THE FRIENDS' GAZETTE

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Queensland Police Museum
1st Quarter 2020 Edition

FQPM President's Message

How much has our way of life changed since I last wrote a newsletter President's message. Insofar as the interests of the FQPM are concerned, I believe we are fortunate that we can continue with most of our activity and projects while the country remains in a state of lock down. Technology has been our best method in terms of communication and it has been an opportunity for me to refine some of the lesser known aspects of the mediums available.

The two major projects in train are the re-establishing of the Constable Arthur Lowe grave at Toowong and the fixing of the foundations of the Senior Constable George Doyle and Christian Dahlke memorial at Tamrookum. While the stonemasons are still able to work and complete our requirements any dedication plans will be put on hold until a later date.

The constitution of the FQPM has a provision for the appointment of a Police Commissioner's nominee and I am pleased to advise that Commissioner Carroll has approved for Senior Sergeant Mel Wilkins to continue in this role. Mel has been a wonderful support to the Management Committee for some years and I look forward to working with her into the future.

May I take the opportunity to thank all our members for their continued support and pray that we all stay safe and well during the pandemic period.

Bob Burns APM
President FQPM

Restoration of the grave of former Constable Arthur Lowe at Toowong Cemetery

Background

Arthur Lowe was born in July 1865 in Middlesex, England. He had previous service in the Royal Navy and the Merchant Service. He married Janet Roebig on 14 March 1890 in Queensland. They had three children.

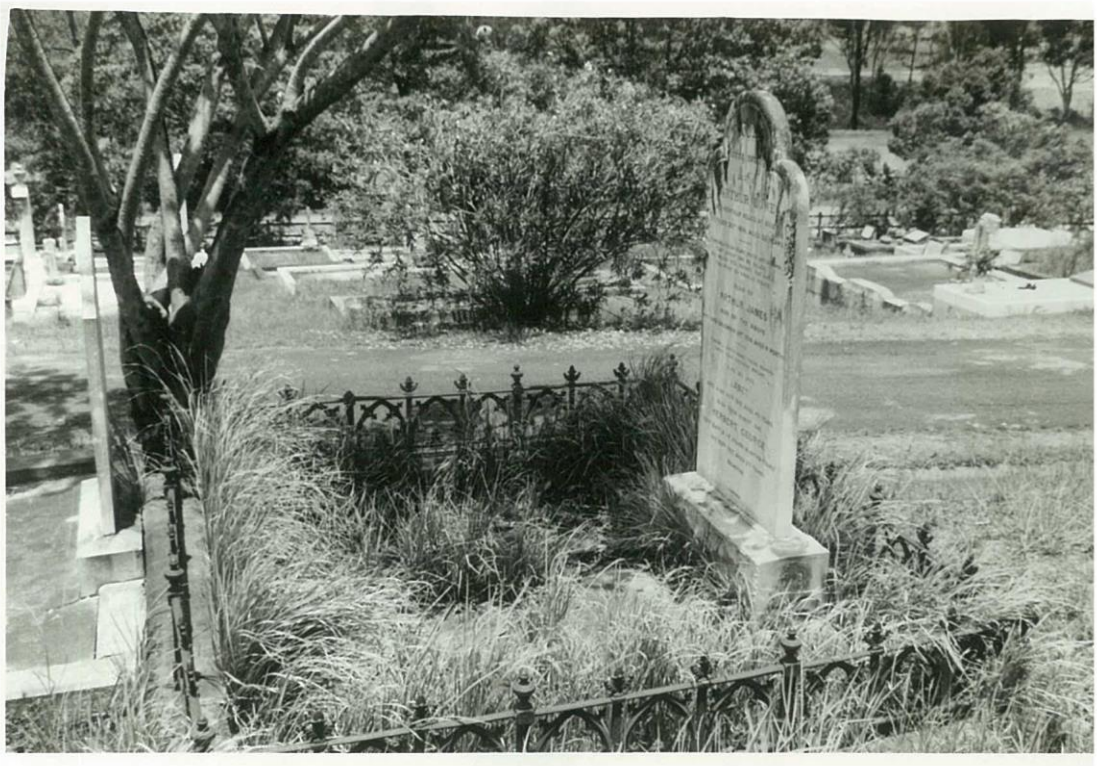
Lowe was sworn in on 1 September 1887 and allocated Registered Number 226. He was 23 years of age. He subsequently saw service at Windorah, Tambo, Brisbane, Gatton and Oxley.

