

# Keith Allan Joseph RILEY

21/01/2024

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AKA ?

\* Nickname: ?

Late of Nara ( Gosford ), NSW

Relations in 'the job':

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Police College – Penrith – Class # " possibly " 026

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 6096

Rank: Commenced Training at Penrith Police College on Monday  
12 April 1948 ( aged 24 years, 5 months, 1 day )

Probationary Constable- appointed ? ? ?

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? ( N0 )

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? ( N/A )

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 31 July 1965

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 1 May 1974

Inspector – appointed 1 December 1980

**Final Rank:** = Inspector

**Stations:** ?, Nundle ( SenCon )( July 1960, Jan 1964 ), Eden ( SenCon )( ? – June 1965 ,29 Aug 1965 ), Peak Hill ( SenCon )( 30 Aug 1965 – ? ), Western District ( 1965 – 68 ), Nundle ( SenCon )( ? – Nov 1965 ), North East District ( 1969 ), ?, Gundagai ( Sgt 2/c )( Mar 1974 ), Kurri Kurri ( Sgt ), Gosford ( Inspector ) – Death

**Time employed ( Paid ) with NSW Police:** From: 12 April 1948  
to 4 June 1982 = 34 years, 1 month 23 days

**Service ( From Training Date ) period:** From 12 April 1948  
to 4 June 1982 = 34 years, 1 month 23 days

**Retirement / Leaving age:** = 58 years, 6 months, 24 days

**Time in Retirement from Police:** 0

**Awards:** No Find on the Australian Honours system

**Born:** Sunday 11 November 1923

**Died on:** Friday 4 June 1982

**Age:** 58 years, 6 months, 24 days

**Organ Donor:** Y / N / ?

**Cause:** Heart attack – On Duty

**Event location:** Gosford Police Station, NSW

**Event / Diagnosis date:** ?

**Funeral date:** ? ? ?

**Funeral location:** ?

**LIVE STREAM** ?



Wake location: ???

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Palmdale Memorial Park, Palmdale Rd, Ourimbah, NSW

Grave Location: Section: Row: ? Plot: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this

time ( January 2024 )

KEITH is **NOT** mentioned on the National Police Wall of Remembrance \* BUT SHOULD BE ( *Checked 2023* )

KEITH is **NOT** mentioned on the NSW Police Wall of Remembrance \*BUT SHOULD BE

KEITH IS **NOT** mentioned on the Sydney Police Centre Memorial Wall, Surry Hills \* BUT SHOULD BE ( *Checked 2023* )

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

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**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AustralianPolice.com.au/>**

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NSWFallenPolice/>**

**Australian Police YouTube Channel**

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Inspector Riley died on 4 June, 1982 as a result of a heart attack sustained whilst on duty at the Gosford Police Station. The inspector was born in 1923 and joined the New South Wales

Police Force in 1948.

At the time of his death he was stationed at Gosford.

He is not listed in the official New South Wales Police Honour Roll.

Source: Beyond Courage

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Ike ELLIS: 2023 wrote: Keith was my Sergeant at Kurri Kurri *and* we used to trick unsuspecting people to shake hands with him. Without a doubt he had the strongest handshake I experienced.

He and his wife, Terry a lovely but sad couple, having lost their only daughter ( *Frances* ) when she fell down a cliff near their home.

RIP Sir

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Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney,  
NSW : 1901 – 2001),

**Friday 20 August 1982** (No.110), page 3880

IN the Supreme Court of New South Wales.— Notice of intended distribution of estate.— Any person having any claim upon, the estate of **KEITH ALLAN RILEY**, late of **Narara, police inspector**, who died on **4th June, 1982**, must send particulars to the Public Trustee at the address appearing below within two (2) calendar months from the date of publication hereof.

After that time the Public Trustee may distribute the assets of the estate, having regard only to the claims of which at the time of distribution he has notice. Election to administer the estate with the will dated 20th January, 1970, annexed, was filed by the Public Trustee on 11th August, 1982.

E. C. OSBORNE, Branch Manager, Public Trust Office, 1 Watt Street, Gosford. (4974)

Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

**Monday 16 August 1965**, page 3

Eden death inquiry

Bega detectives are investigating the death of a man following an incident in an **Eden hotel** on Saturday night.

**James William Mead**, 46, of West Street, Eden, died from head injuries at the **Pambula District Hospital** yesterday morning.

Police said Mead, married with three children, was involved in an incident at an Eden hotel shortly before he was admitted to hospital.

**Detectives J. E. Avery** ( # 7975 ) and **A. J. Elworthy** ( # 8015 ), of **Bega Police**, assisted by **Senior Constable K. A. Riley**, of **Eden**, are investigating.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/131833395>

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\* Story behind any Nickname:

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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 September 2013

Updated 21 Jan 2024 with new format and grave photo + extra info.

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# Alexander David ADAMS

21/01/2024

## Alexander David ADAMS

Late of ?

Victoria Police Force

Regd. # ??????

**Rank: Sergeant – Suspended**

**Stations:**   ?, St Kilda – Suspension

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

**Awards:**    No find on It's An Honour

**Born:**       ? ? ?

**Died on:**    Wednesday 22 December 1982

**Age:**        ?

**Cause:**     Suicide – shotgun

**Event location:**   ?, Frankston, Victoria

**Event date:**     Wednesday 22 December 1982

**Funeral date:**    ? ? ?

**Funeral location:**   ?

**Funeral Parlour:**   ?

**Buried at:**       ?

**Memorial located at:**   ?

[alert\_yellow]**ALEXANDER** is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance[/alert\_yellow] \*NEED MORE INFO

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Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995), **Wednesday 15 December 1976**, page 16

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#### **NOTES FOUND, COURT TOLD**

**MELBOURNE**, Tuesday. – – A cache of notes found in the home of a **Melbourne man** was thought to be valuable evidence in relation to the **Victorian Club robbery**, an **armed robbery squad detective** told the **Melbourne City Court** today.

**Detective-Senior Constable Alexander Adams** said he went to the man's home in **Kett Street, Nunawading** on July. 14, looking for a man known as **Stanley Ernest James**.

He said Mr **James** was wanted for questioning in connection with the **Victorian Club robbery** in **April** this year.

**Detective Adams** said Mr **Daniel Hacking** opened the door of his home wearing pyjamas when he went with other police to Kett Street at 10.35pm on **July 14**.

He said he found large bundles of money in a plastic bag in a set of drawers in a built-in wardrobe. He said Mr **Hacking** told him he was looking after the money for his **brother-in-law, Mr Stan James**.

