THE FRIENDS' GAZETTE

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Queensland Police Museum
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FQPM President's Message

This year in November, an International Police Museum Conference marking a significant milestone in the history of the Queensland Police Museum will be held in Brisbane. This conference is the first to be held in Australia and the FQPM has moved to support this event. Some sponsorship has been secured and work on identifying accommodation for the visiting delegates is now in progress.

This should be a wonderful opportunity to highlight the work done by both local and international police museums in telling their respective police stories.

This time last year our projects for the year were well and truly identified and works had commenced on restoration of the graves of the latest additions to the QPS Honour Roll. The Senior Constable Henry Fetherston grave in Maryborough was duly re-dedicated in August in a community based ceremony hosted by the Superintendent Maryborough Police. The restoration of Constable Benjamin Ebbitt and the construction of the Sergeant Thomas Heaney graves has taken far longer than anticipated however a re-dedication ceremony is set for July this year at Toowong Cemetery.

The call from the FQPM to members regarding pertinent books for the Museum library has been successful and I thank Kym Hyson for her recent generous donation. Thank you to all who have supported the FQPM thus far and look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Bob Burns, President FQPM

International Police Museum Conference (IPMC), 23 – 25 November 2018 - Queensland Police Museum

The planning for the upcoming International Police Museum Conference is coming together nicely. These types of events by their very nature call for detailed planning and coordination to ensure that the experience goes off on time and according to the program and meets the event objectives. Conference Coordinator Tiana Adair is doing an outstanding job in ensuring that the delegates will enjoy this quality experience. We requested Tiana to provide a briefing that would focus directly on the FQPM members and explain where and how you can assist and take advantage of the Conference program.

Dear Friends of the QPM

As you are aware, the Queensland Police Museum is hosting the Third International Police Museums Conference, from the 23 to 25 November 2018. The event will be held at Hotel Jen, Roma Street, (opposite PHQ) and at other venues across the City.

The conference is shaping up to be a rich, diverse, educational and enjoyable event with international speakers discussing an array of topics relevant to Police Museums everywhere. Papers being presented include:

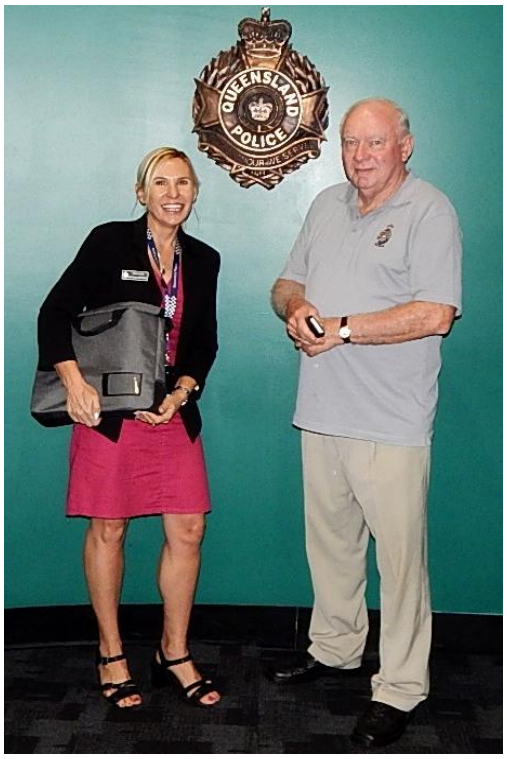
- *The two briefs that Police Museums all have: Serving the Police and serving the Public;*
- *Connecting with our audiences, a case study regarding Police and Museums working together in the community to solve and deter crime;*
- *Collection duplication regarding the largest Police Museum collection in Australia;*
- *Interpreting difficult subject matter, including repatriating human remains;*
- *Online collection management and working together under a Police Museum umbrella;*
- *Connecting with our audiences and public perception-management post 9/11;*
- *Discussion on the next steps re a World Police Museum Association – "WOPM";*
- *Tour of the old Police barracks and visit to their exhibits at the Officers' Mess and Museum;*
- *Utilising retired Police Officers and other interested parties in projects and fund raising (the FQPM experience); and*
- *The benefits and future of Police Museum networking.*

Friends President, Bob Burns, has kindly agreed to present a paper regarding the benefits of Police Museums building strong associations with a Friends network. The positive experience of the QPM and the FQPM will undoubtedly inspire other Police Museums across the globe.

Although the conference is designed primarily to engage Police Museum professionals, a number of activities may be of interest to members of our Friends group who are warmly invited to join us. Prices for individual conference functions are yet to be confirmed, but include:

- *A welcome to Brisbane function over-looking the Brisbane River and city lights;*
- *A 'mocktail' event at the Fortitude Valley Police Station;*
- *The conference dinner at the old Water Police Station (alcohol not included);*
- *Devonshire tea and tour of the old Police Barracks precinct;*
- *Farewell function on the Q Bank rooftop over-looking the river and Cultural Centre; and*
- *Visits to various Brisbane Museums.*

In addition, Museum staff have offered a limited amount of billeting for delegates who would like to attend, but are financially struggling to get here.



