

Peter HYNES

31/07/2014

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New South Wales Police Force

Constable

Regd. # ?

Stationed: Darlinghurst District (No. 3
Division)

Suicide – firearm

Died: 24 December 1906

27 old

Funeral: ?

Buried: ?

POLICE CONSTABLE'S SUICIDE.

Peter Hynes, a young constable attached to the Darlinghurst district, has committed suicide. He said goodbye to his landlady, and added " You are the best friend I ever had. "

She asked him where he was going. Hynes replied, " To eternity, " and walked off. In a few minutes those in the house were startled by revolver shots, and Hynes was found in the yard with a bullet wound in his head. He died in a few hours.

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At the time of his death the constable was stationed at Darlinghurst.

CASUALTIES.

A POLICEMAN SHOT.

Constable Peter Hynes, connected with the Darlinghurst Station, was found in the back yard of his residence, Bourke-street, at an early hour this morning with a bullet wound in his head. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital and admitted in a very serious condition. Peters, it was stated, had been out all the evening and returned home about midnight. It was shortly afterwards that he was found in the yard. For the past few days he had been unwell, and was away from duty, but having recovered, he was to have " reported on " this morning.

The Sydney Morning Herald
24 December 1906

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SUICIDE OF CONSTABLE HYNES.

EVIDENCE AT THE INQUEST.

A magisterial inquiry was held this afternoon into the circumstances connected with the death of Peter Hynes, a constable lately attached to No. 3 Station, which took place at St. Vincent's Hospital on Monday last from bullet wounds in the head, self inflicted, in the yard of his lodgings, Bourke-street, Darlinghurst, a few hours before.

John Healy, a barman, stated that he had occupied the same room as Hynes. About 11.45 on Sunday night last Hynes came home, and, going over to witness, who was in bed, said, 'Goodbye, Jack ; you are the best friend I ever had, ' and kissed him on the forehead. Hynes then left the room, and went through the dining-room into the yard. He called out, " Good-bye, missus, " and almost immediately, two shots were heard. Healy rushed out to the back and saw Hynes lying in the yard with blood issuing from a wound in the head, and unconscious, a police revolver being a few feet away. Hynes was of a jovial disposition, and although his conduct was peculiar, witness could not believe that he intended taking his life. Healy did not know what caused him to commit the act.

Bridget Coughlan, the keeper of the house in which Hynes resided, stated that he had confided to her that he had an idea he would be mixed up in a divorce case. This preyed upon his mind, and he took too much drink. When he returned home on Sunday nighty she gave him a message that he would have to report himself for duty at once. He had been drinking. He was

upset at receiving the message, and when asked if he had any trouble, or been dismissed, replied, " It is all right, I am going to eternity. " He then went upstairs, and afterwards witness heard him call out, " Good bye, missus, " the words being quickly followed by two revolver shots.

A finding of **suicide** was recorded.

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POLICE CONSTABLE KILLS HIMSELF.

The inquest was held by the City Coroner concerning the death of Peter Hynes, **27**, a constable of police. Hynes was found in the yard of his residence, Bourke-street, Surry Hills, early on Monday morning, with a bullet wound in the head, and died in St. Vincent's Hospital the same day.

The evidence of **John Healy** showed that Hynes was in good health, and attended St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday morning, last. That night he went into Healy's room, and said, " Good-bye, Jack, you're the best friend I ever had, " and just afterwards made some reverential sign to a crucifix on the wall. Hynes went out, and 30 seconds later he called out, " Good-bye, missus. " Then two revolver shots were heard, and on going out witness found Hyne's lying in the yard with the revolver near by.

Bridget Coghlan said that Hynes had been a **boarder** at her place for **three years**. He had told her he was afraid of being mixed up in a divorce matter. On the night of his death a

message came from No. 3 station for Hynes to report himself there, as he had been on sick leave, and was supposed to go back to duty that night. Witness delivered this message to Hynes, who exclaimed, " It's all right, I'm going to eternity. "

A finding of suicide was recorded.

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Edmund Forrest MULCAHY

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Edmund Forrest MULCAHY

Victoria Police Force

Officer In Charge, Geelong Police Stn

Sergeant

Suicide – firearm

Died 7 October 1912

POLICE OFFICER'S SUICIDE

MELBOURNE. October 7. Sgt. Edmund Forrest Mulcahy, officer in charge of the Geelong police, committed suicide today by shooting himself with a revolver.

Mulcahy had a severe attack of influenza a month ago and since then had been despondent and worried. He was under the impression that office work was beyond his capacity. He left a widow and seven children.

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DURHAM

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DURHAM

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.

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FORD

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FORD

New South Wales Police Force

Sub-Inspector

Attempt Suicide – firearm

ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

Sudden Death of a Sub-Inspector's Wife.

Attempted Suicide of the Husband.

Sydney, Monday.

Barrier Miner (Broken Hill) Monday **20 July 1896** page 2 of

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A telegram from Orange reports that at the police barracks there Mrs. Ford, wife of Sub-Inspector Ford, who was suffering from an affection of the heart, was suddenly seized with a fit. Doctor Crase was called in and found that the patient had become nearly exhausted by violent spasms. He went for some chloroform to be administered to her, but on his return, after only a few seconds absence, he found that Mrs. Ford had died from syncope in the interim. Inspector Ford had been sent for and arrived a few minutes before his wife's death. He was

distracted with grief and fired three shots from his revolver in an attempt to take his own life. One shot struck him in the jaw but inflicted no serious injury ; the others missed. The inspector, however, lies seriously ill from grief and shock.

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John McDONALD

31/07/2014

John McDONALD

New South Wales Police Force

Sub-Inspector

Freeman's Journal (Sydney) Saturday 14 October 1899 page 12 of 28

RECOGNITION OF DUTY WELL DISCHARGED.

SUB-INSPECTOR McDONALD PUBLICLY TESTIMONIALIZED.

No. 4 Division as it is officially phrased, but more popularly known as St. Patrick's Parish, is in imminent danger of losing that fame so obligingly but unmeritably thrust upon it by a section of the press as the abode of " the Rocks Push. " Leaving out Parliamentary and Municipal elections, the chief public gatherings of the past two years have been those in which the people have spontaneously risen to give voice to

generous recognition of deserving police officers leaving them either through retirement or well-merited promotion. This big hearted recognition of duty well done by members of a Force which watches over them night and day has been characteristic of this end of the city from the time when Inspector Anderson was promoted out of their midst to the present ; and that it is creditable to the citizenship of a law-abiding, peace-loving people, who will deny?

Recently, after a service of 26 years in the district, Senior-Sergeant John McDonald was promoted to a Sub-Inspectorship and the charge of Paddington district, and that a long service marked by a faithful performance of his duty was not lost upon the residents of No. 4 Division was proved by the fact that Mr. P. Nolan (who usually acts as secretary of such movements) was immediately requisitioned to receive the nucleus of a fund to fittingly entertain Inspector McDonald on his departure. The outcome was a valedictory presentation on Thursday last in the Federation Hall, Church Hill, in which upwards of 120 residents, ladies and gentlemen, took part. Refreshments were laid in true banqueting style, and it was during a lull in these proceedings that the presentation was made.

Alderman R. G. Watkins presided, and there were present amongst others : Mr. W. J. Spruson, M.P., Aldermen P. F. Hart and G. Smail, W. O. Healy, J. P., Very Rev. P. LeRennetel, E. O'Farrell, P. Nolan, J. Kilbeg. C. J. Morrissey, J. Keane, T. J. Purcell, J. Lynch, A. Ryan, G. Humphries, T. J. McMahon, T. O'Neill, W. Gunther, P. McManus.

The chairman called upon Mr. W. J. Spruson, M.P., to make the presentation on behalf of the residents.

