

William Arthur HARRIS

31/07/2015

William Arthur HARRIS

(late of Allawah)

aka Jack

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 4222

Rank: Detective Sergeant 1st Class

**Stations: ?, C.I.B. Sydney, Redfern,
Mascot**

**Service: From ? to 19 October 1970 =
32 years Service**

Awards: ?

Born: ? October 1915

Died on: Sunday 26 July 2015

Cause: ?

Age: 99

**Funeral date: Friday 31 July 2015 @
10.30am**

**Funeral location: West Chapel, Woronora
Cemetery, 121 Linden Street, SUTHERLAND**

Buried at: ?



Bill Harris



Bill Harris

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

Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

Audio – Ray Hadley and Andrew Scipione – speaking about William Arthur HARRIS on 31 July 2015

Audio – Ray Hadley and William Harris speaking on 2GB on Monday 2 September 2013

William HARRIS

Notice

Guest Book

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HARRIS, William Arthur “Jack”.

Late of Allawah

Father and Father-in-law of Bill and Lynne, Leonard, Melissa and Peter (dec). Grandfather of Jillian and Billy, Grandpa Jack of Grace, James, Benjamin and Hunter.

Aged 99 Years

A happy and long life

Relatives and friends of JACK are kindly invited to attend his Funeral Service, to be held within the West Chapel of the Woronora Crematorium, Linden Street Sutherland Friday 31/7/2015 commencing at 10:30am.

Please meet at the chapel.

Southern Cross Funeral Directors

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Thursday, 30 July 2015



Deepest condolences to Bills family . Bill was adored by all our staff and will be sadly missed by all at City Tatts . A beautiful man who lived such a full life and now rests in peace x

~

Krissy Jones,

Sydney, New South Wales

Wednesday, 29 July 2015



Our deepest sympathy to all who were family and those touched by Jack's presence. He was a legend within the Police and the Entertainment industry. God Bless.

~

Barry Gobbe,

Sydney, New South Wales

Published in The Sydney Morning Herald on July 29, 2015

<http://tributes.smh.com.au/obituaries/smh-au/obituary.aspx?n=william-harris&pid=175382096#sthash.3BjEnsPS.dpuf>

Funeral notice – same as above.

<http://tributes.dailytelegraph.com.au/notice/183522010/view>

The Sydney Morning Herald

Friday 5 February 1954

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Dope Case Hearing Near End

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Preliminary hearing of doping conspiracy charges

against four men will conclude before Mr. T. Doolan, S.M., in Central Court of Petty Sessions to-day.

The men are Reginald Aubrey Doyle, 42, who is serving a 10-year gaol sentence for forgery, fraud and theft; Jack Sharpe, plumber and former stablehand, of Park Avenue, Ashfield; Ronald Edward Irwin, 42, stud groom, of Scone; and Gordon Ray, 37, horse trainer, of Croydon Avenue, Croydon Park.

They are charged with conspiring between January 1 and April 6, 1952, to defraud bookmakers and members of the Wyong District Agricultural Association Turf Club by administering a drug to the horse Buccaneer to improve its performance.

Mr. Doolan heard the last of evidence yesterday. To-day he will hear addresses by counsel for Ray, Sharpe and Irwin, and by Doyle.

Detective William Arthur Harris, of the C.I.B., Sydney, said that information which had led to police interviewing Ronald Irwin at Scone last year had come from Harold O'Dwyer.

[Earlier evidence was given that O'Dwyer was a racehorse trainer with stables in Avoca Street, Randwick.]

INTERVIEW

Detective Harris said that he had been present when Detective-sergeant Frank Lynch had interviewed Irwin at Scone.

To Mr. J. Lee, for Irwin, he said that he went to see Irwin over disclosures about the racehorse Tarien. He said he had not interviewed Doyle before this time.

Nor had he read statements in newspapers to the effect that Buccaneer had been doped.

He had suspicions at the time that Doyle was implicated in the doping of race-horses, but they had not led him and other police to Irwin.

Mr. Lee: Are you willing to tell the Court why you interviewed Irwin before you interviewed other defendants in the case?

Mr. J. O'Brien, for the Crown: I object to that question. I know the source of that information, but it is not wished that it be disclosed.

Mr. Doolan: He may answer the question.

Harris said he was not willing to disclose the identity of the man who had given the information unless directed to do so.

Pressed by Mr. Lee, he said it was a man interested in the racing game.

Mr. Lee: Has that man given evidence here at the inquiry?

Harris: Yes.

S.M.'s VIEW

Mr. Lee then asked the name of the witness. Mr. Doolan said: "He has given evidence here. I can't see why the name shouldn't be disclosed."

Mr. O'Brien said: "It's the usual procedure that the name of a man who has given information confidentially is never disclosed. It may have been mere hearsay."

Mr. Doolan ruled against him, and Mr. Lee asked: "Will you tell the name of the witness?"

Harris said, "Mr. O'Dwyer."

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/18408154#pstart1072867>

Patty Macey The Daily Telegraph did a feature piece on Bill in the past few days! As well as being a very fine detective he was also a very

well known and accomplished acrobat! Not to mention a capped Rugby player! RIP good man, your time has come to join your brothers and sisters in arms!

The Daily Telegraph

Bill Harris, former detective, acrobat and rugby representative, shares stories of his luminary past

- *Dave Meddows*
- *The Daily Telegraph*
- May 22, 2015 12:00AM

BILL Harris is just months away from his 100th birthday but the retired detective's memory is sharper than that of men half his age – and it holds amazing tales you'd be forgiven for thinking were closer to fiction than fact.

