THE FRIENDS' GAZETTE

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

President's Message 1/2021

A new year and a renewed effort to continue some of the work that was not able to be completed over the last twelve months. The ongoing effort to locate all the historical graves of officers who died on duty has advanced a little with the location of Constable Nathaniel Roberts in the Windorah area.

Plans are being made to mark the location and site a memorial plaque in Windorah near an existing memorial to another officer.

Advice has been received via our web site that the earlier restoration project of the grave of Senior Constable William Considine at Arrilalah has been damaged probably by a weather event. The headstone and column had toppled over and we have called on our friends at Longreach History Group to assist with the repair.

Delighted to report the release of our Forensic Crash Unit/Traffic Accident Investigation Squad challenge coin recognising fifty years of operation in the QPS has sold very well and plans for our next coin release have commenced.

The FQPM web site was recently out of action due to an oversight caused by a change in the ownership of the Domain Name Management Service. The web site has been restored and I regret any inconvenience caused to our members.

Thanks to all our members for your continued support.

Bob Burns APM President FQPM

FQPM - Current Projects

The FQPM are presently undertaking a range of projects, in particular restoration of graves of officers killed on duty and whose names appear on the Commonwealth and State Memorials. These projects include:

- Repairs to the damaged grave of Senior Constable William Considine at Arrilalah;
- Restoration of the grave of James William Harris at the South Rockhampton Cemetery;
- Restoration of the grave of Constable Robert Stewart Robertson Alexander at the Maryborough Cemetery;

- Restoration of the grave of Constable Arthur Crust at the Toowong Cemetery;
- The installation of a memorial plaque for Constable Douglas Nicol on the 000 Wall in the Drayton Cemetery Toowoomba; and
- Launch of the Forensic Crash Unit challenge coin in commemoration of 50 years of operation.

Repairs to Considine Grave at Arrilalah

The FQPM recently received information from a local Arrilalah resident to the effect that the monument on the grave of Constable William Considine had fallen over and the cross broken.

Arrilalah grave of Constable William Considine

The grave of Senior Constable Considine was originally restored by the FQPM in 2011. It seems that the damage has occurred as a consequence of a weather event.

Currently, the FQPM have made contact with the Longreach Historical Group who has agreed to obtain a quote and arrange the repair of the monument. We have also asked for a report on the status of the ironwork A general clean-up will also be arranged.

Installation of Memorial Plaque for Constable Douglas Nicol 000 Wall at Drayton Cemetery, Toowoomba

The FQPM is aware of an initiative by the Toowoomba Regional Council to allocate a section of a brick wall in the cemetery, available to Darling

Downs Emergency Services groups to honour their personnel who served the district and who have since died. The site is known as the 000 Wall and the Darling Downs Branch of the Queensland Retired Police Association (QRPA) together with the Queensland Ambulance Service and Queensland Fire and Rescue Service have responded to the offer. The small cast plaques allow for the families of deceased Police Officers to honour the service of their family member and provide some recognition in a public forum.

The QRPA has by far the largest number of memorial plaques attached to the wall and includes some historic names (Constable Daniel Copley - 1864) and recent deaths of a tragic nature. (Senior Constable Brett Forte - 2017).

The FQPM President Bob Burns has made contacted with the QRPA with a view to arranging the placement of a suitable plaque commemorating the service of Senior Constable Douglas Nicol, who is buried at Drayton Cemetery, however did not serve in the Toowoomba District.

We are still awaiting a reply.

The 000 Wall at the Drayton Cemetery, Toowoomba.

Launch of Forensic Crash Unit Challenge Coin

Bob Burns (President FQPM), Acting Senior Sergeant Patricia Brennan (Acting OIC of the Brisbane FCU), Rob Cochrane (FQPM Committee), Senior Sergeant Nicole Fox APM (Acting State Coordinator of the FCUs) (She is normally the OIC of the Brisbane FCU), Wayne Coyne (Treasurer FQPM).

