

Francis Bede CHAPMAN

13/02/2026

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AKA Francis CHAPMAN, Frank CHAPMAN, Chappo

* Nickname: ?

Late of Mittagong, NSW

Relations in 'the job' ?

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class # 060**

New South Wales Police Force

Uniform # 2281

Regd. # 9089

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Sunday
3 August 1958 (aged 26 years, 3 months, 7 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed Monday 8 September 1958 (aged 26 years, 4 months, 12 days)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Secondary Training commenced on 6 April 1959 and concluded on 15 May 1959.

In the Class 060 (Secondary Training photo of 1959) J. CHAPMAN is mentioned on the list of attendees but F.B. CHAPMAN appears not to be mentioned. There was no J. CHAPMAN in this Class.

Final Rank: = ?

Stations: ?, Mittagong – Resignation

Service (From Training Date) period: From 3 August 1958 to ? ? ? = ? years, ? months, ? days Service

Time employed (Paid) with NSW Police: From: 3 August 1958 to ? ? ? = ? years, ? months, ? days Service

Time in Retirement from Police: ? years, ? months, ? days

Age at Retirement / Leaving: = ? years, ? months, ?
days

Awards: No Find on the Australian Honours system



Francis Bede CHAPMAN

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Born: Wednesday 27 April 1932 in Concord, NSW

Died on: Saturday 13 June 1991 at Mittagong, NSW

Age: 59 years, 1 months, 17 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause: Heart issue

Event location: ?

Event / Diagnosis date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

LIVE STREAM ? (N/A)

Wake location: ?

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Bowral Cemetery, Kangaloon Rd, Bowral, NSW

Grave Location: Section: Garden Lawn 1 Row: K
Plot: 17

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (February 2026)

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

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

**If you have anything further to add to what is recorded here,
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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AustralianPolice.com.au/>

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

Australian Police YouTube Channel



Secondary Training at **Secondary Training** at Police Training Centre, Redfern.

Class 60 Intake. Commenced training on 3 August 1958. Commenced Secondary training 6 April 1959. Completed 15 May 1959. Photo taken April 1959.

Back Row (L-R)

F. **STEWART**, P. **JONAS**, Harry **MORFOOT**, A. **HOLLAND**, R. **BROWNE**, Thomas Gordon **CUTHBERT**, K. **HUNTER**, A. **PETRIE**, K. **MURPHY**, A. **DAWSON**, R.

**MANSFIELD, B. NEAVES, B. RASSMUSSEN, Arthur
Edward GROCH = 14**

3rd ROW:

**B. MARTIN, M. TUMETH, B. JARRATT, P. SLETTEN,
D. SMITH, M. McDONALD, G. IVANOFF, J.
ELSWORTHY, C. SWALES, V. RIDDOCH, J. CHAPMAN,
J. McDONALD, Roy James SECKOLD, B. MILWARD =
14**

2nd ROW:

**E. WHITE, S. ELVINS, D. MacDONALD, R. HILL, W.
CULLEN, R. SMITH, F. DELAMARE, W. PEARCE, N.
HUNTER, Warren SKINNER, S. MERTON, C. TREMBATH
= 13 but only 12 being named.**

1st ROW:

**Sgt HALL, A. MILLBANK, B. LYONS, V. DAVIS, B.
SHOOBERT, J. JENSON, N. HOBART (P/W), Sgt
BARKER, Sgt STIGOR, Sgt Ernie PORCH, J HARRISON
(P/W), G. YOUNG, B. PETERSON, E. HOPTON, R.
GIBSON = 16 but only 15 being named.**

Absent: B.H. **OAKLEY # 9104**

It was noticed, on **11 Feb 2025**, that Alfred John **EDWARDS # 9112** is not in this photo for some reason. He also did not appear in the Class list for Class 060. It has been further noticed that there is no J. CHAPMAN (3rd row) on the Stud Book list but there is a Francis Bede CHAPMAN # 9089 who is NOT mentioned in the photo.

F.B. CHAPMAN # 9089 appears in the Secondary Class list but not on the photo.



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* Story behind any Nickname:

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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13 February 2026

Updated 1 May 2026

Nigel Noel Francis CONDON

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AKA Nigel CONDON, Condo

Late of 1/13 Thomas Pce, Bligh Park, NSW

NSW Redfern Police Academy Class # "possibly" 162

NSW Police Cadet # 3254

New South Wales Police Force

Uniform # 6896

ProCst # 92673

Regd. # 18601

Rank: NSW Police Cadet – commenced 5 July 1976 (aged 16 years, 1 month, 19 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed Wednesday 16 May 1979 (aged 19 years, 0 months, 0 days)

Constable – appointed 16 May 1980

Constable 1st Class – appointed 16 May 1984

Senior Constable – appointed 15 May 1988

Described as "Self Employed" at the time of his death

Final Rank = ?

Stations: ? , Police Prosecutor, ?

Service: From 5 July 1976 to ? ? pre 1991? = ? years
Service

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours

Born: Monday 16 May 1960 in Paddington, NSW

Died BETWEEN: Wednesday 11 September 1991 & Friday 13
September 1991

Age: 31 yrs 3 mths 26 days

Cause: ?

Event location: ?

Event date: Between 11 – 13 September 1991

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Castlegrove Cemetery, Windsor Rd, Rouse Hill, NSW

Memorial located at: ?

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

Funeral location: TBA

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

Friday 12 February 1993 (No.15), page 617

NOTICE of intended distribution of estate.— Any person having any claim upon the estate of **NIGEL NOEL FRANCIS CONDON**, late of **1/13 Thomas Place, Bligh Park**, in the State of New South Wales, **self employed**, who **died between 11th and 13th September, 1991**, must send particulars of his claim to the administrator, Angela Ruth Condon, c.o. Vaughan Barnes, Solicitors, 30/3-9 Terminus Street, Castle Hill, N.S.W., within two (2) calendar months from publication of this notice. After that time the administrator may distribute the assets of the estate having regard only to the claims of which

at the time of distribution she has notice. Letters of Administration were granted in New South Wales on 6th January, 1993.

VAUGHAN BARNES,

Solicitors,

30/3-9 Terminus Street,

Castle Hill, N.S.W. 2154

(D.X. 201, Sydney). [00548]

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/231923532>

First published 30 August 2019.

Updated 27 March 2026 with further rank details and calculations.

