

Rodney Glen SONTER

09/11/2019

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AKA Rod SONTER

Late of Gorokan, NSW

NSW Redfern Police Academy Class # 099

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 11046

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday
11 May 1964 (aged 20 years, 0 months, 21 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 12 June 1964 (aged 20
years, 1 month, 23 days)

Constable – appointed 11 May 1965

Constable 1st Class – appointed 11 May 1969

Senior Constable – appointed 11 May 1973

Senior Sergeant – appointed 31 December 1987

Final Rank = ?

Stations: ?

Service: From 11 May 1964 to ? ? ? = ? years Service

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 20 January 1981 (Sgt 3/c)

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 27 November 1990 (SenSgt)

Born: Thursday 20 April 1944

Died on: Friday 18 September 1992

Age: 48 yrs, 4mths, 29days

Cause: *Heart attack

*Died from a Heart attack whilst partaking of a bike ride to raise money for Newcastle Ronald McDonald House

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Palmdale Lawn Cemetery & Memorial Park, Palmdale,
NSW

Grave location: 33°19'47.2"S 151°22'29.9"E

Memorial located at: ?



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

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

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May they forever Rest In Peace

No further details, other than what is above, are known about this man at the time of publication.

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Phillip Arthur CLARK

09/11/2019

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Late of Fairfield

New South Wales Police Force

[alert_yellow]Regd. #

15143[/alert_yellow]

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed
27 March 1972

Constable 1st Class – appointed 27 March
1977

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 30
September 1987

Stations: ?, Liverpool Police Station (
Licencing Sgt)

Service: From ? ? pre March 1972? to
? ? ? = ? years Service

Awards: National Medal – granted 2
November 1988

Born: 18 October 1949

Died on: ? ? 1992?

Age: 42

Cause: Possible Heart attack

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Wednesday 8 April 1992

**Funeral location: Forest Lawn
Crematorium Chapel, Camden Valley Way,
Leppington**

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Cremated

Memorial located at: ?

[alert_yellow]**PHIL** is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of
Remembrance[/alert_yellow] *NEED MORE INFO

Funeral location: TBA

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It is believed that Phil suffered a heart attack and was Stationed at Liverpool at the time.

It is also believed that Phil was Cremated at Forest Lawn, Leppington.

Nothing further, at this time, is known about this man or his Service with NSWPF.

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29 April 2018

Richard George REK0

09/11/2019

Richard George REK0

Late of Mittagong, NSW

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 11053

Uniform # 4221

Rank: Probationary Constable – appointed
11 May 1964

Constable – appointed 11 June 1965

Constable 1st Class – appointed 11 June
1969

Senior Constable – appointed 11 June 1973

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 2 April
1988

Stations: ?, Sydney, Temora, Bowral

Service: From ? ? pre May 1964? to 27
June 1992 = 28+ years Service

Awards: National Medal – granted 20
January 1981

1st Clasp to National Medal – granted 27
November 1990

Born: Thursday 13 August 1942

**Died on: Saturday 27 June 1992 in
Westmead Hospital, NSW**

Age: 49

Cause: Multiple Myeloma

Cause History: Richard was diagnosed with multiple Myeloma on the 27 November 1991 and worked up until close to his death.

