

George Herbert GRAY

07/04/2014

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Late of Loch Maree St, Kingsford, NSW

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Stations: , Darlinghurst – death

Service: From ? ? ? to 6 April 1938 = ? years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: ? ? 1907 – 8 in England (Emigrated to Australia in 1927)

Died on: Wednesday 6 April 1938 about 6.45am in the bathroom

Cause: Illness – Depression – Suicide – firearm – Service Pistol

Event location: Home – Loch Maree Street, Kingsford, NSW

Age: 30

Funeral date: Friday 8 April 1938

Funeral location: “Hundreds lined the pavements of George street and Railway square this afternoon to watch the funeral led by 30 uniformed police and the Police Band leave Wood Coffill’s chapel for Botany cemetery’

Buried at: Botany Cemetery, 12 Military Rd, Matraville, NSW

Grave Location: ADDD Anglican FM DDD, Position 208

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

Some articles state that the suicide was on the **6 April** whereas other articles state the suicide was on the **7 April**

Constable Gray was found shot dead at his **home in Loch Maree Street, Kingsford**, a few hours before he was **to have appeared** at the **City Coroner’s Court** to give **evidence** about the death of **Mrs. Dorothy Alice Graveur on Christmas Eve, 1937.**

It is **almost certain** that the constable **committed suicide** after **worrying himself** about his **temporary absence** from his post in **Oxford Street, Paddington** when **Mrs Graveur was killed by a motor cycle.**

Constable **Gray was not held responsible** for his absence by the

Police Department, but he had **convinced himself** that the accident **wouldn't have happened** had he been present at the time. The **continual worry** about the death had also begun to **affect his health**, and after a **minor operation** on his **throat** he was to **have been transferred** to a station on the **South Coast**.

At the **inquest** on **23 April, 1938** the constable's wife **Mrs. Marjorie Gray** gave evidence to the effect that just before going to bed on the night before his death her husband had been **reading some papers relating to the inquest** into the death of Mrs Graveur, due to be held the following day. She said **he seemed worried about the case**.

About **6.45 am** she was awakened **by a shot**, and she quickly **informed a constable** who lived **two doors away**. Her husband's body was found in the **bathroom** with his **service pistol** nearby.

In a **note** addressed to **Marjorie**, found beside his body, **Constable Gray** had described himself as a **failure**, and said that he could not stand the **worry and shame** he had brought **on himself**.

At the time of his death the constable was **aged 30** years and was stationed at **Darlinghurst**.

Cootamundra Herald (NSW)

Friday 8 April 1938

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CONSTABLE SUICIDES

No Reason Given

SYDNEY, Friday. ,

Detectives are at a loss to explain the **Suicide of Constable**

George Herbert Gray, 30, at Kingswood, except for the fact that he was extremely grieved over the death of **Dorothy Alice Graveur**, 45, who was killed in a motor cycle accident in Oxford street on Christmas Eve.

Gray was on **point duty** near the spot, and during his temporary absence on a **personal matter**, the woman was killed. A departmental inquiry absolved him of the responsibility, but the woman's death worried him, as he believed the accident would not have occurred if he had been there.

After the event he **became ill**, and was **transferred** to the **South Coast** with his wife and children to give him a chance to recover.

His tonsils were recently removed, and early this week he said his health was much improved.

Before shooting himself with his **service revolver**, Gray wrote an affectionate letter to his wife, but did not give any reason for his act.

At the conclusion of the inquest concerning **Mrs. Graveur**, the coroner returned a verdict of accidental death.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article139839024.txt>

Riverine Grazier (Hay, NSW)

Friday 8 April 1938 page 2

A Peculiar Development.

SYDNEY, Friday.

Constable George Herbert Gray (30) who was found dead at his

home, Kingsford, **yesterday**, with a bullet in the temple, was to have been the **principal witness** at the inquest into the death of the **two women** who had been **killed in separate accidents** by a motor cycle, ridden by **Thomas R. Curyer**, of **Paddington**.

