

Leonard James MILLER

05/02/2014



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aka Len

(late of Hawkesbury Hts)

New South Wales Police Force

NSW Police Academy Class – Redfern – #
146

[alert_yellow]Regd. #
16891[/alert_yellow]

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed
10 March 1975

Constable – appointed 10 March 1976

Final Rank = ?

Stations: ?, Four Wheels (Transport
Section),

Service: From ? ?pre March 1975 to ?
? ?

**Awards: National Medal – granted 17
March 1992**

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Vietnam Veteran – Service # 2786734

Army – Lance Corporal

Service between 23 April 1968 – 4 March 1969 = 316 days

Royal Australian Army Medical Corps

1st Australian Field Hospital – 1968

8th Field Ambulance – April 1968 – March 1969

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Born: 13 May 1946

Died on: 11 October 2012

Cause: Suicide

Age: 66

**Funeral date: Friday 19 October 2012 @
1pm**

**Funeral location: Pinegrove Crematorium
(West Chapel), Minchinbury**

Buried at: Cremated

Memorial location:

MILLER, Leonard James.

13.05.1946 – 11.10.2012

Passed away suddenly.

Late of Hawkesbury Heights.

Beloved husband of Glenda. Proud father of Christopher and Carolene and their partners Ann and Joey.

Len will be sorely missed by his colleagues from the **NSW Police Force** and those he served with in Vietnam, together with his many other friends.

Aged 66 years.

Finally at peace.

The family and friends of LEN are warmly invited to attend his funeral service to be held at Pinegrove Crematorium (West Chapel), Minchinbury, on Friday (October 19, 2012), commencing at 1 p.m.

Blue Mountains Funerals

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blue mountains funerals.

com.au/notices.html

<http://tributes.smh.com.au/obituaries/smh-au/obituary.aspx?n=leonard-miller&pid=160464719>

Gregory John EARLE

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Gregory John EARLE

aka ' Toes down ' (due to his riding style) & 'Earle of the Forest'

New South Wales Police Force

NSW Redfern Police Academy Class 127

Uniform # 3037

Regd. # 14691

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday 17 May 1971 (aged 22 years, 7 months, 25 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 28 June 1971 (aged 22 years, 9 months, 6 days)

Constable – appointed 28 August 1972

Constable 1st Class – appointed 28 August 1976

Senior Constable – appointed 28 August 1980

Senior Constable – Death

Stations: ?, North Sydney HWP, Frenchs Forest HWP (14
Division) – Death

Service: From 17 May 1971 to 21 June 1987 = 16 years, 1
week, 4 days Service

Age at Retirement / Leaving: 38 years, 8 months, 30 days

Time in Retirement: 0 years, 0 weeks, 0 days

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NASHOS

Service name: Army – 4th Field Regiment, Royal Australian
Artillery

Service number: 2791952

Rank: Gunner

Served at: Vietnam 1970

Date of intake: ?

NS Training: ?

Follow Up Training: ?

Basic Training: ?

Next of Kin: ?

Medals: ?



4 Field Regiment, Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery

[/blockquote]

Police Awards: National Medal – granted 4 October 1988 (posthumously)

Born: Wednesday 22 September 1948 – Hobart, Tasmania

Died on: Sunday 21 June 1987

Cause: Motor vehicle accident – Police motor cycle – Urgent Duty

Event location: The Strand, Dee Why, NSW

Age: 38 years, 8 months, 30 days

Funeral date: Wednesday 24 June 1987

Funeral location: ?

