

Nicholas George Arthur JONES

14/02/2024

Nicholas George Arthur JONES

AKA Nick JONES

* Nickname: Beef man

Late of ?

Pretty, Pretty Good

Relations in 'the job':

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

New South Wales Police Force – Communications Officer – VKG –



Civilian

Admin. Regd. # 2003778

Rank: Communications Officer – VKG

Final Rank: = Communications Officer – VKG

Stations: ?, VKG Wagga Wagga, VKG2 Lake Illawarra – Death

Service period: From ? ? 2003 to ? ? ? = ? years,
Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = ?

Time in Retirement from Police: ?

Awards: No Find on the Australian Honours system



Born: Wednesday 2 May 1979

Died on: Saturday 27 January 2024

Age: 44 years, 8 months, 25 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause: "possible" Heart attack stemming from Bacterial
Meningitis

Event location: At home ?

Event / Diagnosis date: 2022

Funeral date: Friday 9 February 2024 @ 2pm

Funeral location: Hanson & Cole funerals, 634 Northcliffe
Dve, Kembla Grange, NSW

Wake location: ???

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: Hanson & Cole funerals, Kembla Grange, NSW

Buried at: ?

Grave Location: Section: Row: ? Plot: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (February 2024)

NICK IS NOT mentioned on the Sydney Police Centre Memorial
Wall, Surry Hills

**FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED ABOUT THIS PERSON, THEIR LIFE,
THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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Deepest condolences to Nicks wife Jessica and their daughters
Lizzy and Daisy.

* Story behind any Nickname: Beef Man = ?

In 2022 Nick contracted Bacterial Meningitis which brought on a couple of strokes and then a heart attack.

Nick, despite being on the cusp of death, managed to rally and came good.

With the aid of rehabilitation for months, he was able to return to work in an administrative role.

Unfortunately his brain was not functioning correctly and he had to take 'sick leave' again.

Although he was still on the 'roster', he was not able to physically return to VKG for months – leading up to his untimely, and young, death.

Nick, from all accounts, was a great guy, highly intelligent, always the gesture and far too young.

He died in his sleep and looked as though he was simply taking a nap.

Forever – Rest In Peace.

JONES
(Nick)
Nicholas George Arthur

Passed away unexpectedly on 27th January, 2024. Loved by Jess. Adored father of Lizzie and Daisy. Much loved son of Neil & Alison and brother Ben and sister-in-law Lousie. He will be sadly missed by his extended family, friends and work colleagues.

Aged 44 Years
'Pretty, Pretty Good' says Beef

Relatives & friends of **Nick** are invited to attend a Celebration of his Life to be held at the **Northcliffe Chapel of Hansen & Cole Funerals, 634 Northcliffe Dr, Kembla Grange** on **Friday 9th February, 2024** commencing at **2pm**.

Alternatively, you may view the service via streaming, for details please go to www.hansenandcofunerals.com.au and select 'Upcoming Funerals'



Hansen & Cole
Funerals

Kembla Grange 02 4272 4900



Rodney RUDE & Nick JONES

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13 February 2024

James McBeath WADDELL

14/02/2024

James McBeath WADDELL

AKA Jim WADDELL

* Nickname: Waddells

Late of Bondi, NSW

Relations in 'the job':

"possible" relation in 'the job': J.B. WADDELL, NSWPF # 8743
?

Archie WADDELL, NSWPF # ??? (Retired 1953) ?

David WADDELL, NSWPF # 27431 ?

Mark WADDELL, NSWPF # 36042 ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 10482

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday ?
? 1962 (aged ?

Probationary Constable- appointed Monday 29 October 1962 (aged 20 years, 3 months, 16 days)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed 29 October 1967

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (YES)

Senior Constable – appointed 29 October 1971

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? (N/A)

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 1 December 1978

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 9 December 1986

Inspector – appointed ? ? ?

Chief Inspector – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Detective Inspector

Stations: ?, Paddington, ?, Patrol Commander – Paddington (

10 Division)(Insp)(1990), ?, Eastern Suburbs District HQ
– Daceyville, ?, Region South – Retirement

Time employed (Paid) with NSW Police: From: ? ? 1962
to 1 January 1996 = 33 years,

Service (From Training Date) period: From ? ? 1962 to 1
January 1996 = 33 years Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = 53 years, 5 months,

Time in Retirement from Police: 28 years, 0 months, 28 days

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 6 November 1980 (Det Sgt)

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 17 March 1989 (Det
SenSgt)



Born: Monday 13 July 1942

Died on: Monday 29 January 2024

Age: 81 years, 6 months, 16 days

Organ Donor: No – age prohibitive

Cause: suffered from Cancer from which he also suffered fluid around the heart leading to a heart attack. He also suffered fluid on the lungs and also had Covid.

Event location: ? – surrounded by family

Event / Diagnosis date: ?

Funeral date: Wednesday 7 February 2024 @ 11am

Funeral location: Coast Chapel, 50 Pine Ave, Little Bay, NSW@

There will be NO official Police involvement at the funeral

All friends and colleagues are invited to attend

Wake location: The Junior, Anzac Pde & Haig St, Maroubra
Junction, NSW

Wake date: Wednesday 7 February 2024 from 12.30pm

Funeral Parlour: Picaluna Funerals

Buried at: ?

