

Leah Helene RUDDER

05/04/2023

Where are they now

**First Australian Female Policewoman
to be Awarded the Star of Courage (SC)**

Leah Helene RUDDER SC

AKA Leah RUDDER, Veg

Leah KENNAWAY

Related to: **David John RUDDER**, NSWPF ProCst # **60367**

“possible” relation in ‘the job’: ?

NSW Goulburn Police Academy – **Class # 241**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 26513

Rank: Commenced Training at Goulburn Police Academy on Monday
24 April 1989 (aged 18 years, 9 months, 9 days)

Probationary Constable- appointed Friday 27 October 1989 (aged 19 years, 3 months, 12 days)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (NO)

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Senior Constable

Stations: Wagga Wagga (SPO), Kings Cross (ProCst)(GDs),

Lower Hunter Command (March 1996 – 23/12/10)(Maitland)(Newcastle Crash Investigation Unit) – Retired HOD 23/12/10.

Service: From 24 April 1989 to 23 December 2010 = 21 years, 1 month, 26 days Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = 40 years, 5 months, 8 days

Time in Retirement from Police: Continuing in Retirement

Awards: National Medal – **granted** ? ? ?

NSW Police Valour Award – **granted** 3 December 2003 (SenCon)

NSW Police Medal with two Clasps (15 years, 20 years) – **granted** ? ? ?

National Police Service Medal – **granted** ? ? ?

Star of Courage Medal (SC)- **granted** 12 March 2007 (SenCon)

Born: 15 July 1970 at Deniliquin, NSW

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: Australia's 1st Female Police Officer to be Awarded the Star of Courage (SC).

The only female, having a number of life sized fixed banners, erected on "Heroes Walk" at the NSW Police Academy, Goulburn, NSW

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this time (**April 2023**)

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May they forever Rest In Peace

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AustralianPolice.com.au/>

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Australian Police YouTube Channel

I wish Leah and her family all the very best in life.

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Lot 4539 SESSION 18 (2.30PM FRIDAY 31ST MARCH) Orders,
Decorations & Medals – Australian Groups

POLICE BRAVERY GROUP OF FIVE: (listed as mounted)



Star of Courage; National Medal; NSW Police Valour Award; NSW Police Medal, – two clasps – 15 Years, 20 Years; National Police Service Medal.

Leah Helene Rudder on reverse of suspension bar of first medal, **Leah Helene Rudder** on all other medals except the third

medal which has **Senior Constable Leah Helene Rudder**.

All medals pantographed.

The first two and the second two medals court mounted as pairs, the last medal with pin-back suspender bar. *Nearly uncirculated.*

Together with booklet for Investiture at Government House and with Entry Card to Admit **Senior Constable LH Rudder**; booklet **Attestation Parade**, Constable Education Program, at which **Senior Constable Rudder** was presented with **Commissioner's Valour Award**; letters of congratulations from important officials; various articles, newspaper clippings, posters and a host of other documents and photos relating to the courage and police service of **Senior Constable Leah Rudder**.

Star of Courage: Awarded by the **Governor-General Michael Jeffery** and presented at **Government House, Canberra 12 March 2007**.

Citation: In the early morning of **10 April 2003**, Senior Constable **Rudder rescued** an unconscious man from a burning house at **Tarro, New South Wales**.

At around midnight, Senior Constable Rudder was driving into her driveway after work when she heard breaking glass and yelling coming from a neighbouring house. She drove to investigate and found a female using a garden hose through a window of a house that was on fire. The woman informed Senior Constable Rudder that she had called emergency services. The fire had engulfed the front section of the house. Senior Constable Rudder looked through a partially broken window to determine whether the occupant of the house was still inside.

Visibility was poor, so she used a steel bucket she found at the rear of the house to break more of the window. She was still unable to see inside and the window was too high for her to gain access, so she returned to the rear of the house and

tried the back door. It was locked so she kicked the wooden door repeatedly until she had made a hole to crawl through. She was unable to gain access, however, due to intense heat and smoke. She returned to her vehicle, called for assistance and grabbed a torch. Senior Constable Rudder used the torch to smash a window and look inside for any occupants. She saw a man lying on the floor, wedged between the foot of a bed and the wall. She returned to her car to advise colleagues who had now arrived, that she was going inside to rescue the man. One of her colleagues went with her and they both entered the house through the hole in the rear door. They tried to drag the man from the house but he remained wedged and they were forced to retreat when they were overcome by the intense heat and thick smoke.

After getting some fresh air, they re-entered the house and, despite the fire gaining in intensity, returned to the bedroom. As they dragged the man to the door of the bedroom, the walls and ceiling began to collapse and both officers were showered with sparks and debris. The man became jammed in the doorway, and while Senior Constable Rudder tried to free him, her colleague was forced to retreat due to smoke inhalation. Senior Constable Rudder continued to pull the unconscious man by his feet down the hallway.

A colleague then assisted her in removing the man from the burning house to safety. By her actions, Senior Constable Rudder displayed conspicuous bravery.

NSW Police Commissioner's Valour Award: Conferred upon Senior Constable Leah Helene Rudder **3 December 2003** by K.E.Moroney, Commissioner of Police.

Citation: In recognition of the extreme bravery and meritorious service displayed when undertaking the successful rescue of a person from a house fire at Tarro on 11 April 2003.

Senior Constable Rudder became aware of a residence which was well alight and ascertained that a person was inside. Access was gained by crawling through a hole in a door made whilst gaining entry to the building. The occupant was located unconscious and wedged between the wall and furniture. Unable to release the person, she exited the premises to call for additional support.

On the arrival of assistance a further attempt to release the occupant was undertaken. However, due to smoke inhalation and the intense heat both officers left the premises.

Undeterred and facing intense heat, acrid smoke and falling debris, Senior Constable Rudder re-entered the premises unaccompanied. On that occasion she was able to free the person and began pushing the occupant along the floor.

Although this situation presented a real threat to Senior Constable Rudder's life, she maintained her resolve and was eventually able to complete a successful rescue with the assistance of other personnel.

By her actions Senior Constable Rudder displayed courage, professionalism and responsibility to the community in an extremely dangerous situation. She is highly commended for her valour under extreme duress.

Leah Helene Kennaway, born **15 July 1970** at **Deniliquin**, NSW and then moved to **Goulburn** where her father worked as Valuer General and here she attended **Goulburn High School**; moved to **Wagga Wagga** when her father was appointed Regional Valuer General and attended **Kooringal High School** there until completing her Higher School Certificate; joined **NSW Police Force on 24 April 1989** as a **Student Police Officer**, this was the first class conducted under the new **PREP** (Pole Recruit Education Program), a 6-month training course that included a placement period at Wagga Wagga Police Station;

attested to rank of Probationary Constable 24 Oct 1989 and

stationed at Kings Cross Police Station where she performed General Duties Police, both mobile and beat patrol;

confirmed as a Constable Oct1990; for next 5 years at Kings Cross Patrol she performed secondments with various roles and duties within Sydney Charge Room and Cell Complex, Prisoner Transport Unit, Riot Squad and Sexual Assault Unit;

one of only a few female officers to train with the newly formed Riot Squad and highly sought-after IROC (Initial Response Officer's Course) selected and specifically trained to take sexual assault statements from victims;

appointed Constable First Class in 1995;

married on 07 Jan 1995 to police officer **David John Rudder**;

twin boy and girl born prematurely at Paddington, Sydney NSW on 30 Aug 1995;

Senior Constables David and Leah Rudder transferred to **Lower Hunter Command** in Mar 1996,

David stationed at **Cessnock Police Station** and

Leah at Maitland Police Station where she performed duties General Duties, Domestic Violence, Warrant and Summons, Sexual Assault and as a Police Negotiator; she had another son born in 1998 and continued to work in a **part-time capacity** at **Maitland Police Station** as a **Domestic Violence Liaison Officer** for the Lower Hunter Command encompassing **17 police stations** and also continued working as an IROC Officer, Police Negotiator and later as an Investigator at **Newcastle Crash Investigator Unit**;

Senior Constable Leah Rudder was **medically discharged** from the NSW Police Force with both **physical and psychological injuries** on **23 December 2010** after a 22-year career.

