THE FRIENDS' GAZETTE

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Queensland Police Museum
3rd Quarter 2018 Edition

FQPM President's Message

The year is certainly moving by very quickly and we will soon have our attention focussed on our AGM in October and the International Police Museum Conference in November. The conference will certainly highlight the 125 years of our Queensland Police Museum and the FQPM will provide some input to ensure its success. We are in the process of identifying a meaningful gift to commemorate this significant event in the wonderful story of the Queensland Police Museum (QPM).

Two recent commemorations have highlighted times in the story of policing in Queensland and how the FQPM has assisted with the recording of these events. The dedication of the Ebbitt and Heaney graves at Toowong recognising the service and challenges of these two men following their elevation to the QPS Commemoration Roll and the marking of the grave of Tracker Johnson Upton in Cairns acknowledging his life and service to the community. The vice president of the FQPM, Brett Pointing retired recently from the QPS and I wish to acknowledge his role in the establishment of the FQPM and look forward to his continued interest and assistance in the future endeavours in support of the QPM.

Bob Burns, President FQPM

Latest Update in the 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 almost complete. 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 with the program and meets the event objectives. We have requested this final briefing that would focus directly on FQPM members and explain where and how you can assist and take advantage of the Conference program.

The following is an update from the QPM.

Ian Townsley
Secretary FQPM

Dear Friends of the Queensland Police Museum

STOP! And read the final FQPM Newsletter update regarding the upcoming IPM Conference.

General Business:

Well, time is now racing past, with less than 3 months to go before the International Police Museum Conference (IPMC). We remain on-track with implementing plans for a fantastic educational, social, and we trust, highly successful experience. Registrations remain strong, but we encourage those considering attending the event or social functions, to please book as early as possible so that we can organise.

Once again, we wish to thank FQPM and QBank for their assistance in helping us to purchase the conference delegate satchels which are currently being produced. For your interest, I have included one of the images we are using on the satchels at the end of this update.

We Need You:

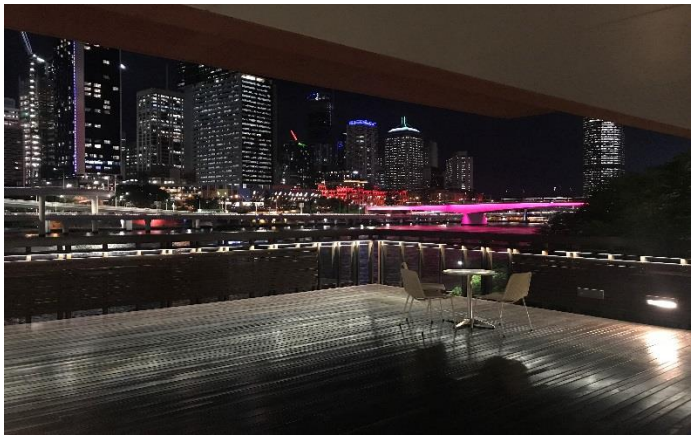
We remain on the look-out for Brisbane-based members of the Friends group who may be interested in opening their homes to overseas delegates during the conference. Responsibilities of those assisting will include providing a bed, bathroom, light breakfast and ensuring the delegate has transport to and from the event (e.g. transport to a bus or train to Roma Street).

In addition, we are also asking for volunteers who would consider greeting delegates at the airport and transferring them to their accommodation. If you are interested in welcoming those attending, please advise us. Many thanks.

Again, we would like to reiterate that despite the conference being primarily designed to engage Police Museum professionals, several activities may be of interest to members of FQPM, who are warmly invited to join us. Prices for individual conference functions will be confirmed shortly, so please contact me for updates. The social events include:

- A pre-conference Brisbane Greeters orientation walking tour of Brisbane's inner city (and introduction to local history with FQPM members Rob and Janice Cochrane);
- 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 a restaurant at either the old Water Police Station or the Old Police Barracks (alcohol not included);
- Devonshire tea and tour of the old Police Barracks precinct;
- Farewell function on the QBank rooftop over-looking the river and Cultural Centre; and
- Visits to various Brisbane Museums including the Museum of Brisbane.

Please advise us as soon as possible if you are interested in attending one or more of these functions.



The view from the State Library of Queensland's 'River Decks' event space, where the Welcome to Brisbane function will be held on Thursday November 22

With Thanks:

The QPM also wishes to thank the FQPM for their generous donation of caps and stubby coolers to add to the delegate satchels. A big thank you also goes to those who have given and offered so much time in assisting us develop and manage the conference. Special thanks goes to Bob

Burns, Ian Townsley, Kym Hyson, Kevin Darch, and Rob and Janice Cochrane.

Lastly:

Please don't forget the Museum's 125th Birthday on Tuesday 27 November 2018. We certainly plan to celebrate it in style. The main event is to be held in the Museum Courtroom at 10.00 am. Just a reminder that the deadline for RSVPs will be Monday 5 November 2018.

