

Kevin Robert WISE

30/07/2016

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aka Whizza

Australian Capital Territory Police Force

Regd. # 442

Seniority Date: 9 February 1970

Rank: ?

Stations: ?

Service: From ? ? ? to ? ? ? = ?
years Service

[blockquote]

Royal Australian Navy

Branch:

Communication

Category:

Tactical

Enlisted:

Brisbane

Service #

R54196

Rank:

Leading Tactical Operator

Date Commenced:

21 March 1958

(9 years Service)

Description:

5' 9",

Brown hair, hazel eyes, fair complexion,
multiple scars

Embarkation: ?

Next of kin:

Moya Deidre WISE, 63/246 George St,
Waterloo, NSW

Trade:

Fruiterer

Religion:

Roman Catholic

Single / Married:

Married

Returned to Australia: ?

Good Conduct Badges: 1st – granted 21 March 1962. 2nd – granted 21 March 1966

Discharged: 20 March 1967

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=4535637>

[/blockquote]

Awards: National Medal – granted 7 November 1988

Born: 20 March 1941 – Cunnamulla, Qld

Died on: Thursday 28 July 2016 in Cunnamulla, Qld

Cause: ?TBA

Age: 75

Funeral date: ?TBA

Funeral location: ?TBA

Buried at: ?TBA

Memorial at: ?



December 2015



[alert_yellow]**KEVIN** is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance[/alert_yellow] ***NEED MORE INFO**

Funeral location: ?TBA

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Whizza was a member of the Royal Australian Navy before joined
ACT Policing.

He also dabbled in Politics as an Independent member.

May you forever Rest In Peace Whizza.

<https://results.ecq.qld.gov.au/elections/local/lg2008/ParooShire/pdf%5CMayoralCandidateContactList.pdf>

Leslie Lyall GORMAN

30/07/2016

Leslie Lyall GORMAN

aka Les

(late of Gosford)

New South Wales Police Force

[alert_yellow]Regd. #
6369[/alert_yellow]

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed
28 March 1949

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 21 January
1966

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 7 January
1976 – retirement

Stations: **?**, Queanbeyan, Bankstown (
1970's to 1980's+ as Stn Sgt), Burwood –
retirement

Service: From **?** pre March 1949 to 14
March 1982 + 32 years Service

Awards: Police Overseas Service Medal –
Clasp CYPRUS – granted 8 July 1992

Member of the 12th Contingent to Cyprus (1975 – 1976)

Born: 29 May 1927

Died on: Thursday 26 May 2016 at home

Cause: Cancer

Age: 88 – 3 days shy of his 89th

Funeral date: Wednesday 1 June 2016 @
2pm

Funeral location: Greenway Chapel &
Memorial Gardens
460 Avoca Drive, Greenpoint

*** Those of the Cyprus contingents
attending the funeral are asked to wear
your Blue Beret.**

Buried at: ?

Memorial at: ?

[alert_yellow]**LES** is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of

Remembrance[/alert_yellow] ***NEED MORE INFO**

Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

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It is with regret that we advise of the death of Les Gorman, a NSW member of the 12th Contingent to Cyprus (1975-76). Les passed away on 26 May. An email from John Crowley advising of his death and funeral details is below.

On behalf of the UNOPAA National Executive, our National Committee, our NSW Branch and all members of UNOPAA, I would like to acknowledge Less service, particularly to overseas peacekeeping, and to express our sympathy to his wife Val, his family and his friends.

He will be missed.

Regards

P McD

Peter McDonald

National Secretary/Treasurer

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APPOINTMENTS

Premier's Department

Police Department

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, approved of the following appointments:

The undermentioned members of the Police Force to be Inspectors under the **Liquor Act, 1912**, for the Licensing

Districts preceding their names, for the dates specified viz.:

Queanbeyan.— **Sergeant 1st Class Leslie Lyall Gorman**, stationed at Queanbeyan, during the absence on leave of Inspector 2nd Class Percy Roy Hale, from 7th August, 1977, to 20th August, 1977.

R. J. MULOCK, Minister of Justice.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/220206941/14430424#>

Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995), **Sunday 30 July 1978,**
page 17

**POLICE AND COURTHOUSE OPENING
GRAND DAY FOR QUEANBEYAN**

It will be a gala occasion tomorrow when the **Premier of NSW, Mr Wran**, officially opens the **new police station and courthouse** in **Queanbeyan**.

