march down the Esplanade and towards St John’s Anglican church to mark National Police Remembrance Day. Picture: Brendan Radke.

Just under 80 Queensland Police and Australian Federal Police officers marched in the parade.

Acting Chief Superintendent, Brett Schafferius said the

dangers involved in policing were always in the back of officers' minds.

"Today is the most important day on the policing calendar, it is the day we get to recognise and remember the sacrifice police women and men have made over the past 150 years of policing in Queensland," he said.

"We acknowledge our job at times can be inherently dangerous, that's why we are here, we are here for the community and to attend those matters on their behalf."

The names of the 140 fallen police officers were read out during the service.

There are about 850 sworn officers in the Far North district and about 1050 employees overall.

Over the past 150 years, 25 fallen Queensland officers have been from the Far North district.

Desmond Trannore Bridge, Gordonvale, Qld: [codepeople-post-map]

Gordonvale Cemetery: [codepeople-post-map]

DURHAM

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Queensland Police Force

Sub-Inspector

Died 26 November 1906

Suicide – Firearm

Death of a Police Inspector.

SUPPOSED SUICIDE.

BRISBANE, Monday. – Police-inspector Durham was shot dead at Hughenden on Sunday. It is stated to be a case of suicide, but the whole affair is shrouded in mystery, and the officials here are very reticent. Some months ago Inspector Durham and other officers at Cairns were the subjects of an inquiry concerning the confession by a blackfellow of a murder, and alleged extortion by ill-treatment. The outcome of the Inquiry was that Durham was reduced from inspector to sub-inspector, and transferred from Cairns to Hughenden. Durham, who was regarded as a smart officer, came of good family in England, and entered the police service as a cadet officer.

Evening News (Sydney) Monday **26 November 1906** page 5 of 8

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/115673815?searchTerm=sub%20inspector%27s%20suicide&searchLimits=l->

E. F. T. CRAMPTON

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E. F. T. CRAMPTON

Queensland Police Force

Constable

Stationed at Yeulba (Yuleba)

Suicide – firearm

Died 4 September 1907

Constable's Death.

The Chief Inspector of Police at Brisbane has received a telegram intimating that on the 4th instant Constable E. F. T. Crampton who was stationed at Yeulba, entered his office and shot himself with his revolver. The district inspector has gone to Yeulba to investigate. Constable Crampton who was a married man with a wife and family had been transferred to Yeulba a few days ago from the Charleville district where he had been doing relieving duty.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/19407130?searchTerm=constable%20crampton&searchLimits=l-category=Article|||l-australian=y#pstart1557900>

Magisterial Inquiry.

As inquiry was held before Mr. Wm. Harris, P.M., at Yeulba on Friday into the death of Constable Crampton, who committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver on Thursday morning last.

The evidence of George Howe, a contractor at Yeulba, was to the effect that he had been occupied about a week repairing the police buildings, and that deceased arrived there on 27th August. Deceased appeared low spirited, and complained of having no sleep. In the middle of a conversation he would get up and walk away. On the 3rd, deceased picked up a cartridge, which he put in his mouth, exclaiming "Bang." On the 4th, a man in Howe's employ told Howe the constable was walking about with a revolver in his hand. Howe went to the constable and asked him what he wanted to be playing with the revolver for, and Crampton remarked, " It is very tempting being under my nose." Later he put the revolver in a pigeon hole. That was the last time he saw Crampton alive. The following morning Howe and Darr found him dead on the floor of his room.

Masy Crampton, widow of deceased, deposed that her husband had been very worried over business matters. He had left the police and gone into business at Oakey, but had lost money and

rejoined the force. Later he was transferred to Charleville and Yeulba. In his letters to her he complained of the idea of having to take his family to Charlevill, also of having no sleep. He was a temperate man.

Henry Darr, H. McLoughlin, J.P., Constable Joyce, Dr. Pratt (Government medical officer), and several others gave evidence.

Western Star & Roma Advertiser (Toowoomba, Qld)

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<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/97417885?searchTerm=constable%20crampton&searchLimits=l-category=Article|||l-australian=y#pstart10174906>

Yeulba / **Yuleba** Police Station no longer exists but was possibly in Stephenson St, Yuleba, Qld, 4427.

It was located in the Maranoa & Warrego Division, consisted of 2 cells, with the walls made from wood, the roof of iron and was built in 1881.

<http://boggoroad.blogspot.com.au/2014/06/know-your-colonial-gaol-history-15.html>

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

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BOSUN

Queensland Police Force

Retired Police Dog

Died 23 June 2014

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

having a shot at me.