Craig J. BROUGHTON

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(late of Shellharbour)

New South Wales Police Force

ProCst # 95985

Regd. # 21615

Rank: Commenced training at Goulburn Police Academy, with **Class 205**, on Monday 13 August 1984 (aged 21 years, 5 months, 23 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 26 October 1984 (aged 21 years, 8 months, 5 days)

Constable – appointed 26 October 1985

Resigned –

Stations: ?, Warilla (79 Division), Wollongong Physical Evidence (Scientific) Section (82 Division) – Resignation

Service: From Monday 13 August 1984 to ? ? ? = ? years
Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: Thursday 21 February 1963

Died on: Wednesday 24 July 1991 about 3.10am

Age: 28 years, 5 months, 3 days

Cause: Suffocation – Mine explosion

Event location: South Bulli Colliery – Illawarra Region

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial at: ?





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Craig was a nice young bloke and we first met at Warilla Police Station when he started there in 1984 on General Duties.

Craig was originally stationed, on General Duties, at Warilla Police Station but got himself on ' A ' List and spent 6 months in the Crime Scene Unit (Scientific) housed at Wollongong Police Station.

Craig wished to remain at Crime Scene but the O.I.C., Warilla Police at the time, wouldn't / couldn't release him to Crime Scene (most probably a numbers issue i.e. Not enough Police at Warilla to do G.D's work).

In any event, Craig returned to Warilla and shortly thereafter resigned from NSWPF to return to the Mining sector – only to be killed in a gas explosion with two of his work mates on that fateful morning.

Craig was an active sportsman (soccer) from memory and always up for a joke.

For some time, a social game of soccer was held between Warilla Police and Wollongong Police whereby the "Broughton Cup" was brought into being – in honour of Craig.

That game was played for a few years before finally falling away.

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Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

Thursday 25 July 1991, page 2

Work halted in show of respect for dead miners

SYDNEY: Mining was halted at a southern NSW coal mine yesterday as a mark of respect for three men who died in a gas explosion.

Police identified the dead miners as Leigh Pearce, 24, of Fern Hill, Robert Coltman, 43, of Woonona, and Craig Broughton, 28, of Shellharbour.

Police said 13 men were working the nightshift at the South Bulli colliery, drilling a coalface about 6km below ground, when they apparently hit a gas pocket which caused the explosion.

Mr Broughton, a former policeman, was working at the coalface and apparently was killed instantly.

Mr Coltman and Mr Pearce, fatally injured, managed to crawl about 50m from the face.

The other men escaped unhurt.

A mine official said it was unlikely the men had any warning before the explosion as the safety lamps or gas detectors on their machinery would not be able to detect gas trapped behind the coalface.

He said the explosion would have been felt up to a kilometre away underground, throwing out coal in front of it as well as releasing the lethal gas into the pit.

Mines department inspectors and scientific squad police were examining the Austen and Butta-owned shaft to try to determine the cause of the accident.

Officials said the gas may have been a mixture of methane and carbon dioxide peculiar to the area and called Illawarra Bottom Gas or black damp.

The accident occurred 12 years to the day after 14 men were killed in the Appin mine disaster, 10km from the South Bulli mine.

The deaths bring the number of coal mine workers killed in NSW over the past 13 years to 96, according to Joint Coal Board figures.

Nine workers were killed in 1990-91 after only one fatality the previous year.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article122373004.txt>

Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

Thursday 10 September 1992, page 10

'No negligence' in mine deaths

WOLLONGONG: Criminal negligence did not lead to the deaths of three miners in a gas explosion at South Bulli colliery last year, NSW Coroner Greg Glass found yesterday.

However, the coroner said there should be improved training at all mines in NSW.

Mr Glass read his 50-page report on the deaths of Craig Broughton, 28, Robert Coltman, 43, and Leigh Pearce, 24, to a packed Wollongong courtroom.

He found all three men suffocated after a mining machine penetrated a cavern of gas 450m underground at the mine, 10km north of Wollongong, on July 24 last year.

A resulting explosion buried 260 to 300 tonnes of coal, dust and carbon dioxide into the mine.

Mr Glass recommended that Mr Pearce should be given a bravery award for "his valiant and unselfish" action in going to the assistance of Mr Coltman.

He recommended that the Department of Mineral Resources develop training programs designed to equip miners with skills to identify possible outburst prediction signs, to identify other mining hazards and to respond appropriately to emergencies.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/rendition/nla.news-article126941811.txt>

South Bulli Gas Outburst – 1991

At approximately 3.10am on July 24th 1991, three mineworkers were asphyxiated by gas released during an outburst at the working face in W12 Panel. They were Craig Broughton (28), miner driver, of Blackbutt, Robert Coltman (43), shuttle car driver, of Woonona and Leigh Pierce (24), of Fernhill.

The outburst occurred shortly after restarting the cutting of coal after the miner had been stopped for the routine installation of roof supports. The Deputy, Bruce Corbett, had told Mr. Broughton to recommence the mining of coal and had then walked away to investigate a diesel man car

that had entered the panel. This act probably saved his life.

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The outburst occurred on a reverse thrust fault, previously unknown in spite of in-seam seismic exploration of the area.

The gas liberated by the structure consisted mainly of carbon dioxide with probably some methane.

Although Illawarra Bottom Gas (CO₂ + CH₄) had been detected on numerous occasions as this panel had progressed (as it had during the mining of W11 Panel), no gas had been detected on the shift that the outburst occurred nor for at least the previous six shifts. When previously detected it had been effectively handled as a ventilation problem, not as a precursor to an outburst.

South Bulli Colliery was not classified as an outburst prone mine with outburst mining procedures only being introduced when an outburst potential was detected. A two-week Coronial Inquest was conducted during July, 1992.

South Bulli Colliery was under the ownership of Austen & Butta at the time of the outburst, with Mr. Michael Ogilvie as Mine Manager, Mr. Lawrence Crisp the Deputy Mine Manager and Mr. Michael Clarke the Government Mines Inspector for the mine.

(SOURCE: Based on extracts from various news media reports during the Coronial Inquiry, 1992.)

~ POSTSCRIPT ~

Although some mine operators within the Southern Sydney Coal Basin had been experimenting with management plans to handle these outburst prone conditions, it was only after this triple fatality at South Bulli that

this momentum accelerated.

Assisted by certain orders brought down on all mines working the Bulli seam by the NSW Mines Inspectorate relating to the pre-drilling and sampling of all areas prior to mining, all affected mines developed their own management plans. A Dept. of Mineral Resources "guideline" for the implementation of "Outburst Management Plans" was developed, several internationally orientated symposia and local seminars were conducted with other specialised groups being formed to study the phenomena of outbursts.