Mr **Hacking** and his wife were charged with having **unlawfully possessed \$11,400** in notes of various denominations reasonably **suspected of being stolen**, and with having handled the same amount of money, **knowing it was stolen**, between **June 1 and July 14** this year.

Mr **Hacking** was committed for trial on the second charge. He pleaded not guilty and was allowed **bail of \$500** with a similar surety.

The charge of having **unlawfully possessed** the money was **adjourned** to a date to be fixed.

Charges against **Mrs Hacking** were **dismissed**.

Mr **Norman Leung Lee**, 28, of **Kerferd Street, Essendon**, appeared in the **Melbourne City Court** today on a charge involving the **robbery of \$1.3 million**.

Mr **Lee**, a **dim sim maker**, is charged with **armed robbery** on Mr **Norman Paragree**, an armed guard, of **\$1,387,540** at the **Victorian Club** in **Queen Street** on **April 21**.

Mr **Lee** is also charged with having received **\$124,000** in cash between **April 21 and October 5**.

Mr **Lee** was recently granted bail in the Supreme Court.

Mr **L. T. Griffin CSM** respited his bail today and adjourned the charges to **March 24** next year.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/131801471>

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Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995), **Wednesday 3 October 1979**,  
page 14

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### **Sergeant pocketed bail: witness**

**MELBOURNE:** A Sydney man told the **County Court** in **Melbourne** yesterday that a **St Kilda policeman** had pocketed \$500 that he had given to him for **bail money** in **1977**.

Mr **John Mitchell Purvis**, of **Rose Bay**, told the court he thought he had "been had" after the policeman refused to give him a receipt for the money.

Mr **Purvis** was giving evidence before **Judge Ravech** at the trial of a **suspended policeman, Sergeant Alexander David Adams**.

Sergeant **Adams** has pleaded **not guilty** to having **obtained** \$500 by deception, having **stolen** \$500 and having **received a secret commission** of \$500.

The **Crown prosecutor, Mr J. T. Hassett**, told the jury that the charges were **alternative counts** and related to an incident alleged to have occurred on **August 3** at the **St Kilda CIB office**.

Mr **Hassett** said that Mr **Purvis** had owned a **milk bar** in **Elwood** in August last year and Sergeant **Adams** had been one of a number of policemen who questioned him about **stolen property** found in his shop.

He said Mr **Purvis** had been taken to the **Prahran police station** to be charged with receiving stolen property and had asked Sergeant **Adams** on the way about bail.

Mr **Hassett** said Sergeant **Adams** asked him, "How would \$500 suit?" Mr **Purvis** had later been **released on bail** on his **own undertaking**, which meant he did not have to lodge any bail money.

Mr **Purvis** said that Sergeant **Adams** asked him to come to the **St Kilda CIB** the next day and he thought he was going there "to pay bail money".

He went to the **CIB office** the next morning and gave Sergeant **Adams** \$500 in cash.

"I took the money out and gave it to **Adams** and asked for a receipt", he said.

"He said, 'You're not getting a receipt'. He took the money and stuck it in his pocket".

The trial continues today.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/110602462>

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Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995), **Thursday 23 December 1982**,  
page 8

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### **Shot officer 'on charge'**

**MELBOURNE:** A **Melbourne police sergeant** who was found dead in a car at suburban **Frankston** yesterday morning had appeared in

the **Melbourne City Court** on **Tuesday** on a **blackmail charge**.

Police said that **Sergeant Alexander David Adams** had been found with a **gunshot wound** to the head. A **shotgun and a note** were found near his body.

Police said that **Sergeant Adams** had been **suspended from duty** and had entered no plea at his **court appearance yesterday**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/130838548>

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# **Victor Harry McCROHON**

21/01/2024

## **Victor Harry McCROHON**

AKA **Vic, Digger**

**Grandson to John McCROHON – appointed 1836**

**Father to Vicki McCrohon – NSWPF – P/W 0123 – Class 120  
( 1964 ) & Rejoinee P/W 0202 – Class 141 ( 1974 )**

**Nephew to Ernest Edward McCrohon – NSWPF – ‘Q’ 9403**

Late of **?**

**New South Wales Police Force**

# Penrith Police College Class 003

**Uniform # 2372**

**Regd. # 5009**

Came 1st in his final examination for Class 003 on 6 June 1947

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 4 February 1946 ( aged 29 years, 3 months, 9 days )

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 1 July 1967 ( appears in the 1968 & 1969 Stud Books )

Stations: ?, ' R ' District, Newcastle, Clarencetown, Griffith ( 1965 – Retirement )

Service: From ?? pre January 1946? to ?? 1969 = 23 years Service

[blockquote]

World War II

Australian Imperial Force

Regiment: Armed Corps  
Training Squadron

Enlisted: East  
Maitland on 4 November 1939

Service # NX661

Rank:

Corporal – 21 May 1937, Sergeant – from 26 September 1941,  
Lieutenant – from 4 August 1942

Prev. Emp: Steam Engine  
Driver

Age on Enlisting: 22

Embarkation: 18 March 1943

Next of kin: Alexander  
McCrohon ( Father )

Religion:  
Presbyterian

Single / Married: Single ( Married  
Edna )

Returned to Australia: ?

Address: 207  
Dumaresque St, Armidale

Desc as of 3 Jan 1946: Married. 1 child over  
16 years. Victor = 28 yrs 11 mths, 6' 1.5", Brown eyes, med  
complexion, dark brown hair. Missing 1st joint on right hand  
index finder. Appendix scar.

Operational Service: Middle East  
Embarked from Aust January 1940. Disembarked in Aust 17  
December 1941

New Guinea Embarked from Aust 7 November 1942.  
Disembarked in Aust 24 April 1943

Served: From 4  
November 1939 until 3 January 1946 = 1867 days

464 days in Australia. 876 days overseas

Awards: War Badge.

M.I.D. ( Mentioned in Despatches 23 December 1943)

[/blockquote]

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal – granted 28 March  
1972

Born: Thursday 26 October 1916 – Hillgrove, NSW

Died on: 13 September 1981 ~~10 May 1982~~ ??? ( A.W.G. List)  
Australian War Graves List

Age: 64 years, 10 months, 18 days

~~65 years, 6 months, 14 days~~

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?, Griffith, NSW

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?