Hoping to see many of you in late November.

All the very best

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Recently completed grave restoration Project Thomas Heaney and Benjamin Ebbitt Graves - Toowong Cemetery

We are pleased to advise that the Thomas Heaney/Benjamin Ebbitt grave restoration project and dedication service 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.

Both plaques have been finished with similar text.

Commissioner of Police with FQPM Menbers and contributors to the completion of the Heaney/Ebbitt project.
From front: Commissioner Ian Stewart APM, Kym Hyson (Member), Pete Macfarlane and Mandy Cotman (Monument Masons), Inspector Rob McCall APM (Treasurer), Rob Cochrane (Committee Member), Ian Townsley (Secretary), Senior Sergeant Mel Wilkins (FQPM Commissioner's Representative), Kevin Darch (Committee Member), Bob Burns APM (President).

Upon completion, presentation plaques were fitted to the graves. The Ebbitt plaque on a small plinth in front of the headstone. The Heaney plaque is located centrally on the base of the slab. Both plaques were finished with similar text.

The Dedication Service to commemorate both former officers was held on Tuesday 31 July 2018 and was well attended by family, guests and former and currently serving officers. Queensland Police Service

Chaplain Andrea Robertson officiated at the Service and Commissioner Ian Stewart APM provided the occasional address. Sergeant Christopher Hebblethwaite cited the Police Ode and Senior Sergeant Mel Wilkins (Honours & Awards) was the MC.

Following the Dedication, a morning tea was held in the Canon Garland Parkland (near the main entrance to the Toowong Cemetery).

The FQPM extend our sincere gratitude to our sponsors and those members and supporters who contributed to the success of the project.

Jodie Jones graduates from Queensland Police Academy

Jodie Jones (nee Muir) before attending the Queensland Police Academy to undertake training as a Queensland police officer, was employed as a staff member with QPS Honours and Awards and also undertook a police grave location project for the Friends of the Queensland Police Museum (FQPM).

Jodie commenced training on the 27 November 2017 and graduated on the 28 June 2018. Her first training station will be Goodna Station. She has an open mind at this time as to what career path she may follow, however criminal investigation or tactical crime areas may be an option.

The FQPM President and Committee wish Jodie a long and fruitful career.

Constable Jodie Jones with from left: Senior Constable Woodward, Inspector Hobbs and Inspector Clowes on the 28 June 2018.

Arthur Albert Bock MC

Arthur Albert Bock, previously a Labourer from South Australia, joined the Queensland Police as Constable 467 in May 1904. Between 1904 and 1915 Bock served at Roma Street, Charters Towers, Croydon, Toowoomba, Pittsworth and Oxley where the records show he was a competent policeman and a man of good character. After the Gallipoli landing, Bock, then married with three young children enlisted into the Australian Imperial Force (AIF).

Portrait of Arthur Albert Bock on his wedding day, 1912. Image PM0792 courtesy of the Queensland Police Museum.

Private Bock, on a leave of absence for the Queensland Police, embarked aboard the HMAT *Kyarra* A55 on the 3 January 1916. He served for three years in the 25th Infantry Battalion in Egypt, France and Belgium. He

progressed quickly up the ranks from Private to Second Lieutenant. He was awarded the Military Cross for his service during the attack on Polygon Wood on the 10 September 1917 during which he sustained wounds to both thighs.

The Citation states: *"At Westhoe Ridge, Belgium during the attack on Polygon Wood on 10 September 1917. For conspicuous gallantry while leading his platoon of men up. When he encountered a series of four concrete dugouts, he rushed the entrance of one with a torch in one hand and a revolver in the other, and single handed captured seventeen prisoners. He then continued to lead his platoon with great coolness and courage until severely wounded in both legs. Throughout he set a splendid example of daring and coolness to all ranks."*

Mounted Police at the Brisbane show grounds c1912 – Constable A.A. Bock at left, Constable McPaul at right. Image PM0110 courtesy of the Queensland Police Museum.

He was decorated at Buckingham Palace by His Majesty King George V. He returned to Queensland in March of 1918, having been invalided home by war wounds. The following month he resumed duty with the Queensland Police and was stationed at Toogoolawah, Sandgate, Barcaldine, Longreach, Fortitude Valley and Roma Street. In the 1920's he formed and controlled a staff of plainclothes police at Roma Street Headquarters. Bock also took charge of the Mounted Police escorts for his Excellency the Governor and Royal Visitors to Queensland '34. He was promoted to Sub-Inspector in 1932 and Inspector four years later.

Left to Right: Sub Inspector Charles James Lisle Perrin, OIC Police Depot; Sub Inspector John Smith, Superintendent of Traffic and Licencing Inspector; Sub Inspector Charles Webster Watson, OIC Fortitude Valley District; Commissioner Cecil James Carroll MVO, MC, Inspector Arthur Albert Bock MC, OIC Brisbane Police District; Inspector James Edward Toohill, Inspector North Queensland; Sub Inspector Florence Michael O'Driscoll, OIC South Coast District. Believed to be outside Parliament House, Brisbane, c1937. Image PM3113 courtesy 'The Telegraph'.