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

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

“We handcuffed him and marched him out.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

In a victim impact statement, a furious Hayley Sinton told

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Getaway driver Power pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

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

The sentencing hearing continues.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Damian LEEDING

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Damian LEEDING

Queensland Police

Detective Senior Constable

Coomera Police Station

34 old

Born 17th January, 1976

Murdered – Shot on 29 May 2011

Died 1 June 2011

Funeral

Tuesday, 7th June, 2011

Gold Coast Convention Centre, corner of

Gold Coast Highway and TE Peters Drive, Broadbeach, commencing at 11.00 a.m.



Policeman shot in face on Gold Coast

By Andree Withey and Russell Varley

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2011-05-30/policeman-shot-in-face-fighting-for-life/2736458>

Andree Withey and Russell Varley

Updated Mon 30 May 2011, 5:26am AEST

Senior Constable Damian Leeding was responding to a triple-0 call at the Pacific Pines Tavern when he was shot. (ABC TV)

A police officer is fighting for his life in hospital after being shot in the face during an armed hold-up on Queensland's Gold Coast.

Senior Constable Damian Leeding, 34, from Coomera was

responding a triple-0 call at the Pacific Pines Tavern when he was shot in the face as he approached the tavern.

Queensland Police Union (QPU) president Ian Leavers says Senior Constable Leeding was one of the first officers to arrive at the scene just before 11pm (AEST).

"Damian and a female detective were responding to alleged armed robbery in progress and upon approaching the tavern the offender has come towards Damian and he has been shot in the head," he said.

It is understood three people armed with guns had been threatening staff and customers at the tavern.

Police say they believe up to seven people had been involved in the hold-up.

Police detained two men as they tried to run into nearby parkland and they are being questioned about the incident.

One was bitten by a police dog.

Ambulance officers assessed the man but say he did not require hospital treatment.

Police have cordoned off the area and are searching for the remaining five suspects.

Mr Leavers says Senior Constable Leeding has undergone emergency surgery in the Gold Coast hospital and is in a critical condition.

He says he has been to the hospital and spoken with the female detective who was with Senior Constable Leeding at the time of the shooting.

"This is unfortunately the unpredictable nature of police work which can occur from time to time, but it is tragic and we are hoping for a good outcome," he said.

Queensland Police Minister Neil Roberts says the shooting highlights the risks and dangers of police work.

"We just need to let police to fully investigate the matter," he said.

"We really do ask anyone with any bit of information – no matter how small – to please ring Crimestoppers.

"This is a very difficult time for the family and really our hearts and minds are with them at the moment."

Mr Leavers says Senior Constable Leeding is a well respected officer with Coomera CIB.

"Damian is a married man – his wife is also a police officer and he has two very young children," he said.

"It is a very distressing time and our prayers and thoughts are with them.

"I have spoken to the colleagues and police on the scene and all are hoping for the best possible outcome and our prayers and thoughts are with Damian and his family."

Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson said at a press conference "the worst situation almost that you could possibly imagine for us has occurred".

Commissioner Atkinson says officers at Coomera CIB will be given extra support.

"It's our intention to bring in extra police from outside to help in the staffing of Coomera for the next 48 hours so that the officers at least have additional back-up there," Commissioner Atkinson said.

"If they choose to take some time off and then we can support them in that regard."

Commissioner Atkinson says he believes the incident will touch

the wider community.

"I think there will be an outpouring of support for people who in the daily course of their duties put their own safety at risk to protect the public," he said.

Shot policeman: 'We're expecting the worst'

Marissa Calligeros

May 31, 2011 – 9:26AM

The UK family of shot police officer Senior Constable Damian Leeding is rushing to reach his Gold Coast bedside as the trio charged with his attempted murder prepares to face court.

Queensland Police Union president Ian Leavers joined Senior Constable Leeding's wife Sonya in prayer this morning at the intensive care unit of Gold Coast Hospital, where the plain clothes detective remains on life support.

Senior Constable Leeding was shot in the face at point-blank range after he leapt over a fence and came face-to-face with a bandit armed with a sawn-off shotgun at a Gold Coast pub on Sunday night.

"There is not much we can do but wait," Mr Leavers said this morning.

"His injuries are very, very serious, as you can imagine from a gunshot injury to the head.

"We're expecting the worst, but hoping for the best."

Senior Constable Leeding, 35, had recently returned to duty after the birth of their three-month-old daughter Grace. Sonya, a fellow police officer, remains on maternity leave. The pair also have a two-year old son, Hudson.

Mr Leavers described Senior Constable Leeding as a “supremely fit man” and keen triathlete.

“Damian is a fighter and if anyone can pull through this it’s going to be him,” he said.

His father and sister were due to fly to the Gold Coast from the UK today.

Two men and a woman are due to face Southport Magistrates Court today charged with attempted murder, armed robbery and seven counts of deprivation of liberty.

