

William CARPENTER

22/11/2021

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AKA ?

Late of Harris Park, NSW

NSW Belmore Barracks Class # ? ? ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 'Q' 4304

For the purposes of this website 'Q' represents those Police joining between 1 March 1862 (commencement of NSWPF) – 23 February 1915 (Commencement of NSWPF current numbering system)

Service: From 4 December 1882 to ? April 1906 = 24+ years
Service in NSW & then whatever time he Serving with the Irish
Constabulary

Rank: Was a member of the Irish Constabulary prior to
emigrating to Australia in ? ? ?

Probationary Constable- appointed Monday 4 December 1882

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (NO)

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank = Constable

Stations: Kiama (Illawarra)(1884), ?, O.I.C. Moss Vale (10 August 1891 – 25 May 1894), Parramatta (18 Division)(26 May 1894 – April? 1906) – Death

Retirement / Leaving age: = 50 – 51

Time in Retirement from Police: a few weeks

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours system

Born: ? ? 1856 in Ireland

Died on: Saturday 26 May 1906 during the evening

Age: 50 – 51

Cause: Heart failure

Event location: Harris Park, NSW

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Monday 28 May 1906

Funeral location: Graveside

Funeral Parlour:

Buried at: Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood, NSW

Grave Location: Zone C, Section 05, Grave 785

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

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



There is no gravestone. Plot is dead centre of photo.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/179659676/william-carpenter/photo>

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

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

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Australian Police YouTube Channel

Scrutineer and Berrima District Press (NSW : 1892 – 1948),
Wednesday 30 May 1906, page 2

Death of Constable Carpenter.

The death of **Constable William Carpenter**, who was in charge of the **Moss Vale police station** from August 10, **1891**, to May 25, **1894**, and was then transferred to **Parramatta**, took place at the latter **town** on **Saturday** last after a long illness.

After recovering from a severe attack of **pneumonia** he was **retired as unfit for further service.**

A few weeks later he was again taken ill with an affection of

the heart and from that attack never recovered.

He had been in the service **about 30 years** and was a most efficient officer and highly respected by all who knew him.

He was twice married, his first wife and their child **predeceasing him** nearly **twelve years**, their remains being laid to rest at **Bowral**.

He married again, and leaves a **wife and eight-year-old son** to mourn their loss.

He was a brother-in-law to Mr. **H. Jervis, Moss Vale**.

Deceased's remains were **interred** in the **Church of England cemetery at Rookwood** on **Monday last**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/125559912>

Cumberland Argus and Fruit growers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW : 1888 – 1950), **Wednesday 30 May 1906**, page 2

DEATH OF CONSTABLE CARPENTER

Constable Wm. Carpenter (for really he died in harness, though the authorities regarded the matter, technically, in a different light) passed away on Saturday evening.

A few weeks ago he appeared to make a rally from the effects of his serious attack of illness ; but matters took a fatal turn a few days later, and then the end came, somewhat suddenly.

The funeral, which was largely attended, took place on **Monday afternoon**, the Rev. H. F. L. Palmer reading the Burial Service

at the **graveside** at the **Necropolis, Rookwood**, and Mr. Ralph Metcalfe having charge of the funeral arrangements.

The clergyman took the opportunity afforded by the presence of scores of men (some of whom, by the nature of their occupations, have but limited opportunities of attending public worship regularly) to say a few earnest and solemn words suited to the occasion, referring to the opportunities afforded during this life of doing some good and thus " rising (through Christ) to the life eternal. " Mr. Palmer referred in a few affectionately-toned words to the gentleness and patience and valour, in suffering, of the comrade there departed, whose career and character had won him such universal respect and esteem in all the districts in which he had lived in Australia. Among those present at the funeral were : Inspector Grugeon, Dr. Kearney, ex-Sub-Inspector Fowler, Senior-Sergeant Bennett, Sergeant Nies, Mr. T. R. Moxham, Messrs. C. E. Byrnes, A. Holmes, Alderman Telfer, Messrs. G. H. Mobbs, J. Ridal, W. Board, W. Moxham, West Harkins, Smith, Robertson, R. Yates, Gimbert, Eddie, Allison, Orr, Mortimer, Denman, Campbell, Williamson, Gill, Rafter, Overton, Gilchrist. Mahony, Senior-Constable Noble (an old friend, from Wollongong). Mr. Trelford (special constable, Minmi, who had served with the deceased in the Irish constabulary in the old country), Messrs. Clarke, Travers, Poole, Williams, Draper, Beattie, Byers, Trevillian, Grigor, Black, Lowe, Bolton, Kenny, Monks, Yates, Montgomery, J. Newling, Perry, Baker, W. O'Brien, Barker, S. Hill, Shute, Harvey, Miller, W. and K. Garland, Nagle, Brown, Fleming, T. Bray, Dawes, Wagner, Byers. Beautiful wreaths were laid upon the coffin, among them being those from Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Byrnes, Nurse Slattery, the Misses Ambridge, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gimbert, Mr. and Mrs. Monks, Mr. J. Vincent and family, Mrs. Howe and family, Mr. and Mrs. Low and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Garland, Mr. and Mrs. Bolton.

Kiama Independent, and Shoalhaven Advertiser (NSW : 1863 – 1947), Friday 8 February 1884, page 2

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Before H. Connell, and J. H. Caird Js P. Petty Larceny.- **Christina Linklater**, who appeared before the court with an infant in her arms, with which she had been incarcerated since the previous night, was charged with stealing a saddle the property of one **William Goodwin**, who valued it at 5s.