**VICTOR** is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

**\*NEED MORE INFO**

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**Funeral location: TBA**

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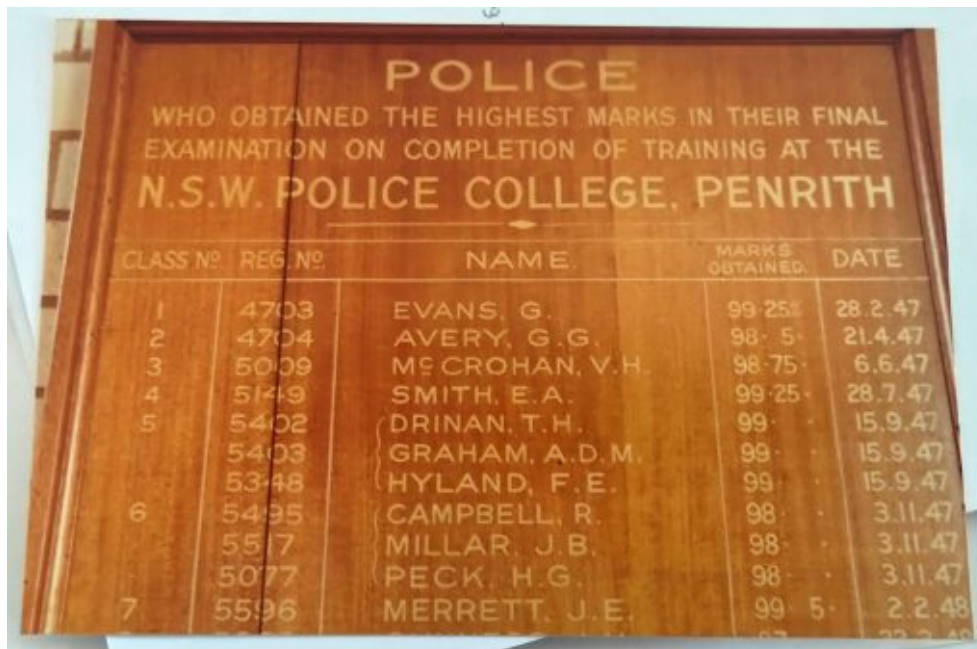
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**POLICE**  
WHO OBTAINED THE HIGHEST MARKS IN THEIR FINAL  
EXAMINATION ON COMPLETION OF TRAINING AT THE  
**N.S.W. POLICE COLLEGE, PENRITH**

CLASS NO.	REG. NO.	NAME.	MARKS OBTAINED.	DATE
1	4703	EVANS, G.	99.25	28.2.47
2	4704	AVERY, G.G.	98.5	21.4.47
3	5009	MCCROHAN, V.H.	98.75	6.6.47
4	5149	SMITH, E.A.	99.25	28.7.47
5	5402	DRINAN, T.H.	99	15.9.47
	5403	GRAHAM, A.D.M.	99	15.9.47
	5348	HYLAND, F.E.	99	15.9.47
6	5495	CAMPBELL, R.	98	3.11.47
	557	MILLAR, J.B.	98	3.11.47
	5077	PECK, H.G.	98	3.11.47
7	5596	MERRETT, J.E.	99.5	2.2.48

NSW Police College, Penrith. Police who obtained the highest marks in their final examination on completion of training at the NSW Police College, Penrith. 1947 – 1948

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Dungog Chronicle : Durham and Gloucester Advertiser (NSW :  
1894 – 1954),

**Saturday 30 August 1952, page 4**

**News About People**

**And What They Are Doing**

**Constable Vic McCrohon**, of **Clarence Town**, is absent on special duty. He is giving revolver instruction to country police stations.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/140852740>

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Dungog Chronicle : Durham and Gloucester Advertiser (NSW :  
1894 – 1954),

**Saturday 5 May 1951, page 2**

**Clarence Town War Memorial Committee**

The Annual Meeting of the Clarence Town and District 1939 – 45 War Memorial Committee will be held in the **School of Arts Hall, Clarence Town**, next Monday night, 7th May, at 8 p.m. Business: Important.

**VIC McCROHON,**

Secretary

Dungog Chronicle : Durham and Gloucester Advertiser (NSW :  
1894 – 1954),

**Saturday 4 March 1950**, page 4

**CLARENCE TOWN**

( **From Our Correspondent** )

**BRIGADIER MACARTHUR ONSLOW'S VISIT.**

On Thursday, 16th February, **Brigadier D. MacArthur Onslow** paid a visit to **Clarence Town** to carry out an inspection of the area with regard to the formation of a unit of the **Citizens Forces** in the district. He was very high in his praise of the district and stated that it was ideally suited for the formation of an amphibious unit of the **Citizen Forces**. However, the lack of a suitable building that could be utilized as a **Drill Hall** was an obstacle but despite this he felt sure that he could convince the authorities that the expense of erecting one would be justified as it was his considered opinion that it was to the men on the land that this country could depend upon.

The men in the closer settled areas have many distractions whilst the man on the land is a deeper thinker and realises the need for **Citizen Military Forces**.

The **Brigadier** was met by **Mr. Vic. McCrohon**, who served under him during the **last war** and was later met by **Mr. M. W. Dark** and various other citizens of the district.

He stated that he thought that **Clarence Town** had very good prospects of having an industry set up because the **Williams**

**River** was so well suited to shipping. He would not hesitate in recommending the district to anyone requiring a factory site.

It may be remembered that the **Brigadier** is a man of many business interests, one such business being the **Camden Vale Dairies** which is in the process of having a **circular dairy** installed – the **third in the world** and the **first in the southern hemisphere**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/140855122>

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Dungog Chronicle : Durham and Gloucester Advertiser (NSW : 1894 – 1954),

**Saturday 4 March 1950**, page 4

#### **ANNUAL MEETING OF FOOTBALL CLUB**

The annual meeting of the **Clarence Town Football Club** took place on Saturday, **February 18th**, when the balance sheet for the year **1949** was presented and the election of officers for **1960** took place.

In opening the meeting the **chairman, Mr. J. Moylan**, congratulated the club on the performance it had put up last year both on the field of sport and on its **splendid financial position** for the commencement of a new season. He pointed out that when the club was formed **last year** that except for approximately three players who had had previous experience the remainder had only the spirit of the game to offer; as the season had progressed and more people became interested in the sport the local lads improved their game and by the end of the season had improved beyond all expectations.

Many older hands had expressed their amazement at the manner in which the team had improved its game. He then complimented

**Mr. Vic McCrohon** on the **splendid financial position** of the club, which, after having bought 15 complete sets of gear and two footballs ended the season with a credit balance of £66/11/34.