Grave Location: Section: Row: ? Plot: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (February 2024)

JIM is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance *NEED
MORE INFO

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CITIZEN MILITARY FORCES

Eastern Command

**Royal Australian Army Pay Corps – To be Second Lieutenant, 19
January 1972 – 2129687 Robert Sydney Milne and 2129688 James
McBeath Waddell.**

09 Mar 1972 – AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES – Trove

* Story behind any Nickname:

Wed, 07 Feb 2024 | The Coast Chapel.

The Funeral Service of James McBeath Waddell

Please join Jim's family to celebrate his life at the Coast Chapel, a place that holds special significance as it overlooks Little Bay and the ocean that Jim called home for over 50 years.

Time & Location

07 Feb, 11:00 am

The Coast Chapel. 50 Pine Avenue, Little Bay NSW

About the Service

Jim's family invite you to join them at the Coast Chapel to farewell their husband, father and poppy.

Please join Robyn, Yvette, Brett, Daniel and their families to celebrate Jim's life at The Juniors, Maroubra, Anzac Parade and Haig Street, Maroubra Junction from 12.30pm.

Live stream

For those unable to attend in person, the service will be live streamed via the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6M0Q1qoTg9M>

Please note that you do not need to RSVP if you're watching the livestream.



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1 February 2024

Update 6 February 2024 with Retirement date & calculations
plus Live Stream details.

Keith Allan Joseph RILEY

14/02/2024

Keith Allan Joseph RILEY

AKA ?

* Nickname: ?

Late of Nara (Gosford), NSW

Relations in 'the job':

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Police College – Penrith – **Class # " possibly " 026**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 6096

Rank: Commenced Training at Penrith Police College on Monday
12 April 1948 (aged 24 years, 5 months, 1 day)

Probationary Constable- appointed ? ? ?

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (NO)

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? (N/A)

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 31 July 1965

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 1 May 1974

Inspector – appointed 1 December 1980

Final Rank: = Inspector

Stations: ?, Nundle (SenCon)(July 1960, Jan 1964), Eden (SenCon)(? – June 1965 ,29 Aug 1965), Peak Hill (SenCon)(

30 Aug 1965 – ?), Western District (1965 – 68), Nundle (SenCon)(? – Nov 1965), North East District (1969), ?, Gundagai (Sgt 2/c)(Mar 1974), Kurri Kurri (Sgt), Gosford (Inspector) – Death

Time employed (Paid) with NSW Police: From: 12 April 1948
to 4 June 1982 = 34 years, 1 month 23 days

Service (From Training Date) period: From 12 April 1948
to 4 June 1982 = 34 years, 1 month 23 days

Retirement / Leaving age: = 58 years, 6 months, 24 days

Time in Retirement from Police: 0

Awards: No Find on the Australian Honours system

Born: Sunday 11 November 1923

Died on: Friday 4 June 1982

Age: 58 years, 6 months, 24 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause: Heart attack – On Duty

Event location: Gosford Police Station, NSW

Event / Diagnosis date: ?

Funeral date: ? ? ?

Funeral location: ?

LIVE STREAM ?



Wake location: ???

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: Palmdale Memorial Park, Palmdale Rd, Ourimbah, NSW

Grave Location: Section: Row: ? Plot: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (January 2024)

KEITH is **NOT** mentioned on the National Police Wall of
Remembrance * BUT SHOULD BE (*Checked 2023*)

KEITH is **NOT** mentioned on the NSW Police Wall of Remembrance
*BUT SHOULD BE

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Wall, Surry Hills * BUT SHOULD BE (*Checked 2023*)

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Inspector Riley died on 4 June, 1982 as a result of a heart attack sustained whilst on duty at the Gosford Police Station. The inspector was born in 1923 and joined the New South Wales Police Force in 1948.

At the time of his death he was stationed at Gosford.

He is not listed in the official New South Wales Police Honour Roll.

Source: Beyond Courage

Ike ELLIS: 2023 wrote: Keith was my Sergeant at Kurri Kurri *and* we used to trick unsuspecting people to shake hands with him. Without a doubt he had the strongest handshake I experienced.

He and his wife, Terry a lovely but sad couple, having lost their only daughter (*Frances*) when she fell down a cliff near their home.

RIP Sir

Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales (Sydney,
NSW : 1901 – 2001),

Friday 20 August 1982 (No.110), page 3880

IN the Supreme Court of New South Wales.— Notice of intended distribution of estate.— Any person having any claim upon, the estate of **KEITH ALLAN RILEY**, late of **Narara, police inspector**, who died on **4th June, 1982**, must send particulars to the Public Trustee at the address appearing below within two (2) calendar months from the date of publication hereof.

After that time the Public Trustee may distribute the assets of the estate, having regard only to the claims of which at the time of distribution he has notice. Election to administer the estate with the will dated 20th January, 1970, annexed, was filed by the Public Trustee on 11th August, 1982.

E. C. OSBORNE, Branch Manager, Public Trust Office, 1 Watt Street, Gosford. (4974)

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/231357540>

Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

Monday 16 August 1965, page 3

Eden death inquiry

Bega detectives are investigating the death of a man following an incident in an **Eden hotel** on Saturday night.

