THE FRIENDS' GAZETTE

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

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Another year rolls around and it is with some frustration that some issues relating to our grave restoration projects are yet to be completed. We are optimistic about progress on the Constable Nathaniel Roberts grave construction west of Jundah when the abnormal weather pattern prevailing in the area allows us to access to this remote and difficult location.

The restoration of the grave of Constable James William Harris at the Rockhampton South Cemetery may well get the attention it requires now that a suitable contractor has been identified and a local retired officer has agreed to assist in the project management.

The Secretary of the FQPM Ian Townsley has for some years been the editor of the Friends' Gazette newsletter and I wish to acknowledge his efforts. However, some recent changes were implemented to assist and a revamp is now underway including the merchandise advertising and sales pages included in this issue. I encourage members to be aware of the collectable FQPM challenge coins, embroidered polo shirts and historical police badge themed stubby coolers at reasonable prices.

Your management committee wishes all members a happy new year and looks forward to your continued support as we embark on maintaining our commitment to support the QP Museum.

Bob Burns APM
President FQPM

Queensland Police – More Subjects of Historic Interest

The FQPM Management Committee are pleased to include in this edition of the Gazette further QP historic articles prepared by former Assistant Commissioner and FQPM Life Member, Greg Early. These articles relate to both operational and administrative Queensland Police matters. Although these articles were written some time ago, this does not diminish the historic value and interest in the information.

How Queensland Police Notebooks came to be Numbered

I recently saw a notebook that is being trialed by the QPS. It is somewhat smaller than the one which was used by Queensland police officers for many years. The only change until this recent trial was when the notebooks were numbered in the early 1970s. As the detective sergeant

who showed me the trial notebook did not know the history of the numbering, I will tell you about it because few know about its background.

This change came about because of a recommendation made by two New Scotland Yard investigators who were brought to Queensland by then-Police Minister, Max Hodges, to investigate what he believed was the unlawful involvement of police officers in off-the-course starting price betting, prostitution and gaming. (Readers will quickly realise that these same three subjects were to the fore in the Commission of Inquiry which commenced in 1987).

Four Queensland police officers, including myself, were deputed to work with these two investigators who unearthed little or no evidence against any serving or former Queensland police officer. To the best of my knowledge, there was no recommendation of any substance made against any police officer.

But I recall distinctly one of the investigators expressing concern when he found that one of the police officers interviewed had more than one official notebook. (Memories will tell readers whether this practice was widespread or not and particularly among detectives).

Overcoming this practice was one of the few recommendations made by the investigators and soon after, all notebooks were numbered, recorded in a register at the time of issue and again upon completion and recorded in another register when they were inspected each month. While some of these processes may have been undertaken previously, they were not as distinct as those implemented following the recommendation being approved.

While the police notebook does not appear to be the main recording device of a police officer that it was twenty or so years ago, those who have used it since the early 1970s would have been subject to greater checks and balances than those in place before they were numbered.

The First and Probably the only Deer Season in Queensland

It was in the very early 1970s and the government of the day had decreed an 'open deer season'. From memory, a person could apply for, and get, two tags that were to be affixed to any deer taken during this period of only a few weeks. The area included in the open season was roughly from Gympie to Toowoomba and down to Kilcoy (my home town).

I was a senior constable and personal assistant to the Commissioner, Mr Ray Whitrod. I had been asked to organise a gathering of police officers from regional superintendent down and for this purpose. I booked the public hall at Moore in the Brisbane Valley. It was always intended that Commissioner Whitrod would speak to the police officers and that I would drive him to Moore.

On the appointed morning, the Commissioner informed me that he would *not* be going to Moore. When I inquired who would deliver the address,

he replied, 'You, why should I have a dog and bark too?' I had never heard this term used before but I have used it a few times myself since that day. So with little or no preparation, I went off to Moore and addressed probably fifty police officers. I survived, although some of the questions asked of me had never been discussed with me previously by anyone at police headquarters.

Another aspect of the open deer season was that the Commissioner decided to put the Air Wing (it then had two ex-Army Cessna planes) to use by conducting air patrols over the Brisbane Valley area. Several of us from headquarters were put up as 'spotters' and by this means I had my first flight in a plane.