The two buildings, costing \$4 million, took 2½ years to complete.

The opening ceremony will be performed at 4pm in the foyer of the **courthouse** and about 400 people are expected to attend.

After the ceremony, the guests will move to the **Queanbeyan**

Leagues Club for afternoon tea.

Among the dignitaries who will attend the function with their wives will be the **NSW Attorney-General, Mr Walker**, the **NSW Police Commissioner, Mr Woods**, and **Deputy Commissioner, Mr Lees**, a previous **Queanbeyan police inspector, Mr Percy Hale**, and the **Superintendent in charge of country districts, Mr Alec Birnie**.

In the evening, there will be a dinner at which the public will have an opportunity to meet members of the **NSW Cabinet** which will be in town for a meeting on Tuesday.

Forty policemen, including the policewoman, are now working in the **comfort and luxury** offered by the new station which is a far cry from the previous surroundings. The **NSW Police Commissioner** is considering an application to increase the number of **general duties** and **traffic police**.

The new station has elaborate safety measures. These include sensitive alarm systems, a closed circuit TV which keeps constant watch on the backyard and an internal public-address system.

The courthouse is another modern building and comprises a **district court** and a **court of petty sessions**.



Inspector **Jack Gudgeon**, the Divisional Inspector of eight sub-stations around Queanbeyan, his wife, Betty, and Sergeant Les Gorman, Officer-in-Charge of the Queanbeyan Police Station.

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<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/110899949>

Clive Maxwell WRIGHT

30/07/2016

Clive Maxwell Timothy John WRIGHT

late of Lachlan St, Cowra

New South Wales Police Force

Father of Robert # 30890 (Windsor HWP) & Steven # 29509 (Lake Macquarie District – Toronto GD's)

Joined NSW Police Force via NSW Police Cadet system on 5 December 1960

Cadet # 1639

Police Training Centre – Redfern Academy Class 95B

Regd. # 10643

Rank: NSW Police Cadet – commenced Monday 5 December 1960 (aged 16 years, 8 months, 14 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 21 March 1963 (aged 19 years, 0 months, 0 days)

Senior Constable – appointed 21 March 1972

Sergeant – appointed 2 April 1979

Final Rank: Sergeant 1st Class

Stations: Sydney Metropolitan Area (including STP), Plain Cloths & GD's at Broken Hill, Tumut, Talbingo (around late 1960's – early 1970's), 6th Contingent to Cyprus from 13 May 1969 to 16 June 1970 as a Civilian Police Peace Keeper,

Blayney, Tea Gardens, Buronga (1980's), Cowra, Retirement
due to poor health

Wentworth & Newcastle.

Service: From 5 December 1960 to 5 September 1996 = 35
years Service

Time In Retirement: 19 years, 7 months, 16 days

Age at Retirement: 52 years, 5 months, 15 days

Awards: National Medal – granted 20 January 1981

1st Clasp to the National Medal – granted 8 June 1988

Police Overseas Service Medal – Clasp CYPRUS – granted 8 July
1992

2nd Clasp to the National Medal – granted 27 September 1996

Born: Tuesday 21 March 1943

Died on: Thursday 21 April 2016

Cause: Heart attack *see below

Age: 72 years, 1 month, 0 days

Funeral date: Monday 2 May 2016 @ 11am

Funeral location: St Raphael's Church, Lachlan Street, COWRA

Buried at: Cremated – Ashes buried in Cowra Cemetery

Grave location: Cowra Cemetery, Doncaster Dve, Cowra, NSW

Memorial Tree Section D26

* There is also a Plaque attached to his **parents grave** in Narooma (his wishes)

Memorial at: ?





Constable Clive WRIGHT at Menindee – possibly
relieving from Broken Hill – 1966



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

Funeral location: **[codepeople-post-map]**

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WRIGHT, Clive Maxwell

Passed away suddenly 21st April 2016, aged 72 years.

Late of Lachlan St, Cowra.

Loving husband of Judy & devoted father and father in law to Rob & Julie, Steve & Shayne.

Adored Pop to Liam, Jessica, Travis & Laura.