During 2020, the Management Committee of the Friends of the Queensland Police Museum (FQPM) decided to have another limited-edition challenge coin struck. After consideration, it was decided to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the commencement of the Traffic Accident Appreciation Squad (TAAS), now known as the Forensic Crash Unit (FCU). Please refer to FQPM merchandising section of this newsletter to obtain information on how to purchase one of these limited challenge coins.

On 1 June 1970, a new section of the Queensland Police Force called the Traffic Accident Appreciation Squad (TAAS) commenced operation. The initial squad of twenty-one officers was made up of both plain clothes detectives and uniformed officers. Their brief was to investigate, in the Brisbane Metropolitan area, all serious injury and fatal road incidents and road incidents where there was evidence of criminal negligence. Detective Sergeant First Class Neil Harvey was seconded from the Nundah Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB) to lead the newly formed unit and to ensure experienced Detectives passed on their investigative skills to uniformed officers. In the late 1970s, the Detectives returned to the CIB and the unit became the Traffic Accident Investigation Squad (TAIS), staffed entirely by uniformed officers, as it is today.

A summary of the history of the FCU can be found in the Friends' Gazette for the 4th Quarter 2020.

Management Committee members Ian Townsley (TAAS & TAIS) and Rob Cochrane (TAIS, AIS, FCU) are former members of the Squad.

James Harris Grave at South Rockhampton Cemetery

Constable James William Harris died from injuries suffered when he and his horse fell off the Scrubby Creek Bridge on his way back from Kabra to Rockhampton. He died on 14 August 1915.

James Harris was buried in the South Rockhampton Cemetery.

Grave of Constable James William Harris in the South Rockhampton Cemetery.

As can be seen from the above photograph, the grave is in some need of attention.

The FQPM has been in contact with the Queensland Retired Police Association (QRPA) Rockhampton to engage their assistance in the administration of the restoration process.

Dennis Smith of the QRPA has agreed to be the liaison for the project and has arranged an assessment of the work required to restore the grave to its former state.

A report by a local Mason provided information concerning the scope of work, limitations of what can be done and cost.

A restoration will be undertaken in compliance with the overview of the Rockhampton Council and the Department of Environment, Resouces and Minerals who are responsible for the heritage listing of cemeteries in Rockhampton.

The following is an extract of the report:

In the case of the site in question the minimum I would consider:-

1. *All debris removed*
2. *Lichen, mould etc. killed then removed by gentle non-abrasive cleaning.*
3. *The marble plaque cleaned but no repairs or replacement of lead lettering.*
4. *The sand-stone surrounds lifted aside, bases cleaned and the surrounds re-laid in alignment. The cost for these procedures $1,350.00 no GST required.*

Further work could include:-

1. *Replacing 2 lengths of the sand-stone surrounds. There are 6 pieces in all but 2 in particular have deteriorated seriously. At present I can only estimate the cost at $800.00 (no GST required)*