When one considers that people could lawfully take deer and be in forestry areas, I still to this day cannot fathom what we were supposed to 'spot', but that is part of history and a way in which I made an extra dollar because I distinctly recall that it was on overtime.

There has been no talk of another open deer season since this one and that is why I have headed the article: 'The first and probably the only open deer season in Queensland'.

The Change in the Police Patch from Latin to English

In view of the fact that I was involved in this change, to a minor degree, and that the late former Superintendent Bob Matheson made the translation, I thought I would comment on this and a few other matters concerning our uniforms. The main reason for the change was that most Queensland police officers who wore this patch did not know what CONSTANTIA AC COMITATE was in English; that is FIRMNESS WITH COURTESY.

With the help of Mr Allan Baker, an avid collector of army and police uniforms who now lives in Childers, I will trace the uniforms through and hopefully this will cover those worn by all our members.

To 1960 when I was sworn in, City Police had a navy-blue uniform with a dark grey long-sleeved shirt and I think, a black tie. The trousers had a dark blue stripe down each side. The cap badge and belt buckle were the only items that bore any identification; that is 'Queensland Police', although all officers had a number that they wore on the shoulder of their shirt in summer or tunic in winter. It was coat on for winter and coat off for summer.

Country Police had a khaki shirt, coat, trousers and again, no markings except on the belt buckle and cap badge. I was one of the first to be issued with collared shirts because I recall getting two of these, and two without collars with a handful of detachable collars. Those who served prior to 1960 will remember the collarless shirts and detachable collars. Probably their wives will remember them more clearly.

Between 1965 to 1975, Queensland Police moved to drab olive uniform and khaki shirts with brown ties. Again, coat on or off for summer-winter but on the tunics the numbers were moved to the lapels while they stayed on the shoulder of shirts for summer. There was no patch and from recollection, we changed the belt buckle over from a black to a brown belt while the cap badge altered. I think it was this cap badge that later was the basis for the 'pineapple badges' which appeared on our car doors.

Between 1975–1984, The uniform reverted to navy blue with a light blue shirt and dark blue tie. The identifying numbers on the uniform disappeared and were replaced with a number on the cap badge for all constables and one with 'Sergeant' on it for that rank. This uniform was the first to have an identifying patch which contained the words 'QUEENSLAND POLICE' and our motto, CONSTANTIA AC COMITATE. Later, short-sleeved shirts were introduced and a shirt designed to be worn without a tie was added to the collection. Several versions of the patch were generated during this period and these were mainly to clarify the words on it.

Between 1984–1985, Allan tells me that in this period the motto on the patch was eliminated while the words 'QUEENSLAND POLICE' remained.

Between 1985–1991, the size of the patch was increased, and the motto was included in English; that is FIRMNESS WITH COURTESY. There were many versions of this patch, so much so, that former Senior Sergeant Ross Huth, who was then in the Police Depot Store, acquired the nick-name 'Patch' through his many visits to the Commissioner's Office seeking approval for the alterations made mainly for clarity purposes.

In 1989, following the release of Fitzgerald's findings or early in 1990, that name tags were introduced for all uniformed personnel. This move was also accompanied by all commissioned officers holding uniformed positions to actually wear a uniform. As many will recall, until this time commissioned officers outside Brisbane rarely wore uniforms and those above the rank of superintendent in Brisbane also dusted theirs off mainly for induction ceremonies only.

In 1991, the badge and patch were changed and the new motto—WITH HONOUR WE SERVE—was included. This major change resulted from a competition conducted by then-Commissioner Noel Newnham and criticism during the Commission of Inquiry that the motto FIRMNESS WITH COURTESY was inappropriate for the Queensland Police Force as it was then called. As I indicated earlier, it was Bob Matheson's knowledge of Latin that provided the translation.

By the way, I think that New South Wales still has its motto in Latin on its patch. I wonder how many of its officers know what it means in English. I have written another article on the change of the commissioned officers' cap badge and its later change to what it was, and what it is today.

The preceding three articles were provided by former Assistant Commissioner and FQPM Life Member Greg Early.

