THE FRIENDS' GAZETTE

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

There is no doubt that we at the FQPM management committee knew at the start of the year that 2018 was going to be a busy and fulfilling year. The long-term project of establishing the Ebbitt and Heaney graves and completing a dedication service was first on our list. An offer of financial assistance from QSuper was a tremendous lift in our efforts to progress this and other projects.

The renewal of the FQPM web site enables a fresh window into FQPM activities and is available to the public. This has almost been completed. The FQPM support of the QPM in hosting the International Police Museum Conference in November was boosted with some financial funding brokered with QBank.

Another significant event was the celebration of 125 years since the formal establishment of the Queensland Police Museum held on 27 November, an event marked by a morning tea for invited guests. Somehow the Christmas period will be a welcome relief.

Membership of the Management Committee changed slightly with the Vice President Brett Pointing moving to Canberra to a new career. Our best wishes and thanks are extended to Brett for his terrific support of the FQPM since its inception.

Our thoughts also go the Commissioner's Representative on the Committee, Senior Sergeant Mel Wilikins who has had to take time out to deal with a health issue. Our best wishes go to Mel and we look forward to her return to work together with her enthusiasm for the recording of the police history story.

On behalf of the Management Committee I wish all members peace and contentment for the Christmas Season.

Bob Burns, President FQPM

FQPM Management Committee 2019

This year's FQPM Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in the Queensland Police Museum Courtroom on Wednesday 3 October 2018. The election of officers took place and the following members were appointed to the Management Committee:

President	Bob Burns
Vice President	Mark Plath

Treasurer	Rob McCall
Secretary	Ian Townsley
Committee Members	Bryan Silvester
	Kevin Darch
	Robert Cochrane
	Wayne Coyne
	John McCormack

Additionally, the following appointments were accepted and extended during 2019:

Honorary Auditor	Wayne Osborne
Website Administrator	Robert Cochrane
Website IT Consultant	Open Web Design (Karen Walsh)

FQPM Management Committee 2019
(From left) Kevin Darch (Committee) John McCormack (Committee) Robert Cochrane (Committee) Wayne Coyne (Committee) Bob Burns (President) Rob McCall (Treasurer) Ian Townsley (Secretary) Mark Plath (Vice President). (Absent) Bryan Silvester (Committee).

A Salute to Brett Pointing

Deputy Commissioner Brett Pointing separated from the Queensland Police Service (QPS) after a 40 year career. Brett has now taken up a position as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Australian Live Exporters Council in Canberra.

Brett's extensive career in the QPS saw him earn widespread respect in a number of leadership roles, notably as Deputy Commissioner and also Disaster Recovery Coordinator in the aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Oswald in 2013.

Brett comes from a proud police family that included his father (former Assistant Commissioner Laurie Pointing), uncle (former Superintendent Tom Pointing), and brothers (former Superintendent John Pointing and Superintendent Glen Pointing).

Highlights of his career included roles as District Officer on the Gold Coast from 2004 to 2007, disaster recovery coordinator for Bundaberg and the North Burnett in 2013, head of the Operation Resolute task force targeting Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs from 2013 to 2015 and being the QPS champion for prevention and first response to domestic and family violence.

Brett was the inaugural President of the FQPM and continually served in an executive position until 2018. He is a Life Member of the FQPM.

The FQPM President and Committee wish Brett success in his current appointment and look forward to him re-joining the "FQPM Team" in the future.

QBANK contribution to the International Police Museum Convention

The Friends of the Queensland Police Museum Inc (FQPM) is extremely grateful to our sponsors QBANK in regards to their support of the International Police Museum Conference in Brisbane 22 – 25 November 2018.

The FQPM sought assistance from QBANK on behalf of the Queensland Police Museum (QPM) to fund the preparation of the Conference delegate's satchels.

The QPM is responsible for the planning, development and hosting the Conference however the FQPM is delighted to be able to assist in some substantial way towards the overall success.

Bruce Jones QBANK presents cheque for $1500 to FQPM President Bob Burns as a contribution to the preparation of the delegate satchels for the International Police Museum Conference. Queensland Police Museum Curator Lisa Jones (right).

Queensland Police Museum Celebrates 125 years

Tuesday 27 November 2018 became a significant date in the life of the Queensland Police Museum (QPM) as the 125th anniversary of the signing of a memorandum in 1893 by Mr Finucane of the Office of Commissioner Seymour approving the collection of police exhibits for the purpose of display to members of the public.

The evolution of the collection is now a feature of the Queensland Police Service in the form of the Queensland Police Museum.

The celebration in the form of a morning tea was attended by the Police Minister Mark Ryan and Commissioner Ian Stewart and approximately 70 guests and included presentations acknowledge the milestone. The FQPM were keen to celebrate the occasion by presenting the QPM a gift of two framed glass etchings of a historic government badge and the first Queensland Police Department emblem. These glass etchings were among items retrieved from the front of the former Queensland Police Headquarters building that was located on the corner of Makerston Street and North Quay prior to its demolition in the early 2000's.