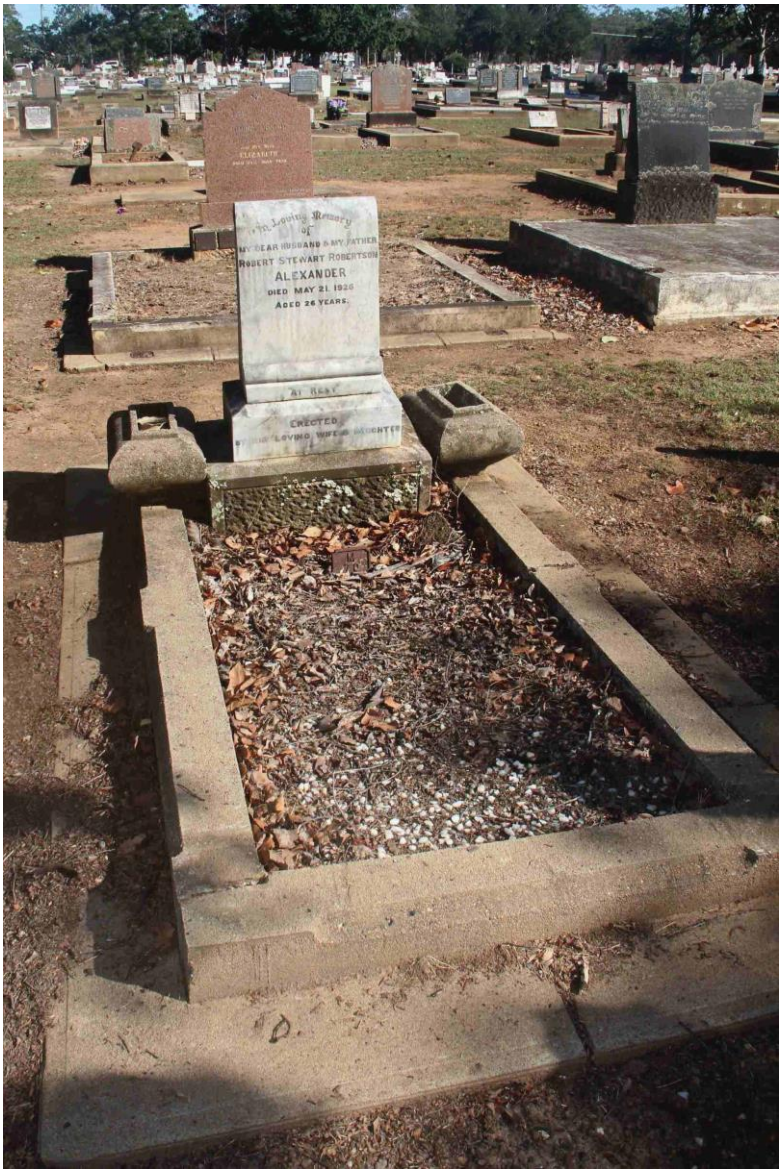
   As the marble deteriorates further, the inscription will become less legible. It is usually allowed to place a small bronze plaque that bears the same text as the marble and also the name of the doner. This can be placed on the floor of the grave-site. It would sit on either a concrete or sand-stone base.

   Cost would be approximately $500.00 (no GST required) depending on the size of the plaque.

The FQPM will be making a decision concerning the level of restoration to be undertaken, at the next meeting.

Restoration of the Grave of Constable Robert Stewart Robertson Alexander at Maryborough Cemetery

A preliminary assessment has been obtained from Wide Bay Memorials concerning the work required to restore the grave of Constable Robert Stewart Robertson Alexander



Grave of Constable Robert Stewart Robertson Alexander at Maryborough Cemetery.

Robert Stewart Robertson Alexander was born in Scotland and joined the Queensland Police on 1 February 1923 and allocated Registered Number 2622. At the time of his death, he was 26 years of age, married and had one infant daughter.

Whilst mustering horses in the course of his duties at Eidsvold Station, Constable Alexander was thrown from his horse and sustained internal and spinal injuries. This occurred on 10 April 1926. The Constable never recovered.

He passed away in the Maryborough General Hospital on 21 May 1926. He was 26 years of age and left a widow and one infant daughter. He was the fourth son of Mr Robert Alexander, of Toogoolawah and had been previously stationed at Maryborough and South Brisbane Stations.

The funeral took place from St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church.

The project is currently being coordinated by FQPM Committee Member Kevin Darch in liaison with retired QPS members Noel Sparks and Milton Leitch of Maryborough.

At this stage, we have a recommendation from Wide Bay Memorials to remove the degraded grave surrounds and rebuild the monument on a new sand stone plinth and turf the front portion of the grave. Further inquiries need to be undertaken with the Maryborough Council to ascertain the heritage requirements of Maryborough Cemetery graves, as well as obtaining additional quotes to obtain the most competitive price.

Restoration of the Grave of Constable Arthur John Lacey Crust – Toowong Cemetery

Constable Arthur John Lacey Crust was 30 years of age when he was killed in a motor cycle incident at Mayne in Brisbane on 26 November 1930.