- Skills as acrobat led to recognition on television and with colleagues

- Entertained senior police with spontaneous demonstration on table
- Led taskforce that investigated gruesome murders of 'The Mutilator'
- Still gets birthday calls from NSW's most senior policeman

BILL Harris is just months away from his 100th birthday but the retired detective's memory is sharper than that of men half his age – and it holds amazing tales you'd be forgiven for thinking were closer to fiction than fact.

The 99-year-old was one of the state's first drug squad detectives and the man entrusted with tracking down The Mutilator, one of Australia's first known serial killers.

But when he wasn't fighting crime on the streets of Sydney, Harris was moonlighting as an internationally renowned acrobat and was a first grade rugby union player who was selected to play for Australia.



Bill Harris was an investigator on the case of serial killer William MacDonald, who died this month. Picture: Richard Dobson

THE MUTILATOR: DEAD AT 90 AFTER HALF A CENTURY IN PRISON



Bill Harris, 99, at his Allawah home with his photos of his acrobat days.

Picture: Mark Evans

The young cop would head to Bondi Beach to practise hand balancing, something that was apparently a “thing” at the famous beach in the 1940s.

It was there that his talents were recognised by a professional acrobat who suggested he team up with Thelma Harris.

The pair would go on to tour the country with their death-defying acrobatics and even appeared on an early edition of The Graham Kennedy Show.

But his talents almost got him booted from the police force. Ironically it was those same skills that saved him.

[blockquote]With a footballer's build and the strength of a top athlete, Harris was sometimes called on for some tough tasks.[/blockquote]

After taking a number of weeks off to tour with the Tivoli Circuit, a hugely popular group of roving entertainers, Harris was hauled in front of the Commissioner of Police.

“I’m standing in front of the Commissioner and he’s tearing strips off me,” Harris said. “He said: ‘You young fellas, there’s a book of rules

and you just ignore them'."

His boss who was also in the room urged the Commissioner to take a look at the young constable's talents and he reluctantly agreed.

"So up I go and jump on his table and do a handstand on his table," he said.

As Harris continued to perform, the stunned Commissioner picked up the phone.



Harris' prowess helped him as a policeman.



**Bill Harris as an
acrobat (in the
middle).**



He appeared on

television as an acrobat



Harris holds his son on
Bondi beach.

"He got all the superintendents and all the bosses and they came in (to watch)," Harris recalled with a laugh.

After more than a decade in the drug squad, the then-detective was one day transferred out of the unit and across town to Redfern.

"All of a sudden I was transferred and nobody could tell me why. The superintendent said, 'You are transferred as of now' and I said 'Can I ask why?' and he said 'No, you can't'."

It was more than 10 years later when Harris got a call from the boss of the unit he had been kicked out of.

That man, who Harris didn't want to name, came clean with the real motive behind the transfer.

"He said: 'I was jealous of you and your success and I told the superintendent you were on the take'."

Harris was stunned.

"It was wrong. I was as clean as a whistle," he said. "I was found guilty without a chance to talk."

But he refused to take the man to task and moved on with his career.

"The next thing I had anything to do with him was at his funeral," Harris said.

However, the move to Redfern led him to head up investigations into one of the most gruesome mysteries of that era – the Mutilator case, which he remembers well.



Harris investigated crimes committed by murderer William McDonald, known as The Mutilator, who died at 90 this month.

William McDonald murdered his first victim, Amos Hurst, in Brisbane in 1961 before he terrorised the streets of Sydney, killing four more men he had plied with alcohol before butchering them and cutting off their genitals.

“Not many people know this but that first penis – the only one we recovered – had a tattoo on it,” he said. “It read: *All for a night of love.*”

Harris led the task force that investigated the murders but was on leave when McDonald was finally caught in Melbourne in 1963.

“My face hit the dashboard and I had hundreds of pieces of glass over my face and one in the pupil of my left eye.”

While Harris is often referred to as one of the country's first serial killers, Harris said they just didn't think like that back then.

"No, we never thought about a serial killer then," he said. "It was just one of those things that happened."

Harris didn't have the chance to speak with McDonald in the years after his imprisonment and had been organising to finally interview him at Long Bay jail this year when he heard the news The Mutilator had died.

With a footballer's build and the strength of a top athlete, Harris was sometimes called on for some tough tasks.

In 1944, Roy Kable, a 32-year-old married father, killed his wife, Irene, with an axe in front of their children and neighbours in Newtown.



This accident forced Bill Harris out of the police, leaving him needing facial surgery.

When the time came for Kable's trial, prosecutors believed the killer would lose it when the bloodied axe was presented as evidence.

Harris was called in and told he would be handcuffed to the accused in the dock during the trial.

When the time came for the axe to be shown to the court, Harris – standing alongside Kable with their hands joined in cuffs – prepared for the worst.

But what actually happened left him gobsmacked.

“He turned around to me and said: ‘She was a bloody nagger, what else could I do?’ and that was it!” Harris recounts.

“I couldn’t say anything. I was staggered.”

After a distinguished career, Harris retired from the police force after an accident in a police car left him seriously injured.

“I’ve had two facial reconstructions because when I was in the car, we hit a fence and a pole came through and hit my ear,” he said.

“My face hit the dashboard and I had hundreds of pieces of glass over my face and one in the pupil of my left eye.”