Constable William Carpenter, being sworn, stated that he apprehended the prisoner between 11 and 12 o'clock on Wednesday night, and charged her with stealing a saddle (produced) from a horse's back in **Tory's Yard**.

She said she knew nothing about it ; he believed her to be under the influence of drink at the time ; he took her to the lock-up with her baby in her arms ; he believed she had five children at home with no one to look after them. Prisoner elected to be dealt with summarily, and was ordered to be imprisoned in the Kiama lock-up for 24 hours.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/101639538>

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

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22 November 2021

John Thomas O'BRIEN

22/11/2021

John Thomas O'BRIEN

Late of ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 2815

(this Regd # pre-dates the current numbering system which commenced on 25 February 1915)

Rank: Mounted Constable – appointed 4 October 1876

Constable 1st Class – appointed 1 June
1878

Stations: ?, Muswellbrook (1877 – Sept
1880), Cessnock (1880), Cooranbong (1884),
Coonamble (1886), Lochinvar (1888), possibly
stationed at Greta (1891), Lockup Keeper at Paterson,
Mulbring and Forster. At the time of his death he was
stationed at Raymond Terrace.

Service: From 4 October 1876 to 31
May 1906 = 29+ years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: 13 October 1845 @ Menangle, NSW

Died on: Thursday 31 May 1906

Age: 60

Cause: Heart attack

Event location: Outside Raymond Terrace
Court

Event date: Thursday 31 May 1906

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: Pioneer Hill, Raymond Terrace Historic Cemetery, Elizabeth Ave

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?

[alert_red]JOHN is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance *BUT SHOULD BE

Funeral location: TBA

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Dear people. This is a VERY long post about **Mounted Constable John Thomas O'BRIEN** and his time line. Born 1845, died 1906.

I put it up because of the entry in **1883**. This was not just a normal sitting on the last day of the **Court at Cooranbong** for the time being. After all proceedings had been dealt with, it would appear that it was a 'set up' by a number of Magistrates, JP's and persons of note who were present at the end of Court proceedings at which **Constable O'Brien** was giving evidence. These other Magistrates etc would not normally have been in the one place at the same time.

At the time of his death he had a **wife** and **6 children** (**his second wife**) to which she was paid a '**gratuity**' of 240 pounds to pay for funeral expenses. His **second wife** died **September 1906** at **Picton** 4 months **after John**. He had **about** 8 children with his **first wife** whom had died then married his second wife.

I have NEVER seen/found a testimonial given to a serving Constable under such circumstances as a transfer.

His stations included Muswellbrook, Cessnock, Coonamble, Cooranbong, Lockup Keeper at Preston, Lochinvar, Mulbring and possibly Forster. At the time of his death he was stationed at **Raymond Terrace**.

1845.

John Thomas O'Brien, born 13/10/1845, Menangle, New South Wales to Irish born parents both of whom were born County Limerick, Ireland.

1876

John Thomas O'Brien – Appointment to Mounted Police NSW 4 Oct, 1876. Registered No. 2815. Height: 5ft 7inches. Eyes: Hazel. Hair: Dark. Complexion: Dark. A Native of: N S Wales Married or Single: M. Calling: Timber Dealer. Religion: R C.

Appearance: Good. District: North East. Date of Apptmt: 4 Oct, 1876 Rank: Constable. Remarks: **1st Class 1/6/78**

1877

Stationed at Muswellbrook, NSW. (Trove court notices)

1878

1/6/1878. Promoted to Constable 1st Class

1880

Stationed at Cessnock, NSW. (Trove court notices)

1883

An extract from Maitland Times 1883 regarding Const John Thomas O'Brien on the final day of the 2 week sitting of the CPS Cooranbong, who gave evidence on a couple of matters.

Before the court adjourned, and whilst the magistrates were still on the bench, between four and five p.m., the Police Magistrate presented to Constable John Thomas O'Brien a very handsome gold watch and chain (Burton make and Indian turned), which had been sent after Mr. O'Brien by the people at Cessnock, where he had lately been stationed, in recognition of his services there. The watch and chain, valued at £34 sterling, were accompanied by a suitable address.-

The Police Magistrate (Mr. Beeve), in presenting the watch and chain to Constable O'Brien, said:

"Mr. O'Brien, the Cooranbong Bench are very happy indeed to see that your services have been so cordially recognised, and so handsomely acknowledged by those amongst whom, at Cessnock, for some considerable time, you discharged your duties as a peace officer. Speaking for myself personally, and feeling sure that I am only expressing the sentiments of my brother magistrates, Mr. Andrew S. Browne and Mr. Thomas Bussell, J.P, I am bound to state that I esteem this portion of Brisbane Water, and the country adjacent thereto, extremely fortunate in having a police officer stationed here, who is at once courteous, fearless, intelligent, and independent-minded (as we think) by a sincere desire to do all his duty, without any wish whatever to go beyond it, We are then more pleased to be

the persons chosen to hand you this very beautiful watch and chain, because their value has been, in our opinion, very greatly enhanced through an official permission, given to us by your superiors publicly to make this presentation to you on behalf of your friends at Cessnock. The neatly engrossed address (above referred to) signed on behalf of the inhabitants of Cessnock, by Messrs. Martin Bouffier, Walter C. Green J.P., J, A. Jones, William Stafford, L, C. Kelman, John Gouldsbury, John Doyle, and Michael Carroll, was also handed over to Constable O'Brien, with the watch and chain.