Clive's family & friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, to be held at St Raphael's Catholic Church, Cowra, commencing at 11.00am on Monday 2nd May 2016.

Thence for private cremation.

<http://philpottfunerals.com.au/>



Clive Maxwell WRIGHT Father of Robert (Windsor HWP) & Steven # 22401 (Lake Macquarie District – Toronto GD's)



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION of AUSTRALIA
NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

To believe Mr Wright

In Gratitude and Honour
for
Services to World Peace
with the
UNITED NATIONS FORCE
IN CYPRUS



Paula Smith
PRESIDENT

Patricia Lister Jones
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**CLIVE MAXWELL
WRIGHT**
21.3.44 - 21.4.16
BELOVED HUSBAND OF JUDY
LOVING FATHER OF ROBERT & STEVEN
AND ADORED POP. MISSED BY ALL
NO FAREWELL WORDS WERE SAID
NO TIME TO SAY GOODBYE
YOU WERE GONE BEFORE WE KNEW IT

D26



Clives' cause of death was a sudden and severe Heart Attack whilst Caravanning in South Australia (Mt Gambier) with Judy, his wife.

Clives' memorial (plaque) is pending but will be placed in Cowra and Narooma (his home town) soon.

He is survived by his wife, Judy, his two current serving

NSWPF sons Rob and Steven and their families.

May Clive forever Rest In Peace.

Keith Robert SKENE

30/07/2016

Keith Robert SKENE

(late of Spinnakers Leisure Park, Belmont, NSW)

New South Wales Police Force

Penrith Police College – Class # “possibly” 017 or 018

Regd. # 6654

Rank: Commenced Training at the Penrith Police College on ? ?
?

Probationary Constable – appointed 27 March 1950 (aged 22
years & 7 days)

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 13 May 1967

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 25 January 1977

Inspector 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: Inspector

Stations: ?, Police HQ – retirement

Service: From pre 27 March 1950 to 21 March 1983 = 32 years
Service

Age at Retirement: 55 years, 0 months, 1 day

Time in Retirement: 32 years, 8 months, 23 days

Awards: Police Overseas Service Medal – Clasp CYPRUS –
granted 8 July 1992

Born: Monday 20 March 1928

Died on: Monday 14 December 2015

Cause: Heart attack

Age: 87 years, 8 months & 24 days

Funeral date: Thursday 17 December 2015 @ MD

Funeral location: Chapel, Lake Macquarie Memorial Park,
Cessnock Road, Ryhope, NSW

Buried at: Lake Macquarie Memorial Park, Cessnock Road,
Ryhope, NSW

GPS: -32.99407350786819 151.52182575338134



Memorial at: ?

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

Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

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May you forever Rest In Peace Keith.

SKENE Keith Robert

Late of Spinnakers Leisure Park, Belmont

Passed away suddenly 14th December, 2015

Aged 87 Years

Dearly loved Husband of The Late BETTY SKENE.

Much loved Father, Father-in-law, Grandfather & Brother to His family.

The Relatives & Friends of KEITH are warmly invited to...

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/keith-skene-obituary?pid=176897818&affiliateid=3099>

Adam DUNNING

30/07/2016

Adam DUNNING

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

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

RAAF Reservist, 1995 –

Regd. # ?

Rank: PS01 (Protective Services Officer)

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

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

[blockquote]

Unit: RAMSI

Regiment: ?

Enlisted: ?

Service # ?

Rank: ?

Embarkation: ?

Next of kin: ?

Religion: ?

Single / Married: ?

Returned to Australia: ?

[/blockquote]

Awards: Meritorious Unit Citation for work in East Timor.

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

Born: ?