Event location: Westmead Hospital, NSW

Event date: Saturday 27 June 1992

Funeral date: Wednesday 1 July 1992

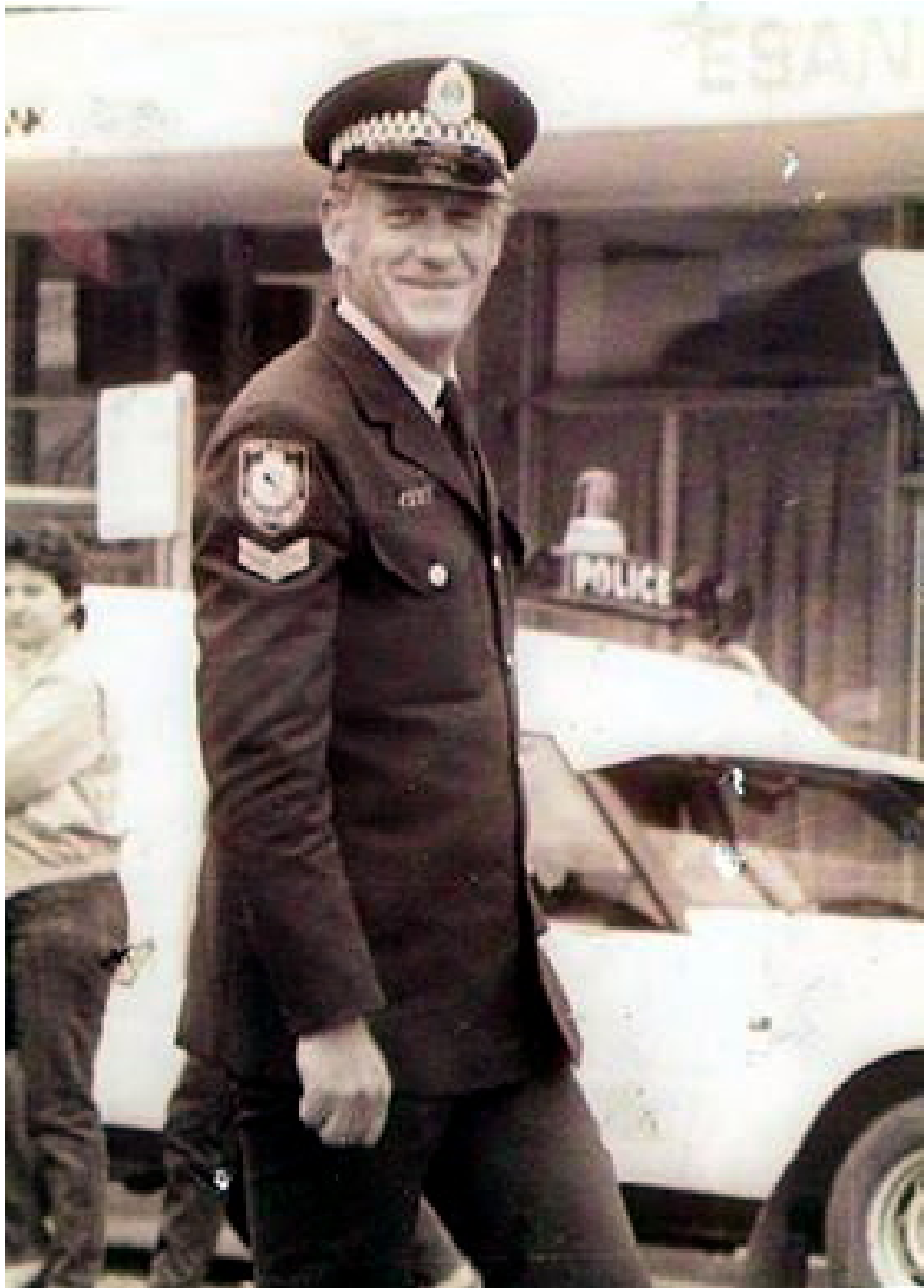
**Funeral location: Uniting Church,
Bendooley St, Bowral**

**Buried at: Mittagong / Welby Cemetery,
37 Meranie St, Welby, NSW**

Uniting Section, Row 4, Plot 16

Memorial located at: A Memorial plaque is located at the Bowral Police Station.

**This plaque was unveiled and dedicated by
John Faye – Premier of NSW on 14 July
1992**



Richard directing traffic in Bowral in the 1980's









Richard is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

***NEED MORE INFO**

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Richard was diagnosed with multiple Myeloma on the 27/11/91 and worked up until close to his death. He was married to Sandra and had four daughters...Karen, Susan, Kerrie-Lyn (who is currently a serving Sgt at Bowral Police Station with 27 years service) and Gina .

Sergeant Richard Reko
27.6.92
Loved & missed every day
Sandra and your loving family



Published in Southern Highland News on June 28, 2017

Sandra REKO, widow of Richard, passed away – surrounded by their daughters, on Sunday 22 October 2017, aged 73.

May they both Rest in Eternal Peace.

REKO, Sandra Ann

Passed away surrounded by her family 22nd October, 2017.

Loving wife of Richard (Dec).

Dearly loved mother of Karen & Ian, Susan & David, Kerrie-Lyn and Gina.