It was the end of one amazing chapter of his life but Harris has remained a big part of NSW Police since and meets regularly with detectives past and present.

He is particularly fond of current Commissioner Andrew Scipione, who calls him on each of his birthdays and visited him at home after a recent accident.

Harris will be honoured by fellow detectives in October when they come together and celebrate his 100th birthday just a few months early.

"It's what I'm really looking forward to." (*Sadly, those celebrations did not happen*)



Harris stands next to a marijuana plant grown by the drug squad in an effort to better prosecute against its use.



Bill Harris looks back on memories at his Allawah home.

Margie May 22, 2015

I hope someone writes his biography. What a superlative detective he was!

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Robert May 22, 2015
They don't make them like this bloke anymore....**

What a legend!

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Paul May 22, 2015
@Robert Absolutely.**

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/bill-harris-former-detective-acrobat-and-rugby-representative-shares-stories-of-his-luminary-past/story->

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The Daily Telegraph

NSW Police farewell legendary detective Bill Harris who has died aged 99

- *Mark Morri Crime editor*
- *The Daily Telegraph*
- July 31, 2015 11:04AM

ONE of the state's most loved cops and a legendary detective was laid to rest with an honour guard at a moving ceremony in Sydney this morning.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/nsw-police-farewell-legendary-detective-bill-harris-who-has-died-aged-99/story-fni0cx12-1227464770283>

Spritely Old Bill Harris, NSW oldest detective, never misses a beat

- *Mark Morri Crime Editor*
- *The Daily Telegraph*
- June 27, 2011 12:00AM



Sydney's oldest retired detective 95 year old Bill Harris. Pic. Nic Gibson – 2011

AMONG the azaleas and roses at the Botanic Gardens grew one of the finest marijuana crops Sydney had ever seen – nurtured by the NSW drug squad with seeds supplied by the FBI.

It is just one of the amazing stories NSW's oldest living detective – who joined the force in 1938 – has to share.

It was the 1940s and NSW police were incredibly naive about narcotics and drug use.

“We lost our first prosecution for possession of cannabis on a technicality,” retired detective Bill Harris, now 95, said. “The scientists said they needed to grow and test live samples so we wrote to the FBI. A couple of weeks later a package arrived with enough seeds to grow a large crop – which we planted in the Botanic Gardens. They grew pretty well too.”

Despite his age and being retired 40 years, he still inspires and mentors police.

An international acrobat and the oldest surviving NRL first-grade and second-oldest Waratahs rugby player, Bill’s first passion was the police.

He still attends functions as NSW drug squad patron.

“The force is probably as good as it has ever been since I can remember,” he said.

Every day at 8.30am, Bill can be found at City Tattersalls Club – where he has been a member for 50 years – recounting his time catching crooks, playing football or performing with wife Thel as acrobatic duo The Marvettes.

When he was appointed to the drug squad it brought

the number in the squad to two.

“Drugs were not a big deal back then. They put me in the drug squad because I had worked in a chemist when I was 14,” he said, smiling.

“Me and Eric Baker. That was the entire drug squad.”

He also recounts how in the '40s he spotted a car tearing up Pitt St: “We took off after him and finally caught him up around Central.

“He started going off at us, saying, ‘Don’t you know who I am!’. I didn’t and I dragged him down to Central booking and charged him with drive in a manner dangerous.

“That was the first charge ever laid against Lennie McPherson,” Bill adds with a touch of pride. At the time McPherson, unbeknownst to Bill, was the No.1 suspect in the robbery of a payroll at Cockatoo Island the day before. As with most of Bill’s stories there is a sequel.

One night performing his acrobatic show on stage at the Paris Theatre in George St, he peeked out to see the crowd.

“The entire front row was taken up with the commissioner, deputy and other senior police. In the back row was Lennie McPherson and all the

crooks in town." Bill will feature in a book being written by Patrick Lindsay for the NSW Police Force commemorating 150 years of the force. Police have asked anyone with photos or stories to contact www.flickr.com/photos/60610599@N04/

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/spritely-old-bill-harris-nsw-oldest-detective-never-misses-a-beat/story-e6freuy9-1226082295133>



NSW Police farewell legendary detective Bill Harris

Mary HODSDON

31/07/2015

Mary HODSDON – wife of Gary

New South Wales Police Force

Rank: Police Wife

**Stations: ?, South Region
Command, Lake Illawarra,**

**Service: From ? to 30 July
2015**

Awards: ?

Born: ?

Died on: Thursday 30 July 2015

Cause: ?

Age: 61

**Funeral date: Friday 7 August
2015 @ noon**

**Funeral location: South Chapel,
Woronora Crematorium, Linden
Street, Sutherland**

Buried at: Cremated



Mary & Gary Hodsdon – 2003



Mary HODSDON – 2013

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Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

Deepest condolences to Gary, Jason & Michael.

May Mary forever Rest In Peace

HODSDON, Mary (nee Fraser)

July 30, 2015 Aged 61 years

Much loved wife of Gary, daughter of Jim and Ann (both deceased), Mum of Jason and Michael, and mother-in-law of Kellie.

Beloved sister of Thomas and Pam.

Devoted Nanna of Natalie, Cameron and Benjamin.

Sadly missed by her extended families.

We have so many happy memories

Family and friends of MARY are warmly invited to attend her funeral service to be held at the South Chapel, Woronora Crematorium, Linden Street, Sutherland on Friday August 7, 2015 at 12pm.