Died on: Wednesday 22 December 2004

Cause: Shot – Murdered

whilst deployed on official duties at Honiara, Solomon Islands

Age: 26

Funeral date: Thursday 30 December 2004

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

Buried at: Cremated

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



Adam DUNNING

Adam IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

Tears for the fallen as Adam comes home

By Craig Skehan and Aban Contractor
December 24, 2004



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

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

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

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

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

Standing in two straight lines, they faced the plane.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A middle-aged businessman said the overwhelming majority of

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

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

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

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

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





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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

adam-dunning-funeral

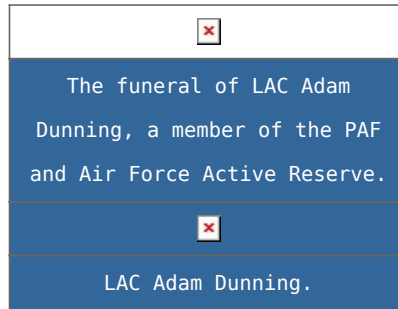
Offenders: John Hen **OME**, 31 & James **TATAU**, 29

Location of Murder: [codepeople-post-map]

Peacekeeper killed

ADG's funeral brings Air Force and police together

By FLGOFF Fiona Peacock



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Family, friends, colleagues farewell peacekeeper

By Misha Schubert
Political correspondent
Canberra

December 31, 2004

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Body of sniper victim arrives in Canberra

December 23, 2004 – 7:54PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

removed from the plane.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

More troops sent in as peacekeeper slain

By Craig Skehan and Cynthia Banham

December 23, 2004

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dunning remembered in training complex

June 23, 2005 – 4:04PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

environment that police experience when on overseas missions.

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

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

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

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

Ian Donald WARD

30/07/2016

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.

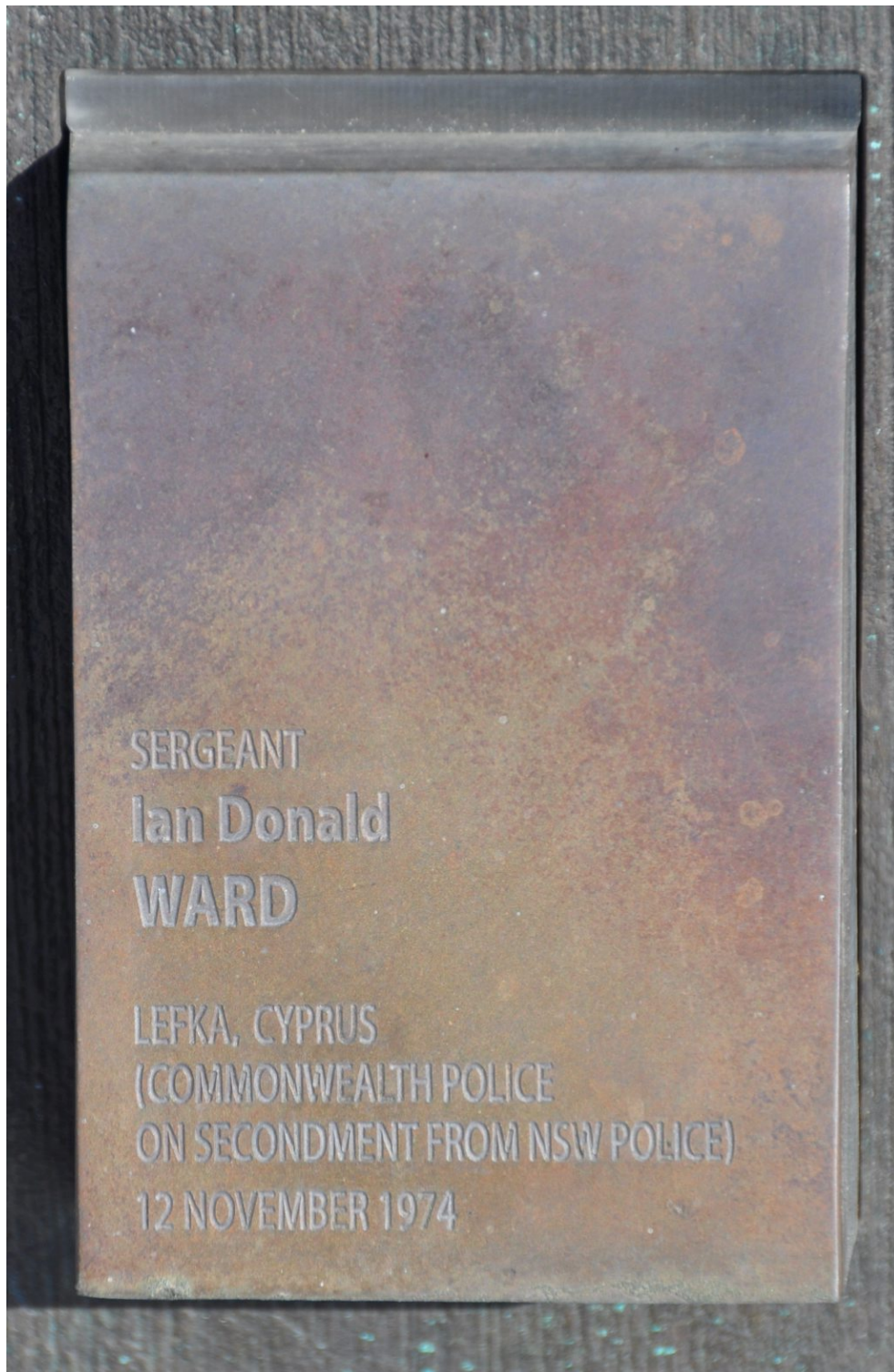
John Woolcott (# 11976) recovered from his injuries and " Woolly " later retired from NSW Police Force either as an Sergeant at Manly Police Station or an Inspector at North Sydney / Mosman. This, is yet, to be confirmed. (*10 August 2017*).