A much loved grandmother, great grandmother, sister, sister in law, aunty, great aunty and friend.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Service for Sandra to be held at St Stephens Anglican Church, Main Street Mittagong on Friday 27th October, 2017 Commencing at 2.00pm.

Interment will follow at Welby Cemetery.

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Published in Southern Highland News on Oct. 25, 2017

David John SCURR

09/11/2019

David John SCURR

late of Springwood, formerly of Blaxland

New South Wales Police Force

Academy Class 245

Regd. # 27501

Rank: Commenced Training – Goulburn Academy – Monday 30 April
1990

Probationary Constable – appointed 26 October 1990

Constable – appointed 26 October 1991

Stations: Mt Druitt

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours

Served: From 30 April 1990 to 7 December 1992 = 2+ years
Service

Born: Monday 30 March 1970

Age: 22yrs 11mths 22days

Death date: Monday 7 December 1992

Cause: Motor vehicle collision

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: Pinegrove Cemetery, Eastern Creek

Grave location: Shellharbour Cemetery, ?

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FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED ON THIS MAN.

David 'possibly' died on his way home, to the Blue Mountains area, after a nightshift in the Penrith area. He was only 22 at the time of his death.

It is reported that the Blue Mountains Gazette, at the time, published a bio on him but they misspelt his surname from SCURR to SLURR.

His funeral notice appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald on the 9 December 1992.

Juan Carlos HERNANDEZ

09/11/2019

Juan Carlos HERNANDEZ

AKA CARL, CARLOS, BOMBHEAD & ROCKY

Late of ?

NSW Goulburn Academy Class # 226

New South Wales Police Force

Probationary Constable # 98201

Regd. # 23642

Uniform # 1583

Rank: Commenced Training at the Goulburn Police Academy on 18 February 1987

Probationary Constable – appointed 15 May 1987

Constable – appointed 15 May 1988

Constable 1st Class – appointed

Final Rank = Constable 1st Class

Stations: ?, Paddington (10 Division), State Protection Group Sydney (SPG) – Death

Service: From 18 February 1987 to 1 December 1992 = 5+ years
Service

Awards: No find on It's An Honour

Born: 28 July 1959

Died on: Tuesday 1 December 1992 @ St Vincent's Hospital,
Darlinghurst

Age: 33 years, 4 months, 3 days

Cause: **Accidentally Shot at Redfern SPG**

Event location: Redfern Police Academy

Event date: Tuesday 1 December 1992

Funeral date: 4 December 1992

Funeral location: ?

Wake location: ?

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Cremated. Ashes collected. Eastern Suburbs
Memorial Park, Matraville

Memorial located at: ?