The election of officers for the coming season then took place and resulted in **Mr. J. Moylan** being re-elected as **President** and **Mr. V. H. McCrohon** being re-elected **secretary** treasurer.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/140855118>

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Dungog Chronicle : Durham and Gloucester Advertiser (NSW :  
1894 – 1954),

**Saturday 25 February 1950**, page 2

#### **CLARENCE TOWN NEWS**

**Mr. W. McCrohon** is spending the week-end with his **brother**, **Constable Vic McCrohon**, and **Mrs. McCrohon**, after coming out of Army camp at **Singleton**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/140847789>

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Dungog Chronicle : Durham and Gloucester Advertiser (NSW :  
1894 – 1954),

**Saturday 11 February 1950**, page 5

#### **SECOND SPORTS BALL.**

Indications at the moment are that a bumper crowd will be in attendance, as **secretary Vic. McCrohon** has been approached re running a bus from Maitland. The Pick-a-Box free novelties

which proved so popular last ball will again be on and the prizes are really super, some even being to say the least 'stunning.'

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/140856616>

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Dungog Chronicle : Durham and Gloucester Advertiser (NSW : 1894 – 1954),

**Wednesday 3 August 1949**, page 2

### **CLARENCE TOWN DEFEATS DUNGOG**

On Sunday, a B Grade side from Dungog journeyed to Clarence Town and played a picnic match. After leading 7-nil at half-time, Clarence Town beat Dungog 7 points to 3. Ross Haggarty scored for Dungog. **Constable Vic McCrohon** is moulding a fine team together in Clarence Town.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/136156278>

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Newcastle Sun (NSW : 1918 – 1954),

**Monday 1 July 1946**, page 2

### **Constable Found Man Huddled In Shop At Night**

Flashing his torch through the doorway of a **Scott Street shop** about 11.30 p.m. on **June 25**, **Probationary Constable Victor McCrohon** saw a young man huddled in his overcoat against the counter.

**Leslie John Cable**, 18. soldier, was charged with breaking and entering the lock-up shop of Helen Payzis at **105 Scott Street**,

**Newcastle**, on **June 25** and stealing £9 8s 11d in money, one fountain pen, six keys, one ring, two tax stamps valued at 5s 9d and a quantity of confectionery to the total value of £12 10s.

He was also charged with having, at **Newcastle** on **June 25**, broken and entered a lock-up shop at **5 Wolfe Street** with intent to steal.

He was committed for **trial** at **Newcastle Quarter Sessions** on **July 22**.

**Constable McCrohon** said that whilst on duty in **Scott Street** about 11.30 on **June 25** he noticed the glass of **Payzis shop** was broken and that the door had been interfered with. **Cable** was huddled against the counter. **Cable** was searched and £9 8s 11d was found in his possession. There was a quantity of cigarettes and other articles in his pocket. Questioned, **Cable** said he was " broke. "

He signed a statement admitting he gained entry with a piece of flat steel. **Cable** was questioned about breaking and entering the premises of **Blachford** in **Wolfe Street**. He said he used a flat piece of steel to gain entry.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/157703315>

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### Profile

**Name:** McCrohon V.H.

**Service No:** NX661

**Rank:** Lt.

**Unit:** 6 Div.Cav.

**Brief History**

This record copied from A.W.M. WW2 NOMINAL ROLLS

<b>Name</b>	McCROHON, VICTOR HARRY
<b>Service</b>	Australian Army
<b>Service Number</b>	NX661
<b>Date of Birth</b>	26 Oct 1916
<b>Place of Birth</b>	HILLGROVE, NSW
<b>Date of Enlistment</b>	4 Nov 1939
<b>Locality on Enlistment</b>	PAXTON, NSW
<b>Place of Enlistment</b>	EAST MAITLAND, NSW
<b>Next of Kin</b>	MCCROHON, ALEXANDER
<b>Date of Discharge</b>	3 Jan 1946
<b>Rank</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Posting at Discharge</b>	2/6 ARMOURED REGIMENT

#### OBITUARY – VICTOR “DIGGER” McCROHON

(Cavalry News, No. 28)

It is a well known fact that our Regt in its day contained some extraordinarily talented men within its ranks. In some cases this talent was not immediately apparent but in due course, the qualities of courage, leadership, downright commonsense etc was to come to the fore, so these individuals could be alluded to as “mighty men”.

Such was the case with **Vic McCrohon**.

In later years he was known as a “mighty man” both in the **Police** and the **RSL**.

Late last year some **300 people attended his funeral** at Griffith, NSW, many of this number being Police and ex-servicemen, as **Vic** had a distinguished military and police record.

He first enlisted at **Maitland** on **November 4, 1939** with the **6<sup>th</sup> Div Reconnaissance Regt**, and saw service in the **first middle east desert campaign**. He served with the **Long Range desert patrol** in the **2<sup>nd</sup> desert campaign** and after serving also in the **Syrian campaign**, he was promoted to **Sgt** and mentioned in despatches. He was mentioned in despatches for the **2<sup>nd</sup> time** in **1942** after the **Buna campaign**. Just prior to this he had been an instructor with the **2/6 Armd Regt**.

In **1943** he was posted to **combined Infantry and tank instruction** at **Cunningra**. Later he was posted to **Western Australia**, and then **Richmond** where he was promoted to **Captain** before going to **Timor on Special Service**. At **Puckapunyal** he was promoted to **Major in charge of the Tank gunnery wing**, till his **discharge** from the army on **Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 1946**.

**On that same day** he joined the **RSL** and the **Police Force** as a **probationary constable**.

On **July 1, 1967** he was promoted to **Sergeant**. He was transferred to **Griffith** in **1965** where he spent the **rest of his service till retirement in 1967**. Throughout his career in the force he took part in many police activities too varied for comment here. Suffice to say he was presented with the **Police Long Service and good conduct medal** on **28<sup>th</sup> March, 1972**. For ten years he was **Sec/Treasurer** of the **Riverina District RSL** and was later awarded **Honorary Life Membership** – so I think you will agree that his “mighty man” title was very well merited.

## after the battle

### THE BATTLE FOR BUNA

#### WARREN FRONT (DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 2)

On Warren front, the second stage of the **Australian 18th Brigade's** offensive against **Buna** was to take place on the inland flank of the **2/9th Battalion**, south of **Simemi Creek**. **Lieutenant-Colonel James Dobbs's 2/10th Battalion**, having arrived from **Milne Bay**, would attack along the old **Buna airstrip**.

Patrols had already moved along **Simemi Creek**, and on December 23 **Captain Austen Ifould's B Company** had captured the bridge, a goal that had eluded the **American infantry** for over a month. The **2/10th** then consolidated at the eastern end of the kunai-covered airstrip while the **American engineers** repaired the bridge.