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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Assistance was provided to Senior Sergeant Elm in this project 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.

This ceremony was made possible through the assistance of the AFP Recognition and Ceremonial team

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

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November-1974-further-info

First published on 14 November 2013.

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

Patrick Mark HACKETT

30/07/2016

Patrick Mark HACKETT

New South Wales Police Force

**[alert_yellow]Regd. #
10548[/alert_yellow]**

**Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed
25 February 1963**

**Constable 1st Class – appointed 25
February 1968**

**1968 – Constable 1st Class (Acting
Inspector in Cyprus)**

**Stations: Warrants & Summons at
Eastwood, Civilian Police Contingent –
Cyprus – part of Australia's 8th
Contingent deployed in 1971.**

**Service: From Pre 25 February 1963 (as
a Trainee) to 29 August 1971 = 8+
years Service**

**Awards: Police Overseas Service Medal –
Clasp CYPRUS – granted 19 October 1992
posthumously**

**Dag Hammarskjold Medal – awarded
posthumously**

**United Nations Service medal –
posthumously**

Born: 27 May 1940

Died on: Sunday 29 August 1971

Cause: Motor vehicle accident (news paper indicates he may have been “blown up by a land mine”)

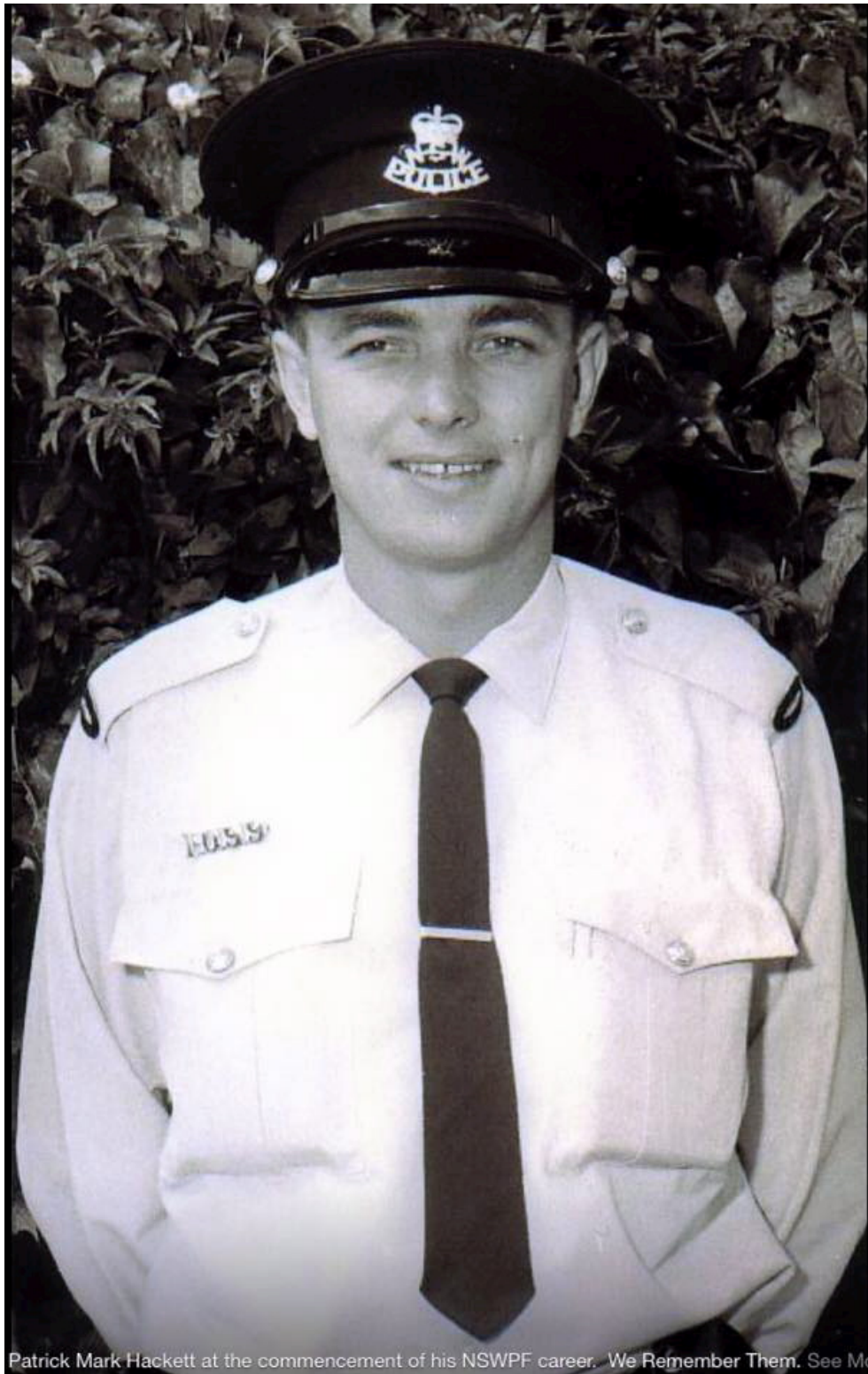
Event location: Stroumbi, Cyprus

Age: 31

Funeral date: ? – possibly 6 September 1971

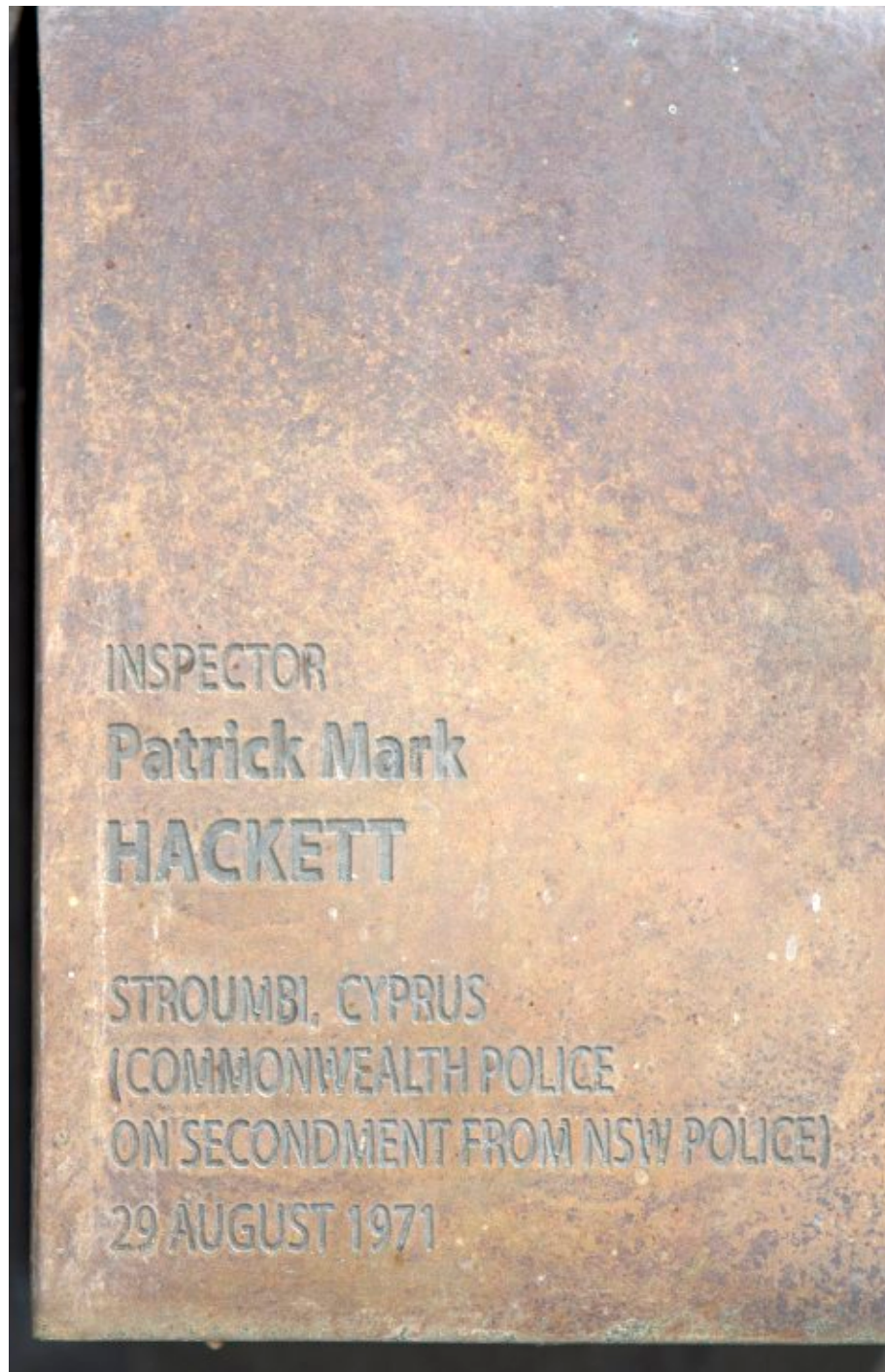
Funeral location: ? – possibly Field of Mars, Cressy Rd, Ryde, NSW