Senior Constable Leah Rudder was the **first female police**

officer in Australia to be awarded the **Star of Courage**. She was also given the honour of being the only female of a number of life size fixed banners erected on '**Heroes Walk**' at the NSW Police Academy and she appears in **The Who's Who of Australia 2008** and the **Valour Roll** at the NSW Police Academy.

Estimate / sale price does not include buyer's premium (currently 22% including GST) which is added to hammer price.

All bids are executed on the understanding that the Terms & Conditions of sale have been read and accepted. For information on grading and estimates please refer to the Buying at Auction advice.

Estimated value: **\$20,000**

Bid at live.noble.com.au

SOLD for \$23,500

<https://www.noble.com.au/auctions/lot/?id=462035>

This was published 16 years ago

Single-minded hero recognised

March 12, 2007 – 11.04am

A policewoman's single-minded determination to save an unconscious man from his burning NSW home has been recognised with one of Australia's highest-ranked bravery awards.

Senior Constable Leah Rudder is one of two heroes announced Monday as being awarded with the Australian Bravery Decorations' Star of Courage medal.

The other brave Australian to receive the star is South Australian truck driver Daryl Smith who rescued a man from a burning car after an accident in 2002.

The star is awarded for non-military acts of conspicuous courage in circumstances of great peril where people put themselves in jeopardy to protect the lives or property of others.

Hours after dragging 42-year-old Charlton Redding away from the flames and smoke engulfing his home at Tarro, near Maitland, in 2003, Sen Const Rudder said: "I had one thing in mind – to get him out alive".

The officer, who had served 14 years with the force and was aged 32 at the time of the rescue, had finished a 15 hour shift about midnight on April 11, 2003, when she pulled up in the driveway of her home.

She heard explosions, breaking glass and yelling coming from her neighbours' yard and quickly realised Mr Redding's house was on fire.

The mother of three called for back-up and discovered Mr Redding was still alive, but unconscious and wedged between a bed and a wall.

After about 20 kicks she managed to smash through the back door and was joined at that stage by **Senior Constable Jules Moylan**, 35.

However, heavy smoke and heat forced the officers to retreat a short time later.

They regrouped and forged into the home a second time as fire started to rip through walls and the ceiling began to collapse.

They managed to get Mr Redding to the hallway near the back door before again being forced back.

Const Moylan was so badly affected by smoke he could not go back again. It was then that Const Rudder fully realised she was risking her life.

"It was a hard choice – I was very tempted at one stage to just let him go, I'd tried ... but I'm a very determined person," she said on the day of the rescue.

"But we knew he was still alive, we were so close to getting him out, we had minutes left."

Sen Const Rudder is still in the force, working with a domestic violence unit in the NSW Hunter Valley.

Since 1975, and including Monday's awards, there have been 129 stars awarded. The highest award in the scheme is the Cross of Valour.

Hunter police recognised for house fire rescue

Posted **Mon 12 Mar 2007** at 8:27am

Three Hunter Valley police officers have been recognised for their bravery, after they helped rescue a man from a burning house near Maitland four years ago.

Senior constables Leah Rudder, Jules Moylan and Gregory Payne helped save the unconscious man in the early hours of April 10, 2003.

Senior Constable Rudder, who was returning home from work, came across the burning building at Tarro and spotted the man lying on the bedroom floor.

She and **Senior Constable Moylan** had to make several attempts to save him, after being overcome by intense heat and thick smoke.

At one stage, the walls and ceiling started to collapse – **Senior Constable Gregory Payne** then came to assist.

Senior constables Rudder and Moylan have received the **Star of Courage**, while **Senior Constable Payne** has been recognised with a **Commendation for Brave Conduct**.

Posted 12 Mar 2007

Hunter police recognised for house fire rescue – ABC News



Former NSW Police Senior Constable Leah Rudder was awarded Star of Courage in 2003



By Conor Burke
March 31 2023 - 6:33am



Former NSW Police Senior Constable Leah Rudder was awarded the Star of Courage back in 2003 - the first female officer to receive the honour - for an outrageous act of bravery. Picture supplied

A decorated Riverina police officer who was the first to be awarded one of the state's top bravery awards has made the "painful decision" to put their medals up for auction this week.

Former NSW Police Senior Constable Leah Rudder was awarded the Star of Courage bravery decoration back in 2003 - the first female officer to receive the honour.

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The Deniliquin-born, Goulburn and Wagga raised, officer was
recognised after she risked her life in a house fire, fighting through
the blaze and braving a collapsing house to save the life of its
occupant.

"On the night, she just acted on instinct," said Leah's husband
David Rudder. "And she saved that guy's life and she gave him 20
more years of life."

Mrs Rudder left the police 11 years ago and hasn't worked since due



make the tough decision to sell her precious medals

"She hasn't worked full time since then ... and then she had some
money invested in a business in Sydney but as a result of COVID that

"This has been a really painful and difficult decision for her," he said.

Mrs Rudder's 22-year career saw her stationed in Sydney and regional NSW, including the Lower Hunter Valley.

The "country girl" joined the police as an 18-year-old and after a stint in Wagga was posted to Kings Cross in her first full posting in 1989.

"She always wanted to be a police officer," Mr Rudder said.

"Her first station was Kings Cross, she loved it there .. it was a very tough station at the time, it was a different police force back then."

Next month will be the 20th anniversary of her feat of bravery and she still meets up with the man she saved every Christmas. Her medals will be auctioned on March 31 as part of a set of five medals she was awarded with bids to start at \$20,000.

<https://www.dailyadvertiser.com.au/story/8142403/decorated-riverina-cop-to-auction-star-of-courage-bravery-medal/>

Nothing further, than what is recorded above, is known about this person at the time of publication and further information and photos would be appreciated.

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5 April 2023

John Bailey

05/04/2023

John BAILEY

Late of Redfern

NSW Goulburn Police Academy / Police Training Centre –
Redfern / Police Training College – Penrith / Belmore
Barracks Class # ? ? ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 1989

Service: From 10 August 1870 to 21 November 1887 = 17
years Service

Rank: Commenced Training at / as ? Police Academy Police
Cadet on ? ? ?

Supernumerary Constable- appointed 10 August 1870

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed 1 April 1876

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 1 January 1882

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Inspector – appointed ? ? ?

Chief Inspector – appointed ? ? ?

Superintendent – appointed ? ? ?

Chief Superintendent – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank = Sergeant 2nd Class

Stations: Redfern

Retirement / Leaving age: = 46

Time in Retirement from Police: ?

Awards: National Medal – **granted** ? ? ?

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** ? ? ?

2nd Clasp to National Medal – **granted** ? ? ?