Early one Monday night Constable Lowe was returning from a parade in the City, when, near a culvert about three quarters of a mile from home his horse shied and stumbled throwing him heavily to the ground. Local assistance was promptly rendered. Lowe was unconscious and subsequently moved to the police quarters.

Dr Charles Keibbell was called in and advised Lowe's removal to hospital. Soon after being admitted he died. He died on 19 October 1896 at the age of 31 years. His death resulted from a fracture of the skull and a concussion to the brain.

Arthur Lowe was buried at Toowong Cemetery on 21 October 1896.

His name and details appear on the Queensland Police Service Memorial in the Botanical Gardens as well as the National Police Memorial in Canberra, ACT.



The Arthur Lowe grave at Toowong Cemetery as it was originally positioned following his burial.

On 13 December 1974, Funeral Directors Cannon & Cripps received a letter from the Brisbane City Council advising of Council's policy to convert old monumental cemeteries in the Greater Brisbane Area into parkland by planting trees, shrubs and gardens. The letter made reference to the Arthur Lowe grave and described it as being in a dilapidated condition and

sought advice from any person claiming ownership or interest in restoration of the grave.

No replies were received and as a consequence the grave was demolished. Clearly the area was not converted into parkland.

The Arthur Lowe headstone recently located in its original position

The FQPM have undertaken a project to locate the burial places of those former officers whose names appear on the Honour Roll. During the course of this project the headstone to the Arthur Lowe grave was located lying askew on the ground and clearly in the vicinity of the registered plot and had been damaged by the weather.

The FQPM undertook to restore the grave and ensure that the headstone was secured in an upright position. T Wrafter & Sons were engaged to undertake the restoration.

The restored grave of Constable Arthur Lowe.

The restoration included the provision of a black granite base on a concrete foundation together with the repair of lead letters and the cleaning of the headstone. The account for this work was $2751.33.

Our sincere thanks go to the Brisbane City Council for waiving the administration costs associated with the refurbishment of the grave.

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Esprit de Corps

There's something that's found amongst soldiers, Sailors and Airmen too,
A bond and belief of Police and Firemen, or a Surf lifeboat crew.
It's there when you're facing danger, it's part of being a team,
It's something you earn when you finally learn, what trust and loyalty mean.

Those without pride cannot have it; it's something they always will lack,
It is known to millions of selfish civilians, whose motto is "I'm alright Jack".
It was foreign to government ministers, who had proud Regiments axed,
What are noble traditions to sharp politicians, who never even got in on the act.

It's the need to stand up and be counted, under fire; it's the strength that can calm,
When you swear to your Gods, that whatever the odds, you will stand with your comrades in arms.
It's a part of your Regiments Colours; it's the words on the cap badge you wear,
It's the homage you pay on Remembrance Day, to those who did more than their share.

It's knowing you're part of a family, to rely and to be relied upon,
It's that feeling of pride shared by soldiers at your side, when you know that you really belong,
In a sick world where decency's gone to the dogs, and loyalty counts no more,
It's something we've got that means such a lot; it's called Esprit de Corps.

Author Unknown

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Acknowledgment of the restoration work undertaken on the grave of Senior Constable Henry Fetherston at Maryborough Cemetery

The grave of Senior Constable Henry Fetherston was refurbished in 2017 by the FQPM with the able assistance of retired Queensland Police officers Noel Sparks and Milton Leitch.

Restored Senior Constable Fetherston grave at Maryborough Cemetery

Recently the FQPM were contacted by Noel Sparks who advised that the paint work on the wrought iron fence surrounding the Fetherston grave had faded markedly since the original paint job. It was decided that the iron work required repainting. Milton approached the Manager of Earle Paints, Maryborough to ascertain a more durable paint that could be used to repaint the iron work.