Senior Constable Leeding responded to a triple-0 call from the Pacific Pines Tavern about 10.30pm.

Inside, two armed bandits had allegedly held hostage and tied the hands of seven people – four patrons, two staff and a security guard – and were demanding money.

Police have said the robbery was meticulously planned. Their accomplice was keeping watch and reportedly warned the pair inside that police had arrived over a walkie-talkie.

When Senior Constable Leeding leaped a fence he came face-to-face with one of the bandits and was shot in the face at point-blank range.

Senior Constable Jackson rushed to her partner’s aid and began to perform CPR as a dog squad officer arrived and pursued the alleged attackers.

Two, a man and a woman, were soon apprehended in nearby parkland. A second man was arrested yesterday morning.

Police yesterday charged the two men, aged 37 and 38, and a 37-year-old woman, all from Nerang.

Tributes have flooded social networking site Facebook for the officer who excelled to reach the rank of plain clothes

detective after eight years in the force.

"Stay strong Damian. I hope that you are able to recover from this senseless act against you," Tania Sherley wrote.

Das Pedro wrote: "Pull through champ, hearts and thoughts are with you."

Senior Constable Leeding was stationed at Surfers Paradise police station after he graduated from the police academy in 2003 with an award for his physical fitness.

He then joined the Gold Coast Criminal Investigation Branch, before being posted to Coomera CIB when it was established 18 months ago.

His wife Sonya had worked at Runaway Bay, but is currently on maternity leave.

Funeral Details:

LEEDING, Damian Detective Senior Constable Late of Upper Coomera, formerly of Highland Park.

17th January, 1976 to 1st June, 2011. Aged 35 years

Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his Friends. "At Great Cost, With Honour We Serve"

Loving Husband of Sonya. Adored & Proud Father of Hudson and Grace. Much loved Son of Stephen and Julie. Loved Brother of Hayley and Chantelle. Much loved Son-in-law of Garry and Margaret. Greatly missed Brother-in-law to Melanie, Shane and Christie, and loved Uncle to his Nieces and Nephews.

Relatives and Friends and Colleagues of The Late Detective Senior Constable Damian Leeding, are warmly invited to attend

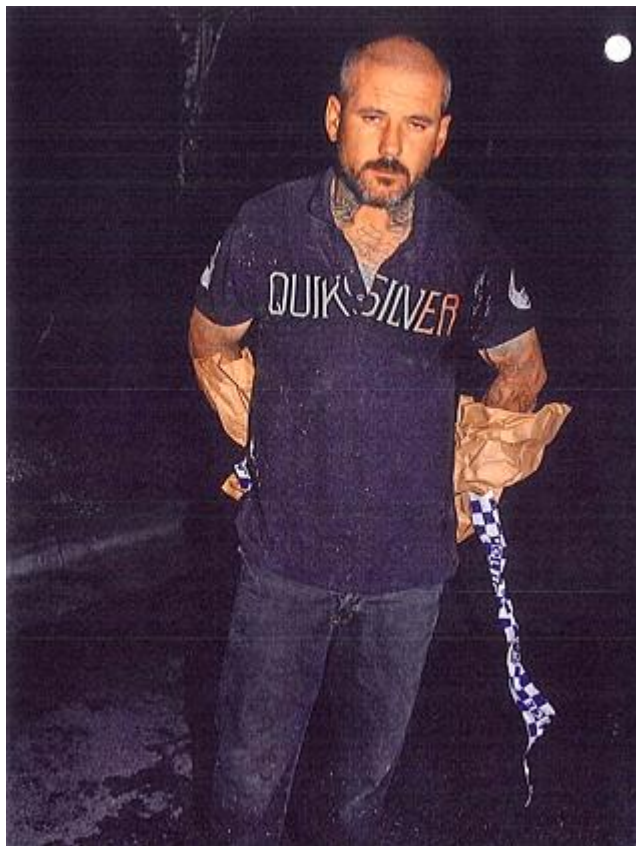
his Funeral with full Queensland Police Honours. To be held in the Gold Coast Convention Centre, corner of Gold Coast Highway and TE Peters Drive, Broadbeach, Tuesday, 7th June, 2011 commencing at 11.00 a.m.. No flowers by request. Donations would be appreciated to the Damian Leeding Remembrance fund.

Lawyer defending one of accused in Damian Leeding trial tells jury officer's actions 'rash, dangerous'

- *Brooke Baskin*
- *The Courier-Mail*
- September 20, 2013 1:40PM

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/lawyer-defending-one-of-accused-in-damian-leeding-trial-tells-jury-officer8217s-actions-8216rash-dangerous8217/story-fnihsrf2-1226723590521>

A POLICEMAN who was gunned down outside a Gold Coast tavern made the "rash, ill-considered and highly-dangerous" decision to open fire on an armed robber, who reacted "in self-defence".