Born: 1841

Died on: 21 November 1887

Age: 46

Cause: Unknown

Event location: Redfern

Event date: 21 November 1887

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

(**click here to see Corona19 Virus Pandemic rules – this will be a limited numbers Funeral**)

any Future Wake location: ??? **TBA**

any Future Wake date: ??? **TBA**

(Due to current Govt. restrictions on 'Gatherings' due to Corona19 Virus Pandemic, some families may wish to have a Memorial Service / Wake with friends and family at a later date)

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Rookwood Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria,
Mortuary 1 Area: AA Grave: 342

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (July 2021)

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

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

? IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

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

? IS mentioned on the Sydney Police Centre Memorial Wall,
Surry Hills

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

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May they forever Rest In Peace

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Australian Police YouTube Channel

DEATH OF SERGEANT 2nd CLASS JOHN BAILEY (1841 to 21 November 1887) No. 1989

John Bailey was born in 1841 in Kilkenny, Ireland. He emigrated to Australia and married Ellen Heffernan at Hunters Hill in 1869. They had eight children together between 1870 and 1881.

John Bailey was sworn in as a Supernumerary Constable of the NSW Police Force on the 10 August 1870. He was promoted to Senior Constable on the 1 April 1876 and Sergeant 2nd Class on the 1 January 1882.

Sergeant Bailey died on the 21 November 1887. He was stationed at Redfern at the time. He was buried at the Rookwood Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria, Mortuary 1 Area: AA Grave: 342

At the time of his death he lived at 2 Sterling St Redfern and was a member of the H.C. Guild.

In 1925 Sergeant Bailey's registered number was re-issued to Probationary Constable Ernest James Williamson.

Constantin SERGEEFF

05/04/2023

Constantin SERGEEFF

aka Con SERGEEFF

New South Wales Police Force

Redfern Police Academy **Class 083** – Commenced Training on
Monday 30 May 1960

Uniform # 1279

Regd. # 9661

Rank: Commenced Training at the Redfern Police Academy on
Monday 30 May 1960 (aged 26 years, 8 months, 3 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed Monday 4 July 1960 (aged
26 years, 9 months, 7 days)

Constable – appointed

Constable 1st Class – appointed 30 May 1966

Senior Constable – appointed 30 May 1970

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 1 March 1976

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 31 March 1983

Stations: Liverpool (22 Division)(GD's), Campbelltown (GDs)(22 Division then 35 Division)(GDs), Camden (35 Division)(GDs), Fairfield (34 Division)(GDs), Central (1 Division)(GDs), Planning & Research Unit (20 Division)(Research Duties), Burwood (9 Division)(GDs) – Optional Retirement

Service: From 30 May 1960 to **?? 1988** = 28 years of Service

Age at Retirement: 55 years, 3 months

Awards: National Medal – granted 22 September 1987 (Sgt)

Act of Bravery –

Born: Wednesday 27 September 1933 in Shanghai, China

Died: ?

Age at Death: ?

January 1989: Former Liverpool Police Officer – **Sergeant 2/c. Constantin. Sergeeff** on General Duties at Burwood Police Station took optional retirement. He had served the NSW Community for a period of 28 years.

During his Police service he was awarded two Commendations –

i) Commended for his part played in fighting the disastrous bush fires which occurred in the County of Cumberland during March, 1965.

Signed N. T. W. Allan Commissioner of Police.

ii) Commended for courage and devotion to duty on 7th November, 1978 whilst investigating an incident at Fairfield West, located a young woman affected by alcohol, firing shots from a parked car.

Although threatened by the woman, the Sergeant positioned himself behind the vehicle while other Police attempted to persuade the offender to surrender. After about half an hour,

the Sergeant saw an opportunity and seized the rifle, wrestling it from the offender's grasp, where upon other Police took her into custody.

Awarded the Commissioner's Commendation – signed Mervyn T. Wood Commissioner of Police.

Police Service Card State Archives Werrington.

New South Wales Police News, February 1988.

Source: Liverpool Police History Timeline by Joe Stanioch.

Liverpool Police Officer – **Probationary Constable Constantin. Sergeeff** a former Fitter and Labourer entered the Police Training Centre at Redfern and commenced his Initial Training as part of **Class 83**.

In 5/1960 he was attested as a Probationary Constable.

In 7/1960 he was transferred to No. 22 Division (Liverpool) on General Duties, where in 5/1961 he was promoted to the rank of Constable.

While at Liverpool by 2/1963 he became a PD Driver, where in 5/1966 he was promoted to the rank of Constable 1/c.

Still at Liverpool in 1/1969 he was appointed the Station Reserve Constable, where in 5/1970 he was promoted to the rank of Senior Constable.

In 2/1971 he was transferred to Campbelltown (a sub-station of No. 22 Division (*now 35 Division*)) on General Duties.

In 3/1974 No. 35 Division was created for Campbelltown, where

in 3/1976 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant 3/c.

Then in 5/1976 he was transferred to Camden (a sub-station of No. 35 Division) on General Duties.

In 2/1977 he was transferred to No. 34 Division (Fairfield) on General Duties.

In 7/1979 transferred to No. 1 Division (Central) on General Duties.

In 10/1979 he was transferred to the Planning and Research Unit on Research Duties.

In 1/1983 he was transferred to No. 9 Division (Burwood) on General Duties, where in 3/1983 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant 2/c.

In 1/1989 he took optional retirement, after serving the NSW Community for a period of 28 years.

Police Service Card State Archives
Werrington.

New South Wales Police News, July 1970.

New South Wales Police News, February 1988.

Source: Liverpool Police History Timeline by Joe Stanioch.

**Report of the NSW Police Department for the year ended 31
December 1978.**

Sergeant 3rd Class Con Sergeeff – Whilst investigating an incident at Fairfield West on 7th November, 1978, the Sergeant found a young woman firing shots at a house from a parked car.

Although threatened by the woman, who was affected by alcohol, the Sergeant positioned himself behind the vehicle while other Police attempted to persuade the offender to surrender. After about half an hour the Sergeant, seeing an opportunity, sprang forward, seized the rifle and disarmed the offender, whereupon, other Police took her into custody.

Chief Inspector of Distilleries Officer – 1862

05/04/2023

Chief Inspector of Distilleries Office. Sydney, 25th July, 1862.

THE APPOINTMENT of the Undermentioned **Officers of Police** to be **Inspectors of Distilleries**, duly notified in the Government Gazette, is now further advertised for public information, and for the guidance of Magistrates and Clerks of Petty Sessions in the country districts: –

Henry Zouch

William Chatfield

John Aitcheson McLerie

George Markham

T.B. Carrne

Edric N. V. Morisset

James Garland, and Charles J. P. Lydiard, Esqs,

Sir **Frederick W. Pottinger**, Bart,

Critchett Walker

Frederick R. Wilshire, Esq.

Edward M. Battye, and Henry H Bligh, Esq,

Messrs. John H. Bruyess

Arthur A. Abbott

Thomas M. A. White

John G. Hussey

John D. Meares

James Singleton

George Read

James A. Black

Charles Harrison

William O'Neil

Thomas Hogg

Charles G. Persin

William Malbon

Reginald Hare

Henry Garvin

John Oxley Norton

Henry C. Young and John Woolf.

HENRY LUMSDAINE, Chief Inspector of Distilleries.

Freeman's Journal (Sydney) Saturday 2 August 1862 page
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<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/115761002>

NSW Police who died as a result of WW I

05/04/2023

NSW Police Officers who lost their lives as a result of active Defence duty – Cemetery and Memorial sites. This is not a complete list.

****AUSTRALIA****

***KATOOMBA** Cemetery

HOUSTON, Kenneth Raymond – Private – 25/10/1968

Kenneth is also listed at ROOKWOOD NECROPOLIS at the Garden of Remembrance.