Conference Coordinator Tiana Adair showing FQPM President Bob Burns the proposed Conference satchel.

Three of our international attendees have already taken up the offer to bed and breakfast with staff, but as the Museum is running short of spare rooms on offer, we were wondering if any Brisbane-based members of the Friends group may be interested in opening their homes to overseas delegates during the conference. Responsibilities of those assisting would include providing a bed, bathroom, light breakfast and ensuring the delegate has transport to and from the event (e.g. transport to a bus or train to Roma Street). If you are interested in helping in this manner, could you please contact Museum staff at your earliest opportunity? Many thanks.

This IPM conference will certainly be an excellent opportunity for contemporary professionals to meet with international colleagues to discuss a variety of issues unique to Police Museums. Delegates will not only immerse themselves in our QPS Museum but will also draw on the knowledge and experience of many of other Museums from across the globe, including Britain, the US, Canada, Asia, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. Some of these institutions are well-funded, others are not. Some were established 150 years ago, others are quite new. Some are small, others house enormous collections. Some are attached to Police Services, others are independent and fall under other umbrellas. Some Museum staff are Police Officers while others are trained civilians. All however, are Police Museums. No-one attending is from any other type of Museum. We all therefore, have similar issues and understand each other. We trust attendees will learn a tremendous amount and take many new and valuable ideas home with them.

We have not yet finalised booking deadlines for the conference but would appreciate you advising us of your intention to join us as soon as you are able to.

For now, all the very best to you and please contact me if you have further questions or input regarding, this wonderful and unique event.

Regards,

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Progress Report 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 was in serious need of restoration and regrettably the Thomas Heaney grave was 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 engaged Dr Pete MacFarlane Architect + Stonemason Memorials to undertake the required work.

On inspection of the site on the 31 January 2018, the project report is as follows:

Ebbitt Grave

The restoration of the Ebbitt grave is now complete, however the FQPM plaque still needs to be attached at the base of the headstone.

The photograph on the left illustrates that state of the Ebbitt grave prior to the restoration. The photograph on the right shows the restored grave site.

Heaney Grave

Prior to this project, the resting place of Thomas Heaney was unmarked. The FQPM determined that the scope of the works for this project would include a concrete base with a plinth at the head to display a metal plague bearing the details persons interred within. Following later discussions, it was agreed that the attachment of a plinth could be substituted with the construction of a headstone made from two sandstone blocks (leftover material from the restoration of the Ebbitt grave).

Photographs of the Heaney grave together with the sandstone headstone. The headstone has been recessed to accept the identification plaque.

The plaques identifying the date and the organisations involved in the restoration of the graves is currently being made.

A dedication ceremony will be conducted at the grave sites following the finalisation of the project. The FQPM have made the necessary approaches to the Commissioner's Office to ascertain the Commissioner's availability in July 2018. Specific date to be advised.

Vale
Gabrielle Ann Flynn
4 November 1944 – 19 January 2018

The FQPM acknowledge the passing of Miss Gabrielle Ann Flynn (Gay) BA Dip Ed. who was the first full-time Queensland Police Museum curator. Gay came from a public service background and was the curator for a period of ten years. She was responsible for the refurbishment of the Queensland Police Museum which was officially re-opened on the 25 November 1985. Gay adopted a policy of maintaining the Museum as a source of tradition, pride, education and enjoyment.

She had a deep love of history and was instrumental in the relocation of the Police Museum in the new Police Headquarter's building in Roma Street.

Gay resigned on the 1 November 1991 to pursue other interests.

Gay's life was remembered and celebrated, at a service at Pinnaroo Cemetery Chapel at Bridgeman Downs on the 29 January 2018. As requested, the FQPM made a donation to the Guide Dogs Australia in lieu of flowers.

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Queensland Police Mounted Unit

Sergeant Andrew Michael Coyne entered the Police Barracks, Petrie Terrace on 27 February, 1946 as a Probationary. He was a member of an intake of married men recruited from the ranks of ex-servicemen (Andrew Coyne enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces (AIF) on the 10 April 1941 and discharged on the 28 November 1945 as Lance Sergeant with the 112 General Transport Company).

They were also the first married men recruited by the Queensland Police Force. He was sworn-in on 8 July 1946, the first group to be inducted on the lawn in front of the Barracks at Petrie Terrace.

Sergeant 2/c Andy Coyne, astride former racehorse turned Mounted Unit troop horse Town Ruler, at the time of their joint retirement in 1980. Image No. PM0090 courtesy of the Queensland Police Museum.