The **Japanese defenders** here were some of **Captain Yasuda's crack naval troops**.

**Seaman Masaji Konagaya** wrote: *'Although we only had a handful of men, we defended our positions with desperate efforts'*.

On the next day, **December 24**, **Brigadier Wootten** decided to send four of the **Australian Stuart tanks** across the bridge to support the attack along the airstrip.

**Japanese guns** were known to be in the area, but they had been silent for some days, and it was hoped that they had been destroyed by air attacks.

At **0935**, after a short barrage, **Lieutenant McCrohon's** and **Corporal Barnet's tanks** crossed the bridge and headed up the strip.

They advanced some 250 yards in short order, and **McCrohon** began engaging **machine-gun posts**. Then, at about **1000**, **McCrohon** saw a **flash** off to his left front and his **tank was hit** down low on the body. The wireless was dislodged and the **tank slewed into a flooded bomb crater**, where it remained **bogged**. **Barnet's tank** was then .....

Newcastle Sun (NSW : 1918 – 1954),

**Thursday 19 June 1941**, page 3

**LUCKY SHOT WITH RIFLE " GRASSED " HEINKEL**

How a lucky shot put out of action a **Heinkel fighter** in the Sollum area is described by **Sergeant V. McCrohon** in a letter to his **brother**, Mr. **A. McCrohon**, of **Boolaroo School** staff.

An **armored tank detachment**, of which **Sergeant McCrohon** is attached, was awaiting orders to go into action and was being continually harassed by the **German** machine.

A private member of the **supporting Infantry column** casually remarked that he would fix the blighter and, raising his service rifle, fired.

The **Heinkel** faltered in its course and was obliged to make a forced landing.

An inspection of the machine revealed that the bullet had **severed** a vital link in the **rudder control mechanism**. The crew of the **Heinkel** was taken **prisoner**.

**Sergeant McCrohon** was the driver of the **first tank to enter Bengazi**.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/167433068>

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Cessnock Eagle and South Maitland Recorder (NSW : 1913 – 1954),

**Friday 5 January 1940**, page 5

**Presentation At Paxton.**

## **SERGEANT ( A.I.F. ) McCROHON FAREWELLED.**

At a brief ceremony held at **Paxton Picture Hall** last Saturday night, Paxton people assembled to bid farewell to Sergeant Victor McCrohon, who is shortly to go overseas with the 2nd A.I.F., making the fourth local representative to assist in England's democratic fight.

Handing over a set of **hair brushes and fountain pen and pencil**, **Mr. P. S. McLeish** complimented **Sergeant McCrohon** upon having been accepted to serve with the **2nd A.I.F.**, and conveyed the good wishes of **Paxton** people for a safe journey, a clean, victorious fight, and a quick return home.

Speaking in support, **Mrs. F. Hindmarsh** said that having known **Mr. McCrohon** all his life, she felt justified in saying he was a worthy son of **Paxton** and regretted the cause of his departure. However, he had seen fit to answer **Australia's call**, and was certain he would do his best for his country.

On behalf of the **Great War veterans** living in the district, **Mr. Ivor Davies** expressed the belief that as long as the **2nd A.I.F.** was composed of men like **Sergeant McCrohon**, the old **Diggers** could rest assured that the spirit of **Anzac** would never die.

In reply, **the guest** of the evening thanked all responsible for the present, and said he had been set a hard task to justify the nice things said about him. However, he would always endeavour to do the right thing, and trusted that the people of **Paxton** would continue to maintain their good faith in the boys of the **2nd A.I.F.**

The proceedings were brought to a close with the rendering of "God Save The King."

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Updated on 16 December 2025 with Penrith Police College plaque photo and alternative death date from literature on my Db.

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# Allen John BEHRINGER

21/01/2024

## Allen John BEHRINGER

Late of ?

**Husband to Gloria**

Father to Denise BEHRINGER – NSWPF # 17718

## New South Wales Police Force

Uniform # 3109

Regd. # 5216

Rank: Commenced Training at Penrith Police College on Monday  
? ? ? ( aged ? )

Probationary Constable – appointed 13 May 1946 ( aged 26  
years, 9 months, 0 days )

Senior Constable – appointed 1 July 1958

Sergeant 3rd Class – Appointed 9 September 1968 ( Seniority

date should have been 29 May 1968 )

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 21 June 1976 ( in the 1979 Stud Book, his name is crossed out with an asterix next to it. )

Stations: ?, “possibly” Bondi ( 1948 ), Wellington ( 1978 )

Service: From ? ? pre May 1946? to 12 August 1979 = 33  
years Service

Time in Retirement: 2 years, 10 months, 16 days

Age at Retirement: 59 years, 11 months, 30 days

Awards: No Find on the Australian Honours system



Allen John BEHRINGER  
Husband to Gloria  
Father to Denise BEHRINGER –

NSWPF # 17718  
12 September 1977

Born: Wednesday 13 August 1919 in Moruya, NSW

Died on: Monday 28 June 1982

Age: 62 years, 10 months, 15 days

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?

ALLEN is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

**\*NEED MORE INFO**

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**Funeral location: TBA**

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Husband to **Gloria Blanche BEHRINGER ( R.I.P. )** & Father to  
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Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney,  
NSW : 1901 – 2001),

**Friday 24 February 1978** (No.24), page 642

Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice

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, the Licensing District preceding their names, for the dates specified, viz.:-

**Wellington.** – **Sergeant 2nd Class Allen John Behringer**, stationed at **Wellington**, in lieu of **Sergeant 1st Class Ronald George Gardner**, from 4th December, 1977, to 17th December, 1977, inclusive.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/220130720/14433016>

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Sun (Sydney, NSW : 1910 – 1954),

**Saturday 27 March 1948**, page 3

**Fight at show to enter hall; police swept aside**

Three thousand people fought and struggled to enter the **Hall of Industries** at the **Showground** today. Two nurses and two ambulance officers were rushed to the spot and treated 30 people who collapsed.

There were no serious cases, said **Superintendent O'Sullivan**, of **Central District Ambulance**. Large early-morning crowds had banked up and the crush occurred when opening of the hall was

delayed for half an hour. Those early in the **Hall of Industries** queue arrived at 8.30 am. By 9.30 am, when the shutters were eventually pulled up, between 3000 and 4000 people were awaiting admittance. As the rollers moved, the crowd cheered and surged forward. Police standing along the doorway to regulate the crowd were swept backwards. Police reformed, but again were swept aside by the milling crowd. Men, women and children pushed and struggled to enter the hall, which is the main one on the ground selling **sample bags**. Women and children were battered against the sides of the doors as they struggled to get in and the crowd behind pushed forward. It was the worst demonstration by a Show crowd since the opening last Saturday.