Mr. Spruson said it afforded him the keenest pleasure to be associated with a movement such as that to honour a deserving public servant. An occasion like the present served not only to credit the district and to honour the man, but to show the authorities that in promoting men like Inspector McDonald they

had the full approval of the people amongst whom their duty was cast. He then read the following address:-

" To Sub-Inspector John McDonald. Dear Sir, – Your promotion, to the rank of Sub-Inspector of Police and your transfer to the district of Paddington provide a fitting opportunity for an expression of the high regard in which you are held by those who have known you during your 26 years' service in No. 4 Division of Sydney. An unstained record of 30 years' service – a commendable, deliberate, and cautious method in the rigorous yet dutiful discharge of duty – and the frankness and fearlessness of character' displayed alike in your official capacity and personal relations, which have earned for you a substantial recognition at the hands of your superiors, merit the warmest acknowledgment from your fellow-citizens. We trust that a capable discharge of the duties of your new position, and a continued display of those estimable qualities which have characterized your career in the past, will pave the way for further advancement, and retain for you that official and popular approbation which is the best reward of faithful service. (Signed– W. J. Spruson, P. F. Hart, R. G. Watkins, Virgoe, Son, and Chapman, Thomas Playfair, Patrick Keane, W. Owen Healy, T. J. McMahon, W. W. Aitkin, J. M. Stevens, B. Byrnes, J. A. O'Shea, M. Finnan, A. B. Holmes, James Inglis and Co., P. Le Rennetel, Geo. E. Smail, P. Nolan, John Keane, R. J. Lukie, Robt. Miller, John Bridge and Co., Ltd., James Dugan, John Smith, E. Resch, Rodolph Tudor, J. Lynch and Co., C. F. Cullen, D. A. Kenna and Co., D. A. Renard and Co., Ryall and Son.) "

Mr. Spruson then presented the address, accompanied by a valuable gold watch (suitably inscribed), albert, and locket.

The address is a beautiful specimen of illumination in morocco portfolio form, beautified by touches of scenery about that portion of Port Jackson which has been the neighbourhood of his duty. The cover bears an elaborate monogram.

Sub-Inspector McDonald (who rose amidst enthusiastic applause) said he could not affect to feel anything but moved by the demonstration of esteem which marked his departure from the district in which he had served so long. Such a recognition of duty could not but prove an incentive to further devotion to the service with which he was indentified. His only regret was that his promotion entailed his severance from a district where he had so long served, and where had his wishes been consulted he would have served to the end. One thing he could assure them – that he would endeavour to prove that the confidence of the people of No. 4 Division was not misplaced ; and the handsome present they had just given him, as well as the warm feelings they expressed, would be regarded by him as long as he lived, and after him by his children, as something to be proud of. (Loud applause)

The toast of Sub-Inspector McDonald's health and future success was proposed by Aldermen Watkins, Hart, and Smail, Father Le Rennetel, Mr. W. O. Healy, and Mr. E. O'Farrell.

In honour of the presence of a number of ladies their health was briefly but warmly moved by Mr. T. O'Neill, and enthusiastically received. Mr. J. J. Keenan suitably responded. Mrs. McDonald was presented with several rich and costly gifts.

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John COADY

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John COADY

New South Wales Police Force

Sub-Inspector

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

**Kempsey – 6 years, Scone until 1906 –
Retired**

late of Woollahra

Joined NSW Police Force – Mounted Police

83 old

Died 1920

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

OBITUARY.

Sub-Inspector John Coady.

On the 12th ult., at his residence, 26 Edgecliffe-road,

Woollahra, John Coady, late Sub-inspector of Police, Scone, passed to his reward, at the age of 83. He was only six days ill before his death.

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

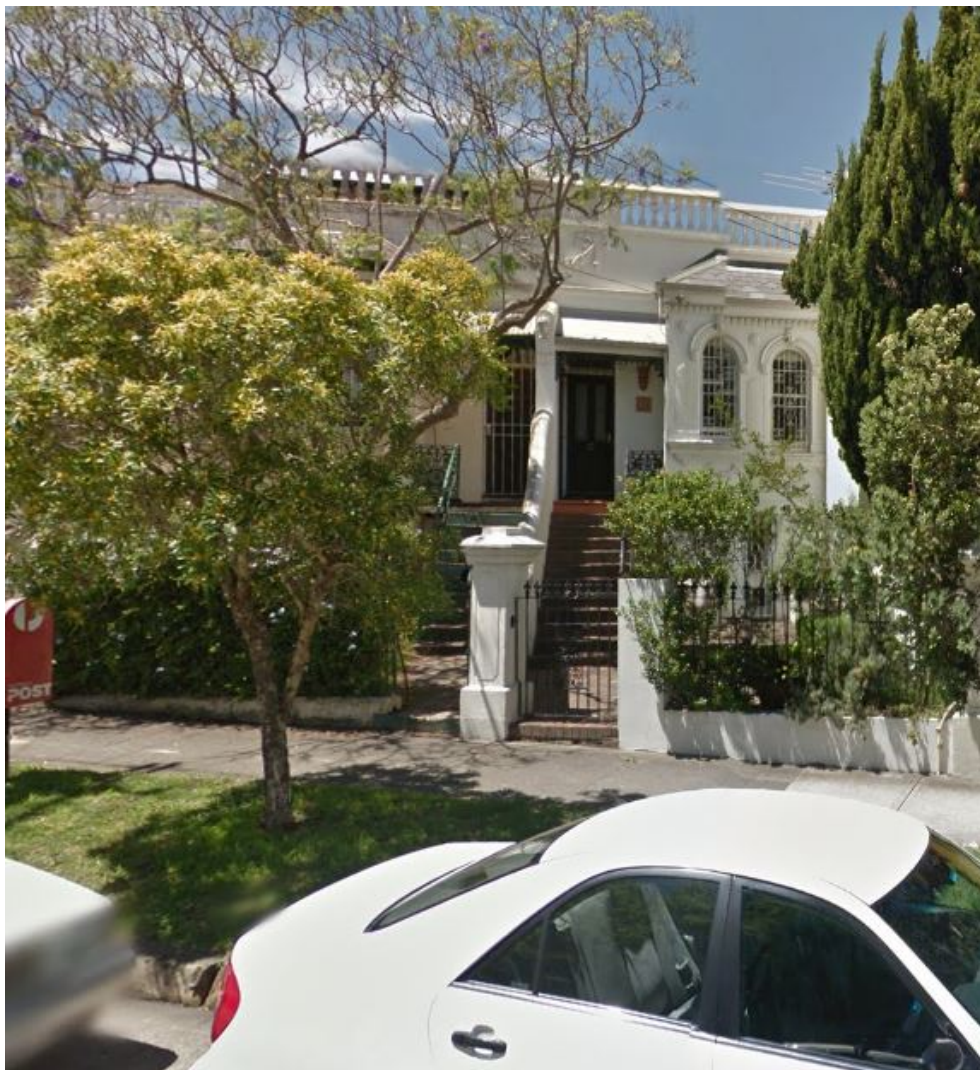
He spent several years on the Gulf diggings at Moruya, and afterwards joined the mounted police. From the Sydney depot he was sent to Wingham, Manning River, as senior-constable in-charge. After, two years he was transferred to the charge of Taree. There he remained nine years, and was promoted to Kempsey;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

He had an honourable and striking record of service well rendered, and of duty well fulfilled. He had many thrilling stories to tell of encounters with bush rangers and notorious criminals – notably, the famous Fred Ward, the bushranger (known as Thunderbolt), the Dora Dora blacks, the Breelong blacks, and others. As a bushman, the late sub-inspector was famous, and it was largely due to his close pursuit that Thunderbolt had to quit the coast districts of the Manning and Hastings rivers, and confine his operations to the tablelands, where he was finally captured, at Guyra. On one occasion, the ex-sub-inspector tracked Thunderbolt to Tomalla Tops, the plateau whence the Hunter, the Manning, the Barrington, and other rivers take their rise. On that occasion he captured the camp of the bushranger, but Thunderbolt made good his escape. The ex-sub-inspector was often heard to tell how he'd have caught the bushranger, too, but his mount was too slow on the mountain side. Thunderbolt was remarkable for the splendid horses he always rode. On that occasion 13 horses were taken at the bushranger's camp and brought to Taree, where they were sold by public auction.