The police say that **Gray** has been worried **for some time** over the case. A revolver was found lying beside him.

Further Particulars. SYDNEY, Friday Noon

Detectives are at a loss to explain the suicide of **Constable G. H. Gray** (30), at Kingsford, except for the fact that he was extremely grieved over the death of **Dorothy Alice Graviur** (45), who was killed in a motor cycle accident in **Oxford St.**, on **Xmas Eve**.

Constable Gray was on point duty near the depot., and during his temporary absence on a personal matter, the woman was killed.

The departmental inquiry absolved him of responsibility, but the woman's death worried him, as he believed the accident would not have occurred if he had been there.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/137364204?searchTerm=%22george%20herbert%20gray%22&searchLimits=sortby=dateAsc#>

Lithgow Mercury (NSW)

Friday 8 April 1938 page 4

SAD SUICIDE

Of Sensitive Police Officer

SYDNEY, This Afternoon.

Const. George Herbert Gray (30) who committed suicide at his home at Kingsford yesterday is believed to have been worried over the fact that, while he was temporarily away from point duty a woman was killed in a motor cycle accident. Gray's death was revealed yesterday at the inquest on the woman. He was absolved by the departmental inquiry, but he became ill, and arrangements were made for his transfer to the country. Gray left an affectionate letter to his wife, but gave no reason for shooting himself.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article220879858.txt>

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA)

Saturday 9 April 1938 page 26

SUICIDE OF POLICE CONSTABLE

Worry About Work Thought To Be Reason SYDNEY, April 8.

Worry about his temporary absence from his post, is believed to have been the reason why **Constable George Herbert Gray**, 30. committed suicide yesterday. Gray was found dead by his wife at his home in Loch Maree street Kingsford, several hours before he was to have appeared at the City Coroner's Court to give evidence about the death of a woman.

revolver was lying beside him with a note addressed to his wife, in which he regretted that he had to leave her.

Police officials believe that Gray committed suicide after **worrying himself** about his temporary absence from his post when Mrs. **Dorothy Alice Graveui** of **Glenore road, Paddington**, was killed by a **motor cycle** in **Oxford street near Dowling street, Darlinghurst**, on **Christmas Eve**.

Gray was not held responsible for his temporary absence by the Police Department, but it is believed that he thought the accident might not have happened if he had been present.

Worry affected his health. After a minor operation to his throat he was to have been transferred with his wife and three children to a station on the south coast.

The **Deputy Commissioner** of Police (**Mr. T. Lynch**) said today that **Gray** had a **good record in the Police Force.**

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article30859622.txt>

Labor Daily (Sydney, NSW : 1924 – 1938),

Saturday 9 April 1938, page 7

FAMILY'S SAD PLIGHT

DEATH OF POLICE OFFICER

Wife Almost Penniless 1 3 CHILDREN

In the tragic death of **Constable George Herbert Gray**, 30, of **Darlinghurst Police Station**, on **Wednesday** has left his young wife and three small children in a sad plight.

They are practically penniless, and Mrs. Gray, who is an Englishwoman, has only one relative – her mother – in this country, and she, too, is not well off.

Constable Gray was found dead at his home in **Kingsford** on Wednesday. There was a bullet wound in his temple and a revolver was found nearby.

Overcome with grief, Mrs. Gray, for the present, is staying

with neighbours, who are also caring for the children.

The children, all girls, aged 2, 5, and 7 years, respectively, have not yet been informed of their father's death. They were told that "Daddy" was in hospital.

Will Be Cared For

The grant that Mrs. Gray will receive from the Government will only be small, but, according to police officers, she will be "looked after."

Already many officers have intimated their intention of contributing to a distress fund, and it is anticipated that a considerable sum will be subscribed.

Neighbors say that Mr. and Mrs. Gray were a most devoted couple.

It was explained yesterday that **Gray** was greatly worried over a motor cycle accident in **Oxford Street, Paddington**, on **Xmas Eve** last when Mrs.

Dorothy Alice Graveur, 45, of Paddington, was fatally injured.

