THE FRIENDS' GAZETTE

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FQPM President's Message

As we are now at the half way mark for 2017, we can look forward to completing the first of our major projects for the year. The re-dedication of the Fetherston grave in the Maryborough Cemetery will take place on the 11 August and I am delighted that Superintendent Mark Stiles and his local officers have embraced this opportunity to honour a fallen colleague by sponsoring the ceremony. As reported in our last newsletter, the restoration work was carried out by retired officers in the Maryborough district.

The Heaney/Ebbitt project at Toowong Cemetery is not yet near completion, however it is hoped that this site can be finalised later this year. The call earlier this year to locate a Bulls Eye lantern for the Queensland Police Museum has also been finalised with a lantern being purchased in recent days. Our next call is to seek copies of some publications of local police interest for the Museum library. The list is included in this issue and we would seek either donations or sale of these books should members have copies which are no longer required. In closing, I would like to offer congratulations to committee member Inspector Rob McCall on his Australian Police Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Bob Burns, President FQPM

Update on Thomas Heaney and Benjamin Ebbitt Grave Restoration Project

We have previously provided information concerning the condition of the graves of Benjamin Ebbitt and Thomas Heaney. Both these former QP officers are buried at Toowong Cemetery. The grave of Benjamin Ebbitt is in serious need of restoration and regrettably the Thomas Heaney grave is not marked at all.

Both Heaney and Ebbitt were admitted recently to the QPS Honour Roll as well as the National Police Roll in Canberra.

The FQPM have engaged Dr Pete MacFarlane Architect + Stonemason Memorials to undertake the required work.

Preparatory work has commenced on the grave sites and the necessary applications have seen submitted to the Brisbane City Council (BCC) for approval. The contractor and the FQPM are currently awaiting the response from the BCC to further progress the project.

A dedication ceremony will be conducted at the grave sites following the finalisation of the project. Date to be advised.

Dedication Ceremony at the Grave of Henry James Fetherston – Maryborough Cemetery

Senior Constable Henry James Fetherston died from injuries sustained as the result of a horse-riding incident in Maryborough in 22 February 1885. He was 26 years of age and was subsequently buried in the Maryborough Cemetery.

Henry Fetherston's name was subsequently admitted to the QPS Remembrance Roll by the Commissioner Ian Stewart on the 27 September 2016.

His grave, surrounds and monument were in need of considerable restoration. Retired QPS officer Noel Sparks and his wife Denise together with another retired officer Milton Leitch have undertaken and coordinated the necessary work to bring the grave up to an appropriate standard.

The FQPM met with Superintendent Mark Stiles, Wide Bay Burnett District and the Officer in Charge Maryborough Police, Senior Sergeant Tony Cole, who indicated a desire to coordinate and host the local arrangements for the dedication ceremony, which is to be held on Friday 11 August 2017 at 09.00 am at the Fetherston grave site at Maryborough Cemetery. The dedication will be followed with a morning tea to be hosted at the Maryborough Police Station at 10.00 am. All are welcome, however please advise your intention to attend so as to assist with catering arrangements.

Invitations to attend the event have been circulated and we expect that it will be well supported. The dedication ceremony will be coordinated by local QPS Padre, Rob Simpson.

The FQPM extend our gratitude to Noel Sparks, his wife Denise, Milton Leitch (Noel and Milton are retired QPS members) who undertook the restoration work on the grave. Our thanks to Superintendent Mark Stiles and the QPS members from the Maryborough area for their support in coordinating and conducting this important event.

A Brief Biography and Community Acknowledgment to Former QP Officer, Sergeant Thomas Orpen Irvine King

Thomas Orpen Irvine King was born on Wednesday 13 August 1851 in Kenmare, County Kerry, Ireland to Walter Stewart King and his wife Charlotte Isabella Irvine.

Walter Stewart King served in the American Civil War to 1861, attaining the rank of Major in the Union Army. Upon his return home to Ireland, he sold up and then he and his family immigrated to Australia, arriving on 14 October 1862. Walter King joined the Queensland Police and was stationed at Ipswich. He retired as Senior Sergeant at Ipswich and moved to his seventy-five acre property at Urangan, Hervey Bay. The tidal Pulgul Creek flows through this property and the creek was formerly named Major King Creek.

Tom and his brothers Walter Stewart and Nathaniel Irvine became Queensland Police officers and his sisters Agnes Ann and Charlotte Isabella married serving Police Officers (John Thomas Glancy and Robert John Kilpatrick). Tom's son William John King also became a Queensland Police officer.