Officer Damian Leeding's family rejoices as killer Phillip Graeme Abell is sentenced to life in jail without parole

- *Brooke Baskin*
- *The Courier-Mail*
- October 09, 2013 12:00AM

A VIOLENT, gun-toting career criminal and convicted bank robber yesterday stood head bowed and showed no emotion as he was given life in prison for killing Gold Coast policeman Damian Leeding.

Phillip Graeme Abell, 41, stood with a hardened face as he was told he would serve a life sentence without parole for the shooting murder on May 29, 2011.

Outside court, the father-of-two's family rejoiced at the sentence but shared their heartbreak.

"We would just like to say how grateful we are to the judge and the court for the length of the sentence," mum Julie Waters said.

"Obviously that's never going to bring Damian back, but nothing is enough to bring Damian back, ever ..."

Abell was sentenced to 18 years jail for the terrifying armed robbery of the Pacific Pines Tavern and three years jail for each of the seven hostages he detained at gunpoint in the long, frightening minutes before Sen-Const Leeding was shot at 10.40pm.

There was no repeat of Abell's antics as the verdict was delivered, when he infamously refused to stand and flipped the bird at Supreme Court Justice James Douglas.

His only supporter in court, his partner, sat emotionless behind him in the public gallery. Abell will be 59 before he is eligible for release.

Justice Douglas denounced his lack of remorse and the "deliberate" killing of a police officer in the execution of his duty.

He said that by arming himself with a loaded shotgun during the holdup, Abell would have "at least anticipated the possibility of police intervening".

"It seems significant to me the crime was a deliberate shooting of a police officer who was acting in his sworn duty to protect the public," he said.

Ms Waters and Sen-Const Leeding's sisters Hayley and Chantelle read out victim impact statements from the witness stand through tears.

The women spoke about the toll their son and brother's murder had on their family, of their individual battles with post-traumatic stress disorder, their struggle to come to terms with his loss and frustration at broken relationships.

Ms Waters told of the daily struggle to sit through her son's murder trial and being "overwhelmed" at seeing her son's killers.

"Words cannot express our grief and how much we miss Damian," she said.

Tavern staff members Kelly McLaren and Emma Stoddard shared their grief and sadness and told of the ongoing, debilitating impact on their emotional and physical well-being.

Ms Stoddard said she blamed herself for what happened to Sen-Const Leeding and struggled to find meaning or happiness in her life.

"I constantly remember Damian who lost everything," she said.

Abell's extensive criminal history of violent armed robberies was aired in court, including the holdup of a bank for which he served eight years in 1997. In 1990, he was sentenced to four-years jail for being the getaway driver when a convenience store was held up with a loaded pistol.

He was dealt with for violence towards Queensland Corrective Services officers while in custody in 1993.

Abell is yet to be sentenced for a violent home invasion on December 30, 2010, using the same sawn-off shotgun that killed Sen-Const Leeding.

He and accomplice Donna Lee McAvoy, 39, were convicted of the

Coomera detective's murder last month.

Outside court, Assistant Commissioner Paul Wilson said he had phoned Sen-Const Leeding's wife Sonya, who was absent from court as her children were unwell, to tell her of the sentence.

Jury retires to consider murder charges against two people accused of killing policeman Damian Leeding

- *Brooke Baskin*
- *The Courier-Mail*
- September 23, 2013 5:24PM

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/jury-retires-to-consider-murder-charges-against-two-people-accused-of-killing-policeman-damian-leeding/story-fnihsrk2-1226725185117>

Phillip Graeme Abell, 41, and Donna Lee McAvoy, 39, had pleaded not guilty to the murder of Coomera detective Senior Constable Damian Leeding, 35, as he tried to foil their escape from a hold-up at 10.40pm on May 29, 2011.

At the opening of the 11-day trial in the Brisbane Supreme Court, both pleaded guilty to armed robbery with personal violence and to seven counts of deprivation of liberty.

Justice James Douglas on Monday summed up the evidence to the jury before it retired to consider a verdict at 12.35pm.

It returned to a packed court room at 3.50pm to deliver a unanimous decision.

Crown Prosecutor Todd Fuller QC told the Supreme Court in Brisbane Sen-Constable Leeding was shot in the head at close range just minutes after he arrived at the scene.

He suffered "catastrophic" brain injuries that led to his life support being switched off on June 1. He had fired three shots from his gun before it jammed.

Mr Fuller said an "organised criminal enterprise" almost escaped with a haul of \$16,000 in coins and \$20 notes after the hold-up.

