

Police Dog TITAN

17/10/2014

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New South Wales Police Force

Died 23 December 2004

Murdered – stabbed



Police Dog TITAN – stabbed to death during a siege at Seven Hills, NSW.

Police Dog **Titan**. (Beychief Magic Return) **Titan** was tragically stabbed to death during a **siege** at **Seven Hills, December 23rd, 2004**.

His slaying caused new laws to be passed giving higher prison sentences for killing or injuring **Police Service Animals**. **Titan's** handler was **Snr Const Sean McDowell**.

<http://www.beychief.com/in-memory-killed-in-the-l.asp>



Police Dog Memorial – Thamoor NSW



WILL WE LEAVE A PAWPRINT?

No great achievements may be ours
Nor special honours won
Yet we would like to leave our pawprints
When our time is done.
How shall we then, achieve this goal
If we do not win fame?
Will the tides of time erase
The very memory of our names?
We'd like to think our lives worthwhile
Not just to us, you see,
But to the masters we have served
And to our whole communities.
How, then, shall we leave our marks
Upon Life's shifting sands?
By giving more, expecting less,
And making few demands.
What can we contribute
To make our pawprints firm?
All the love we have to offer,
The will to live and learn.
And then, we think we'll be content
When our time has come to rest
If folk will just remember
That we always did our best.

Written by Milita Houlahan

in honour of all dogs in service

Ode' to Police Dogs – Will we leave a pawprint ?

Ronald John FOSTER

17/10/2014

Ronald John FOSTER

aka Ron Foster

Husband of Audrey FOSTER (R.I.P. 2023)

Redfern Police Academy Class # 063

New South Wales Police Force

Regd # 8235

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on **Monday 26 September 1955?** (1 month, 12 days at the Academy) (aged 20 years, 7 months, 24 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 7 November 1955 (aged 20 years, 9 months, 5 days)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed 7 November 1966 (South Coast District)

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 1 March 1972

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed 1 December 1978

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 13 November 1981

Inspector – appointed 20 August 1986

Chief Inspector – appointed 13 July 1988 – retirement

Stations: ?, Shellharbour Police Stn (Cst 1/c), South Coast District (1966), ?, Port Kembla, ?, O.I.C. Cronulla (Insp)(1986), Division Commander – Warilla Patrol (C/Insp.)(1988) – Retirement

Service: From Monday 26 September 1955? to ? ? ? = ??
years Service

Awards: No Find on It's An Honour

Born: Saturday 2 February 1935

Died on: Tuesday 7 September 2004 – about 9pm

Cause of death: Illness – Leukaemia – Cancer

Age: 69 years, 6 months, 18 days

Location: at home surrounded by family

Funeral date: Saturday 11 September 2004

Funeral location: TBA

Buried at: TBA

Memorial location: TBA

RON is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

* Need more info

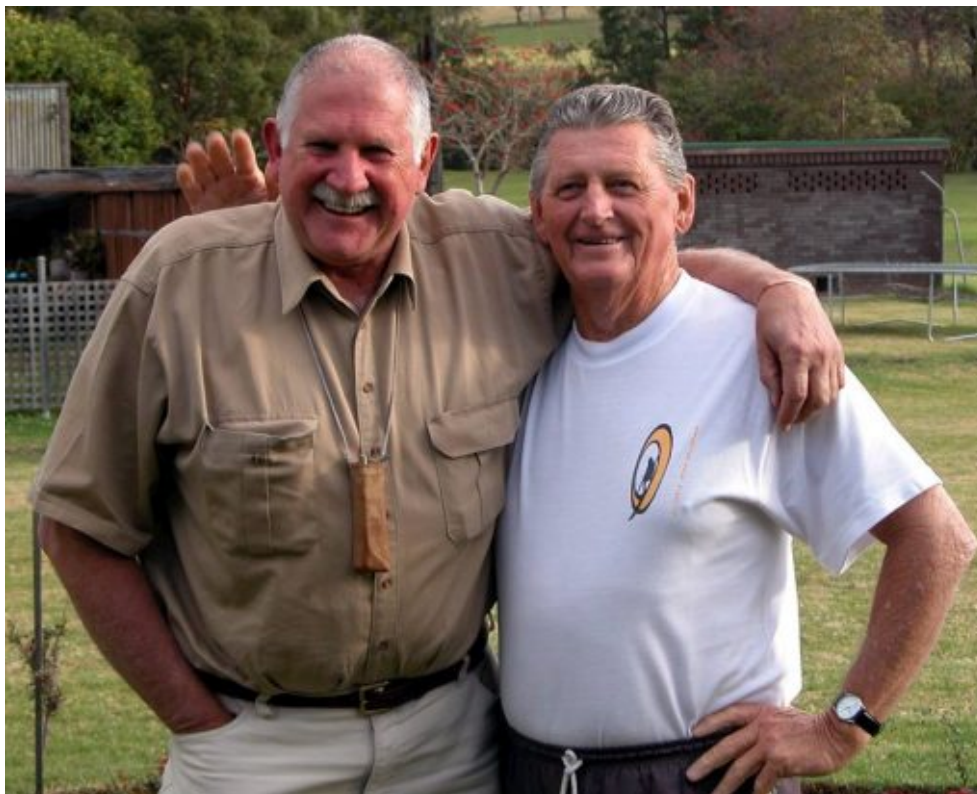
Funeral location: TBA

Over the weeks leading up to Ron's death, he sent out a message for all of his mates and friends to go and visit him at his home, with Audrey, at Albion Park.