The FQPM have obtained an assessment and quote to restore the grave of Constable Arthur Crust.

The quote identifies the following upgrades:

Pour a new concrete floor;
Stamp the concrete floor;
Repoint bricks;
Core hole to front wall to release water;
Prepare and install a granite desk (610 X 400 X 110).

The following inscription in raised lettering will be fitted to the granite desk:

CRUST
Arthur John Lacey
21 April 1900 - 26 November 1930
Also his son
Thomas Arthur CRUST
Who died 29 June 1935 Aged 6 years

Constable Arthur Crust grave at Toowong Cemetery

With the assistance of Senior Sergeant Mel Wilkins the Crust Next of Kin (NOK) were located and will be contacted with the specific details of the scope to work suggested and request their approval.

Constable Nathaniel Roberts
Windorah Police Station

Rank: **Constable**
Station: **Windorah Police Station, Area: A127**
Date of Passing: **5 January 1884**

Reg. No. 454, sworn in 1 December 1882. He had been in the service of Queensland Police for only thirteen months when he lost his life in far western Queensland due to a lack of water.

The Western Champion (Blackall/Barcaldine, Qld: Friday, 27 January 1884, Page 2.

Constable Roberts, of Windorah, who, upon his intent to return to that place from attending the District Court at Blackall, perished off the track between Connemara (Ed. Station) and Warbreccan (Ed. Station). The road at this place is very badly defined, and there is a waterless stage of forty miles. The Constable's boots were found near the track and it is conjectured that he missed the road and lost his horses. His body has not yet been found.

(Editor: News travelled slowly in those days and can be confusing. Constable Robert's body was located on 6 January 1884. He had not yet attended court. He was on his way from Windorah to Connemara Station, 180 km away, to locate a local, Billy, with the intention of escorting him to Blackall to give evidence against James Papworth on a charge of murdering "Connemara" boy, Dickie.)

Queensland Times, Ipswich Advertiser, Saturday, 26 January 1884, Page 2.

It is reported that Constable Roberts perished for want of water between Stonehenge (Ed. town) and Connemarra (Ed. Station).

(Ed. In a sense that is true as the crow flies, but Roberts did not travel to Stonehenge. He travelled north from Jundah to Corrikie Waterhole, today that is on Connemara Road, just a short distance west off the Jundah-Winton Road)

Morning Bulletin, Rockhampton, from our Jundah correspondent.

JUNDAH. Friday 18 January 1884.

The body of Constable Roberts was found by Samuel Stephens, (Ed. Probably Sep Stephen, part owner of "Connemara" Station.) and a black tracker from Connemara Station, within six miles from where he got lost. The deepest pity is felt on account of his dreadful end.

Morning Bulletin, Rockhampton, Tue 5 February 1884, Page 3
(From Western Mail News)

"Our Jundah correspondent, writing under date January 17, says: "It has frequently been my melancholy duty to have to report deaths through being lost in the bush; but never have 1 had to record one surrounded with such distressing circumstances. Constable Roberts, of Windorah, called here (Ed. At Jundah) on the 4th instant, being bound for Connemara on duty. On the 5th, it appears he reached Corrakie Waterhole, a distance of fifteen miles from the abovenamed (Ed. From Connemara Station). There he camped for the night with Mr. Sam Stephens, (Ed. "Connemara" was then owned by Vincent James Dowling, Dr. James Cox and Septimus Stephen, so probably refers to part owner, Sep Stephen) who was on his way in to Jundah. Early on the following morning (Saturday) Roberts went after his horses, which were within sight. Not returning within reasonable time, Stephens and Webster (another traveller) went in search for him. They found his tracks going in the direction of Jundah. After coming in this direction fifteen miles he turned back. The men were then completely exhausted from the terrible hot winds and heat which raged.

