THE FRIENDS' GAZETTE

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

It is my hope that all members are well and are coping with the extraordinary life we are living at the moment. While the management committee were able to meet last month, it is clear that we are limited in what activity we can engage in. The FQPM will proceed with the restoration of the Robert Alexander grave in the Maryborough General Cemetery. The descendants of Alexander have agreed to the work proposed and we have engaged some retired members to supervise the work. A number of older graves in Rockhampton, Ayr and further north in the Cairns area will now be a focus for the FQPM in the next twelve months.

I had previously advised that the grave of the first Queensland Police Commissioner, David Seymour had suffered some damage in the London cemetery at Hither Green. This grave was originally restored in time for the celebration of the QPS 150 year celebration in 2014, however it has been the target of some recent damage. That project was sponsored by the then Commissioner Ian Stewart however any subsequent repair work will be funded by the FQPM.

We are fast approaching our Annual General Meeting to be held at the Police Museum seminar room on Wednesday 7 October and our Secretary Ian Townsley will be forwarding details to you all shortly. I would encourage you to consider attending the AGM and should you wish to be involved, then an opportunity to join the Management Committee exits.

I thank you again for your interest in the work of the FQPM.

Bob Burns APM
President FQPM

Installation of a Plaque on the grave of former Constable Arthur Lowe at Toowong Cemetery

The restoration of the grave of former Constable Arthur Lowe was recently completed. The FQPM have since agreed on the format for a uniform plaque to be attached to police graves where no information exists concerning the officer's service and where appropriate, the circumstances of death.

A plaque dedicated to Arthur Lowe has now been affixed to the grave headstone support.

Standardised plaque format to be affixed to police graves in the future.

Biographical Background – Constable Arthur Lowe

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.

Note:

The nature and content of the information documented on the plaques will be dependent on the biographical details, cause of death, together with recognition of any other organisations who may have contributed significantly to the project.

Future Grave Restoration Projects

Arthur Crust grave at Toowong Cemetery

The FQPM Management Committee has readily identified a number of graves of former officers whose names appear on the Honour Roll and are in need of some minor to significant restoration work. The grave of Arthur Crust at the Toowong Cemetery requires a deal of restoration.

The grave was recently inspected by FQPM members and it was noted that the headstone and plinth were missing. The centre of the grave was a mixture of uneven soil and leaves and would necessitate some back-filling and a concrete cover.

The concrete surrounds appear to be intact and in reasonably good condition. A coat of industrial strength white paint would finish off the project.

This project will be undertaken in the next few months.

Background Information

Constable Arthur Crust was stationed at the Traffic Branch Brisbane when he was killed when his motor cycle collided with a car at Mayne Junction in Brisbane on the 26 November 1930. Constable Roy Beahan who was travelling in the sidecar, was uninjured.

Robert Stewart Robertson Alexander

Some early progress has been achieved in recent times with respect to the restoration of the grave of Constable Robert Stewart Robertson Alexander in the Maryborough Cemetery.

To date, we have made contact with the next of kin of the deceased who have agreed with the restoration project proposal as put forward by the FQPM.

The Officer in Charge of the Maryborough Police Station has also been contacted with a view to the District and Station being involved in the restoration process and outcomes.

The deteriorating state of the grave of Robert Stewart Robertson Alexander located in the Maryborough Cemetery was pointed out to FQPM members Bob Burns, Ian Townsley and Kevin Darch in August 2017 whilst they were attending the dedication ceremony for the refurbished grave of Constable Henry James Fetherston. It was noted at that time, that the grave only appeared to be in need of a superficial clean-up.

The FQPM Management Committee subsequently contacted two retired Queensland Police members who reside in the Maryborough District. Noel Sparks and Milton Leitch were instrumental in the restoration of the Henry Fetherston grave. Both indicated that they would be interested in assisting in the restoration process of the Alexander grave.

The retired members were requested to obtain an indicative assessment and quote to restore the grave. Noel Sparks engaged Mr Warren Harland of Wide Bay Memorials - Monumental Masons (this firm undertook the work on the Fetherston grave).

Warren Harland carried out a detailed inspection of the grave and provided the following report:

He found the concrete floor, walls and surrounds of the grave to be in very poor repair. They have been made without reinforcement rods and are already cracked through in some places. He also found that the headstone and its base in good repair despite the present lean.

In his professional opinion the walls and surround and floor of the grave are beyond salvage and repair as any attempt to work with the concrete will result in its further fracture and crumbling.

He believes for the most cost effective repair and the longest lasting solution would be to remove and dump the concrete floor, walls and surrounds, realign the headstone and its base, then concrete a 1500 x 1500 border around the headstone to keep it in place.

The grave could then be back filled and lawn planted over the grave to ensure easier maintenance into the future.

His initial proposal would result in a cost of $1500 to $2000.

Mr Harland appeared enthusiastic to undertake the project and is prepared to supply a quote detailing his works and a final costing should the FQPM Committee wish to consider his proposal in more detail.

Milton Leitch and Noel Sparks have indicated that they would be pleased to undertake any lesser tasks which may reduce the overall costs, such as the planting of lawn etc.

The project has been discussed by the Management Committee and it was unanimously agreed to proceed with the project subject to detailed discussions with the Alexander NOK.

Early Brisbane Policing

The recently released University of Queensland Press publication *To Preserve and Protect* by Dr Anastasia Dukova throws some considerable light on the early policing of Brisbane town before separation from New South Wales and immediately after the founding of the Queensland Police Force. The era is defined as colonial times and ends at the Federation of the Australian States in 1901.