Over the following weeks, many people turned up and had you not known that he was terminally ill with the Leukaemia, you just wouldn't have thought he was sick. He was constantly talking and laughing with his friends, but sadly, the energy burned out a little too much and he became very weak and eventually succumbed to the Leukaemia and left us in very quick time.

Ron was a truly lovely bloke and boss and was a pleasure to work with or for.

May the old boy be up there and forever Rest In Peace.



Bob 'Lep' BURRAGE # 10334 with Ron FOSTER # 8235 on Tuesday 31 August 2004 – one week before Ron passed away. Photo taken by Cal



Audrey FOSTER & Ron FOSTER – Friday 6 September
1985 – Warilla Police Social at Berrima Wool
Shed, Berrima, NSW Photo taken by Cal

1968 – 1969

Parliament of NSW

Report of the Police Department

p23

BRIEF FACTS OF ACTS OF BRAVERY BY POLICE

The facts, briefly, associated with acts of bravery performed by Police during the year 1967 are as set out hereunder.

8. On 27th March, 1967, Senior-Constable **Ronald John Foster** and Constable **Robert Edgar Layton** rescued three youths from a cliff face at Macquarie Pass and recovered the body of a fourth who had suffered fatal injuries in a fall from the cliff.

annual_report_archive_1967-1 – document.pdf

Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney, NSW : 1901 – 2001), **Friday 12 August 1988** (No.132), page 4257

NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FORCE

Commissioned Officer Appointments

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has approved of the undermentioned Commissioned Officer appointments, effective from the dates indicated:

Inspector, Patrol Commander, Woy Woy

Senior Sergeant **Raymond John Greentree**, date of entry on duty.

Chief Inspector, Division Commander, Warilla Inspector Ronald John Foster, date of entry on duty.

Inspector, Patrol Commander, Wagga Wagga

Senior Sergeant **Kevin Jack Wales**, date of entry on duty.

Inspector, Patrol Commander, Mascot Sergeant **Kevin Rafferty**, date of entry on duty.

TED PICKERING,

(6335) Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

12 Aug 1988 – NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FORCE – Trove

Stephen John LEACH

17/10/2014

Stephen John LEACH

AKA Steve

New South Wales Police Force

Joined NSWPF via Police Cadets on 24 November 1966

Redfern Academy **Class # 132**

Cadet # 2538

Regd. # 15543

Rank: NSW Police Cadet – commenced training at Redfern Police Academy 24 November 1969 (aged 16 years & 27 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 28 October 1972 (aged 19 years)

Constable – appointed

Constable 1st Class – appointed 28 October 1977

Detective – appointed

Senior Constable – appointed

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 21 February 1988

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed

Final Rank: Detective Sergeant

Stations: ?, Homicide Squad – Headquarters – Parramatta

Service: From 24 November 1969 to 3 August 2004 = 34 years,
8 months & 10 days Service

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 14 December 1988 (Det Sgt)
1st Clasp to the National Medal – **granted** 28 May 1999 (Det
Sgt)

Commissioner's Commendation (posthumously) " In recognition
of his tenacity, dedication and commitment "

Cause: Depression – Suicide – Service firearm – In armoury

Event Location: NSW Police HQ, Parramatta – In the armoury

Event date: Tuesday 3 August 2004 (Off Duty)

Born: Wednesday 28 October 1953

Died: Tuesday 3 August 2004

Age: 50 years, 9 months & 6 days

Funeral: ? August 2004

Grave stone location: Castlebrook Memorial Park

Location: Stations of the Cross

Section: Cross

Lot: 40

Lat/Long: -33.69279, 150.92183



And in August 2004, Detective Sergeant Steve Leach killed himself with his pistol at police headquarters at Parramatta.

<http://www.smh.com.au/news/national/suicidal-officer-with-a-gun-but-this-time-tragedy-averted/2007/04/30/1177788058862.html>



Stephen John LEACH – grave stone.
Castlebrook Memorial Park Cemetery &
Crematorium
Castlebrook Memorial Park, Windsor Rd, Rouse
Hill, NSW

**Steve is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance in
Canberra**

(checked 040822)



NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE ACADEMY
DETECTIVES' COURSE NO. 1 OF 1981
1 FEBRUARY 1981 TO 24 APRIL 1981

FOURTH ROW: G. KIPPAX, G. GREEN, B. RITCHIE, A. LONGSON, T. GRIFFITHS, C. ILES, K. FITZGERALD, S. LEACH, G. DUCKER, B. REID.
THIRD ROW: B. PASSLOW, J. GARVEY, K. O'BRYAN, E. FREEMAN, G. DISKIN, G. SMART, B. PECK, S. ST. JOHN, J. KHALIFEH, A. PEARMAN,
J. INNES, D. CHAPMAN.
SECOND ROW: D. LINDSAY, R. BOWLES, G. MARTIN, B. DICKSON, I. CAMERON, G. ACTON, F. VENTURI, P. DUNN, M. MCGANN, J. RAND, P. LONG,
S. PACKER, A. THOMAS.
FRONT ROW: I. MURRAY, G. THOMPSON, R. JENKINS (INST.), P. CLAMP (INST.), P. MEDIAN (INST.), N. GOULD (DIRECTOR), L. BAKER (INST.),
B. WYATT (INST.), P. WALTER (INST.), C. McDONALD, I. McDONALD.

NSW Police

Academy

Detectives' Course 1 of 1981

2 February – 24 April 1981 Back Row (L – R):

G. KIPPAX, G. GREEN, B. RITCHIE, A. LONGSON, T. GRIFFITHS,
Colin ILES # 15334, K. FITZGERALD, Stephen LEACH # 15543, G.
DUCKER, B. REID,

Third Row:

Barry PASSLOW # 14109, J. GARVEY, K. O'BRYAN, E. FREEMAN, G.
DISKIN, G. SMART, B. PECK, S. ST JOHN, J. KHALIFEH, A.
PEARMAN, J. INNES, D. CHAPMAN.