James William Mead, 46, of West Street, Eden, died from head injuries at the **Pambula District Hospital** yesterday morning.

Police said Mead, married with three children, was involved in an incident at an Eden hotel shortly before he was admitted to hospital.

Detectives J. E. Avery (# 7975) and **A. J. Elworthy** (# 8015), of **Bega Police**, assisted by **Senior Constable K. A. Riley**, of **Eden**, are investigating.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/131833395>

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22 September 2013

Updated 21 Jan 2024 with new format and grave photo + extra info.

Graeme Reginald NOBLE

14/02/2024

Graeme Reginald NOBLE

AKA ?

* Nickname: ?

Formerly of Tweed Heads West & Kingscliff. Late of Banora Point, NSW

Relations in 'the job':

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – "Possibly" Class #
043 +

NSW Police Cadet # 1014

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 8289

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy as a Police Cadet on Monday 30 July 1952 (aged 15 years, 7 months, 6 days)

Probationary Constable- appointed Saturday 24 December 1955 (aged 19 years, 0 months, 0 days)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed 24 December 1966

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? (N/A)

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 2 March 1972

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed 30 December 1981

Final Rank: = Senior Sergeant

Stations: ?, North East District (1969), ?, Scone, ?,
Singleton Police Station (O.I.C.), Tweed Heads Police
Station (O.I.C.) – Optional Retirement

Time employed (Paid) with NSW Police: From: 30 July 1952
to 6 July 1989 (Optional Retirement) = 36 years, 11 months,
6 days

Service (From Training Date) period: From 30 July 1952
to 6 July 1989 (Optional Retirement) = 36 years, 11
months, 6 days

Retirement / Leaving age: = 52 years, 6 months, 12 days

Time in Retirement from Police: 34 years, 4 months, 3 days

Awards: No Find on the Australian Honours system

GRAEME REGINALD NOBLE

24/12/1936 - 10/11/2023 86yrs

*From Banora Point, formerly from Tweed Heads West and
Kingscliff, passed away suddenly.*

Former OIC of Tweed Heads Police.

Much loved husband of June (deceased).

Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather.

Private Cremation as per Graeme's request.

Born: Thursday 25 December 1936

Died on: Thursday 9 November 2023*

* during the evening in Hospital whilst awaiting heart surgery
scheduled for the next day after blockages were recently
discovered.

Age: 86 years, 10 months, 16 days

Organ Donor: No – Age restrictive

Cause: Heart failure

Event location: In Hospital

Event / Diagnosis date: ?

Funeral date: ? November 2023 Graeme did not want a public

funeral

Funeral location: ?

LIVE STREAM ?

Wake location: ???

Wake date: ???

Funeral Parlour: ?

Buried at: ?

Grave Location: Section: Row: ? Plot: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (**January 2024**)

GRAEME is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance
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Graeme's wife, June, pre-deceased him.

Condolences to their son, Scott and Daughter, Jane and their
respective children.

* Story behind any Nickname:

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this person at the time of publication and further information and photos would be appreciated.

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4 January 2024

Geoffrey Paul BERNASCONI

14/02/2024

Geoffrey Paul BERNASCONI

AKA Geoff BERNASCONI

* Nickname: Schooners

Formerly of Wagga Wagga, Coolamon, Batemans Bay. Late of
Hervey Bay, Qld

Relations in 'the job':

"possible" relation in 'the job': Philip Sydney BERNASCONI,
NSWPF # 12756 ?

Nina BERNASCONI, NSWPF # 36647 ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class # 158**

New South Wales Police Force

ProCst # 92016

Regd. # 17970

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday
23 January 1978 (aged 21 years, 8 months, 9 days)

Probationary Constable- appointed 3 April 1978 (aged 21
years, 10 months, 20 days)

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective (Technical) – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed 3 April 1987

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? (N/A)

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Senior Sergeant (Acting Inspector)

Stations: Sutherland (24 Division)(ProCst), HWP, ?,
Warilla, ?, Wagga Wagga (1980s – c1990s), Urana (1984), ?,
Scientific (FSG)(16 years in total) – Retirement

Time employed (Paid) with NSW Police: From: 23 January 1978
to 29 September 2000 (H.O.D. with PTSD) = 22 years, 8
months, 6 days

Service (From Training Date) period: From 23 January 1978
to 29 September 2000 = 22 years, 8 months, 6 days Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = 44 years, 4 months, 15 days

Time in Retirement from Police: 23 years, 2 months, 21 days

Awards: No Find on the Australian Honours system



Geoff's "Bogan" look – 2009

Born: Monday 14 May 1956

Died on: Wednesday 20 December 2023 in his sleep

Age: 67 years, 7 months, 6 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

A sufferer of PTSD since February 1999. Had previous bouts of Cancer.

Cause: Official cause of death is a Heart attack in his sleep.

Event location: Home, Hervey Bay, Qld

Event / Diagnosis date: ?

Funeral date: Thursday 11 January 2024 @ 10am (Qld time) –
11am (NSW time)

Funeral location: J. Kirk & sons Chapel, 224 Urraween Rd,
Hervey Bay, Qld.

