

Roy Arthur ALLAN

23/10/2018

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Late of Gosford

New South Wales Police Force

[alert_yellow]Regd. #
11467[/alert_yellow]

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed
10 May 1965

Constable – appointed 10 May 1966

Senior Constable – appointed 10 May 1974

Sergeant

Final Rank = Sergeant

Stations: ?, Ellenborough (1970's),
Stuart Town, Yass Lock Up Keeper (6
years), Gosford – Death

Service: From ? ? Pre 10 May 1965? to
? July 1987 = 22+ years Service

Awards: National Medal – granted 15 April 1981 (SenCon)

Born: 1 July 1942

Died on: ?(late) July 1987

Age: 45

Cause: Suicide – poison intake – died 11 hours after ingestion

Event location: Home, Gosford

Event date: ?(late) July 1987

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?

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

Funeral location: TBA

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

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May they forever Rest In Peace

Kerry Pope New South Wales Policing History Forum
8 hrs · 221018

During my service, I was Stationed at the township of **Gunning** and on many occasions, had to ask the assistance from the **Lockup Keeper** at **Yass**, **Roy Allan** was his name, and he never hesitated to attend and assist, as all Cops do, we became

close friends, family included, then one day after being transferred to Tweed Heads I happened to pick up a magazine, "New Idea" dated 4/2/89 and was dumbstruck with what I read,... two pages were removed from the book, however, I can only locate one at this stage...

The policeman who died from stress

Joan Allan is seated in the rumpus room of her home in Gosford, NSW. She waves in the direction of the laundry door and says calmly: "Just over there ... that's where my husband went to take his life." It's almost 18 months since Police Sergeant Roy Allan, 45, swallowed a dose of lethal hydrochloric acid. And 47-year-old Joan can clearly remember her husband sprawled on the laundry floor as he uttered: "Just leave me be, I want to die."

After a torturous final few years with Roy — whose stressful job had made him mentally ill — Joan, with tragic honesty, reveals that his suicide has relieved her of much pressure.

"I feel as though I've had a huge weight removed from my shoulders," she says. "I feel so sorry for the wives of policemen who are sick like Roy was."

"You see, the wives are living in the same situation as the men. And they become just as sick as the fellas."

Joan had been married to Roy for 24 years. She says he was a caring man and "a good cop". Roy was striving to go as far as he could in the force.

But the strain of police work proved too much. Roy became chronically depressed as a result of near-brushes with death, the witnessing of the mutilated bodies of road accident victims, and the trying conditions at one-man and lock-up stations.

One night in late July, 1987, he joined Joan and daughter Susan, now 18, at the dinner table. There was no conversation, which was not unusual: Roy's illness had been characterised by a serious withdrawal from others.

He ate half his meal, got up, then went downstairs. "Susan just said to me, 'Dad's on another planet', which is what she always said when he was behaving strangely," says Joan.

"But we actually thought he had gone to get some ice cream. The phone rang and I sang out to him to

12 NEW IDEA, 4/2/89

The macabre side of his life's work broke the mind and spirit of Sergeant Roy Allan... and experts warn that many more men like him are not getting the help they need

take it. And he did — it was a friend of ours.

"I had been keeping a good eye on him since he started becoming sick, so after about three minutes had passed, I called out, 'Are you all right, love?'"

"There was no answer, so I went downstairs to the first landing and there was only one light on. I thought, 'Where is he?' And then I heard movement in the laundry, so I went down ... the door was open and I put the light on. Then I saw him on the floor."

"I thought he'd had a heart attack and I told Susan to ring 000. I turned him on his side and then I saw the bottle of hydrochloric acid — we had used it as a brick cleaner on one of our old houses. We had taken it with us when we moved."

"Susan brought down some milk and tried to pour it into her father's mouth. But he wouldn't swallow it. He said to me, 'I love you'. And then he said, 'Just leave me be, I want to die'."

Roy was rushed to hospital. He died 11 hours later.

Joan says it's hard to know when his troubles began.

Roy had spent much of his early days in one-man country stations,

a time which he found very demanding.

For six years, he was also a lock-up keeper at Yass, 300km south-west of Sydney.

"He was in charge of 16 men and also responsible for all prisoners," says Joan.

"I think Yass played a big part in what happened to him. He was on call 24 hours a day. The phone would ring virtually 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

"He attended a lot of those fatal accidents on the Hume Highway. He'd come home and he couldn't sleep — he'd have nightmares, he'd relive every accident and wish he could have done more for the people involved."

Joan says that a policeman's wife also undergoes considerable hardship. "The wives have a lot of things to do that aren't very pleasant," she says. "At the lock-ups, they have to cook for all the prisoners and body-search the female prisoners. They really are unpaid police."

Joan can cite several specific incidents from which Roy never fully recovered.

After attending an aeroplane crash, he returned home and asked to be left alone.

"He was saying, 'Don't touch me, I've got to have a bath, I feel dirty'," says Joan. "Apparently, he'd been putting pieces of bodies into a bag."

On another occasion, in the town of Griffith, Roy was bailed up during a siege. "This bloke had a .22 carbine pointed at Roy's head," Joan says.

"He said to Roy, 'Don't move or I'll blast your head off'. Roy broke down and cried when he came home. He said all he could see at the end of the barrel was a pair of mad animal eyes."

What Joan can't understand is why the Police Department allowed Roy to return to work after his illness had been diagnosed.

"We came to Gosford because Roy said he needed city experience to further his career," she says. "This is what police are always on about: furthering their career. It's their life — all or nothing."