Stephens next day reported the matter to the manager of Connemara, (Ed. Mr Colman) who at once sent a black tracker in search (Ed. He was accompanied by Stephens). As was expected, they found the dead body within six miles of where he had left so recently in his full health and strength. The poor fellow's end was a dreadful one. He was a strapping young man about twenty-three; has been out here (Ed. Windorah) nine months, and about twelve months in the country (Ed. From Ireland). He was universally respected and I believe made a useful Policeman for town or escort duty; but it is nothing short of suicide for men of such limited bush experience to venture or be sent on duty outside of a town unless their job is on a main road with a six-wire fence on each side.

This discloses a case of utter helplessness, and, as far as bushmanship is concerned, which, it may be hoped, the authorities will bear in mind when sending an inexperienced Constable to the far west. Mr. Colman, J.P., of Connemarra, ordered the body to be buried and sent his men out for that purpose. Constable Lynn, of Innamincka, South Australia (SA), was present at this last sad duty."

(Ed. Who was Constable LYNN? How did he come into this scenario. I don't know?)

The Narracoorte Herald (SA) Friday 29 March 1935, Page 4, OBITUARY.

Mr Daniel James Lynn, an old and respected resident of Penola, who died in the Narracoorte Hospital on 27 February, was born at Kensington, London, on 4 January 1850. He was educated at Gravesend. After leaving school, he served a term of apprenticeship with his father at cabinet-making and later served two years with the London Warehouse Company in the double capacity of locker-up and salesman. Mr Lynn came to Australia in the sailing ship *Hesperus. T*he voyage taking three months landing in Adelaide in January 1878, where he entered the employment of Messrs D and W. Murray. In November 1879, Lynn entered the South Australian Police Force. During his thirty two years' service in the Police, Mr. Lynn travelled the length and breadth of the State and could relate numerous interesting incidents and stories of his experiences. He was stationed at a number of towns in different parts of the State, from Innamincka in the north to Millicent in the south.

Darling Downs Gazette, Sat 3 May 1884, Page 2.

HARDSHIPS OF CONSTABLES. — *Few people, says the Rockhampton Bulletin, can form any idea of the hardships Constables in the country districts have to endure in carrying out their duties, and in endeavouring to bring to justice offenders against the law of the land. This recital of a narrative illustrating the point. These should be read with profit and interest. The particulars are drawn from the evidence given in connection with the case of James Papworth for manslaughter and from information furnished by a gentleman resident at Isisford and now on a visit to Rockhampton.*

*It was only on the 10 November (*Ed. 1883*) that Senior Constable Byrne* of Isisford *received information on the death of the black boy, Dickie, at Connemara Station, (*Ed. committed*) on the 26 October and the same day (Ed.10 November) he set out on horseback alone for Tally Ho* Station*, two hundred miles distant* from Isisford. *He reached it in safety on the l7 November, despite the long dry stages.*

*There he found Papworth in his hut and having arrested him for the murder of the boy, spent the remainder of the day in getting his horses. Next morning, accompanied by his charge, he set out for Connemara, (*Ed. About 50 miles to the south*) and got there at sundown. There he camped for the night and on Sunday 19th, sought out the aboriginal boy, Billy, who pointed out the grave of*

Dickie to him. The same day he left for Isisford and accomplished the one hundred and eighty miles in five days. On the 25th Papworth was brought up and remanded for eight days. On the 10 December, he was again before the Bench and this time was remanded, in order that the evidence of the blackfellow Billy, might be adduced. It was necessary however, before this could be procured, to ascertain the whereabouts of Billy, in search of whom Constable Roberts was despatched, but from his journey he never returned. Roberts passed through the dry stage of fifty miles between Jundah Gorge and Waltro (Ed. Corrikie) Waterhole and camped within twenty miles of Connemarra, where he unfortunately lost his horses. In hunting for them lost himself. He perished for want of water and his body was found four or five days later.

On the 13 December, Byrne had left Isisford for Blackall, in order to place the prisoner in safe custody reaching there the following day; the distance between the two places being about eighty miles. As he had obtained leave of absence, Byrne was away for a month.