It was as follows: To Constable J. T, O'Brien, Cessnock.

Dear Sir. Hearing that you are about to be promoted to another station we desire to express our regret at your departure. During the period of two years' and a-half residence amongst us, you have discharged important and frequently very difficult duties, with benefit to the public and much credit to yourself. The representatives of every interest acknowledge that your activity and vigilance have given security and protection. Your exemplary propriety of demeanour has justly gained for yourself and family our respect and esteem. With this intimation of our appreciation of your meritorious conduct, we solicit your acceptance of the accompanying gold watch and chain. Wishing that you, together with Mrs. O'Brien and family, may be prosperous and happy in your new sphere of action. We remain, dear sir, yours sincerely,.

The two assisting magistrates, Mr. Andrew S. Browne, J.P., and Mr. Thomas Bussell, J.P., intimated their hearty concurrence in all that had been said by their chairman, Mr, E. Beeta-

Mr. J. T. O'Brien, in returning thanks to his good friends at Cessnock for the very handsome testimonial just presented to him in their name and in so complimentary a manner by the Bench, desired to say that he could only hope he might long continue to have a just claim to such terms of approval. It would always be his study to do his utmost to gain and to retain the support of the bench at the place at which he might be stationed; and, at the same time, to do his duty, fearlessly and conscientiously, towards the public at large.

Whether he could always expect to please everybody by such a course was, of course, another matter. He begged their Worships to have the goodness to convey to the people of Cessnock his very strong sense of the kind feeling which they had been pleased thus liberally to manifest towards him, and to assure them of the very great pleasure it had given him to receive not only that beautiful watch and chain, but the kind address with which that testimonial was accompanied. He confessed he could hardly understand how he could have merited such a distinguished mark of approval from the people of Cessnock during the comparatively short time that he was amongst them, but during that short time he had, he felt bound to say, always driven to discharge his duty. It might have been that in so doing he might have sometimes have given offence to somebody; but if so, he could not help that.

Every policeman had his duty to do, and that duty he was at all times bound to hold himself ready to discharge, without laying himself out to please any person whatever, outside of it. He had made that, at the outset of his service in the force, a rule of duty, and he would always stick to it, he would never let any secondary consideration come between him and what he thought he ought to do. He begged the Bench to transmit to those who had sent him this watch and chain his heartfelt thanks. He would like also, in the same way to send his heartfelt thanks to Messrs. Carroll, Stafford, and Doyle for their friendly aid in assisting him to shift his things to Cooranbong, at his rather hasty removal from his old station, where, it seemed he had still, he was proud to think, so many friends. A similar acknowledgement was also due from him to those ladies at Cessnock, whose kindness and attention to Mrs. O'Brien and their young family on their leaving Cessnock was something it would be quite impossible for him ever to forget. The Court then adjourned until Monday, the 12th November.

1886

Stationed at Coonamble, NSW. Appointed as Clerk of the Petty Sessions.

1891

Possibly stationed at Greeta

1906.

Constable John Thomas O'Brien died 31/5/1906.

Constable John Thomas O'Brien, of Raymond Terrace, dropped dead outside the courthouse there on Thursday, from heart failure. Deceased was a well-known member of the police force of the State, in which he had served for 29 years and four months, and would have been entitled to retire upon his pension in eight months' time. He had been in failing health for some time, and was just upon 60 years of age. Deceased, who was a smart, efficient constable, leaves a large family. For many years he occupied the position of lockup keeper at Paterson, and had also been stationed at Cessnock, Cooranbong, Mulbring, Lochinvar, and Foster.

From a public member family tree. – Buried at the "Pioneer Hill" Raymond Terrace Historic Cemetery. Burial service by Father Bernard McKierman.

I have sent off an inquiry to the Raymond Terrace Historical Society regarding our above friend and a possible burial site/headstone. Being the weekend, I may not hear for a while.

(Kevin Banister)

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Thomas LEONARD

22/11/2021

Thomas LEONARD

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Senior Constable

Stations: ?, Condobolin, Orange (12

years), Perth (Perthville)(12 months)

Service: From ? to Thursday 27
December 1906 = 24 years Service

Awards: ?

Born: ? ? ? in Ireland

Died on: Thursday 27 December 1906 @
8.30pm

Cause: accidentally swallowing poison

Age: 58

Funeral date: Saturday 29 December 1906
@ 11am

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: Catholic portion of the
Bathurst general cemetery

Memorial at: ?

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

In pursuance of his duties Senior-constable Leonard, had visited **George's Plains (a few miles from Perth)** on Boxing Day, doing the trip on a bicycle, as was his custom. Returning home dusty and tired, he decided to have a glass of wine, and, going to a number of bottles in a corner of the room, picked up one that had been opened, poured some of the contents into a glass, and drank it. Feeling a bitter taste in his mouth, Leonard examined the bottle from which he had poured the liquid, and found that it contained battery solution, a mixture of mercury, sulphuric acid, etc. The solution was the same color as the wine and the constable was unable to detect his mistake until he had drunk the poison. He immediately applied emetics, and went to the hotel and from there he was taken subsequently to the Bathurst hospital, where he died.

The late senior-constable was **55 years of age**, and leaves a **widow** and **10 children**.

His connection with the police force extended to within two or three years of a **quarter of a century**. Formerly he was stationed at **Condobolin**, and was for **12 years** at **Orange**, whither he was transferred to **Perth 12 months ago**.