"POSSIBLY" BUT by no means verified:

Roy Allan

Birth	unknown
Death	1987
Burial	Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park Matraville, Randwick City, New South Wales, Australia
Plot	Eastern Court Walls, Wall A, Position 24
Memorial ID	174614435 · View Source

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/174614435/roy-allan#source>

Kenneth Noel IDE

23/10/2018

Kenneth Noel IDE

AKA Ken & Bluey

husband to Joy IDE (Widow) & father to Scott (Regd # 15735)

Late of ?

New South Wales Police Force

Uniform # 2866

Regd. # 6792

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 14 August 1950

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 1 July 1967

Stations: ?, Darlinghurst – (3 Division 'A' District – ? – January 1968),

Liverpool – (22 Division – 'I' District – Sgt 3/c January 1968 –), Cabramatta – (34 Division),

Service: From ?? pre August 1950? to 1 December 1977 = 27+ years Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: Thursday 24 December 1925

Died on: Friday 8 May 1987

Age: 62

Cause: Cancer

Event location: Bulli Hospital, NSW

Event date: Friday 8 May 1987

Funeral date: Monday 11 May 1987

Funeral location: Pinegrove Crematorium, Great Western Hwy,
Wallgrove

Buried at: Cremated

Memorial located at: Pinegrove – Ceramic Court, Rose Garden
3, Plot 24A (Ken) & 24B (Joy)





Ken (in the middle) with two other unknown members of NSWPF. Photo taken in the 1950's at the Police Training Centre – most probably at Penrith.



Cabarita Lakes, Sydney circa 1953



Side car photo was taken at our home in Elsie Street, Burwood circa 1954





Pinegrove Cemetery





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

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FUNERALS

IDE. — The relatives and friends of the late **Kenneth Noel Ide** are invited to attend his funeral service to be held in the Chapel, Pine Grove Crematorium, Great Western Highway, Wallgrove, today Monday at 2.30pm.

H. PARSONS
Wollongong (042) 289622

Nov 10, 1972 – *Kenneth Noel Ide*, sergeant third class, reduced to senior constable. With Mr Justice Perrignon on the board were Assistant Commissioner, M. J. Whelan, representing the Police Commissioner, and Sergeant R. A. McClelland, representing the Police Association. The policemen whose appeals were upheld ...

The Sydney Morning Herald page 1 **Friday 10 November**
1972

Michael Martin I worked with Sergeant Kenneth Ide, at Darlinghurst, he helped me a lot, by giving me advice and

guidance. I sure didn't know much about the big bad world when I went to Darlo.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/NSWFallenPolice/permalink/1055772947897372/?comment_id=1093764700764863¬if_id=1518926121737302¬if_t=group_comment&ref=notif

Widow of Ken IDE

IDE, Joy

1928 – 2017

Beloved wife of Kenneth (dec). Devoted mother of Ashley & Scott.

Loving Grandmother & Great-grandmother.

Always in our hearts

In God's care

Family and friends are warmly invited to attend Joy's funeral at Pinegrove Memorial Park on **TUESDAY (12th December 2017)** commencing at 1:30 pm within the West Chapel.

AFFINITY FUNERALS

Beautiful Farewell

Services

Ph: 9676 0707

Published in The Sydney Morning Herald on Dec. 9, 2017

December 10, 2017

It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you the day God called you home.

Scott Ide,

Jerrabomberra,

New South Wales





Kerry John WEEKES

23/10/2018

Kerry John WEEKES

New South Wales Police Force

Redfern Police Academy Class # 116

Regd. # 13419

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 16 September 1968

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed 16 September 1973

Senior Constable – appointed 16 September 1977

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 8 September 1984

Sergeant 3rd Class (Traffic Sergeant)

Stations: ?, 21 Division, Petersham (1975), 8 Division (late 1970's), Balmain, Leichhardt, Fairfield (34 Division)
– Death

Service: From pre September 1968 ? to 17 April 1987 = 19+
years Service

Awards: **National Medal** – granted 19 November 1984 (**SenCon**)

Born: Tuesday 21 December 1948

Age: 38 yrs 3 mths 27 days

Died on : Friday 17 April 1987 (Good Friday)

Cause: Suicide via Service Pistol .38 Smith & Wesson revolver

Event location: Traffic Office, 2nd floor, west building of old Fairfield Police Stn, Smart St, Fairfield (34 Division)

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: Orange, NSW

Buried at: Orange General Cemetery, Lone Pine Ave, Orange, NSW.

Grave: Anglican Lawn, Section D, Plot 5

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

Sergeant Kerry WEEKES was a Traffic Sergeant at Fairfield Police Station when, in 1987, he shot himself with his service revolver whilst inside the Traffic Office of that building.

Fairfield Police Station, at that time, comprised to two buildings on either side of the driveway which passed between the two buildings.

The Traffic Office was on the second floor on the western side

of the driveway and was at the rear of that building overlooking the rear car park.

This original version of the Fairfield Police Station was demolished and later replaced with the current station we see upon Smart St, Fairfield, today.

No other information is available at this time (2014 – 2020)

Ronald Noel ROE

23/10/2018

Ronald Noel ROE

AKA Johnny

Late of ?