Second Row:

D. LINDSAY, R. BOWLES, G. MARTIN, B. DICKSON, I. CAMERON, G.
ACTON, F. VENTURI, P. DUNN, Michael MCGANN # 16758, J. RAND,
P. LONG, Steve PACKER, A. THOMAS

Front Row:

I. MURRAY, G. THOMPSON, R. JENKINS (Inst.), R. CLAMP (Inst.

), P. MEEHAN (Inst.), N. GOULD (Director), L. BAKER, (Inst.), R. MYATT (Inst.), P. WALTER (Inst.), C. McDONALD, I. McDONALD

Policeman shot dead at station

August 3, 2004 – 7:33PM

One of NSW top police investigators was found shot dead in the state's police headquarters today, shattering his family, friends and colleagues around the world.

Detective Sergeant Steve Leach, 51, an internationally recognised officer who helped investigate former Yugoslav president **Slobodan Milosevic** on behalf of the **United Nations**, was found with a single gunshot wound to the head shortly before midday.

Among his local achievements, Det Sgt Leach was instrumental in the arrest of backpacker murderer **Ivan Milat** and the investigations into missing Sydney school girl **Samantha Knight**.

NSW Police Commissioner **Ken Moroney** rushed to Parramatta upon hearing the news and, while he declined to speculate on the cause of death, said it was not believed to be suspicious.

The detective sergeant **was not working today**, having returned to NSW from **The Hague** in the Netherlands only in recent months.

Det Sgt **Leach** had been on **sick leave** after sustaining an **undisclosed physical** injury while overseas, but he had been due to recommence his employment with the NSW Police soon.

The **Commissioner** said investigations into the death had begun

using a **specialist team** from **Bankstown** police, who would prepare a report for the **Coroner**.

“These are very tragic circumstances not only for the officer concerned and his family but equally as important, for his colleagues,” Mr **Moroney** said.

“I’m sure he will be remembered not only in the coming days . . . but certainly in years to come as one of the most experienced detectives we have (had) here in NSW, and we are the poorer for his loss today.”

Mr **Moroney** said the married officer had **two** children who, along with his colleagues, were “understandably very distraught” at the news of his passing.

“He was a very popular colleague and highly respected, not only in terms of his detective skills but certainly the specialist skills that he brought to criminal investigations here in NSW,” he said.

The officer’s colleagues at the **NSW State Crime Command** in Parramatta were being counselled by police chaplain **Barry Dwyer**.

Another police officer also was mourned today – **Senior Constable Ian Ross Dennis**, based in **Walgett**, north-west NSW, who died in hospital after a short battle with an **illness**, aged 47.

Mr **Moroney** paid tribute to both officers, saying they had been outstanding servants of the police force.

“It’s important on these occasions that we honour and acknowledge that service and that commitment,” he said.

“It’s a very sad day for the organisation to lose officers of this calibre who have selflessly served the people of this state to the very best of their skill and ability.

“And that’s all I could ever ask them to do.”

<http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2004/08/03/1091476465269.html?from=storylhs>

Detective who shot himself bore grief of many

By Les Kennedy

August 4, 2004



Homicide detective Steve Leach, left, and another detective escort the backpacker killer Ivan Milat from his home in 1994. Photo: Rick Stevens

There are few moments of joy in the life of a homicide investigator, and most of those are with their families.

Steve Leach had borne the grief of many, but yesterday it was

the turn of his colleagues to face his own violent death.

Detective Senior Sergeant **Leach**, one of the state's most experienced homicide detectives, took his life with his **own handgun** in the heart of the new **NSW Police headquarters in Parramatta**.

Nobody, it appears, saw such a tragedy coming.

Sergeant **Leach** had been on sick leave since **early June**, the result of a **car accident in Europe** that left him with **leg injuries**.

He had recently applied to be pensioned off as **hurt on duty** but those who encountered him recently had found him apparently cheery and looking forward to an early retirement.

He was **still on sick report** when he walked into the police building yesterday. He went into the soundproof weapons storage room; no one had been expecting him and no one heard the shot. Another officer found his body **about noon**.

When family, friends and colleagues looked at the life of **Steve Leach**, they saw an extraordinary career that began when he joined the force as a **16-year-old cadet in 1969**.

He was a **second-generation cop**. **Over 35 years**, he played a role in some of the state's most notorious cases and found his way as far afield as Bosnia, where he investigated war crimes.

Along the way he offered support to the families of victims and perpetrators alike. He even lent his shoulder to **Shirley Soir**, the sister of the backpacker killer **Ivan Milat**, who collapsed while sitting next to him in court on the day in **May 1994** that her brother was charged with **seven murders**.

Ten days earlier, the burly detective had walked into police history as one of two detectives who arrested **Milat** at his **Eagle Vale** home.

In that case he led the search for the weapon, a **Ruger 10/22**, of which there were more than 100,000 imported into Australia.

He was often given tough tasks, such as the long investigation into the disappearance of the Bondi schoolgirl **Samantha Knight**.

In recent years, he was **seconded** to the **European War Crimes Tribunal** in **The Hague**. His team in the **Netherlands** charged the **former Yugoslav president, Slobodan Milosevic**, whose war crimes trial is still before the international court.

Sergeant **Leach** spent more than two years **walking through massacre sites and talking to survivors**.

He came back to Sydney last year, returning to the **homicide squad** and recalling good times in Europe with his wife Christine, a schoolteacher.

