THE FRIENDS' GAZETTE

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FQPM President's Message

The start of a new year prompts me to reflect on the start of the year just past and again I find myself thinking about how we can be more inclusive of our membership by becoming involved in our activity. Opportunities for members to meet are few and far between however the recent visit to Government House for the commemorative sword presentation did allow for a few members to join in the event. This year I would like to invite all FQPM members to our Management Committee meetings held every two months at the Museum. Normally these meetings are for the management committee only however I would like to see members come as observers and where possible have some input into any general matters under discussion. The meetings are held on the first Wednesday every second month commencing in February each year. The dates are advertised in this newsletter and can be found on page 12.
I look forward to seeing you at 10.00am on the 3rd April.

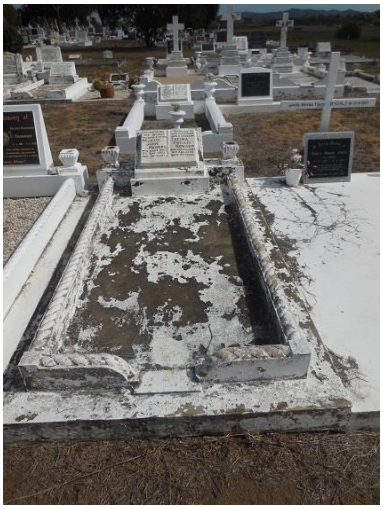
Bob Burns APM President

Progress Report on Current FQPM Grave Restoration Projects

Constable 1/c Michael John HOWARD, Belgian Gardens Townsville

Constable 1/c Howard Reg No 3989 was sworn-in on 18th June 1942 and died on the 9th September 1953. At the time of his death, he was serving at Kilcoy where following an accident on his side car motor cycle he suffered serious head injuries when he left the road and slid down an embankment. It was some time before he was discovered by a passing motorist and taken to the Kilcoy Hospital, but he later died. Constable 1/c Howard is buried in the Belgian Garden Cemetery, Townsville.

An assessment of the grave was conducted about 5 years ago and identified as a 'clean & repaint' to be added to the list of future projects.



The FQPM was recently informed that Constable Howard's daughter had been contacted by FQPM Commissioner's Representative S/Sgt Mel Wilkins from QPS Honours and Awards Unit. Maureen Bond met with President Bob Burns at the Police Remembrance Day vigil service where the condition of her father's grave was discussed. Subsequently a local grave restoration company in Townsville was contacted and the restoration of the grave to a standard befitting an officer who was killed while performing his duty has been completed. The matter of identifying the grave with a small plaque to outline the circumstances of the death of Constable 1/c Howard and his record of police service will be discussed at the next meeting of the FQPM.

Constable 1/c Roy Doyle QPM Grave, Mackay Cemetery

On the 28 July 2023, information was received from former Police Officer and Member of the Queensland Retired Police Association (QRPA), Dennis Hansen advising that the lawn cemetery plaque for former Constable 1/c Roy DOYLE, who died on duty at Mackay on 1 April 1956 needed repair. Roy Doyle was one of three Police Officers killed on duty in Mackay. The other two, Acting Sergeant David Johnston and Constable Albert Price who are buried in the Mackay Cemetery, have had their graves/headstones restored through the efforts of the QPS, the FQPM and the Mackay/Whitsunday Branch - Qld Retired Police Association.

Roy Doyle is buried in a lawn cemetery (Mt Bassett) in North Mackay. There are no raised structures in that area of the Cemetery. There is a plaque over the grave, which lies flat on the ground. The plaque is in a distressed condition and requires replacing or refurbishing.
Roy Doyle was sworn into the Queensland Police on 2 July 1948 and served at Cairns before being transferred to Mackay in 1952.
Approval has been given for the refurbishment of the existing plaque as per the quote from a local stonemason.

Publications of Police Interest

Queensland Police in the Great War: A Compendium

In 2020 the FQPM considered a proposal from Dr Anastasia Dukova to assist with a financial contribution for the editorial, book production costs and early design work for a reference publication titled *Queensland Police in the Great War: A Compendium*, which provides concise personal, military and service histories, with select extended biographies, of the 180 Queensland police officers who joined the Australian Imperial Force in the First World War.

Dr Dukova, a policing historian was working with staff at the Queensland Police Museum at that time and believed that the stories of these men remain lost to public knowledge. Her proposed publication was to enhance our understanding of the personal and professional circumstances of these men and provide a convenient reference point for future research. Some of these men went on to have long careers with police forces and in some cases their children carried on their policing legacy.

The extensive research and cross referencing of files held in Queensland and the National Archives Australia, Canberra has been completed. Some 10 full-length biographies have been researched and drafted by Dr Dukova. The final step is to create an eCopy and print-on-demand book via the Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing service with a provisional release date of November 2024. One of the completed full-length biographies (Billy Elsdale, Police Tracker), will be published on the Queensland State Library blogs on ANZAC Day 25 April 2024.

The Complete History of Queensland Police Badges and Insignia.

Detective Sergeant Grant Linwood, an FQPM Life Member has finalised his comprehensive record of Qld Police badges, insignia and coins. Assembled over 20 years with over 600 pages of information and photographs. The book, a foreword by former Commissioner Bob Atkinson AO APM, will be of immense interest to collectors as well as police historians. Available shortly as an eBook on standard USB flash drive and printable should readers choose. A review in the Police Insignia Collectors of Australia Magazine by retired NSWPOL S/Sgt Mike Austin is available on the PICA website. Cost: $25 which covers the USB, postage and a donation to Queensland Police Legacy.