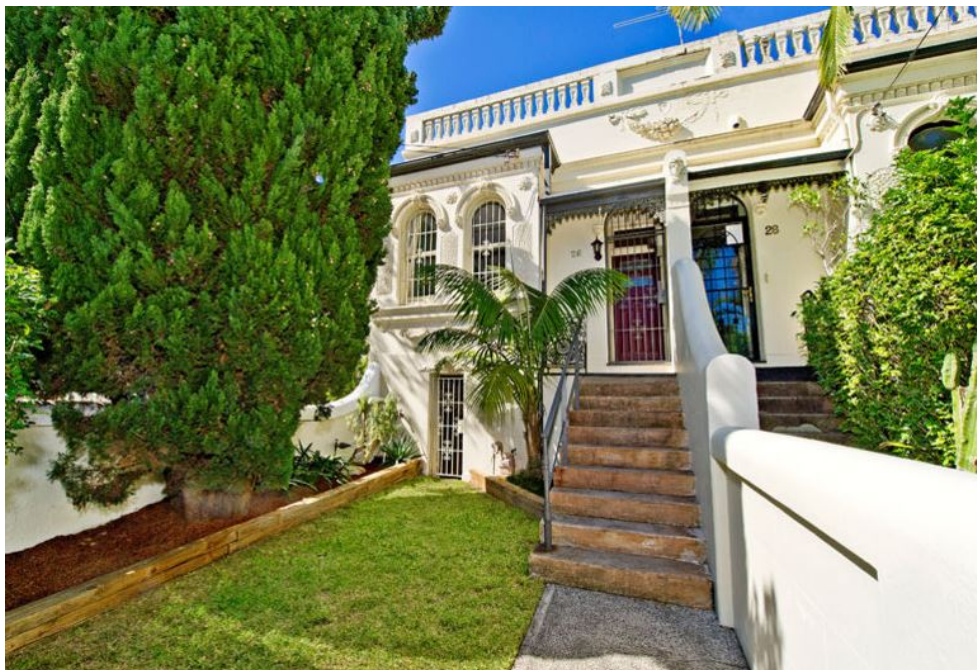
The deceased was the father of a large family. His wife predeceased him by two years. His son, James, died some years before, as also did his daughter, Sister Mary Ignatius, who died at Moree three years ago. He leaves three sons and four daughters to mourn their loss. They are Rev. Father J. J. Coady,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

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

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



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

James SMITH

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James SMITH

New South Wales Police Force

Sub Inspector

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

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

Wollombi as Senior Constable,

Muswellbrook as Sergeant

April 1883 – promoted to Senior-Sergeant

1891 – promoted to Sub-Inspector

27 years Service

Illness – Suicide – Firearm

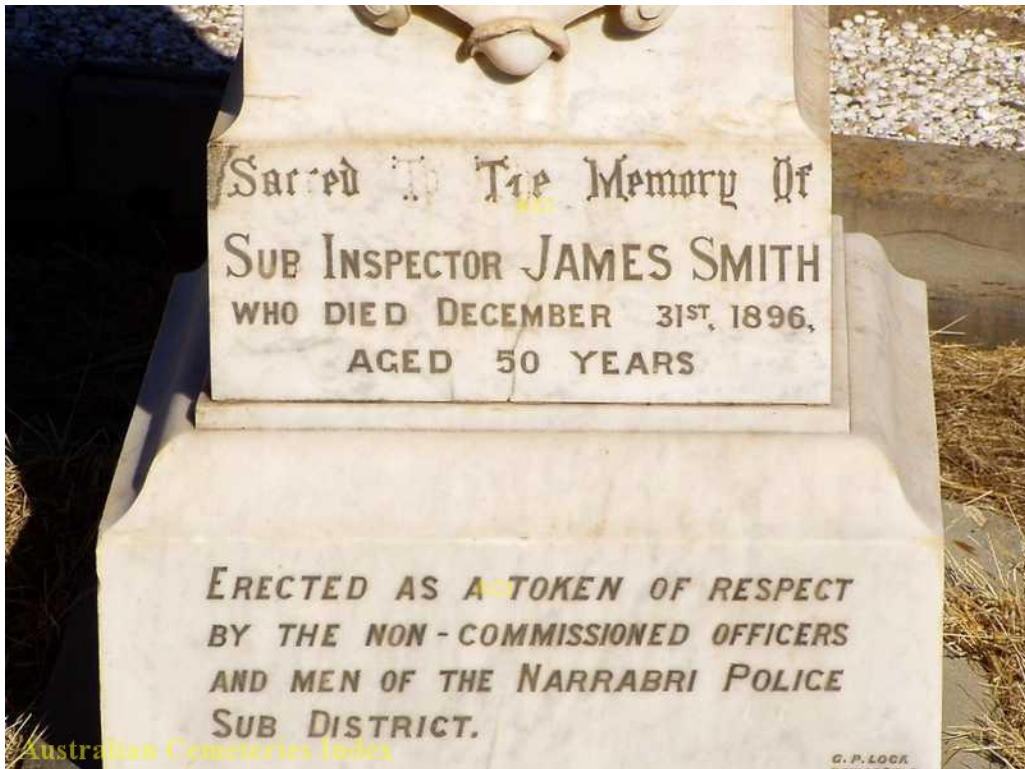
Born 1846 ??

Died Thursday 31 December 1896 around 8am

50 old

Funeral 2 January 1897

leaves behind a wife & 7 children



Grave of Sub-Inspector James SMITH



Grave of Sub-Inspector James SMITH

Narrabri Cemetery

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

Father's name: George

Mother's name: Isabella

The Sydney Morning Herald (NSW) Friday 1 January 1897
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SUICIDE BY A SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

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

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

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

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The Late Sub-Inspector Smith.

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

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

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

SUICIDE OF A SUB-INSPECTOR.

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

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

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

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The Maitland Weekly Mercury (NSW) Saturday 2 January 1897
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Suicide of Sub-Inspector Smith at Narrabri.

Narrabri, Thursday

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

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

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Paul Taras STEFANIW

31/07/2014

Paul Taras STEFANIW

Victoria Police Force

Leading Senior Constable

Suicide – firearm

Born 7 November 1964

Died 30 November 2012

49 old



Paul STEFANIW



Peter and Paul (right) Stefaniw. Since our program, sadly one of the twins, Paul Stefaniw, the Victorian policeman has died. He was 49. His twin brother, Peter, also a policeman, says that between them, the twins have given nearly 60 years of police service. As well as paying tribute to his brother, Peter has asked us to mention Beyond Blue which helps people struggling with depression. For memories of Paul click through to this page. For other support services: Lifeline <http://www.lifeline.org.au/> 131 114 Mensline

<http://www.mensline.org.au/> 1300 789 978 Kids Helpline
<http://www.kidshelp.com.au/> 1800 551 800
<http://www.sbs.com.au/insight/episode/webextra/606/Two-of-a-Kind>

Paul had been going through a marriage breakdown leading up to his death and was on sick leave.

He spent time, leading up to his death, visiting various friends and family (which was his way of saying his goodbye's) but no one was aware of the mental anguish that Paul was going through.

He spent time putting his 'affairs' into order before, eventually, going to a beach where he left three notes, to various people, and then shot himself.

May you forever Rest In Peace mate.

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STEFANIW. – The Funeral Service for the late Leading Senior Constable Paul Taras Stefaniw will be held at the Victoria Police Academy, Viewmount Rd, Glen Waverley on MONDAY (Dec. 10, 2012) at 10.00 a. m. followed by a Burial at Fawkner Memorial Park, 1187 Sydney Rd, Fawkner at 1.30 p. m. Vigil Prayers will be recited at the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 91 Buckley St, Essendon on SUNDAY (Dec. 9) at 6.00 p. m.

Funerals

Published in Herald Sun on 05/12/2012



– See more at:
<http://tributes.heraldsun.com.au/archivenotice/3023621/view?random=1406736702268#sthash.JN8EWTYC.dpuf>

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Wednesday, 16 April 2014

My deepest condolences to the Stefaniw family... I met Peter and Paul at interstate Police basketball championships back in the 80's... Both very lovely blokes... Very sad to hear this news...
Felicity Harley

Wednesday, 16 April 2014

Deepest sympathy for your sad loss. I went to kindergarten and

primary school with Paul & Peter. His birthday was the first boys party Cheryl and I had been invited to. My thoughts are with Peter and his family. Carol

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Carol Swayn,
Queensland

Tuesday, 15 April 2014

I am very sorry to here this on SBS Twins. Condolances to all who new Paul

~

Roby Gillman

Wednesday, 25 December 2013

I'm allways sad my dealest friend Paul isn't here!Marietta

~

Marietta Steiger,
Luzern

Wednesday, 30 October 2013

Miss you Paul, you were a wonderful person, I think of you often and will always remember your greeting to me in the office "Woof", and our discussions about your dogs and cats.