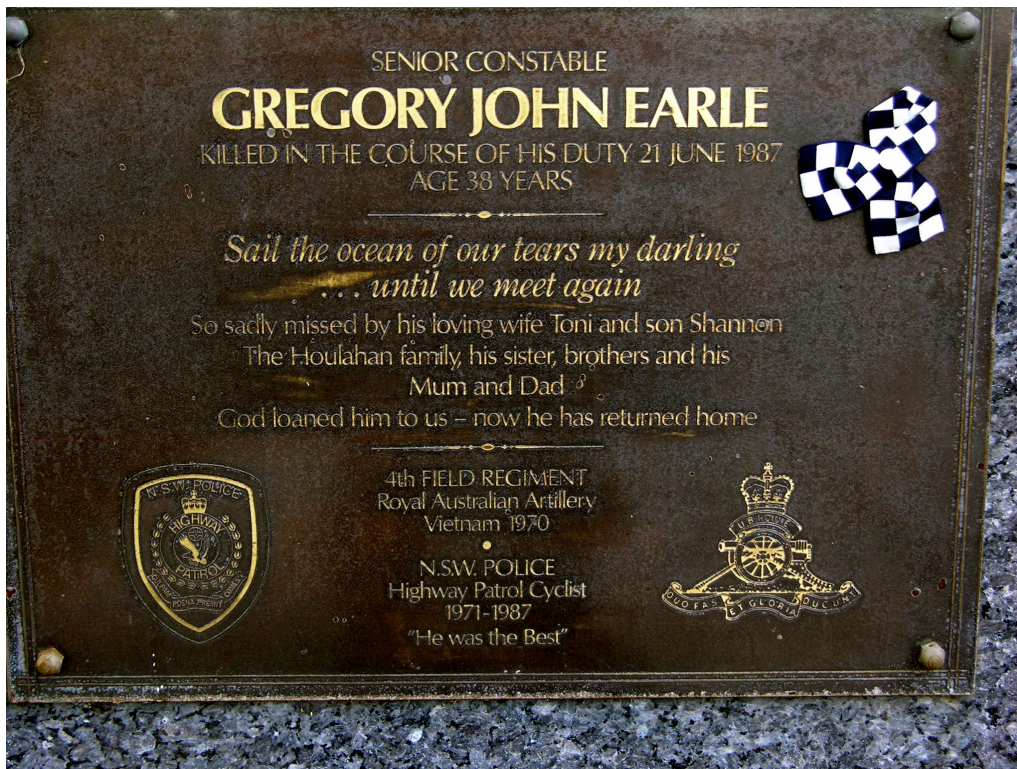
Buried at: Mona Vale General cemetery, Fazzolari Ave, Mona Vale, NSW.

Grave location: Roman Catholic, Section C, Grave 081

GPS: Lat: -33.67456851936532 Long: 151.28723368269925

Memorial location: Frenchs Forest Police Stn

Memorial type: Plaque inside of Frenchs Forest Police Stn





approximate location of grave: [codepeople-post-map]



Greg IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

Shortly after **5.50pm** on **21 June, 1987** Senior Constable Earle was riding a police motor cycle towards **Palm Beach** to assist in an **urgent search** for **three missing lifesavers**. While he was riding along **The Strand** at **Dee Why** the senior constable began to overtake a number of cars when the cycle hit a **damaged part of the road surface** causing the cycle to veer to the left

where it hit a **gravel patch**. The cycle then cart-wheeled, throwing Senior Constable Earle into a **parked car**. He sustained **severe head and internal injuries** and was conveyed to the **Mona Vale District Hospital** where he was found to be **dead on arrival**.

The constable was born in **1948** and joined the New South Wales Police Force on **28 June, 1971**. At the time of his death he was attached to the **Frenchs Forest Highway Patrol**.

Greg was travelling south through Dee Why on his way to Freshwater to meet, and escort, a surf rescue Jet Boat being towed, north, by road to launch from Palm Beach to join the search & rescue efforts for the missing Life Savers when this accident occurred.

But other sources say that they were NOT Surf Life Savers who were missing but two or three young blokes who were reported missing. Trouble was, that the blokes reportedly missing – had actually returned to shore, safe and well but had failed to tell anyone of their return – thus prompting a Search and Rescue effort.

Another recollection of the incident is that the two or three 'lads' had taken a rubber duck boat from Newport or Palm Beach surf club and were actually at the Arms Hotel, drinking whilst the Search and Rescue (for them) was initiated.

'Earle of the Forest' is was also locally renowned for having a moustache painted on the tank of his police motor cycle – to represent the handle bar moustache he sported on his face.