CARL IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

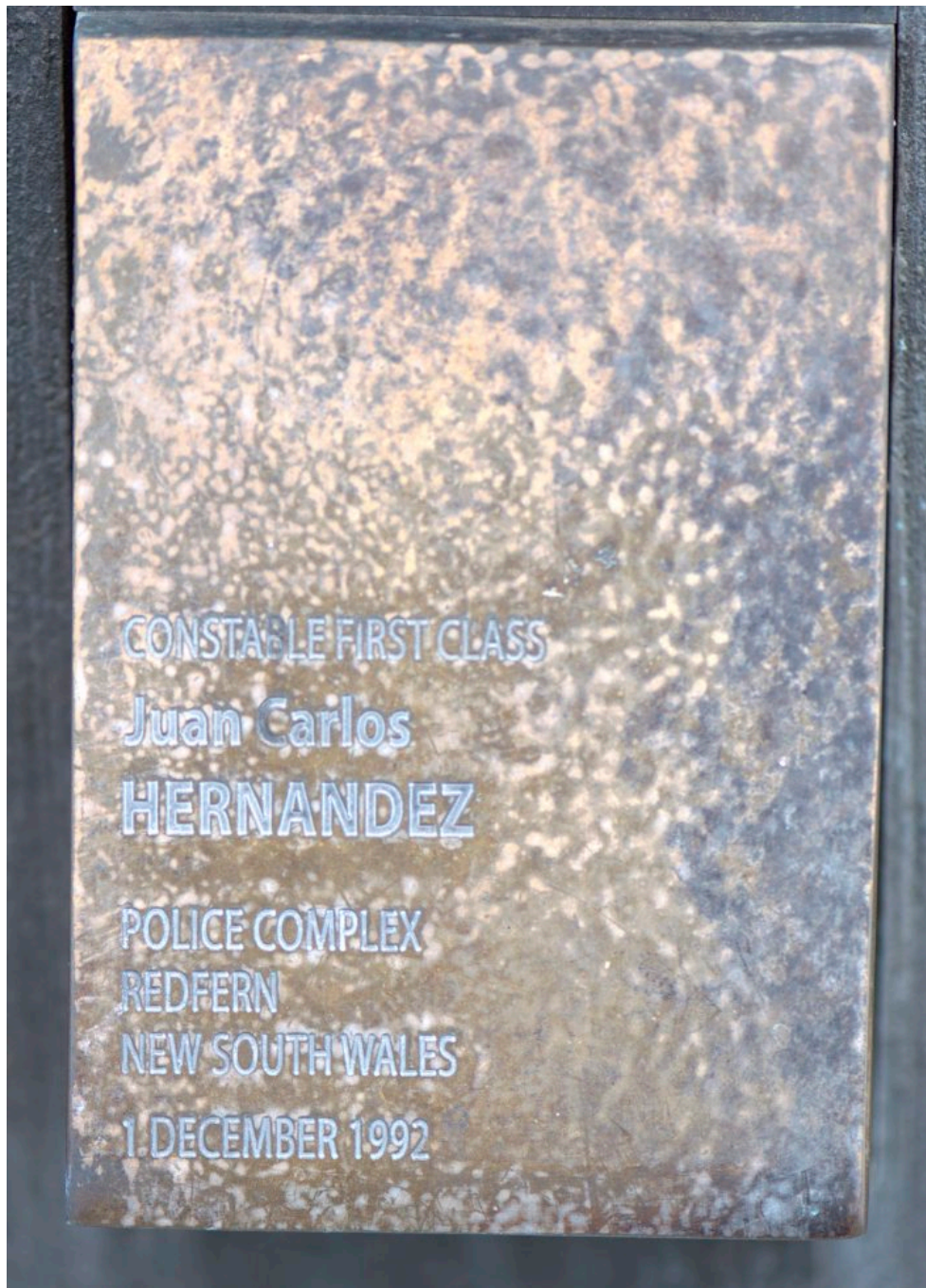
Funeral location: TBA

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In 1992 Constable Hernandez was a member of the **State Protection Group** and a qualified firearms instructor. He was accidentally shot in the chest while testing police in their annual firearms proficiency tests at the Redfern Police Complex. Following emergency surgery Constable Hernandez died at St Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst the same day as the accident.

The constable was born in 1959 and joined the New South Wales Police Force on 18 February, 1987. At the time of his death he was attached to the State Protection Group.



Touch Plate at the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra



Photo credit: Kelvin Harband □ NSW Fallen Police New Member . **Juan Hernandez** was accidentally shot in the chest while doing firearms training as an Instructor at the Redfern Police Academy on 1 December 1992. Emergency surgery was unable to save his life and he passed on that same day. Juan and I went through the Academy together in 1987 and he will always be remembered and a great bloke whose life was cut way to short by the tragic accident. Juan is in the middle squatting down in this photo which was taken on the day of our attestation (15 May 1987).

Carl is also credited with designing the **TOU insignia** – which was maintained in respect to his.

Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

Tuesday 1 December 1992, page 4

IN BRIEF

Policeman shot dead

SYDNEY: A police weapons training instructor was fatally wounded by another officer during a gun training session yesterday.

Constable Juan Carlos Hernandez, 33, an instructor with the elite **State Protection Group**, died in hospital several hours after being shot in the chest at the **old Police Academy at Redfern**.

Constable Hernandez was supervising about 15 officers at a training session when a **.38 calibre police-issue revolver** discharged, wounding him in the chest.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/126959025>

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Carl.

Juan Carlos Hernandez,
Carl was how I knew you,
I will never forget,
What you helped me through.

To walk into a room,
When I was very young,
My first days in the job,
To see death, just wrong.