All Police, Retired and Serving are most welcome to attend.

There was no Official police involvement at the funeral.

Wake location: Hervey Bay RSL, 11 Torquay Rd, Pialba, Qld

Wake date: Thursday 11 January 2024

Funeral Parlour: J. Kirk & sons, 224 Urraween Rd, Hervey
Bay, Qld

Buried at: Polson Cemetery, Corser St, Pt Vernon, Qld

Grave Location: **Section:** **Row:** ? **Plot:** 663

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (December 2023)

GEOFF is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance

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Deepest Condolences to his wife, Georgie, and family.

Paul Herring . .

22 December 2023

I have just heard of the passing of a former colleague from Class 158 Geoff Bernasconi. He was a wonderfully generous and giving man and a real entertainer. Your shift is complete Geoff – but your legacy, and the considerable memories you created will live on with many, especially during the times at

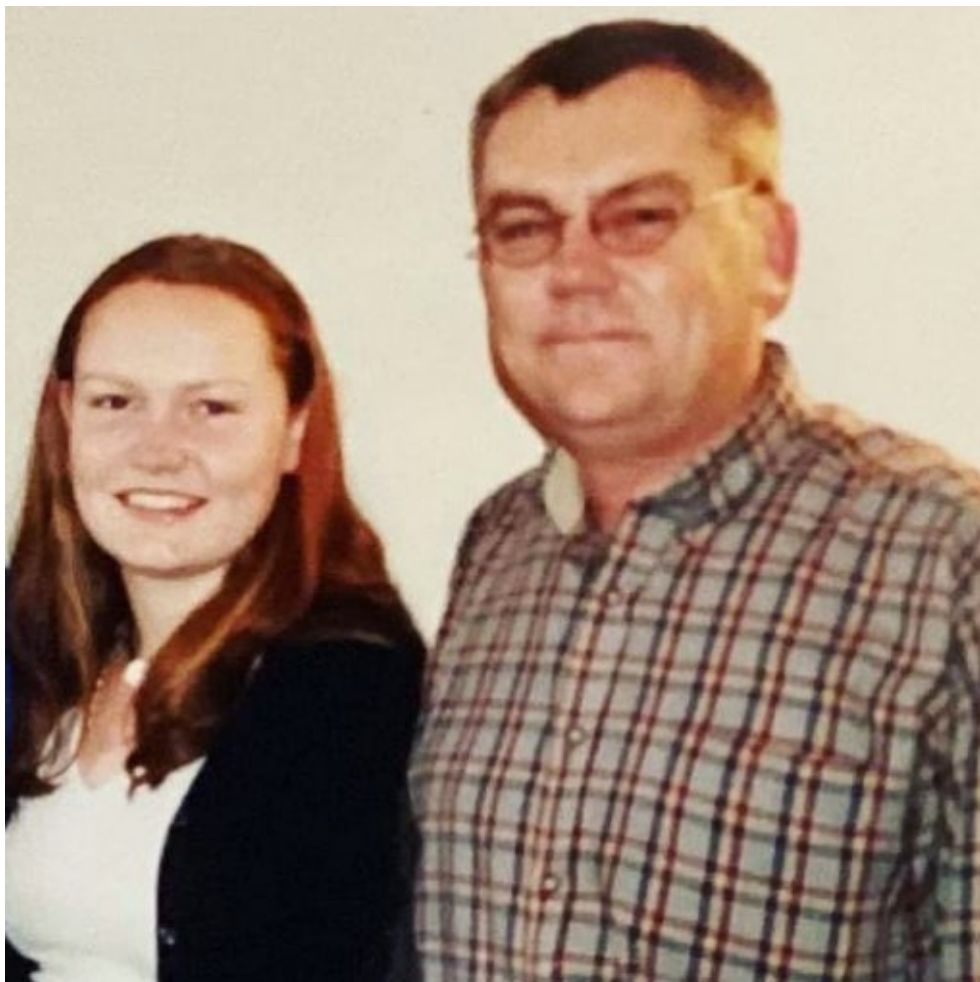
Wagga Wagga. Special thoughts to Geoff's family and the friends he leaves behind. Rest easy my friend. 💙

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Geoff featured in the book: 'Forensic Investigator – true stories from the life of a country crime scene cop', written by Esther McKay.



Class 158A – Redfern Police Academy – April 1978



Katie BERNASCONI & Geoff BERNASCONI



Katie BERNASCONI & Geoff BERNASCONI



Geoffrey Paul BERNASCONI # 17970





Georgina CLEMENTS & Geoffrey Paul BERNASCONI # 17970 at their wedding. 10 June 2020





Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

Tuesday 28 February 1995, page 4

Boys face murder charges

WAGGA WAGGA: Blood had soaked 5cm into the ground around the head of a man found dead by a council worker in Wagga Wagga, the city's Children's Court was told yesterday.

Four Wagga boys, aged 11, 12, 15 and 16, have been charged with the murder of **Peter William Baker**, 55, whose body was found in Victory Memorial Gardens at 8am on November 6 last year.

They were charged also with robbery in company after it was alleged that money had been taken from the dead man.

On the first day of committal proceedings yesterday, **Detective Sergeant Geoff Bernasconi** said Baker would not have staggered

to the spot where his body was found.