In lieu of flowers donations to Australian Cancer Research Foundation would be appreciated.

Published in The Daily Telegraph on 04/08/2015

<http://tributes.dailytelegraph.com.au/notice/180762065/view?random=1438716155001#sthash.C0qvMEUu.dpu>
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Scott Andrew BLANCHARD

31/07/2015

Scott Andrew BLANCHARD

Previous article called: ~~Unnamed policeman~~

late of Bayswater, W.A.

Western Australia Police Force

Regd. # 9360

Rank: Detective Sergeant

Stations: ?, Gang Crime

Service: From ? ? ? to 24
July 2015 = ? years of Service

Awards: Police Medal – 20 years

No find on It's An Honour

Born: ?

Died on: Friday 24 July 2015 @
p.m. at 6kms south of Kalgoorlie,
W.A.

Cause: PTSD – Suicide – self
inflicted gunshot wound – service
weapon

Age: 45

Funeral date: Thursday 6 August
2015 @ 2.30pm

Funeral location: Karrakatta
Cemetery, W.A.

Buried at: Cremated

Memorial location: ?



the Thin Blue
Line Rose

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

**Policeman dies of gunshot wound
on the outskirts of Goldfields**

city

July 25, 2015 1:13AM

AN on-duty police officer has died of a gunshot wound in Kalgoorlie but his death is not being treated as suspicious.

Police confirmed the fatal incident happened on Friday night on the outskirts of the Goldfields city.

The Major Crime Squad is investigating, but the officer's death is not being treated as suspicious.

"The circumstances of the firearm incident will be investigated on behalf of the Coroner," police said in a statement.

Police counselling and chaplaincy services will be offered to the officer's family and colleagues.

The officer's name, age and rank has not yet been released.

In a statement released on Saturday morning the WA Police Union said it was "deeply saddened by the tragic death".

"WAPU is providing support to our members during this difficult time and we have representatives on

the ground in Kalgoorlie,” the union said.

“We will continue to work with WA Police to ensure the best possible outcome for all involved, given the circumstances.

“We extend our deepest condolences to the member’s family, friends and colleagues.”

<http://www.news.com.au/national/policeman-dies-of-gunshot-wound-on-the-outskirts-of-goldfields-city/story-fncynjr2-1227456289601>

25 Jul 2015 – 12:20pm

Union saddened by WA cop’s death

The West Australian police union is supporting the friends and family of a police officer who died after a firearms incident.

Source:

AAP

25 Jul 2015 – 4:15 AM

UPDATED 25 Jul 2015 – 12:20 PM

The WA Police Union has extended its deepest condolences to the family of an officer who died of a gunshot wound.

The union is supporting family and friends of the officer, who died after a firearms incident while he was on duty on Kalgoorlie's outskirts on Friday evening.

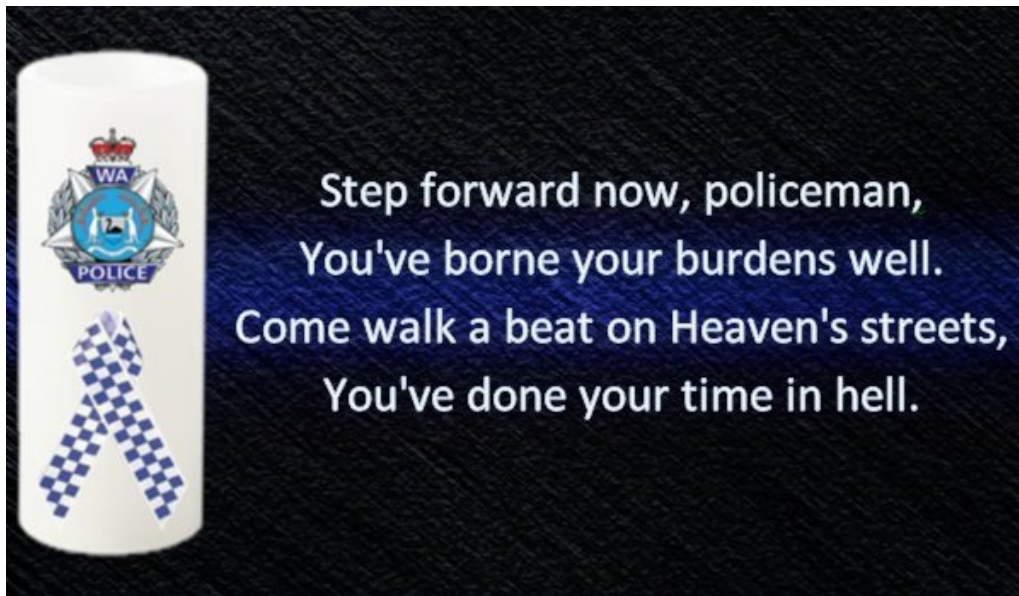
"We will continue to work with WA Police to ensure the best possible outcome for all involved, given the circumstances.

"We extend our deepest condolences to the member's family, friends and colleagues," union president George Tilbury said in a statement on Saturday.

Investigators said earlier the incident was not being treated as suspicious.

* For support and information about suicide prevention, call Lifeline on 13 11 14 or MensLine Australia 1300 78 99 78)

<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2015/07/25/union-saddened-wa-cops-death>



Thursday 6

August 2015

Today our hero from Western Australia police will be laid to rest.

Our condolences and thoughts go out to his family, friends and the thin blue line at this difficult time.

Thank you for your service and dedication sir. We will keep you and your family in our hearts, never forgotten.