He was **chuffed** that **one of his two sons** had **also joined** the **police force**, while the other had signed up for the army.

The Police Commissioner, **Ken Moroney**, remembered a detective of impeccable character.

"I'm sure he will be remembered, not only in the coming days ... but certainly in years to come, as one of the most experienced detectives we have [had] here in NSW, and we are the poorer for his loss today."

<http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2004/08/03/1091476494599.html>

Colleagues grieve for a lauded detective

By Les Kennedy
August 4, 2004

Homicide detective Steve Leach, left, takes Ivan Milat into custody in 1994.

Apart from time spent with their families, there are few moments of joy in the lives of homicide investigators.

They see the grief of others and are expected to bear their own feelings inwardly. Steve Leach had borne the grief of many – until yesterday. Now his colleagues are facing the tragedy of his own violent death.

Detective Senior Sergeant Leach, one of the Australia's most experienced homicide detectives, took his life with **his own handgun** in the heart of the new NSW Police Headquarters in Parramatta.

It seems nobody saw it coming. When family, friends and colleagues looked at the life of 51-year-old Senior Sergeant Leach, what they saw was an extraordinary career that began when he joined the force as a 16-year-old cadet in 1969.

He was a second-generation police officer who, over 35 years, played key roles in some of Australia's most high-profile and most horrific cases.

His talents were also sought internationally. He was seconded to the European War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague to investigate the killing fields of Bosnia, and was instrumental in the arrest of former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic, who is facing genocide charges.

But the hard-nosed detective also had a gift for empathy and gave his support to the families of victims and perpetrators alike.

He even lent his shoulder to **Shirley Soir**, the sister of **Ivan Milat**, who collapsed while sitting next to him in court on the day in **May 1994** when her brother was charged with the murders of seven backpackers.

Ten days earlier, he walked into police history as one of two detectives who arrested Milat.

He was often asked to investigate cases where the trails had seemingly run cold, such as the **1986** disappearance of Bondi schoolgirl **Samantha Knight**. But by the time his team had secured the conviction of **Michael Guider**, Senior Sergeant **Leach** was in **Bosnia**, walking through massacre sites, talking to survivors.

He returned to Sydney last year, speaking only of the good times in Europe with his wife Christine, a school teacher. He was chuffed that one of his two sons had joined the force, while the other had joined the army.

But he had been on sick leave since early June after injuring his legs in a car crash in Europe. He had recently applied to be pensioned off as hurt on duty, but had appeared upbeat planning for his early retirement.

Senior Sergeant Leach was on leave when he arrived at police headquarters yesterday, went into the sound-proof weapon storage room and took his gun. No one heard the shot. Another officer found his body at noon.

One shocked colleague and mate said: "There you go, buddy. The futility of it all. We are all feeling that empty feeling. Why?"

Those needing assistance can reach Suicide Helpline Victoria on 1300 651 251, Lifeline on 131 114 (both 24-hour lines), SANE on 1800 688 382 or Kids Help Line on 1800 551 800.

<http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2004/08/03/1091476497108.htm>

Top cop found shot dead

August 4, 2004 – 5.09am

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Top cop found shot dead

Steve Leach Memorial

by Kevin Caruso

Detective Sergeant **Steve Leach**, from Sydney, Australia, was a well-known, veteran police officer with **35 years of experience**.

Steve Leach was so highly respected by his fellow officers that they referred to him as **“a policeman’s policeman.”**

He was assigned some of Australia’s most horrific crimes. And he arrested serial killer **Ivan Milat** (see picture above), who murdered **seven people** between **1989** and **1992**.

He also worked in **Serbia** and **Montenegro** from **2000** to **2003** as an **investigator** for the **European War Crimes Tribunal**, in which he had to view sites where massacres occurred, and then interview survivors.

Steve was an **extremely strong man**, both **physically** and **mentally**, and handled all of his assignments with the highest levels of integrity, courage, intelligence, and competence.

He was also highly ambitious and believed that he should have received a higher rank than detective sergeant.

And he was **frustrated** by what **he believed** was a **ridiculous** and **unfair** [promotion system](#) in which he and other officers were **forced** to engage in **“role play”** during their promotion examinations.

In **March**, Steve **applied** for a newly created position as **inspector** at the **coroner’s office**, but the job was given to a **much younger officer** who had only a **fraction** of Steve’s **experience**.

Steve was furious and **appealed** the **decision**.

Unbelievably, Steve **lost** the appeal.

And **soon afterwards**, he became **depressed**.

On **August 2, 2004**, Steve, who was **off-duty** at the time, calmly walked into the police station, went to the armory room, obtained his service handgun, and **shot himself** in the head.

He was **51**.

Steve's fellow police officers were shocked, and **immediately blamed** the **idiotic promotion system**.

One outraged officer did not mince words when he described the promotion system as "**bullshit**." He went on to say, "The promotions system is the only thing that was upsetting this very calm, [great police officer]. The current system is promoting people with just **12 years** of experience over someone with **35 years of experience** – this **just destroys people** like Steve Leach."

Steve was **one of the greatest police officers in Australia's history**.

Everyone loved and respected him.

And he made the streets safer because of his hard work.

He was a dedicated, superstar cop who loved his job and who loved to help people.

He was a hero.