~

Dilys Clarke,
Melbourne, Victoria

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~

a. badaracchi,
melbourne, Victoria

Wednesday, 29 May 2013



Not a day goes past that I don't think about you, missing you always x

~

Rhiannon Dipple,
Melbourne, Victoria

Monday, 7 January 2013

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You have given me many fond memories in my life, from our many wonderful times during our years in Plast, as well as the times you visited Adelaide to celebrate birthdays or just for a visit. I will cherish these memories forever.

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Vichnaya Pamyat

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Sonia Borysiuk,
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Monday, 24 December 2012



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~

Nadia Fedorenko,
North Carlton, Melbourne, Victoria
Contact Me

Friday, 21 December 2012



Le vent souffle
l'amour s'écoule
le temps s'arrête
et avec toi, je reste

~

St Tre,
Ceduna, South Australia
Friday, 21 December 2012
Rest in Peace Paul! Mary

~

Mary Kohl,
New South Wales
Thursday, 20 December 2012

To Peter, my heart has been so sad since hearing of the death of lovely Paul. Such fond memories of good times with the two of you and in particular Pauls wonderful sense of humor and great smile that lit up the room. My heart hurts for you Peter and for Pauls family. You are in my thoughts at this difficult time. Beth (Possum) xx

~

Beth Thompson,
Melbourne, Victoria
Monday, 17 December 2012

Stef, thanks for all the laughs and the good times we had mate. You always made me happy with your police war stories and funny one liners!! I will never forget you and hope you are at peace now. Cheers my big friend with the big heart! Bye mate, AB.

~

A. Badaracchi,
Melb, Victoria
Saturday, 15 December 2012

Darling Paul, come back we miss you too much, -Detty x

Thursday, 13 December 2012

To my dearest friends who have entered condolences in this book. My sincere thanks to you all for your kind words in the passing of my dearest(twin) brother, Paul. I was born, lived and died with him. Your thoughts and prayers for him and my families have made grieving just that little easier. I hope Paul, you have now found peace and can rest your troubled heart. I know you are around me because i can feel you.

Dont worry, "its OK"
love, "the other half"

~

Peter STEFANIW,
Cheltenham, Vic

Tuesday, 11 December 2012

I'm so sorry I've just found out of the sad passing of Paul. My deepest sympathies to Maryanne, Leisa, Nicholas, Peter & families. I have been massaging Paul for over 13 years. His beaming smile & laugh will never be forgotten. Thank you for your friendship. Patrick Herft – pH MASSAGE

~

Patrick Herft,
Berwick, Victoria
Contact Me

Monday, 10 December 2012

To our favourite Uki twins Pavlo and Petro.
You made out Plast days memorable.

Syl'no Krasno Oberezhno Bystro

We will only ever remember those beaming smiles.

Beautiful souls the pair of you.

Proud Ukrainians.

We will never forget you Pavle and always here for you Petre x
It's a twin thing ... Liana and Katya Slipetsky

~

Liana and Katya Slipetsky,
Melbourne
Contact Me

Monday, 10 December 2012

I will miss when our families got together and went to the zoo or drive in often. The way you could just stand there and hold up a finger in front and you would make me laugh for hours. So many good memories that will never be forgotten RIP xx

~

Michelle Ewart,
Melbourne, Victoria

Monday, 10 December 2012

I will miss you calling me "Fraulein" and calling out "Auf Wiedersehen" when you left the office. You were a good and kind man and police officer. I am thankful to have known and worked with you. Auf Wiedersehen.

~

Susanna,
Victoria

Monday, 10 December 2012



Peter, I met Paul more than 25 years ago and knew him to be a very kind and truly a gentleman. I was very saddened to hear of his passing. My thoughts are with your families at this time, my deepest sympathy

~

Diane Hall,
Sandringham, Victoria

Sunday, 9 December 2012

Stefaniw, PaulThe fond childhood memories of dear cousin Paul shall not pass away.

2 Corinthians 5:1- "...For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens..."

Our deepest condolences and prayers for Peter, Roxolana and their families. With love – cousin Nadia & Otto, Joelle & Ariel.

Sunday, 9 December 2012

Paul,

For the time we have known each other has been great! From all the stories that Mama and Tato have told me to all the funny jokes you shared when you came to visit us in Canberra. It will never be forgotten, you have a heart of gold.

You will always live in our hearts and prayers. My dearest sympathy to Peter, Roxanne, Leisa, Nicholas and Maryanne. May you rest in peace.

Vichnaya Pamyt

~

Kristina Lutak,
Auckland

Saturday, 8 December 2012

Dear Peter, We were very shocked and saddened to hear of the tragic death of your twin Paul and also of hearing of the passing of your darling mother, who was part of our family for

many years. We lost contact when we moved away, but often think of you all with fond memories, Love from Julie, John, Anthony, Cameron and Shannon Wallace

Saturday, 8 December 2012

Paul. A lovely human being. Gone too soon. My thoughts are with your twin brother Peter and your family. Police Life certainly loved the Stefaniw twins. Marilyn Miller

Saturday, 8 December 2012

Such a rare person – such a short life.

Sorry that we could not be there for you – you have always been there for us. Will miss you a lot. Rest in peace. Vichnaya pamyat'.

Taras and Maryana

~

Taras Pashulya,
Melbourne, Victoria

Contact Me

Saturday, 8 December 2012

My dear cousin Paul, your passing is a loss that we will feel eternally. You are nothing short of a gem of a man, with a heart of gold. You are now our diamond in the sky. Our deepest sympathy to Pete, Roxy, Lesia, Nicholas & Maryanne. I will be forever proud of my caring cousin Paul. With love from Andre, Lane, Maggie & Grace Kozaczynsky XX

~

Andre Kozaczynsky,
KooWeeRup, Victoria

Contact Me

Friday, 7 December 2012

My Dearest Godson Paul, may you rest in peace. Dear Roxolana, Peter and the whole Stefaniw family I offer my deepest sympathy. Love Teta Marcella

~

Marcella Kozaczynsky

Friday, 7 December 2012

Paul, I feel so privileged to call you my cousin. Forever a gentleman. Rest in Peace. Love Tania

~

Tania Kozaczynsky-Edwards

Friday, 7 December 2012

I always looked forward to seeing your smiling face at Police

functions. I'll miss ya mate!

Julie Leder

Victoria Police Band

~

Julie Leder

Friday, 7 December 2012

Stef The pleasure was definatley all mine to have known you twice. You had the biggest marshmallow heart and were such a giver. I always loved you and will never loose that love for you. Some words you sent to me once, I now need to send back to you (thanks for the mwahs..they arrived with a tail wind last night and did wonders...)I know that you are still boxing on Stef... oh and I do!

Friday, 7 December 2012

Paul. remembering yo is easy, I do it every day, but missing you is still a heartache that never goes away. Forever in my heart. mar

~

Mar Steig,

Sydney, New South Wales

Friday, 7 December 2012

Paul, what a pleasure to briefly know you. You made us most welcome in your home on a couple of our visits to meet our "lost" relatives in Melbourne. Nothing was too much trouble for you.You were charming, funny and a pleasure to meet. May you rest in peace. xx Des, Angela and Leon Fedasch

~

Des and Angela Fedasch,

Bourne, England

Thursday, 6 December 2012

STEFANIW. – Paul. A tender thought that brings a tear, A silent wish that you were here. xo (There 'tis.) Deepest sympathy to Peter and the Stefaniw family. – Linda.

Published in: Herald Sun

Wednesday, 5 December 2012

STEFANIW. – Paul. Thank you for sharing a lifetime of good and happy memories. We will miss you – Mr and Mrs D, Lee, Deb and Mike.

Published in: Herald Sun

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STEFANIW. – Paul. Members of the Blue Ribbon Foundation would like to pass on our deepest sympathies to Peter and members of the Stefaniw family on the passing of Paul. We have lost a loyal friend, and the community, a dedicated member of its Police Force.