<http://pandora.nla.gov.au/pan/13441/20060607-0000/www.illawarra.coal.com/southbullidisaster.html>

South Bulli Colliery 1991

24/07/1991 – South Bulli – Outburst

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This accident claimed the lives of 3 people, these were: Craig Broughton, Leigh Pierce, Robert Coltman
Report:
inspector-clarkes-report

Recommendations

The mine should consider the development and application of an overall formally-documented "management system" which, in its entirety, appropriately deals with the outburst risk at the mine.

1.a) The document should address areas such as:

- the gathering of geological and geotechnical information,
- the assessment and review of that information,
- prediction,
- identification,
- planning,
- minimisation,
- protection,
- mining operations, etc.

b) In addressing the above areas, the document should identify the methodology and systems to be used in each of the specific

areas.

e) The document should identify the relevant persons to which each area applies and should communicate to those persons their responsibility and accountability within each particular area.

2. The mine should consider reviewing the outburst mining procedures and equipment at the mine to bring them to an appropriate standard which is on a level with the risk of outburst as experienced in the accident.

3. The mine should consider reviewing the overall training program so that appropriate training is given in all aspects of the "Management System".

4. The mine should consider the design, construction and maintenance of panel ventilation systems to ensure that, as far as practicable, the system remains intact following an outburst.

5. The mine should consider reviewing all travelling access within a panel when there is a potential for an outburst. The information and direction should be included in the "Management System".

6. A consideration should be given to reviewing the type and availability of breathing apparatus so that it is suitable for effective escape and, if possible, for first response rescue. This is a requirement for all personnel in all possible breathing restricted environments in underground coal mines.

7. There is a need to consider reviewing the risks associated with carbon dioxide in coal mines. The areas for review are:

- Regulations
- Apparatus in general
- Mining methods
- Communication of the risks, etc

8. A consideration should be given to reviewing the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1982 to ensure it recognises and deals with the outburst risk. Secondly, that it appropriately addresses the detection and recording of carbon dioxide in coal mines and also deals with this problem.

<http://www.mineaccidents.com.au/mine-accident/69/south-bull-c-olliery-1991>

First published on 24 January 2017.
Updated 20 March 2026.

Richard Charles WHITTAKER

13/02/2026

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aka Dick

NSW Redfern Police Academy # 162

“possible” relation in “the job”: A.R. WHITTAKER, NSWPF #
8649

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 18588

Joined NSW Police Force via NSW Police Cadet system on 1
February 1977

Cadet # 3334

Rank: NSW Police Cadet – commenced 1 February 1977 (aged 16 years, 9 months, 16 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 17 April 1979 (19 years, 0 months, 1 day)

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (YES)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st class – appointed 16 April 1984

Senior Constable – appointed 16 April 1988

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 27 September 1991

Final Rank: Detective Sergeant – Death

Stations: ?, Gosford Drug Unit (Brisbane Waters LAC) – Death

Service: From 1 February 1977 to 28 September 1991 = 14 years, 7 months, 27 Service

Time in Retirement: 0

Age at Retirement: n/a

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: Saturday 16 April 1960

Died on: Saturday 28 September 1991 @ Royal North Shore
Hospital, NSW

Cause: **Cerebral Haemorrhage**

Age: 31 years, 5 months, 12 days

Funeral date: ? October 1991

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: CREMATED:

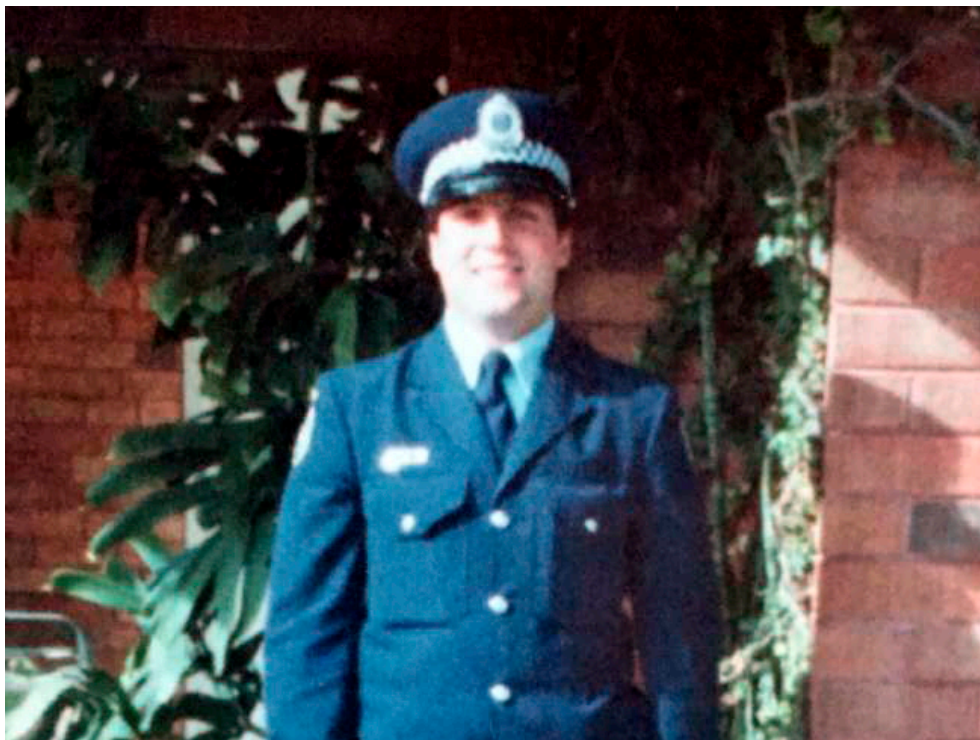
Ashes Interred in the Palmdale Lawn Cemetery & Memorial Park,
Palmdale Rd, Palmdale, NSW