**NSW Police Academy – Redfern – Class #
121**

New South Wales Police Force

**[alert_yellow]Regd. #
13946[/alert_yellow]**

Rank: Trainee – commenced Monday 27
October 1969

Probationary Constable – appointed 8
December 1969

Senior Constable – appointed 8 December
1978

Senior Constable – Death

Stations: ?, Burwood (1970's), Redfern,
Macquarie Fields – Death

Service: From 27 October 1969 to 25
December 1987 = 18+ years Service

Awards: National Medal – granted 10
September 1986 (SenCon)

Born: Sunday 14 January 1945

Died on: Friday 25 December 1987

Age: 42

Cause: Heart attack

Event location: Campbelltown Hospital (Death)

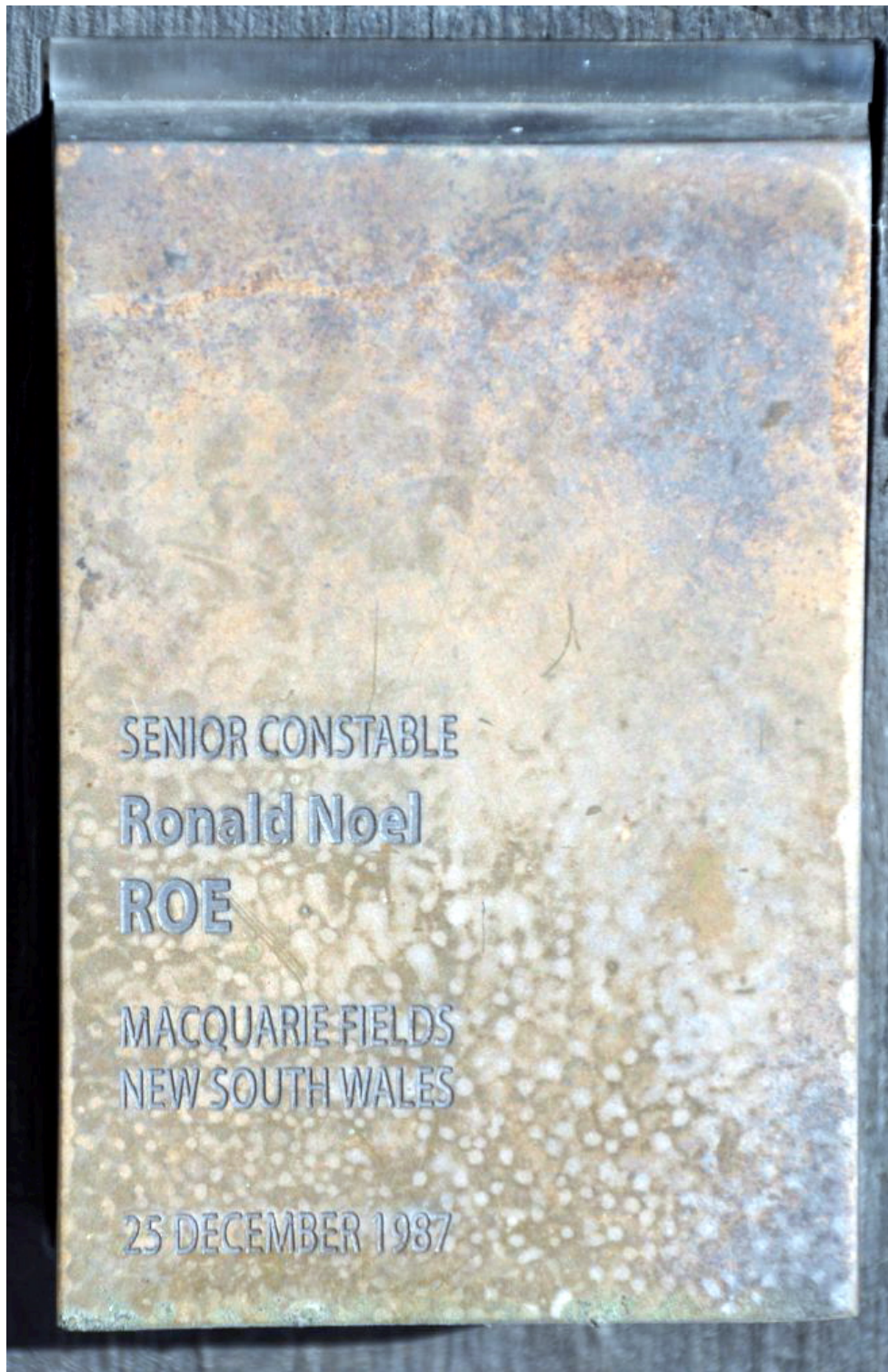
Event date: Friday 25 December 1987

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?



Touch Plate at the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra

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

Funeral location: TBA

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Senior Constable Roe died at the Campbelltown Hospital on Christmas Day, 1987 as a result of myocardial infarction. His death was attributed to his stressful occupation carried out in busy centres over a period of almost twenty years.

The constable was born in 1945 and joined the New South Wales Police Force as a trainee on 27 October, 1969. At the time of his death he was stationed at Macquarie Fields.



Humane
Society
of NSW –
Bronze
Medal

Senior Constable Ronald Noel Roe together with SenCon Barry Terence TRAYNOR # 14422 both received the Bronze Medal from the Royal Humane Society of NSW

Senior Constable Ronald Noel Roe was awarded a Bronze Medal for actions involving poisonous gases at **Lightning Ridge on the **5th February 1978**.**

Bronze Medal Case number: 1980/24d Awarded year: 1979/80

<http://www.braveryaward.org/recipients.php?case=1980/24>

'Johnnie' ROE was a front row forward who played for Wentworthville Leagues Club.

Paul Cole Wed 24 July 2019: A funny man John was. I remember hiding in the bush watching a Indian hemp plantation near Lightning Ridge with John, Detective Sergeant De Audney and Sergeant Dick Paul. The offenders came out and began watering the plants and John stood up and said, " what are you doing here Brownie?" The offender said, " We are looking for pigs. " Quick as a flash John says, " Well you just found f.....g four of them. Your under arrest."