The pair disguised themselves, wore padding and dressed in dark clothing as they robbed the tavern, taking seven staff members and patrons hostage by holding the gun to their heads and tying their arms behind their backs with zip-ties.

One woman managed to sneak out and call 000 from her car before driving away. Another witness called 000 when he saw the drama unfolding as he stopped by for a drink.

Sen-Constable Leeding and his partner, detective Sen-Constable Nicole Jackson, were the first police on scene and drew their guns.

Sen-Constable Leeding jumped over a fence at the tavern and yelled "stop police, police" when his partner heard two shots ring out and dived for cover.

Sen-Constable Leeding had more than 50 injuries to his face caused by pellets from the shot fired at him. The injuries included skull fractures, compound facial fractures, lacerations to his frontal lobes and a complete loss of eyesight.

McAvoy and Abell were caught in nearby bushland that night.

Earlier, the public gallery in court 11 was packed as the jury filed out to consider the evidence heard during the trial.

Justice James Douglas on Monday summed up the evidence to the jury before it retired to consider a verdict at 12.35pm.

He told the jury it should dismiss all feelings of sympathy or prejudice and warned it against allowing public opinion to affect its decision.

Justice Douglas said it was open to the jury to find both Abell and McAvoy guilty of murder with intent, if they were satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that Sen-Constable Leeding was dead, the defendant Abell killed him and did so with intent to cause death or grievous bodily harm and that the killing was unlawful.

He said the jury could also find Abell and McAvoy guilty of murder if they found the unlawful killing was carried out in the prosecution of an unlawful purpose, as in this particular case, an armed robbery, and was a probable consequence of the act.

Justice Douglas said it was the burden of the prosecution to disprove the police officer's use of force was unlawful on the night.

Under the law, if a person was assaulted and there was a reasonable apprehension of death or grievous bodily harm, and the person cannot otherwise preserve themselves, it would be lawful for the person to use any such force as was necessary to defend themselves.

He said if the jury found Abell acted in self-defence, it must find him not guilty of murder or manslaughter.

Justice Douglas summarised the evidence heard during the trial and the closing arguments of the Crown and defence counsels.

He told the jury it must reach a unanimous verdict.

Phillip Graeme Abell and Donna Lee McAvoy show no remorse after being found guilty of murder Gold Coast policeman Damian Leeding

- *Brooke Baskin*
- *The Courier-Mail*
- September 25, 2013 12:00AM

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/phillip-graeme-a-bell-and-donna-lee-mcavoy-show-no-remorse-after-being-found-guilty-of-murder-gold-coast-policeman-damian-leeding/story-fnihsrf2-1226725531549>



PHILLIP Graeme Abell's icy-blue stare is fixed defiantly on the man behind the camera.

Just moments earlier, those same eyes stared down the sites of a shortened Bentley pump-action shotgun and fired at a police officer.

Blood trickles down his left arm where a police dog latched onto him in bushland near the Pacific Pines Tavern.

He didn't make a sound as the dog bit into the flesh of his armpit and crouched silently in the lantana until a police torch picked him out in the darkness.

"You've got the wrong guy," he told them.

"I've had a couple of drinks and come into the bush."

Abell was marched from the scrub by two police officers who tracked him in the dark for 350m and five long minutes.

Their radios were switched down low as the dog tracked his scent, a heady mix of adrenaline, sweat and alcohol.

Back on the road, Abell's hands were wrapped in paper to

preserve evidence and cuffed behind his back.

The weapon he brandished during the stick-up was dumped into the bush near where he ran off the road.

A few more metres on he dropped a bum-bag full of shotgun cartridges, tore off a brown jacket, a black life vest, gloves and tracksuit pants.

The image of gunman Abell, 41, was yesterday released by the Supreme Court in Brisbane after he and Donna Lee McAvoy, 39, were found guilty of the shooting murder of Coomera detective Sen-Constable Damian Leeding outside the tavern that night.

McAvoy, overweight and wrapped in layers of clothing, trailed Abell as they ran from the tavern moments after the shooting.

The spoils of their 16-minute siege on a quiet Sunday night – \$16,000 in coins and notes weighing more than 70kg – was abandoned in the car park.

McAvoy was wrestled onto Pitcairn Rd by two police officers and Abell took his chance to flee.

They said she looked exhausted and complained of struggling for breath with her breasts bandaged down and her torso strapped in a child's-size life jacket.

CCTV images from the robbery showed Abell pointing the gun at frightened patrons and staff as they cowered on the ground and behind the bar McAvoy zip-tied the hostage's hands behind their backs and filled a black sports bag with cash from a safe. Abell threatened he would "shoot to get out" if the police turned up.

As the bandits fled with cash and stolen car keys, Sen-Constable Leeding foiled any chance they had at a clean exit by jumping a 1.2m high fence, running through a children's playground and firing three rounds before his Glock pistol jammed.