The Manager of Earle Paints expressed an interest in the project and as they had previously supplied the paint. They provided a quantity of high quality paint at no cost. Milton Leitch repainted the iron work bringing up to its original condition. This paint providing a longer life span.

The President and Management Committee of the FQPM extend sincere thanks to Earle Paints, Noel Sparks and Milton Leitch for their contribution to this project.

Damage to David Thompson Seymour Grave at Hither Green, Lewisham, England

Introduction

The grave of former Commissioner David Thompson Seymour was refurbished in 2013/14 by the FQPM and the Queensland Police Service. Since then, information has been received that the grave had sustained damage to the monument. In view of the time lapse since the restoration, it was considered appropriate that the circumstances behind this project be refreshed.

Background

Commissioner David Thompson Seymour took charge of the new Queensland Police, a force that consisted of 150 white officers and 137 Native Mounted Police to protect a population of 61,497 in 1864. He resisted a move to phase out the Native Mounted Police and in 1880 he showed faith in the native police when he sent a contingent to Victoria to assist with the capture of the Kelly Gang. Commissioner Seymour led the Queensland Police Force for over 31 years until his retirement in 1895.

Commissioner Seymour married twice during his term in office. In Brisbane in 1864 he married Caroline Brown with whom he had a son who died as an infant and six surviving daughters. When Caroline died in 1884 she was interred in the family grave at the Toowong Cemetery, Brisbane (this grave was also subject of an FQPM restoration project). Another three of the Seymour family members including two infant children are interred with Caroline. Following Caroline's death Commissioner Seymour married Sara Stevenson in Melbourne in 1888 and they had two sons, one of whom died at 8 years of age and is buried at Toowong.

The Seymour family moved between London and Brisbane following his retirement and it was in London that David Seymour died in 1916. He was buried in Hither Green Cemetery, Lewisham, South East London. His wife Sara was also buried there after her death in 1936. The inscription on the Hither Green headstone identifies David Seymour as the first Commissioner of the Queensland Police and he is also memorialised on the centre monument of this family grave at Toowong.

The decision to restore the grave

The chain of events began in early 2013 when, in honour of the Queensland Police Service 150th anniversary, the FQPM began a search for the final resting place of our first Commissioner of Police, David Thompson Seymour.

As part of an ongoing program of gravesite restorations, FQPM members wanted to locate the grave, restore the headstone if required and install a plaque acknowledging his place in the history of the Queensland Police, particularly on the occasion of its 150th year.

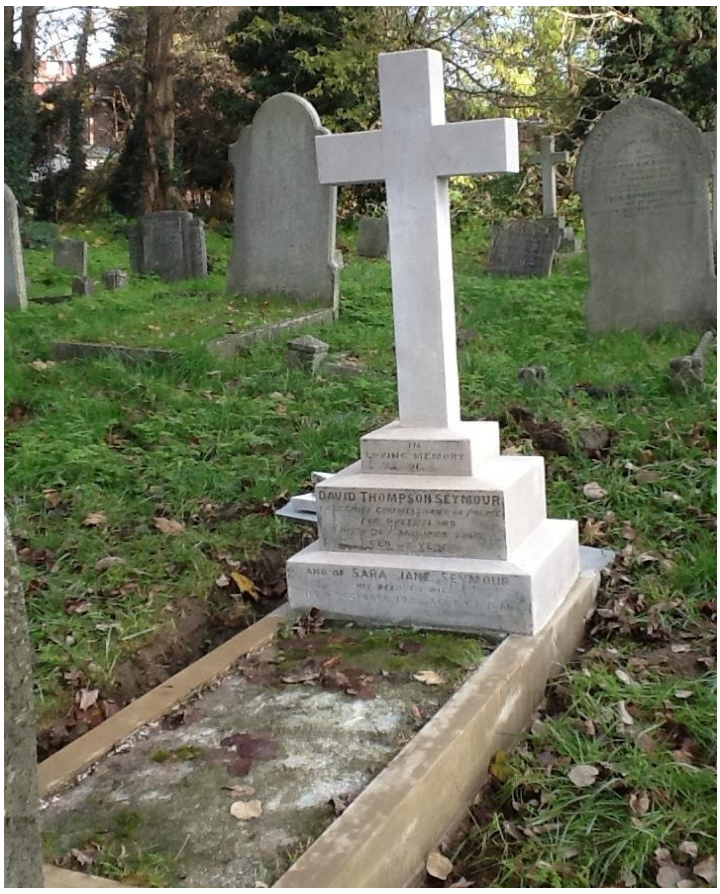
Despite being born in Ireland and serving in Australia, Mr Seymour passed away in England in 1916 and was believed to have been buried somewhere in London.