Police death

SYDNEY: A police motorcyclist died in hospital after falling off his machine in Dee Why last night. An ambulance spokesman said the policeman, 38, had been escorting a police rescue vehicle.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/118299446>



Class 127 at Redfern Police Academy – 1971

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Ian Donald WARD

05/02/2014

Ian Donald WARD

late of Padstow, NSW

New South Wales Police Force

**Joined via NSW Police Cadets on 21
February 1966**

Cadet # 2109

Redfern Police Academy Class 114

Regd. # 13174

Rank: NSW Police Cadet – commenced 21 February 1966 (aged 16
years, 10 months, 9 days)

Probationary Constable – 12 April 1968 (aged 19 years, 0
months, 0 days)

Constable – appointed 12 April 1969

Constable 1st Class (Acting Sergeant in Cyprus)

Stations: ? & Cyprus as part of the 11th Australian
Contingent of UN Peacekeeping Mission

UNFICYP AUSCIVPOL

Service: From 21 February 1966 to 12 November 1974 = 8
years, 8 months, 22 days Service

Age at Retirement: 25 years, 7 months, 0 days

Time in Retirement: 0

[blockquote]

NASHOS

Service name: Military Police, National Service
(Army)

Service number: ?

Rank: Corporal

Date of birth: 12 April 1949

Place of birth: Ryde, NSW

Date of intake: ?

NS Training: ?

Follow Up Training: ?

Basic Training: ?

Next of Kin: ?

Medals: ?

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Police Awards: Police Overseas Service Medal with Cyprus clasp – granted 19 October 1992

Dag Hammarskjöld Medal – awarded

Awarded the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal. The U.N. Secretary-General established the Dag Hammarskjöld medal for posthumous award to members of peacekeeping operations who lost their lives during service with a peacekeeping operation under the operational control and authority of the United Nations.

Born: Tuesday 12 April 1949 at Ryde, NSW

Died: Tuesday 12 November 1974

Cause of death: Murdered – Land Mine Explosion

Event location: near Lefka, Cyprus (5 days after arriving in the country)

Age: 25 years, 7 months, 0 days

Funeral date: 26 November 1974

Funeral location: ???

Grave location: Rookwood Cemetery, Rookwood



Ian Donald WARD



On 12 November, 1974 Constable Ward was serving with the

Eleventh Australian Police Element in Cyprus. Whilst travelling in a Land Rover near Lefka the vehicle hit a landmine in the buffer zone. As a result **Constable Ward was killed** and **Constable 1st Class John Woolcott (# 11976)** was seriously injured.

Constable **Ward** is the **3rd and last Australian** to die in **Cyprus**.

The constable was born in 1949 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 12 April, 1968. At the time of his death he was stationed in Cyprus and an Acting Sergeant.