Themelis Arthur MACAROUNAS

23/10/2018

Themelis Arthur MACAROUNAS

aka Tim MACAROUNAS

**Maybe related to Lisa Macarounas – NSWPF
44834**

**NSW Police Academy, Goulburn – Class #
225**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 23???

Rank: Commenced Training at Goulburn Police Academy on Monday
5 January 1987 (aged 21 years, 11 months, 8 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed Friday 27 March 1987 (22
years, 1 month, 27 days)

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Final Rank: Probationary Constable

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Service: From 5 January 1987 to 20 October 1987 = 9
months, 15 days Service

Age at Leaving NSWPF: 22 years, 8 months, 22 days

Time in Retirement: Zero

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Stations: Paddington – Death

Event date: Monday 12 October 1987 about 3.35am

Event location: Oxford St, near Oatley Rd, Paddington, NSW

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Death date: Tuesday 20 October 1987 @ 4pm in St Vincent's
Hospital

Born: Thursday 28 January 1965

Age: 22 years, 8 months, 22 days

Cause of death: Motor vehicle collision – Pursuit – Driver

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Funeral date: Friday 23 October 1987

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park, 12 Military Rd,
Matraville, NSW

Grave Location: General FM 32, G32, Plot 1435

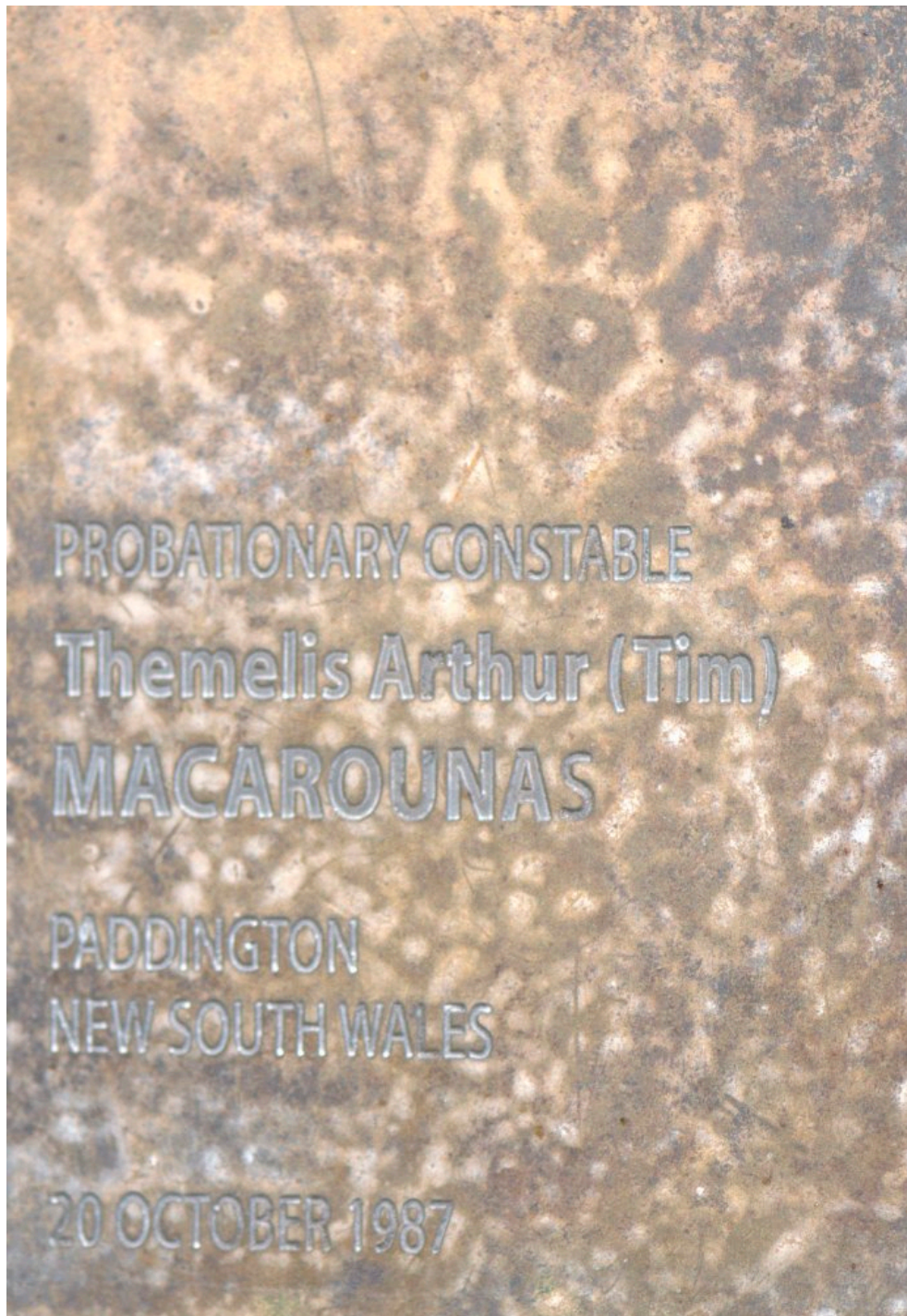
GPS of Grave: ??????????????



Probationary Constable Themelis Arthur (Tim)
MACAROUNAS



Photo: From Beyond Courage FB Group



Touch plate at the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra



TIM **IS Mentioned** on the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra

About **3.35am** on **12 October, 1987** the constable was driving a police vehicle along **Oxford Street, Paddington** assisting a Rose Bay Police vehicle in the **pursuit** of a **stolen car**.