I was only 19 years old,
In the job for a few weeks,
In morbid fascination,
What no one really seeks.

I stood in disbelief,
Waiting for him to breath,
But he did not move,
It was hard for me to believe.

As we left the room,
You stopped me for a while,
And asked if I was ok,
Then you gave me a smile.

A smile because you knew,
It was not one of joy,
To tell me it would be ok,
I was no longer just a boy.

Death I had just seen,
Even if for the first time,
With the strength you showed me,
I would be just fine.

In shock a few years later,
I heard you had been lost,
In a twisted circumstance,
Your family paid the cost.

You were loyal to the end,
That is what I heard,
You were the ultimate Man,
So to deny your last words, absurd.

You died loving what you did,
A Policeman you will always be,
Did not matter your end,
You are now free.

I can't believe,
It's over 20 years,
Since I sat with you,
Had a few beers.

For years you have rested,
In the ultimate peace,
Having died in the line of duty,
But your memory does not cease.

You will never be forgotten,
Not while I still stand,
I will never ever forget,
When as a 19 year old you held my hand.

Thank you
Brother in Blue.

Died in the line of duty
1st December 1992.

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Penned by Brendo Greysie (2014)

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1. Legislative Council by date
 2. 27 August 2013

Police Attestation Ceremony

Speakers	Cusack The Hon Catherine; Gallacher The Hon Michael
Business	Questions Without Notice, QWN

POLICE ATTESTATION CEREMONY

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The Hon. CATHERINE CUSACK: My question is addressed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services. Will the Minister inform the House about the newest recruits to the New South Wales Police Force?

The Hon. MICHAEL GALLACHER: I thank the honourable member for her question. Last Friday, 23 August 2013, it was my great pleasure to attend the attestation ceremony for class 319 at the Goulburn Police Academy. I assure members that the calibre of probationary constables coming through the doors of the academy to pursue challenging and rewarding careers as police officers in this State remains very high indeed. They passed the stringent physical and academic tests, and have demonstrated the commitment and character befitting their new role. These qualities were no more visible than when the **commissioner's valour award** was presented to **Senior Constable Justin Knight** on the parade ground last Friday. The award was conferred for conspicuous merit and exceptional bravery when an offender armed with a sawn-off rifle fired at Senior Constable Knight with intent to murder on **20 January 2007** at Eveleigh Street, Redfern—the Block.

In the course of pursuing a suspect, Constable Knight alighted from his vehicle and pursued an offender on foot, calling for him to stop. The offender produced a sawn-off rifle and, despite the risk, Constable Knight continued to follow him. The offender fired a number of shots at Constable Knight, narrowly missing him. The constable felt one of the projectiles go past his arm and thought that he had been shot. Being aware of the sensitivity of the local community towards police and despite the escalated danger, Constable Knight did

not respond by firing his service firearm. The offender fled the scene, but was later identified and charged with attempted murder of a police officer. The offender was subsequently convicted.

I ask members to reflect on those circumstances and whether we would have acted with the same level of commitment, bravery and judgement as Constable Knight on that occasion. Too often the community reacts to instances where police officers have been accused of wrongdoing, but the events of that night in 2007 remind us of the challenges and risks faced by officers of the NSW Police Force, in this case potentially quite deadly. I am confident that Senior Constable Knight's example will flow through to the 161 probationary constables who attested and have joined a force with record authorised strength in this State.

A number of the new police officers deserve special mention. The winner of the **Robert Brotherson award** for the [highest level of academic achievement](#) was **Probationary Constable Natalie Martin**. The winners of the **Steven Roser memorial award** for the [highest male and female achievers in physical training](#) were **Probationary Constable Mitchell Thompson** and **Probationary Constable Guilhermina El-Mir**. The **Juan Carlos Hernandez award**, given to the student with the [highest marksmanship score](#), went to **probationary constables David Edwards, Anton Sahyoun and Shanahan Toering**—all three tied for that award. **Probationary Constable Toering** also received the award for the highest achiever in the [Simulated Policing Acquiring Competence program](#).

