THE FRIENDS' GAZETTE

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FQPM President's Message

The progress of our police grave projects over the years has been generally steady, particularly when we rely on others to assist with project management at often remote locations. One interesting grave project in western Queensland was an exception where the remote and generally inaccessible location was totally at the mercy of the weather. I can now say that the grave of Constable Nathaniel Roberts is completed. The Management Committee will be forever grateful to the local contractor working with the property owner and the local police to ensure a wonderful outcome. There is no doubt our Queensland community can be relied on to positively respond to our requests to enable deceased police officers who have died performing their duty to have a resting place befitting of their status. With a number of grave locations yet to be assessed I have no doubt that there will be future projects requiring supportive collaboration to complete restorations to a suitable standard.

Bob Burns APM President

FQPM Constitution Amendment regarding a Grievance Procedure.

The FQPM is a Incorporated Association and comes under the remit of the Office of Fair Trading. Fair Trading had advised us that our constitution required a general grievance provision to deal with disputes. Our current constitution only dealt with disputes relating to membership issues. It is a matter of compliance that a new grievance process be included in our constitution. Schedule 4 of the Associations Incorporation Regulations 1999 provides model rules relating to grievance procedures and it is these rules that the FQPM considered for adoption into our constitution. Following the General Meeting of the FQPM membership meeting on 26th June 2024 an amendment based on the model rules was adopted and is now inserted into the FQPM constitution. I thank members for their assistance in this matter.

At the Police Museum Seminar Room

Sunday Lecture Series – 28 July – The Evolution of Boggo Road Gaol
Retired Prison Officer Stephen M. Gage will speak about the goal's fascinating history.
Tickets via Eventbrite. Lecture will NOT be filmed.
Check QP Museum Sunday Lectures for details.

Progress Report on Current FQPM Grave Restoration Projects:

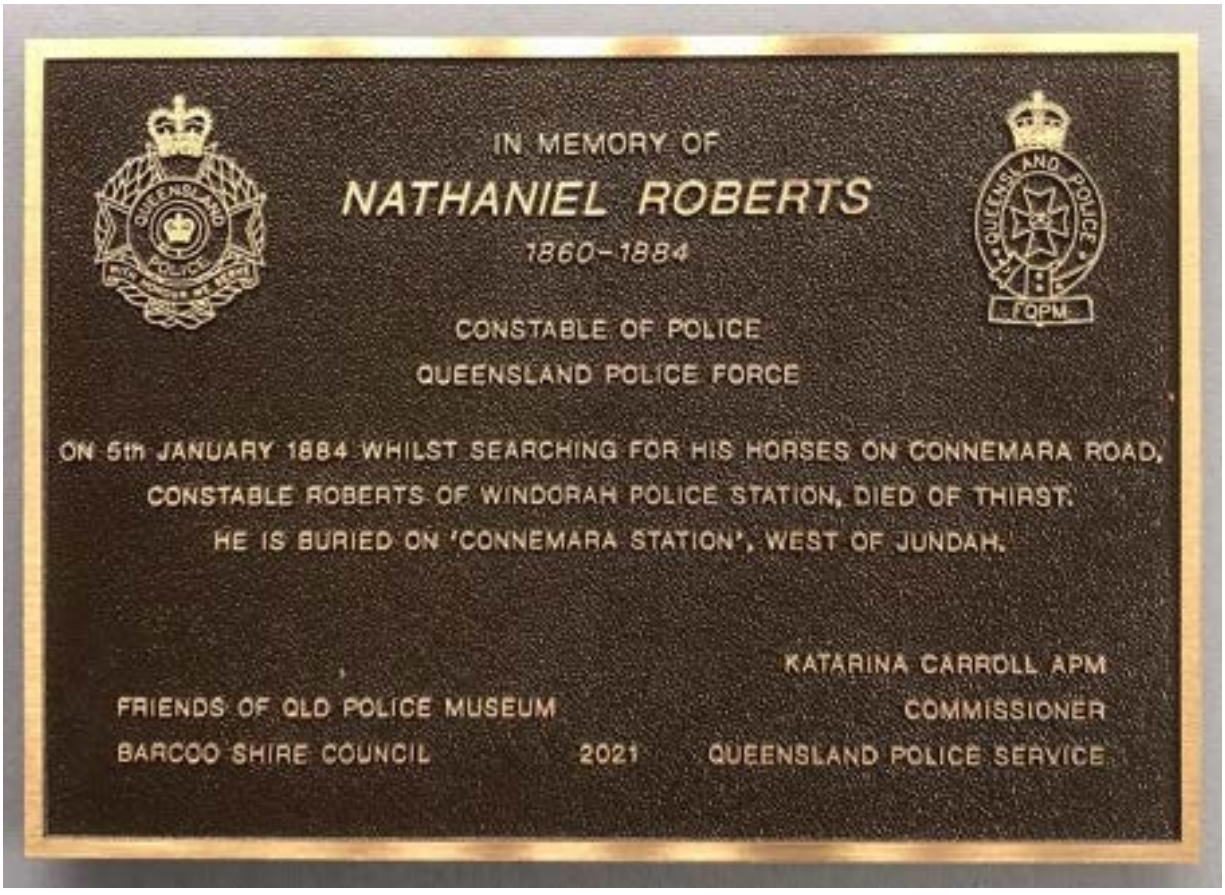
Constable Nathaniel ROBERTS
Connemara Station, via Jundah.