***ROOKWOOD NECROPOLIS**, Presbyterian Section 6E, Grave 0000831

CUMMING, Harold Stanely – Private – 01/12/1935

***WAVERLY** General Cemetery, SYDNEY

JENNINGS, Alselm James – Private 01/11/1915

***MOONBI** Cemetery, Moonbi, NSW

MURRAY, Francis Andrew – Trooper – 28/04/1917

****TURKEY**

GALLIPOLI PENINSULA**

*4th BATTALION PARADE GROUND CEMETERY

COOKE, Sydney Stevenson – Private – 09/05/1915, 32yo

***LONE PINE MEMORIAL**

DOWNIE, John Jabez – Private – 03/05/1915

MARSHALL, William George – Private – 27/04/1915, 32yo

McMASTER, Allan Hugh – Trooper – 26/05/1915, 24yo

PORTER, William James – Private – 22/08/1915, 24yo

***LONE PINE CEMETERY**

HANCOCK, Herbert William – Sergeant – 20/05/1915, 27yo

HODDER, Henry – Private – 09/08/1915

PEAT, Charles Riach – Private – 06/08/1915, 30yo

***QUINN'S POST CEMETERY, ANZAC**

ROBERTS, Norman – Corporal – 25/04/1915, 27yo

***BEACH CEMETERY**

MURRAY, Vernon William – Trooper – 22/05/1915

***SHELL GREEN CEMETERY**

MATTHEWS, Frank Walter – Trooper – 17/09/1915, 27yo

****EGYPT****

***CHATBY MEMORIAL, ALEXANDRIA**

KENDAL, Varley Hadden – Private – 08/11/1914

****MALTA****

***PIETA MILITARY CEMETERY, TAL-PIETA**

CHADBAN, Henry – Private – 13/08/1915

****ENGLAND****

***BRISTOL (ARNOS VALE) ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY**

McCULLY, Colin – Private – 27/05/1917, 24yo

****FRANCE****

***HEATH CEMETERY, 1 1/2 miles Nth of HARBONNIERES**

COLEMAN, Spencer William – Lieutenant – 09/08/1918, 38yo

***VILLERS-BRETONNEUX MEMORIAL, SOMME**

ALEXANDER, Willaim – Farrier Sergeant – 19/12/1917, 34yo

COOPER, Samual – Sergeant – 09/03/1915, 26yo

GASKILL, Willaim – Sergeant – 15/04/1917, 38yo

***POZIERES BRITISH CEMETRY, OVILLERS – La BOISSELLE**

ELLIOTT, Andrew – Lance Corporal – 17/18/1916, 25yo

***AVELUY COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, ALBERT BAPAUME AREA**

CROUCH, Norman Russell – Gunner – 13/02/1917, 26yo

***BREWERY ORCHARD CEMETERY, BOIS-GRENIER, LILLE**

MITCHELL, John Lumsden – Sergeant – 26/06/1916, 29yo

***PURCHEVILLERS BRITISH CEMETERY, SOMME**

PHEENEY, David – Lance Sergeant – 25/07/1916, 42yo

****BELGUIM****

***MENIN GATE MEMORIAL, YPRES**

HALL, Andrew William – Sergeant – 29/09/1916

HUSH, thomas – Private – 18/11/1917, 32yo

WATERS, Oliver Clive – Lance Corporal – 08/11/1917

****NEW GUINEA****

***LAE WAR CEMETERY, LAE RIVER AREA**

GILLIES, Neil Craig – Trooper – 24/05/1945, 27yo

****CANADA****

***OTTOWA MEMORIAL, ONTARIO**

WILLCOX, Arthur Jack – Pilot Officer – 22/12/1943, 30yo

LEST WE FORGET

List compiled b Linda Woods – Beyond Courage FB page. Posted
23 April 2014

Others that don't appear on the above list (H. Chadban does
appear above) but do appear on the Newcastle Police Honour
Roll of WW I are:

Eight constables' names appear on the scroll: – **H. Chadban** (of Newcastle, killed), **F. M. Doonan** (of Lambton, killed), **H. W. Hancock** (of Newcastle Water Police, killed), **T. Connell** (of Minmi, killed), **C. W. J. Grant** (of Newcastle Water Police, returned wounded), **D. J. Long** (of Newcastle, still on active service), **V. Digre** (of Newcastle, who served with the naval bridging train and is now in the artillery) and **S. Pender** (who has re-enlisted). Constable Connell served with the Imperial Forces, being called up as an Irish Reservist.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/159096387>

John EMMETT, Nev SHORROCK, Ossie POMROY & Ron SCOTT

05/04/2023

2/6 Cavalry Commando Regiment and 2nd Cavalry Regiment

HATS OFF TO A FOURSOME

(Cavalry News 67, Dec 2001)

On page 17 of our last issue is a picture of four of our members, each of which served post war in the police force. One of them, **John Emmett**, joined the army in 1940, and saw active service in the Western Desert, Greece, Syria and the Northern Territory.

In 1942 Jack joined the 2/10 Commando Unit, however, in 1943

he left the Army to join the RAAF where he became a Navigator on Liberator bombers.

The other three members of the foursome all experienced active service with the 2.10 Commando Unit in some of the fiercest fighting in New Guinea and adjacent islands.

At war's end each of them was discharged from the Services and each joined the NSW Police Force.

Jack (John) Emmett joined the Police Force in 1947 and was attached to Newtown Station. Jack recalls that on reporting for duty his Inspector was a bit put out (to say the least) when he, Jack, stated he was a member of the Police Choir.

Like most probationers, Jack experienced a number of "faux pas", the most serious letting a prisoner escape whilst he was cleaning the cells.

However, the Gods were looking after Jack and he went on to continue an industrious career. His Newtown experiences included locking up the usual number of hoodlums, thieves and vagrants.

In addition he was able to shoot a number of injured dogs without shooting himself or a member of the public.

He then did a spot of School Lecturing at Parramatta. It was at Parramatta that Jack found his calling for the Police Prosecuting Staff and for the next 25 years he prosecuted at various City courts along with relieving Country Prosecutors.

In 1964 Jack was transferred to Tamworth as a Prosecutor and remained so for 7 years.

He then moved to Newcastle in charge of Prosecutors until 1974 when he was transferred to Central Court in charge of Police Prosecutors until 7 Nov 1977 when he retired. Jack is the 4th generation that has served with distinction in the NSW Police

Force.

Nev Shorrock and **Ossie Pomroy** joined the Police Force on the same day in 1946. Nev Shorrock served on general duty at Manly for 11 years, then as a Senior Constable he was transferred to Delegate for 2 years. Neville resigned from the force at Delegate to purchase a General Store and Newsagency which he operated for the next 18 years.

He then moved to Greenwell Point where he operated the local Post office for the next 15 years. He is now living in retirement at Greenwell Point.

Ossie, after his initial training of 1946, was attached to Phillip Street, after which on General Duty he went bush serving at Lismore, Tweed Heads, Gloucester, Werris Creek, Wee Waa and Nowra.

It was then back to the City to serve as an Inspector at Burwood, Blacktown and Katoomba where he retired. Unfortunately recently in retirement Ossie had a misunderstanding with a box trailer.

It appears that Ossie was under the trailer doing some repairs when it collapsed on top of him and trapped him. The result was severe leg injuries, however, he is on the road back.

The fourth member of the foursome, **Ron Scott**, joined the NSW Police Force in 1947 and after initial training he went to Leichhardt for a short spell, then to Lithgow for 18 months and then back to the City for 6 months at Regent Street.