One of the many proud parents at the attestation was **Detective Superintendent Arthur Katsogiannis**, whose son **Daniel** is now a probationary constable and commences his career at **City Central Local Area Command**. It was terrific to see 23 members of the attestation of class 319 identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, of which 16 were graduates of the Indigenous Police Recruiting Our Way [IPROWD] program that I

have spoken about in this forum. Congratulations to them. I had the pleasure of witnessing the graduation of 13 dog teams from the State Protection Group Dog Unit. Some were general purpose dogs and others, obviously, were sniffer dogs. That is good news for Byron Bay and its former mayor, the Hon. Jan Barham. The attestation parades provide an opportunity— [*Time expired.*]

The Hon. CATHERINE CUSACK: I ask a supplementary question. Will the Minister elucidate his answer?

The Hon. MICHAEL GALLACHER: I pay respect to the following five officers who retired from the NSW Police Force, taking with them collectively 190-plus years: **Superintendent Ben Feszczuk, Detective Superintendent Col Dyson, APM, Superintendent Ray Filewood, Detective Inspector Dennis Clarke, APM, and Inspector Leslie Dickens.** All five officers led the parade on Friday. It was an incredibly proud moment for them, their families and the communities they have represented in just short of 200 years of policing. As I said to the graduating class, “If you want to look for role models, look at these five as a classic example of what you can give back to a community that will give you so much more.”

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/parlment/hansart.nsf/V3Key/LC20130827015>

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1. Legislative Council by date
 2. 7 May 2013

NSW Police Force Newly Attested Officers

Speakers	Cusack The Hon Catherine; Gallacher The Hon Michael
Business	Questions Without Notice, QWN

NSW POLICE FORCE NEWLY ATTESTED OFFICERS

Page: 20006

The Hon. CATHERINE CUSACK: My question is addressed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services. Will the Minister inform the House about the newest recruits to the NSW Police Force? **The Hon. MICHAEL GALLACHER:** On 3 May it was a great pleasure to attend the attestation ceremony for class 318 at the Goulburn Police Academy, and I can assure the House that the calibre of probationary constables coming through the academy to pursue a challenging and rewarding career as a New South Wales police officer remains high. All attesting officers have made it through physical and academic tests, and, most importantly, they have demonstrated the commitment and character of people prepared to ensure the safety and security of the community they will serve. The 202 probationary constables who attested have joined a police force now boasting a record authorised strength of 16,176. As members opposite know full well, we have been increasing the authorised strength of the NSW Police Force since we took office. After the further increase this month of 80 positions from the May class, we have boosted the authorised strength by 370, and we are on our way to increasing the force by a total of 859 positions, to a record authorised strength of 16,665 officers in August 2015. This month 50 additional positions were added to the Police Transport Command, bringing its authorised strength to 401. We have also added 30 positions to the authorised strength of the Traffic and Highway Patrol Command, bringing it to 1,295. That makes an increase of 50 new authorised positions to this command, and that is halfway to our commitment to increase the strength of the command by 100. While another 202 probationary constables have been drawn to this career, I am equally pleased with how many officers stay in this exciting and rewarding profession. Indeed, there is such demand for a career in policing that the NSW Police Force has implemented a freeze on new applications. Members opposite have mischievously tried to claim that this is a sign of cuts to the Police Force. That is as far from the truth as

members opposite could possibly get. Thanks to the Government making the necessary reforms to the Death and Disability Scheme set up by members opposite and restoring the confidence of serving police officers by ensuring that they will have the back-up they need, I am advised that attrition within the Police Force is currently averaging about 40 officers a month, down from the average of 70 under the previous administration. Therefore, it stands to reason that if fewer officers are leaving the force, fewer replacements are needed. Under Labor, the NSW Police Force was faced with more than 800 officers on long-term sick leave and officers leaving the force at such a rate that police could not recruit fast enough to plug the holes. Placing a temporary freeze on new applications will ensure that potential applicants do not need to spend application fees, which easily total \$500, including on such items as medical certificates, when there is a substantial wait before their application can be considered. We are getting on with the job of ensuring that the NSW Police Force is better resourced, better equipped and better supported than ever before. Members opposite are peddling misinformation and seeking to undermine the community's confidence in a police force experiencing record numbers. A number of the new police officers deserve special mention. The winner of the **Robert Brotherson Award** for the [highest level of academic achievement](#) was **Probationary Constable Thomas Stillwell**. The winners of the **Steven Roser Memorial Award** for the [highest male and female achievers in physical training](#) were **Probationary Constable Adam Splithof** and **Probationary Constable Caitlin Billingham**. The **Juan Carlos Hernandez Award**, given to the student with the [highest marksmanship score](#), went to **Probationary Constable Matthew Skellern**. [*Time expired.*]

The Hon. CATHERINE CUSACK: I ask a supplementary question. Will the Minister elucidate his answer?