Rest easy Detective Sergeant.

"As the sun surely sets,
dawn will see it arise.

For service above self,
demands it's own prize.

You have fought the good fight,

life's race has been run,
and peace, your reward,
for eternity begun.

And we that are left,
shall never forget,
rest in peace friend and colleague,
for sun has now set.

We will remember, We will remember ,
hasten the dawn."

BLANCHARD:

WA POLICE UNION Members are invited to attend the
Funeral Service for our late serving member Scott
Andrew Blanchard 9360 at Karrakatta Cemetery on
THURSDAY (6.8.2015) at 2.30pm.

Published in The West Australian on Aug. 5, 2015
[http://www.westannouncements.com.au/obituaries/the
west-au/obituary.aspx?n=scott-
blanchard&pid=175431030](http://www.westannouncements.com.au/obituaries/the-west-au/obituary.aspx?n=scott-blanchard&pid=175431030)

Scott BLANCHARD

Obituary

BLANCHARD (Scott):

Our hearts once beat together, my Scotty, but now mine beats alone. I know we'll be together one day. Until then, I continue alone. My soul mate, my lover, my best friend and rock. Scotty, you meant the world to me and will be forever in my heart.

Love you babe, Jussy.

BLANCHARD (Scott):

Dad, we love you more than life itself and we will miss you every single day. Forever you'll be in our hearts and we'll see you in our dreams.

Jarrood, Ayden, Miranda

Darling Husband



Dad

Published in The West Australian on July 28, 2015
41 entries | 20 photos

- "Deepest sympathies to Rod, Susan, Dale, Lee and families on..."

The Guest Book is expired.

<http://www.westannouncements.com.au/obituaries/the-west-au/obituary.aspx?n=scott-blanchard&pid=175373949>

Man survives night in croc-infested waters

Posted 15 Oct 2012, 2:45pm

Map: Derby 6728

A 50-year-old Derby man has survived a night at sea in crocodile infested waters after being washed off his boat and having to swim ashore.

Police say the man was sleeping alone on his boat about two nautical miles north of Point Torment.

Large waves washed him overboard and sank the boat before he could activate an EPIRB.

The next morning a fisherman spotted the empty dinghy and called police, sparking a land and sea search.

The missing man was spotted in mangroves, exhausted and dehydrated but able to cry out to authorities.

Acting Senior Sergeant Scott Blanchard says the man is lucky to get away unharmed.

“One of the police cars that was up there searching the land actually just saw a crocodile that was estimated to be about four metres in the blue holes,” he said.

“So my advice would be just not to go out on your own overnight and just always be checking your boats before you go away.

“On a boat make sure all your EPIRB gear and your life jackets are working correctly.

“Going out to those areas is not the best idea on your own, especially overnight.

“You know you’re talking about areas where the tides can range up to 11 metres, so one minute you’re on sand or in water and the next minute you’re off the water on a rock or something worse might happen like ... what happened overnight.”

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-10-15/man-survives-night-in-croc-infested-waters/4313582>

WA Police officer dead from apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound at Cockburn station

Updated 16 Oct 2018, 12:42am

WA Police are investigating the death of an officer at a police station in Perth's southern suburbs.

Key points:

- Officer apparently shot himself at Cockburn Police Station with his police-issue firearm
- WA Police Commissioner Chris Dawson said the force was in shock at the news
- Death comes after state coroner calls for more support services

It is understood First Class Constable Darren Igglesden, 50, died from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound at Cockburn Police Station on Monday morning.

In a statement, WA Police said support services

were being offered to other officers.

The station has been temporarily closed, and the public has been asked not to attend the station until further notice. They have instead been redirected to nearby Fremantle or Mandurah stations, both of which operate 24 hours a day.

‘Popular member of the force’

Police Commissioner Chris Dawson extended his condolences to the family of Constable Igglesden and colleagues at Cockburn Police Station.

“It appears Darren has drawn his service-issued pistol from the police armoury this morning (Monday), shortly after 6:00am,” he said.

“He was found deceased by colleagues within the Cockburn police building.

“Darren’s death has come as a complete shock to his family, to his friends, and indeed the entire police force.

“At this difficult time I extend my condolences to Darren’s family, his friends, his work colleagues and everyone who knew him.

“A coronial investigation is now underway and so we should let that full investigation be completed, but there does not appear to be any other persons present at the time Darren lost his life.”

Commissioner Dawson said Constable Igglesden was a popular member of the police force.

“Constable Igglesden has been with the WA Police Force for six-and-a-half years, he joined us at about 44 years of age, he has had a varied career in the private sector prior to joining police,” he said.

“Well liked, well respected, a very popular member of the police force.”

Coroner called for more police support

The tragedy comes nearly a month after WA Deputy Coroner Evelyn Vicker released her findings into the suicide of police officer Scott Blanchard, who shot himself while on duty at Kalgoorlie in July 2015.

Ms Vicker found that while Detective Sergeant Blanchard appeared to be coping well with his job as a police officer, he had become “obsessed” that

health problems he had were undiagnosable and “consequently took matters into his own hands ...”

The inquest into Sergeant Blanchard’s death heard details of the WA Police Service’s Health and Safety Division, which provides services such as confidential psychological counselling, peer support programs and chaplaincy services to officers and their families, to try to help them manage stress or issues that may arise as a result of their employment.

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Police Minister Michelle Roberts said she believed the culture within the organisation was changing.