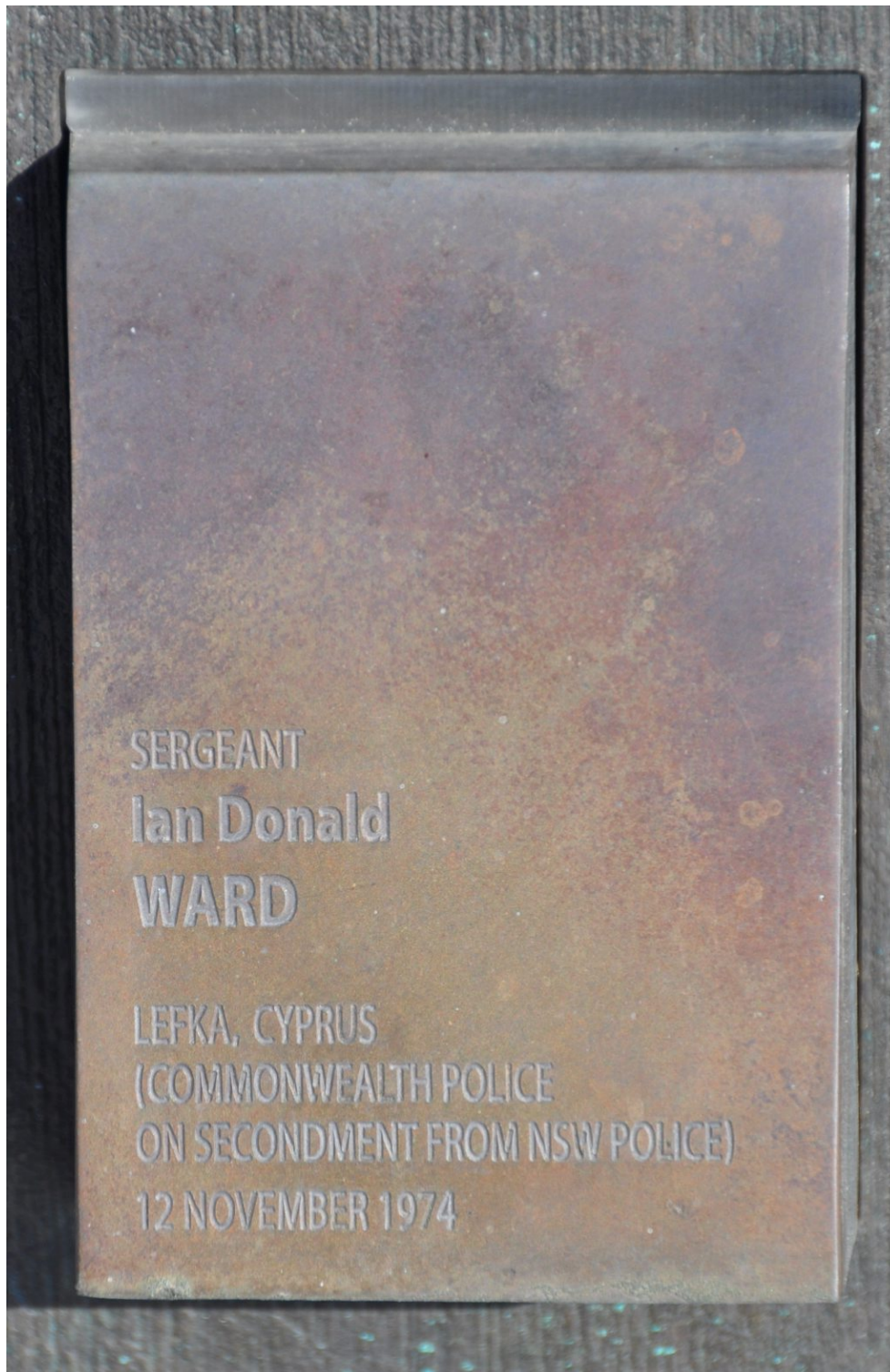
John Woolcott (# 11976) recovered from his injuries and " Woolly " later retired from NSW Police Force either as an Sergeant at Manly Police Station or an Inspector at North Sydney / Mosman. This, is yet, to be confirmed. (*10 August 2017*).



NSWPF Member John E. **WOOLCOTT** # **11974** from
Redfern Police Academy **Class 107**



1974 – the funeral for Sergeant Ian Ward



National Police Wall of Remembrance Touch Plate
for Ian WARD

IAN IS mentioned on the National Police Wall of Remembrance,
Canberra



17 June 2017 – Malaysia Memorial in Cyprus taken today as Australian Police complete the long mission and are leaving Cyprus.



Ian's memorial at the Goulburn Police Academy.



Dag Hammarskjöld Medal



Memorial to Ian WARD – unveiled in 1985



2003 Police Remembrance Day is marked with a ceremony at the cairn erected in memory of Sergeant Ian Ward.



Inscription:
Killed in the service of peace
Sgt Ian Donald Ward
Aust. CivPol

FURTHER:

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the Eleventh Contingent

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The closure of Nicosia Airport meant a circuitous route to Cyprus for the second half of the eleventh contingent led by Merv Beck.

Although it was not known at the time, conditions on the Island and consequent reduction in UNFICYP strength would make this the

last November rotation.