Tom worked as a stockman before joining the police and had exceptional abilities as a bushman/tracker and horseman. He also had a good liaison with the Aboriginal community. He would develop a reputation as being a tough man who could be relied on to get the job done with minimal supervision.

Tom King was a member of the first government gold escort that arrived in Maryborough from Gympie on 5 Feb 1868. The escort arrived from the diggings with 3,525 ounces of gold.

Thomas Orpen Irvine King married Jane Kenney on 13 October 1870 in Gympie.

Thomas and his brother Nathaniel were called upon to track and capture hardened criminals who had fled to the bush, some of which included:

Darling Downs Gazette May 1872*: Dugald and Daandy charged with robbery and rape of a settler's wife between Maryborough and Gympie 23 March 1972, tracked and captured by Tom King.*

Maryborough Chronicle February 1878*: Aboriginal Toby charged with murder, tracked and captured by Tom King. Also in February 1878, Tom tracked and captured the Aboriginal bushranger Sambo.*

Thomas Orpen Irvine King

Tom bought off his most difficult job in 1878 by running down Johnny Campbell, who went berserk on the Upper Burnett and had left a history of murder, outrages and robbery.

He was also involved in the tracking and apprehension of the Dora Dora murderers, Willie and Jacky in 1891.

Chronicle Saturday, 31 December 1898*: Participated in the enquiry into the Gatton murders.*

In 1879, it was announced that Tom King (who had "fists like sledgehammers") would be travelling to Victoria with Sub Inspector O'Connor and six Aboriginal trackers from Fraser Island to track the Kelly Gang, the Courier wrote: *"The Kelly's have got after them the best man on horseback or as a tracker that Queensland can produce"* and, it continued*, "a more honest or brave heart than his has never trod the path of duty".*

Mackay Mercury 15 March 1879 reported: *"Sub Inspector O'Connor, Constable King and the Queensland Black troopers have left Benalla in search of the Kelly Gang."*

Tom would be outspoken about his criticism of the methods employed by the Victoria Police to track and capture the Kelly Gang. He did not endear himself to the Victorians and fisticuffs ensued. He was charged with being found drunk on duty, demoted to Constable and sent home, leaving a number of the Aboriginal trackers to work with the Victoria authorities. Tom would mount his horse and return to Queensland alone.

Two of the Aboriginal trackers, Willie and Jackie were also dismissed and left to their own devices. They would become the "Dora Dora Blacks" who committed rape, murder and robberies from Victoria, through New South Wales into Queensland. Tom and his brother Nathaniel were tasked with tracking and capturing them. Their capture would take years and quite a few attempts to complete.

On 13 November 1883, Senior Constable King applied for seven days leave to attend a Rowing Regatta in Brisbane as part of a contingent from the Maryborough Rowing Club. It is known that Tom King had applied to use a whaler rowing boat as a training vessel in their capacity to perfect the technique of the Maryborough Rowing Club, of which a number of Maryborough Police (including Senior Constable Henry James Fetherston) were members.