"I think the police force has changed dramatically over the last 10 years or so, in terms of encouraging officers to come forward and to show some additional care for themselves and their fellow officers," she said.

"It used to certainly be the case that the attitude was 'toughen up' and to show any emotional vulnerability was seen as some kind of weakness. That's not the attitude that's been taken by police in recent years.

"We have had some shocking and tragic incidents in recent times where officers have had to turn out to shocking scenes, and sometimes they go to road crashes where they see shocking scenes, so we need to know that they have got the support there.

"And I have certainly received assurances from the Commissioner of Police and others that we have got good supports in place. Sometimes, though, people need to avail themselves of that support."

Topics: police, suicide, wa, perth-6000

First posted 15 Oct 2018, 6:07pm

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-10-15/wa-police-officer-dead-from-self-inflicted-gunshot-in-cockburn/10378676>

Ian Bertram FITZSIMMONS

31/07/2015

Ian Bertram FITZSIMMONS

aka Fittzy

New South Wales Police Force

**[alert_yellow]Regd. #
14201[/alert_yellow]**

**Joined NSW Police Force via NSW
Police Cadet system on 27
November 1967**

Redfern Police Academy Class 123

Cadet # 2310

**Rank: NSW Police Cadet –
commenced 27 November 1967**

**Probationary Constable –
appointed 22 June 1970**

**Constable 1st Class – appointed
22 June 1975**

**Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 2
May 1986**

Inspector – Retirement

**Stations: ?, Station Controller
– Dubbo, Tweed / Bryon LAC**

**Service: From 27 November 1967
to 16 July 2006 = 38+ years
Service**

Awards: National Medal – granted

8 June 1988

**1st Clasp – National Medal –
granted 2 December 1995**

Born: 30 November 1950

Died on: Friday 24 July 2015

Cause: ?

Age: 64

Funeral date: ?

Funeral location:

**Buried at: at his request there
will be a private family
cremation**



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

With regret I advise the death of Ian Bertram FITZSIMMONS, 64 old, former Regd. No. 14201, a member of the Northern Rivers Branch of the RPA.

Ian passed away on 24/07/2015 and at his request there will be a private family cremation.

William Baden PENNEY

31/07/2015

William Baden PENNEY

aka Bill

(late of Lavington)

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 6789

Rank: ?

Stations: ?, Albury (early
1960's)

Service: From ? to ?

Awards: ?

Born: ?

Died on: Tuesday 21 July 2015
at home

Cause: ?

Age: 84

Funeral date: Monday 27 July
2015 @ 10am

Funeral location: John Hossack's
Funeral Services, 435 Wilson
Street, Albury

Buried at: ?

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

Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

Bill attended a retired Police luncheon in Albury last Sunday (20 July 2015) and two days later he has died.

May Bill forever Rest In Peace.

William Baden (Bill) PENNEY

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Guest Book

• “Our thoughts are with you Shirley & family.
We will be...”

– Dave Vandergriend

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PENNEY William (Bill) Baden Of Lavington passed away suddenly on Tuesday, July 21, 2015, at home, aged 84 years.

Dearly loved husband of Marjorie (dec) and Shirley. Loved father and father-in-law of Lyn and Rowan, Margaret and David, Cheryl and Jim. Much

loved step-father of Susan and Clem, Kerry and Leigh, Wendy, John and Elizabeth. Cherished grandfather and great-grandfather of many.

Published in The Border Mail on July 23, 2015

Thursday, 23 July 2015

The Murray River Branch of the Retired Police Association of NSW notes with regret the passing of member William (Bill) Penney. The dedication to duty exhibited by Bill during his years of Service to the people of NSW is recognised.

~

Brian Rosewarne,
Lavington, New South Wales

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Thursday, 23 July 2015

Our thoughts are with you Shirley & family. We will be raising a beer or two in honour of a great man & a great friend up north.

All our love,

Dave & Amanda Vandergriend & family, Ian & Jen Peters & Rod & Donna Peters

XO.

~

Dave Vandergriend,
Moonee Beach, New South Wales

Thursday, 23 July 2015

Penney, William: Committee, members and staff of the Albury Racing Club extend deepest sympathy to Shirley and family on the sad passing of former committee man Bill. A great supporter of racing. He will be missed by all at the club.



Published in: The Border Mail

<http://tributes.bordermail.com.au/obituaries/bordermail-au/obituary.aspx?n=william-baden-penney-bill&pid=175342807>

Marie BUCKLEY

31/07/2015

**Marie BUCKLEY – wife of Ken
(R.I.P. 25 June 2020)**

New South Wales Police Force

Rank: Police Wife

Stations: ?

Service: From ? to ?

Awards: ?

Born: ?

Died on: Saturday 19 July 2015

Cause: ?

Age: 78

Funeral date: Wednesday 29 July 2015 @ 10am

Funeral location: Guardian Funerals Chapel, Cnr.
First Avenue and Sunnyhold Road, BLACKTOWN

Buried at: ?

Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

With regret I advise the death of Marie BUCKLEY, 78 old, the wife of Ken who is a member of the Parramatta-The Hills Branch of the RPA.

Marie passed away on 19/07/2015 and her funeral is proposed to be held at 10am on Wednesday 29th Instant at Guardian Funerals Chapel, Cnr. First Avenue and Sunnyhold Road, BLACKTOWN.

Marie May YOUNG

31/07/2015

**Marie May YOUNG – wife of
John**

(late of Albion Park)

New South Wales Police Force

Rank: Police Wife

Stations: ?, Petersham (No. 11 Division)

Service: From ? to 16 July 2015

Awards: ?