Rose Garden, 26A, Site 58

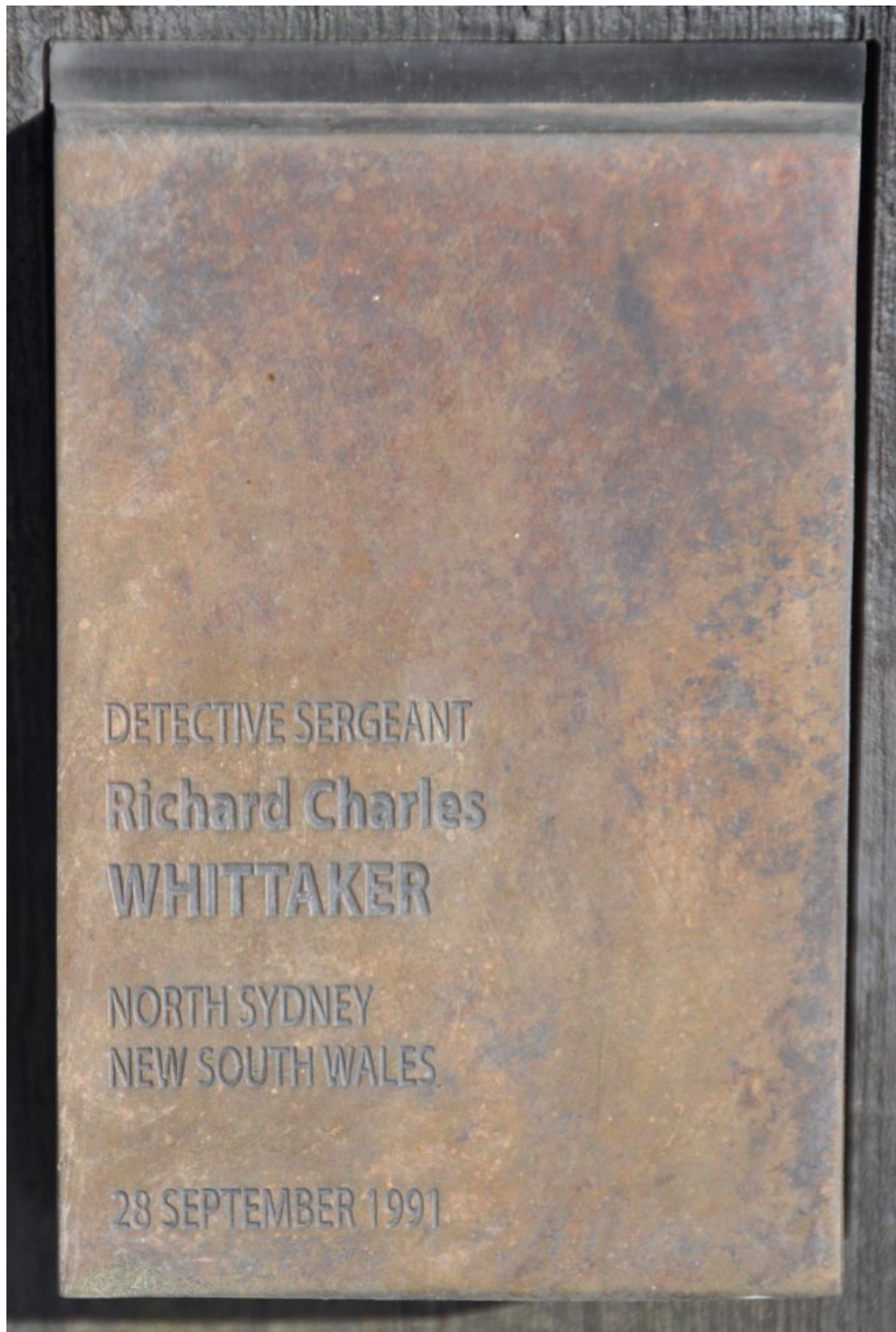
Memorial Plaque: Point Frederick Pioneer Park, 1 Albany St,
Pt Frederick, NSW

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Memorial Plaque location: [codepeople-post-map]

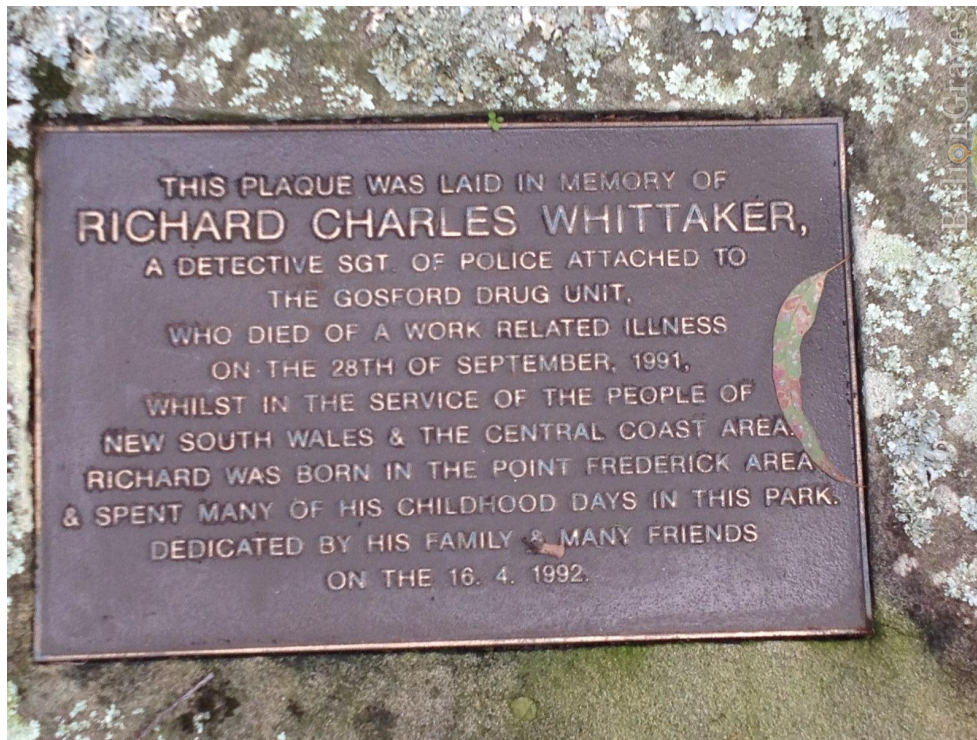


RICHARD WHITTAKER



Touch plate for Richard Charles WHITTAKER at the National Police Wall of Remembrance

DICK IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance



Memorial plaque: This plaque was laid in memory of RICHARD CHARLES WHITTAKER, a Detective Sgt of Police attached to the Gosford Drug Unit, who died of a work related illness on the 28th of September, 1991, whilst in the service of the people of New South Wales & the Central Coast area.

Richard was born in the **Point Frederick area** and spent many of his **childhood days in this park.**

Dedicated by his family & many friends on the **16. 4. 1992.**



Richard Charles WHITTAKER – Memorial Plaque – Pt Frederick, (Central Coast), NSW, as of April 2022. Credit: Kevin Banister.



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Richard Charles WHITTAKER – Grave location.
Palmdale Cemetery, Palmdale, NSW



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Before his death Detective Sergeant Whittaker and other Police had been involved in a major drug investigation which had resulted in the arrest of eighteen offenders. Corruption allegations were made by a number of the offenders resulting in a Police Internal Security Unit investigation.