Buried at: ? – possibly Portion:
Anglican, Row: Gen Lawn 1, Plot: 558



Patrick Mark HACKETT

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



Touch Plate at the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra, for Patrick Mark HACKETT

Constable Hackett was killed in Cyprus while on special duty in that country with the United Nations Civilian Police Force (UNCIVPOL). On the 29 August, 1971 he had driven to Episkopi and Paphos before setting out to return to Polis. Whilst negotiating a number of very sharp and dangerous hairpin bends, his vehicle left the roadway, crashed down an

escarpment and overturned several times. Constable Hackett was killed instantly.

The constable was born in 1940 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 25 February, 1963. At the time of his death he was attached to the Civilian Police Contingent in Cyprus.



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

27 May 1940 – 29 August 1971

Patrick Hackett was a member of the NSW Police Force. He commenced as a Trainee in 1963 and was confirmed as a first class constable in 1968.

Patrick was sworn in as a Special Commonwealth Police Officer at the rank of inspector when he was selected to be part of Australia's Eighth Contingent to Cyprus. The contingent, part of the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission to Cyprus, was deployed to Cyprus in 1971.

Inspector Hackett was tragically killed in a car accident near Stroumbi when his vehicle left the road on a sharp corner.

He was posthumously awarded the Police Overseas Service Medal with Cyprus clasp, the United Nations Service Medal and the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal.

<http://www.afp.gov.au/~media/afp/pdf/c/cyprus-foundations-of-peace.pdf>

The Age

1 September 1971

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Canberra: An Australian policeman serving in Cyprus has been killed in a traffic accident. He was Constable Patrick Mark Hackett, of the NSW Police force.

<https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=1300&dat=19710901&id=t44QAAAAIBAJ&sjid=u5ADAAAAIBAJ&pg=2931,19596&hl=en>

In 1997 the Dags Hammarskjöld Medal is established by the United Nations to honour those who lost their lives whilst on a UN peacekeeping mission.



The family of Inspector Patrick Hackett receives the Dags Hammarskjöld Medal in 2010 from Sergeant Mark Elms, NSW Police Academy.



Dag Hammarskjöld Medal



Photos by ELIZABETH DOBBIE

Mrs Hackett at the Cenotaph yesterday ... her son's peacekeeping job in Cyprus was "an honour".