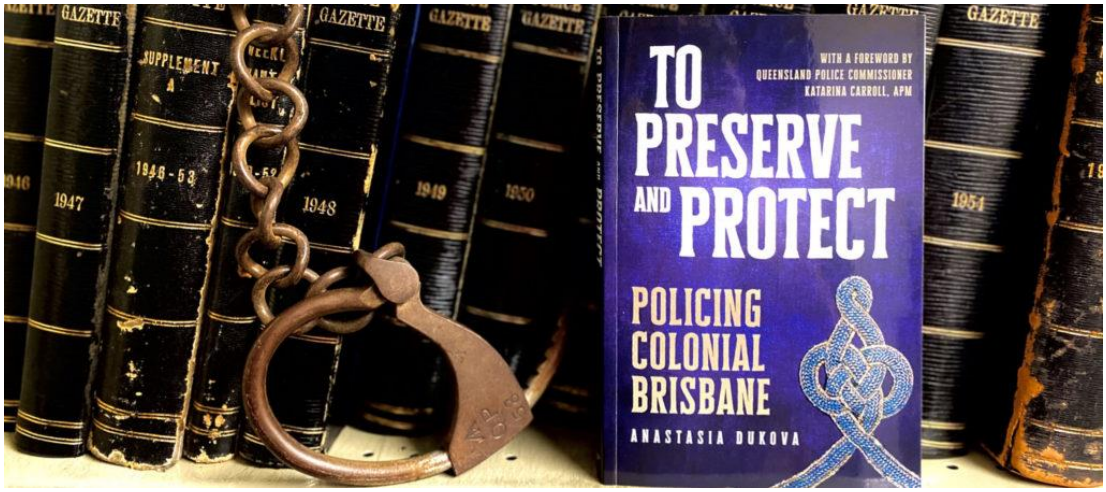
Anastasia is based at the Queensland Police Museum and has been able to tell the stories of policing in the colonial period through the lives of police officers from the first chief constable through to the town constables, an early detective officer and a police prosecutor. Additionally, the stories of male and female offenders are woven through this period when the structures of the criminal justice system were evolving in the colony and later in the State of Queensland.

To quote Commissioner Katarina Carroll in her foreword: "The pages of *To Preserve and Protect* provide a rare opportunity to showcase the progress of our organisation and the transition from convict police to the professional, centrally organised institution".

Anastasia is currently working on her next book based on the stories of Queensland Police Officers who served with the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) during WW1. This project is funded under the State Library's Q ANZAC 100: Memories for a New Generation Fellowship.

The FQPM has also assisted her in this project with a small grant to enable the work to begin.

To Preserve and Protect is a good read and recommended for those with a keen interest in policing in Queensland. The book is available from the QShop at Police Headquarters, Roma Street, Brisbane and book shops at the rrp $33.00.



King's Jubilee Medal 1935

The King George V Silver Jubilee Medal was a commemorative medal made to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the coronation of King George V. For Coronation and Jubilee medals, the practice up until 1977 was that United Kingdom authorities decided on a total number to be produced, then allocated a proportion to each of the Commonwealth countries and Crown dependencies and possessions. The award of the medals was then at the discretion of the local government authority, who were free to decide who got a medal and why. In general, this medal was awarded to the Royal Family, officers of state, officials and servants of the royal household, ministers, government officials, mayors, public servants, local government officials, members of the navy, army, air force and police in Britain, her Colonies and Dominions.

A total of 85,235 medals were issued, including:

Australia	6500
Canada	7500
New Zealand	1500

The distribution of the King's Jubilee Medals in Queensland varied significantly from the policy applied in Canberra. The Queensland selection was not restricted to public servants and the official list which was issued on Tuesday the 21 May 1935 and contained the names of a representative number of citizens in various parts of the State.

In drawing up the list, it was sought to include holders of chief public positions, heads of churches, leaders of industry and workers for charity, education and culture, presidents of welfare movements and national societies and representatives of many other activities.

King's Jubilee Medal 1935

The King's Jubilee Medal 1935 is described as a circular, silver medal, 1.25" (32mm) in diameter. The obverse features the conjoined effigies of King George V and Queen Mary, crowned and robed, facing left. The legend around the top edge reads GEORGE V AND QUEEN MARY MAY VI MCMXXXV.

The reverse displays the Royal Cypher GRI surmounted by an Imperial Crown and on the left is the date MAY 6 / 1910 in two lines and on the right the date: MAY 6 / 1935. The border is ornate.

The purple ribbon is 1.25 inches (32mm) wide, with three narrow stripes (dark blue, white, and dark blue) at each edge. The three narrow stripes are 0.25" (6.35mm) wide in total.

Some twenty-four (24) senior members of the Queensland Police were awarded the medal: Their names are available.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR!

The FQPM is 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 has 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 your 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 offers 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 Life Members:

145	Peter Keegan	Roma
165	Kym Hyson	Stafford
178	Gary Hiles	Cannonvale
180	Paul Clarke	Camp Hill

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 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 with the AGM held in the Seminar Room of the Queensland Police Museum.

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

Wednesday 0900 hours 7 October 2020
Wednesday 1000 hours 7 October 2020 (AGM)
Wednesday 1000 hours 2 December 2020.

Vacancies on the Management Committee of the Friends of the Queensland Police Museum Inc. (FQPM).

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Friends of the Queensland Police Museum Inc. is to be held on Wednesday 7 October 2020 at 10.00 am in the Seminar Room of the Queensland Police Museum.

All the Executive and Committee positions will be vacated and nominations called. The following positions are available:

President
Vice President

Treasurer
Secretary
Committee Members (5)

If you feel that you could contribute in achieving the aims and objects of the FQPM, please consider nominating for a position on the Management Committee.

The FQPM AGM information and nomination forms will be distributed in early September 2020.

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