After serving at Roma Street, he returned to the Depot and worked in the Police Store. In 1948, he was sent as a part-time member to the Mounted Unit at Oxley, for duty at the Brisbane Exhibition and to escort the Duke of Gloucester. This began a long association with the Mounted Unit, culminating in his appointment as Officer in Charge of the Unit in 1963.

He was part of a forty horse escort for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on her first visit to Queensland in 1954 and on a number of subsequent occasions. He was also responsible for the safe passage and training of a number of horses purchased on behalf of the Unit from the Clermont and Mitchell Districts of Queensland with Inspectors responsible for the Unit at the time. The low point of his career came on 27 March 1968 when he went with Inspector Vic McKean to inform his wife and family of the death of Constable Doug Gordon and arrange his funeral.

The sport of tent-pegging was keenly grasped by the members of the Unit and culminated in a visit to the Sydney Royal Easter Show in 1967. The first foray interstate for the Unit. This was followed by a visit to Brisbane Exhibition by members of the NSW Mounted Unit in 1968. The public relations value of the Mounted Unit was keenly grasped by the Commissioners of the day and many visits to local shows and other horse events followed over the next ten years.

The Queen's Police Medal (QPM)

Sergeant Coyne's service was acknowledged by the award of the Queen's Police Medal (QPM) for distinguished service in the 1980 New Year Honours and a farewell parade at the Police Academy on 27 February 1980.

He 'age retired' on 11 June 1980.

Article provided by Andrew's son Wayne Coyne, FQPM Committee member

Maintenance of Police Graves
FQPM assistance with police history and heritage projects

A recent email from our police colleagues in the far north of the state has prompted the FQPM to revisit the policy on financial assistance to projects that impact on our mission to record our history, preserve our heritage and to honour our people.

The greater part of our initial ten years since incorporation has been directed to purchasing items for the Queensland Police Museum collection and to locate and maintain the resting places of those officers who have died in the execution of or consequence of their duty. The officers on the Roll of Honour and those on the Commemorative Roll are a priority, however the FQPM will seek to assist those projects identified by serving or retired officers when the project falls out-side of these parameters.

The FQPM Management Committee developed a Heritage Site/Object Management Policy to assist with the maintenance of police graves, to provide, inter alia, advice on options to mark a grave site and by making a modest financial contribution available in the first instance. As with all projects relating to police heritage the issue of financing such a project is a significant factor to be considered together with the location of the site, the appropriate memorial and the approval of any family who may still have a connection or responsibility for the site. Some costs associated with this type of work can be minimised by seeking waiver of Council fees,

trade donation of time and product, Members of Parliament/Councillors discretionary spending budgets and other sponsorship partners.

A recent project in Maryborough to restore the 130 years old grave of Senior Constable Henry Fetherston identified a very good model of how a community could approach the task. The retired officers who managed the project sought the assistance of the local community historical groups, the Regional Council, local trade's people, Maryborough District Police, the QPS Honours and Awards Unit and the FQPM.

Concrete slab with plinth and plaque

When a grave does not have any memorial/marker some Regional Councils provide a simple grave marker at a reasonable cost. These are generally a concrete base/plinth with cast metal plaque. Another simple cost-effective style is a headstone on a concrete base as opposed to a more expensive full grave platform style. See attached photographs.

Plaque attached to the concrete slab

The FQPM is available to advise and consider assistance to any group that plans to honour those who have served the community during service with the Queensland Police.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR!

The FQPM are still 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); and

Blood Stains (1919);

In addition, the following publications are also required:

Savage Wilderness by Barry Ralph;

All Fall Down by Matthew Condon;

Our thanks to FQPM member Kym Hyson who is generously donating the following books:

Who Killed Leanne Holland by Graeme Crowley & Paul Wilson;

The Devil's Eye by Ian Townsend; and

Three crooked Kings by Matthew Condon.

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

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 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 FQPM challenge coin is a limited edition and when they are all sold, will not be reproduced. ONLY A FEW LEFT.

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.

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Email: Kirkpatrick.MelissaA@police.qld.gov.au

Stubby Coolers

This will be the last time these Coolers will be advertised as 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; and
- Junior Membership (under 18 years of age): $15.00 one out payment until they attain the age of 18 years.

New Members

The President and Management Committee extend congratulations to our new members of the FQPM and look forward to working closely with them in the future:

- Greg Ogle;
- Roland McCartney; and
- Peter Flexman.

Newsletter (Gazette) Articles

We endeavour to keep the newsletter (the Friends' Gazette) interesting and relevant to our members and in doing so, we require (preferably) unpublished short stories, articles relating to former QP officers or staff members, incident or events of historical police significance.

Should you feel that you could contribute, please contact the Secretary FQPM.

Anomalies/corrections in the FQPM Website – www.friendsqpmuseum.com.au

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

2018

Wednesday 4 April 2018
Wednesday 6 June 2018
Wednesday 8 August 2018
Wednesday 3 October 2018 (Committee meeting and AGM)
Wednesday 5 December 2018.

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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