

THE FRIENDS' GAZETTE

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FQPM President's Message

Another year has now elapsed and following our Annual General Meeting held on 5th October, 2016, I am pleased to advise that the committee of 2015 has been returned with two new faces, Bryan Sylvester and Bob Cochrane are now part of the team. I look forward to working with all members as the work of the FQPM continues to grow and be recognised by so many people in the police family.

The announcement on the 27 September 2016 by Commissioner Ian Stewart of an additional three officers to be added to the Roll of Honour/Remembrance due to their deaths being related to their duty has provided the FQPM with a very important project to identify their last resting place and ensure appropriate recognition of the graves. Two officers are in the Toowong Cemetery while one is located in the Maryborough Cemetery. It is intended to work with local people in Maryborough to enhance the community interest in this project and provide any FQPM assistance that is necessary.

We are now focused on completing the projects on hand and preparing to recognise the 10th anniversary of the founding of the FQPM next year. I look forward to your continued support.

Bob Burns, President FQPM

FQPM Management Committee 2017

The following members were elected to the FQPM Management Committee at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 5 October 2016:

President	Bob Burns
Vice President	Brett Pointing
Treasurer	Rob McCall
Secretary	Ian Townsley
Committee	Mark Plath Kevin Darch Wayne Coyne Geoff Sheldon Cameron Kirkpatrick Bob Cochrane Dennis Peters Bryan Silvester

Official Inclusion of Former QP Officers on the QPS Honour/Remembrance Roll 27 September 2016

Commissioner Ian Stewart, at a ceremony held at Queensland Police Headquarters on Tuesday 27 September 2016 announced the addition of three former serving Queensland Police officers to the Honour Roll which includes the names of officers who were either killed as a direct consequence of the actions of an offender or offenders, or who died while attempting to save a life.

Sergeant Thomas Heaney, Senior Constable Henry Fetherston and Constable Benjamin Ebbitt died in tragic circumstances whilst serving Queensland communities and were recently approved to be added on the QPS Honour/Remembrance Rolls.

Commissioner Stewart said, "The inclusion of these officers acknowledges that they displayed the highest standards of courage and dedication to service to the Queensland community."

"Like our current day police officers, these three officers served their communities with great pride and faced challenging and dangerous situations," Commissioner Stewart said.

"Information gleaned from their historical personnel files and the history books reveal the particularly harsh conditions these officers worked in during their service."

"These valued former officers will be honoured this year and will continued to be honoured in years to come at annual National Police Remembrance Day events."

In Canberra, on Thursday 29 September 2016, as a part of this year's National Police Remembrance Day, individual plaques called touchstones, were added to the National Police Memorial. Their touchstones went on a ceremonial journey where they were first blessed at a Dawn Service at Queanbeyan Police Station. The touchstones were then escorted by three Queensland Police Service officers to the National Police Memorial where they were added during the day and prior to the evening Twilight Service.

The FQPM have identified the location of the final resting place of these former members and were found to be in need of significant refurbishment or minor restoration. Further details of these projects is outlined below.

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 Thomas Heaney grave is not marked at all.

It is the intention of the FQPM to rectify this situation and have commenced the process with seeking quotations to refurbish the Ebbitt grave and establish a slab and headstone on the Heaney grave. Other preliminary administrative work with the Brisbane City Council has also be initiated.

During the course of the investigation into the family background of the former members, the QPS Honours and Awards Unit identified a number of relatives of the former officers who were able to attend the naming ceremony on the 27 September 2016 at QPS Headquarters.

It is expected that the work on the two graves will be completed early in the New Year and the event will be marked by a re-dedication ceremony, at which the families and friends of the former officers will be invited to attend.

FQPM will be seeking assistance to fund these projects and will look to a significant benefactor to contribute the "lion's share" of the cost. Other avenues will also be examined including approaching the families.



Commissioner Ian Stewart APM with senior QPS officers and members of the former officer's families at the Honour/Remembrance Rolls at QPS Headquarters 27 September 2016.