The group left Sydney on 6 November and were welcomed some days later at Akrotiri after flying with Qantas to London then busing to

the Brize Norton RAF Base near Oxford and thence via Malta to Cyprus.

RAF flights were 'dry' and the seats faced the rear, so the Australians appreciated the traditional welcome at Limassol Headquarters.

The newcomers 'pumped' the old hands for news of the war while they themselves were pressed for information about events in Australia.

The new arrivals were soon split up. Ray Leister was assigned Control Room duties while others went to Ktima and Polis.

After only five days on the Island the unthinkable happened near a road-block approaching Lefka.

Ian Ward, a replacement from New South Wales, was killed and John Woolcott injured when their Land Rover detonated a land-mine in an unmarked field.

The Australians were conveying a Turkish Cypriot family from Ayios Nicolaos to the Turkish Cypriot controlled area at Lefka and one of the four passengers was killed and the other three seriously injured.

The fatality cast a pall over the contingent.

A number of moving ceremonies were held before his body was flown home to Australia.

Twelve months later a cairn was erected to commemorate the tragedy and each twelve months a short service is held near the memorial.

Geoff Baker was a member of the Board of Inquiry convened under British military regulations to investigate the incident.

Land-mines were the major component of fortifications along the confrontation zone. UNFICYP had lodged a number of protests about mine-laying procedures and the fact that many fields were neither marked nor adequately recorded. UNFICYP began a special programme to remedy the deficiencies, but two UNFICYP soldiers were killed in similar circumstances during the following twelve months.

<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/Photocopy/94431NCJRS.pdf>

Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

Wednesday 20 November 1974, page 3

Service

LONDON, Tuesday (AAP). – Representatives of all United Nations peace keeping forces in Cyprus will take part in a memorial service today for Sergeant Ian Ward, 25, a Commonwealth policeman of Sydney, who was killed in landmine explosion last week. His body will later be flown to Sydney for burial.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/110788766>

Funeral

SYDNEY, Monday. — More than 100 people attended the funeral today of — Constable First-Class Ian Donald Ward, 25, of Padstow, who was killed in a mine explosion in Cyprus two weeks ago.

Funeral notice. Page 11 of
18 of The Canberra Times
Tuesday 26 November 1974
[http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp
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searchLimits=](http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/110789746?searchTerm=ian%20donald%20ward&searchLimits=)

Also:

Honour

Located within the Honour Precinct is an original ornate marble tablet featuring early losses of New South Wales Police Officers. The tablet is flanked by the New South Wales state flag and the New South Wales Police Force flag.

The Peacekeeping Display honours all members of the NSW Police Force who have served in peacekeeping operations throughout the world and houses the Dag Hammarskjold medal belonging to the late SGT Ian Donald Ward who died in UNFICYP. This was donated to the NSW Police College on the 29th May, 2010 from Mr Ken Ward, OAM, father of SGT Ward.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_South_Wales_Police_Academy

On the 12th November, 1974, a member of this Force, Constable 1st Class I. D. Ward, who had arrived in Cyprus a few days before, and Constable 1st Class J. Woolcott, also of this Force, were carrying out humanitarian work transporting refugees. The United Nation's land rover in which they were travelling struck a land mine on a road between Limassol and Lefka resulting in the death of Constable 1st Class Ward and severe injuries to Constable 1st Class Woolcott, Constable 1st

Class Ward was posthumously awarded the United Nations Medal, Cyprus Division.

<https://www.opengov.nsw.gov.au/viewer/517e982c7fa2d2c5b8c06d530ab240e7.pdf>

Peacekeeping Veteran Honoured at the NSW Police College:

PEACEKEEPING VETERAN HONOURED AT THE NSW POLICE COLLEGE

– Author,

Mr Denis Percy – National President – UNPAA.

INTRODUCTION:

On the 14th November, 1974 Sergeant Ian Ward, a member of the New South Wales

Police Force, who had been seconded to the then named Australian Commonwealth

Police, (later named the AFP), for 12 months service with the United Nations Force in

Cyprus, (UNFICYP). Ian died as a result of a land-mine explosion whilst travelling in a Land Rover.