### **Situation "ugly"**

Police, who finally opened the shutters, . described the crush as "ugly." **Constable Behringer**, of **Bondi**, said: "When the shutters were opened, pressure from the huge crowd was terrific. "I picked up several children who fell to the floor, to prevent them being trampled upon and possibly seriously injured. " I also helped several elderly women to safety."

Police said even before they opened the hall, they admitted several old people and young children through a trapdoor. **RAS** secretary **Colonel Somerville** said: "Delay in opening the hall was because we had to clean it." The late opening caused congestion which lasted for more than an hour. The huge hall was packed to capacity by a slow-moving mass of men, women and children, majority of them bent of buying samples. When the crowd stampeded into the Hall, many made for a stand selling chocolate samples.

In 20 minutes the stand had sold out. The crowd then turned and made for the exits, but was met by a further crush of people coming in the door. In the melee, sample bags were torn from the hands of some who got them, while others were trampled underfoot. Police formed a cordon around the stand

and diverted crowds from it.

As the crowd increased throughout the day, it was a crush almost everywhere at the Show.

By early afternoon ambulance officers and nurses treated more than 100 men, women and children who had collapsed.

#### TONIGHT'S RING PROGRAMME

7.0: Mile record attempt. 7.30 Trotting. 7.45: Hunting 8.30: Trotting, 8.45: Polo 9.15: Special attractions. Woodchopping: 11 am to 7.20 pm

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/228995439>

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Updated 3 March 2026 with photo.

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# Warren John MATHESON

21/01/2024

## Warren John MATHESON

Late of Reynella, S.A.

South Australia Police Force

Regd. # ?

Rank: Constable

Stations: Darlington, Glenelg & Christies Beach

Service: From 20 June 1974 to 29 March 1982 = 7 years, 9 months, 9 days Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: Thursday 6 June 1957

Died on: Monday 29 March 1982

Age: 24 years, 9 months, 23 days

Cause: Motor Vehicle Collision – Driver – Urgent Duty

Event location: Tapleys Hill Rd, Glenelg North, South Australia

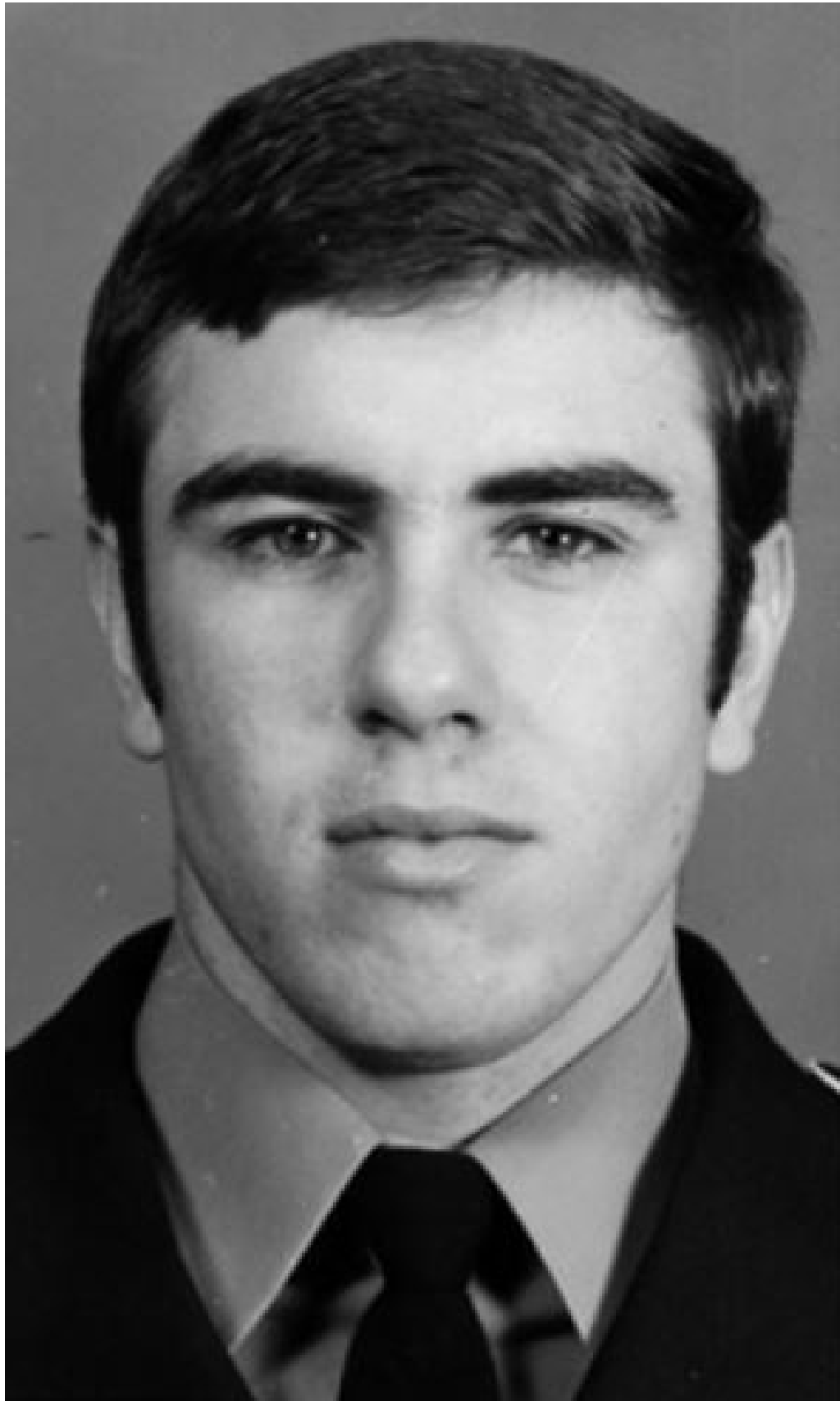
Funeral date: Thursday 1 April 1982

Funeral location: Mt Gambier, S.A.

Buried at: Carinya Gardens Cemetery, Mt Gambier, South Australia

Section: Water Lily Garden Grave: 14 Row: N

Memorial located at: ?





Warren Matheson had two small children when he died. The mother ( Barbara ) of those two small children kept in close contact with the parents of Warren after his death and are still in contact to this day. Warrens, now adult children ( Brett, 38 & Hayley, 36 ) ( in 2017 ) and their mother ( Barbara ) travelled from Qld to Mt Gambier in November 2016 and visited the grave of Warren. Warren now has two grandsons, now aged 5 & 1. The memory of Warren is still alive and the family will never forget the loss.