Constable Styles will commence his duties at Perth on the **first of next month**.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/44394543>

Constable's Fatal Mistake

POISON INSTEAD of wine

Mr **T C K McKell**, **District Coroner**, yesterday inquired into the circumstances surrounding the death of **Senior-Constable Thomas Leonard**, which took place at the **Bathurst District Hospital** at half-past eight on Thursday night. **Senior Constable Meagher** said that he was on duty in **William-street** at 7 o'clock on the evening of **Boxing Day**, when **Dr Brooke Moore** called him to where the deceased was **standing** in **Keppel Street**, and said:
*" Senior Constable Leonard is, after drinking battery solution in mistake for wine, and I have pumped his stomach, and done all I can do for him. You had better take him to **Fitzpatrick's Hotel**, which is close by, and where I can attend to him. "*

Witness took him to the hotel, and put him to bed. The deceased complained of feeling very cold, and was vomiting and purging badly. Witness gave him three doses of medicine, which was prescribed by the doctor to be taken every hour.

Asked by witness how the accident occurred, deceased said :
*" I went to **Georges Plains** on my bicycle after dinner to-day on duty, and returned home at about 5 . 30 p m ; I was tired and thirsty and went into the bedroom, where there was a bottle of wine on the floor. There was another bottle by the side of it. I picked up the bottle and poured out what would be 'a good nip of whisky' into a glass. It was the odour of the wine, and I drank it . It was terribly bitter. I looked at the bottle, It was marked '**poison.**' I then saw that I had taken battery solution in mistake for the wine. I immediately drank some **mustard and water** which made me sick, and I was then brought into **Dr Brooke Moore**, who pumped my stomach out. "*

At 10 o'clock deceased was removed to the hospital, where he died on the following night.

Deceased was **58** years of age, a native of **Ireland**, and had

George BRAYNE

22/11/2021

George BRAYNE

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Sergeant

Stations: Parramatta 1873 – 1880, Hill End, Tambaroora,

Bathurst, Mendooran, Denison Town 1885, Girilambone,

Rylstone, Wollar, Carcoar, Peak Hill March 1901 – 5 November
1906

Awards: ?