During the protracted internal investigation the Sergeant was under enormous pressure and as a result suffered a cerebral haemorrhage.

He passed away at the Royal North Shore Hospital on 28 September 1991.

He was posthumously cleared of all allegations by Judge Allen at the Sydney District Court on 30 September 1991.

The Sergeant was born in 1960 and joined the New South Wales Police Service, via the NSW Police Cadet system on 1 February 1977 and was Attested, as a Probationary Constable on 17 April 1979.

At the time of his death he was attached to the Gosford Drug Unit.

'Our boys haven't been forgotten': Policemen honoured in Brisbane Water row

September 15, 2015 3:16pm

Geraldine Cardozo Central Coast Gosford Express Advocate



(L-R) Sarah Matthews, Kylie Kerr and Tracey Holt remember their police officer partners at Gosford waterfront. Brisbane Water LAC officers will be taking to the water in honour of the policemen.

When Sarah Matthews returned home after her shift at Gosford Hospital on the evening of April 13, 2002 and spotted a row of waiting police cars she thought the neighbours were having a noisy party.

"It never struck me what was coming next," remembers the emergency nurse who was told the worst – her fiancée Senior-Constable Chris Thornton had been killed on duty hours earlier.

"It didn't hit me. Even when I was told. I don't think that's something that ever leaves you."

This week Miss Matthews, Kylie Kerr and Tracey Holt will get together to remember their partners, Sen-Constable Thornton,

Sen-Constable Peter Gordon Wilson and Sergeant Richard Whittaker, who all died on duty while with the Brisbane Water Local Area Command.



(L-R) Brisbane Water Inspector Paul Nicholls, Tracey Holt, Brisbane Water Commander Daniel Sullivan, Sarah Matthews and Kylie Kerr at Gosford Waterfront ahead of the NSW Police Legacy row. Picture: Mark Scott

On Thursday officers from Brisbane Water LAC will take part in a paddle to raise money for NSW Police Legacy to support the families of fallen officers.

“You never want to be a part of Legacy but now we are part of this unique group and without Legacy we wouldn’t have each other,” Miss Matthews said.

But for two of the women, the close bond was forged by their shared loss and haunting similarities in how their partners lost their lives.

Sen-Constable Thornton, 35, died in a motor vehicle accident while on patrol in Woy Woy in 2002, while Mrs Kerr's long-term partner Sen-Constable Wilson, 41, was killed when he was hit by a car while carrying out speed checks on the M1 at Somersby in 2006.

Both men were based at Brisbane Water LAC, both died in car accidents on a Saturday night, and both had the same patrol car number – 202.



Senior Constable Peter Gordon Wilson with fiancée Kylie Kerr.

“This special event means our boys haven’t been forgotten,” Miss Matthews said, adding that the support of Legacy has enabled her to move on. “You have to take that step forward. You can’t be angry, because that just eats away at you.”



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Mrs Holt, whose husband Sgt Whittaker was stationed at the Gosford drug unit and was involved in drug investigations at the time of his death when he died from a brain haemorrhage in 1991, said the annual paddle is a “beautiful day”. “It is amazing the effort Daniel Sullivan and the team put in to keep the memory going of old work mates and have a good time doing

it," she said.



Sergeant Richard Whittaker who died on duty with Brisbane Water Local Area Command in 1991. Picture: Supplied

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/central-coast/our-boys-havent-been-forgotten-policemen-honoured-in-brisbane-water-row/story-fngr8h0p-1227528821582>

Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

Tuesday 1 October 1991, page 4

Drug bribery allegation 'killed officer'

SYDNEY: The stress of unfounded corruption allegations killed a policeman who suffered a stroke at the weekend, according to

the Police Association.

The association's president, **Tony Day**, said yesterday that **Gosford-based Detective Senior Constable Richard Whittaker**, who was promoted to detective sergeant last Friday, had been implicated in a bribery conspiracy by a drug dealer.

Yesterday, the dealer, an industrial chemist, was sentenced to a minimum of 11 years jail after pleading guilty to manufacturing and supplying amphetamines with a street value of more than \$4 million.

Handing down the sentence in Darlinghurst Supreme Court, **Justice Allen** said **John Oldfield, 52**, of **Winston Hills** in Sydney's west, had stated he had tried to bribe a police officer through a contact known as "M" in November, 1990.

After the alleged bribe attempt had failed, **Oldfield** had gone to the **Police Internal Security** division and made a detailed statement, implicating the officer. The judge said he was satisfied the detective knew nothing about the alleged bribe.

Mr. Day said the Police Internal Security division investigation into Oldfield's allegations had been "dubious".

"Every crim in NSW knows that if they want their case adjourned they just have to implicate the police, and there will have to be an investigation," he said.

"Eighty per cent of corruption and bribery charges are disproved."

Detective Whittaker, 31, was married with two-year-old twin daughters.

Mr Day said the Oldfield affair had played a major role in causing **Detective Whittaker** stress, resulting in his death.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/134156388>

Past events in Remembrance of Dick Whittaker.

Paddle for Police Legacy

The Brisbane Water LAC has tragically lost three staff members in the execution of their duty: Sergeant **Dick Whittaker** and Senior Constables **Gordy Wilson** and **Chris Thornton**. The 12 September is the annual sports charity day to remember these officers.

Paddling from Ocean Beach Surf Club to Bluetongue Stadium along the Brisbane Water on the NSW Central Coast (approximately 15km).

When: Thu September 12 2013 06:00 – 05:30
<http://www.policelegacynsw.org.au/legacy-events/>

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"Every crim in NSW knows that if they want their case adjourned they just have to implicate the police, and there will have to be an investigation," he said.

"Eighty per cent of corruption and bribery charges are disproved."

Detective Whittaker, 31, was married with two-year-old twin daughters.

Mr Day said the **Oldfield affair** had played a major role in causing **Detective Whittaker stress, resulting in his death.**

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Leonard Graham DEAN

13/02/2026

Leonard Graham DEAN

aka Len

Brother of Stan W. Dean (Kogarah Dets) – NSWPF # ?????

Late of Queanbeyan, NSW

Academy **Class 144**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 16646

Rank: Commenced Training, at the Academy, Monday 23 September 1974

Probationary Constable – appointed 4 November 1974

Constable – appointed 4 November 1975

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed 4 November 1983

Detective Sergeant – death

Stations: ?, Central (1970's), Queanbeyan Detective – death

Service: From pre November 1974 to 29 May 1991 = 16+ years

Service

Awards: National Medal – granted 15 November 1991 –
Posthumously

Born: Thursday 15 October 1953

Died on: Wednesday 29 May 1991 whilst playing in the Golden
Oldies Rugby tournament, Perth, W.A.