Born: 19 February 1930

Died on: Thursday 16 July 2015

Cause: ?

Age: 85

Funeral date: Tuesday 21 July 2015 @ 1pm

**Funeral location: St Paul's Catholic Church,
Tongarra Road, ALBION PARK**

Buried at: ?

Funeral Director: Hansen & Cole – Kembla Grange,

Ph (02) 4272 4900

Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

**The family request that in lieu of flowers
donations be made to NSW Police Legacy.**

With sincere regret I advise the death of Marie May YOUNG, 85 old, the wife of John Young, the Secretary of the Illawarra Branch of the RPA. Marie passed away on 16/07/2015 and her funeral is proposed to be held at 1pm on Tuesday 21st Instant at St Paul's Catholic Church, Tongarra Road, ALBION PARK.

The family request that in lieu of flowers donations be made to NSW Police Legacy.

Marie May YOUNG

Notice

Guest Book

Be the first to share your memories or express your condolences in the Guest Book for Marie May YOUNG.

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YOUNG, Marie May

Passed away in Albion Park on Thursday 16th July 2015.

Dearly loved wife of John.

Loved mother and mother-in-law of Julie, Therese &

Graeme, and Helen & Kimmis.

Loved Ma of her grandchildren James, Angela & Joshua, Samuel & Rhiannon, Veronica, Lawrence & Caroline, and of her great grandchildren Eli and Jett, and Isobel and Felix.

Aged 85 Years

Fondly remembered and sadly missed

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial for Marie at St Paul's Catholic Church, Tongarra Rd, Albion Park on Tuesday 21st July 2015 at 1 pm.

In lieu of flowers donations are invited to Police Legacy, a donation box will be provided at the church door.

<http://tributes.smh.com.au/obituaries/smh-au/obituary.aspx?n=marie-may-young&pid=175309015>

Clarence Albury OVERTON

31/07/2015

Clarence Albury OVERTON

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 8966

Rank: Inspector – retired

Stations: ?, Newtown (last Stn)

Service: From ? to 9 January 1989 = 30 years Service

Awards: National Medal & 1st Clasp to National Medal – both granted 3 September 1985

Born: 8 January 1931

Died on: Saturday 11 July 2015

Cause: ?

Age: 84

**Funeral date: Wednesday 22 July
2015 @ 2pm**

**Funeral location: Rose Chapel,
Palmdale Cemetery, Ourimbah**

**Buried at: Palmdale Cemetery,
Ourimbah**

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

Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

Clarence Albury Overton

Born on 8 January 1931

Passed away on 11 July 2015

Aged 84 years old

**Funeral service will be held at Rose Chapel,
Palmdale Crematorium, NSW on Wednesday, 22nd July
2015 at 2:00pm.**

**Committal service will be held at Palmdale
Cemetery, Graveside, Palmdale Rd, Palmdale, NSW,
Australia on Wednesday, 22nd July 2015 at 2:45pm.**

http://www.heavenaddress.com/Clarence-Albury-Overton/1077866/service_details

Richard Rutledge KANE

31/07/2015

Richard Rutledge KANE

aka Rick

(late of Nelson Bay)

New South Wales Police Force

**Joined the NSW Police Force via
NSW Police Cadet system on 21
January 1954**

Cadet # 1081

**[alert_yellow]Regd. #
8577[/alert_yellow]**

**Rank: NSW Police Cadet –
commenced 21 January 1954**

**Probationary Constable –
appointed 19 November 1956**

**Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 22
April 1973**

**Superintendent – appointed 30
March 1988**

Chief Superintendent – retired

Stations: **?**, Upper Hunter
District (last posting)

Service: **From** 21 January 1954
to 19 April 1994 = 40+ years
Service

Awards: National Medal – granted
17 March 1992

Born: Paddington, NSW – 19
November 1937

Died on: Wednesday 8 July 2015

Cause: **?**

Age: 77

Funeral date: Thursday 16 July
2015 @ 2.30pm

Funeral location: All Saints
Church of England,

29 Tomaree St, Nelson Bay

**Buried at: Buried at Anna Bay
Lawn Cemetery, Nelson Bay Road,
Anna Bay.**

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

Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

Rick Kane

**Born in Paddington, NSW, Australia on 19 November
1937**

Passed away on 8 July 2015

Late of Nelson Bay

Aged 77 years

**Loving husband of 57 years to Esma. Father and
father-in-law to Ian and Liz, and Max. Loving**

grandfather to Lauren and Ben, Ben, Andrew, Emma (dec'd) and Lisa. Great grandfather to Jack. Brother of Robyn and family. Brother-in-law to Nell. Uncle to Cathie, John, Douglas (dec'd) and family.

Family and Friends are invited to attend Rick's Funeral Service to be held in All Saints Anglican Church, corner of Church and Tomaree Streets, Nelson Bay on Thursday 16th July, 2015 commencing at 2:30pm followed by interment at Anna Bay Lawn Cemetery, Nelson Bay Road, Anna Bay.

<https://www.heavenaddress.com/Rick-Kane/1076782/>

Patience wearing thin as residents still without power

By DAN PROUDMAN

April 26, 2015, 11 p.m.

THE most destructive storm to ever smash the region's vital electricity networks could see some residents remain in the dark for most of this week, as community leaders vow to introduce reforms to rid streets of troublesome trees.