An Unusual Police Event
Entrant in the 1982 Brisbane Motor Show Rally

In late 1981, the Brisbane Motor Show through the Courier Mail newspaper invited the Queensland Police Force to participate in the Motor Show Rally which was held in January 1982. The Commissioner, T M Lewis gave his approval and signed the rally application form.

MOTOR SPORT

By JOHN DAFFY

Read out of LA event

AUSTRALIAN drag racing champion Jim Read was knocked out of the first round of the Winston Winternationals in Los Angeles after having recorded the fastest qualifying time.

He came up against the current world champion, Jeb Allen.

Read out-gunned Allen from the Christmas tree but further on down the quarter mile strip, his transmission blew allowing Allen to run out the winner.

Dave Uyehara cleaned up the Winternationals with the 1980 world champion, Shirley Muldowney finishing second. Read is expected to head to Florida to run in round two of the world championship series.

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THE Brisbane Motor Show gets underway today, and that means the Motor Show Rally as well — tomorrow.

The Motor Show Rally conducted by the Brisbane Sporting Car Club is unique in catering for standard car classes to encourage people into the sport.

Last year's winner in a Suzuki Hatch, Henk Kabel, will drive a Mazda 323, and his son Gary, will navigate. The strangest entry will be a marked police car to be driven by Constable Michael Deakes and navigated by Snr Constable Ian Townsley.

The entrant is "The Commissioner of Police".

The Queensland Police Department has a stand at the Motor Show which explains the entry.

(The mind boggles at what excuses may be used during the rally tomorrow night by errant motorists).

I will drive the only other show entrant — a C'matic Citroen belonging to Maxim Motors, the Australian distributor.

Twenty-six novices have entered, seven club and three recognised drivers.

Kabel is the only classified driver.

The rally will start at 1 p.m. from the lower car park at Toombul Shopping Town.

This driver along with many others hopes there will not be another cyclone like last year's.

If you are considering getting into rallying, have a look from the spectator points at this one.

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STOCK cars will have their first run at the Archerfield Astradome tonight since early December.

It looks like a two-way battle between Dean White and Mark O'Brien for chequered flag honors.

Fifteen starters have been accepted.

FORMULA 500 also will make a return to the Astradome with Peter Clauss and Kev Dixon being the two aces to watch.

Robert Haward took out the Honda Queensland 250 speedcar title with a fine display of driving on Friday night.

Joe Caruana was second with Des Kiehne third. Congratulations.

The Mighty Bombers and sprint cars also will be in action at the skids tonight.

Constable Mike Deakes (retired Sergeant) was appointed driver and Senior Constable Ian Townsley (retired Inspector) was appointed navigator. Both officers at that time, were driving instructors at the Driver Training Wing at the Police Depot. Both police entrants were required to obtain a CAMS (Confederation of Motor Sports) license in order to participate.

The Queensland Police Service entered a stock standard 1981 Ford Falcon patrol car, complete with bar lights. The rally commenced at the Toombul Shopping Town car park and then following some slalom exercises proceeded up the Bruce Highway to a State Forest area west of Caboolture. After the daytime phase, the police entrant was doing 'pretty well' and went into the Caboolture Showgrounds for some maintenance, in preparation for the night driving phase.

Senior Constable Ian Gordon (retired Senior Sergeant) and two others from the Police Depot Garage had set up a pit stop for the police entrant.

Constable Mike Deakes (driver) Senior Constable Ian Townsley (navigator)

They refuelled the car, checked it over mechanically and structurally, corrected some minor panel work and fixed a major problem that Mike had been experiencing when effecting handbrake turns into the corners.

As he would engage the handbrake, the button would sometimes catch and cause the vehicle to overcorrect on corners. The garage boys taped the button down so the handbrake automatically came out and back in when released.

The police entrant came third in their class and the crew were presented a trophy each. The result was commendable considering that they were competing against vehicles that were specially configured and most of the competitors were experienced in rallying.

The Queensland Police Service has never participated in such an event since.