Published in: Herald Sun

Tuesday, 4 December 2012

STEFANIW. – Paul. “Big Kahuna” One of the nicest guys in the job. Gone Fishing – Dr Smith.

Published in: Herald Sun

Tuesday, 4 December 2012



STEFANIW. – Paul. Deepest sympathy and condolences to Pete and family on the tragic loss of Paul. – Past and Present Members of the Specialist Response Division (Water Police, Search and Rescue, Police Air Wing).

Published in: Herald Sun

Tuesday, 4 December 2012

STEFANIW. – Paul. A great man and an even greater friend. We will miss your regular holidays here with us. Forever in our hearts – John and Di.

Published in: Herald Sun

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STEFANIW. – Paul. The Management and Staff at the Traffic Camera Office mourn the passing of their work colleague Leading Senior Constable Paul Stefaniw 25440. Paul was a long- standing member at the TCO and was a valued friend and colleague to all. Our deepest condolences to Maryanne, Lesia, Nick and his family. (Goodbye Big Kahuna)

Published in: Herald Sun

Tuesday, 4 December 2012



STEFANIW. – Paul. The President, Executive and Members of The Police Association mourn the passing of Senior Constable Stefaniw and extend their deepest sympathy to his family. At Rest

Published in: Herald Sun

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STEFANIW. – Paul. Our long time friend and associate Our thoughts are with Paul's family and children. – Sarah and Paul, Jessica and Robbie Williams and Neil Gloster. Sadly Missed

Published in: Herald Sun

Tuesday, 4 December 2012



STEFANIW. – Paul. L/S/C 25440 Members of the Kingston CIU would like to pass on our deepest sympathies to Peter and members of the Stefaniw family on the loss of a respected member of the Victoria Police.

Published in: Herald Sun

Thursday, 6 December 2012

STEFANIW. – Paul. Dearest Paul, you are an amazing person, and an even better uncle. Love – Rhiannon.

Published in: Herald Sun

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STEFANIW. – Paul. Darling Paul, memories of you are endless. Love and miss you. – 'Detty'.

Published in: Herald Sun

Thursday, 6 December 2012

STEFANIW. – Paul. Uncle Paul, I will miss you forever. – Adam. Rest in Peace 'Les Mykyta'

Published in: Herald Sun

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STEFANIW. – Paul. The Office of the Assistant Commissioner of the Road Policing Command is deeply saddened

by the loss of leading Senior Constable Paul Stefaniw. The Road Policing Command send their condolences to Paul's family and friends.

Published in: Herald Sun

Tuesday, 4 December 2012



STEFANIW. – Paul Taras. Leading Senior Constable 25440 The Chief Commissioner, Officers and Employees of the Victoria Police Force regret the tragic death of their colleague and offer their deepest sympathy to his family.

Published in: Herald Sun

Thursday, 6 December 2012

STEFANIW. – Paul LSC 25440. My dearest brother Paul, your tour of duty has now concluded. Rest gently in peace so your heart can relax. You were born, lived and died in my heart. What an honour to know you. All my love 'Big Kahuna' – Pete.

Published in: Herald Sun

Wednesday, 5 December 2012

STEFANIW. – Paul. My dearest brother and friend, my rare and precious gift. Love – Roxolana.

Published in: Herald Sun

Tuesday, 4 December 2012

STEFANIW. – Paul. My loving uncle and Godfather, I always looked up to you. Now you're even higher. Say hi to Buc. Love – Valiska.

Published in: Herald Sun

Thursday, 6 December 2012

STEFANIW. – Paul Taras. My Dear Husband Paul, Thank you for all the wonderful memories we shared over the years. Thank you for the beautiful children we have. The emptiness that is now left can never be filled. I pray you find serenity in your 'perfect world'. Rest in peace -Maryanne. My Loving Dad, Thank you for every moment you made me happy. I will continue to carry out my duties and never stop our activities of camping and fishing. I will make you a very proud father, for I know you will be looking down from above helping and cheering me on. Rest in peace. Gone fishin' – Nicholas. To Dad, There aren't enough words in the world to say how much I love you and how much I will miss you. Thank you for every day in which

you made me laugh. I wish you were here with us. Give Busia a big hug. Love always – Lesia. Forever yours – Kyrka.

Published in: Herald Sun

<http://www.legacy.com/guestbooks/heraldsun-au/paul-taras-stefaniw-condolences/161446933?&page=6#sthash.PzXnYDof.dpbs>

PETER: When you're growing up, people think you have a telepathic connection to your twin, but it doesn't always work out that way; we're not mind readers.

Though once we went to the same (police) job and I managed to get to the house at the same time as Paul, just as the (criminal) disappeared towards the back of the house. It's almost as if I sent Paul a mental fax: "Go round the back". And Paul has high-tailed it and managed to get there in time and have the guy run straight into him.

We cuffed him and the guy couldn't work out how I got from the front to the back so fast. He looked at us and said something like, "I think I got a bad batch (of drugs) today". Another time, there was a colleague killed on duty and Paul was the first one there, and I could just feel the vibe from him; it was almost like a radiant heat wall, a wave of depression. You can read the body play and language.

People do have a sense of curiosity, especially when you walk into a room, two policemen. And my wife is a triplet; they're not identical, but the line you get is, "If you have kids, are you going to have quintuplets?" To a certain degree you can take being an identical twin for granted, but we like it.

PAUL: People still perceive you to be half of another person, yet you are an individual. You ham it up, you make the most of what it is.

Growing up it's like a novelty, then as you get older it

starts wearing thin – year after year the same lines, jokes, catchphrases. It's good fun at school – there were a few problems with girlfriends or perceived friends who mistook us. Once I went on a date with a girl who had brown hair and we went to this particular restaurant; after that Peter and his blonde girlfriend went there and this waitress threw the meal down on the table.

It was not until we went on a double-date there that the waitress realised there were two of us; she thought one of us was dating two and doing the dirty, and she'd taken the woman's perspective – "Here's your bloody spaghetti". She was so apologetic.

I was in the water police at the time Peter was a police helicopter observer. One time he was out on a search for a young girl in Wangaratta, and I was getting ready to go to work. Out of the blue I just stopped and called out his name, loudly, "Peter", and then just went to work. On a patrol later that afternoon I was pulled aside and told by my boss that the helicopter crashed and Peter was in it, and almost killed.

That moment (when I called out his name) was when it happened. That was weird. Twins will relate to that telepathy thing. Overall, being an identical twin is a plus. If you don't know any different, it's a bonus. It's Mother Nature's gift.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/lifestyle/twins-tell-our-special-relationship/story-e6frfhix-1226295487506>

Identical Twins- Paul & Peter Stefaniw

<http://youtu.be/qWCAhsaU-Ws>

Wednesday, 16 April 2014

My deepest condolences to the Stefaniw family... I met Peter and Paul at interstate Police basketball championships back in the 80's... Both very lovely blokes... Very sad to hear this news...
Felicity Harley

Wednesday, 16 April 2014

Deepest sympathy for your sad loss.I went to kindergarten and primary school with Paul & Peter.His birthday was the first boys party Cheryl and I had been invited to.My thoughts are with Peter and his family. Carol

~

Carol Swayn,
Queensland

Tuesday, 15 April 2014

I am very sorry to here this on SBS Twins. Condolances to all who new Paul

~

Roby Gillman

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Anthony ' Tony ' Van GORP

31/07/2014

Anthony ' Tony ' Van GORP

Victoria Police Force

Joined as a Victoria Police Cadet in 1979

Sergeant – Resigned March 2010

30 years service

Stationed at Healesville, Victoria

Suicide – Service Firearm

47 old

Died 22 March 2010

As of 10 January 2021 – Tony is **NOT** mentioned on the Police
Wall of Remembrance



Sgt Anthony van GORP, VicPol



Tony van GORP – Facebook photo

Location of Healesville Police Station:

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Policeman shot, killed by own gun at Healesville police station

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/policeman-shot-by-own-gun-at-healesville-police-station/story-e6frf7jo-1225844032667>

- *Wayne Flower, Amelia Harris*
- *Herald Sun*
- **March 22, 2010 11:24PM**

UPDATE 5.36pm: A POLICEMAN found shot dead with his own gun at an outer Melbourne station was under investigation.