As the constable's vehicle travelled around a sweeping left hand bend, the stolen vehicle, followed by the Rose Bay Police vehicle, was attempting a U turn at the intersection of **Oatley Road**.

Constable Macarounas applied the **brakes** however the wheels of his **vehicle locked** and the **vehicle spun** around before colliding with a **light pole**.

After being **trapped** in the damaged vehicle for about **forty minutes**, **Constable Macarounas** was conveyed to **St Vincent's Hospital** suffering severe head, chest and internal injuries.

He **died** on **20 October, 1987 @ 4pm**.

The constable was **born** in **1965** and joined the New South Wales Police Force on **5 January, 1987**. At the time of his death he was stationed at **Paddington**.



Source: Kevin BANISTER **Inscription** Themelis (Tim) Macarounas 28.1.1965 – 20.10.1987 Aged 22 Yrs 9 Mths. In Memory Of Our Beloved Son And Brother Who Passed Away On The 20th October 1987 As A Result Of Injuries Sustained In An Accident On the 12th October Whilst In Pursuit Of A Stolen Vehicle In Oxford St. Paddington. "We Miss You So Much" Dad & Mum Anthony & Christopher-Troy.

Deadly toll

By Jonathan Pearlman

November 6, 2004

Alone in his patrol car, **Chris Thornton** had the police siren flashing as he chased a white sedan through **Woy Woy**.

Thornton, 35, a highway patrolman, had been in the force for 15 years. He was, his mother says, "the best driver I have ever seen".

The reason for the chase that night in April 2002 is unknown. Both cars were seen travelling at high speed. Thornton was about 50 metres behind.

Meanwhile, Leonard Rowley, 56, an unlicensed driver, was driving to his local KFC to pick up dinner. He saw the first car flash past and judged – wrongly – that he had time to turn out in front of the patrol car. Thornton tried to avoid Rowley's car but clipped the back, veered onto the wrong side of the road and hit a power pole.

Thornton died on the spot, which is marked by a permanent stainless-steel cross. Rowley later received a suspended two-year sentence.

"His life from the age of 12 was about helping people," says Thornton's mother, **Freada Thornton**. "He was in the surf club and he was there to rescue people and then he went into the force and he was doing the same thing." His father, **Barry Thornton**, says: "He loved life. He had been in Gosford for 15 years and was so popular with the community there."

Police pursuits are, says Barry, a necessary evil: "If they don't catch the criminals there will be more deaths on the roads. The ones that they're in pursuit of are the idiots that have done the wrong thing to start with."

But pursuits have come at a cost to the NSW Police Department. Fifteen officers have died as a result of high-speed chases, beginning with the death of Constable George Boore in 1937.

Details provided by the NSW Police Association show a steady stream of fatalities involving cars and motorcycles. The full list of casualties is as follows:

April 2, 1937: Constable George Boore;

June 2, 1954: Constable Cecil Sewell;

November 14, 1958: Constable Brian Boaden;

December 23, 1958: Constable William Lord;

October 14, 1961: Constable James Kinnane;

September 7, 1963: Constable Colin Robb;

December 2, 1976: Constable Terry Moncur;

January 3, 1985: Constable Wayne Rixon;

July 25, 1985: Detective-Constable Steven Tier;

October 20, 1987: Constable Themelis Macarounas;

August 24, 1988: Constable Peter Carter;

June 13, 1989: Constable Peter Figtree;

June 14, 1989: Senior Constable Glenn Rampling;

January 14, 2001: Senior Constable James Affleck;

April 13, 2002: Senior Constable Christopher Thornton.

<http://www.smh.com.au/news/Police-Pursuits/Deadly-toll/2004/11/05/1099547386960.html>

Gregory John EARLE

23/10/2018

Gregory John EARLE

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

New South Wales Police Force

NSW Redfern Police Academy Class 127

Uniform # 3037

Regd. # 14691

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

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

Constable – appointed 28 August 1972

Constable 1st Class – appointed 28 August 1976

Senior Constable – appointed 28 August 1980

Senior Constable – Death

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

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

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

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

[blockquote]

NASHOS

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

Service number: 2791952

Rank: Gunner

Served at: Vietnam 1970

Date of intake: ?

NS Training: ?

Follow Up Training: ?

Basic Training: ?

Next of Kin: ?

Medals: ?



4 Field Regiment, Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery

[/blockquote]

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

Born: Wednesday 22 September 1948 – Hobart, Tasmania

Died on: Sunday 21 June 1987

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

Event location: The Strand, Dee Why, NSW

Age: 38 years, 8 months, 30 days

Funeral date: Wednesday 24 June 1987

Funeral location: ?