He would have fallen to the ground after being struck on the back of the head and stayed there.

A significant feature was that blood had been found only on and under Baker's head, there had been no blood on the back of his clothes and only minute traces surrounding him.

Peter James Kelly identified three of the four youths as those he had given a lift at about 11.30pm on November 5.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/133338827>

Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 – 1995),

Sunday 30 July 1995, page 3

Problem noted before air crash

SYDNEY: A pilot spoke to his wife about his plane experiencing electrical difficulties only minutes before the plane plunged into a paddock near Wagga in south-eastern NSW, killing all four people on board.

Police said the 64-year-old Narrandera pilot told his wife in a mobile-phone conversation that he had lost the artificial horizon on the twin-engine Cessna 310's navigation system.

He said he was flying in low cloud cover during a descent from 9000 feet on his approach to Wagga.

According to the Bureau of Air Safety Investigation, the pilot, from an air taxi service in Narrandera, then made his last known radio contact with Wagga airport at 7.43pm on Friday.

He failed to contact the airport six minutes later as scheduled.

A bureau spokesman said his last contact was routine and made no mention of difficulties.

Police identified the pilot as Don Knight, 64, of Knight Air Taxi, Narrandera. The Wagga men were Dallas Gooden, 42, Bruce Campbell, 54, and David Larwood, 33. They had been on a trip to Longreach in far-north Queensland buying stock.

Wreckage was strewn over more than a kilometre in the open paddock where the plane crashed.

Police said a woman from a property near the crash site, about 15km north-east of Coolamon, reported seeing a large flash in the sky and heard the plane crash about 8.10pm on Friday.

But the officer-in-charge at the crash site, Inspector Chris Morley, said it was too soon to talk about the plane exploding in mid-air.

He said the flash in the sky may have been the plane crash reflected on low cloud.

"It's a big mess, I have never seen anything like it," Inspector Morley said.

"It's just devastating."

The wreckage was found on the Thalia property by the property owner at midday yesterday after the alarm was raised.

This morning, NSW police video unit and photogrammetry officers recorded the crash site.

Two BASI investigators were travelling from Sydney to pick over the wreckage for clues about how the crash happened.

Inspector Morley said the men's bodies would be collected and eventually taken to the city morgue in Glebe, Sydney, for

disaster victim identification procedures, to be carried out by Riverina forensic services head **Detective Sergeant Geoff Bernasconi**.

Detective Sergeant Bernasconi was in charge of similar investigations after the Monarch air crash that killed seven people as it approached Young in central NSW on June 11, 1993.

NSW Fire Brigade, bushfire brigade and State Emergency Services workers were involved in the search on Friday night.

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/128290501>

Forensic Investigator: True Stories from the Life of a Country Crime Scene Cop

Author(s): Esther McKay

True Crime

Forensic investigator **Geoff Bernasconi** had always been passionate about his job as a policeman in rural New South Wales, and went the extra mile, both for victims of crime and for their families. But one night in 1984, he was called to investigate the scene of a horrific car accident in which an entire family had been wiped out – and which it was impossible for him to forget.

Geoff's day-to-day working life became a catalogue of

tragedies, some of which involved people close to him, and he found himself spiralling downwards in the grip of post-traumatic stress disorder.

When **Esther McKay** heard that **Geoff** had been awarded maximum compensation for his suffering, she knew immediately this was a story that needed to be told.

This is a harrowing account of what it is like to work on the frontlines of crime and tragedy as a forensic investigator. It is also the inspiring story of one who has been exposed to sights and experiences many of us can hardly even imagine, yet has emerged from the darkness to begin his journey to recovery.

Forensic Investigator: True Stories from the Life of a Country
Crime Scene Cop

Relationship issues from the autobiographies

Allan Sparkes (Sparkes, 2013:136) describes his relationship with his wife Deborah as being strong and supportive, although he says “I kept my mental state from her.” Her support, Allan believes was central to his later recovery.

John Horner (Horner, 2011) experienced a marriage breakdown in mid-career, as did **Esther McKay**.

She described her subsequent partner as “extremely sensitive and comforting” in terms of her battle with the trauma that was then a challenging part of her everyday experience.

Belinda Neil had a similar experience, as did **Geoff Bernasconi** (McKay, 2010:74)

where he describes his marriage as “weakening under the strain”.

After being absent from home for four days involved with the forensic investigation of a plane crash scene, (during which time he made no contact with his pregnant wife) on arriving back to his home town he went straight to the hotel, got drunk and called his wife, suggesting she join him for dinner. The relationship did not survive.

Sleep Problems and Exhaustion: The autobiographies.

Alan Sparkes (Sparkes, 2013:140) describes his confronting dreams and his inability to sleep.

As his **Post traumatic stress symptoms** increased he commenced having nightmares in which he had stabbed to death his wife and daughter. These were the source of profound anxiety and fear for him, prompting thoughts of suicide to protect his loved ones from the possibility that his dreams might become reality.

Esther McKay (McKay, 2005:265/227) gives a similar account of nightmares describing a particularly disturbing one where she was 'lying naked on the morgue table'.