The officer-in-charge is believed to have been shot by his own gun at Healesville police station in Melbourne's outer east about 9.30pm.

Victoria Police named him as Sergeant Anthony Vangorp.

Paramedics arrived to find the sergeant had suffered a gunshot

wound to the head and had died at the scene.

A police gun was found nearby.

Emergency crews could not revive him.

The officer, who had more than 30 years' experience in the force, had been under investigation and tendered his resignation on Friday after a probe into "disciplinary issues".

The resignation took effect yesterday, and it is believed the officer took his own life after returning to collect his belongings last night.

Other officers at the station had left on an urgent job, leaving him at the station alone, before returning to make the shock discovery.

There are no suspicious circumstances, but Assistant Commissioner Ken Lay told Radio 3AW that investigators would examine how the former officer was able to get access to a police-issue firearm.

He said the death had come as a shock to his colleagues, and that he was well liked and respected.

It is understood the member leaves behind a female partner.

"This is pretty horrible for the local police, for the member's family and for the broader community," Mr Lay said.

"He was a well-known member up there. Overall, it's a pretty sad event,"

He said the officer had spent much of his time in the eastern region in his "30-odd years" of service.

Mr Lay confirmed police management had been talking with the officer last week about "a number of issues".

But he would not reveal details of the investigation “out of respect to the member, his family and the staff out there”, other than to confirm that it was not a corruption investigation.

He would not comment on suggestions that the officer was going to be sacked if he did not resign.

The homicide squad, ethical standards department and the Coroner are investigating, with police expected to prepare a report for the Coroner.

For more information on depression and to seek help on suicide prevention, please contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 <http://www.lifeline.org.au>, SANE Helpline on 1800 18 SANE (7263) <http://www.sane.org> and Beyond Blue on 1300 224 636 <http://www.beyondblue.org.au>.

with Matthew Schulz

Police officer found dead in station

Posted by: 3AW Radio | **23 March, 2010** – 9:48 AM

<http://www.3aw.com.au/blogs/3aw-generic-blog/police-officer-found-dead-in-station/20100323-qrxj.html>

THOMAS HUNTER: The police officer found dead at a station in Melbourne’s outer east last night has been named as Sergeant Anthony Vangorp.

The 47-year-old officer in charge had been under investigation for “serious discipline matters” in the week before his death, Victoria Police confirmed in a statement.

Two officers returning from divisional van duties found

Sergeant Vangorp's body at the Healesville police station about 9.30pm.

He had a gunshot wound to the head, believed to have been inflicted by a police gun, which was found at his side. His death is not being treated as suspicious.

Sergeant Vangorp, a 30-year veteran of the force, was alone in the three-member station at the time.

Deputy Commissioner Ken Lay said Sergeant Vangorp had tendered his resignation last week after being questioned by police management about "a number of issues", but not corruption.

He said the sergeant's resignation became effective yesterday, and an investigation into his death would probe how he had access to a weapon.

"He was actually there [at the police station] collecting his belongings," Mr Lay told radio station 3AW.

"He had spoken to a couple of members who were at the station while he was doing that. They had to sneak out and do a quick job. When they came back they, unfortunately, found what they found.

"This is pretty horrible for the local police, for the member's family and for the broader community. He was a well-known member up there."

It is understood Sergeant Vangorp had two adult children.

For help or information visit beyondblue.org.au, call Suicide Helpline Victoria on 1300 651 251, or Lifeline on 131 114.

Blog comments

- This is just sad. Sad for his family, sad for his

friends, his workmates, for the Police Force and anyone involved. This will seriously change many lives and leave very deep scars and pain for many years to come. My heart go out to his family, friends and to our members, just keep holding that thin blue line...

Current Member Thursday 8 April, 2010 – 2:16 PM

- This is just a complete tragedy for the family left behind, including the members. How dare force command act the way they have and wipe the blood from their hands without conscience. Unfortunately, this is not the only member to take his life due to the actions of the force in the last 6 months... so sad, condolences to the family.

disillusioned tjf Friday 26 March, 2010 – 12:47 AM

- This is a sad ingidgment on our community, police force and government. Although never a servicing officer I have over the years known many servicing officers and I refuse to use the term "members" as members belong to clubs! This is a true reflection of the political involvement into our once respected police force in Victoria and confirms the assumptions of many that our former and current Chief commiissioner and deputies are nothing more than puppets of the state. Mr. Overland is an appointed CC of the current state government as was his predecessor along with his deputies also, Mr, Lay although a well liked man is unfortunately a yes man that has risen to his current position by his inability to stand his ground on issues where he know's wrong is being done. Yet he fully accepts his position and standing in the communmity regardless of the current situation within Victoria Police. It is a sad fact that we have so much violence on our streets, disrespect of community and police yet nothing is being proactively done to rectify the issues, just more spin. Police force or political representatives?

Shane Thursday 25 March, 2010 – 9:56 PM

- this is more politically correct rubbish from the higher up officials , Police officers are just Human and should be able to look at emails as long as they are Not outside the Law that applies to each and everyone of us , No wonder police are leaving faster than they can recruit them

Wayne Harris Wednesday 24 March, 2010 – 5:47 PM

- This is just another disgrace by Victoria Police. I was a member for 42 and a half years, I was pushed out the door. I suffered from Post traumatic disorder which came about after being involved in a number of serious incidents over the years including being shot at and other serious issues. I spoke to Christine NIXON prior to my departure about two issues that are close to me. the first being the treatment of our Indigenous Population by Victoria Police, and the second being the treatment of members and the lack of welfare support. Christine did not want to know about anything about it. My issues came to a head after I was forced by an Officer to Lock up a current serving member, who was also a mate of mine, after he found himself in a situation with serious mental health issues brought about by some tragic issues that he had been involved in as part of his work. Vale Tony VAN GORP, a mans man, and another senior member crunched by an unjust employer.

Brian McCALLUM Wednesday 24 March, 2010 – 5:03 PM

- This is a disgrace! The Vic Police force is leaving this poor mans family in a shadow of doubt. If all he did was misuse emails why on earth was he forced to resign?? Is this more of passed leaders culture surfacing here??

alexas Wednesday 24 March, 2010 – 2:02 PM

I think police command have to come clean with this. I smell fish and they should be up front for the sake of the public and the family

- Julie- Bayswater Wednesday 24 March, 2010 – 2:25 AM

- My thoughts to the family and even more to the members on duty who are going to be dissected and thrown out by ESD who will investigate this incident along with the homicide squad but for them 10 minutes. ESD is the biggest department in the Victoria police and you could easily put an extra 500 police on the street if you cut ESD by 1/3. Serious misconduct can be a police officer getting a parking ticket or a speeding fine in his/her private vehicle subsequently receiving 2 penalties civil and internal. Police management and ESD have no idea about staff management. ESD has and will always be seen as a path to promotion take down and discredit as many police as you can regardless of the parking ticket and you will fly through the ranks. Someone in ESD is now going to be the next chief commissioner for his tact on this.

Martin – Chiangmai Wednesday 24 March, 2010 – 2:06 AM

- So sad Tony. Condolences to your family and colleagues. I just hope that your death is not in vain and that a full enquiry into the circumstances of your death are conducted in a proper manner. Those that are responsible for the "Witch-Hunt" that led to this tragedy should hang their heads in shame. ESD should not be investigating this matter. They were the ones who led the investigation into your ALLEGED misdemeanours and should not be allowed to be involved into what will ultimately be another cover-up. The comments by Mr LAY were extremely inappropriate, suggesting that you were under investigation for serious discipline matters. Let him explain what this means, as I believe the community has a different idea.

Concerned Citizen Tuesday 23 March, 2010 – 8:43 PM

Cop mourned

<http://mountainviews.starcommunity.com.au/mail/2010-03-30/cop-mourned/>

Posted on **30 March 2010**.

By Kath Gannaway

THE death of Sergeant Tony Van Gorp last week sent shockwaves through the Healesville community.