Age: 37yrs 7mths 14days

Cause: Heart failure of the mitral valve

Event location: Perth, W.A.

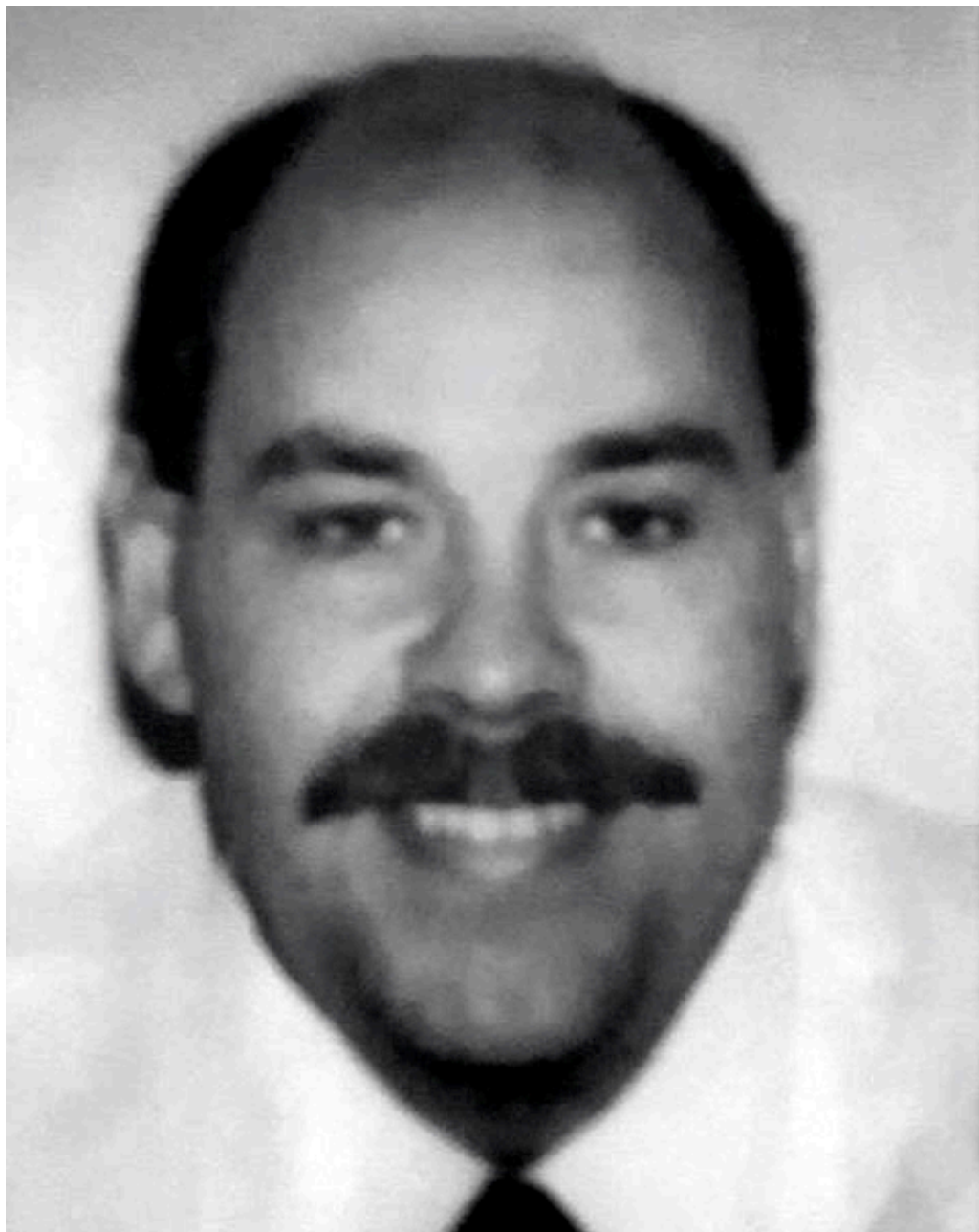
Event date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: ?

Memorial located at: ?





Touch plate for Leonard Graham DEAN at the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra.

LEONARD is mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

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



Detective Sergeant Lenny Dean passed away in Perth on 29 May, 1991 as a result of a rupture in his mitral heart valve. It was later determined that the medical condition was a result

of the sergeant's stressful policing career.

The sergeant was born in 1953 and commenced training with the New South Wales Police Force on 23 September, 1974. At the time of his death he was stationed at Queanbeyan.

DEAN	Leonard Graham	Funeral notice	29MAY1991	Death	37	at Perth	Northern Star (Lismore)	31MAY1991	
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DEATHS

DEAN, Leonard Graham. —
Suddenly at Perth, May 29,
1991. Beloved husband of
Nerida, devoted father of
Geoffrey and Graham.
Aged 37 years.
Cherished by all.

DEAN, Leonard Graham. —
Suddenly at Perth, May 29,
1991. Much loved son of
Walter and Joan Dean
(Bomaderry). Loving brother
and brother-in-law of Sandra
and Phil Burroughs (Batemans
Bay), Stan and Jackie Dean
(Foster), James and Robyn
Dean (Bomaderry). Fond
Uncle of their children.

DEAN, Leonard Graham. —
Suddenly at Perth, May 29,
1991. Loved son-in-law of
Kon and Merle Siwicki
(Brunswick Heads).
Brother-in-law of Russell and
Michelle Siwicki (Brunswick
Heads). Fond Uncle of their
children. Fond great nephew
of Doris Lamb.

Detective Sergeant

Leonard Graham

DEAN

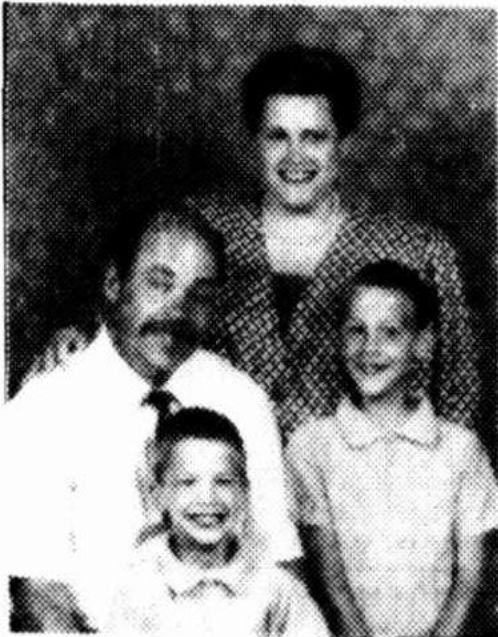


**NERIDA, GEOFFREY and GRAHAM
and the DEAN and SIWICKI FAMILIES**

wish to thank everyone for their kind thoughts,
prayers, flowers and assistance
in our recent sad loss.