Retired Superintendent Bob Good along with the late Ross Chippindall, were instrumental in the establishment of the Museum space in the former Makerston Street Queensland Police Headquarters building. Retired Superintendent Good was present along with current and former members of Museum staff. A number of FQPM members were also present to witness the presentations of the gifts.

The framed glass images were affixed to the wall in the QPM court room for display.

FQPM President Bob Burns presented the framed glass images to the Curator of the Queensland Police Museum, Lisa Jones

FQPM December 10, 2018 - Final Police Museum Conference

Report

by

Tiana Adair

Dear Friends of the Queensland Police Museum

We can hardly believe that it has been over two weeks since we farewelled delegates, speakers and friends after the closing of a highly successful and extremely enjoyable conference.

As promised, the following is a short debrief of the fantastic 3 & 1/2 day event:

The Conference was opened on Friday 23 November 2018 by our Commissioner, Ian Stewart and the Police Minister, Mark Ryan. A highly memorable and moving Acknowledgement to Country was given by PLO, Doug Peachey and Queensland Police Pipes and Drums' Piper, Ian Strudwick. Thirtyeight delegates were in attendance from around the world including the UK, Malaysia, Singapore and New Zealand, plus, for the very first time, representatives from every Police Museum in Australia. To add to the occasion, former Police Commissioner, Mr Bob Atkinson joined the group for several sessions, which was greatly appreciated.

Nine papers were presented over three days, including FQPM President, Bob Burns who spoke about the invaluable role played by a Police Museum Friend's association. The talk was inspirational and much talked about afterwards by us all.

Other presentations were given by:

- Corinne Brazier and Steve Rice from the West Midlands Police Heritage Project, who provided a case study regarding their heritage lock-up and the roller-coaster journey so far.

- Bill Prior from the South Australian Police Historical Society, who spoke on collection duplication.

- Rowan Carroll, representing the NZPM discussing the ethical repatriation of human remains and displays concerning very difficult topics.

Conference dinner & the QPM's 125th birthday celebration at Libertine Restaurant located in the former Petrie Terrace Police Depot (photo courtesy of Kevin Darch)

- Amber Evangelista from the Victorian Police Museum, talking about truthful storytelling and the meeting point between two very different briefs.

- Nerida Campbell, Curator at the NSW Justice and Police Museum (Sydney Living Museums), telling us about exhibitions which interpret the good, the bad and the downright ugly.

- Leisa Taylor representing the online collection management company – eHive.

- Lex Van Cooten, Immerse Enterprise, demonstrating the uses of Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) in heritage and museum environments.

- Senior Sergeant Warrick Jackes, discussing the unique role of Police Museum's, whose briefs are to serve both the Police and the public.

The feedback from participants was that all talks were highly interesting and very useful. For those who may be interested, all papers presented at the conference will be available online in the coming weeks as will many of the photographs (courtesy of our official volunteer photographer, Kevin Darch).

In addition, Lisa Jones undertook a brainstorming session regarding the future of Police Museums and the possibility of organising an international networking group. A name was chosen and the new group will be known as GAPM (Global Association of Police Museums). Communication will initially be via email, Facebook and EHive. Attendees are very much looking forward to the growth, development and possibilities of GAPM in the days ahead.

Another important aspect of the conference were the social events which were very enjoyable and great opportunities to get to know each other and share ideas.

The first of these events took place on the afternoon of Thursday 22 November, with an informative and pleasurable walking tour of Brisbane, hosted by Brisbane Greeters and fellow FQPM members, Rob and Janice Cochrane. Eight delegates embarked on the 4 km walk which showcased Brisbane's legal and policing heritage.

While one group of delegates walked around our city, 16 others went on an adventure to the old Boggo Road Gaol (BRG), where FQPM member and conference volunteer, Kym Hyson and I, met BRG Manager and larger than life character, Jack Sim (also a FQPM Member) for an entertaining and educational two hour tour of their facility.

Boggo Road Gaol was a big hit with the visiting group of delegates (photo courtesy of Kevin Darch)

Both pre-conference events were very much enjoyed by all and we were most grateful to our hosts who gave their time and expertise to make the afternoon unforgettable.

The Welcome to Brisbane evening event was held at River Decks at the State Library of Queensland. The function overlooked the spectacular Brisbane River and vibrant city skyline. It was a lovely night and the perfect venue to 'kick-off' the Conference. The welcome was attended by 37 delegates, partners and friends. FQPM members Superintendent Mark Plath and Inspector Rob McCall joined the group, which added to making the evening enjoyable and memorable.

Fortitude Valley Police Station was the venue for our Mocktail event on the evening of Friday 23 November. Police Pipes and Drums piper, Ali Bremner, 'serenaded us' on arrival which was a wonderful touch to the function. We would also like to thank the OIC, Senior Sergeant Ian Park, for his assistance and generosity in helping organise our night at the station.