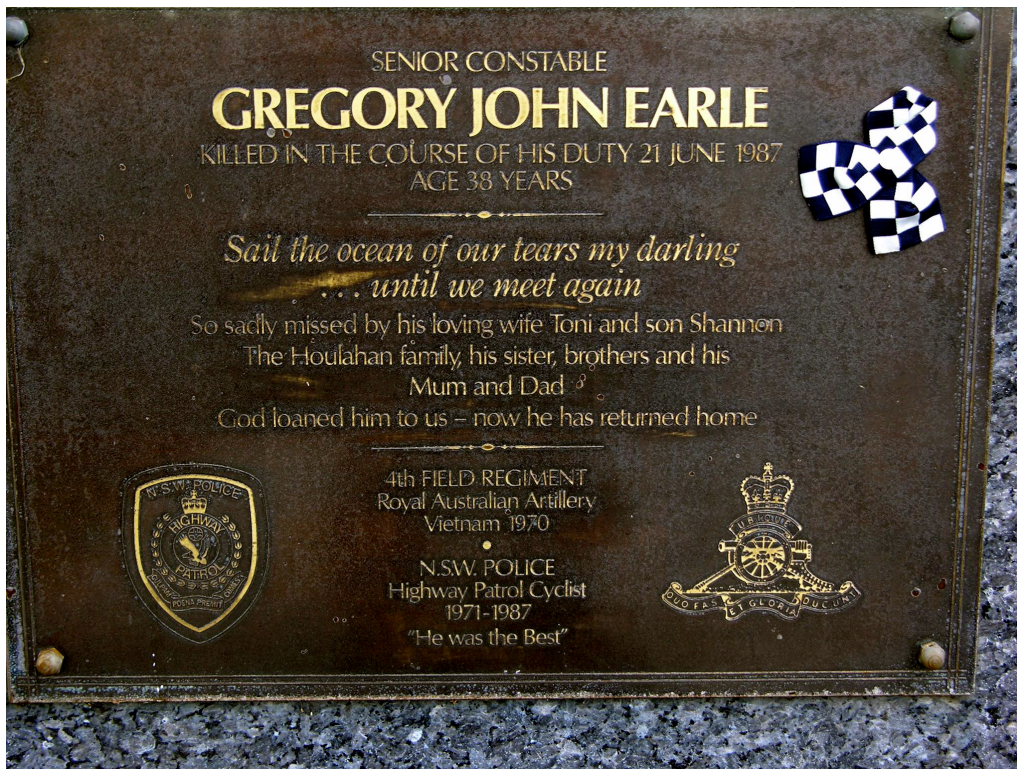
Buried at: Mona Vale General cemetery, Fazzolari Ave, Mona Vale, NSW.

Grave location: Roman Catholic, Section C, Grave 081

GPS: Lat: -33.67456851936532 Long: 151.28723368269925

Memorial location: Frenchs Forest Police Stn

Memorial type: Plaque inside of Frenchs Forest Police Stn





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



Greg IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Police death

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

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



Class 127 at Redfern Police Academy – 1971

First published on 22 September 2013.

Updated 8 February 2026.

Andrew Thomas DIXON

23/10/2018

Andrew Thomas DIXON

New South Wales Police Force

Goulburn Police Academy – Class 222

Regd. # 229 or 230??

Rank: Commenced Training at Goulburn Police Academy on 18 August 1986

Probationary Constable – appointed 7 November 1986

Final Rank: Probationary Constable

Stations: Pennant Hills October 1986 to 3 June 1987

Awards: Nil

Service:

From 18 August 1986 to 3 June 1987 = 11 months

Born: ? ? 1966

Died: Wednesday 3 June 1987

Age: 20

Cause: Illness – Suicide by Service firearm

Location: at Lane Cover River Park, Lane Cove.

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location:

Eastwood

Grave Location: Cremated

Memorial plaque at Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Delhi Road,
North Ryde, NSW

Niche: Row 'T0', plaque # 348





Touch plate at the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra.

PROBATIONARY CONSTABLE

Andrew Thomas

DIXON

LANE COVE
NEW SOUTH WALES

3 JUNE 1987



Andrew Thomas DIXON. **Plaque condition** as of 8/9/2020

ANDREW IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

In **April, 1987** Constable **Dixon** and other police attended a serious motor vehicle accident at Mt Colah. A person trapped in the vehicle became violent when released and Constable **Dixon** assisted in restraining him. During the struggle the constable was **covered** in a **considerable amount** of the injured person's blood. It was later discovered that this person suffered from **HIV/AIDS**. Due to **stress** and **concern** over the disease, **Constable Dixon** drove to the **Lane Cove River Park** on 3 June, 1987 and committed **suicide**.

The constable was born in 1966 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 18 August, 1986. At the time of his death he was stationed at Pennant Hills.

From Kevin Banister – I remember this very well. I was working at Pennant Hills when Andrew arrived as a fresh faced Probationary Constable. He was a fine young man built like a brick s**thouse. When he was told that the accident victim had HIV/AIDS he began to withdraw very quickly. All at the station were concerned for his welfare and tried to help where possible.

On the afternoon of 3/06/87 Andrew had worked morning shift and I was on afternoon shift. At the hand over Andrew said goodbye with a smile on his face and went home, or so I thought. I was not aware that he was supposed to be attending the **PMO** (Police Medical Officer) for an appointment after work. I got a call from his mother just before sundown to say that Andrew had not come home and were concerned for his welfare. Pennant Hills was a Rescue Squad/General duties station at the time and I was the senior operator rostered on. I made a number of phone calls including to the Lane Cove station and Marrickville Rescue base. Not long after we received info that Andrew's car had been located in a dead end street off Delhi Road beside the Lane Cove river.

As a result I and my offsider Bob Hanson attended in the Rescue vehicle. Numerous other Police vehicles arrived along with the Water Police. I organised a number of search parties and headed into the scrub towards the river. Reached the riverbank and saw that the Water Police had also began a search in the area we were in. Again, a short time later I and my offsider found the body of Andrew with his service revolver by his side. I indicated to the Water Police to come over (not using the radio) and told them that they were no longer required. The boat crew saluted and left the scene. A discrete message was sent to the command post as I knew that his parents were at the post and could hear the radio transmissions.

