

John Ross THOMPSON

Where are they now ?

The LONGEST SERVING Member of NSWPF RETIRES 15
MAY 2020

John Ross THOMPSON



Great Grandfather of – Sub Inspector John CARROLL # ???

Son of Ross THOMPSON (21 Division) # ????

Nephew of Jack ? (Parramatta – 18 Division Dets) # ????

NSW Police Cadet # 1735

Redfern Police Academy Class # 95A

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 10718

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on 8
January 1962 (aged 17 years, 5 months, 4 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed 5 August 1963 (aged 19
years)

Constable – appointed 6 August 1964

Constable 1st Class – appointed 6 August 1968

Senior Constable – appointed 6 August 1972

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ???

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ???

Senior Sergeant – appointed 18 January 1988 – *15 May 2020 – 8
January 2023

*(Friday **15 May 2020** – John's last **physical** Duty **BUT** with
NSWPF.

8 January 2023 will be John's last **Actual Employment date** with
NSWPF. (He has 2+ years Long Service Leave to take).

By leaving on the **15 May 2020** – he has **Served 58 years, 4
months, 7 days.**

By the time his **Long Service Leave** has ended on **8 January 2023**
– he will have been in the employ of NSWPF for exactly **61
years.**

Retired age 1 = 75

Retired age 2 = 78

Stations: ?, Parramatta (18 Division), Chatswood, 21
Division, Eastwood – Licencing, Surry Hills – 'A' District,
City of Sydney – Transit Unit, State Planning Unit (last 20
years until retirement)

Service: From 8 January 1962 to 8 January 2023 = 61 years
Service

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 11 December 1980 (SenSgt)

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 15 December 1989 (SenSgt)

2nd Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 24 March 2000 (SenSgt)

3rd Clasp to National Medal – granted ? ? ? (SenSgt)

NSW Police Medal – granted ? ? ?

National Police Service Medal – granted ? ? ?

150th NSW Police Force Anniversary Medal – granted ? ? ?

Born: – August 1944 – Gulargambone Police Station

Where are you now ?

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Glenn Stan Cam Stanley He is 13,000 registered numbers senior to the current commissioner (# 24552) and 50,000 police have signed up since he started and retired.

Great service to NSW and much good kudos for you SSgt Thomo

(Mick FULLER # 24552

Senior Sergeant John THOMPSON # 10718)

Andrew Southall

I remember John when he was a Cadet and his **father worked** at the **Fingerprints Section** which was then located at the Police Training Centre at Redfern.

John's Dad rode a motor cycle outfit to and from work and John would arrive at the PTC of a morning sitting up very proudly

in the sidecar.

After nearly 60 years of service with the NSW Police Force, **Senior Sergeant John Thompson** is ready to call time on his distinguished career.

The decorated officer – who began as a 17-year-old police cadet in Redfern in **1962** before being officially sworn in on his 19th birthday – started his long service leave on Friday (**15 May 2020**) and will officially retire from the force in **January 2023**.

Senior Sergeant Thompson will retire after 61 years; making him **the longest-serving police officer in NSW**.

But his connection with the NSW Police Force started well before that – he was born at **Gulargambone Police Station** in 1944.

His **father, uncle** and **great-grandfather** also served as police officers – his **great-grandfather, Sub Inspector John Carroll**, arrested **Andrew George Scott** (also known as **Captain Moonlight** the Bushranger) in Gundagai back in **1879**.

Snr Sgt Thompson started as a probationary constable at Parramatta Police Station and has worked in various commands across the force, including Chatswood, Surry Hills, and Police Transport Branch.

He also worked the 21 Division, where he served with his father, **Senior Sergeant Ross Thompson**. The 21 Division was the training ground for the Criminal Investigations Branch for many years until its disbandment.

During his career, he has been awarded the NSW Police medal, the National Police Service Medal, the National Medal as well as clasps, and the 150th NSW Police Force Anniversary medal.

He also received a letter of thanks for his service from the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge following their visit to Australia in 2014.

For the last 20 years of his career, **Snr Sgt Thompson** has worked in the **State Planning Unit** at major events across the state, including New Year's Eve, Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, Bathurst 1000, and the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

His last arrest was three years ago while working at the New Year's Eve celebrations for an alleged aggravated robbery.



NSW Police Commissioner, Mick FULLER # 24552 presenting the Certificate of Service to retiring Senior Sergeant John THOMPSON # 10718 at the Planning Unit, Parramatta, on Friday 15 May 2020.

To hear more of Snr Sgt Thompson's interview, please visit

<https://youtu.be/Wuyx7EsJxZw>



John Ross THOMPSON # 10718 – Send Off cake