They have been a great comfort to us all.

Benefit Night for Geoffrey and Graham **Dean**



Leonard Graham Dean was a serving member of the Police Force since 1974. At the time of his death on 29.5.91 he was a Detective Sergeant at Queanbeyan Police Station.

A benefit night has been organised to ensure Len **Dean's** children, Geoffrey (10 years old) and Graham (8 years old) are provided with financial support until they reach adulthood.

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- **INTERESTING ITEMS**

7.00 pm Friday 29th November, 1991

BI-CENTENNIAL HALL CRAWFORD STREET, QUEANBEYAN

\$40 Single, \$60 Couple

- **SMORGASBORD** ▪ **DRINKS** ▪ **ENTERTAINMENT**
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Detective Senior Constable Rex Little (Queanbeyan Detectives)	(06) 298 0548 E/n 81548
Detective Senior Constable Denise Godden	(06) 298 0522 E/n 81522
Senior Constable Michael Rose (Queanbeyan Intelligence)	(06) 298 0516 E/n 81516
Ms Jan Dowell (Administration Officer)	(06) 298 0519 E/n 81519

Anyone unable to attend the Benefit night who wishes to make a donation should endorse their cheque payable to "Geoffrey & Graham **Dean Trust Fund" and send to:
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Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995), **Friday 12 October 1990**,
page 4

COURTS and THE LAW

Papers, TV stations fined \$670,000 for contempt of court

SYDNEY: Five media organisations were fined a total of \$670,000 by the Court of Appeal yesterday for contempt of court.

The fines related to reports of the arrest of **Paul Gerald Mason** and his confession in **July** last year to **three pickaxe murders** and an **attempted murder**.

The court found that the reports were likely to, or had a tendency to, interfere with a fair trial. Fines imposed were:

ATN Channel 7 (including rebroadcast through Prime Television); \$200,000.

TCN Channel 9 (including rebroadcast through WIN): \$75,000.

TEN Channel 10: \$75,000.

Nationwide News: (in The Daily Telegraph and Daily Mirror of July 31): \$200,000. ABC: \$120,000.

Detective Senior Constable Leonard Graham Dean, who answered questions at a **news conference** held **outside Queanbeyan police station** after Mason's arrest, was also **found guilty of contempt**.

No fine was imposed on Dean, but he was ordered to pay the NSW

Attorney-General's costs of bringing the prosecution, as were all the other defendants.

Mason, 27, was arrested after surrendering to police on July 29, 1989, and was later charged with the murders of Ruth Ferguson, 25, and her eight-month-old son, Mark, on July 27, 1989, near Eden. Mason was also charged with the murder of Mary Alice Clark, 29, at Gearys Gap, near Canberra, on May 12, 1989, and the attempted murder of her one-year-old son, Samuel, on the same day. On September 11, he hanged himself in his Goulburn jail cell.

The judges said the publication of obviously prejudicial material would, unless emphatically punished, reduce community belief in the capacity of the courts to maintain standards of fairness in trials.

The report in The Daily Telegraph had followed "an embarrassing mistake" by an experienced solicitor, who advised that the report would not be in contempt of court. The position was different with the Daily Mirror report, which was published "simply in reckless pursuit of a good story, and sales".

The judges said Channel 7's concern was for the risk to which it was exposed, not for the damage done by the broadcast.

There had been no explanation from the ABC as to how its offending broadcast came to be made. The judges inferred that the persons involved knew there was a risk of contempt and were prepared to run that risk.

The judges assumed the imposition of a fine would have a deterrent effect on the corporation, even though no individual was directly affected financially.

In relation to Channel 10, the judges were "not persuaded that the financial information put before us should have any effect on the outcome of the matter". The channel was not in

liquidation and was carrying on business.

Referring to **Dean's** statement to reporters that Mason had admitted to three murders, the judges said it would be unfair to punish him for defects in the way the police organised media relations.

Since then, a new media policy had been issued.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/122316384>

Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

Friday 3 August 1990, page 13

Station admits contempt

SYDNEY: Channel Ten admitted yesterday it was in contempt of court over reporting of events following the surrender last year of alleged pickaxe murderer, Paul Gerald Mason.

The NSW Attorney-General, John Dowd, summonsed the station, alleging its news report of July 31, 1989, could have prejudiced a fair trial.

A videotape of the report named Mason and showed him accompanying police to the scene of his alleged crimes.

Bruce James, QC, for the Attorney-General, said he accepted there were extenuating circumstances in relation to the Channel Ten report.

The station had a system of legal checks in place, but it had broken down on this occasion.

On Tuesday the court reserved its decision on the penalty to be imposed on the ABC, which pleaded guilty to contempt over a

similar report.

Judgment was also reserved yesterday on whether Channel 9 is guilty of contempt over its report of the same events. The station has denied its report could prejudice a trial.

Channel 7, Nationwide News Pty Ltd and a police officer, **Detective Constable Leonard Graham Dean**, have yet to come before the court on similar summonses.

Mason, 27, of Riverstone in Sydney's west, surrendered to police on July 29, 1989, after the ABC telecast an appeal by his father.

He was charged in Queanbeyan Local Court with the murders of Ruth Ferguson, 25, and her eight-month-old son, Mark, on July 27, 1989, at their Pambula Beach home.

Mrs Ferguson had been battered with a pickaxe and her son strangled with a cord.

Mason was also charged with the pickaxe murder of Mary Alice Clark, 29, at Geary's Gap, near Canberra, on May 12, 1989, and the attempted murder of her one year-old son Samuel. Mason hanged himself in Goulburn jail on September 11.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/122301973>

The Canberra Times

Tuesday 10 April 1990 p23

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/122099251>

The Canberra Times

Saturday 17 March 1990 p2

Lead up to the Contempt court actions

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/120885662>

Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

Wednesday 8 May 1985, page 8

Bond for union official over assault on shearer

A union official who assaulted a shearer on a property near Yass during the shearers' dispute last year was fined and released on a bond yesterday.