Abell returned fire with a single blast from the shortened shotgun, striking the detective in the head and face.

The trial exhibits released by Justice James Douglas yesterday included the frantic radio call by detective Sen-Constable Nicole Jackson to police communications.

"Charlie 500 urgent," she said. The communications operator calls her back but gets no response. She tries two more times before warning other police the job was now a "code 1". "Shots fired, shots fired. Urgent. Officer down" she said.

The exhibits also included 000 calls to police from frightened pub patrons who saw the holdup unfolding but managed to escape.

Another has the chilling conversation between McAvoy and an undercover officer in the cells of Southport's police watch house.

"I'm looking at a long time," McAvoy told her undercover cellmate, as if it were a badge of honour. "Pac Pines. Armed robbery."

A dazed sounding McAvoy told her cellmate her accomplice opened fire at Sen-Constable Leeding, claiming he was "cornered".

"You don't know what you're going to do in a situation like that," McAvoy said. "He's f . . . shot his way out."

McAvoy continued: "F... oath mate. Just as we were walking out the f . . . door, didn't know there were f . . . coppers there and they're supposed to f . . . announce themselves."

Another man told police how he was followed by what police believe was a car without its headlights on. Detectives believe it was getaway driver, Benjamin Ernest Power, 39, and McAvoy's partner of three years.

"I just walked into the pub at Pac Pines and it's being held up.

"There's guys with guns, everything," he said.

"There's a car following me with its lights turned off..."

Earlier, Phillip Graeme Abell refused to stand for a judge and flipped him the bird as a jury yesterday found he and Donna Lee McAvoy guilty of the murder of Gold Coast policeman Damian Leeding.

Detective Senior Constable Leeding, 35, left behind his wife Sonya and two young children, Grace and Hudson, when he was shot in the face at close range as he responded to a Gold Coast tavern robbery in May 2011.

Outside court yesterday, his father-in-law Garry O'Brien could finally utter the words he had been waiting to say: "We've got the bastards".

It was a reference to a comment from his son-in-law, who before his death told Mr O'Brien "we're going to get the bastards" as they watched news footage together of escalating armed robberies on the Gold Coast.

"I think I can strongly say on behalf of the family, we can finally say to Damo, Rest In Peace," Mr O'Brien said.

Sen-Constable Leeding's mother Julie Waters said her son would be remembered by those who loved him as "a true hero".

"Damian was doing his job and his life was taken without regard for him or his family," she said.



It took a jury in the Supreme Court of Brisbane less than three hours to return its verdict, finding Abell and McAvoy guilty of the detective's shooting murder.

The decision came after a two-week trial and was met with cheers, applause and tears from the packed public gallery in court 11.

A grim-faced and heavily tattooed Abell, 41, and co-offender McAvoy, 39, who sobbed with her face buried in her hands, will be sentenced by Justice James Douglas on Friday with getaway driver Benjamin Ernest Power, 39.

Power pleaded guilty to manslaughter earlier this month.

Power, McAvoy's lover, did not face trial when his plea of guilty to manslaughter was accepted by the Crown earlier this month.

McAvoy and Abell disguised themselves with padding and wore T-shirts over their heads when they raided the Pacific Pines Tavern, tying up terrified hostages and holding a gun to their heads.

They stole \$16,048 in coins and notes as Power waited outside the tavern as a lookout, using a two-way radio to alert those inside to the arrival of police.

Sen-Constable Leeding and partner, detective Sen-Constable Nicole Jackson, were the first on the scene and ran to foil their escape.

Grainy CCTV footage showed Abell and McAvoy lugging 70kg worth of stolen coins out a sliding door and down a ramp seconds before the shotgun was fired.

Out of view, the weapon's muzzle flash lit up the night and felled the detective where he stood.

Sen-Constable Leeding suffered more than 50 injuries to his head and face when the shotgun pellets struck him. He managed to fire three times but missed when his Glock pistol jammed on the fourth. He suffered catastrophic brain injuries and died in the Gold Coast Hospital when his life support was switched off on June 1.

McAvoy and Abell abandoned their sports bag laden with cash and fled into bushland, where they were caught soon after.

Assistant Commissioner Paul Wilson said Sen-Constable Leeding had bravely made a "supreme sacrifice".

"It's a reality check as to what police officers do every day in the community," he said.

"They go to work to protect the public, as the brave Damian Leeding did on that particular night..."

Police Union president Ian Leavers said the murder was "outright and callous" and denounced Abell's conduct in court for its "complete contempt".

"As the jury found out, we have a person who callously murdered a young man in the prime of his life and nothing has

changed since the 29th of May, 2011," he said.