Gray was on **point duty** near the scene of the crash, but at the time he had left his post temporarily. It was while he was away that the accident had occurred.

Gray, according to his colleagues, although he was not held responsible for the accident, believed that the woman would not have been killed if he had been there.

The late constable, who was born in England, came to Australia about **1927**, and after working on the buses for a period, obtained an appointment in the police force.

His bride, then a young girl of 20, came out from England soon afterwards and they were quietly married at a suburban church.

Led by the Police Band, the funeral left parlors in George

Street, City, yesterday afternoon for **Botany cemetery**.

Deceased had no relatives in Australia, and besides his wife and her mother, the chief mourners at the funeral were his fellow police officers, who formed a large contingent.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/239995462>

Newcastle Sun (NSW)

Friday 22 April 1938

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TORTURED BY HIS SENSE OF DUTY

SUICIDE OF A CONSTABLE SYDNEY, Friday.

Tortured by the **fear** that, he **had failed in his duty** and had **wrecked his career**, **Constable George Herbert Gray**, 30, shot himself with his own **service revolver** on **April 7**, the morning when he was to have **given evidence** at an **inquest**, the **City Coroner (Mr. Oram)** found to-day. 'It was most tragic, as he **had done his duty properly** and was regarded as a **most capable officer**,' said Mr. Oram.

'There is **no doubt** that **Gray was worried very much** by the inquest, which concerned a woman who had been killed in a motor cycle accident. It preyed on Gray's mind that **he did not report the motor cyclist for a breach**, as the same motor cyclist was involved in **another accident** a few **days later** when a **girl was killed**. 'The sad and painful fact is that Gray had no cause at all for worry as at the Inquest, It was found that the first mishap was **entirely an accident** and there was **no reason** why the motor cyclist **should have been reported**.

A finding of **suicide** was returned, Mr. Oram said.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article16>

Daily Advertiser (Wagga Wagga, NSW : 1911 – 1954),

Monday 25 April 1938, page 7

CONSTABLE'S SUICIDE

WORRY OVER CORONER'S INQUIRY | SYDNEY, Saturday.

A finding of **suicide** was returned by the City Coroner (Mr. E. T. Oram), at the conclusion of an Inquest into the death of **George Herbert Gray**, aged 30 years a **police constable**, who was found **dead on April 6**, the day on which he was to have appeared as a witness in a Coroner's Court inquiry.

In returning his finding the Coroner said that **Gray's** death was a very sad and painful matter. There was no doubt that he had worried about the outcome of an inquiry into the death of a woman in which a motor cyclist had been involved.

A few days after the death of the first woman the same motor cyclist had been involved. " There was no need for deceased to have worried as he did, said the Coroner, " for the inquiry into the first accident showed that there was no action on the part of the motor cyclist which should have been reported by **Gray**. The action which the constable took was correct and his death is most unfortunate.

Marjorie Iris Gray, wife of the deceased, said that her husband, before retiring to bed on **April 5**, was **reading some papers** referring to a Coroner's inquiry to be held the following day. He **seemed worried about the case**.

About **6.45 a.m. on April 6** she was awakened by a shot and she

informed a constable who lived two doors away. Her husband's body was found in the bathroom with his service pistol near by.

Sergeant L. G. Salkeld (Leslie George SALKELD NSWPF # Q 9438) said that deceased had a good reputation in the police force and witness could not understand why he should have taken his life. In a note which witness found beside the body, **Gray** had described himself as a failure, and said that he could not stand the worry and shame he had brought on himself. .

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/143723052>

NSW BDM

Marriage: 902/1929 Marjorie I MERSH. Married in the District of Ashfield

Death: 10969/1938 Father = Wilfred Mother = Emma

Sydney Morning Herald

Saturday 18 January 1936 page 16

BIRTHS.