Senior Constable Henry James Fetherston Grave

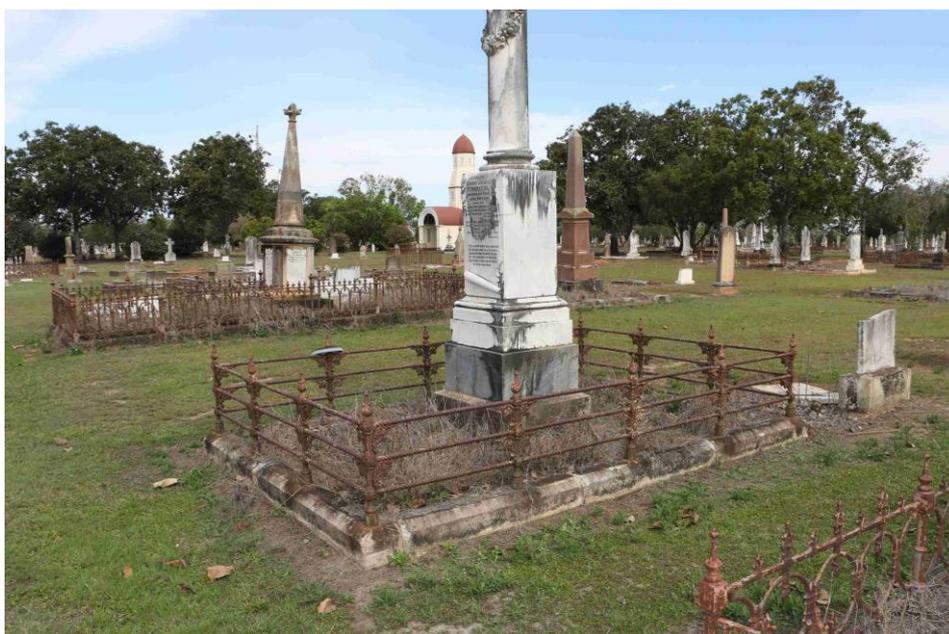
Senior Constable Henry James Fetherston died from injuries sustained from a horse-riding incident in Maryborough in 22 February 1885. He was 26 years of age and was subsequently buried in the Maryborough Cemetery.

A substantial monument commemorates his death and appears to be in a reasonable state of repair.

The FQPM propose to examine the monument in detail with a view to arranging the cleaning and restoration of the headstone and surrounds. The President and Secretary were fortunate to meet with retired QPS representatives who have an interest in the restoration of police graves, in particular in the Maryborough area. We spoke with retired QPS member Noel Sparks and his wife, who were keen to coordinate the necessary work on the Fetherston' grave.

Noel has made a preliminary assessment of the work required and is of the view that the monument has been slightly undermined and requires additional support. The remaining work would include cleaning the monument, painting the iron fence and cleaning the grave surface and perhaps covering with weed mat and decorative stones.

It is believed that much of the restoration can be achieved with volunteer labour and any other work necessary quotes obtained. FQPM would consider any submissions for financial support.



Henry James Fetherston's grave at Maryborough Cemetery

FQPM Life Member Receives Award

The President and Committee of the FQPM extend congratulations to former Committee member and Life Member Ed Thring who recently retired from the QPS and now residing in Bali. Ed was invested as a Member in the Order of St John (MSTJ) at a reception hosted by the Queensland Governor, The Honourable Paul de Jersey AC at Government House on Friday 30 September 2016.



His Excellency, The Governor Paul de Jersey with recipients of St John Ambulance awards. Ed Thring is sixth from the left in the back row.



Member of the Order of St John Medal

Ed was awarded the medal for providing a high level of administrative support and leadership in a variety of postings within the St John Ambulance Brigade in Queensland as well as being actively involved in planning, training and logistic support to St John Ambulance in Papua New Guinea.

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 of 100 coins and when they are sold, will not be reproduced.



The cost of the coins 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.

Sam Johnson Biography – Volunteer

Sam Johnson had quite a long career with the Queensland Police as a Tracker, yet his known biographical details are somewhat fragmented and to be found in a number of repositories.

The FQPM would be keen to document a detailed biography of Sam Johnson's life.

The FQPM were instrumental 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 are 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 Secretary FQPM.

Volunteers for Current Projects

The FQPM are seeking volunteers to undertake a number of research projects that were commenced some while ago however due to other commitments have been somewhat neglected.

The projects relate to the grave/burial location of police officers whose names appear on the following lists:

- Commissioners of Police;

- In Remembrance Roll; and
- Roll of Honour.

Additionally, the FQPM propose to compile an accessible record of all the Royal Humane Society of Australia (RHSA) awards attributed to Queensland Police Officers from 1890 to the current time. We would like to hear from a FQPM member who would be prepared to undertake the transcription of these records into an appropriate format.

Should any member wish to express an interest in undertaking any of the projects please contact the FQPM Secretary.

FQPM Merchandise

FQPM Challenge Coin

The FQPM have 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 coins are 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 are 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 were – Camooweal; Ewan; Jackson; Roma Street; Thornborough and Fortitude Valley.



FQPM Commemorative Stubby Coolers (set of 6)

For further information concerning ordering arrangements please refer to the FQPM website (Shop) at www.friendsqpmuseum.com.au

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.

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

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR

The FQPM are in the process of producing a new stubbie cooler depicting the five badges of the QPS together with the FQPM badge. These coolers will be available individually. Further detail will be sent out as soon as the artwork is finalised.

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.

FQPM Website

The FQPM website is updated regularly, please take the opportunity to take a look.

www.friendsqpmuseum.com.au

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

Management Committee Meetings

The following are the scheduled Management Committee meetings for 2016:

Wednesday 7 December 2016 1000 hours Media Conf. Room.

Management Committee Meetings 2017

Wednesday 1 February 2017 1000 hr
Wednesday 5 April 2017 1000 hr
Wednesday 7 June 2017 1000 hr
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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