The Hon. MICHAEL GALLACHER: I am sure that all members would like to hear about these outstanding young probationary constables, including **Probationary Constable Nathan**

Dechaufepie, who was the recipient of the [Simulated Policing Acquiring Confidence Award](#). These officers can be proud of their achievements. Their families can be proud of them and, most importantly, their communities are proud of them. I am sure that the House will join me in wishing our newest police officers all the very best for their careers in the NSW Police Force.

- Legislative Council by date
- 9 May 2011

Speakers	MacDonald Mr Scot; Gallacher The Hon Michael
Business	Questions Without Notice, QWN

POLICE GRADUATIONS

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The Hon. SCOT MacDONALD: My question is addressed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services. Will the Minister inform the House of the results of the latest police attestation?

The Hon. MICHAEL GALLACHER: I apologise to the House for my inability to be here last Friday. I had a very important role to fulfil as the Minister for Police and Emergency Services at the graduation of class 312 at the Police Academy in Goulburn. It was my first in my new role as Minister for Police and Emergency Services. One of the first things I had an opportunity to announce down there was clarification of the uncertainty that exists around the name of the organisation.

The Hon. Duncan Gay: It was well received.

The Hon. MICHAEL GALLACHER: It was well received. It will now return to its former name of the New South Wales Police

Academy, not the police college. That announcement was very well received by the sworn officers. The attestation certainly brought back memories of when I was in a similar position, standing on the parade ground at Redfern more than 30 years ago. Whilst a lot of things have changed in policing, a lot of things have not. Obviously the equipment, the cars and the uniform have changed, but certainly one thing that has not changed is the high calibre of probationary constables coming through the academy. They are required to pass through a tough course, both physically and academically, to prove they can cut the mustard as officers in the New South Wales Police Force. Who knows, even Eric Roozendaal might apply to join the New South Wales Police Force—although he may not pass the integrity test.

They are men and women who are prepared to do their best for the people of this State and who will undertake this job on a daily basis, often in the most difficult of circumstances. The 111 probationary constables who attested at the ceremony have joined more than 15,000 officers in the Police Force. They come from all walks of life. Over 22 per cent of those who attested are women. Forty per cent come from outside metropolitan Sydney. Sixteen were born overseas, in countries such as Russia, Germany, Malaysia, China and even Botswana. They speak Arabic, Greek, Cantonese, Armenian, Dari, and Khmer. They will be posted to 59 local area commands across the State, from Albury in the south, to Richmond in the north, from Barrier in the west to the heart of Sydney. Forty-four of the officers have been assigned to non-metropolitan or rural regions.

Irrespective of where they have been posted they are on the front line. They stand between the community and the dangers of crime and other antisocial behaviour. A number of these new police officers deserve special mention. Firstly, the winner of the **Robert Brotherson Award** for the [highest level of academic achievement](#) was **Probationary Constable Stephanie**

Hill. The winners of the **Steven Roser Memorial Award** for the **highest male and female achievers in physical training** were **Probationary Constable John Feuerstein** and **Probationary Constable Sandra Chaban**. The **Juan Carlos Hernandez Award**, given to the student with the **highest marksmanship score**, was **Probationary Constable James Patrick**. **Probationary Constable Jessica Agland** was the recipient of the **Simulated Policing Acquiring Confidence Award**.

I met some of the officers on Friday and I can confidently say that the New South Wales Police Force has a strong future. These officers can be proud of their achievements. Their family and friends can be proud of them for all the hard work they have put in to get there. The people of New South Wales can be proud of these people for choosing a selfless profession, dedicating their working lives to ensuring the safety and protection of the community. I am sure all members of the House will join me in wishing our newest police officers all the very best for their careers in the New South Wales Police Force.

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