GRAY – January 16 Netherleigh private hospital, Randwick to **Marjorie** wife of **George Herbert Gray** of **Beauchamp Road Matraville** – a daughter

(**Patricia Margaret**) Both well

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/17222662?searchTerm=%22george%20herbert%20gray%22&searchLimits=sortby=dateAsc#>

The Daily Telegraph

Saturday 23 July 1938 P 10

LEGAL NOTICES

5/- per inch dally.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES – PROBATE JURISDICTION
– IN THE MATTER of the Estates of the undermentioned deceased
persons, and in the matter of the Wills, Probate, and
Administration Act. 1898 -1932; the Public Trustee Act, 1913 –
1938; and the Testator's Family Maintenance and Guardianship
of Infants Act, 1916. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public
Trustee has this day filed in the Registry of this Honourable
Court his elections to administer the Estates of the following
deceased persons: –.....

GEORGE HERBERT GRAY, late of Loch Maree Street, Kingsford, In
the State of New South Wales, **Police Constable**, who died **7th
April, 1938**. Intestate.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/247345909>

Frederick James McLAUGHLAN

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Late of Campsie

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # ' Q ' 9623

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

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 11 March 1913

Final Rank = Constable 1st Class

Stations: ?, Balgownie – from mid 1922 (Cst & Cst 1/c), Pt Kembla (Cst 1/c) – Death

Service: From ? ? pre March 1913? to Discharged Medically unfit November 1930 = 18 years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: 28 August 1890 in Cust, Canterbury, New Zealand

Died on: Saturday 3 December 1938 in Canterbury, NSW

Age: 47

Cause: Arrest injuries

Event location: Port Kembla

Event date: Friday **6 January 1922**

Funeral date: Monday 5 December 1938

Funeral location: Rookwood Cemetery, Rookwood, NSW

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Cremated – Ashes scattered at Rookwood. No
Memorial at Rookwood

Memorial located at: Oak Flats Police Station – main entrance
wall and also inside security hall



CONSTABLE FIRST CLASS (Rtd)

**Frederick James
McLAUGHLAN**

PORT KEMBLA
NEW SOUTH WALES

3 DECEMBER 1938



NSW Police Force

**Constable 1st Class
Frederick James
MCLAUGHLAN**

**Died as a result
of injuries sustained
in the line of duty
Port Kembla NSW
3 December 1938**

THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2014

**Located on the front wall to Oak Flats Police
Station.**



THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2014
RETIRED POLICE DAY HELD AT LAKE ILLAWARRA
POLICE STATION, OAK FLATS.
Memorial Plaque hanging inside the Secure foyer
of Oak Flats Police Station, NSW.

[alert_green]**FREDERICK** IS mentioned on the Police Wall of

Remembrance[/alert_green]

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

PLEASE SEND PHOTOS AND INFORMATION TO Cal

May they forever Rest In Peace

On **6 January, 1922** Constable **McLaughlan** attended a disturbance at **Port Kembla**. While he was attempting to arrest a man who had been involved in a fight, another man tried to hit the constable with a bottle of beer. The constable consequently **punched the man in the mouth** and in so doing **received a deep cut to his right hand**.

After suffering some discomfort with the injury, the constable sought medical attention. **Complications** with his health developed over the **next few years** and it was eventually determined that he was suffering from an **aortic aneurism**, the result of an infection from the injury sustained when he punched the offender in **1922**. He was **discharged medically unfit** in **November, 1930** and passed away on **3 December, 1938**.

The constable was **born in 1890** and joined the New South Wales Police Force on **11 March, 1913**. At the time of his injury he was stationed at **Port Kembla**.

BeyondCourage

<i>Surname</i>	<i>Given Names</i>	<i>Notice Type</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Other Details</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>Published</i>
McLAUGHLAN	Frederick James	Death notice	03DEC1938	Death		late of Campsie	Sydney Morning Herald	05DEC1938
McLAUGHLAN	Frederick James	Funeral notice	05DEC1938	Cremation			Sydney Morning Herald	05DEC1938