Contact Grant at grantlinwood@hotmail.com

Honouring our People

A Dark Day for Far North Queensland – 60 years On

On the evening of 27th October 1964, Senior Constable Desmond Trannore was alone on the 4pm to midnight shift at the Gordonvale Police Station when he received a call about a serious domestic disturbance on a property at Little Mulgrave some 15k south of Gordonvale.

The property was occupied by a John Verney and his partner Mrs Little and four children. Verney had abused and assaulted his stepson Clifford and assaulted Mrs Little who then sent the boy to the neighbour's house to phone the police. Sen Constable Trannore arrived at the neighbour's house and collected Clifford before driving to the Little farmhouse.

Sen Constable Trannore arrived at the farmhouse where he asked Mrs Little and her daughter to get into the police car. Verney confronted Sen Constable Trannore, threatened him and repeatedly ordered him off the property before disappearing into the house. Verney came back out of the house armed with a .310 rifle and aimed it at the officer.

Sen Constable Trannore approached Verney without fear and demanded he give the rifle over to him. Verney then pointed the rifle, fired from the hip, shooting the officer through the chest and into his heart. Senior Constable Trannor turned and ran 20 metres towards the children telling them to run for their lives before collapsing to the ground where he died. The terrified children ran to a neighbour and raised the alarm. Verney fled the scene in his vehicle and then went on the run.

Word spread quickly and a group of local residents joined a large contingent of police officers in the manhunt for Verney. The next day Verney presented himself at the Cairns Police Station where he was arrested and charged with the wilful murder of Senior Constable Desmond Trannore. John Thomas Verney was later convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Senior Constable Des Trannore was a well-respected officer and member of the Gordonvale community where he was involved in community activities including teaching boxing, running the Gordonvale Pony Club, Aussie Rules, tennis and cricket clubs.

Des Trannore was born in Shepparton, Victoria and joined the Queensland Police Force in January 1951 aged 22.
Following a police funeral he was buried in the Gordonvale Cemetery.
He was 35 years of age, married with children.

On the 9th April 2009 the widow of Des Tranmore launched police vessel *D. Trannore III*. The vessel was designed for patrol work by the Redland Bay Water Police, for use in the waterways and islands of Moreton Bay.

Later that year in December 2009, a new bridge over the Mulgrave River in Far North Queensland was named *'Desmond Trannore Bridge'* as part of Queensland's Q150 Celebrations.
A wonderful tribute from the community to a courageous officer who gave his life doing his duty and saving the lives of the children involved.

*Photo from QPS Memorial website

FQPM Merchandise FOR SALE

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.

Queensland Police Museum 130th Anniversary Set

To commemorate the 130th anniversary of the Queensland Police Museum (1893-2023), these beautiful limited-edition challenge coins come as a boxed set. The coins feature historic background images, and the hard box has a black velveteen finish. The FQPM has obtained a limited number of these coins for sale though our merchandise page on the FQPM web site and a discount is available to members.

Cost: $50 for each boxed set (FQPM members price $45). Postage extra

How to order and pay for challenge coins

To order challenge coins directly from the FQPM, send an email to merchandise@friendsqpmuseum.com.au advising of the type of coin desired (e.g. Women in Policing), the number of coins and your postal address. You will be advised of the cost of the coin/s and postage. You can then pay by one of the payment options available.

FQPM 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. Six colours are available, and they come in male and female sizes. Check out the range on the FQPM website under 'shop'. The price of each polo shirt is **$40.**
There is no member's discount on polo shirts.

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. Member discount applies.

FQPM Member 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: **(P) +61 7 3364 3042**

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 discount**. Alternatively, any queries regarding merchandise can be made to the FQPM Merchandise Officer at *merchandise@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 has 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, like the QPS 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 $3.60 within Australia).

Any inquiries/orders can be directed to the FQPM Merchandise Officer

Rob Cochrane at merchandise@friendsqpmuseum.com.au

Sunday Lectures at the Queensland Police Museum

Unless otherwise advised, lectures run on the last Sunday of the month (February to November) from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.
FREE Entry, BOOKINGS essential via Eventbrite,

The Queensland Police Museum reserves the right to change speakers and topics if the need arises. They will endeavour to keep everyone up to date with any changes to the program that may occur throughout the year.

Please refer to the following link: Queensland Police Museum Sunday Lectures. Scroll down the page to see future lectures.

FQPM Management Committee 2023/2024

The 2023/2024 FQPM Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in the Queensland Police Museum Seminar Room on Wednesday 4 October 2023.

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	Debra Austin
Committee Members	Kevin Darch
	Robert Cochrane (Website Administrator)
	John McCormack
	Rob McCall
	Gerry Stevens
	Ian Townsley

Additionally, the following appointments were accepted and extended during 2024:

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

Memberships

Membership of 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 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 and Upgraded Members

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

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 (Friends' Gazette) Articles

We endeavour to keep the Newsletter (the Friends' Gazette) interesting and relevant to our members and in doing so, we welcome (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, while 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 2024

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 (2024) are as follows:

Wednesday 1000 hours 3 April 2024
Wednesday 1000 hours 5 June 2024
Wednesday 1000 hours 7 August 2024
Wednesday 0900 hours 2 October 2024
Wednesday 1100 hours 2 October 2024 (AGM)
Wednesday 1000 hours 4 December 2024

Bob Burns
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