He resumed his duties on the 25 January. No sooner had he returned to his station, than he was despatched to search for Billy, in which mission Constable Roberts had lost his life. He left his quarters on the 31 January, arriving at Connemara safely on 7 February where he found the aboriginal, Billy. He left again next morning with Billy and in crossing through the dry stage rain fell, which, however, did not prevent them from arriving at Isisford on the 15 February. They left the latter place eight days later escorting a prisoner named Thompson. He reached Blackall on the 24th, or four days prior to the arrival of the coach, which was delayed owing to heavy rains.

*On the 29 February (*Ed. Yes, 1884 was a leap year*), Papworth was brought before the bench and committed for trial and the next day Byrne returned to his station (Isisford) and remained there until the 8 April, on which date he left to attend the Circuit Court here (*Ed. At Blackall*). The journey from Isisford to Blackall was by coach. Here a prisoner named Michael McGrath, who had received a sentence of six months for illegally using a horse was placed under his charge to be conveyed to Rockhampton. They arrived here on the 14th instant. In all his journey in the west Byrne was compelled to carry water else he might possibly have met the same fate as his unfortunate comrade.*

The Queenslander (Brisbane, Qld) Saturday 13 January 1923 - Page 1. (In a tribute to the service of Inspector Rody Byrne to the people of Queenland)

PERISHED FROM THIRST.

In (late) 1883, Senior Constable Byrne (Isisford Station) was instructed to proceed to Tally Ho (Station), to investigate the alleged killing of a black boy. As a result he arrested James Papworth (Ed. At Tally Ho Station) for murder. Papworth was then in charge of the out-station. Byrne conducted the prosecution at the Isisford Police Court before Mr H.B. Gough. After the examination of eight witnesses the prisoner was remanded to Blackall for safe custody until the production of a witness from Connemarra. The Windorah Police, being the nearest to that place, were instructed to proceed there and bring in the witness, an aboriginal, (Billy) to Blackall.

Constable Roberts was detailed for the work and Byrne proceeded on a month's marriage leave to Brisbane. Roberts perished from thirst on a dry stage between the Thomson River and Connemarra on or about, 5 January 1884 and Mr. Byrne had to forego eighteen days of his marriage leave to carry out the work Roberts had died in attempting.

Papworth was ultimately found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced by Judge Harding to seven years' penal servitude. During the first ten years of Mr Byrne's service on the Barcoo three Constables perished from thirst in the district.

The Capricornian (Rockhampton, Qld. Saturday 1 Mar 1884, Page 6.

ISISFORD.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) Sector-Constable Bvrne, who went out in search of the aboriginal witness in the case of Queen V Papworth, returned with him on Friday I8th instant. This, you may remember, is the blackboy Constable Roberts perished whilst searching for. Constable Byrne also brought with him the skull of the blackboy, the subject of the prosecution.

Morning Bulletin (Rockhampton, Qld. Saturday 13 Jan 1923, Page 10).

SUB-INSPECTOR BYRNE.

Sub-Inspector First Class Rody Byrne was born in Roscommon, Ireland, 25 September 1858. He arrived in Australia with his parents in 1861. He joined the Queensland Police Force on 10 January 1874 and was sworn in on 4 February, *(Ed. at the age of 15)* and allocated Reg. No. 29. He opened the Stoney Point Police Station now known as Windorah, in 1881. He served the people of Queensland for forty-nine years and retired at the rank of Sub-Inspector First Class on 1 January 1923 *(Ed. Aged 64)* (He died in Brisbane on 23 June 1935, aged 76 years).

THE KENNIFF CASE. THE ALLEGED CONFESSION. THE FULL TEXT, THE WRITER DISCOVERED - AN EX-CRIMINAL

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

The Home Secretary laid upon the table of the Legislative Assembly this afternoon paper's containing a printed copy of an anonymous letter purporting to be a confession to the murders of Constable George Doyle and Mr Albert C. Dahlke on 30 March 1902, with correspondence relating there to, forwarded by the Commissioner of Police. We take the following extracts from the papers as printed:

THE ANONYMOUS LETTER.