BDM New Zealand

BIRTH: Reg. # 1890/16913. Frederick James **McLAUCHLAN**

MOTHER: **Elizabeth**

FATHER: **James**

NO FIND FOR A DEATH

NO FIND FOR A MARRIAGE – up to 1930

NO FIND UNDER **McLAUGHLAN**

<https://www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/Search/>

BDM NSW

BIRTH: No find for **McLAUCHLAN** or **McLAUGHLAN** in NSW between 1880 – 1920

MARRIAGE: Reg. # 5225/1914 Frederick J **McLAUCHLAN**. BRIDE: Vera Alma BEST in Sydney (B: 1891 – D: 1 Sept 1954)

DEATHS: Reg. # 22586/1938 Frederick James **McLAUGHLAN**
Father: **James** Mother: **Elizabeth** Canterbury District.
The parents in this Death have the same Christian names as the person born in N.Z.

In N.Z. his surname is spelt with the 'C' but in NSW, his surname is spelt with the 'G'.

<https://familyhistory.bdm.nsw.gov.au/lifelink/familyhistory/search/>

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Whilst updating this Memorial page on 16 September 2018, I found that this person is recorded in the NSW State Archives &

Records under **Registers of Police** as having the surname spelt McLAUCHLAN & not McLAUGHLAN.

Numerous local newspaper articles also have him as McLAUCHLIN.

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Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 – 1954), **Saturday 19
December 1942**, page 16

MARRIAGES

BRUSSEL – McLAUCHLAN – November 23 at St John's Church, Campsie, by the **Rev. C. C. Short, Pamela**, younger daughter of the late Mr **Frederick James McLauchlan**, and of Mrs **Vera McLauchlan**, to **Hendrikus Brussel** (M. N.), younger son of Mr and Mrs **P Brussel** of Leiden, Holland.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/17807170#>

South Coast Times and Wollongong Argus (NSW : 1900 – 1954),
Friday 5 February 1926, page 16

NORTH ILLAWARRA COUNCIL.

At the meeting on Wednesday night, all the aldermen were present.

From **Constable McLauchlan** intimating that **his transfer not having been yet arranged** for definitely he was prepared to continue inspection of slaughter premises. – Agreed to.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/142467870>

South Coast Times and Wollongong Argus (NSW : 1900 – 1954),
Friday 15 January 1926, page 19

WOLLONGONG COURT.

MONDAY.

Drink. – **Walker Chaulker** pleaded guilty to charges of drunkenness and of offensive words at **Balgownie**.

Constable McLauchlan stated that **Chaulker** was behaving in a violent manner with a paling in his hand, and when spoken to by himself addressed the language to him.

Fined £2 for language and for drunkenness 10/-.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/142468904>

South Coast Times and Wollongong Argus (NSW : 1900 – 1954),
Friday 27 February 1925, page 21

QUARTER SESSIONS

Assault.

William Pollack (18) pleaded not guilty to a charge of **indecently assaulting Muriel Hughes** at Tarrawanna. There was a second account of **common assault**.

Mr. Clancy, instructed by **Mr. Morgan** for defence. Accused exhausted his right of challenging jury.

Muriel Hughes deposed on the night of the **24th November**, when she was on her way home from the **Pictures at Corrimal to Tarrawanna**, accused accosted her and threw her down. She screamed and he went off.

Witness had three years before had had an illegitimate child.

Br. Mr. Clancy witness was asked about habits of being out late at night; she went to dances.

Constable McLauchlan gave evidence of arrest of accused at **Mount Pleasant Colliery**, and produced a statement signed by accused.

Accused in a statement from the dock said he had merely put his arm round the girl's waist; she struggled and they both

fell; if he hurt her, he was sorry.

Alexander Drain deposed that on the day following the alleged assault, he had heard **Muriel Hughes** speak of it laughingly. Acquitted.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/142845554>

Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney, NSW : 1901 – 2001), **Friday 20 Nov. 1925** (No.111), page 5044

[7918] **Department of Lands,**

Sydney, 20th November, 1925.

AUTHORITIES FOR PROSECUTION OF TRESPASSERS ON CROWN LANDS.