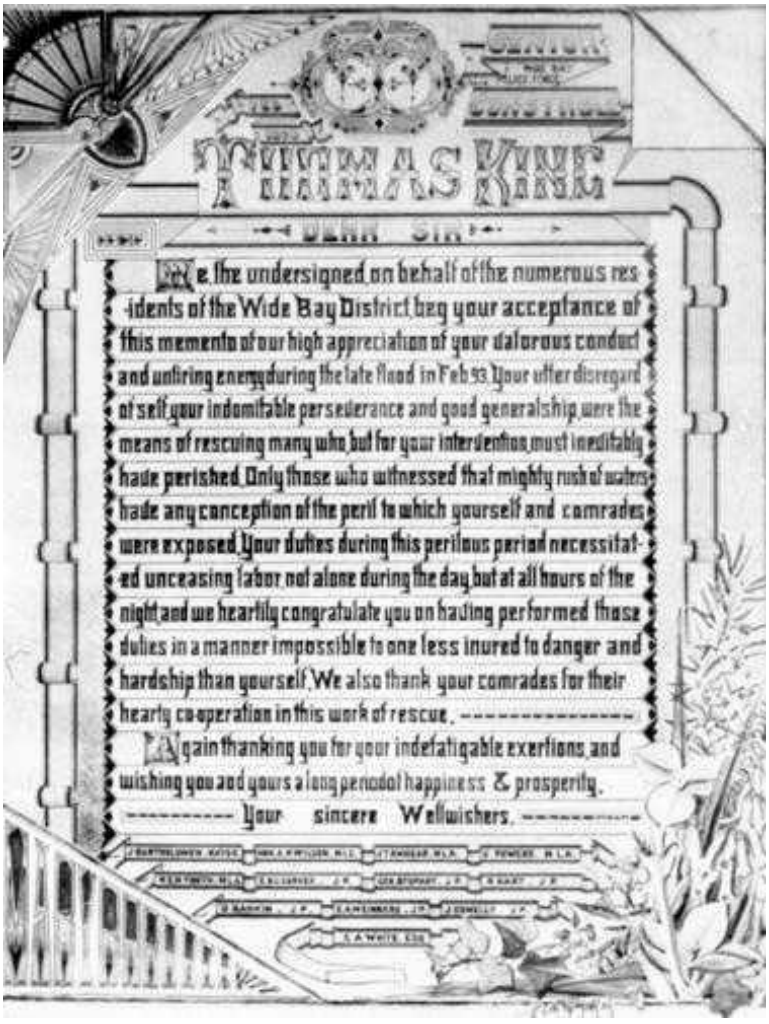
The worst flooding in Maryborough was in February 1893, when the river peaked at 40 feet (12.19 metres). Many homes in Maryborough were under water with people taking refuge on roofs of houses. Reading in the Queensland newspapers of the era, we find that Senior Constable King and his rowing crew were the first rescuers in the area to take to the water in a large whaler boat. Many rescues of people was due to the bravery of King and his crew.

According to the Morning Bulletin on 15 February 1993: *"Constable King, ascertaining that the remaining farmers were secure, turned his attention and that of his crew towards saving cattle and horses". Later King and his men helped to deliver food and other provisions to stranded citizens.*

The grateful citizens of Maryborough wanted to present Tom with an Illuminated Address as a token of their appreciation. A letter including the wording of the Illuminated Address was sent to the Commissioner of Police in Brisbane which read:

Sir, We the undersigned, have the honour to inform you that several citizens of Maryborough desire to present a testimonial to Senior Constable Thomas King, who is stationed here, in recognition of his valuable service during the recent floods in this town, and we beg to request that you will be kind enough to grant him permission to accept it.

Trusting to hear from you as early as possible.



Tom was promoted to Sergeant on the 1 July 1895.

On 1 June 1900, both Tom and his brother Nathaniel were retired from the Queensland Police on medical grounds. They formed a partnership and ran horses and cattle on Fraser Island.

Tom's vessel "The Woodford" was the first vessel to transport a vehicle to Fraser Island. The vehicle was a T Model Ford.

Tom became a local Alderman in the Hervey Bay local council area and in 1914, he and Jane built the Urangan Hotel. Jane was the proprietor and Tom was the Licensee. They sold the enterprise in 1916.

Tom continued to run stock on Fraser Island and on 28 January 1917 whilst he and his son Nathaniel were mustering on Fraser Island in the Wanggoolba Creek area Tom became ill and rested under a tree while Nathaniel continued the stock work. When Nathaniel returned to Tom, he found him deceased.

Tom was afforded a State Funeral at Maryborough and was interred with his father at the Maryborough Cemetery. Their grave site is unmarked, except for the Plot Number E747. Tom's mother, Charlotte, his wife Jane and his infant niece Ethel Maud Kilpatrick rest together in Plot Number E748.

Plaque dedicated to former Sergeant Thomas Opren Irvine King located in the footway outside the Bond Store in Wharf Street, Maryborough.

It is seldom that a police officer is honoured or even remembered by the community he or she served, however, a hundred years after his death, on 7 May 2017, the citizens of Maryborough honoured their late Sergeant Thomas Orpen Irvine King by cementing a plaque in the footpath in Wharf Street Maryborough outside the Bond Store proudly placing his name among their "Walk of Achievers"

Article compiled from the *Life of Thomas Orpen Irvine King* by Noel Sparks (retired QPS officer) and his wife Denise, Hervey Bay.

Queensland Government Petition
Naming the second Toowoomba Range Crossing as "Brett Forte Way"

This Queensland Government petition has already been circulated to the FQPM membership, however it has been included in this issue of the *Friends' Gazette* just in case you missed it. Please pass it on so the required number of names can be obtained by the 30 July 2017.

http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/e-petition?PetNum=2766

The above web link takes the reader to a Queensland Government petition (this needs to be completed before 30 July 2017).