Camperdown was the next stop for 12 months where he resigned in 1951 to re-enter the Army with the rank of Sergeant. **Ron** served for 12 months in Korea to be followed by 2 years in Malaya.

He left the Army in 1963 to join the Commonwealth Police for three years. he resigned from the Commonwealth Police to take

on employment with Burns Phillip from where he retired. Ron is currently the President of the old Army Association.

Hats off to this foursome who served their Country so well in Peace as well as in War.

http://www.26cavcommando.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2700&Itemid=74

Adam DUNNING

05/04/2023

Adam DUNNING

Australian Protective Services Officer (A.P.S.)

**Australian Federal Police, 29 March 2003
– 22 December 2004**

RAAF Reservist, 1995 –

Regd. # ?

Rank: PS01 (Protective Services Officer)

Stations: Solomon Islands, 4 October 2004 – 22 December 2004

Service: From 29 March 2003 to 22 December 2004 = 1+ year
Service

[blockquote]

Unit: RAMSI

Regiment: ?

Enlisted: ?

Service # ?

Rank: ?

Embarkation: ?

Next of kin: ?

Religion: ?

Single / Married: ?

Returned to Australia: ?

[/blockquote]

Awards: Meritorious Unit Citation for work in East Timor.

Commendation for efforts in disarming a male carrying a
replica pistol in Honiara Court.

Born: ?

Died on: Wednesday 22 December 2004

Cause: Shot – Murdered

whilst deployed on official duties at Honiara, Solomon Islands

Age: 26

Funeral date: Thursday 30 December 2004

Funeral location: ANZAC Memorial Chapel,
Royal Military College, Duntroon, ACT

Buried at: Cremated

Memorial: The main street of a new AFP training village in Canberra was named Adam Dunning Drive in his memory.



Adam DUNNING

Adam IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

Tears for the fallen as Adam comes home

By Craig Skehan and Aban Contractor

December 24, 2004



AFP officers farewell their mate Adam Dunning after loading his coffin into a RAAF jet at Honiara Domestic Airport.
Photo: Andy Zakeli

They had slow-marched their comrade's casket to the plane that would take him home.

Their backs were straight, but the emotions were too much: tears tumbled down the cheeks of the Australian Federal Police pallbearers as they did Adam Dunning this last honour.

Then, once his body was stowed in the hold of the RAAF jet on the tarmac in Honiara, his mates made a last gesture of solidarity with the colleague they were farewelling forever – forming a circle, heads bowed, arms locked around each other's shoulders.

Adam Dunning, the 26-year-old AFP protective service officer who was killed by a sniper in the early hours of Wednesday morning, was accompanied home by the Minister for Justice, Chris Ellison, and the Opposition's home affairs spokesman, Robert McClelland, but at Fairbairn air base in Canberra, where the RAAF 737 touched down just before 6pm, it was Mr Dunning's family and friends – his parents, Michael and Christine, his sisters, Sarah and Emma, and his girlfriend, Elise Wiscombe – who formed the guard of honour.

Standing in two straight lines, they faced the plane.

With the Australian Federal Police Commissioner, Mick Keelty, standing watch nearby, Mr Dunning's parents held their heads high, and his sisters and Ms Wiscombe quietly sobbed as eight AFP pallbearers bore his flag-draped casket from the plane. His parents held hands and seemed to stand even straighter as their only son was placed in the hearse that would take him to the mortuary.

In the Solomons, police are questioning a taxi driver about several suspects in the murder. A Solomon Islands police source told the *Herald* that the taxi – seen near the murder scene with several passengers before the shooting – had been seized.

On a narrow, potholed road on the outskirts of the Solomons capital, Honiara, locals offered heartfelt apologies for the shooting.

“I am so very sorry,” said one young man. “He came here to help us.”

By the roadside at Zion Junction, investigating officers had cut the long grass to help search for clues to the identity of the person who, in darkness shortly after 3am on Wednesday, shot Mr Dunning while he was on patrol in a Toyota Land Cruiser.

Zion Junction does not have a particularly dangerous reputation. Rather, locals said, other settlements further along the same ridge were known for trouble, ranging from extortion to payback shootings.

Moffat Suiga, a community elder who was awakened by the shots that killed Mr Dunning, said he and others were at a loss to explain the murder.

A middle-aged businessman said the overwhelming majority of

Solomon Islanders wanted to see those responsible put in jail. He said it would be a good thing if the Australian-led intervention force remained for the next 40 years.

At a commemoration service earlier in Honiara, Mr Keelty said Mr Dunning had “died for peace”.

The Solomon Islands Prime Minister, Sir Allan Kemakeza, said the young man had been helping the country overcome ethnic strife and crime. “We will not forget him,” he said.

A police funeral will be held for Mr Dunning on a day to be announced.

<http://www.smh.com.au/news/World/Tears-for-the-fallen-as-Adam-comes-home/2004/12/23/1103391900411.html>





AFP officers farewell their mate Adam Dunning after loading his coffin into a RAAF jet at Honiara Domestic Airport. Photo: Andy Zakeli



Australian Protective Services officers salute the coffin in a guard of honour at Honiara Domestic Airport before Adam Dunning's coffin was flown back to Australia. Photo: Andy Zakeli



Australian Protective Services officer Robert Turnbull sheds a tear at the official wake in the compound before Adam Dunning's coffin flew back to Australia. Photo: Andy Zakeli



The RAAF jet carrying Adam Dunning's body touches down. Photo: Andrew Taylor



Adam Dunning's coffin is loaded from the aircraft to a hearse at the RAAF Base at Fairbairn. Photo: Andrew Tayl



Senior officers and other dignitaries, along with family members, watch Adam Dunning's coffin being loaded from the aircraft to a hearse at the RAAF Base at Fairbairn in Canberra. Photo: Andrew Taylor



The girlfriend of Adam Dunning, Elise Wiscombe (far left), cries as police salute the farewell of the coffin. Photo: Andrew Taylor



Friends of Adam Dunning after the hearse had left the tarmac. Photo: Andrew Taylor



Memorial Tribute to Adam DUNNING, 10 years on. 22 December 2014, National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra. Excellent turnout at NPM this morning for Adam and his family. RIP and we remember.

adam-dunning-funeral

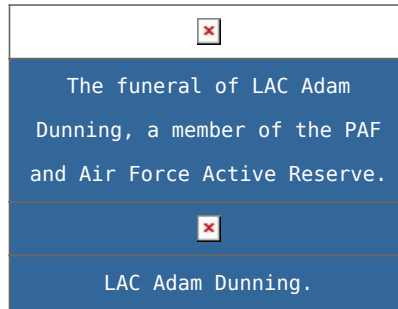
Offenders: John Hen **OME**, 31 & James **TATAU**, 29

Location of Murder: [codepeople-post-map]

Peacekeeper killed

ADG's funeral brings Air Force and police together

By FLGOFF Fiona Peacock



*LEADING Aircraftman **Adam Dunning**, an ADG with No. 28 (City of Canberra) Squadron and former member of No. 2 Air Field Defence Squadron, was killed in December last year while on operational duty with the Australian Federal Police as part of the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI).*

In the early hours of December 22, LAC Dunning and an Australian Protective Service colleague were on a routine vehicle patrol in Honiara, protecting the Prime Minister's and Governor General's residences.

A concealed gunman shot at the vehicle, fatally wounding LAC Dunning, who was 26.

He deployed to the Solomons in October and, after only six weeks there, was awarded a commendation for disarming a man in front of the Magistrates Court.