IT is hereby notified, for general information, that the undermentioned members of the Police Force and other persons are authorised and empowered to prefer informations in writing, under and in pursuance of the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts, against any person or persons in unlawful occupation or use of Crown Lands, or lands granted, reserved, or dedicated for public purposes, or found cutting or removing timber, or stripping or removing bark, or digging for or removing stone, soil, or other material therefrom, without holding a license.

They are further authorised to sue for and recover such penalty or penalties as any such person or persons shall have

incurred for and in respect of such unlawful occupation, use, or proceedings.

[Leases 1925-18,180]

P. F. LOUGHLIN,

Minister for Lands.

Friday 20 Nov. 1925

**Government Gazette of NSW
Page 5044**

Station.

Name of Person authorised

Rank

Balgownie

McLaughlan, Frederick James

Constable 1st Class

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/223016587>

South Coast Times and Wollongong Argus (NSW : 1900 – 1954),
Friday 4 July 1924, page 16

NORTH ILLAWARRA COUNCIL.

At the meeting on Wednesday night | all the aldermen were present.

Correspondence.

Meat Inspector and Impounder

There were four applications in reply to advts. (*advertis*) for the above office. In the course of discussion, the **Mayor** said the finances would not admit of the appointment of the proposed officer. He recommended appointing a combined maintenance Workman and impounder and asking department's permits for **Constable. McLauchlan** (who had applied to be appointed for meat inspection). This was agreed to, former position to be advertised. It was proposed to allow £1 a week for forage, but an amendment reduced this to 10/.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/142457922>

South Coast Times and Wollongong Argus (NSW : 1900 – 1954),
Friday 8 August 1924, page 15

NORTH ILLAWARRA COUNCIL.

At the meeting on Wednesday evening there were present all the aldermen.

Correspondence

From **Inspector-General Mitchell**, ; stating there would be no objection to **Constable McLauchlan** acting as Inspector of slaughter premise.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/142459398>

Illawarra Mercury (Wollongong, NSW : 1856 – 1950), **Friday 2
March 1923**, page 3

POLICE COURT.

Wollongong – Friday, February 23rd. (Before Mr. M. T.
McMahon, S.M.)

Alleged Shooting with Intent.

Reginald Davidson, 21, was charged that on **20th February** he did, at **Fairy Meadow**, shoot at **Stanley Robinson** with intent to do him grievous bodily harm. **Mr. Morgan** appeared for defendant.

Constable McLauchlan, stationed at **Balgownie**, deposed that at **10.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th inst.**, he went to **Mr. Elliott's** house at **Fairy Meadow**. He knocked at the door, which was opened by **Mr. Elliott**.

In the kitchen he saw defendant and said, 'I want that revolver you were shooting with tonight,' and he 'replied, 'I have no revolver, and did not shoot at anybody.'

He called **Robert Robinson** and pointing to defendant said, 'Do you know this man?' He replied, 'Yes, that is the man who shot at us tonight.'

He then called **Stanley Robinson** and he said, 'That's the man who fired the revolver off at me.'

Witness questioned **Davidson**, who replied, 'I did not mean to

shoot them. I had a few drinks, and I will tell you all about it.' I was with **Jack Elliott** at Wollongong this afternoon, We met **Mrs. Robinson** and a young lady with a baby. They told me her name was **Mrs. Taylor**. We all got pretty drunk and went home to **Elliott's** in a motor car. We had more drink at **Elliotts**.

At 9 o'clock someone knocked at the door, and I heard a man ask for **Mrs. Taylor**. They had an argument, as she wouldn't go home with him. The man walked inside and took the baby. He (defendant) struggled with the man on the verandah and fired off a revolver to frighten him.

Defendant was then arrested. Defendant subsequently told witness that he had thrown the revolver into the dam, and which witness recovered loaded in four chambers, and with one empty shell.

Witness asked Davidson who the revolver belonged to and he replied **Jack Elliott**. About three months ago he had a row with his wife, and I told him I would throw the revolver into the dam, but I hung it up, behind a picture.'

Witness recovered the **revolver** in a dam about 200 yards away from **Elliott's** place. Defendant boards at **Elliott's**.

