THE FRIENDS' GAZETTE

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FQPM President's Message

As the year progresses I am delighted with some of the activity the FQPM is now involved as part of our commitment to support the Queensland Police Museum and the wider police community with identifying our heritage and honouring our people. The 3rd International Police Museum Conference to be held in November is now well into final arrangements and I am pleased to advise of the support both in financial and volunteer terms that the FQPM can offer.

The dedication of the Heaney and Ebbitt graves at Toowong Cemetery is now set for 31 July, thus finalising a project that raises the profile of these officers who have in recent time been rightfully been elevated to the QPS Commemoration Roll.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Jock Macdonald in Cairns for his initiative in identifying the life of former Police Tracker Johnson Upton and subsequent work to have his final resting place suitably marked.

Members will soon be able to access the updated FQPM web site that will make research of our activities much easier and interesting. I join with the other members of the Management Committee in thanking you for your continued support.

Bob Burns, President FQPM

Latest Update in Planning for the 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. We requested 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. 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. 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. 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 possible.

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

Lisa Jones
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Progress Report on Thomas Heaney and Benjamin Ebbitt Grave Restoration Project

We are pleased to advise that the construction phase of the Heaney/Ebbitt grave project has now been completed. The project incorporated the total construction of a slab and headstone for the Sergeant James Heaney grave (no grave marker previously existed). The Constable Benjamin Ebbitt grave was in a poor state of repair and needed to be completely dismantled and reconstructed.

Constable Benjamin Ebbitt grave (left) with presentation plaque just below headstone. Sergeant James Heaney grave (right). Both graves and the immediate area will need a clean-up prior to the Dedication Ceremony.

The presentation plaques have now been fitted. The Ebbitt plaques on a small plinth in front of the headstone. The Heaney plaque is located centrally on the base of the slab. Both plaques have been finished with similar text.

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Tuesday 31 July 2018 has been identified as the date for the Dedication Ceremony.

All members of the FQPM are invited to attend the Dedication Ceremony and encouraged to bring guests. The Dedication is expected to commence at 10.00 am and then be followed by a morning tea, to be held on the lawn on the Canon Garland Parkland area adjacent the Mt Coo-tha Road entrance.

Should you wish to attend the dedication, please communicate your intention for catering purposes.

Police Tracker Johnson Upton

The President and Committee of the FQPM were pleased to be able to contribute both financially and with advice to the Queensland Retired Police Association (QRPA) Far North Queensland Branch with the placement of a marker on the grave of Police Tracker Johnson Upton.

The following biography of Johnson Upton and the motivation behind having a grave marker installed on his grave was compiled by former Queensland Police Officer, Jock MacDonald.

I worked with Johnson as a young constable at Coen in the early 1960's and participated on a couple of lengthy packhorse patrols with him.

'Johnson Upton, Aboriginal I.D No. J101, was born in approximately 1915 at Bamboo Station between Laura and Coen, his parents being Paddy and Nellie. He worked on cattle stations as a stockman and droving until his appointment as Aboriginal Tracker at Coen Police Station on 27 January 1943 by Commissioner C.J. Carroll on the recommendation of Sergeant 2/c Cooper who described him as "intelligent and well-behaved aborigine". He carried out duties as tracker looking after troop horses at Coen and performing numerous

packhorse patrols to aboriginal missions and cattle stations throughout Cape York Peninsula, often with young and inexperienced constables and avoiding crocodile attacks whilst crossing the numerous infested rivers and creeks of the Peninsula. He was instrumental in forming a strong and mutually beneficial link between the police and the aboriginal community of Cape York Peninsula.

Coen Police Station 1966
Constable Lee Eborall (6902), Sergeant Jack Czislowski (in singlet) (4562) with Police Tracker Johnson Upton and Tracker Toby Horseboy (leaning on post).

He was promoted to Corporal Tracker at Coen on 1 March 1948 on the recommendation of Sergeant 2/c Farrell who described him as "most reliable and far above the average native in general knowledge. He can be placed in charge of other natives and trusted to carry out his duties faithfully and well". His wages were increased from forty-eight pounds to sixty pounds a year.

In 1956, he was presented with a Lithgow .22 calibre rifle by Sergeant 2/c Moylan and Constable Maher in appreciation of his good work.

He continued duties at Coen until 7 February 1971, completing twenty-eight years of service to the Queensland Police Department and the community. He was discharged medically unfit after being examined by the Royal Flying Doctor and found to have "loss of coordination of hands and loss of strength in muscular frame". He was admitted to the Cairns Base Hospital and died on 23 June 1971. Johnson was survived by wife Daisy (Pootchemunka) and son Jonathon and is buried in Cairns Martyn Street Cemetery, Section MWS, Row T, Site 1771A.

I am a member of the Far North Queensland Branch of Queensland Retired Police. Our branch has been supportive of this project authorising the amount of $200 being contributed to the placing of a grave marker on Johnson's grave. The marking of Johnson's grave in a meaningful way emphasises the appreciation of the contribution made to remote area policing by Johnson.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR!

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

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

Camp Canzonettes (1891); and

Blood Stains (1919).

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

Book Donations

The Curator, Queensland Police Museum (QPM) and the Committee of the FQPM are very grateful to FQPM Member Kym Hyson for the generous donation of the following books which were required for the QPM Library.

Savage Wilderness by Barry Ralph;

All Fall Down by Matthew Condon;

Who Killed Leanne Holland by Graeme Crowley & Paul Wilson;

The Devil's Eye by Ian Townsend; and

Three crooked Kings by Matthew Condon.

FQPM Member Kym Hyson presents donated books to Acting Curator, Virginia Gordon at the FQPM Committee meeting on the 4 April 2018.

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.

Ph.one: +61 7 3364 4464 Fax: +61 7 3364 4053
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.

Orders for all FQPM merchandise 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 or 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.

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:

- Meg Vann 172

Our congratulations go to current member Donna McCormack (164) who is now a Life Member.

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 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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