As frustrated victims became increasingly stir

crazy on Sunday, battered power supplier Ausgrid continued to work on getting the grid back on track after nearly half of the Hunter lost power.

A spokeswoman pleaded for the remaining 22,000 customers still without power a week after the cyclonic storm tore through the region to remain patient, as fears grew that the supply would not be restored to large sections for at least a few more days.

The understanding held by many without connection is being eroded as time passes and they continue to go without essentials whilst counting the cost of being left in the dark.

Former police superintendent Rick Kane, who as a Hunter police chief in the 1990s was in charge of disasters similar to last week's storm, said he and his elderly wife Esma were struggling to continue in their Nelson Bay home.

They were among nearly 5000 customers on the Tomaree Peninsula, and 9000 in Port Stephens, who were still without power on Sunday.

Ausgrid said late on Sunday night it had restored power to 2000 properties at Nelson Bay and Anna Bay.



Rick Kane has light, thanks to a generator. But he is incredulous that the power is still out. Picture: Max Mason-Hubers

Mr Kane said he and his wife counted themselves lucky they had bought a generator a few months ago and it was enough to generate one light and power for cooking and making a cup of tea. But that was it.

“I think this is absolutely bullshit, I am used to disasters and I cannot believe it would hit last Tuesday and we still find ourselves without power or hot water,” Mr Kane said.

“If you told me last week that I would wake up at 2.45am, look at the alarm clock and it was out, and the bastard would still be out now, well I would have laughed at you.

“We have had no phones, we have had no one to

talk to us about what is going on, I know it is Mother Nature but this is ridiculous.’’

Medowie resident Darrel Slade said his family’s love of the outdoors had helped them, with their faithful camping equipment used to counter the fact they have not been able to shower or cook properly for six days. Mr Slade, who worked as a volunteer in the SES and Rural Fire Service before moving into their new place just two weeks ago, said his wife and three sons were trying to stay patient.

His car had been crushed and a tree remained on his shed.

‘‘No matter how much jumping up and down you do, it won’t quicken things up,’’ Mr Slade said.

‘‘But you can understand why people have had enough. This is a long time to go without power, and people are thinking they are not being looked after. But there is no use strangling each other about it.’’

Port Stephens mayor Bruce MacKenzie said he would table a mayoral minute to council to spend \$100,000 to set up a system to identify and cut down troublesome trees in streets before they brought down lines.

Mr MacKenzie, who had to collect water for his horses when his Salt Ash property was blacked out, said he believed the clearing of tree debris could have also occurred quicker.

‘‘I sympathise with the old folk; all I had was a radio and a gas cooker down at the feed sheds with horses,’’ he said.

‘‘I have seen first hand the damage that has been done with trees and I think trees and power lines simply don’t mix.

‘‘I think council and Ausgrid need to look at that, there are dangerous trees on council footpaths and ... could have cost lives.’’

Ausgrid spokeswoman Philippa Wheeler said the storm caused more damage to the electricity infrastructure across the Hunter than any other weather event, including the 2007 Pasha Bulker storm.

Ausgrid said about half of the Hunter experienced blackouts, and the 135,000 customers in the dark had been reduced to 22,000.

In the process, Ausgrid has received more than 250,000 calls to its hotline.

But the progress could be stalled in areas such as Nelson Bay because the high-voltage issues had

been resolved only to leave time-consuming work on low-voltage problems.

‘‘We absolutely understand the frustration in not having electricity for a day, let alone for six days,’’ Ms Wheeler said.

‘‘No one wants to be in that situation and that is why we have called in extra crews.

But there are areas out of our control like weather and flood conditions which can make this a very hard task.’’

<http://www.theherald.com.au/story/3038076/storms-second-week-of-darkness-for-some/>

Norma Joan MANNING

31/07/2015

**Norma Joan MANNING – widow
of ? Desmond Roy???**

(formerly from Illawarra Region and then
Crowley Village, Ballina)

New South Wales Police Force

**Rank: Police Wife – widow of ?
Desmond Roy???**

Stations: ?

Service: From ? to ?

Awards: ?

Born: 26 August 1923

Died on: Friday 19 June 2015

Cause: ?

Age: 91

**Funeral date: Friday 26 June
2015 @ 1pm**

**Funeral location: Rainbow
Chapel, cnr Kalinga St & Rainbow
Ave, West Ballina, NSW**

Buried at: Cremated

Funeral location: [codepeople-post-map]

Norma Joan MANNING

Tribute

Guest Book

- “To Lee and David, My deepest sympathy at this great loss of...”

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MANNING, NORMA JOAN

26.08.1923 ~ 19.06.2015

Passed away peacefully at Crowley Village, Ballina. Dearly loved Wife of Des (dec). Loving Mother and Mother in law of Paul (dec) and Pam, Lee and David Cowdery. Devoted Granny of Alex and Julie, Rachel and Mick. Loved Great Grans of James and Darcy.

Relatives and Friends are invited to attend Norma's Funeral Service to be held at Rainbow Chapel, Rainbow Avenue, West Ballina on FRIDAY (June 26, 2015) commencing at 1.00 pm. After the service a private cremation will take place.

Friday, 26 June 2015

To Lee and David,

My deepest sympathy at this great loss of your dear mother.

Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Helen Lockton.

Published in The Northern Star from June 22 to June 24, 2015

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/northernstar-au/obituary.aspx?n=norma-joe-manning&pid=175127627#sthash.IPKLaq52.dpuf>