<http://www.suicide.org/memorials/steve-leach.html>

RIP Detective Senior Sergeant Leach


<p>leggingsandlace Silver Member Join Date: May 2004 Posts: 1,253</p>	<p>http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2004/...476494599.html http://www.news.com.au/common/story_...55E421,00.html An unbelievably tragic death. He brought Ivan Milat to justice. He worked on the disappearance of nine-year-old schoolgirl Samantha Knight and the death of Sydney mother Zoe Zou, who died last November. He recently spent two years walking through massacre sites and talking to victims of Slobodan Milosevic for the European War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague.</p>
Offline	Quote
04-08-2004, 10:44 AM	#2
<p>mdo ♥♥ pEeK-a-b0o ♥♥ Join Date: Apr 2004 Posts: 2,633</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">i know.. i heard bout that yesterday noone knows why he done it.. and his got a family and kids too... so sad... my condolence goes out to them all..R. I . P.</p>
Offline	Quote
04-08-2004, 10:54 AM	#3
<p>SoniaMurphy Platinum Member Join Date: Apr 2004 Posts: 8,411</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">It is very very sad that such an important man within the Australian justice system has gone. I can't imagine the things he must have seen over his 35 years as a policeman. Obviously it was to much for him in the end. RIP</p>
Offline	Quote

04-08-2004, 11:01 AM	#4
Bambie New Member Join Date: Jan 2003 Posts: 48	i just read about this. how tragic. he helped so many people by bringing people like ivan milat to justice, and it just got too much. it's awful. my heart goes out to his family, friends and colleagues.
Offline	Quote
04-08-2004, 11:02 AM	#5
sultry Banned Join Date: Aug 2004 Posts: 2,469	It is so sad and the worst part is the not knowing. Perhaps we could also say RIP to Senior Constable Ian Ross Dennis? http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/media/d...ectionID=media Another fine Police Officer taken from us too early. If only there were more out there like him.
Offline	Quote
04-08-2004, 11:12 AM	#6
Sambellina Bronze Member Join Date: Dec 2003 Posts: 233	Zoe Zou was my friend. I hope this doesn't effect the trial of the accused.
Offline	Quote
04-08-2004, 11:12 AM	#7
Sambellina Bronze Member Join Date: Dec 2003 Posts: 233	Edit: double post [This Message was edited by: Sambellina on 2004-08-04 12:13]
Offline	Quote

<p>04-08-2004, 11:13 AM</p>	<p>#8</p>
<p>Emily-May Wildlife Warrior – Sadly Missed Join Date: Nov 2003 Posts: 1,898</p>	<p>corrupt maybe?</p>
<p>Offline</p>	<p>Quote</p>
<p>04-08-2004, 11:15 AM</p>	<p>#9</p>
<p>Elemi Gold Member Join Date: Jan 2004 Posts: 1,766</p>	<p>I saw him talk about the backpacker murders in Adelaide when I was in first year doing a forensic and analytical chemistry course and he inspired me to finish my degree. I am quite that he's gone – he was an amazing speaker and a tenacious investigator. E</p>
<p>Offline</p>	<p>Quote</p>
<p>04-08-2004, 11:16 AM</p>	<p>#10</p>
<p>Nightshade The heart ages last . . . Join Date: Mar 2004 Posts: 4,556</p>	<p>What this the one who dies under sus circumstances? It is so sad how all these people who do wonderful things for their community usually don't have outlets for how they are feeling/coping with everything they have seen. <hr/>Her Most Noble Lady Nightshade the Precocious of Kesslington under Ox – Going to Paris for my birthday!!</p>

<p>04-08-2004, 11:20 AM</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">#11</p>
<p>Vogue_Chic04 Platinum Member Join Date: Jul 2003 Posts: 4,898</p>	<p>It just about breaks my heart to read things like this...</p> <p>As someone who dreams of becoming a police officer one day, I'm glad to know that there are such fine members of the police force within Australia and to know that their hard work and compassion in the job has assisted so many people and has set a respected precedent for future officers.</p> <p>It's important to commend and appreciate our nation's police officers to help dispell the hostile attitude many members of public have against police officers – we often quickly forget that there are real people and families beneith the blue uniform.</p> <p>My dad was friends with a member of the Victorian Police force who was killed while on duty, it's upsetting to remember the sadness that his death had on our family as his friends, let alone what it must be like for immediate family..</p> <p>My heart and prayers go out to both families – especially Snr Det. Leach's son.</p>
<p>Offline</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Quote</p>
<p>04-08-2004, 11:29 AM</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">#12</p>

<p>Vogue_Chic04 Platinum Member Join Date: Jul 2003 Posts: 4,898</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Quote:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;">On 2004-08-04 12:12, Sambellina wrote: Zoe Zou was my friend. I hope this doesn't effect the trial of the accused.</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">How heart-breaking for you... I do doubt that it will effect the outcome of the case – but most likely a colleague of Snr Det. Leach will be presenting any facts and evidence.</p>
Offline	Quote
04-08-2004, 12:03 PM	#13
<p style="text-align: center;">~erika~ 14860649 Join Date: Aug 2002 Posts: 1,483</p>	<p>thats awful. R.I.P</p>
Offline	Quote
04-08-2004, 12:12 PM	#14
<p>leggingsandlace Silver Member Join Date: May 2004 Posts: 1,253</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Quote:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;">On 2004-08-04 12:02, sultry wrote: It is so sad and the worst part is the not knowing.Perhaps we could also say RIP to Senior Constable Ian Ross Dennis?http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/media/d...ectionID=mediaAnother fine Police Officer taken from us too early. If only there were more out there like him.</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you very much for that link. I can't believe the police force lost two such fine men in the space of only a few hours.</p>
Offline	Quote
05-08-2004, 09:23 AM	#15

generictypegirl Banned Join Date: Jul 2004 Posts: 1,284	Quote:
	On 2004-08-04 12:13, Emily-May wrote: corrupt maybe?
	Do you mean maybe he was corrupt or he saw too much corruption? Regardless, it's tragic the amount of police officers who end up comitting suicide because of the stress involved with their job or the 'inner workings' of police culture. A truly fine police officer who potentially saved a lot of people's lives 
Offline	

Further

reading:

[http://researchdirect.uws.edu.au/islandora/object/uws%3A3679/d
atastream/PDF/view](http://researchdirect.uws.edu.au/islandora/object/uws%3A3679/datastream/PDF/view)

[codepeople-post-map] **Location of Cremation plaque**

First published 13 January 2014.