He and Sergeant John Wolcott, the vehicle observer, also on attachment from the NSW

Police, were conveying four Turkish refugees from the Greek Cypriot sector village of Ayios

Nicolaos to the Turkish sector in Lefka District. One of the Turkish refugees was killed and

three were seriously injured in the explosion. The Land Rover was completely demolished

by the anti-tank mine. Sergeant John Wolcott survived the explosion; however, he

received serious facial and other injuries.

Sergeant Ward had been in Cyprus for only five days on his 12 month secondment to the

United Nations Police Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP). Ironically, Ian had previously served

and survived as a Military Policeman, whilst performing his National Service during the

Vietnam War.

Lieutenant-General Bedrettin Demirel, Commander of the Turkish Peace Forces in Cyprus, in a heart felt expression of sympathy wrote to Sergeant Ward's Family and stated, "Your son, who was making every effort to assist in the humanitarian activities indiscriminate of race, religion and language, is a martyr of duty. His memory and service live in the hearts of all personnel of the Turkish Peace Forces in Cyprus "

HANDOVER AND BLESSING OF THE DAG HAMMARSKJOLD MEDAL.

On the 29th May, 2009 in Goulburn at the NSW Police College, 35 years after his death on a lonely village road and a world away from Cyprus, we remembered our Police colleague.

The service held at the NSW Police College demonstrates that Australian Police do not forget those who die in the line of duty, either in Australia or whilst serving overseas.

In a highly symbolic ceremony, the Australian Federal Police officially handed-over" on-loan" for a five year period, the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal awarded to the late Sergeant Ian Donald Ward.

That medal had been in the custody of the Australian Federal Police as

Ian died as a Federal Police Officer on attachment from the NSW Police for his UN Service.

That medal is awarded by the United Nations to those of its members who are

killed whilst performing duty with the United Nations. It is named after the now deceased and former Scandinavian leader of the United Nations at its headquarters in New York.

The day's proceedings commenced in Goulburn with a moving march of a group of United

Nations Police veterans who had served in Cyprus, the Middle East, East Timor, the

Solomon Islands and other multinational peacekeeping operations.

The veterans march was preceded by combined ceremonial support

elements of the NSW Police Force and the Australian Federal Police the marching band of the NSW Police Force, a combined NSW Police Force Mounted Unit and the Australian Federal Police Ceremonial Mounted Cadre and a combined New South Wales Police Force and Australian Federal Police flag party.

The Parade Commander UNPAA President Denis Percy instructed the parade to an "eyes left" towards the NSW Police Eternal Flame, which honours all those members of the NSW Police Force who have died in the service of their state and their country.

POLICE COLLEGE CHAPEL CEREMONY:

Upon arrival at the NSW Police College Chapel, the flags of the United Nations and the Australian Federal Police were laid up by the Senior Police Chaplain, Reverend Peter Robinson.

Gathered in the Chapel were a number of representatives of the Australian Defence Force, the United Nations Information Centre, the Senate, the Parliaments of the Commonwealth

of Australia and New South Wales. The Mayor of Goulburn mingled there with senior AFP,

NSW Police Force and Victoria Police officials and members of the United Nations Police Association of Australia, (UNPAA), the Australian Peacekeepers and Peacemakers

Association, the Australian Bravery Association, the National Executive of the RSL and the

NSW Police Force Sub Branch of the RSL.

Sergeant Jeff Little, NSW Police and a peacekeeping veteran from East Timor and Cyprus

read the invocation. Guests in the Police Memorial Chapel joined in singing the United

Nations Anthem, 'The song of All Nations', followed by another peacekeeping veteran,

NSWPF Sergeant Dave McCann, OAM reading the Beatitudes.

Police Chaplain read a prayer and then came the official handover, which involved the signing of the temporary

loan agreement by AFP Commander and former peacekeeping veteran Shane Connelly – performing the duties of National Manager, International Deployment Group and Chief

Superintendent Gregory Moore, APM the Principal of the NSW Police College.