When we emerged from the bush with Andrew's body many of the Police were in tears as he was a local boy and well known. His funeral was standing room only and the street blocked off for the overflow. During the period of the time of the accident and Andrew's death he had a number of blood samples taken, but due to the technology of the time he was told that it could be some time before they knew if he had become infected. About a month after his death we were informed that he had not become infected. R.I.P. my friend.



ABOVE:
Jonathon
Dixon —
'Andrew
was an
affable,
very open
sort of
person'.

LEFT:
Constable
Andrew
Dixon

Free of AIDS — but fears lead to death

A GRIEVING father told last night how his son, a young policeman, accepted that he could not catch AIDS from treating an accident victim.

Yet Constable Andrew Dixon's friends said his behavior changed greatly after learning the victim had AIDS.

Constable Dixon, 20, shot himself in bush at Lane Cove, near his Marsfield home, on Wednesday night.

His father Jonathon said last night: "Andrew himself told me he realised there was no way he could possibly contract AIDS from the accident.

"I had a couple of talks with him about it.

"He had no cuts or anything on his hands.

"All tests he had gone through came clear.

"He rationally accepted that, I am sure.

"I think he often had difficulty coming to terms with what was causing his depression."

Mr Dixon said his son was a "terribly affable, affirmative sort of bloke.

"He was a very open person. Very popular with his peer group."

He was also a top athlete, played football and always kept fit.

The father said he had talked with Andrew when he arrived home from the accident at Hornsby two months ago in which he

had treated a patient with AIDS.

Mr Dixon said: "Obviously it was a very significant event in his life."

Andrew's colleagues noticed "a very great change in his behavior" after he helped the accident victim.

Withdrawn

The young constable quickly changed from a friendly and capable worker to a withdrawn person who could not shake off his fears.

Sergeant Bob Waite, rescue squad chief at Penrith Hills police station, where Andrew worked, said they had done everything they could to help their colleague.

But he had withdrawn into himself, lost interest in his work and would not

open up to those who wanted to help.

Sergeant Waite said two other officers who attended the car accident with Andrew were naturally concerned when they heard the patient had AIDS.

"But they are more experienced rescue operators," he said.

"Andrew was only a new probationary constable at the time with only a slight amount of street experience.

"He didn't involve himself in any of the jocularity about it afterwards.

"He would sit for long periods staring at walls and tables.

"One thing we feel did play on his mind was the revelation recently that blood splashed on to skin may be sufficient to contaminate a person."

By LUCY O'CALLAGHAN and BRAD LAWSON

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campaign which is based on raising the public's fear of the disease.

"His death is a terrible tragedy that could possibly have been avoided. The chances of him contracting AIDS after those circumstances would be virtually non-existent."

Prof Penington said: "I believe that the Grim Reaper, with its theme of fear of everybody being at risk and everybody being likely to die from it, was certainly not the way to go.

"It's an absolutely tragic situation that this young constable should decide to kill himself.

"The chance of that policeman having contracted AIDS is minimal.

"Even if his limbs were covered in blood, the chance of infection is negligible."

Fear

Constable Dixon, of Eastwood, shot himself with his service revolver in bushland at the Lane Cove State Recreation Area on Wednesday night.

Dr Gold said: "We see a lot of police involved with accidents or drug needles at the Albion St Centre.

"As well as AIDS testing, they need very careful help to overcome their fear of catching AIDS.

"Some people develop a deep-seated fear of the disease.

"You can't just explain it away to them."

Constable Dixon's father said today he believes his son "snapped". "Something happened in his mind that made him snap," said Mr Jon Dixon.

Mr Dixon, of Marsfield, said his son, a general duties policeman at Pennington Hills, had finished work and was meant to be travelling to see a police doctor in the city on Wednesday.

"He had been seeing the police doctor because he was very depressed and believed he was a risk of having caught AIDS," Mr Dixon said.

He said his son had

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been told by the police doctor and colleagues that the chance of him having contracted AIDS during the accident were very slim.

On Wednesday, he decided not to go to the police doctor and instead pulled his car into bushland near the Lane Cove River and shot himself.

"He appeared to be getting better when he left for work that day," said Mr Dixon.

"We thought he was just about getting over his depression."

Mr Dixon said his son became gradually more concerned about having contracted AIDS since he helped the accident victim.

"He found it difficult to concentrate on anything else and was probably at his worst about two or three weeks ago.

"He spoke a little about it and he seemed to feel that he may have caught AIDS as a result of the accident despite everyone reassuring him that the possibility was slim."

Tragedy

Mr Dixon said he and his wife, Jeanette, and their two other sons were deeply distraught at the tragedy.

"We are trying very hard to be strong," said Mr Dixon.

"The police have been absolutely fantastic and I think it hurts them just as much as us."

He said his son had watched the Grim Reaper commercials with the family several times but did not appear to be affected by them at all.

Police Minister George Paciullo said today he was outraged and deeply



TRAGIC: Constable Dixon

hurt over the death.

He has called for a report into the shooting.

Mr Paciullo today was examining the introduction of an AIDS education program into the police force.

He said he was deeply saddened when told of the circumstances.

"It is terrible to think of the internal suffering the poor young bloke went through," he said.