It relates to the naming of the new second Toowoomba Range crossing to 'Brett Forte Way' in honour of the QPS officer recently killed in the line of duty.

We understand that the petition needs 10,000 names prior to 30/07/2017. Currently there are 4161.

It takes only a minute to complete. Just click on the above link and follow the directions.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR!

The FQPM are currently seeking copies of the following books and publications for the Queensland Police Museum:

Two publications written by former Commissioner Frederic Charles Urquhart (1858 – 1935):

Camp Canzonettes (1891);

Blood Stains (1919);.

Who Killed Leanne Holland by Graeme Crowley & Paul Wilson;

The Devil's Eye by Ian Townsend;

Savage Wilderness by Barry Ralph;

Three crooked Kings by Matthew Condon;

All Fall Down by Matthew Condon;

The Second Father: An Insider's Story of Cops, Crime and

Corruption: An Insider's Story of Cops, Crime and Corruption by Domenico Caciola; and

Brisbane the first 30 years by W. Ross Johnston.

The FQPM is prepared to pay any reasonable cost to obtain these publications, however donations are always acceptable.

Additionally:

The FQPM Historical Objects Purchasing Officer (HOPO) has been recently trying to discover how police officers in the 19th century lit their way during night shift. There is very little historical data available concerning the sorts of lanterns available for use by Queensland Police officers. References have been found to lanterns in the 1876 Police Manual but was not very helpful in regards to type and design.

The HOPO is therefore very keen to acquire a vintage police (marked QG) oil lamp, typically used by police departments and railways for the Museum which was commonly referred to as "bull's eye" lantern.

The FQPM has been fortunate to obtain a sample of "bull's eye" lantern. It is completely intact, however will require some restoration.

Contact FQPM on email address:

secretary@friendsqpmuseum.com.au

Volunteers for Current Projects

Sam Johnson Biography – Volunteer/s

We are still seeking a keen volunteer to undertake the task of researching and documenting the biography of Police Tracker, Sam Johnson. Sam had quite a long career with the Queensland Police, yet his known biographical details are somewhat fragmented and to be found in a number of repositories.

The FQPM is committed to documenting a detailed biography of Sam Johnson's life following the work undertaken by the Friends' in erecting a headstone and slab on Sam Johnson's grave site at the Longreach Cemetery and re-dedicated the site on the 29 September 2015.

The FQPM is therefore seeking volunteer/s who would be prepared to research and record Sam's biography. Should you be interested in undertaking this project, please contact the FQPM Secretary.

FQPM Treasurer Recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours

Inspector Rob McCall APM, Treasurer FQPM

The FQPM President and Management Committee extend sincere congratulations to our Treasurer, Rob McCall on the award of the Australian Police Medal (APM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Well done Rob!

FQPM Grave Location Project

The FQPM is delighted with the progress of the Grave Location Project currently being undertaken by Volunteer Jodie Muir. Jodie has provided a brief update on the status of this project:

The research for the grave location of Queensland Police officers recorded on the Roll of Honour and the former commissioners is wrapping up. I have found most exact locations of the officers' graves. Some, however were cremated with family members collecting ashes and some buried where they fell. There has been some great correspondence from community organisations and councils whilst undertaking the research. For instance, the Quiplie Shire Council is undertaking an Adavale Cemetery Project that aims to identity the unmarked graves in Adavale and create a memorial. This memorial would include Constable Patrick Curtain. I have also collated several photos of graves to include in the records, with many thanks from those who contributed photos. I am currently visiting local graves to complete the records of those buried in the Brisbane or Ipswich region.

I anticipate that I will be able to present the completed research by the next Committee meeting. I am just awaiting some further correspondence and finalising the photos and format.

Our thanks to Jodie for the work undertaken to date.

FQPM Merchandising

FQPM 10 Year Commemorative Challenge Coin

2017 marks the first decade of the operation of the FQPM (2007 – 2017) and commemorates 10 years of support to the Queensland Police Museum.

It was considered appropriate that a commemorative challenge coin be struck for the occasion and is represented by the FQPM badge on the obverse with the effigy of a police officer working a traffic point on the light blue over dark blue colours of the Queensland Police Service on the reverse. The pointsman was taken from a photograph taken in 1964 to commemorate 100 years of the QP. The image is that of Constable Richard Hausmann who resigned from the QP a short time later to run his family's farm, due to his father falling ill. The reverse design is reinforced with the words "Commemorating 10 years of Support to the Queensland Police Museum" with the dates "2007 – 2017".