Belinda Neil (Neil, 2014:2) describes "the long working hours with no time to recover from one traumatic incident to the next." And continues, "I was falling apart, exhausted and forgetful".

Geoff Bernasconi, (McKay, 2010:58/59) is "mentally and physically exhausted" and "fatigue was ever-present, especially on long road trips when Geoff would struggle to stay alert."

These were officers nearing the limit of their resilience, unsupported by their organisation, isolated and nearing the end of their police careers.

\$785,000 for police stress

DAILY TELEGRAPH
P15
THU 23-12-2004

By NICOLETTE CASELLA

A FORMER police officer won a \$785,000 payout yesterday after a court acknowledged the NSW Police service did not provide him with adequate psychological support.

Geoff Bernasconi, 48, of Wagga Wagga, had been a forensic crime officer in Wagga Wagga for 15 years when the NSW Police Service discharged him, at his instigation, on September 29, 2000, for being "medically unfit".

The police service accepted he developed post-traumatic stress disorder and acute depression from his job.

Judge Rod McLoughlin awarded Mr Bernasconi \$750,000 for psychological damage, future loss of earnings, loss of potential promotion and loss of long service leave.

He received a further \$35,217 for interest on loss of earnings and superannuation.

The court heard in May that Mr Bernasconi dealt with about 1200 dead bodies, including grisly murder victims, during his service.

He successfully sued the police for breaching its duty of care by not providing adequate psychological support.

"Being a forensic officer, nothing nice ever happens," he said outside court yesterday.



Gruelling . . . Geoff Bernasconi

"In the time I was in forensics, I would have been involved in investigating close to 1000 deaths.

"After a while . . . I did do a lot of jobs where I knew people who had died [and] the psychological help wasn't present at that stage.

"Over a period of time I got to the stage where I became very cynical about life. I withdrew and there were many ramifications, especially for my family."

Mr Bernasconi and his former wife Jocelyn, who gave evidence at his hearing, divorced after he had a nervous breakdown in 1999.

He was admitted to St John of God Hospital's post-traumatic stress disorder ward in Richmond for five months.

In his gruelling three days of giving evidence he told the court he was still seeing a psychiatrist and was on anti-depressants.

While the payout would not give him "the years that [he] lost", he said it would let him help his four children aged seven to 23 years.

"They have suffered tremendously. It is not easy for kids to know their dad is in a psychiatric ward," he said.

Having joined the service as a 21-year-old, Mr Bernasconi criticised the police for "lack of support".

"Some things have changed. Police officers doing forensic work now get screened," he said.

"If that had happened when I was in the force I don't think I'd be in this way. I love the police force and thought I could have gone a long way."

During the past six months there has been roughly a case a month in the District Court concerning traumatic stress and the police service.

In October, former officer Christopher Burton was awarded \$435,000 when he sued the police service for negligence in failing to provide adequate counselling after a siege at Coolabah, in the state's northwest, in 1998.

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THURSDAY 23 DECEMBER 2004

FORMER POLICEMAN GEOFF BERNASCONI FROM WAGGA
WAGGA WHO SUED THE POLICE DEPT.

FORENSIC INVESTIGATOR

True Stories From the Life Of A Country Crime Scene Cop

by Rosemary Feathersone

• Published by Penguin Group (Australia)
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FORENSIC INVESTIGATOR

TRUE STORIES FROM THE LIFE
OF A COUNTRY CRIME SCENE COP

ESTHER MCKAY
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR OF CRIME SCENE

Once upon a time.....This story is no fairytale.

"Former forensic investigator with the New South Wales Police, Detective Sergeant Geoff Bernasconi, 48 sits by a grave at Wagga in far southern New South Wales while a Sydney Judge hands down the maximum compensation for his suffering and lost career as a direct result of repeated exposure to trauma culminating in post-traumatic stress disorder." (Excerpt from a radio broadcast December 2004).

Esther McKay's book 'Forensic Investigator' is a realistic and heart wrenching story of one her colleagues employed with the NSW Police as a forensic investigator in a country location.

At the age of 21, Geoff joined the NSW Police. In 1980, while working as a constable on highway patrol he was involved in an accident where an elderly man made a right hand turn across the path of Geoff's patrol car. Realising they were about to collide, he could see the look of horror on this man's face. The man, already suffering from cancer, was critically injured and later died of those injuries. This was the start of Geoff's nightmares and the first of too many experiences with injury, destruction and death.

Esther McKay describes; with an ease that comes from similar experience, the professional path of Geoff from traffic cop to country cop to forensic investigator. Geoff's working life as forensic investigator became a catalogue of tragedies some of which involved people close to him.

The pace of the book describes the roller coaster effect that enveloped his life as he performed the duties of a country forensic investigator.

"Hell, I am a cop, I can handle this but my family doesn't have to'words from the book echo within all police officers. For Geoff, his personal life became non-existent and persistent drinking only added to the destruction of two marriages.

Yet despite his solitary mode of work, Geoff had a reputation as a hard working police officer who always went beyond duty to support the victims of crime and their families. Placing flowers alongside a child for the parents' last viewing along with other countless small gestures to provide emotional support were all part of the path from critical incident to autopsy to funeral to inquest. All these actions may have helped family members but for Geoff they were continual reminders of the horrors he relived constantly.