Updated 26 July 2025 with Class photo, and links, of Detective course.

Shelley Leanne DAVIS

17/10/2014

Shelley Leanne DAVIS

NSW Goulburn Police Academy Class ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 37034

Rank: Constable

Stations: Goulburn

Service: From 30 August 2002 to 19 June 2004 = 1+ years
of Service

Awards: Nil

Born: ? ? 1977

Died on: Saturday 19 June 2004

Cause: Motor Vehicle Accident – passenger in Police sedan.
Vehicle -v- tree

Event location: Sydney Rd, Goulburn East, approx. 300 mtrs
prior to Hume Hwy entrance.

Age: 27

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location: ?

Buried at: Cremated at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Camden Valley Way, Leppington.

Ashes collected by family.

Memorial at: Small car park on north side of north bound lane upon Sydney Rd, Goulburn East a few hundred metres from the Hume Hwy.

Plaque on a bolder.

The " original memorial " was a large gum tree in between the north and south bound lanes – opposite the car park.

The tree was lopped to ground level about 2013.

Tree location: Lat: -34.74257
Long: 149.76721

On the **19 June 2004** Constable Davis was the observer in a police vehicle when it was involved in a motor vehicle accident on the Sydney Road, just north of Goulburn. As a result of the accident the constable sustained fatal injuries.

The constable was born in 1977 and was sworn in as a **probationary constable** on the **30 August 2002**. At the time of her death she was stationed at **Goulburn**.



**SHELLEY IS mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance,
Canberra**

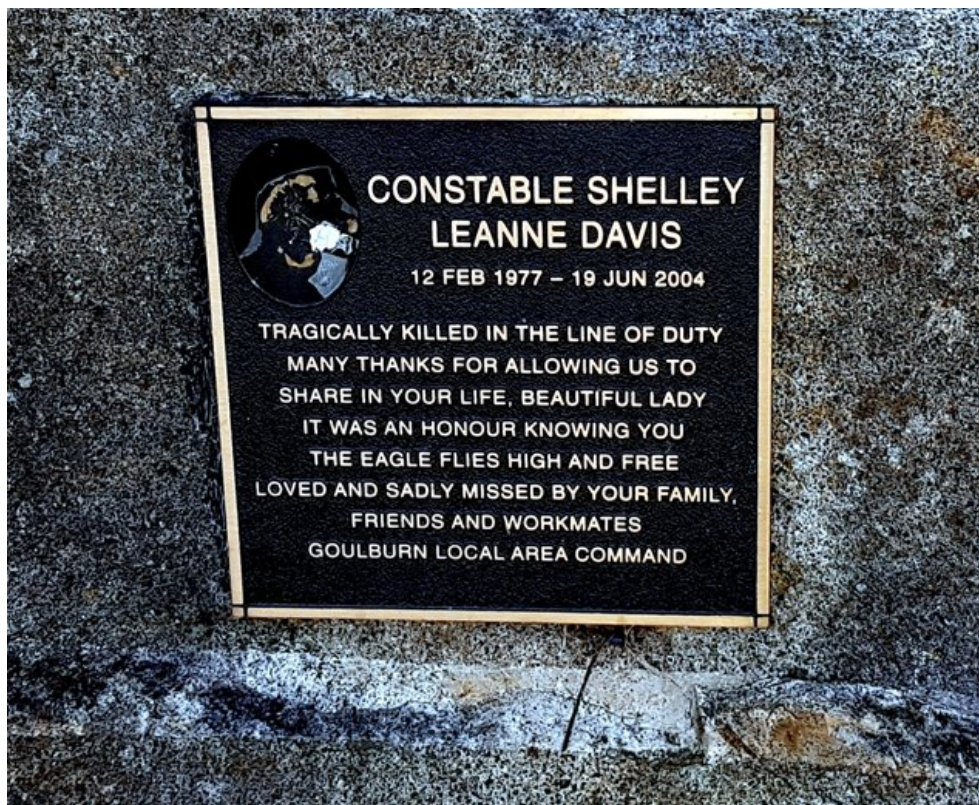


Touch plate at the National Police Wall of Remembrance, Canberra

This Memorial stone is located in a small car park siding on Sydney Rd, Goulburn, northbound towards the Hume Freeway from the city.

Photos taken, by Cal, on **24 April 2018**. Note that the photo, of Shelley, had **fallen from the plaque** pre **June 2017** and needs replacing.

GPS: -34.74226 149.76644



Note: The photo of **Shelley Davis** fell off her Memorial plaque pre June **2017** & still needs replacing. Photo taken **24 April 2018**. As of **29 July 2018** there was still no ceramic plate attached. On **31 July 2018** a photo was sent to a ceramic business for this job to be done. Wednesday **12 September 2018** – the new ceramic photo plate (below) has been received and will be placed on the memorial plate (above) before Police Remembrance Day, **29 September 2018**.

Many thanks to Paul Pepe, Necro Imaging, 11 Bruce St, West Preston, Vic. (necroimaging@hotmail.com) for doing the new ceramic photo plate below.