He said the verdict was right but it would never bring Senior Constable Leeding back or let him see his children grow up.

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

(handler of Police Dog Bosun)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



David Andrew SHEAN

08/04/2015

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.

Norman James WATT

08/04/2015

Norman James WATT

(grew up in Chinchilla)

Queensland Police Force

**Joined Qld Police Force via Qld Police Cadet System
1986 – 1987**

Regd. # ?

Rank: Senior Constable

Stations: Dog Squad – death

Service: From ? ? 1986 to 21 July 2000 = ? years
Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? ?

Died on: 21 July 2000

Cause: Shot – murdered – Alton Downs, Qld

Age: 33

Funeral date: 25 July 2000

Funeral location:

Buried at: Nerimbera Memorial Cemetery, Rockhampton,
Qld

Memorial location:



Norman James WATT – SenCon – Shot at siege – Qld – 21 July 2000. Pictured with his dog – Zeus

[alert_green]NORM IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance[/alert_green]

At 9.22pm on Thursday 20 July 2000 Information was received at the Rockhampton communications room regarding a serious domestic dispute that was taking place

on a property at Alton Downs 15kms north-west of Rockhampton.

An ex-serviceman named Royce William Cooper (58yrs) had fired three (3) shots at a friend during an argument at the property.

Senior Constable Norm Watt the dog squad officer on duty was one of a number of police directed to attend the scene. Officers arrived at the property and immediately placed a cordon around the residence.

In the darkness Cooper had exited his house and camouflaged himself amongst bushes in the yard.

At a little after midnight Senior Constable Watt and another officer went to view the house from another vantage point. As Senior Constable Watt moved toward the house a shot was heard and Senior Constable Watt fell to the ground. Fellow officers were unable to safely approach their fallen colleague to render assistance as they were unaware of Cooper's exact location.

An armoured vehicle from the Rockhampton correctional Centre was summoned and recovered the body of Senior Constable Watt.

The officer was officially pronounced dead at 3.47am.

A post mortem examination revealed that the bullet had severed Senior Constable Watt's femoral artery causing death within minutes of being hit.

After a seven hour siege Cooper surrendered to police. He was later charged and convicted of murder in the Rockhampton Supreme Court and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Senior Constable Norman James Watt is buried in the Nerimbera Memorial Cemetery Rockhampton.

Cemetery location: Grave location is: **Sect. R0G Row. 8 Grave 12**

Police remember slain dog squad officer

Megan Lewis

Updated Wed 21 Jul 2010, 3:15pm AEST

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2010-07-21/police-remember-slain-dog-squad-officer/914086>

A memorial service has been held at Rockhampton in central Queensland to honour a police officer killed in the line of duty.

Today marks 10 years since the shooting death of Senior Constable Norman James Watt.

The 33-year-old dog squad officer was killed while responding to a domestic disturbance on a property at Alton Downs, west of Rockhampton.

Queensland Police Service commissioner Bob Atkinson says Senior Constable Watt paid the ultimate sacrifice and died serving the community he had sworn to protect.

“Norm was many things – a husband, a brother, an uncle, a friend, a colleague, a fine police officer, and with his dog Zeus they were a fine team,” he said.

Mr Atkinson says the bond between dog squad officers and their animals is incredible, and dogs live with their handlers full-time.

“In most cases those officers work alone and most of the time they work through the night alone with their dog, and the bond they form is very close,” he said.

Zeus was retired immediately after the shooting and was cared for by Senior Constable Watt’s wife, until he died of kidney failure 18-months later.

Officer’s family joins march

Widow Anna Watt and her niece took part in this morning’s march from Rockhampton City Hall to the memorial garden at the Rockhampton Police Station.

She was flanked by two dog squad officers with pups-in-training, followed by a large number of Rockhampton police officers.

The Queensland Police Pipes and Drums led the procession.

During the ceremony, family, friends and former colleagues of Senior Constable Watt laid floral tributes under a plaque commemorating his death.

Senior Constable Watt’s brother, Greg Watt said it was an honour to witness the respect shown by colleagues and the community.

Commissioner Bob Atkinson says Senior Constable Watt was one of three Queensland police officers killed in the line of duty in the past ten years.



Police march for slain police officer Norm Watt, Rockhampton, July 21st 2010 – 10th anniversary



The Queensland Police Pipes and Drums led the march to remember Norm Watt.