Due to its' national significance, the AFP Museum are the current custodians of the late Sergeant Ward's medal and have entrusted its' safekeeping with the NSW Police College for the next five years.

From the rear of the Chapel and carrying the Dag Hammarskjöld medal belonging to the

late Sergeant Ian Ward AFP Sergeant Dale Cooper, RFD a former UN Cyprus

peacekeeper slow marched towards the front of the chapel, and from the left side of the

chapel NSWPF Senior Sergeant Mark Elm a former UN East Timor peacekeeper slow

marched to the front of the Chapel where the physical handover took place between the two guardians of the medal.

This symbolic gesture, of respect to a fallen Sergeant indicated the deep regard both forces have to their departed colleague and fellow peacekeeper.

Chief Superintendent Gregory Moore, APM has indicated that he is honoured for the NSW

Police College to be entrusted by the AFP to be guardians of the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal

belonging to the late Sergeant Ian Donald Ward. He went on to state: "Sergeant Ian Ward

and Sergeant Patrick Hackett who were killed while on international policing service with

the United Nations are role models for NSW Police recruits passing through this college

and the great tradition of service that we given an ongoing basis to the people of NSW."

DEDICATION OF THE PEACEKEEPING DISPLAY

The display is designed to honour those members of the NSW Police Force who have

contributed to United Nations Peacekeeping Operations as

United Nations Police Officers.

As such it fits well within the 'Honour Precinct' of the NSW Police College.

Visitors to the NSW Police College are invited by the Principal; to inspect the newly dedicated display located in the hallway areas of the College building next to the College

Library. Out of ten Australians who have died whilst on UN peacekeeping operations, the

NSWPF has lost two members with the United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP),

namely Inspector Patrick Hackett in a motor vehicle accident (29.8.71) and Sergeant Ian

Donald Ward (land mine explosion). A third Australian Police Officer from the South

Australia Police Sergeant Lew Thomas has also been killed in Cyprus (26.7.69) also in a

motor vehicle accident.

The Peacekeeping display was made possible with a grant from the Australian

Government, Department of Veterans Affairs 'Saluting Their Service' upon a submission

made to them by the UNPAA. That grant is a Government initiative which honours the

contribution of Australia's servicemen and women in war, conflicts and peace operations.

Senior Sergeant Mark Elm was the Project Manager for the display which was funded by

contributions from the Australian Federal Police; the NSW Police Force; United Nations

Police Association of Australia and its NSW Branch, the Police Federation of Australia; and

the Police Credit Union.

Ceremonial arrangements were made possible with assistance of the AFP Recognition and

Ceremonial team and the Professional Standards Unit of the Office of the Principal, NSW

Police College.

UNITED NATIONS ARTEFACTS DONATED TO DISPLAY:

In putting the exhibition together, Snr Sgt Elm collected historic artefacts donated by

Australian police peacekeepers who served in Cyprus, the Middle East and East Timor

Said Sergeant Elm: “

Police officers by their very nature are peacekeepers in their home towns, cities here in

Australia, and it is a natural progression to take these skills to war torn areas, to build the

capacity of local authorities to act against a humanitarian backdrop.” Said Snr Sgt Elm.

“This day has been on the cards since I arrived at the College in February of 2007.

Much like all the other proud traditions displays, most of the work undertaken on this display has

been conducted on days off so it is really gratifying to see the final results, which I think all

peacekeepers will feel proud.

I think we got the symbolism right and I think our future members of the force will come to

know of the service and the sacrifice of our members who contributed.”

In a fitting tribute to Australia’s police peacekeepers whether they hail from the AFP, state

or territory police force, the Minister for Home Affairs, The Hon. Bob Debus, and MP kindly

donated the Australian Coat of Arms, which was presented by Senator the Hon. Ursula

Stephens and dedicated by Reverend Peter Robinson at the ceremony.

SNRSGT Elm summed up the magnitude of this when he said.

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and the Professional Standards Unit of the Office of the Principal, NSW Police College.

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Updated 3 August 2025 with photo of Cst Woolcott and
Registered number of Ward.