Memorial before the replacement of the photo on Tuesday 18 September 2018.



CONSTABLE SHELLEY
LEANNE DAVIS
12 FEB 1977 - 18 JUN 2004
TRAGICALLY KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY
WANT THANKS FOR ALLOWING US TO
SHARE IN YOUR LIFE, BEAUTIFUL LADY
IT WAS AN HONOUR KNOWING YOU!
THE EAGLE FLEW HIGH AND FREE
LOVED AND SOLELY MISSED BY YOUR FAMILY,
FRIENDS AND BROTHERS
GOULBURN LOCAL AREA COMMAND





Memorial after the replacement of the photo on Tuesday 18
September 2018.



The way the Memorial plaque should have looked as soon as the damage was reported **15 months ago**. Those that complained about Cal picking up the damaged porcelain photo from Goulburn – you had 15 months to have it replaced. I did it in **ONE MONTH** and didn't even know the girl. Shame on those who complained.









A small section of **St John Of God, Richmond Hospital**, where Police (and others) with PTSD have gone for Inpatient Treatment.

This is a small **Memorial** that previous patients (**Police**) have done to remember our friends who have fallen before us. The Black & Dark Blue Memorial stones are by **Army members**

Details mentioned:

JRNR

S. McALINEY

020493

RIP LWF

25684

1988/237

(25684 = Regd #)

1988 is year Attested. 237 is the Class #)

David CARTY

R.I.P. Brother

OZZY 5 HODGY (Appears to have a Legacy Crest
glued to it)

II

M. LAMBERT

R.I.P.

22.8.11

D & E PLATOON

69 – 70

LWF

II

L. GAVIN

RIP

29.11.11

PAUL WILCOX

R.I.P. BROTHER

SHELLY DAVIS

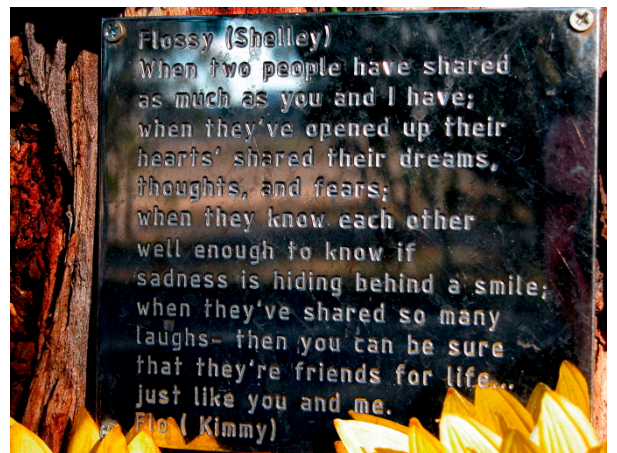
1977 – 2004

WEDNESDAY 27 JULY 2005. ☐☐ MEMORIAL SITE AT THE TREE AGAINST WHICH CONSTABLE SHELLEY DAVIS, FROM GOULBURN POLICE STATION, LOST HER LIFE ONE NIGHT WHEN THE POLICE SEDAN SHE WAS A PASSENGER IN SLAMMED SIDWAYS INTO THIS TREE – KILLING SHELLEY.☐☐ THIS IS A HUGE TRIBUTE. I FOUND A 20 CENT PIECE ON THE GROUND AT THE BASE OF THE TREE. IT WAS COVERED IN BROWN (DRY BLOOD) AND WOULD HAVE OBVIOUSLY COME FROM THE CAR AND POSSIBLY BELONGED TO ONE OF THE OCCUPANTS. I KEPT THIS COIN. ☐☐IT WAS RAINING ON THE NIGHT OF THIS ACCIDENT.☐☐ SOMETIME IN 2010, THIS TREE AND THE GIFTS WERE TOTALLY REMOVED FROM THIS LOCATION. A 'STONE' MEMORIAL, WITH PLAQUE, WAS LATER LAID IN THE CAR PARK ADJACENT TO THIS TREE. ☐☐I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE PHOTOS, PRAYERS ETC BUT THE TREE HAS BEEN TOTALLY REMOVED FROM THE LOCATION ALSO.









*I'm left here without my soul mate, filled with grief
Experiencing the most consuming gut wrenching pain,
I cannot understand why, she was taken, there is no relief
The love of my life, my heart and soul, things will never be the same*

*I knew of no other that was so tender, loving, beautiful and true,
Shell was the essence of beauty from the inside and out, a breath of fresh air
One of a kind, with a smile and a presence that engulfed you
She lived every moment and took nothing for granted, this so unfair,*

*She saw the good in all and believed it was truly there
Her laughter, happiness and beauty made you sit and stare
She was the most innocent of souls filled with energy to burn
Shell taught us all to live and lessons that we could all learn*

*I have never met anyone who touched so many, we loved her so,
Her family and friends are so very proud in every way
We are all so blessed to have had her in our lives, why did she have to go,
Shell is pure sunshine, no kinder soul will you find, a true angel that could not stay*

*I wait each day counting the minutes until we are together once more,
Life without Shelley is but a mere existence, being with her is where I belong
She is my angel, the air that I breathe, my heart and soul and so much more
Wait for me Shell, I am coming, I hope it won't be too long*

Tina xx 143 for all eternity



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Shelley Davis inquest

A CORONIAL inquest into the 2004 death of Police Constable Shelley Davis will begin in Goulburn on Monday.

The inquest is expected to run for at least five days in Goulburn District Court, according to acting inspector Bruce Shields.

Constable Davis, 27, was killed on June 18, 2004 when the police vehicle she was a passenger in lost control on a bend just before Goulburn's northern exit and

smashed into a tree. The road was wet at the time.