At LAC Dunning's funeral, members of 28SQN played a part in recognising his Air Force service. The squadron's honorary air commodore, Air Commodore Justice Terence Higgins, represented 28SQN among the official party of Service chiefs.

Members of the Air Field Defence Wing provided the firing party and the guard of honour for receiving VIPs. The RAAF Ensign was carried by Pilot Officer Shane McGaughey and was escorted by Flight Sergeant John Forth. Two close friends of LAC Dunning, Leading Aircraftmen Tim Gresham and David Pauli, were members of the bearer party. The President of 28SQN Association, Steve Williams, represented former 28SQN members. 28SQN members joined AFP personnel to form a guard of honour.

AFP Commissioner Mick Keelty praised No. 34 Squadron for the way it handled bringing LAC Dunning's body back to Australia.

<http://www.defence.gov.au/news/raafnews/editions/4701/topstories/story03.htm>

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2004-12-22/afp-officer-adam-dunning-was-murdered-while-on/606888>

Family, friends, colleagues farewell peacekeeper

By Misha Schubert
Political correspondent
Canberra

December 31, 2004

They stood side by side. Two long lines of blue uniforms facing each other along the tree-lined road. Like a slow Mexican wave, each snapped to attention and saluted as the body of one of their own passed by.

Adam Dunning, murdered by a sniper while on patrol in the Solomons early last week, had begun the last leg of his journey home.

Earlier, these men and women of the Australian Federal Police and the Royal Australian Air Force had wept openly as Mr Dunning was farewelled with full police and military honours in the Duntroon chapel. "He was a great man," said his federal police mate Pat Castle.

The nation's military chiefs turned out to pay tribute, as did Prime Minister John Howard, Governor-General Michael Jeffery and senior cabinet ministers.

But this ritual belonged to those who knew and loved Adam Dunning.

His mother, Christine, read from a tribute that she and her husband, Mike, had written to their son in February. They had praised his courage, sensitivity and mettle.

His partner, Elise, who had brought red roses for the man she

had loved, said he was her greatest friend. "He was my strength, my inspiration, my love."

Peacekeeper Beau Tennant, who was with Mr Dunning the night before he died, broke down as he recalled his friend's generosity.

"Before he left me, his last words were: 'Are you right for money mate?' That was the kind of bloke he was," he said.

Federal Police Commissioner Mick Keelty said Mr Dunning would live on in the memories of grateful Solomon Islanders.

"Adam Dunning died for peace and law and order. His work and his death will always be remembered by his colleagues," he told mourners.

The federal police hope to build a memorial to Mr Dunning at their new training centre for overseas police peacekeepers.

Mr Dunning also served with RAAF in Timor before joining the AFP.

Police believe his murder and another attack on police on October 21 were carried out by three former members of the Malaitan Eagle Force militia.

They have charged two men – John Ome and Philip Kwaimani – over the attacks and are hunting James Tatau, who Mr Keelty said was present at both events and had access to a cache of weapons.

Police believe the trio were working on their own, with no sign of any broader uprising against the peacekeeping effort.

It fell to Emma, who had adored her older brother, to claim his service medals and caps from the flag-shrouded coffin and hand them to her grieving parents.

As his police mates carried Mr Dunning's coffin from the

chapel into the sunlight, drummers and bagpipers ushered him on his way. A police motorcade led the cortege through Canberra's streets to a private service and cremation.

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/National/Family-friends-colleagues-farewell-peacekeeper/2004/12/30/1104344927723.html>

Body of sniper victim arrives in Canberra

December 23, 2004 – 7:54PM

A plane carrying the body of murdered Australian peacekeeper Adam Dunning has landed in his home town of Canberra.

The 26-year-old Australian Protective Services officer was shot twice in the back by a sniper while serving as part of a peacekeeping mission in the Solomon Islands yesterday morning.

Members of Mr Dunning's family, and his colleagues were on hand to formally receive his body.

Australian Federal Police Commissioner Mick Keelty returned from the Solomon Islands about half an hour before the plane bearing Officer Dunning's body landed.

He was among those waiting for Justice Minister Chris Ellison and Labor's homeland security spokesman Robert McClelland, who accompanied the body on the flight back to Canberra.

Commissioner Keelty, Senator Ellison, Mr McClelland and AFP officers formed a guard of honour before the coffin was

removed from the plane.

Family members, including Officer Dunning's parents Mike and Christine, and girlfriend Elise Wiscombe, stood arm in arm watching proceedings.

A guard of honour, carrying Officer Dunning's hat, led the flag-draped coffin to the hearse.

Eight pall bearers stood tall under the weight, as Officer Dunning's police colleagues watched on.

A cavalcade of AFP motorcycles is waiting to lead the hearse to Canberra's mortuary.

A full police funeral will be held for Officer Dunning on a day to be announced.

Officer Dunning's parents took the time to thank those who attended the short ceremony before the hearse headed for Kingston mortuary under police escort.

Senator Ellison later said the Solomons people were behind RAMSI and Australia's efforts to bring law and order to the country.

He said some adjustments might be made to the conduct of night patrols but any final decision would depend on recommendations from the AFP.

He denied the Government had too quickly reduced the AFP's military support in the Solomons.

"We've made fantastic progress in the Solomons and we never underestimated the danger that our people faced," he told ABC television

<http://www.smh.com.au/news/World/Body-of-sniper-victim-arrives-in-Canberra/2004/12/23/1103391888916.html>

More troops sent in as peacekeeper slain

By Craig Skehan and Cynthia Banham

December 23, 2004

Australia is rushing 100 extra troops to the Solomon Islands in defiant reaction to the sniper murder of Adam Dunning, the nation's first peacekeeper to be killed by hostile fire.

The murder highlights the perils of the new interventionist role in the Pacific islands, but the Prime Minister, John Howard, vowed the mission to the Solomons would go on "undeterred, unrestrained, unaffected by what's happened".

"We won't be cowed by this," the Foreign Minister, Alexander Downer, added.

Mr Dunning, a 26-year-old Australian Protective Service officer from Canberra who had dodged bullets while serving in East Timor, was shot twice in the back while on a patrol in a four-wheel drive Toyota Land Cruiser in the capital, Honiara, at 3.10am on Wednesday. The bullets were among six shots fired rapidly from a high-powered military rifle.

"It looks as though the person who fired it had training in the use of such firearms," a Solomon Islands official said.

Members of former ethnic militias – who had formed gangs and reduced the country to anarchy – are now being questioned. Australian investigators say the involvement of former Solomon Islands police officers, or an individual officer, cannot be ruled out.

At his Canberra home, Mr Dunning's father, Michael, was

distraught as he spoke of his son's honourable death.

"It is sad as he cared for the [Solomons] people so much and was doing something really good on their behalf," Mr Dunning told the *Herald*. "He always has been a decent person, tough and soft-hearted at the same time. He was totally honourable and very stubborn – nobody could make him do anything that he did not think was right. He was a credit to us."

Adam Dunning had been planning a future with his 22-year-old girlfriend, Elise Wiscombe, on his return home next month. "I'm very, very proud of what he's done over there," she said. "He's one of the greatest people I've ever met."

Mr Dunning was part of the regional intervention force which has been seeking to stem ethnic and criminal violence in the Solomons since July last year.

A rapid-response, 100-member infantry company from the First Royal Australian Regiment was to leave Townsville on Thursday for the Solomons, just a day after the murder. The Defence Minister, Robert Hill, said: "This is to send a clear message to the thugs ... that we will not tolerate the murder of our police officers."