The Conference dinner took place at Libertine Restaurant in the former Petrie Terrace Police Depot. Again, Ali Bremner entertained 41 guests and piped the group into dinner, while our official volunteer photographer, Kevin Darch, snapped several portraits to commemorate the gathering. After we enjoyed a magnificent banquet, our tasty 125th birthday cake was cut by the QPM's Curator, who led us in a verse or two of "Happy Birthday" to the QPM.

The very tasty 125th birthday cake was cut by the QPM's Curator Lisa, ably assisted by Conference Coordinator Tiana (photo courtesy of Kevin Darch)

Our Sunday morning excursion took the group to the historic Victoria Barracks where we were served a delicious Devonshire tea by South East Qld Army Museum volunteers, prior to touring Police-relevant buildings and historic sites in the old complex. It was a most interesting experience kindly hosted by Captain Adele Catts and her award winning team of volunteers.

Conference attendees on tour of the old Petrie Terrace Police Barracks precinct (Photo courtesy of Kevin Darch)

Our final social event took place at level 2 of the QBank building in the Executive Meeting Room. We are sincerely grateful to the QBank executive, FQPM, and Bob Burns for all their assistance in locating an alternative venue to the one initially booked on level 12 and helping us to fund the event. Due to the area on level 12 being left in an unusable state by the previous group booking, QPM staff and volunteers were required to source an emergency replacement venue. Catastrophe was averted, the night was fantastic, and the conference was wrapped-up in perfect style. Thank you to all involved in the disaster management process.

The feedback from delegates is most ably summed up by David and Maree MacDonald of the Western Australia Police Museum:

> *THANK YOU*
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> *To Lisa and all the Queensland Police Museum staff, members, retired and serving officers that assisted in hosting and organising the 2018 IPMC conference.*
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> *Maree and I wish to thank you very much for the major effort that was without any doubt the best and most organised conference I have ever attended. It was great to see all the Australian States represented and the networking that took place from my point of view was something I will never forget. All I can say is JOB WELL DONE AND APPRECIATED.*
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> *As everyone did a special part of the conference it is difficult to thank them personally however I must add a special thanks to the coordinator Tiana Adair and Georgia Grier who assisted me with their knowledge and which I will use as part of my report to our Executive Committee.*
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> *I look forward to a long-lasting relationship for our Society with not only Queensland but all our Australian Police Museums and slowly but surely many international ones in the future. Our Society opens again in February and will without doubt send an official thank you.*

The great success of this unique and wonderful gathering could not have been possible without a great deal of help from our supporters. We would especially like to thank:

The Friends of the QPM for the enormous general assistance and financial support given throughout the planning and implementation of the conference. We are indeed a most fortunate institution to have such a wonderful and dedicated group of helpers aiding us.

We also wish to thank QBank for their kind assistance and generosity; our dedicated volunteers, especially Kevin Darch, Kym Hyson and Bob Burns who were absolutely invaluable; Kevin Darch for his time and expertise as our official volunteer photographer; the volunteers who opened the Q Shop; Ian Townsley, Rob McCall and Mark Plath; former Police

Commissioner Bob Atkinson for all his support throughout the 3 days; Boggo Road Gaol and Jack Sim; Rob and Janice Cochrane; Ian Park; Hotel Jen staff; David and staff at Promogear; the Queensland Police Pipes and Drums; Doug Peachey; Captain Adele Catts and her wonderful volunteers; all our venues and caterers; Corinne Brazier and Steve Rice from the West Midlands Police Heritage Project who have voiced interest in hosting the next IPMC in 2024; those who so kindly billeted our delegates (Bob and Raylee); the QPM staff; and everyone else who assisted to make this unique conference so special. The QPM can be proud of its efforts (and a tad relieved it went so smoothly). Many thanks to you all.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe festive season.

All the very best

Regards

Tiana
Coordinator, IPMC Conference 2019

H F (Harold) Bidner – Toowong Cemetery.

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

His grave at Toowong Cemetery was found to have the headstone removed (most probably a deliberate act.

T Wrafter & Sons were engaged to repair the headstone. It was replaced by inserting two new stainless steel pins and adhering the headstone to the concrete base. The grave is still in need of some cleaning and topping up with gravel.

The FQPM will, in the future, hold discussions with the Queensland Retired Police Association (QRPA) with a view to undertaking a level of maintenance to this and other Police graves. This will complete this project.

Constable Frank Bidner restored grave at Toowong Cemetery.

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.

FQPM Merchandising

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 the following new FQPM members:

Jarrod Sefton
Kenji Kano Tonthat
Gary Doherty

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.

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Management Committee Meetings 2019

The FQPM Management Committee meets every two months on a Wednesday, commencing with the first Wednesday in February of each year. The meeting place, unless advised differently is the Media Conference Room, ground floor, PHQ.

The meeting dates for this year (2019) are as follows:

Wednesday 6 February 2019 - 1000 hours
Wednesday 3 April 2019 - 1000 hours
Wednesday 5 June 2019 - 1000 hours
Wednesday 7 August 2019 -1000 hours
Wednesday 2 October 2019 - 0900 hours (AGM at 1000 hours)
Wednesday 4 December 2019 – 1000 hours

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