Geoff worked days on end, slept in his office and rarely saw his family, yet no one seemed to notice that he was spiraling downwards. Overworked, under resourced and denied the vital support to deal with the stress and trauma, he suffered over the years. Additionally, Geoff was subjected to managerial scrutiny and investigation into what management believed was improper procedure that (at least according to the book) was never substantiated.

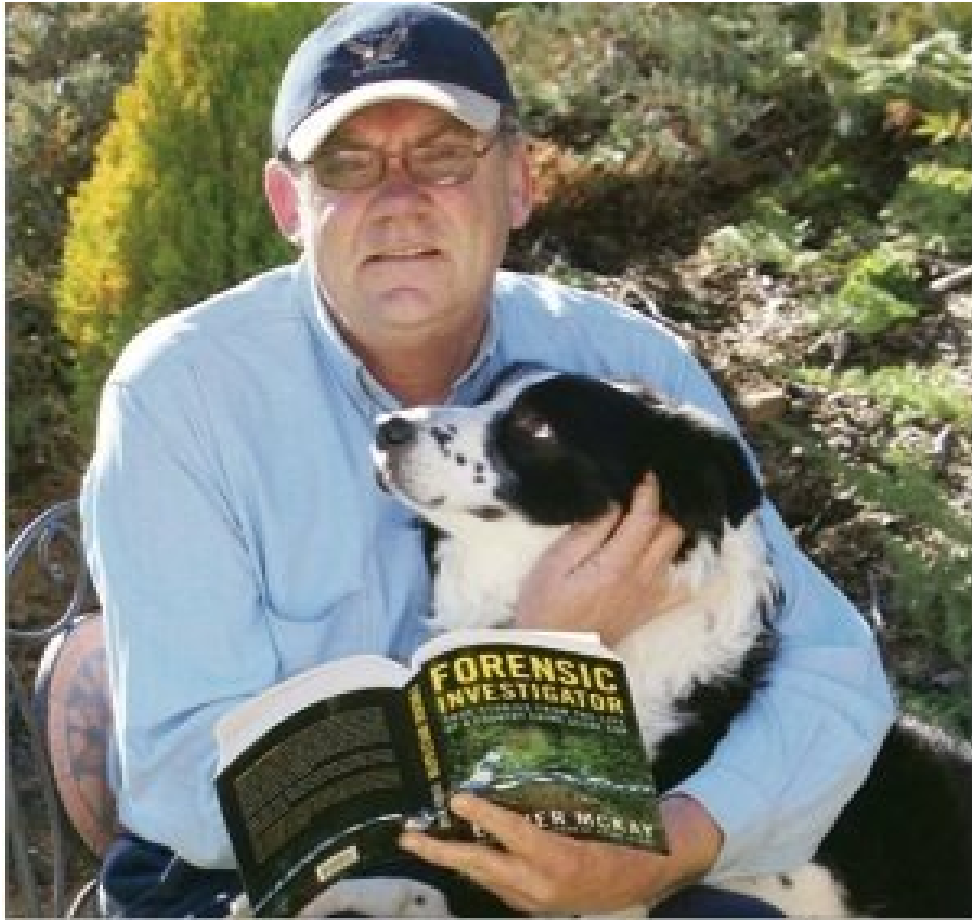
In consideration of all these experiences, Geoff eventually succumbed to post-traumatic stress disorder.

This story is inspiring in that it tells realistically the story of someone who has been exposed to sights and experiences many of us could hardly imagine, yet has emerged from the darkness to begin his journey of recovery. For every police officer, Geoff's story will touch a nerve. For every member of a police officer's family, it will help them to understand what their loved ones go through and may help them to recognize so much earlier the signs of stress.

Esther McKay is a former Detective Senior Constable, retiring Medically Unfit, hurt on Duty in 2001 after seventeen years with the NSW Police. Esther is a keen advocate for improving mental health conditions for suffers of PTSD and has helped to organise Police Post Trauma Support Group
— www.ppts.org.au/

FORENSIC INVESTIGATOR ESTHER MCKAY

PENGUIN
MICHAEL
JOSEPH



My dog Mac reading the book

Forensic officer awarded \$750,000

December 23, 2004 – 11.00am

While a judge in Sydney was telling the court that a former policeman should receive the maximum compensation – \$750,000 – the man in question was visiting the grave of a victim of a crime he had investigated.

“I have been to a few cemeteries,” said **Geoffrey Bernasconi**, 48, speaking from his home in Wagga Wagga. “It’s just a solace, a place for me to think and reflect.

“I think about those that are left behind, and I feel for the

person ... I found it quite peaceful there today. I reflect could I have done more, and I reassure myself, no, I have done everything I can."

On Wednesday in the District Court, **Judge Raymond McLoughlin** awarded the **former forensic services police officer** \$785,000 (including interest) for his suffering, and lost career due to work-related post-traumatic stress disorder and depression.

During his 23-year career, in which more than half the cases involved homicides and dead bodies, Mr **Bernasconi** was only debriefed three times. Those occasions were "poorly organised and often occurred after the event", the court heard.

A medical report said he had been "repeatedly exposed to some of the most tragic circumstances that may be witnessed in civilised societies".