Service: From 1873 to 5 November 1906

Born: 1850? – 1851?, Brighton, England

Died: Monday 5 November 1906

Age: 56

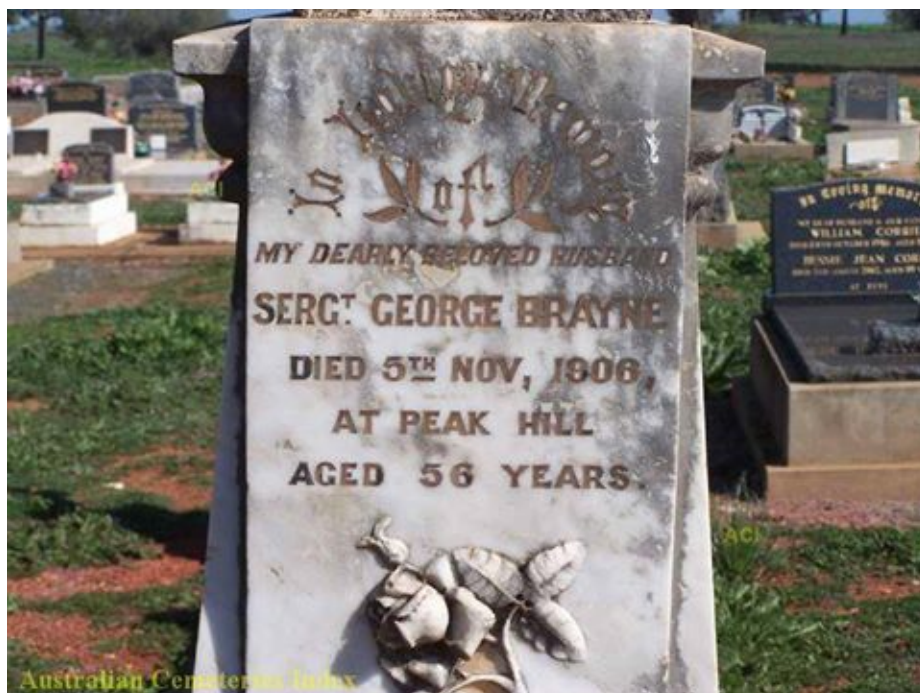
Cause: Pneumonia

Funeral date: Tuesday 6 November 1906

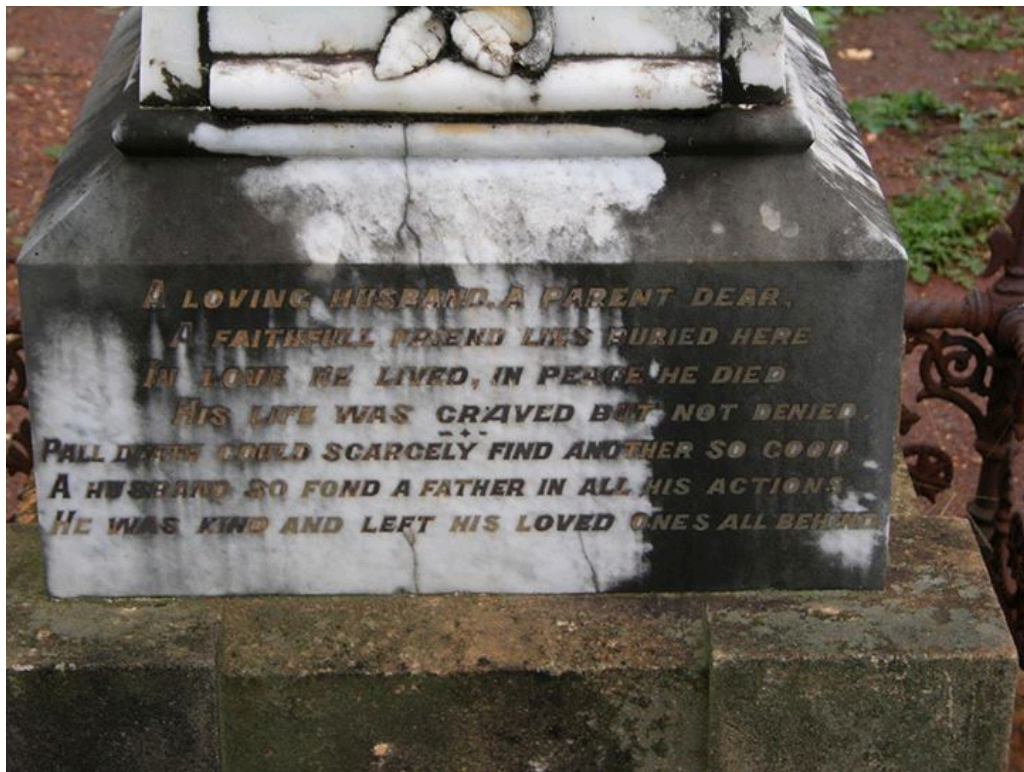
Funeral location: ?

Grave location: Peak Hill Cemetery, Anglican Section, Row N,
Lot 17

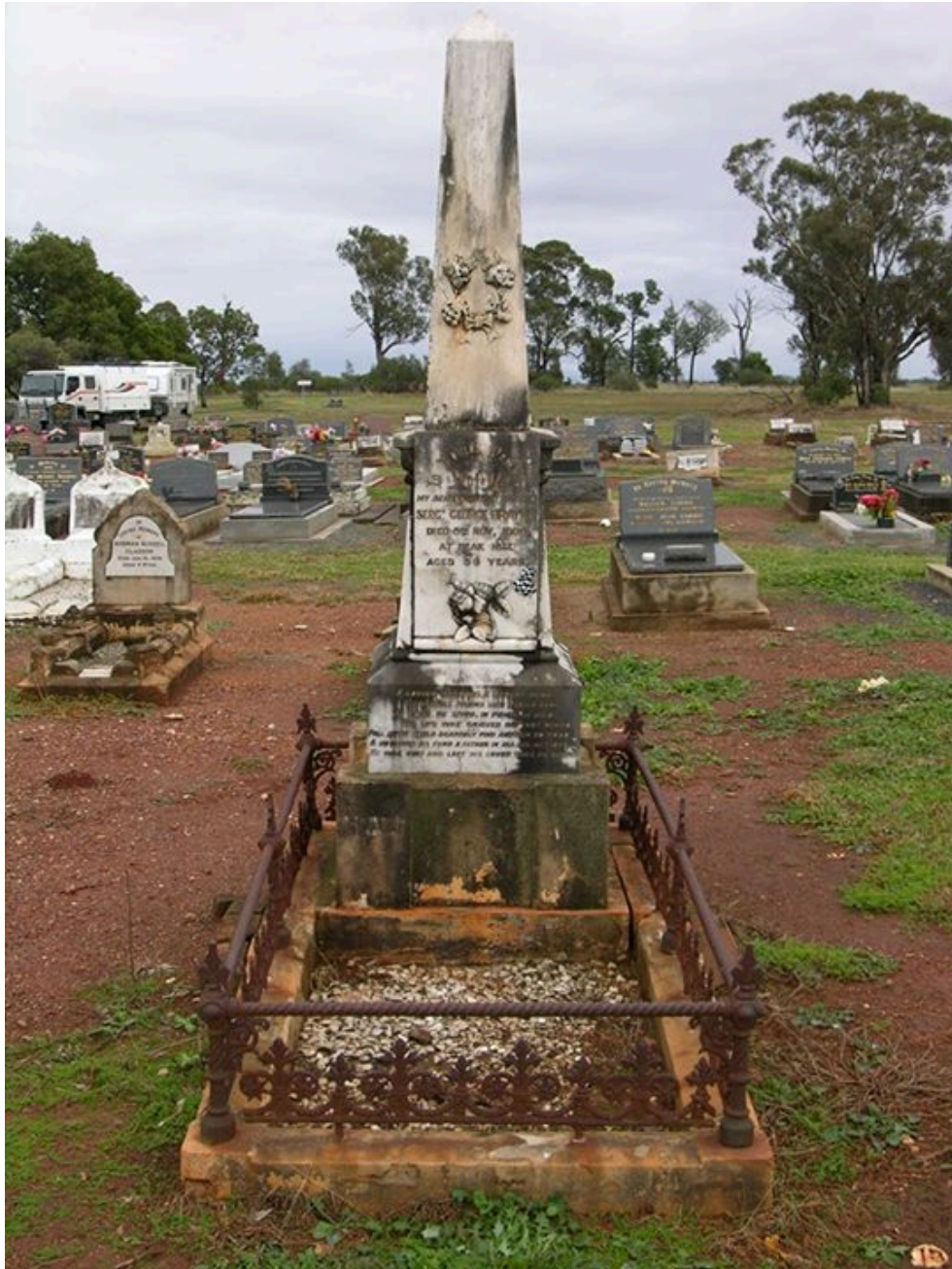
George is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance



George BRAYNE



A LOVING HUSBAND, A PARENT DEAR,
A FAITHFULL FRIEND LIES BURIED HERE
IN LOVE HE LIVED, IN PEACE HE DIED
HIS LIFE WAS CRAVED BUT NOT DENIED
PALL DEATH COULD SCARGELY FIND ANOTHER SO GOOD
A HUSBAND SO FOND A FATHER IN ALL HIS ACTIONS
HE WAS KIND AND LEFT HIS LOVED ONES ALL BEHIND



George Brayne grave

OBITUARY.

Sergeant George Brayne.

The Peak Hill Express (NSW)
November 1906

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It is with feelings of the very deepest regret that we are called upon to announce the death of Sergeant George Brayne, which sad event took place shortly after midnight on Sunday. The deceased gentleman had long been a sufferer from asthma

and heart trouble, but no one to see his stalwart and robust figure – Sergeant Brayne was a man of fine physique – a month or so ago would have thought that he was ever troubled with ill health, or that his hours had been numbered –

” In the midst of life we are in death. ”

A few weeks ago Sergeant Brayne received notice of his removal to the charge of **Sunny Corner police station**, and in consequence he disposed of his household furniture, &c., but while waiting to hand over his papers to his successor contracted **pneumonia** and was obliged to take to his bed. Mrs. Brayne was also taken seriously ill about the same time, but subsequently recovered. A private nurse (Mrs. Thos. Golding) tenderly nursed the sick officer, and Dr. Corfe was in attendance night and day, but it soon became apparent that there was little hope of a recovery. Sergeant Brayne lingered for a couple of weeks and passed away as stated, the immediate cause of death being heart failure.

Sergeant Brayne was a native of Brighton, England, and was **56** years of age at the time of his death. He was a son of the late **Charles G. J. Brayne**, at one time head **gaoler** at **Dubbo**, and who died some **twenty years ago**. When **seven years** of age young **George Brayne** came to **New South Wales** with his parents, and **33 years ago** entered the police force, his first station being **Parramatta**. Seven years later he was appointed to the charge of a station, and proving himself a zealous and capable officer rose to the rank of **Sergeant**. During his career he was **stationed at Hill End, Tambaroora, Bathurst, Mungah, Denison Town, Girilambone, Rylstone, Wollar, Carcoar**, and five years ago last March was appointed to succeed Sergeant O'Brien at **Peak Hill**. About a year ago Sergeant Brayne was offered the charge of **Parkes** police station, but preferred to remain at **Peak Hill**. Had the Sergeant lived another few years he would have been **eligible** to retire on a well-earned pension. In **1874** Sergeant Brayne married **Miss Amelia Gallagher** at **Parramatta**, daughter of the late **Constable Gallagher** of that city, and

together they reared a family of **two sons** and **six daughters** – Messrs. George and Ernest, Mrs. Barton, and Misses Edith, Clara, Muriel, Victoria and Minnie. Deceased was a brother to **Inspector C. W. Brayne** of **Braidwood**, **Constable W. H. Brayne**, of **Double Bay**, and a brother of Mrs. S. Howlett, Parramatta.

Telegrams and letters sympathising with the bereaved widow and family were received from Mrs. Howlett and Miss L. Laver (Parramatta), Mrs. Wilson (Sydney), Mrs. Egan (Carcoar), Mrs. Coleman (The Oaks), Mrs. F. R. C. Hopkins (Carcoar), Mr. P. Mikkleson (Blayney), Mr. G. M. Links (Carcoar), Mr. J. W. Lees (Tomingley), Mr. A. W. Page (Carcoar), Mr. P. Gallagher (Sydney), Mr. C. Higgs (Carcoar), Mr. J. Bouchier (Narromine), Mr. H. Barton (Wollar), Mr. A. Davey (Parramatta), **Mr. W. H. Brayne (Edgecliffe)**, **Mr. C. W. Brayne (Braidwood)**, Mr. G. Fletcher (Canowindra), Mr. R. Gallagher (Woollahra), Mr. J. J. Pettingell (Kiama), Mrs. R. Long (Albion Park), Miss C. Barton (Randwick), Mrs. Brady (Carcoar), Mr. and Mrs. Petersen (Carcoar), Mrs. Hawkins (Carcoar), Mr. and Mrs. Tucker (Carcoar), Members Myalls-Peak Hill Band, Mr. and Mrs. Thos Ring, Mr. E. H. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Christophers, Dr. Hansard, Mrs. Wynne, Mr. and Mrs. E. Wooden, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Upton (Penrith), Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Clements and family.

The funeral took place on **Monday** afternoon, and was very largely attended, the sad cortege being considerably over a quarter of a mile in length.

Sergeant **McLeay**, Constables **Williams (Tomingley)**, **Dixon (Alectown)**, **Hill** and **Pope (Peak Hill)** acted as **pall-bearers**, and in **trooper's uniform**, and on **horseback**, preceded the hearse to the cemetery where the remains of their late comrade were laid to rest in the **Church of England** portion, the **burial** service being conducted by the **Rev. H. G. Wiltson**.