Mr Noel James Ashton, 33, of Murrumburrah, pleaded guilty in the NSW District Court in Yass to assaulting Mr Wayne Lawrence on May 10, 1984, occasioning actual bodily harm.

Detective Senior Constable Leonard Dean, of **Queanbeyan** police, told the court that police were talking to other people about related assaults and a second man had surrendered to police on Monday and admitted assaulting the property owner.

Mr Ashton, secretary of the Harden branch of the Australian Workers' Union, said he worked from time to time as a wool-presser in district shearing sheds.

He had been in a delegation of AWU members from all over NSW which had travelled to Canberra on May 10. The delegation had sought ministerial agreement to a proposal that New Zealand shearers, who had been taking work away from AWU members, should have visas before they could work in Australia.

The delegation had not been successful and had been "pushed from one Minister to another".

Mr Ashton said that he, another man and Mr Bill Sinclair, an AWU organiser, had stopped at the property on their way back from Canberra.

Mr Sinclair had gone into the shearing shed and spoken to the shearers. He had returned soon after and announced that the shearers were using wide combs, were non-unionists, had refused to join the union and were working illegally.

Mr Ashton said he went into the shed where there was "a bit of pushing and a lot of harsh words".

When he and about 15 others had left the shed, someone had called out that "a blue" had started and the men had returned. Mr Ashton said he punched Mr Lawrence in the face several times.

When the men had left the property, they had agreed to deny ever having been there if asked. Mr Ashton said he had done this when asked by police about the incident two weeks later.

Feelings had been running high over the wide-comb issue at the time and families had split because of it.

His branch of the AWU was trying to get harmony back into the shearing sheds.

Judge McGuire said that normally he would jail a person for such an offence. However, Mr Ashton had pleaded guilty, saving the community thousands of dollars in legal costs, and had frankly admitted his role in the incident without trying to lay the blame on anyone else.

He deferred passing sentence, released Mr Ashton on a \$1,000, three year good-behaviour bond and fined him \$500.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/127008354>

Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

Saturday 14 July 1984, page 12

Bungendore committal hearing ends

Five for trial on alleged kidnap counts, two freed

Five men charged over the alleged kidnapping of a Bungendore couple were committed for trial at the conclusion yesterday of a 10-day committal hearing in Canberra Petty Sessions.

The men were among seven people charged in connection with the alleged kidnapping of Mr Stephen John Harrison and Ms Heidi Maree Van Leeuwen in February.

Two other defendants were discharged after the Acting Chief Magistrate, Mr Dobson, ruled there was insufficient evidence to find prima facie cases against them.

All charges related to the alleged kidnapping of Ms Van Leeuwen were dismissed after Mr Dobson said he was not satisfied that her detention had been to anyone's advantage.

One of the five men committed to the ACT Supreme Court, Mr David Graeme Hudson, was refused bail pending his trial after the prosecutor, Mr Wayne Roser, told the court that Mr Hudson had made threats against police and one of the accused.

The five men committed are: Mr Hudson, 25, of Crofts Crescent, Spence; Mr Pasca Ganitis, 32, of Unanderra. Wollongong; Mr Stephen Leonard Jones, 24, formerly of Weetangera; Mr Shane Frederick Raftery, 23, of Belconnen Way, Weetangera; and Mr John Desmond Keenan, 21, formerly of Holder.

Mr Dobson found a prima facie case against each on charges of kidnapping Mr Stephen John Harrison between February 10 and

15. But he discharged Mr Hudson, Mr Ganitis, Mr Jones and Mr Keenan on charges of kidnapping Ms Heidi Maree Van Leeuwen between the same dates. Mr Raftery was not charged with this offence.

All five men then entered pleas of not guilty and reserved their defences.

Mr Dobson discharged also Mr Christian Klug, 22, of Dexter Street, Cook, who had been charged with aiding and abetting Mr Hudson in kidnapping Mr Harrison, and Ms Debbie Lee Towse, 26, of Crofts Crescent, Spence, who had been charged with being knowingly concerned in the kidnapping of Ms Van Leeuwen by Mr Hudson.

Mr Dobson said he was satisfied that Mr Klug had been involved in the offences but in a peripheral way only. Mr Klug had been "skating on thin ice" and had brought the proceedings on himself.

But the peripheral nature of his involvement did not justify the waste of public money involved in putting him on trial and he ordered that Mr Klug be discharged. Mr Dobson refused to make the order for costs in Mr Klug's favour sought by his counsel, Mr Ben Salmon.

Mr Dobson said he had no doubt that Ms Towse had been present during part of the incident and had known that Mr Harrison was being detained. She had known also that Ms Van Leeuwen was being detained and had been with her some of the time. But mere presence was not enough.

In addition, there was insufficient evidence that the detaining of Ms Van Leeuwen had been for the advantage of Mr Hudson (an element of the charges laid) and he ordered that Ms Towse be discharged.

At the request of her counsel, Mr John Purnell, he ordered police to pay Ms Towse's costs of \$250.

In opposing bail for Mr Hudson, pending his trial, Mr Roser drew the court's attention to the seriousness of the offences, the threats made to police that had been revealed in tape recordings played to the court on Thursday, a threat made to Mr Jones during the proceedings, and the fear of reprisals held by the victims of the alleged kidnappings.

Mr Dobson refused bail for Mr Hudson but released the other four men on bail of \$5,000, with similar sureties, and ordered them to report to police weekly and not approach any witness connected with the case.

Earlier, **Detective Senior Constable Leonard Dean**, of **Queanbeyan**, told Mr Roser he had spoken to Mr Ganitis at the Civic Police Station on February 14. Mr Ganitis had told him that he had gone to Mr Harrison's house in Bungendore with Mr Hudson and a man called Steve on February 10.

While there, Mr Hudson had asked Mr Harrison for drugs. Mr Harrison had told him of the location of some and about 25 grams of "speed", in one-gram packets, had been found in the back yard. Ms Van Leeuwen had also produced a quantity of marijuana.

Mr Harrison had later been taken to a house in Belconnen and assaulted. He [Mr Harrison] had said that he and two other men had been involved in the firing of shots at Mr Hudson's house on an earlier date. **Senior Constable Dean** said.

During a signed record of interview, Mr Ganitis had denied that any weapons had been produced at Mr Harrison's home. He had allegedly said that Mr Hudson had said he had a gun but had been bluffing.

Mr Harrison had been tied up at Steve's house but when he had gone to Mr Hudson's he had had "the run of the joint".

Mr Ganitis had said he had made sure that no-one had touched Ms Van Leeuwen "by telling everyone to leave her alone, mainly

David”.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/127214015>