Motor Show Trophy

Article contributed by Ian Townsley (Secretary and Life Member FQPM)

Progress Report on FQPM Grave Restoration Projects

The FQPM is currently engaged in the planning and processing of a number of Queensland Police grave restoration projects in Brisbane, Queensland regional areas and overseas. The following is a brief summary of the progress on these projects:

Constable Nathaniel Roberts – west of Jundah;
Constable James William Harris – Rockhampton South Cemetery;
Senior Constable William Considine – Arrilalah; and
Commissioner David Thompson Seymour – Hither Green Cemetery, Lewisham UK

Constable Nathaniel Roberts

Progress on the completion of the Nathaniel Roberts project has been subject to many delays principally due to the interference of severe inclement weather. President Bob Burns and Committee Member Gerry Stevens have had to cancel several plans to go out to Windorah to progress the arrangements.

Preliminary arrangements have been undertaken and local police contacted. Property owners where the grave is located are on side and happy to assist with the construction of a grave stone and plinth at the site.

The plaque to be affixed to the grave has been completed and is currently held by the OC Police Jundah, who has also expressed a great interest in assisting with the construction of the memorial.

It is hopeful that this project can be finalised in the next couple of months.

Constable James William Harris

A preliminary assessment was obtained from a Stonemason, Andrew Flicker as to the restoration that could be undertaken on the grave. Any work done to graves in South Rockhampton are subject to limitations imposed by the Heritage Officer with the Rockhampton Council.

Andrew Flicker identified restoration that could be undertaken in line with heritage policy, however this would not deal with the more critical anomalies.

James Harris Grave – Rockhampton South Cemetery

Delays in progressing this project were caused principally due to the COVID pandemic restrictions.

FQPM Committee Member Kevin Darch has been appointed project manager and will be assisted by retired police officer and local resident, John Maher (former Senior Sergeant and Police Photographer).

Kevin has been in contact with the Rockhampton Regional Council and has obtained the necessary paperwork to undertake restoration. It is

hopeful that the Council will be indulgent with our restoration program.

A reviewed assessment will be obtained from Andrew Flicker depending on the flexibility of the Rockhampton Regional Council.

This project is currently under way.

William Considine

The William Considine grave was originally refurbished in 2010. This was the first project of this type undertaken by the FQPM and principally driven by the Queensland Police Museum Curator, Lisa Jones.

William Considine grave at Arrilalah - The damage is obvious.

Arrangements are currently in play to have a monument tradesman from Longreach attend the site and make necessary repairs. This will include placing and securing the headstone in an upright position and anchoring the cross to the top of the headstone.

It is unknown how the damage was sustained.

David Thompson Seymour

As part of an ongoing program of gravesite restorations, FQPM members sought to locate the grave, restore the headstone if required and install a plaque acknowledging David Thompson Seymour's place in the history of the Queensland Police, particularly on the occasion of its 150th year in 2014.

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.

However, because the grave is a private plot, the FQPM was required to seek the permission of any remaining family members before any maintenance could be undertaken or a plaque erected.

Local Stone Mason Perry Scott Memorials was engaged to undertake the original restoration.

David Thompson Seymour damaged grave at Hither Green Cemetery, Lewisham, UK

The FQPM has again contacted Perry Scott to assess the damage and provide a quote to retore its original image.

FQPM Management Committee 2022/2023

This year's FQPM Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in the Queensland Police Museum Seminar Room on Wednesday 5 October 2022.

The election of officers was held and the following financial members were appointed unopposed to the Management Committee:

President	Bob Burns
Vice President	Geoff Sheldon
Treasurer	Wayne Coyne
Secretary	Ian Townsley
Committee Members	Kevin Darch
	Robert Cochrane (Website Administrator)
	John McCormack
	Rob McCall
	Gerry Stevens

Additionally, the following appointments were accepted and extended during 2023:

Honorary Auditor	Wayne Osborne
Website IT Consultant	Open Web Design (Karen Lily)

Merchandise items make great gifts, a memento of something special in your life or perhaps an item of interest for collectors. All proceeds from the sale of FQPM merchandise assists the organisation to preserve the history of policing in Queensland for future generations.