Tributes have flowed for the popular, community-minded policeman who as officer in charge at Healesville for the past 15 years, played an active role in many community organisations, particularly local schools.

Sgt Van Gorp, 47, was found dead on Monday night (22 March) by two colleagues when they returned to the Healesville police station at around 9.30pm.

Victoria Police confirmed his death just after midnight, stating that a gun was found at the scene and that there were no suspicious circumstances. It was soon also confirmed that he had had taken his own life.

The Melbourne media went into meltdown, and the rumour mill in Healesville followed suit, as it was revealed that Sgt Van Gorp was under investigation for misuse of the police email system.

Speculation was fuelled by the fact that Sgt Van Gorp had tendered his resignation on 18 March after receiving a Section 68 notice from Chief Commissioner Simon Overland.

The notice was one of only two issued by Mr Overland following investigations by the Ethical Standards Department for what were said to be "serious discipline matters".

A close friend of Sgt Van Gorp has told the Mail he believed the letter was an ultimatum – resign or be sacked.

Much of the reporting on the police email crackdown last week revolved around other investigations being conducted by the ESD relating to racist and pornographic emails which Mr Overland said would shock the community.

He went on record on Thursday however as saying that the email

for which he had delivered the section 68 to Sgt Van Gorp was neither racist, nor illegal.

Mr Overland has strongly rejected accusations that the Section 68 was a heavy-handed approach saying the email was sufficiently 'serious' to warrant the action.

He gave no indication as to the direction the ESD investigations into Sgt Van Gorp's matter would now take, or if and when the exact nature of the email would be made known.

More stories on pages 8 and 9



ABOVE: Tony Van Gorp when *The Police Association Journal* visited Healesville in 2002.

Farewell Tony Van Gorp

There was standing room only in the Police Academy Chapel when family, friends and colleagues gathered to farewell Sergeant Tony Van Gorp.

Senior Police Chaplain, Rev. Dr John Broughton and Father Andrew Jekot officiated at the service that celebrated the life of Tony Van Gorp and attempted to make sense of his passing.

Tony was a well-respected member of his local community at Healesville. As well as serving his community as the local sergeant, Tony was a member of the SES and the CFA.

Emergency service workers and community leaders were among the mourners. One of those who spoke of Tony's dedication and commitment to his community was local indigenous community leader, Aunty Joy Murphy. She spoke fondly of Tony helping young aboriginal boys in the community and attending her home as a friend and a confidante. She said Tony would take youths from the local area to the Lord Mayor's Camp at Portsea, often in his own time and at his own expense.

Tony's brother, Fred, spoke of their early days in Australia and Tony's unerring desire to be a policeman. Tony joined the Victoria Police Force as a cadet in 1979.

"Policing was his life," Sergeant Bob Raaymakers told the mourners.



ABOVE: Friends and colleagues carry Tony out of the Academy chapel.



ABOVE: The cortege leaves the Academy.

Do not suffer in silence

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The Victoria Police Wellbeing Support Services are available on a 24-hour basis on (03) 9301 6900. Refer to the Police Chaplains list on page 36.

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Police officer's suicide may have been avoided over email scandal

- by: *Carly Crawford*
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Simon Overland has been implicated in the investigation over a police officer's suicide. Picture: Greg Scullin *Source: Herald Sun*

UPDATE 3pm: POLICE command says action taken to discipline an officer who later took his own life was "right and proper".

The Office of Police Integrity is investigating claims that senior police – including Chief Commissioner Simon Overland – overlooked legal advice about how to discipline a police officer who later killed himself.

Healesville sergeant Tony Vangorp fatally shot himself after he was told to expect a Section 68 notice during Operation Barrott, an OPI-Ethical Standards Department probe into pornographic, racist and homophobic emails circulating among police.

The rarely used 68s are rubber-stamped by the Chief Commissioner and demand recipients show cause why they should not be sacked.

The Victorian Government Solicitor's office is believed to have issued formal advice to senior police that 68s would be inappropriate in those cases. Internal police lawyers gave top brass similar legal advice.

The OPI has been told police may have misapplied their powers by issuing no-confidence notices during the email scandal that swept the force last year.

The officers implicated are Supt Lisa McMeeken, Assistant Commissioner Luke Cornelius and Mr Overland.

Police Association boss Greg Davies said he was amazed to hear of the allegations Mr Overland had disregarded advice.

"If that's right and if those actions have contributed in any way, shape or form to the death of Tony Vangorp the Chief Commissioner surely cannot remain in office, then there's only one person that's made that decision in blatant disregard for internal and external legal advice that said don't do it," Snr-Sgt Davies said.

But in a statement released today, a Victoria Police spokesperson said police were confident they had followed proper procedure.

"Victoria Police is confident that the steps taken in relation to Sgt Tony Van Gorp in March last year were right and proper. These included, in recognition of the strong public interest in the matter from the outset, asking OPI to actively oversight our investigations," the statement said.

"However we do not believe that the interests of the Van Gorp family are well served by further speculation and unseemly criticism in the media.

"The coronial process, in which we have confidence, must be allowed to run its course."

The spokesperson said police would await the findings of the

coronial inquest before making any further comment.

Mr Overland said today he did not ignore legal advice about issuing a disciplinary notice to Sgt Van Gorp.

“If there is an OPI investigation into that, that’s fine and I welcome that,” he said.

“I have absolutely nothing to fear or hide in relation to that particular case.”

Mr Overland said he was the only person who could issue the rarely used Section 68 notice, and legal advice surrounding them was often contradictory.

He said Sgt Van Gorp resigned after the notice was issued.

Premier Ted Baillieu said today Mr Overland had his full support.

“I haven’t seen the issue in detail but the answer is yes (I have faith in Mr Overland),” he said.

The *Herald Sun* understands that another 68 issued under Barrott – to a senior detective in Geelong – has been withdrawn.

Senior police were advised that a Section 69 notice, which refers suspect officers to a disciplinary hearing, would be a more suitable way to deal with those caught up in Barrott.

Eight officers were sacked and about 13 others fined or demoted after they were found with vile emails on their computers last year. Several have lodged appeals.

An OPI spokesman last night said the office was “actively oversighting Operation Barrott and associated matters”.

Sgt Van Gorp, a 30-year police veteran, shot himself at his police station last March. His death is before the Coroner’s Court.

Of the six 68s issued in Victoria, only one has not been overturned.

In advising against 68 notices, one government solicitor cited a precedent involving a fraud squad member disciplined with a 69 notice for having similarly offensive emails on his computer.

Anyone with personal problems can call Lifeline on 131 114; Victorian Statewide Suicide Helpline on 1300 651 251; or Mensline Australia on 1300 789 978.

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– *with Amelia Harris, Stephen McMahon*

Questions remain

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By Kath Gannaway

Sgt van Gorp took his own life five days after receiving a rarely invoked Section 68 notice in relation to a probe into emails circulating among police.

The Section 68 notice demands that the recipient show cause why they should not be sacked.

Victoria Police issued a statement last week in response to claims made in the Herald Sun that the Office of Police Integrity was investigating whether senior police, including Chief Commissioner Simon Overland, had overlooked legal advice about the use of the Section 68.

Another option would have been a Section 69, which refers the recipient to a disciplinary hearing.

Sgt van Gorp's brother, Fred van Gorp told the Mail he was pleased to hear the OPI was investigating the circumstances around the way his brother was disciplined.

"It is what we were hoping for from the start," he said.

"The Section 68 is for criminals; police who have committed criminal activity, and what I am gathering from all this is that he should have got a Section 69 instead of the Section 68."

Victoria Police however say they are confident the steps taken were "right and proper".

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Mr van Gorp however said he had not been advised as to whether the police report into his brother's death had been handed over to the Coroner.

"I have been ringing the police for the last 17 months to find out and we're still waiting," he said.

A spokesperson for the Coroner's Court told the Mail on Friday they could not do anything until the police had finished their part.

"We have not received anything from the police yet that has been logged as at Mid-March," she said.

Detective Inspector John Potter of the Homicide Squad confirmed on Monday that the brief of evidence was finished, but said it was still under review.

He said that review was an internal police mechanism involving both the OPI and the Ethical Standards Department.

Det Insp Potter said the brief should be with the Coroner by early next month.