There were several bottles nearly empty on the premises when defendant was arrested.

Stanley Robinson, living at **Fairy Meadow**, deposed that he went to **Elliott's** place on the evening of the 20th to bring home his **sister**, whose name is **Mrs. Taylor**. His brother and brother-in-law were with him. While his brother was talking to his sister a man came out of the door and made a punch at him (witness). The blow missed and they closed, and they rolled from the verandah on to the ground, where witness was on top.

Defendant was the man who wrestled with witness. **Defendant** stepped back about four paces and pulled a **revolver** from his

hip pocket and **fired** at him. He (witness) saw the flash, but the bullet missed.

When defendant fired witness went to run, but fell over the fence, and defendant said 'I've got the ____.'

Witness had never seen defendant to speak to before.

Robert Robinson gave corroborative evidence.

Leonard William Taylor, hairdresser, **Keira Street, Wollongong**, deposed that. he went to **Elliott's** place on the night in question. Saw accused there, and saw him make a hit at **Stanley Robinson**, after which there was a scuffle and they both fell. The accused then fired the revolver at **Stanley Robinson**, and the two **Robinsons** ran away.

The accused reserved his defence and was committed for trial.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/133020348>

Illawarra Mercury (Wollongong, NSW : 1856 – 1950), **Friday 9 February 1923**, page 9

DETECTIVES WAITING.

SENSATIONAL ARRESTS.

A sensational arrest was made at **Balgownie Co-operative Store** at 2 a.m. on Tuesday, when **Detective Sergeants Barclay** and **Thornley**, **Plain Clothes Constables Morgan** and **Cameron**, and **Constable McLauchlan** found **Sydney Hill**, 58, and **Albert (Duck)**

Clarke, 45, on the premises with a kit of house-breaking tools. Both men were brought to **Wollongong lockup**, and charged with breaking and entering.

The defendants were brought before the Court on Tuesday, and charged. Evidence, however, was not entered on, and the cases were remanded till Monday next, 12th instant. Bail was allowed – self in £80 or two sureties of £40. In Clarke's case alone was bail forthcoming.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/133019136>

Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney, NSW : 1901 – 2001), **Friday 21 July 1922** (No.111), page 3943

[7918] **Department of Lands,**

Sydney, 14th July, 1922.

AUTHORITIES FOR PROSECUTION OF TRESPASSERS ON CROWN LANDS.

IT is hereby notified, for general information, that the undermentioned members of the Police Force and other persons are authorised and empowered to prefer informations in writing, under and in pursuance of the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts, against any person or persons in unlawful occupation or use of Crown Lands, or lands granted, reserved, or dedicated for public purposes, or found cutting or removing timber, or stripping or removing bark, or digging for or removing stone, soil, or other material therefrom, without holding a license.

They are further authorised to sue for and recover such penalty or penalties as any such person or persons shall have incurred for and in respect of such unlawful occupation, use, or proceedings.

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W. E. WEARNE,

Minister for Lands.

Friday 21 July 1922

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Station.	Name of Person authorised
Rank	

Balgownie Constable	McLaughlan, Frederick James
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WOLLONGONG COURT.

MONDAY. Fencing Posts for Firewood.

Godfrey Williamson pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny of posts, property of the Towrodgi (*Towradgi*) Park Trust.

Constable McLauchlan deposed that he visited a house at **Balgownie**, and found the missing posts there in a load of firewood.

Then spoke to accused who admitted having sold the posts in a load of fire wood.

G. W. Payne, chairman of the trust, deposed that a considerable part of the boundary fence had been taken away ; there had been much destruction done at the park ; about a dozen seats had been torn up and taken and a shed damaged.

Defendant, a returned soldier, said he had been off work and under the doctor for six weeks; he took the posts at the fence, seeing the state it was in and supposing these would not be required.

Mr. Payne said the trustees only wanted a caution administered.

Fined 20/ costs 8/, witnesses 32/.

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BALGOWNIE

(Correspondent.)