Floral tribute

SENIOR CONSTABLE

Norman James

WATT

ALTON DOWNS NEAR
ROCKHAMPTON QLD

21 July 2000

Jurisdiction: Queensland

Age: 33

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At 9.22pm on Thursday 20 July 2000 information was received at the Rockhampton communications room regarding a serious domestic dispute that was taking place on a property at Alton Downs 15kms north-west of Rockhampton. An ex-serviceman named Royce William Cooper (58yrs) had fired three (3) shots at a friend during an argument at the property. Senior Constable Norm Watt the dog squad officer on duty was one of a number of police directed to attend the scene. Officers arrived at the property and immediately placed a cordon around the residence. In the darkness Cooper had exited his house and camouflaged himself amongst bushes in the yard. At a little after midnight Senior Constable Watt and another officer went to view the house from another vantage point. As Senior Constable Watt moved toward the house a shot was heard and Senior Constable Watt fell to the ground. Fellow officers were unable to safely approach their fallen colleague to render assistance as they were unaware of Cooper's exact location. An armoured vehicle from the Rockhampton correctional Centre was summoned and recovered the body of Senior Constable Watt. The officer was officially pronounced dead at 3.47am. A post mortem examination revealed that the bullet had severed Senior Constable Watt's femoral artery causing death within minutes of being hit. After a seven hour siege Cooper surrendered to police. He was later charged and convicted of murder in the Rockhampton Supreme Court and sentenced to life imprisonment. Senior Constable Norman James Watt is buried in the Nerimbera Memorial Cemetery Rockhampton.

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Policing in Queensland has long been a respected and valued profession but it is also an inherently dangerous one. This fact was tragically highlighted with the deaths of

two serving officers this year. The untimely deaths of Senior Constable Norm Watt and Senior Constable Dave Shean brings to one hundred the number of serving Queensland police officers who have died in the performance of duty. A tribute has been included in this Annual Report as a mark of respect to these two officers and to acknowledge the terrible loss felt at their passing by the Service, their families and friends and by their police colleagues who supported them throughout their careers.

Senior Constable Norman James Watt

The newly built Dog Squad facility in Brisbane has been named the Norm Watt Complex as a tribute to Senior Constable Norman James Watt.

Senior Constable Norm Watt was shot and killed while attending a domestic violence incident near Rockhampton on 21 July 2000.

Senior Constable Watt's operational career began in 1987 with a posting to Rockhampton. During his career, he proved himself to be an able and reliable officer serving in a variety of positions within the area including small stations, the CIB and the Rockhampton Traffic Branch. Senior Constable Watt was also commended by the then Central Region Assistant Commissioner for his work as an undercover operative during Operation Breaker in 1990.

He was commended on a number of other occasions for good police work and was the recipient of many letters of appreciation from politicians, fellow police officers and

members of the public. As the Adopt-a-Cop at Parkhurst State School, Senior Constable Watt earned the respect of the school community and his efforts were recognised by the then Police Minister, the Honourable Terry MacKenroth MP.

Norm was promoted to Senior Constable, Rockhampton Dog Squad, on 21 February 1994. Together with police dog Zeus, he attended a wide variety of operational matters including the incident that tragically ended his career. The dedicated service which Senior Constable Watt provided to the people of Queensland is well summed up in the words of the then Police Commissioner, Jim O'Sullivan, who, when dedicating the Norm Watt Complex, described Norm as "an officer who made the ultimate sacrifice in his role to serve and protect the community ... and whose sacrifice will not be forgotten."

Senior Constable Watt will be sorely missed by his family, friends and colleagues and by the community he so ably served.

15 years may have passed, but Norm is still alive in our hearts

Sergeant Jody Fernie on Jul 21, 2015 @ 11:33am

Posting Senior Constable Norm Watt with PD Zeus

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At 9.22pm on Thursday July 20 2000, officers were called to a hobby farm at Alton Downs, west of Rockhampton, after reports that a serious domestic dispute was taking place during which a man had fired three shots at a friend.

Senior Constable Norm Watt, a member of the Rockhampton Dog Squad, was also called to the scene with his dog, PD Zeus.

Officers arrived and began to put a cordon around the residence. It was just after midnight when a shot was heard and Senior Constable Watt was seen to fall to the ground.

Senior Constable Watt was pronounced dead on Friday July 21 at 3.47am. After a seven hour siege the offender surrendered to police and was later charged with murder and found guilty.

Senior Constable Watt was buried in the Nerimbera Memorial Cemetery Rockhampton and is remembered as a dear friend, a dedicated officer and a 'stand up' guy.

Fifteen years may have passed but to those who knew Norm, he is still alive in our hearts.

After Norm's passing, Police Dog Zeus lived a happy retirement with Norm's partner and passed away from old age a few years ago.

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Passed away peacefully at the Base Hospital Bundaberg on September 13, 2013. Beloved husband of Helene. Dearly loved father and father-in-law of Robyn and Eric, Greg and Julie, Gavin (deceased), Brett. Loving grandfather and great-grandfather. 'At Home With The Lord'

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