Inquest

<http://mountainviews.starcommunity.com.au/mail/2011-12-06/inquest/>

Posted on 06 December 2011.

By Kath Gannaway

Sgt van Gorp, 47, took his own life at the Healesville police station on 22 March 2010.

He had resigned from Victoria Police five days earlier, after he was issued with a Section 68 notice of no confidence by then Commissioner of Police Simon Overland.

Sgt van Gorp was under investigation at the time for misuse of the police email system.

Mr Olle told a packed court at a mention hearing on Wednesday 30 November that an inquest into Sgt van Gorp's death " ... would appear to be the antithesis of what Sergeant van Gorp would have wanted in life", but did not elaborate on the basis for that statement.

He said the hearing was to help determine whether it was necessary or appropriate to conduct an inquest.

He said the police investigation brief submitted to him was thorough, containing 64 statements and addressing, among other matters the circumstances in which Victoria Police made decisions to serve the Section 68 notice.

He noted that Victoria Police had subsequently made changes to the process involved in serving no-confidence notices.

Mr Olle allowed 14 days for submissions.

"Subject to submissions from interested parties in this matter urging a different view, it appears that the facts and circumstances are clear and that the conduct of an inquest would be beyond the scope of my statutory obligations," he said.

Sgt Van Gorp's partner Gayle Shelley and his brother Fred van Gorp were in the court, but declined to comment on the matter pending further submissions.

A further hearing will be held on 16 December.

Van Gorp inquest call

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Tony’s truth unheard

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Posted on 21 February 2012.

By Kath Gannaway

THE two people closest to Tony van Gorp, his partner Gayle Shelley, and his brother Fred van Gorp, have maintained a dignified silence over the past two years.

Behind the scenes, they’ve grieved, fought for justice and the reputation of the Healesville police sergeant, and for changes to Victoria Police disciplinary processes to ensure what happened in Healesville on 22 March, 2010, never happens again.

The grieving is their own, but they had hoped that the inquest they and the Victorian Police Association were calling for would deliver the answers and changes they and other police wanted.

As they sat in the Coroner's Court in Melbourne on Wednesday, 15 February Ms Shelley bowed her head several times as Coroner John Olle read out his decision. Fred van Gorp looked resigned; perhaps even defeated.

With his decision the Coroner put an end to any resolution on the question of accountability of the Chief Commissioner of Police at the time, Simon Overland, and the right or wrong of issuing the Section 68.

"He had 31 years' experience, but it didn't seem to account for anything in terms of what happened. Tony was just backed into a corner; he felt like he had nothing else," Ms Shelley said.

"I was with him when he went to the (Police) Association. He lived on his public image, it was part of him, and when he got the notice, he realised he had let people down, and I suppose he let himself down," she said.

"He knew there would be consequences ... everybody makes mistakes but it (the Section 68) was designed for criminal (behaviour) and what Tony did certainly was not criminal," she said, adding that she felt those issues have been brushed under the carpet.

Nonetheless, with their usual dignity, they say they have accepted the Coroner's decision, but hope with the ongoing investigation the Coroner will at the very least address what they believe was a critical failure by Victoria Police – the lack of welfare provided to Sgt van Gorp after the delivery of the Section 68.

Admitting disappointment, he said however the Coroner's response was a balanced one.

"Hopefully any future findings will ensure this never happens to another police officer again and that anyone put in that position gets adequate support and counselling," Mr van Gorp said.

"We know now that we are not going to get an inquest, and perhaps we can move on a little bit from there," he said.

In response to the Coroner's comment that his findings would include Sgt van Gorp's presence at the police station on the

night of his death, both Ms Shelley and Mr van Gorp reflected with the benefit of hindsight, and say no-one could have known what was coming.

“Tony and Gayle had been planning on going on trips, and he was planning a fishing trip the next day ... we didn't expect it.

“It was a unique position (at Healesville police station) as officer in charge for 15 years, and while that's probably something that needs to be addressed in the future, I don't hold anyone (at Healesville) responsible for what happened on that night,” he said.

Ms Shelley said his colleagues had gone through great personal hardship over Sgt van Gorp's death. “No-one is to blame there,” she said.

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Inquest denied

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THERE will be no inquest into the death two years ago of Healesville Police Sergeant Tony van Gorp.

Sgt van Gorp, 47, was found dead at Healesville Police Station on 22 March, from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He was under investigation in relation to misuse of the police email system and had been issued with a Section 68 (no-confidence) notice by the then Chief Commissioner of Police Simon Overland, five days before his death.

Sgt van Gorp's partner Gayle Shelley and the Police Association had sought an inquest as part of Coroner John Olle's ongoing investigation, partially to determine why Sgt van Gorp had been singled out by Commissioner Overland for what was seen as harsh and unusual treatment, and to restore his reputation.

Coroner John Olle ruled on Wednesday, 15 February, at the Coroner's Court in Melbourne that the matters raised were beyond his jurisdiction in terms of an inquest and said he was satisfied that the cause and circumstances of Sgt van Gorp's death could be established without one.

Coroner Olle said he had considered submissions from Ms Shelley and the Police Association (the applicants), as well as from the Chief Commissioner of Police in making his decision.

He said the basis for the applicants' submission included a need to determine why the Chief Commissioner had considered dismissal as the appropriate action, to dispel claims that new procedures since introduced were appropriate and to bring about changes to legislation, including the removal of Section 68 notices.

While the submission made by the Chief Commissioner of Police neither argued for or against an inquest, it contended that an examination of the Chief Commissioner's powers of dismissal were outside the scope of the coroner's jurisdiction and that there was no evidence of systematic defects which needed to be explored as part of an inquest.

In relation to Sgt van Gorp's reputation, he said the reputation of an individual was outside both the scope and legitimate purpose of an inquest, and outside the control of the coronial process.

"How matters are reported in the media cannot be controlled and have the potential to be very disturbing and intrusive to family members," he said.

He said having examined the 963-page brief of evidence, he found no evidence to suggest that anyone who knew Sgt van Gorp thought less of him as a result of his behaviour.

While Ms Shelley said she was sceptical about the submissions put forward by the Commissioner of Police, and that she felt the issues around the Section 68 notice had been swept under the carpet, she said she accepted the decision.

Police Association secretary Greg Davies said the association was still vehemently opposed to the Section 68 process and had been in negotiations with the government in terms of a range of issues that needed to be addressed by the government, rather than by police. He said those negotiations were continuing.

He noted that the coroner had said his preliminary view was that the facts and circumstances of Sgt van Gorp's death were clear and that an inquest was beyond his statutory obligations. On the matter of whether there was a systematic defect (in issuing the section 68) Mr Davies said the door was not closed on that question.

"He (the Coroner) is not saying there is no systematic defect, but that there is no systematic defect that requires an inquest. He may determine independently of an inquest that there is, or he may not," he said.

He said the association accepted the coroner's decision and would wait on the outcome of the investigation to see what end result would be. Readers seeking support and information about suicide prevention can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or SANE Helpline on 1800 18 SANE (7263).

>>> For more on Van Corp inquest issue see Page 3.

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Terence Peter GLEESON

31/07/2014

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New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 5874

Died 11 July 2014

92 old

**Funeral Held on unknown date & unknown
location.**

With regret I advise the death of Terence Peter GLEESON, 92 old, former Regd. No. 5874, an Unattached Veteran member of the RPA.

Terence passed away on 11/07/2014 and his funeral has been conducted.

Doctor Given Bond

Dr. James Murphy, 62, of Victoria Road, Bellevue Hill, described as a medical officer at a migrant centre, was convicted at Central Court of Petty Sessions yesterday of soliciting for immoral purposes.

Constable Terence Peter Gleeson said that on Anzac eve, April 24, he was off duty and in Elizabeth Street in plain clothes when Dr. Murphy introduced himself.

Dr. Murphy, who pleaded not guilty, said any talk he had had with Constable Gleeson was in the nature of psychological research.

He had no immoral intentions.

Mr. T. A. Doolan, S.M. said he was convinced the constable was solicited but because Murphy had no previous convictions he would sentence him to six months' gaol, the sentence being suspended on him entering into a bond of £20 to be of good behaviour for three years.

He was fined £2 for resisting arrest.

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