Constable Nathaniel Roberts Registered No 454 was born in Ireland. At age 23 he joined the Queensland Police on the 1st December 1882 and shortly after was posted to the one officer station at Windorah. Constable Roberts had been directed to travel to Connemara Station via Jundah to pick up a witness required in a murder trial. Leaving Windorah on the 2nd of January 1884 he travelled to Jundah and after an overnight stay he then travelled west towards Connemara and camped at Corrikie Waterhole.

On the following morning he woke to find his horses had slipped their tether. In his search for the horses he became lost on what must have been a very hot mid-summer day. A search party was raised and his body was found on the 8th January, at which time it is estimated he had died on the 5th of January. Constable Roberts was buried on Connemara Station, however while no permanent marker had been placed on the grave its location has always been known to the property owners.

In 2021 with the assistance of the officers in charge of Windorah and Jundah Police Stations and the support of the current owners of Connemara, plans were made by the FQPM to have the grave identified and a headstone and permanent grave constructed on the site. It is with great pleasure that I can now inform members that the project has been completed. This project has been some time in the making due mainly to its remote location and the vagaries of the weather.

The FQPM has agreed to provide an offsite memorial plaque to be placed on the rock construction located in the centre of Albert Street, Windorah opposite Rabig Park. This site already has a memorial plaque placed by Commissioner Jim O'Sullivan commemorating Constable Thomas Callaghan of Windorah Police who perished while on patrol near Whitula Station about 40 klm west of Windorah in November 1888.



Constable 1/c Roy Doyle QPM
Mt Bassett Cemetery, Mackay.

The refurbishment of the lawn cemetery headstone of Constable 1/c Roy Doyle is a work in progress, however a decision to replace the piece has been made due to serious damage discovered during the cleaning process. The stonemason employed to do the work has offered to provide a replacement for the same cost as originally quoted for the refurbishment. The original design of the text included a coloured version of the police badge in use at the time of his death.

Constable First Class Roy DOYLE, died on duty at Mackay on 1 April 1956 while assisting in the rescue of people caught in the flooded Pioneer River in Mackay.. Constable Roy Doyle was sworn into the Queensland Police on 2 July 1948 and served at Cairns before being transferred to Mackay in 1952.

Roy Doyle is 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 staff of Mackay Police District, Mackay/Whitsunday QRPA, and the FQPM.

Mounted Unit Milestone 1974 – 2024
By Wayne Coyne, Treasurer of the FQPM.

On 26 August 2024, it will be 50 years since the QPS Mounted Unit was established as an independent unit under the Commissioner's Office.
The initial staff were: Sergeant 2/c A M Coyne Reg No 4351
Constable G C Goldspink Reg No 8312
Constable H L Doran (Crack) Reg No PW215 from 2/9/74

Sergeant Coyne had served with the unit in a part-time capacity since 1951 and following his promotion to Sergeant 2/c on 10/5/65 was transferred to Oxley with responsibility for the supervision of the stable complex under the Officer in Charge, Oxley Station. Prior to this date and since moving from the old Stable Complex at Petrie Terrace Barracks, the unit was under the control of the O/C Oxley Police station for administrative purposes and relied heavily on the staff of Oxley Station to assist with the care and feeding of the unit's horses.

On ceremonial occasions, members from Oxley together with a number of part-time members had provided the numbers to perform regal and vice-regal escort duty and participate in events such as the Royal Queensland Exhibition and many other public relations related duties.

I was privileged to have grown up around this unit and later had the opportunity to serve as a part-time member on secondment during the 1982 Commonwealth Games and a number of subsequent escorts and RQ Exhibitions until 1987.

The Queensland Mounted Police has a proud history and the current Police Mounted Unit now based in a purpose built facility at Moggill, continues that history in an operational role in day to day policing.