An intensive online search led the FQPM to their counterparts in London, the Friends of the Metropolitan Police Historical Collection, whose help they sought to locate the grave.

The UK history buffs set to work and found the grave in Hither Green Cemetery in Lewisham, South-West London. They cleared away the long grass and washed away enough of the moss to read the inscription and confirm that Mr Seymour was buried there along with his second wife Sara.

The Restoration

During 2014, the FQPM in cooperation with the Queensland Police Service finalised the arrangements for the monument restoration and construction of a plaque to be placed on the grave.



Seymour family grave in Hither Green Cemetery in Lewisham, London.

The FQPM had experienced some difficulties in securing an appropriate restorer located in the near vicinity of Hither Green who was prepared to undertake the job. The FQPM eventually engaged a monument restorer from Lewisham but unfortunately some time was taken in assessing the work required. It was necessary to engage the assistance of our colleagues from the Metropolitan Police Historical Collections Group through their Chair Sioban Clark, who made personal representations on our behalf to the restorer and in a short time we received correspondence outlining the estimates to clean the monument, repaint the inscriptions and to position a memorial granite plaque acknowledging D T Seymour as first Commissioner in the 150th year of policing in Queensland.

The restoration work and plaque inscription was completed by mid-January 2015 and the rededication ceremony held at the site on 30 January 2015. The Seymour descendants and guests were also invited to attend a small gathering hosted by the Agent General for Queensland at a local venue.

Advice of the Damage to the Monument

Information was received in November 2019 to the effect that the grave of David Thompson Seymour had sustained damage. The circumstances behind the damage could not be ascertained.

The damaged cross on the grave of David Thompson Seymour at Hither Green Cemetery, UK.

To date, an initial estimate has been sought, however there were elements in the quote that required some discussion. The restoration involves pinning the top of the cross to be plinth and will also include a

general clean-up of the surrounds and the grass growing on the surface of the grave. It is anticipated that the restoration will be completed by the end of July 2020.

Imperial Service Order and Imperial Service Medal Awarded to the Queensland Police

Introduction

This article was produced for and on behalf of the Friends of the Queensland Police Museum (FQPM) in accordance with the organisation's aims and objectives - *To publish or assist the publication of any work consistent with the objects of the FQPM*

It is our intent to provide a useful research reference, so as to quickly determine the medal entitlement of those former members of the Queensland Police who were awarded the Imperial Service Order (ISO) or the Imperial Service Medal between 1903 and 1956. A list of Queensland Police recipients is available upon request.

Since the inception of the Imperial Service Order, a number of Queensland Police civilian staff members were to receive these awards up to and beyond 1956 when the Imperial Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal was instituted for police officers. As staff member records are somewhat difficult to source, these recipients have not been recorded.

The Imperial Service Medal was awarded to retired members of the Queensland Police who met specific criteria and had served at least 25 years.

Imperial Service Order King George V

The **Imperial Service Order** was instituted by King Edward VII in August 1902 as a means of rewarding long and faithful service in the Administrative and Clerical grades of the Civil Service at home and overseas. Women were admitted to the order in 1908. The order was awarded after at least 25 years' service at home, 20 years and 6 months (India) and 16 years in the tropics, but in exceptional cases awards were made for "*eminently meritorious service*" irrespective of qualifying period.