A meeting of departmental secretaries in Canberra recommended extra forces to support the 160 defence force personnel already there. Those troops are backing the 147 Australian Federal Police members who are serving in the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI) – about 95 of them from the Australian Protective Service, which comes under the federal police. The Justice Minister, Chris Ellison, and the Federal Police Commissioner, Mick Keelty, flew to Honiara on Wednesday night. Australian forensic experts also flew in.

Mr Keelty said: "Over 4000 arrests have been made and over 3700 weapons have been seized [since the intervention began]. Clearly this indicates that there are some in the community in

the Solomon Islands who are not happy about RAMSI's presence."

He said the hot tropical climate – and the large number of weapons already recovered – were among the reasons body armour had not been used for regular patrols. However, this is now under review.

Mr Keelty called Mr Dunning "a brave and courageous young Australian" and said his killing emphasised "the danger that our people face".

The Solomons Prime Minister, Sir Allan Kemakeza, described the killing as barbaric and cowardly.

Mr Dunning's partner on patrol, who had been driving, tried to resuscitate him.

The murder scene, on the outskirts of Honiara, was close to two settlements which are known to be frequented by former ethnic militiamen who formed criminal gangs.

The Australian police contingent has been at the forefront of efforts to clean up local police and officers have been charged with offences from corruption to assault and robbery. A number of local politicians are either under investigation or already facing various charges.

Mr Keelty said the ammunition used indicated the murder weapon was an SLR or possibly an AK-47. This was consistent with some of the weapons used before the arrival of the intervention force. The looting of many SLRs and other military-style weapons from Solomons police armouries had fuelled the five years of unrest that prompted the intervention of the Australian-led force.

There was a major riot at the Central Prison in Honiara this year, when inmates threw rocks at Australian personnel and painted anti-Australian slogans. Two months ago, an intervention force vehicle patrol was fired on.

<http://www.smh.com.au/news/World/More-troops-sent-in-as-peacekeeper-slain/2004/12/22/1103391841939.html>

Protective Service Officers were deployed along with other Australian law enforcement officers in the Solomon Islands as part of RAMSI. The peacekeeping force suffered their first casualty on 22 December 2004 when PS01 Adam Dunning was shot and killed while deployed on official duties in the Solomon Islands. Two former members of a local militia were charged but acquitted of Dunning's murder.^[5] Officer Dunning was buried with full police honours.

The main street of a new AFP training village in Canberra was named Adam Dunning Drive in his memory.^[6] The \$2.8 million training facility at Mount Majura just outside Canberra, has been designed to replicate situations in regional countries to which personnel might be assigned.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_Protective_Service

Dunning remembered in training complex

June 23, 2005 – 4:04PM

The main street of a new training village for Australian Federal Police and other personnel being sent overseas has been named after murdered peacekeeper Adam Dunning.

The \$2.8 million training facility at Majura, just outside

Canberra, has been designed to replicate situations in regional countries to which personnel might be assigned.

Prime Minister John Howard officially opened the facility on Thursday in the presence of police chiefs from across the country as well as from several regional nations.

Australian Protective Service officer Mr Dunning, 26, was fatally shot twice in the back while on night patrol in the Solomon Islands capital of Honiara in December.

He was serving as part of the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomons.

His parents attended the opening of the village, through the centre of which runs a road now named Adam Dunning Drive.

"The loss of Adam Dunning signified that this is very dangerous work," Justice Minister Senator Chris Ellison said.

"That was the ultimate sacrifice paid in the course of his duties."

Mr Howard said the new facility reflected the new security reality for Australia and its region.

"Events of the last five years have totally transformed both the demands and the expectations of the Australian community on the Australian Federal Police," he told the gathering.

"In that five-year period we have seen the threatening arrival of international terrorism.

"We've (also) seen the emergence of an ongoing need on the part of this country, in cooperation with our friends in the Pacific region, to involve ourselves in the restoration of conditions of law and order and cooperation with police services and governments of those countries."

The training village, to be used by a range of emergency services personnel as well as police, recreates the

environment that police experience when on overseas missions.

Designed to reflect the streetscape of a small overseas township, it enables true-to-life scenario training which helps to prepare police for unknown and sometimes dangerous challenges.

It includes 18 buildings and structures including a corner store, a town hall, a police station, a school, a pub, a marketplace and even a cemetery, reflecting the fact that police are sometimes required to perform exhumations in the course of their work.

The spokesman said 124 personnel had already trained at the complex which was completed in March.

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/National/Dunning-remembered-in-training-complex/2005/06/23/1119321840325.html>

From a daughter to the Commissioner – why !

05/04/2023

When depression and " the job " is obvious to the family.

A letter from a daughter to the Commissioner of Police.

8 years on and still ' no response '

Monday 21st August 2006

ATTN: Ken Maroney
Commissioner of Police
Sydney Police Centre
GPO Box 45
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Ken,

It is with regret that I write this letter to you. A letter of this nature should not ever need to be written and the events that led to the writing of this letter should not have taken place.

I am writing to tell you about my father, James Breeze. My father is a Bravery Award winning Vietnam Veteran who joined the Police Force 25 years ago. Since joining dad has spent the full 25 years on the front line. During those 25 years he has added value to the NSW Police Force not just in his front line duties, but also as a Protocol Officer, a Gay Liaison Officer, an Aboriginal Liaison officer, a Leading Senior Const., training other officers and has also been a proactive and positive member of the NSW Police Force.

Dad is a leader among his peers, in the last 25 years I have been fortunate enough to meet some of dad's peers and work mates and I am always so proud of my dad. Work mates and colleagues have so much respect for my dad and the contributions he has made but most importantly the support he has given them. His accolades include; a Good Conduct Medal, Long Service and the St John's Life Saving Award (presented by you in 1994).

Also over the last 25 years, I have been less fortunate to see

the effect my fathers chosen vocation has had on him as an individual. 25 years as a front line Police Officer has really taken its toll on my father. Growing up I began to be able to tell a good day from a 'bad' day. When I say bad; visiting an accident, witnessing family violence, violence on children, jumping in a car to hold someone's body together, literally, while you wait for help to come, pulling the deceased from the wreck of car. Worst of all, pulling your deceased mate from a car wreck. For 5 years my dad ran a one man station at Barellan. Country life and people were fantastic, everyone knew everyone. No one preempted hard it would be to pull your dead mate from a car. I have heard my dad cry, I have seen his eyes when he comes home from a 'bad' day. I know there are things so horrible, that they are far beyond description. At times I have asked dad to share his load, and he has just looked at me and cried, he has said that there are people and things in this life worth not knowing.

The most recent of these 'bad' days, was in February when a young girl walked into Bowral Police Station and attempted suicide by Police. She held a gun up to my father and after time so did he. This was the event that changed my fathers life. My father is a broken man. Due to this recent event, my father has taken sick leave from work. His family and friends have grouped around him, each day is a challenge, and each day is hard. You see, the Police Force defines who my dad is, he loves his job, he lives and breathes the police force and now, he feels as though they have forgotten all the good he did, all the sacrifices he made.

Two days ago, a GSO (administration officer) called my father and told him that on his behalf, they have a medical discharge for him to sign! After 25 years of devoting your life to an organization regardless of whether they service the Australian community or not, you deserve more than a phone call telling you are no longer needed and that your condition is not being recognized. No one calling to sympathies, no superior calling

to see 'how you are', no one calling to see what assistance they can lend you, what help they can give you after all the years of giving yourself to them. Talk about putting a nail in the coffin! What is the NSW Police Force trying to do to my father? Can you please tell whoever is making these decisions that I would like my dad at my wedding in November, and I would like him there for Xmas, and I would like him one day to meet his grand kids, but most of all, tell them I need him here, and I need him in my life. If you don't help him and give him the assistance and respect he deserves, you will push him over the edge. I am outraged that my father has been treated like this, not only by an individual, but by the NSW Police Force.