Police subsequently charged the driver, 33-year-old Senior Constable Paul Frederick Sharman with negligent driving occasioning death and exceeding the speed limit by greater than 15km/h but less than 30km/h. But the NSW Supreme Court threw out the case on a legal technicality in March last year.

Police crash scandal

- *By Rhett Watson*
- *The Daily Telegraph*
- **July 06, 2007** 12:00AM

THE Deputy State Coroner has recommended the DPP investigate laying charges over the death of a police officer killed when the patrol car in which she was a passenger crashed three years ago.

The coronial inquest into the death of Constable Shelley Davis heard her partner, Senior-Constable Paul Sharman, was doing up to 110km/h in an 80km/h zone when he lost control of the vehicle on a road just outside Goulburn on June 19, 2004.

Criminal charges layed against him soon after the crash failed a year ago due to a technicality.

In releasing her findings in Glebe Coroners Court yesterday, Deputy State Coroner Dorelle Pinch recommended the DPP investigate laying charges “against an individual”.

Davis’ mother, Diane, said she was “pleased” the matter had been referred to the DPP and praised the efforts of investigators.

During the hearing last month, Mrs Davis read out a submission where she accused Sen-Constable Sharman of being a “cowboy cop, reckless, irresponsible and dishonest”.

Mrs Davis said outside court yesterday her family had visited Sen-Constable Sharman twice since her daughter’s death to

support him but had never received an apology.

“That’s the main thing we would have wanted from the beginning – the truth, with an apology, would have been good,” Mrs Davis said.

“Shelley was always so honest and yet we have got officers she worked with who didn’t hold those values.”

Ms Pinch was highly critical of a second officer – Constable Damien Ottley – who had been a witness to the crash but had initially lied to investigators.

The inquest heard that Const Davis and Sen-Constable Sharman were travelling in police sedan Goulburn 37 – under lights and sirens – when the crash occurred at 9am on June 19.



Ms Pinch found there was no reason for them to be speeding as they were not needed at the job they were heading to – nor was that job considered urgent in the first place.

Other evidence heard in the inquest revealed that one witness described Goulburn 37’s speed as so fast “they were flying”.

Sen-Constable Sharman did not give evidence to the inquest.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/police-crash-scandal>

Memorial dedicated to Constable Shelley Davis

DARRYL FERNANCE

June 23, 2011, 11:25 p.m

A PERMANENT memorial has been dedicated to honour the “ray of sunshine”, Constable Shelley Davis, who died seven years ago last Sunday.

About 25 friends, former work colleagues and senior personnel from the Goulburn Local Area Command where Shelley worked attended the dedication ceremony last Sunday at the **rest area opposite the site** where she died in a patrol car accident on June 19, 2004.

Celebrant **Trish Cunningham** (R.I.P.) – whose husband Tony had helped with creating the memorial, fixing the plaque to the rock – conducted the brief ceremony. The rock for the memorial was transported from **retired sergeant Rosie Jackson**'s property by Primmer's Towing while Rhod Stevens from the RTA assisted in the positioning of the site.

Local Area Commander, **Superintendent Gary Worboys** reminded everyone that police work is difficult and dangerous and the decisions that officers make can have lasting effects on other people. He said Shelley was, according to those who knew her,

“like a ray of sunshine warming the hearts of those around her”.

“She was a dedicated officer and her loss was a tragedy,” Supt Worboys said.

“We can only hope that the lessons of that day will be learnt and that a similar tragedy will never happen again.”

Rosie Jackson said she would also like to thank **Shane Biesterveld** of **Rudd Funerals** for organising the plaque at short notice; **Shepherds Hill Nursery** who supplied some of the plants for the garden; **Lena Cooper** who helped with creating the garden, and everyone else who had a part in making the memorial possible.

Supt Worboys suggested the memorial would be a fitting place for a service during the annual Police Remembrance Day.

<http://www.goulburnpost.com.au/story/971932/memorial-dedicated-to-constable-shelley-davis/>

True Blue Line

June 19, 2017 ·

In memoriam: Constable **Shelley Leanne DAVIS**, New South Wales Police, killed on 19th June 2004

On the **19 June 2004** Constable Davis was the observer in a police vehicle when it was involved in a motor vehicle accident on the Sydney Road, just north of Goulburn. As a result of the accident, the constable sustained fatal injuries.

The constable was born in 1977 and was sworn in as a probationary constable on the **30 August 2002**. At the time of

her death she was stationed at Goulburn.

When Constable Davis **began** her **Diploma of Policing Practice** at the New South Wales Police College at Goulburn in **August 2001** she did not know that the Southern Highlands would become her home in the longer term. She was stationed at Goulburn police station in August 2002 and settled at nearby **Hill Top**. Constable Davis made clear her motivation for joining NSW Police in a story published in the Goulburn Post to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Police College.

She said: "It may sound a little clichéd, but I wanted a job where I could make a difference, that was not boring and where I could challenge my boundaries."

Constable Shelley Davis made the ultimate sacrifice in the course of the job that she loved. Shelley lived in Hill Top with her partner in life. She moved there so that she could continue to work in and be within commuting distance of her beloved Goulburn. Her colleagues described her as a bubbly, outgoing, lovely girl who loved to do everything, including horse riding and running, and she never had a bad word to say about anyone.

Deputy Commissioner Gary Worboys said that Constable Shelley Davis was, according to those who knew her, "like a ray of sunshine warming the hearts of those around her. She was a dedicated officer and her loss was a tragedy."

Fallen in the line of duty. Gone, but never forgotten and forever in our hearts.