The ribbon is 38mm wide with three equal sections of crimson, blue and crimson. The medal is silver gold overlay. Height 61mm and 55mm wide.

The badge consists of a circular gold plague

bearing the royal cypher and surrounded by the words FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE. This plaque is then superimposed on a seven-pointed silver star surmounted by a crown and ring for suspension. The badge of the ISO awarded to women is similar but has a laurel wreath instead of the star shaped base.
Many awards carry an entitlement for recipients to use indicative letters after their name. The recipients of this award can use the post-nominals ISO. Post-nominals may be used from the date on which the award is gazetted.

The Imperial Service Medal King George V.

The **Imperial Service Medal** was instituted at the same time in August 1902, as the Imperial Service Order, but intended for junior grades of the civil service.

The ribbon is the same as the ISO, 38mm wide with three equal sections of crimson, blue and crimson. The medal was originally similar to the ISO but with a silver plaque and bronze star or wreath.

In 1920 (King George V), the Imperial Service Medal was transformed into a circular medal (32mm) of silver with the sovereign's effigy on the obverse and the reverse depicting a naked man resting from his labours, with FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE in the exergue.

Imperial Service Medal (type 2 from 1920).

Many Australians received awards of this type. The Imperial Service Order was awarded to 425 Australians and the Imperial Service Medal to 7356. The last award to an Australian was in 1989.

Queensland Police Medal Presentations 1904

The Governor Lieutenant General Sir Herbert Chermside, GCMG, CB.

The inaugural medal presentation ceremony for the Imperial Service Order medals for the Queensland Police took place on the afternoon of 13 April 1904 at the Roma Street Police Barracks. The Governor, Lieutenant General Sir Herbert Chermside, GCMG, CB presented the awards.

The Governor was accompanied by the Premier, the Honourable Arthur Morgan, the Commissioner of Police Mr. William Edward Parry-Okeden. There were also present several senior Queensland Police commissioned officers including Chief Inspector Alexander Douglas, Inspectors Frederic Urquhart and John White, Sub Inspectors Charles Savage, James Geraghty, Hugh Malone, Michael Masterson and Henry Ross, Mr H M Challinor (Chief Clerk to the Police Department) and about eighty sub-officers and constables.

The recipients, former police officers, Inspector Patrick Brannelly, Sergeant Francis Maguire, Acting Sergeant John Geary and Constable Timothy Sweeney were lined up in front of a table draped with the Union Jack.

William Edward Parry-Okeden Commissioner Queensland Police 1895 – 1905.

The Governor, in making the presentations said that he was there in the performance of a very agreeable and very pleasurable duty; and was glad to find himself supported by The Honourable the Premier of Queensland. The Order that was recently instituted of the Imperial Service was, as they probable knew, of two branches. The first decoration he had had the pleasure of transmitting on behalf of His Majesty was to the Commissioner of Police, Mr William Edward Parry-Okeden. This was an Order which rewarded services of the same nature throughout the wide Empire of those who were employed in the permanent civil service of the Empire, under the free institutions under which we lived. It was a great thing that a man could serve in the West Indies, in Queensland, in Australia, in Canada, or in the old country, and when the

time came for his retirement from the service of that great wide spreading organisation, he could feel that he would receive the same recognition through the same class of channel, as those who administered the public service throughout the Empire.

The Governor presented the medals and warrants to the recipients. Former Inspector Brannelly, in a few suitably selected words, thanked the Governor for having made the presentations, and expressed on behalf of himself and the others who had received the decoration, their gratitude to his Majesty for the honour that had been conferred upon them.

Accompanying the medal was a warrant signed by Charles Deffell, Secretary of the Imperial Service Order:

Whitehall, SW.
15th January 1904
I am commanded by the King to transmit to you herewith an Imperial Service Medal, in recognition of your meritorious services in the State of Queensland; and I am to request that you will acknowledge the receipt of the decoration.