Bock was awarded two favourable records: The first in 1927 for 'good work performed in conjunction with other police in connection with the arrest and conviction of Harry Collins for theft.' The second in 1928 for 'good work, in conjunction with other police, in connection with the case of Rex. V. Nelson, Fox and McCabe, breaking and entering with intent.' Bock was also granted a reward of '£25 by the Arson Award Agreement for good work, in conjunction with other police in connection with the conviction of Mrs Jane Campbell for arson at Bowen Hills.' Bock, a noted disciplinarian, retired from the service in 1944 and died in Brisbane in 1966 at the age of 82, he was survived by his widow, two daughters and two sons.

Bock's daughter Dulcie Jean was a probationary officer in Queensland Police Service for a year before she left to serve in the Second World War. Sergeant Dulcie Bock served three years and ten months as a Stenographer in the Australian Women's Army Service. She married Constable Victor Henry Peterson in 1948.

This information has been supplied by the Queensland Police Museum from the best resources available. The article was written by Museum Volunteer Alice O'Brien.

The Police Museum is open 9am to 4pm Monday to Thursday and 10am to 3pm on the last Sunday of the month (Feb-Nov) and is located on the Ground Floor of Police Headquarters at 200 Roma Street, Brisbane. Contact: E: museum@police.qld.gov.au

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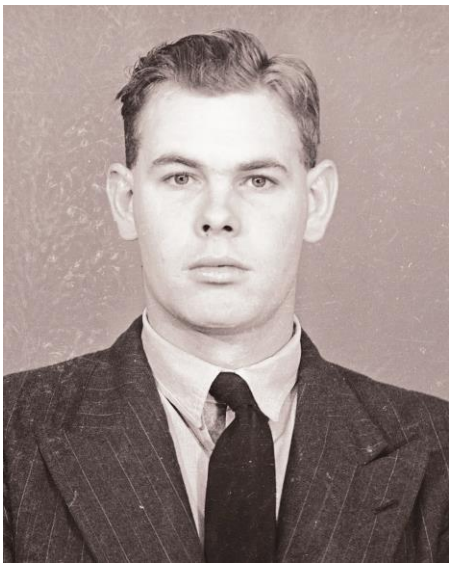
Current FQPM Grave Restoration Project – H F (Harold) Bidner – Toowong Cemetery.



Harold Francis Bidner

On the 31 July 2018, the FQPM received a report from former Senior Sergeant, Greg Curtis advising that he had located the grave of Constable Harold Francis (Frank) Bidner. He also reported that the grave was in need of some restoration.

Frank Bidner was killed in a motorcycle incident at Redcliffe on the 1 December 1951 aged 25 years.

The FQPM have inspected the grave and found that the headstone had been removed (most probably a deliberate act). The grave is in need of some cleaning and topping up with gravel. The headstone could be

Bidner headstone

replaced by inserting two new stainless steel pins and adhering the headstone to the concrete base. FQPM Committee Member Rob Cochrane took the lead with this project and has obtained appropriate quotes to restore the grave.

At the meeting in August 2018, the Management Committee agreed that expenditure would be approved to have the headstone refurbished and securely re-connected to the grave.

The Bidner headstone was located on the grave site two down from his grave, which is the one to the right of the existing headstone.

Corporal Tracker Johnson Upton – Dedication Service

The Dedication of Grave Plaque for Corporal Tracker Johnson Upton took place at the Cairns Cemetery at 10.00 am on Friday 10 August, 2018.

The Service was officiated by Far North Queensland (FNQ) Police Chaplain Doug Foster and was attended by Assistant Commissioner Paul Taylor, other senior police officers, members of the Indigenous Liaison Unit,

members of FNQ Branch Retired Police Association. Johnson's son, Jonathon and partner were in attendance.

Dedication Service for former QP Tracker Johnson Upton on the 10 August 2018. Johnson Upton's son Jonathan (centre) with Ellen (left) and Assistant Commissioner Paul Taylor APM.

The plaque bore the following:- Old and Current Queensland Police badges in top left and right corners together with the text *"In Memory Of Corporal Tracker Johnson Upton - Served Coen And Cape York Peninsula - 27.1.1943 To 7.2.1971 - A Faithful Servant To The Community"*

Funding for the plaque was contributed by Friends of Queensland Police Museum, FNQ Branch of the Queensland Retired Police Association, and the Queensland Police Service. A successful application to Cairns Regional Council resulted in waiver of Council Cemetery Fees.

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.

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.

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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 current member Thallon Keegan, 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 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?

Please support the FQPM by attending the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 3 October 2018 at 11.00 am. AGM material will be forwarded separately.

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