The lovely **cedar casket** was literally smothered with wreaths sent by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wynne, Mrs. McAtamney and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Hartas, Mr. and

Mrs. Franks and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Fraser and Misses Jenner, Mrs. Williamson and family, Mrs. W. Oxley and family, Sisters of St. Joseph, Mrs. Brooks, Miss E. Golding, Misses Cavanagh, Miss T. Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Davey, Mrs. H. and Miss Stanford, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dow, Mrs G. Carrington, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. H. Williams and family, Mrs. H. Pears and Mrs. S. Hartin, Mr. J. Marks and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. Stanford and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barrett, Mrs. J. Matthews and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. McLean and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. McAuliffe, Mr. and Mrs. DeLacy, Mr. and Mrs. W. Norris, **Peak Hill Police**, Mr. and Mrs. S. Wildie, Mr. J. Harvey, and Mrs. Veitch and family.

The Express tenders its deepest sympathy with the bereaved widow and family in this, one of the greatest of earthly trials that they could be called upon to bear.

Brother of Inspector Charles. William BRAYNE – deceased 22 December 1922, aged 75

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

police service of New South Wales, died at Peak Hill on **Monday**, after a month's illness. The deceased officer, who was known to many of the old diggers of **Araluen** now resident in the **Newcastle** district, had just been transferred to **Sunny Corner**, but was unable to go to his new station, having contracted pneumonia. With his **brother***, **Sub-inspector C. W. Brayne**, of **Braidwood**, he was previously a miner working in the claims at **Araluen** in the palmy days.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/124033458?searchTerm=Sergeant%20george%20brayne&searchLimits=#pstart12635776>

* This article states that George & Charles were brothers, whilst other articles have them as father & son.

The Braidwood Dispatch & Mining Journal (NSW)
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The Death of Sergeant Brayne – The Peak Hill Express says that the death of **Sergeant George Brayne** has been greatly lamented by all in that district. After lingering for a couple of weeks he passed away on Sunday week at the age of 56. He was a **brother*** of **Sub Inspector Brayne**, of **Braidwood**. He was a native of **Brighton, England**. He has been in the police force **33** years. A few weeks before his death he received notice of his removal to **Sunny Corner**, and in consequence had disposed of his personal effects, and was only waiting to hand over his papers to his successor when he was laid low with pneumonia, which rapidly took him off. His funeral was very largely attended, the cortege being considerably over a quarter of a mile long.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/130424112?searchTerm=Sergeant%20George%20Brayne&searchLimits=#pstart10965825>

Molong Express and Western District Advertiser (NSW)
Saturday **4 May 1901** page 1 of 12

Sergeant George Brayne has been appointed an Inspector, at Peak Hill, under the Liquor Act, 1898.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/140058061?searchTerm=Sergeant%20George%20Brayne&searchLimits=#pstart16157192>

IN MEMORIAM.

BRAYNE—In loving memory of my dear Husband and our Father, **GEORGE BRAYNE**, late **Sergeant of Police**, Peak Hill, who departed this life 5th November, 1906.

Dearest husband and father thou has left us,
We thy loss we most deeply feel,
But 'tis God who hast bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.
One weary year has passed away,
Friends may think the wound is healed,
But they little know the sorrow
Deep within our hearts concealed.

Inserted by his loving wife and children
Muriel, Vic, Minnie, **George** and Ern.

The Peak Hill Express.

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George PAYNE – Memorial post 1907
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Location of cemetery: [codepeople-post-map]

the Cumberland Argus & Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta
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The Widow

After a brief illness, Mrs. Amelia Brayne, of 108 Wigram-

street, Harris Park, died at Parramatta District Hospital on **Monday**. She was aged **85** years. She was the **widow** of the late **Police-Sergeant Geo. Brayne**, of **Peak Hill**, and had resided at **Harris Park** for **32 years**. She is survived by Mr. **George** Brayne (Harris Park) and Mr. **Ernest** Brayne (Punchbowl), sons, and Mrs. H. Barton (Westmead), Mrs. A. R. Warren (Rosehill), and Mrs. O. Rock (Concord), daughters.

The funeral left the parlors of Charles Innes and Son, Parramatta, on Tuesday afternoon for the Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood. Rev. G. F. B. Manning officiated. Numerous floral tributes were forwarded.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/106204943?searchTerm=Sergeant%20george%20brayne&searchLimits=#pstart10073547>

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Peter HYNES

22/11/2021

Peter HYNES

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.

The Register (Adelaide) Tuesday **25 December 1906** page 7 of 12

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/56695741?searchTerm=polic%20suicide&searchLimits=l-australian=y>

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.

Evening News (Sydney)
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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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John James WALLACE

22/11/2021

John James WALLACE

New South Wales Police Force

Metropolitan Police Force (NSW)

Regd. # ?

Uniform # 64?

Rank: Constable 1st Class

Stations: ?, Newtown Police Station

Service: From 12 July 1894 to 11
February 1906 = 11+ years

Awards: ?

Born: ? ? 1860

Died on: Sunday 11 February 1906

Cause: Shot – Murdered

Event location: King St, Newtown

Age: 41

Funeral date: Sunday 18 February 1906

**Funeral location: St Enoch's
Presbyterian Church, Newtown**

Buried at: Rookwood Cemetery

GPS of Grave:



THIS MONUMENT
WAS ERECTED BY THE
GOVERNMENT
OF NEW SOUTH WALES TO
JOHN WALLACE
A CONSTABLE OF THE
METROPOLITAN POLICE FORCE
WHO WAS SHOT DEAD WHILE IN
THE EXECUTION OF HIS DUTY
ON THE 11TH DAY OF
FEBRUARY 1906
AGED 41.