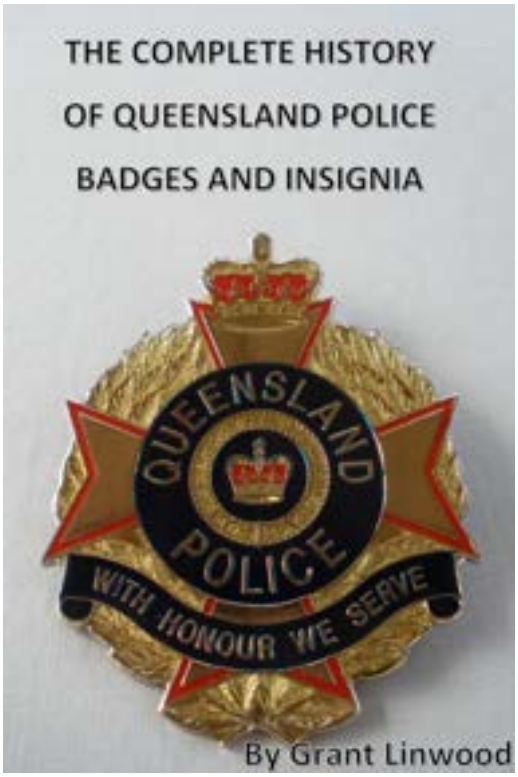
The Queensland Mounted Police Unit challenge coin minted to recognise the contribution of mounted police to policing in Queensland since. Check out our Merchandising page regarding purchase of this coin.

Publications of Police Interest:

Queensland Police in the Great War: A Compendium

In 2020 the FQPM supported 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. One of the completed full-length biographies (Billy Elsdale, Police Tracker), was published on the Queensland State Library blogs on ANZAC Day 25 April 2024. Provisional release date of final eCopy is November 2024. Dr Dukova, a policing historian was working at the Queensland Police Museum at the time and believed that the stories of these men remain lost to public knowledge.

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:

Constable William DWYER No 138

Died at Juandah near current day Wandoan on 25 January 1883

William Dwyer was born in 1857 near Cappawhite, County Tipperary, Ireland and after migrating to Australia he joined the Queensland Police Force being sworn in on 11th December 1878. About 2 years later he was transferred to Taroom in Central Queensland. Taroom station was established when Queensland was still part of New South Wales and is believed to be Queensland's second oldest station.

Dwyer had been stationed there about 3 years when on the 24th January 1883 in company with Senior Constable Wright and a Police Tracker he set out to locate an aboriginal person named Wild Toby wanted on warrant for attempted murder. The police party located Toby at his camp on Woleebee Creek near Juandah Station (now Wandoan) and decided to camp for the night and proceed the following morning. The party rode single file into the camp and while Wright engaged Toby in conversation Dwyer unexpectantly dismounted and attempted an arrest. Dwyer however failed to get hold of Toby as he was covered in pig fat to protect himself from mosquitoes.

Toby strongly resisted and responded by flipping his tomahawk from the ground with his foot and delivered a savage blow to the head of Dwyer. Senior Constable Wright dismounted to assist his colleague and fired a number of shots at Toby who finally fell to the ground dead. Constable Dwyer had suffered a mortal wound and died about 30 minutes later. Later that day Constable Dwyer's body was conveyed to Juandah Station where he was buried the following morning in a small burial ground near old Juandah Station. Wild Toby was buried where he fell in the area now known as Toby's Bend.

Constable William Dwyer left a son and a widow Mary who was pregnant at the time with their daughter. Mary later married another police officer Constable Jim Hill.

The burial ground known at the Juandah Heritage Site is located at Wandoan just off the Leichardt Highway at Windeyer Road and is well marked by a stone cairn describing some details of the five known persons buried at that location.

Constable Dwyer is remembered on the Queensland Polce Memorial in Brisbane and the National Police Memorial in Canberra, ACT. The Toowoomba Police station has also remembered William Dwyer in a regional memorial to all officers of that region who have died on duty. A plaque memorialising Constable William O'Dwyer was

unveiled at the Taroom Police Station on Police Remembrance Day, 29th September 2011. Another reminder of this tragic event is the tomahawk in a glass case mounted on the wall inside the Taroom station.

The family of William Dwyer have reverted to the original spelling of O'Dwyer as it now appears on some recent memorials. I must acknowledge the research undertaken by Phil Hocken whose story in the Police Union Journal in 1998 was instrumental in the preparation of this article. FQPM members Gerry Stevens and John McCormack have provided additional material including some photographs.

Ed. A personal note:
The widow Mary Dwyer (Carew) is the sister of my great grandfather Michael Carew.

The Juandah Heritage Site at Wandoan

The tomahawk at Taroom Police Stn

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 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.

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 Editor on 0423100786.

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.

FQPM Members are invited to attend Management Committee Meetings.

The FQPM meeting dates for this year (2024) are as follows:

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

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