This challenge coin is a limited edition and when they are sold, will not be reproduced.

The cost of the coin is $12.00 and can be obtained from Melissa Kirkpatrick, the Queensland Police Museum or by contacting the Secretary FQPM. Contact details appear in this newsletter and the FQPM website at www.friendsqpmuseum.com.au.

FQPM Challenge Coin

The FQPM has produced a challenge coin which is available for general sale. The obverse of the coin displays the badge of the FQPM and the reverse the badge of the QPS (necessary QPS approval obtained). The coin is 43mm across and housed in a plastic container.

The challenge coin is available for sale now and will sell for $12.00 each. As usual, all proceeds will go towards the purchase of collectable items for the Queensland Police Museum.

Any early interest in purchasing one of these collectable coins can be directed to the FQPM website on secretary@friendsqpmuseum.com.au.

Orders can be placed for pick up at Queensland Police Headquarters with Melissa Kirkpatrick, Executive Assistant, Office of the Deputy Commissioner – Strategy, Policy and Performance Level 7, Police HQ, 200 Roma Street BRISBANE QLD 4000.

Phone: +61 7 3364 4464 Fax: +61 7 3364 4053
Email: Kirkpatrick.MelissaA@police.qld.gov.au

Stubby Coolers

Stocks are running low and this design will not be repeated.

The FQPM commemorative historic police station (set of 6) series of stubby coolers are available for purchase.

Set of 6 is now $24.00 per set (postage is $9.00 anywhere in Australia). The image of each police station extends around the entire cooler with the FQPM badge and website address placed in a prominent position.

The police stations that were selected are – Camooweal; Ewan; Jackson; Roma Street; Thornborough and Fortitude Valley.

FQPM Commemorative Stubby Coolers (set of 6)

Get in now! There is only a few sets left of these very collectable historic Stubby Coolers.

FQPM Polo Shirts

FQPM Polo Shirts are now available!

Should you have an interest in acquiring one of these casual dressy shirts please contact the FQPM Secretary so that you can select your size and colour of choice?

They come in a range of sizes, both male and female and a good choice of colours.

All polo shirts are priced at $40.00 each plus postage if required.

NEW FQPM QPS BADGE STUBBY COOLERS!

These stubby coolers depict the five (5) types of Queensland Police hat badge that have been issued since 1884.

$5 each

All proceeds from the sale of these items will assist the FQPM to preserve the Queensland Police history for future generations.

For further information concerning ordering arrangements for all stubby coolers and challenge coins, please refer to the FQPM website (Shop) at www.friendsqpmuseum.com.au, or:

Orders can also be placed by contacting Melissa Kirkpatrick on 3364 4464. Orders can be posted or picked up from Queensland Police Headquarters, 200 Roma Street, Brisbane 4000.

These stubby coolers and challenge coins are also available from the Queensland Police Museum office (CASH ONLY).

Membership

Membership to the FQPM assists the Association to continue with its goals of the advancement of the Queensland Police Museum, the acquisition and restoration of police heritage objects and the enhancement and effective sharing of knowledge concerning the history of policing in Queensland.

FQPM members are requested to encourage potential members to apply for membership.

The FQPM offer four levels of membership:

- Ordinary Membership: Annual subscription: $15.00 per year.
- Life Membership: $100.00 **(after 1 year as an ordinary member)**
- Corporate Membership: $50.00 annual subscription.
- Junior Membership (under 18 years of age): $15.00 one out payment until they attain the age of 18 years

Anomalies/corrections in the FQPM Newsletter - *The Friends' Gazette*

The Secretary would appreciate any members who, during the course of scanning the FQPM website may detect any anomalies or incorrect information. Please pass this information on so that corrections can be made.

It's important that we ensure that our website is up to date and accurate.

www.friendsqpmuseum.com.au

Management Committee Meetings 2017

Wednesday 2 August 2017	1000 hr
Wednesday 4 October 2017	0900 hr
	1000 hr (AGM)
Wednesday 6 December 2017	1000 hr.

FQPM members are welcome to attend the Management Committee meetings as an observer. Should you desire to attend any of these meetings, you are requested to advise the Secretary so that an appropriate sized venue can be booked.

The meeting agenda will be forwarded to the FQPM Management Committee approximately ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Should you wish to contribute an agenda item or provide a submission, please forward to the Secretary by the Close of Business on the Monday prior to each meeting.

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