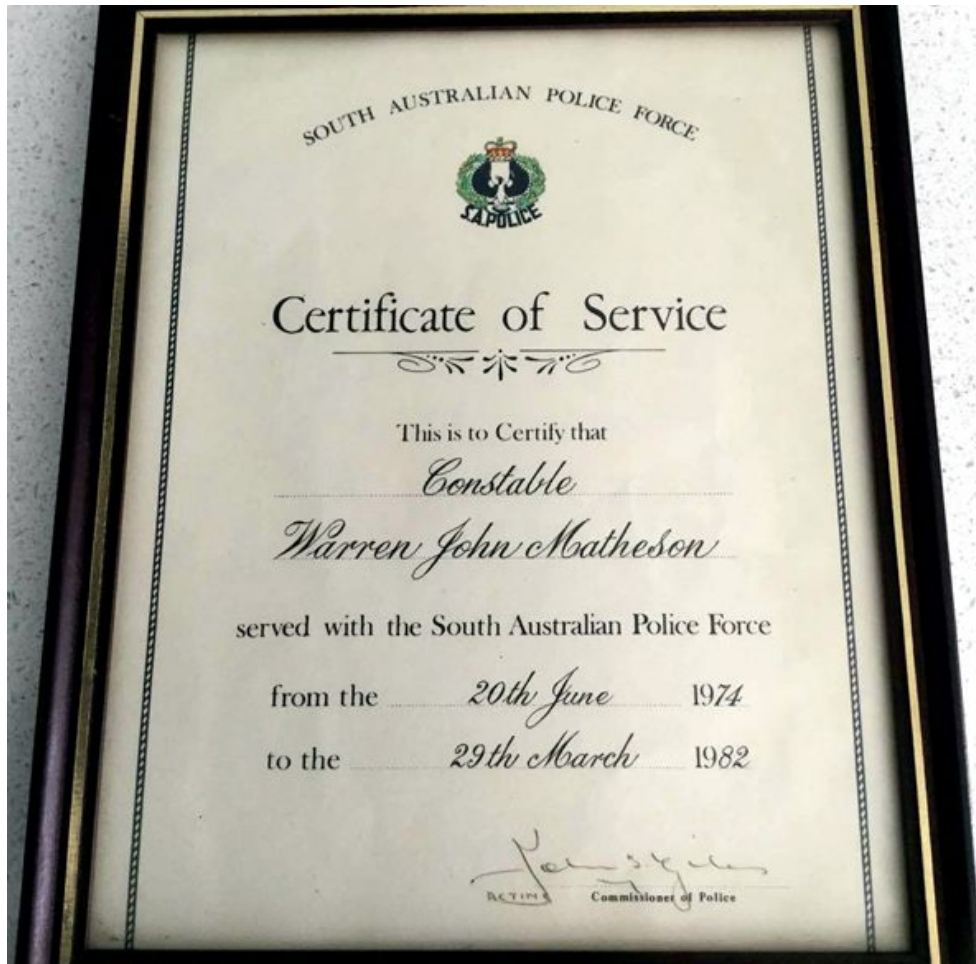


Warren Mathesons' now adult children ( Hayley, 36 & Brett, 38 ) ( as of 2017) as seen in November 2016 with Warrens' two grandsons, now aged 5 & 1.



This photo is Warrens parents Ian and Maureen

Matheson ( seated ) with the family celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary November 2016.



Certificate of Service

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In loving memory of Warren John Matheson Died in the line of Duty 29th March 1982 aged 24 years Beloved elder son of Ian and Maureen Loving brother to Ann and Craig Cherished father of Brett and Hayley So dearly loved, so

sadly missed



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**Mathew John PAYNE**

21/01/2024

# Mathew John PAYNE

Late of Rendelsham

## South Australia Police Force

Uniform # 3164

Regd. # ?

Rank: Constable

Stations: ?, Darlington – Death

Service: From ? ? ? to 29 March 1982 = ? years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: Sunday 7 June 1959

Died on: Monday 29 March 1982

Age: 22 years, 9 months, 22 days

Cause: Motor Vehicle Collision – Drive – Urgent Duty

Event location: Tapleys Hill Rd, Glenelg North, South

## Australia

Funeral date: Thursday 1 April 1982

Funeral location: ?, Rendelsham, South Australia

Buried at: Rendelsham Cemetery – ( near Millicent ), 119  
McCall Rd, Rendelsham, S.A.

Section: ? Plot: 19S

Memorial located at: ?



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He was motor bike enthusiast as are his 'on the job' mates who are all now retired but they still ride the Wall to Wall every year.



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SUZANNE J. WILLIAM  
FOREVER REMEMBERED

IN MEMORY OF  
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ERECTED  
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DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS



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# Lance Joseph MELINE

21/01/2024

## Lance Joseph MELINE

AKA Lance MELINE

\* Nickname: Trader Dan

Late of Helensburgh, NSW

Relations in 'the job': ?

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

**Army Private – 2790918**

**1 ARU ( Australian Reinforcement Unit )  
from 24 June 1969 – 16 July 1969**

**9 RAR ( Ninth Battalion Royal Australian  
Regiment ) from 17 July 1969 – 12  
December 1969**

# New South Wales Police Force

**Regd. # 14645**

**Redfern Police Academy Class # 127**

**Rank:** Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday  
17 May 1971 ( aged 22 years, 11 months, 0 days )

Probationary Constable – appointed 28 June 1971 ( aged 23  
years, 0 months, 11 days )

Constable 1st Class – appointed 28 June 1976

Senior Constable – appointed ???

**Final Rank:** Senior Constable

**Stations:** ?, Sutherland ( 24 Division ), Helensburgh ( 82  
Division ) – Death

**Service:** From 17 May 1971 to 8 April 1982 = 10 years, 10  
months, 22 days Service

**Awards:** Queen's Scout Award – granted 1966 1st Leeton

**Born:** Thursday 17 June 1948

**Died:** Thursday 8 April 1982

**Age:** 33 years, 9 months, 22 days

**Cause:** Depression – Suicide – Police revolver

**Event location:** inside Helensburgh Police Station ( 82  
Division )

**Event Date:** Thursday 8 April 1982

**Funeral date:** ? April 1982

**Funeral location:** Woronora Crematorium, Linden St,  
Sutherland, NSW

**Buried at:** Cremated

**Ashes:** Sydney War Cemetery, Memorial Ave, Rookwood

**Memorial located at:**





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

**37 years later ( 2019 ) and this man is still not recognised**

**by the NSWPF – but WE – the people who Served in NSWPF, still  
Remember and Honour our Fallen**

A Senior Constable Lance Meline committed self harm with a police revolver at Helensburgh Police Station on the 8 April 1982. He was apparently having trouble with hoodlums in the Helensburgh area too.