REST BELOVED.



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

The constable was shot at a dwelling in **King Street, Newtown** by the offender **Tanna**, who had been involved in a **domestic dispute**. **Constable Wallace** and **Senior Constable Maunsell** had attended the dispute and had climbed into the home through a window. **Constable Wallace** attempted to talk to the offender, who was armed with a **rifle and a revolver**, in the hallway. The offender suddenly raised the rifle and **shot Constable Wallace**

twice. Tanna was later wounded by police, and committed **suicide** in the siege that followed.

The *Australian Town and Country Journal* of 21 February, 1906 carried details of the inquest into the constable's murder, and the performance of the police involved.

THE NEWTOWN MURDER.

*The inquest on the bodies of **Constable John Wallace** and **Willie Yass**, or **Tanna**, the victims of Sunday morning's double tragedy at Newtown, was concluded at the Coroner's Court, Sydney, on Wednesday. The Coroner said that from the evidence it seemed that the deceased **Tanna** was fired at by the police some ten, perhaps twelve, times in the course of the affray, but that he was only hit twice by the police, and that both wounds were superficial. The evidence also disclosed the fact that the cartridges were defective. Inspection had shown that. The Coroner said he mentioned that so that the authorities might, if they thought necessary, take action. He found that **Constable John Wallace** was wilfully murdered by **Tanna**, and that **Tanna** had committed suicide. "I think I may be permitted to add", said the Coroner, "that the deceased, **John Wallace**, was a brave man and that he died while and because he was doing his duty. As to his comrades, without making any invidious distinction, I think I may also say that those of them who tried to rescue him, and to dislodge the man who murdered him, earned what most men prize very highly, and that is a reputation for **physical bravery**."*

The constable was born in 1860 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 12 July, 1894. At the time of his death he was stationed at Newtown.

NEWTOWN LOCAL AREA COMMAND POLICE COMMEMORATION SERVICE

<http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/parlment/hansart.nsf/V3Key/LA20130508056>

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Ms CARMEL TEBBUTT (Marrickville) [7.07 p.m. 8 May 2013]:

Recently at **Rookwood Cemetery** I attended a memorial service to commemorate police officers from the **Newtown local area command** killed in the line of duty. The moving service was attended by **Deputy Police Commissioner Nick Kaldis, Superintendent Simon Hardman**, the commander of the Newtown Area Local Command, many other police representatives, and relatives and descendants of the police officers. Those attendees included **Ms Avona Wallace, Mr and Mrs Norman Stephenson, Mrs Lynette Everton and Ms Edna Stevenson**. Representatives from the emergency services and community members were also in attendance. The member for Campbelltown, **Bryan Doyle**, attended representing the Premier.

The five officers being remembered at the ceremony gave their lives to protect the community. They were Constable First Class John Wallace, Constable First Class Ruston Stephenson, Constable Lionel Guise, Detective Inspector Reginald Stevenson and Constable Pashalis Katsivelas. The ceremony to mark the sacrifice of these officers reflected on the enormity of their contribution to the community, as well as the impact of their death on their families. It is often said, and it is true, that police officers leave their homes for each shift

uncertain of what any day may bring and whether they will return at the end of the day. We owe these men and women our deepest gratitude for the risks they face and take every day in their job. At Rookwood Cemetery we visited each of the graves of those officers who lost their lives in the line of duty and behind each individual was an illuminating life story.

We began at the grave of Constable First Class Ruston Stephenson, who died 80 years almost to the day of the commemoration. Constable Stephenson joined the Police Force in 1912, and four years later enlisted in the army, later joining the fight in France during the First World War. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for conspicuous gallantry in rescuing injured soldiers while under fire. Remarkably, when he returned he rejoined the Police Force and continued to serve until his death on 9 April 1933 after a tragic accident involving a motorcycle at the then Newtown Stadium while performing general duties policing.

We were also told the story of Detective Inspector Reginald Hugh Stevenson – I was honoured on the day to meet his widow, **Ms Edna Stevenson**, who still had strong memories of the incident that led to Inspector Stevenson's death. Detective Inspector Stevenson joined the NSW Police Force as a cadet in 1943 at the age of 17. In an act of extraordinary selflessness, Detective Inspector Stevenson was on annual leave on 9 December 1974 when he decided to go to work to assist in the planned arrest of a dangerous offender in Newtown, at the time telling his wife, "I don't want my boys doing this on their own." During the operation he was shot in the chest after leading his team in pursuit of the offender.

Detective Inspector Stevenson partially recovered and was awarded the **Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct** and the **Queen's Police Medal for Distinguished Service**. However, he died in 1980 of a heart attack, deemed to be the result of the injuries he sustained on duty in 1974. These officers are just

a few of many across New South Wales whose lives have been cut short as they have gone about performing their duty. I pay tribute to them all. They will not be forgotten and local events such as this are a powerful reminder of their sacrifice.

I also take this opportunity to acknowledge two Marrickville police officers, **Sergeant Stewart** and **Constable Steele**, who on Monday of this week rescued an intellectually disabled person from a house fire in Marrickville. Thankfully, those two officers who took huge risks survived and are quite rightly being hailed as heroes by their colleagues and the community. It is yet another example of the risk our police men and women take every day in order to keep the community safe. I take this opportunity to pay tribute to them.

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