



**Friends of the Queensland Police Museum Inc
(FQPM)
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President's Message.

Thank you for keeping in touch with our website and showing an interest in the activities of the FQPM. Our new website is now up and running and we at the Management Committee are very happy with the response from members and friends.

Since the last President's message, we have managed to progress two major refurbishment projects involving the graves of two deceased police officers, Thomas Slattery who died in the 1870's and Gregory Olive who was shot on duty in the early 1960's.

As always online auction and sale sites are monitored closely by our committee to identify objects associated with the history of the Queensland Police, and where possible and appropriate, every effort is made to secure items that will enhance the collection at the Queensland Police Museum.

I would also repeat our invitation to all to join us in this most rewarding activity as we work to ensure the Queensland Police Museum continues its role of interpreting and communicating the history of policing in Queensland.

Bob Burns APM
President

New Patron

The President and Committee of the Friends of the Queensland Police Museum (FQPM) are pleased to announce that the Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service, Mr Ian Stewart APM has accepted the position as Patron of the FQPM. We are looking forward to a close relationship with the Commissioner in the future.

The FQPM has also extended its deepest gratitude to Mr Bob Atkinson for his support as Patron during his term as Commissioner.

G J Olive Grave Project – Toowong Cemetery

Another police grave restoration project undertaken by the Friends of the Queensland Police Museum Inc (FQPM) has now been completed.

Information was received from a member of the Toowong Cemetery Historical Group advising that the grave of Constable First Class Gregory James Olive had sustained some damage to the photographic image on the headstone. Additionally, through the passage of time the headstone had attracted some mould and the text was virtually unreadable. The FQPM undertook to liaise with the family of Constable Olive and seek approval to effect the necessary restoration to the grave.

The photographic image has now been replaced and the headstone cleaned and the text is now clearly readable. The FQPM would like to acknowledge the financial support provided by the Queensland Police Credit Union which assisted greatly in completing this project.

Twenty eight year old Constable First Class Gregory James Olive was fatally shot on 19 February 1962 when he attended a house in the Brisbane suburb of Kelvin Grove to make inquiries regarding wilful damage to property. After Constable Olive had knocked on the door it was flung open and he was shot in the chest at near point blank range with a .303 rifle. He died almost immediately. A man was arrested at the scene and subsequently convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. He died in Boggo Road Gaol in 1985.



Friends of the Queensland Police Museum (FQPM) Management Committee members Ian Townsley, Greg Early and Bob Burns inspect the restoration to the grave of Constable First Class Gregory Olive.

Thomas Slattery Grave Project

The Thomas Slattery grave project is progressing well under the direction of State Crime Command. To date, the iron fence has been sand-blasted and painted and the supporting sand stone base has been cleaned. The headstone still needs to be refurbished and situated on a sloping concrete plinth. Quotes have been obtained to have the core of the grave concreted, the plinth constructed and the headstone refurbished and positioned.

It is expected that a re-dedication ceremony will be held in the very near future (date to be advised) for which invitations will be extended to members of the FQPM and other interested persons.

Queensland Police Museum Sunday Lecture Series 2013

From 11.00 am to 12.30 pm (note: session time change for May 2013).

26 May 9.30 – 12.30 (includes break)	Special Event Resilience, lessons from the Hanbury Street shooting	Sen Sgt Darryl Green
30 June	Fraud and You	Fraud Prevention Unit

Life Membership \$100.00
(An Ordinary member may apply for Life Membership after completing one year as an Ordinary Member).

Your support is requested to encourage friends and relatives to join the FQPM and become involved in our activities and projects.

Personal Details

Should there be any changes to your personal details please advise the Secretary on secretary@friendsqpmuseum.com.au so that records can be adjusted.

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