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**FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED ABOUT THIS PERSON.**

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**Army information:**

<http://www.rtfv-35sqn.org/History/Mortality%20With%20Units.xls>

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<i>Surname</i>	<i>Given Names</i>	<i>Notice Type</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Other Details</i>	<i>Publication</i>	<i>Published</i>	
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**Helensburgh Police Station:** [codepeople-post-map]

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Lance was born to Daphne ELLIOT ( D: 1980 ) & Leslie MELINE ( D: about 1998 – ex Flight Engineer with RAAF – WWII )

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It is believed that Sgt Keith Beacroft, OIC, found the deceased.

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## Mark Joseph KOHUTEK

21/01/2024

### Mark Joseph KOHUTEK

AKA ?

Late of ?

Father to Nathan KOHUTEK # 46086

NSW Redfern Police Academy **Class # 152**

NSW Police **Cadet # 3063**

New South Wales Police Force

**Uniform # 6668**

**Regd. # 17394**

**Rank:** NSW Police Cadet – commenced 8 July 1974 ( aged 16  
years, 7 months, 5 days )

Probationary Constable – appointed 3 October 1976 ( 18 years,  
10 months, 0 days )

Constable – appointed 3 October 1977

Constable 1st Class – appointed ?

**Final Rank** = Constable 1st Class

**Stations:** ?, Traffic Branch – Nth Sydney HWP – Death

**Service:** From 8 July 1974 to 4 March 1982 = 7 years, 7  
months, 24 days Service

**Age at Retirement / Leaving:** 24 years, 3 months, 1 days

**Time in Retirement:** 0

**Awards:** No Find on Australian Honours

**Born:** Tuesday 3 December 1957 in Lambeth, England

**Died on:** Thursday 4 March 1982 about 5am

**Age:** 24 yrs 3 mths 1 day

**Cause:** Injuries, MVA – Rider – Police Bike – wet weather

**Event location:** Berowra Tollway, Mt White, NSW

( approx. 1km south of Mt White exit – south bound )

**Event date:** Thursday 4 March 1982 about 5am

**Funeral date:** ? March 1982

**Funeral location:** ?

**Wake location:** ?

**Funeral Parlour:** ?

**Buried at:** Rookwood Cemetery, Lidcombe, NSW

Memorial Garden 10, Position 411

**Memorial located at:** ?



MARK **IS mentioned** on the Police Wall of Remembrance

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exact Grave location: **TBA**

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About 5am on **4 March, 1982** Constable Kohutek was riding a police solo motor cycle along the **Berowra Tollway** between Newcastle and Sydney on his journey to the Sydney Harbour Bridge for the 'bridge lane change' system. As he was negotiating a sweeping bend, in the rain, **about a kilometre south of the Mt White exit** the cycle crashed into a rock median strip. As a result Constable Kohutek sustained fatal

head and internal injuries.

The constable was born in **1957** and joined the New South Wales Police Force as a cadet on **8 July, 1974**. He was sworn in on **3 October, 1976**. At the time of his death he was attached to the **Traffic Branch, North Sydney** ( under the Sydney Harbour Bridge ).

**Approx. location of collision:** [codepeople-post-map]

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Left to right.

Back Row: P. Vickery, M. Cownie, W. Koenig, G. Callander, G. Morris, M. Knowles, I. Pedersen.

Middle Row: M. Szobotek, T. Walzer, J. Kirk, S. Corry, G. Parich, C. Bell, E. Green.

Front Row: A. Tuzos, E. Brown, Acting Sergeant L. Harris (Drill Instructor), Sergeant 2nd Class W. Coman (Instructor), Sergeant 3rd Class E. Johnson (Instructor), A. Murrkott, A. Wardrop.



NSW Police Cadets –  
Class 9, Phase III ( L – R )      Back Row: Phil **VICKERY**, Mick **COWNIE**, Walter **KOENIG**, Greg **CALLANDER** ( 17463 ), Glen **MORRIS**, Mike **KNOWLES** # 17558 ( R.I.P. ), Ivor **PEDERSEN**

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Front Row: Anthony **TANOS**, R. **BROWN**, Acting Sgt Len **HARRIS** ( Drill Instructor ), Sgt 2/c William 'Bill' **COMAN** ( Instructor ), Sgt 3/c Keith **JOHNSON** # 7887 ( R.I.P. ), Andrew **MARRIOTT**, Andrew **WARDROP**



Class 152 were Sworn In on Monday 27 September 1976

17348	LARRY RAYMOND HILL	M	
17349	<b>PAUL STEWART PARMENTER</b>	@ BOMBA	M
17350	MICHAEL KENNETH ROBINSON	M	
17351	PETER FRANCIS MOSS	M	
17352	JOHN FRANCIS PURCELL	M	
17353	GEORGE MAXWELL SHIPWAY	M	
17354	C.L. JENKINS	F	
17355	GARRY ALWYN DOBSON	M	
17356	G.B. PARKER	M	
17357	<b>COLIN MICHAEL KELSON</b>	/ COL / PUSSA	M
17358	M.B. THOMPSON	M	

17359 P.L. MAYGER M  
17360 JULIE E. ESTELLE HERON / JULIE HERON  
F  
17361 D.J. ISEMONGER M  
17362 G.F. WARD M  
17363 WARREN J GEANEY M  
17364 I.R. BERRY M  
17365 G.S. REICHART M  
17366 T.A. BOON M  
17367 C.J. BRAID M  
17368 **A.J. HETHERINGTON** M  
17369 WILLIAM K. HARVEY @ BILL HARVEY M  
17370 B.W. EMMS M  
17371 W.A. AITKEN / JOCK AITKEN M  
17372 J.F. McGROGAN M  
17373 G.L. BOOTH M  
17374 **W.J. MAGANN** M  
17375 M.J. SLADDEN M  
17376 G.E. RICHARDSON M  
17377 P.R. CAMPBELL M  
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17379 J.M. EGAN M  
17380 T.O. HARVEY M  
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17391 M.A. HERNANDEX M  
17392 A.J. HILLIER M  
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17394 **MARK JOSEPH KOHUTEK** M

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