In addition to the award of the ISO to Commissioner Parry-Okeden, Mr Thomas Mulhall King, Queensland Auditor General and Mr Albert Victor Drury, the Clerk of the Queensland Executive Council were recipients.

Future Grave Restoration Projects

Arthur Crust grave at Toowong Cemetery

The FQPM Management Committee have readily identified a number of graves of former officers whose names appear on the Honour Roll and are in need of some to significant restoration work. The grave of Arthur Crust requires a detailed clean-up and the replacement of the headstone or plaque.

Doyle/Dalke Memorial

The memorial that was erected at Tamrookum over the graves of Constable George Doyle and Albert Dalke who were killed by the Kenniff brothers on 1902 was recently inspected and it was found that the monument base had subsided and requires reinforcing. The FQPM has sought an estimate to repair the damage. It is expected that this will be received shortly.

Both these graves will require significant restoration and/or construction work to bring them to an acceptable standard.

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). This publication is mentioned in the entry for F C Urquhart in the Australian Dictionary of Biography.

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

For Information:

The Curator, QPM has advised that Frederick Urquhart's 'Camp Canzonettes' is now available via the State Library Queensland website (File Size = 51.4MB)

http://onesearch.slq.qld.gov.au/primo-explore/fulldisplay?docid=slq_alma21235181990002061&context=L&vid=SLQ&search_scope=SLQ&tab=slq&lang=en_US

FQPM Merchandising

FQPM Challenge Coin

The FQPM has produced a standard 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 $15.00 each. As usual, all proceeds will go towards the purchase of collectable items for the Queensland Police Museum.

The obverse of FQPM Challenge Coins and reverse of the standard coin

FQPM 'Women in Policing' Challenge Coin

Additionally, the FQPM have developed a challenge coin commemorating 'Women in Policing' in the Queensland Police. The dimensions are the same as the standard challenge coin. The obverse image is that of the FQPM badge and the reverse is a female officer working a traffic point.

The price is $15.00 and can be obtained under the same arrangements as the other FQPM merchandise.

Reverse of Women in Policing Challenge Coin

See below for ordering details for all FQPM products.

Note:

A member discount on challenge coins applies for members of the FQPM. Contact the FQPM Secretary or Melissa Kirkpatrick for details.

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.

$7 each

All proceeds from the sale of these items will assist the FQPM to preserve the Queensland Police history for future generations.

FQPM merchandise and a range of other Queensland Police Service memorabilia can be purchased directly from QSHOP which is conveniently

located next to the Queensland Police Museum on the ground floor of QPS Headquarters, 200 Roma Street, Brisbane.

QSHOP is open to the public each Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am – 2 pm.

QSHOP can be contacted at hello@qphra.com

Or alternatively

Orders for all FQPM merchandise can also be placed by contacting Melissa Kirkpatrick. Orders can be posted or picked up from Queensland Police Headquarters, 200 Roma Street, Brisbane 4000. Ph. +61 7 3364 3042. Email: Kirkpatrick.MelissaA@police.qld.gov.au

Any queries regarding FQPM merchandise can be made to secretary@friendsqpmuseum.com.au

FQPM Members – when purchasing FQPM merchandising, please ask for your "Member's discount"!

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 Member

The President and Management Committee extend a welcome to our newest FQPM member:

185 Alison Beitzel Gracemere.

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 by the FQPM Website Administrator.

It's important that we ensure that our website is up to date and accurate.

www.friendsqpmuseum.com.au

FQPM Management Committee Meetings - 2020

The FQPM Management Committee meet 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 with the AGM held in the Seminar Room of the Queensland Police Museum.

The FQPM meeting dates for next year (2020) are as follows:

Wednesday 1000 hours 3 June 2020
Wednesday 1000 hours 5 August 2020
Wednesday 0900 hours 7 October 2020
Wednesday 1000 hours 7 October 2020 (AGM)
Wednesday 1000 hours 2 December 2020.

Due to the present global health crisis FQPM Management Committee meetings have been suspended until a date to be determined.

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