The copy of the anonymous letter is as follows: —

Childers, 17 November 1902.

To Mr McGrath,

Sir I have in these lines a great secret to divulge to you. I cannot see two innocent men dying in my stead. It was I, in company with three more men who killed Doyle and Dahlke and not the Kenniffs. There is some truth in what Yellow Sam says but not all. Dahlke was the first man shot. He was shot by one and while Doyle was pleading to kill him, an American shot him through the back with W.R. Rifle while he was standing shrieking to me and he was dead. When his body hit the ground and the two other men saw Yellow Sam coming and they set after him but their horses was done before they started. I may say Dahlke did not die for twenty minutes after he was shot. He was shot in the right breast. Had Doyle been by himself he would be living now. It was because Dahlke was with him, he had to go too.

A week before this I asked Dahlke for a job. He told me there was plenty of bushrangers here now and said he would give me in

charge if I did not leave the station. I left and I told my mates and we waited for him. It came my lot to fire first and I did. It is not true, that the Policeman sent Yellow Sam back for the handcuffs. He was away behind when he heard the shots and when he saw the men going towards him he turned his horse and raced away, if I am arrested I will tell all but not till then. I by myself am guilty of another murder of a Policeman. If people do not believe I poisoned Constable Callighan to avoid arrest for horse using.

(Ed. Thomas Joseph Callaghan died due to lack of water between Whitula Station, west of Windorah and Windorah on 30 November 1888).

It was said he perished for want of water on the road between Connemara and Jundah.

(Ed. It was Constable Nathaniel Roberts also of Windorah Station who died from lack of water on 5 January 1884, between Jundah and 'Connemara' Station).

I gave him white trychnine in a pint of tea and sent him out on the road to die telling him where he would get water. He was found some time after and they thought he perished. I thought it was Rody Byrnes I was giving it to.

(Ed. It was Senior-Constable Byrne of Isisford Police, who arrested Papworth for the murder of Dickie at Connemara)

That is the start. If arrested I will confess. You can do what you like with letter. I am telling the truth. I was in the court in Rockhampton all through the trial.

I remain yours,

WAITING

Darling Downs Gazette (Qld.) Wednesday 10 December 1902 Page 3, THE KENNIFF CASE

DETECTIVE'S INQUIRIES.

Inquiries made by Detective Head at Childers showed that it was pretty evident the letter was written by a man named J.M. O'Brien, a local poet. It was ascertained that O'Brien had been seeking particulars from the local police and a solicitor regarding

the Kenniffs. O'Brien had not been out of Childers for some two years. He is an ex-Constable of the Queensland Force.

As a result of his inquiries at Childers and after examining carefully, the paper and writing of the anonymous letter and the paper and writing received from Constable Leahy, the Acting Sergeant is of opinion that they were both written by the same person and that that person is the man, James Matthew O'Brien, who is undoubtedly in sympathy with the Kenniffs.

(Ed. Constable James Matthew O'Brien was convicted of robbing a store in Windorah of 26 pounds, etc. and sentenced at Barcaldine, on 19 October 1892, to four years imprisonment, which he served at St Helena Island at the same time as the Kenniff brothers served time there for horse stealing. From serving at Windorah, Ex-Constable O'Brien had some knowledge of the deaths of both Callaghan and Roberts, from the same cause, but got them mixed up when writing the alleged confession.)

The Brisbane Courier (Qld.) Tuesday 30 Aug 1892, Page 3.

ROBBERY AT WINDORAH. (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) 20 August 1892.

On the night of the 7 May last, the premises of H. Rabig storekeeper here, were entered and a cashbox containing money, promissory-notes and certain other documents was stolen. Entrance was effected through a back door, for which the burglar evidently had a key. Suspicion rested upon three Indian hawkers who were camped in the vicinity of the store at (a station distant thirty miles), where he (Constable O'Brien) arrested one of their number, by name Budder Bux, in whose possession he deposed to having found a gold ring and cheques for the amounts of £1 and £4/13s., which were recognised as having formed a part of the stolen property.