On **Friday evening, 19th**, the local School of Arts was the

scene of a very happy gathering of adults and young folks who had assembled to express feelings of goodwill and appreciation, and also farewell greetings to **Constable Frewin**, Mrs. Frewin and family, who have been, recently transferred to **Watson's Bay**.

The function also included a **formal welcome to his successor, Constable McLauchlan**; and Mrs. McLauchlan.

The early part of the programme was mainly vocal, and was shown much appreciation of **Mr. P. Meizer** presided, acting for **Mr. Alridge**, who had been called away to another urgent meeting.

The chairman directed the attention of those assembled to the aim of their presence there that evening— to do honor and show their appreciation both verbally and materially, to the guests of the evening. **Mr. W. Madden** spoke of the **Frewin family**, both in private and social life in terms of esteem.

Mr. S. W. Sproule, on behalf of the public, presented to the guests a very fine **silver tea and coffee service**, also personal gifts to **Constable Frewin** of a **fountain pen**, and to **Mrs. Frewin** a beautifully bound volume of **Tennyson's poems**. Speaking, he said, from having known **Constable and Mrs. Frewin**, he spoke words of praise, congratulating the constable on his promotion to such a comfortable retreat as **Watson's Bay**. He also welcomed **Constable McLauchlan**.

After **Constable Frewin's** acknowledgements, the remainder of the time was spent socially and in dancing.

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WOLLONGONG COURT.

MONDAY.

Thomas J. Williams and **Arthur Floyd** for drunkenness in **Main road, Corrimal**, were each fined 5/ and 8/ costs.

Thomas A. Ryan and **James Stewart** were charged with being on hotel premises in prohibited hours. – **Constable McLaughlan** deposed to having seen the defendants at 10.30 p.m. in the **Great Eastern Hotel, Port Kembla** ; **Stewart** said he was seeking a bed. Each fined 10/ and 8/ costs.

Richard M?????a pleaded not guilty to a charge of being in the **Great Eastern Hotel**, he being a prohibited person.

Constable McLaughlan deposed that on the **12th instant** he saw defendant go into the bar of the **Great Eastern** ; witness asked the licensee if he knew that man, he replied he did not know his name; the licensee also, in reply, said he had served him several drinks during the day; just then, he called for five drinks, but as he did not pay for them he (licensee) told him to get out. – In reply to **Mr. Morgan** (for the defence) witness said defendant had been a source of annoyance to the police ever since the order had been made against him. – Defendant denied having been inside, he merely looked in to see if his brother was there. – **Mrs. Brunning** deposed she had given defendant, who was her uncle, a letter to give to her father, who lived at the hotel.

By **Sergt. McAuley** : Defendant had had some drink that day.

Constable McLaughlan, recalled, deposed he saw defendant with his brother before he went into the hotel. –

Fined 20/, 8/ costs.

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MONDAY.

Constable McLauchlan, Port Kembla, deposed that **Alfred Cummins** drank to excess and caused much trouble. – Prohibition order for 12 months.

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South Coast Times and Wollongong Argus (NSW : 1900 – 1954),
Friday 27 July 1917, page 22

WOLLONGONG COURT

TUESDAY.

Patrick Kennedy was charged with indecent language at **Port Kembla**, and with no lawful visible means.

Constable McLauchlan deposed that defendant had been discharged from the penitentiary on the **26th February**; he had been at **Port Kembla** for five months, and had done about three weeks work. He had been about hotels a nuisance in the bars; if people would not shout, he wanted to fight them. He had earned £2 8s the last week and had 14s coming to him.

The **D.S.M.** said that when arrested he was not without lawful means, having been earning money. Information dismissed. A number of previous convictions were read by **Sergt Toohey**.

For indecent indecent language fined £5 or 2 months.

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Friday 2 June 1916, page 8

WOLLONGONG COURT

WEDNESDAY.

Thomas Osborne, thirty-three, was charged with drunkenness in **Wollongong**, fined half a crown. For insulting words to **Constable McLauchlan**, fined twenty shillings or seven days. Fines paid.

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