"As Police Minister, I must protect them and will do everything to make sure all officers are properly informed about the disease.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1987

Stewart COOK

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Late of Nelson Bay

Academy Class 110

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 12431

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed 3 April 1967

Senior Constable – appointed 3 April 1976

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 1 January 1983

Sergeant 2nd Class – Death

Stations: ?, Newcastle (Carrington 3 April 1976 – 5 January 1968), Hamilton (6 January 1968 – 25 February 1969),

Tarro (26 February 1969 – 14 April 1975), Beresfield (15 April 1975 – 2 June 1977), Berrima (3 June 1977 – 18 October 1982),

Bowral (19 October 1982 – 7 October 1986), Newcastle District Licencing (8 October 1986 – 7 May 1987)

Service: From 20 February 1967 to 7 May 1987 = 19+ years Service

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 22 April 1983 (SenCon)

Born: Monday 9 January 1939

Died on: Thursday 7 May 1987

Age: 48 years, 3 months, 28 days

Cause: Motor Vehicle Accident – Driver – returning home from shift

Event location: Anna Bay, NSW

Event date: ?

Funeral date: possibly 14 May 1987

Funeral location: St Joseph's Catholic Church, East Maitland

Buried at: Cremated. Newcastle Crematorium, Beresfield, NSW

Memorial located at: Newcastle Cemetery, Anderson Dve, Beresfield, NSW





Newcastle Cemetery, Anderson Dve, Beresfield, NSW



STEWART is mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance



Touch plate at National Wall of Police Remembrance, Canberra

**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

About 8.10pm on 7 May, 1987, Sergeant Cook was returning home to Nelson Bay at the end of his shift. As he was driving through Anna Bay his vehicle crossed to the incorrect side of the roadway and collided with an oncoming vehicle. He sustained severe head and internal injuries and died a short time later.

The sergeant was born in 1939 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 20 February, 1967. At the time of his death he was attached to the Newcastle District Licensing Section.

Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

Wednesday 21 June 1978, page 11

Rescue of chef in Berrima fire

BERRIMA: A motel chef spent 20 minutes trapped by fire on a ledge 15cm wide and 13 metres above the ground at Berrima on Monday night.

Mr Michael Birt, 62, the chef at the historic White Horse Inn, now a motel and restaurant, found the stairs leading from his second-floor bedroom to safety were on fire.

He climbed through a window and on to the ledge outside his room to await rescue.

Senior Constable S. Cook and a bystander using an extension ladder they found nearby , rescued Mr Birt as the flames spread upward.

The fire broke out on the first floor of the 100-year-old brick building just after 9.30pm.

Mr Birt was the only occupant and was in his room when he smelt smoke and found his path to safety blocked by flames.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/131860242>

Dana Therese HEFFERNAN

23/10/2018

Dana Therese HEFFERNAN

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New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 22775

Goulburn Police Academy Class 219

Rank: Commenced Training at Goulburn Police Academy on Monday 14 April 1986 (aged 19 years, 3 months, 11 days)

Probationary Constable – Attested Friday 27 June 1986 (aged
19 years, 5 months, 15 days)

Constable – No

Stations: Waverley – Death

Service: From 14 April 1986 to 17 April 1987 = 1 year, 3
days Service

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours system

Born: Thursday 12 January 1967

Died on: Friday 17 April 1987

Age: 20 years, 3 months, 5 days

Cause: Motor Vehicle Accident – Driver – On Duty going to
work

Event location: Cnr Avoca & Darley Rd's, Randwick

Funeral date:

Funeral location:

Buried at: Woronora Memorial Park, Linden St, Sutherland, NSW

Loc: General Plaque Lawn Sec: Wattle Lawn Lot: 5

Lat / Long: -34.03604, 151.04950







DANA IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance



On 17 April, 1987 Constable Heffernan was travelling to work at Waverley Police Station. At the intersection of Avoca Road and Darley Road, Randwick another vehicle drove through a red traffic light and collided with the constable's vehicle. As a result Constable Heffernan suffered severe head and internal

injuries and was found to be dead on arrival at the Prince of Wales Hospital. The driver of the offending vehicle was later charged with serious offences relating to the collision.

The constable was born in 1967 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 14 April, 1986. At the time of her death she was stationed at Waverley.

Beyond Courage

32 YEAR MEMORIAL SERVICE

The **parents** of Dana are organising a **memorial service** for Dana at the **Woronora Cemetery** on **Friday 19 July 2019** at **10.30 am**.

They are calling on **classmates from 219** (June 86) and workmates from **Waverley** who might be available, to join family and colleagues to remember this great young copper and mate, taken from us too early.

For unknown reasons, this Memorial Service has been cancelled.

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6 June 2019

Eastern Suburbs Police Memorial dedication

Grave location:

[codepeople-post-map]



BACK : W.D. Eyles, M.C. Chaplin, I.J. Fletcher, A.G. Bell, B.J. Bain, N.G. Gardoll,
W.C. Barnes, J.W. Denyer, P.M. De Kort, A.J. Cavanagh
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SEATED : J.G. Gardiner, A.L. Fisher, K.M. Coyne, S.L. Campbell, Sgt. 2/C P. Cole,
K.J. Browne, P.A. Baines, D.E. Fauchon, A.V. Foster



BACK : P.J. Krebs, D.S. Jackson, G.J. Hill, D.G. Lee, C.B. Jacobs, A.M. Lak,
P.A. Hammon, W.A. Lee, S.G. Kepper
CENTRE : P.A. Jones, A.J. Hood, B.W. Harding, T.J. Hansen, B.E. Howard, P.G. Johnson,
B.V. Larkey, K.W. Hill, D.J. Leo, M.W. Johnson
SEATED : F. Haji-Petrou, J.M. Harcombe, K.A. Harrison, K.A. Jones, Sgt. 3/C K. McVean,
L.J. Horne, J. Henderson-Brooks, D.T. Heffernan, K.P. Guillaumier

Class 219

Lest we forget

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