Budder Bux was committed for trial to the Blackall District Court by the local bench, but was acquitted there. On the 30 July, however, Constable O'Brien was arrested here on four charges - namely, robbery from Rabig's store, robbery from the Indian hawker of two cheques and two charges of perjury. The charge of robbery from the Indian hawker arises in this way. Bux swore that amongst the cheques taken from him at Whitula by O'Brien were one signed by John Henderson for £4 10s and another signed by A. Tuck for £1. Neither of them was handed over to Senior-Constable O'Connor amongst other moneys found with Budder Bux.

John Craig, of Whitula (Station), who was asked by O'Brien to witness a part of the search and count the money, distinctly swore that he remembered seeing Henderson's cheque amongst the rest, his attention being directed to that one in particular from the fact of its having been made out by his employer. When Budder Bux arrived here in custody from Whitula, Senior Constable O'Connor instructed Constable O'Brien to search him in the usual manner. Nothing was found on him then, but strange to say, the night before his trial here he reported having watched Constable O'Brien put something in his coat pocket which was lying outside his cell, and on examination Henderson's cheque for £4 10s was found in the pocket. O'Brien was brought before the bench here on the 17th instant. Evidence was taken at great length and on the 19th he was committed for trial on all the charges to the Barcaldine District Court, to be held on the 19th October next.

The Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld.) Tuesday 9 Dec 1902, Page 2.

O'Brien is an ex-constable of the Queensland Police Force and in the early part of the year 1892, while still a member of the Police Force was charged with perjury and stealing in a dwelling at Windorah. Of the former offence he was found guilty on 19 October 1892, at Barcaldine. He was sentenced to four years' penal servitude. O'Brien, on one occasion, told Constable Leahy that he met the two Kenniffs (Patrick and James) at St. Helena. The Kenniffs were both sentenced to terms of imprisonment for horse stealing on 14 March 1895, and O'Brien no doubt met them at St. Helena about that date. O'Brien, who is a single man; has been for some time past, president of the Workers' Political Organisation, at Childers.

Note:

Constable Glenn Arrold of Jundah Station believes he has located the burial site of Constable Roberts on Connemara Station. Friends of the Police Museum (FQPM) hope to be in a position in the near future to place a plaque on the current memorial of Constable Callaghan, in the main Street of Windorah, commemorating Constable Roberts and place a permanent marker on the gravesite.

This account of the death of Constable Nathaniel Roberts was researched and compiled by Gerry Stevens, Committee Member of the Friends of the Queensland Police Museum. (Ed. References in the text are comments provided by the author).

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.

Forensic Crash Unit - 50 Year Challenge Coin

The limited edition Forensic Crash Unit challenge coins are 42mm across and beautifully finished in silver cupro nickel. They come in a clear protective cover. The obverse depicts the badge of the FQPM which is based on the Queensland Police helmet badge in use from 1906 – 1960. The reverse side depicts a silver raised 3D image of an Accident Investigation Squad vehicle from the 1980s and two investigators.

Details on how to order or obtain one of these desirable challenge coins can be found at the end of the Merchandising section of this newsletter.

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 Members

The President and Management Committee extend congratulations to the following new FQPM member:

186	Luke Kleidon	Redland Bay

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

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 to 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.

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FQPM Management Committee Meetings
2021

The FQPM Management Committee meets every two months on a Wednesday, commencing with the first Wednesday in February of each year. The meeting place for all meetings, unless advised differently, is held in the Seminar Room of the Queensland Police Museum.

The FQPM meeting dates for next year (2021) are as follows:

Wednesday 1000 hours 7 April 2021
Wednesday 1000 hours 2 June 2021
Wednesday 1000 hours 4 August 2021
Wednesday 0900 hours 6 October 2021
Wednesday 1000 hours 6 October 2021 (AGM)
Wednesday 1000 hours 1 December 2021.

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