If dad had of fallen pregnant, the Police Force would have issued him another shirt and given him all the necessary assistance and a new position.

Please give my father his dignity.

Ken, I would like to meet with you to discuss this further. I am really hoping with every bone in body that you are not aware of this treatment and that you can help me and my father.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Carolyn Breeze

Charles Walter BRAYNE

05/04/2023

Charles Walter BRAYNE

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Inspector – Retired around 1907

**Stations: Penrith (1880's), Shoalhaven
District (Nowra – O.I.C. 1885),**

Kiama (1899) then Braidwood

Awards: ?

Service: From 1873 to 1907

Born: 1846? – 1847?, Brighton, England

Died 22 December 1922 @ Braidwood

Age: 75

Cause: ?

**Funeral date: Sunday 24 December 1922 @
Braidwood**

Funeral location: Braidwood Cemetery

**Grave location: Church of England
section**

**[alert_yellow]C.W. is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of
Remembrance[/alert_yellow]**

Brother to Sergeant George BRAYNE – deceased 5 November 1906,
aged 56

Brother to Constable William Henry BRAYNE – deceased 8 August
1940, aged 66

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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The following notifications appear in yesterday's Gazette –

APPOINTMENTS – Sergeant Charles W. Brayne as an inspector of magazines under the 34th section of the Gun-powder and explosive Consolidation Act of 1876 (40 Victoria No 1), for the purpose of laying complaints and taking legal proceedings as prescribed in the 58th section of such Act.

The Sydney Morning Herald
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Saturday 5 July 1884

The great Kiama fire

Sept. 11, 2012, 5:31 p.m.

IN THE early hours of Sunday morning, **October 1, 1899** a fire broke out that was to be the most extensive and destructive one that had ever visited the township of Kiama. It would also change the face of **Terralong** Street forever.

The fire started in the **Wood Brothers general store** and within minutes the place was ablaze. With the help of a strong southerly breeze, the fire spread to adjoining buildings and according to William H Bayley, author of Bluehaven: History of Kiama Municipality, "half the block of shops fronting Terralong Street from Collins Street towards Shoalhaven Street caught fire at 2am and was destroyed soon after dawn."

The Sydney Morning Herald dated Monday, October, 2 1899, reported: "By the time the local police and many others were on the spot, and under the direction of **Senior-Sergeant Brayne**, Alderman Hindmarsh and others, many willing hands made great efforts to prevent the flames catching the Royal Hotel. In spite of their efforts the hotel soon ignited.

"This building being in part lath and plaster outside blocked the advance of the fire for a time: but ultimately the fire got hold of the place, and being a two-storey wooden structure it soon became a burning maze belching out tongues of fire against the adjoining building."

Unfortunately there was no fire fighting equipment in Kiama at the time – hoses and tank water being the best on offer – so extinguishing the blaze became a huge problem. There are

conflicting reports about how the fire was eventually stopped. No lives were lost but 12 families were left homeless, and 16 shops and the hotel were destroyed.

The total cost of the damage was estimated at between £5000 and £6000.

<http://www.kiamaindependent.com.au/story/314816/the-great-kiam-a-fire/>

New South Wales Police Gazette – 1906 page 4

Brayne, Charles W., Sub-Inspector 2nd class, to be Sub-Inspector 1st class, 351 (I 'think' 351 'might' relate to a page number ??)

Nepean Times (Penrith)
December 1922

Saturday **30**
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Obituary

Mr. C. W. Brayne.

Mr. Charles Walter Brayne, who died at Braidwood on December 22 in his 75th year, was for many years in the Police Force, from which he retired some 15 years ago. As a young man he saw some of the stirring life of the goldfields days in the southern district, and had good knowledge of the bushranging exploits which culminated in the execution in Sydney in 1867 of Tommy and Johnny Clarke. Joining the police in 1873, Mr. Brayne gained rapid promotion. He was stationed at Penrith as a trooper over 40 years ago, and was given charge of the Shoalhaven district in 1885, and remained at Nowra many years, being transferred to Kiama, and later to Braidwood as inspector. His wife pre-deceased him by some 15 years, and a daughter (Mrs. A. E. Prott, of Nowra) in July last, from which time he appeared to have broken down in health. The late Mr. Brayne leaves to(sic) daughters and one son, viz., Mrs. A. C. Upton (Penrith), Mrs. A. Coleman (Condoblin), and Mr. Charles Brayne (Darlinghurst).

Mrs. Upton spent the last week with her father. The funeral took place on Sunday and was headed by members of the Police Force.

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Cemetery location: [codepeople-post-map]

One Wall for All

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Funeral Service of Sergeant Ashley BRYANT,
NSWPF

Jeff Garland

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On 16 December 2014, it will be a year since Retired Detective Sergeant Ashley Bryant called '000', asking for more support for officers with PTSD and their families, before he took his own life....

Ashley Bryant is one of AT LEAST 40 NSW Police officers, and AT LEAST 70 Australian Police officers, who have suicided in the last 20 years – who will not be honoured on the National Police Memorial because of the way they died.

Despite the sacrifices they made, the courageously selfless way they executed their duties to keep us safe and the reality that the 'job' caused them to have PTSD and attributed to their suicide – they are deemed to be not worthy of recognition or remembrance – and even though there are already four officers named on the National Police Memorial between 1987-93 whose death was 'self inflicted occasioned by duties'. See: 1/ Peter McGrath 2/ Andrew DIXON 3/ Grant Eastes 4/ Peter TICKLE

PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) is a serious and debilitating medical condition that continues to destroy the personal and professional lives of our brave emergency service personnel, especially Police Officers. Without the proper education and support, coupled with mistreatment and being forgotten, some Officers can't cope and end up taking their own life...

Since December 2012 there have been more than 5 times as many police officers who have taken their own life than were killed in the execution of their duties in NSW...

Between July 1st 2000 and December 31st 2012 *at least* 58 past/present serving Police Officers have taken their own life – 25 are just from NSW and there have been *at least* another 8 in the last two years – and due to the current Death &

Disability scheme and lack of support services available to Police officers, that number will only continue to grow...

Despite years of selfless commitment and sacrifice to protecting their community as a Police Officer, these brave men and women are ineligible to be honoured on the Police Wall of Remembrance because they took their own life – even though the manner in which they died was as a result of what they experienced and were confronted with ‘in the execution of their duties as a Police Officer’...

On the Sunday Night program on 16 November 2014 (<https://au.news.yahoo.com/sunday-night/features/a/25520435/police-officers-suicide-call-ill-be-gone-before-they-arrive/>) Deb Bryant bravely told of how her husband, Retired Detective Sergeant Ashley Bryant, called 000 asking for more to be done for PTSD sufferers and their families, before he took his own life. Because he didn't die at work, his name will never appear on the Wall of Remembrance – unless we raise our voices and have one Wall for All....

Police Officers, all over Australia, should be remembered for how they served and **not how they suffered**, how they lived and not how they died and for the sacrifices they made for the job and not for the job that sacrificed them.

Regardless of the manner in which our Police Officers die, it is the job that takes their lives.

Their memory and sacrifice to the job deserves to be honoured

and respected – One Wall For All...

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