Honouring those who fell for peace

By MALCOLM BROWN

Seventeen years have passed and a mother makes an annual pilgrimage to the Cenotaph to honour the memory of a son.

Mrs Marie Hackett, 74, of Port Macquarie, travelled to Sydney to attend yesterday's memorial service to the Australian policemen and military personnel who have served over the years in United Nations peacekeeping operations.

As she has done every year since the news arrived that her son, Acting Inspector Patrick Mark Hackett, 31, had been blown up by a land mine in Cyprus, Mrs Hackett has faithfully placed a wreath at the memorial.

The service yesterday — United Nations Day — honoured people like Patrick Hackett who have served in peacekeeping forces in Korea, the Congo, Kashmir, West Irian, Syria, Lebanon and Cyprus. Guest-of-honour was the NSW Minister for Police, Mr Pickering.

The police contingent, led by the tall, spruce figure of the Deputy Police Commissioner, Mr Angus Graham, was accompanied by a smaller number of returned military observers.

Australia began supporting United Nations peacekeeping forces in 1947 with commitments to the UN efforts in Indonesia and the Balkans, followed by a commitment to the UN military observers group in India-Pakistan in 1949 which lasted till 1985.

Australia's present commitment is 15 military observers to Iran and Iraq. There have been few casualties, they have not engaged in overtly hostile activities or faced hostile fire. But the work has been nerve-racking and dangerous.

In January Captain Peter McCarthy, 32, an Australian Army

officer, was killed with his Canadian companion in Lebanon when the jeep in which he was travelling on a reconnaissance mission hit a land-mine.

In the case of Patrick Hackett, old boy of St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill, the end was just as sudden and just as unnecessary.

"Patrick always wanted to be a policeman," Mrs Hackett said. "But his father insisted he get some other qualification first, so he did a mining engineers course at Broken Hill."

"He joined the NSW Police Force at 23 — the day after he finished his course — and served in general duties and plain clothes."

"He was one of 12 policemen in New South Wales and 48 in Australia to be selected for the Cyprus peacekeeping force. It was an honour to be selected and he was very excited about it."

"He was over there for two months. He wrote glowing reports of the place. He was very happy over there. He associated with the people and got to know them very well."

"On the day he died, on August 29, he went to Mass at one end of the island, collected some mail and was returning to his base in a police jeep."

"He was alone in the jeep and nobody saw it happen. Villagers alerted the police and he was found very quickly but to no avail."

His body was returned to Australia and he was buried with full police honours.

Mrs Hackett, who had three sons and had lost another in a motor accident, said the police tradition may continue in the family.

Patrick's nephew, Liam, aged 15, of Grafton, was showing interest in a career with the police, working the backblocks if not patrolling the world stage.



In the frontline ... Four-year-old Mark Shenouda, of Bangor, at the ceremony.

**POLICE KILLED OR WHO DIED FROM INJURIES RECEIVED IN THE
EXECUTION OF THEIR DUTIES**

On 13th August, 1971, Senior Constable **William Edward King**, who was then the officer-in-charge of police, East Gresford, was shot dead at East Gresford Police Station by a man who fired upon him with a rifle.

On 29th August, 1971, Constable 1st Class **Patrick Mark Hackett** died from injuries received in a motor accident at Polis, Cyprus, whilst performing duty with the New South Wales Police component of the Australian Police Contingent of the United Nations Peace Keeping Force.

On 30th September, 1971, Sergeant Second Class **William Watson Riley** and Senior Constable **Maurice Raymond McDiarmid**, both then attached to Blacktown Police Station, were shot dead in a house at Toongabbie which they had entered to arrest a man who a short time before had murdered his brother and raped a woman in the same house.

A police funeral with full ceremonial honours was accorded these deceased officers at which appropriate tributes were paid.

In recognition of their outstanding courage Sergeant Riley and Senior Constable McDiarmid were posthumously promoted by me to Sergeant 1st Class and Sergeant 3rd Class respectively. In addition, I submitted recommendations to the Premier for

favour of consideration of Royal Awards being granted in both cases.

To assist the widows of the deceased police the Premier approved the payment to each of them of the sum of \$12,500 as a gratuity. This payment did not in any way affect their entitlements to payments under the provisions of the Police Regulation (Superannuation) Act.

Report to the Police Department for 1971 – printed 7 September 1972