Challenge Coins

The FQPM has a variety of interesting challenge coins ranging from the standard edition FQPM challenge coin to special edition coins commemorating events in the history of policing in Queensland. The price

of each challenge coin is **$15** or **$12** each for FQPM members. How to receive a member's discount is outlined below;

Standard Edition
These 42mm challenge coins are beautifully finished in silver cupro-nickel and come in a clear protective cover. The obverse side depicts the badge of the FQPM which is based on the Queensland Police helmet badge in use from 1906 – 1960. The reverse side depicts the current Queensland Police Service badge which was introduced in 1990.

Women in Policing
These limited-edition challenge coins are the same size and quality finish as the standard edition FQPM challenge coins. The reverse side depicts a policewoman directing traffic and it is based on a photograph of a policewoman from the 1980s. The coin recognises just one of the many roles women play in the Queensland Police Service.

Queensland Mounted Police
To acknowledge the contribution that horses made to policing in Queensland since 1864, this challenge coin is similar in size and finish as the standard FQPM challenge coin. The reverse side depicts a silver raised 3D image of a mounted constable (circa 1950) in the police paddock at Oxley near the current site of the Queensland Police Academy.

Forensic Crash Unit
This limited-edition challenge coin

was struck to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Queensland Police Service Forensic Crash Unit. Similar in size and finish to the standard challenge coin, the reverse side of this coin depicts a silver raised 3D image of an Accident Investigation Squad vehicle from the 1980s and two investigators.

Since its inception on 1 June 1970, the original Traffic Accident Appreciation Squad has gone through several name changes (Traffic Accident Investigation Squad, Accident Investigation Squad) and it is now known as the Forensic Crash Unit.

Stubby Holders

The FQPM stubby holders depict the five types of Queensland Police hat badge that have existed since 1884. The price of each stubby holder is **$7** or **$5** each for FQPM members. How to receive a member's discount is outlined below.

Polo Shirts

These smart looking polo shirts have the badge of the FQPM embroidered on the left breast. They are made from 65% Polyester for durability and 35% Cotton for comfort. The fabric is 210gsm pique for easy care and reduced pilling. A variety of colours is available, and they come in male and female sizes. The price of each polo shirt is **$40.** There is no member's discount on polo shirts.

Member's Discount

Members of the FQPM are eligible for a **discount** on some FQPM merchandise by contacting **Melissa Kirkpatrick** at Queensland Police Service Headquarters. Melissa's contact details are:
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Orders can be either posted (postage extra) or picked up from Melissa at Queensland Police Headquarters, 200 Roma Street, Brisbane 4000. Do not forget to ask for your **member's discount**. Alternatively, any queries regarding FQPM merchandise can be made to the FQPM Secretary at secretary@friendsqpmuseum.com.au

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 Queensland Police Headquarters, 200 Roma Street, Brisbane. The **QSHOP** is open to the public each Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am – 2 pm. The **QSHOP** can be contacted at hello@qphra.com

QPS Collar Badges
Clearance Sale

The FQPM have a small quantity of Queensland Police Service (QPS) collar badges for sale. These badges were used in connection with the development of a 150 Year commemorative sword.

The badges are 38 mm high and 30 mm wide and made of metal, similar to the Service hat badge. The rear attachment is a single pin with a clutch grip.

They will be sold as a pair and can be worn on QPS mess dress.

Pair QPS Collar Badges (3rd badge is sample of rear attachment)

The badges can be purchased for $15.00 a pair or ($10.00 pair to FQPM Members) in addition to (P & P $2.80 within Australia).

Any inquiries/orders can be directed to the Secretary FQPM.

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Membership

Membership to the FQPM assists the Association to continue with its goals in 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 and welcome to the following new FQPM members:

194 Margaret Williams – Buderim
195 Peter Coyle – The Gap

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 online 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 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.

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FQPM Management Committee Meetings 2023

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 this year (2023) are as follows:

Wednesday 1000 hours 5 April 2023
Wednesday 1000 hours 7 June 2023
Wednesday 1000 hours 2 August 2023
Wednesday 0900 hours 4 October 2023
Wednesday 1100 hours 4 October 2023 (AGM)
Wednesday 1000 hours 7 December 2023.

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