Based in Wagga Wagga since 1987, he investigated crime and accident scenes, retrieved body parts from cars, trains and light plane crashes. There were teenage suicides, infant drownings and homicides. Sometimes he was required to remove decomposed bodies because the government contractor "couldn't stomach it".

One of Mr **Bernasconi**'s strengths was his empathy with the families of victims, who relied heavily on him. But this was also a stress.

The court also heard that for 15 months in the late 1980s he was the only crime scene investigator for the whole region, and was on call around the clock.

Judge McLoughlin criticised the service for failing to properly manage his 70-80 hour week, and failure to order appropriate leave and job rotation.

In 1999, he broke down while giving evidence at a coronial inquiry into a plane crash. The coroner recorded: "I have

dealt with this man for 15 years and I have never seen him like this.”

Soon after, his police supervisor took his gun and handcuffs away. He was medically discharged in 2000-2001. He spent months in psychiatric care in hospital.

Judge McLoughlin said there were managerial and psychological interventions which should have been taken by the service. He found Mr **Bernasconi** was now unfit to work in the labour market.

Forensic officer awarded \$750,000

Police obstinacy blamed for huge payouts

By Leonie Lamont and Michael Pelly

March 13, 2006 – 11.00am

THE NSW Police Force has wasted millions of dollars fighting “no-brainer” claims by stressed officers, prompting the State Government to order an external review of the force’s legal services unit.

The *Herald* is aware of at least six cases in which former police officers offered to settle for less than \$150,000 but ended up with \$750,000 payouts after going to court. Seventy claims are before the courts.

The Police Minister, Carl Scully, said he had “concerns about the performance of the unit, particularly in relation to its

management of settlements and litigation". He mentioned matters "not being handed expeditiously or fairly" and a "reluctance to settle that then causes payouts being larger than what they otherwise may have been". Payouts include:

■ Child protection officer **Rodney Keen**: offered to settle for \$148,000 plus legal fees of \$30,000. Awarded \$750,000 plus costs.

■ Forensic services officer **Geoff Bernasconi**: offer of \$150,000 to avoid stress of court before \$750,000 judgement.

■ Armed hold-up squad officers **Edward Shepherd, Mark Wilson** and **Craig McDonald**: offer of \$790,000 for all three. Awarded \$2.04 million plus costs.

■ Undercover officer **Bob Ridley**: offer of \$100,000 before \$750,000 judgement.

Mr Scully said a solicitor who has worked in the public and private sectors, Helen Vickers, would deliver her report in a few weeks.

He conceded that if the claims were proven, "then obviously I would have to consider ways of improving or potentially changing the way legal services is conducted".

One police insider said the unit had an "army mentality". "They want to fight everything and settle nothing and then rage against the courts when things go wrong. It's scandalous the amount of taxpayer money they are wasting."

Mr Scully said the current system, under which up to six people must be consulted before making an offer, could be a case of "too many cooks spoiling the broth". The minister must approve all settlements over \$100,000. "No doubt we could potentially streamline that and make it more efficient and effective."

Mr Ridley's solicitor, Philip Sim, settled a case involving

another undercover officer – dubbed Miss X – on the fourth day of a District Court hearing last week. “They slow the process down, so they can wear people out,” he said.

He said one attempt at mediation collapsed when police lawyers could not get instructions.

Tom Edmunds, a solicitor and **former policeman** who represented the **hold-up squad officers**, was blunt: “\$1.4 million – that’s how much the Crown contributed to our legal costs.”

Kim Smith, who acted for Mr **Keen** and Mr **Bernasconi**, said the legal costs of running a matter against NSW Police were “so much greater” than her other personal injury matters.

The Crown, which will pay a large amount of Mr **Keen**’s estimated \$350,000 legal costs, has foreshadowed an appeal.

Ms Smith said the Crown Solicitor’s Office had pointed out many times that NSW Police was exempt from the model litigants’ policy. This demands government departments avoid litigation wherever possible, but only the Attorney-General’s department is bound by the policy.

The secretary of the NSW Police Association, Peter Remfrey, said the way NSW police managed stress had improved but the legal unit’s handling of claims was “dysfunctional”. The association’s research director, Greg Chilvers, said 70 former police – many undercover officers – had negligence claims before the courts.

A precedent was set in a 2000 Court of Appeal judgement which awarded a former child abuse officer, Beth Seedsman, \$750,000 for NSW Police’s failure to provide a safe system of work or protection from mental injury. “Given what we know about the law, in these cases it should either be a no-brainer or one to be fought on a matter of principle,” Mr Chilvers said. “It seems on a matter of principle they fight them all.”

Police obstinacy blamed for huge payouts

* Story behind any Nickname: The man liked a drink.

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27 December 2023

Updated 9 Jan 2024

Updated 31 Jan 2024

James Errol MADDEN

14/02/2024

James Errol MADDEN

AKA Jim MADDEN

* Nickname: Mad Dog

Late of ?

Relations in 'the job': ?, NSWPF ????? (Daughter)

Brittany STOKER, NSWPF ????? (Granddaughter)(Bankstown LAC)

"possible" relation in 'the job': ?

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class # 124**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # **14319**

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday 3 August 1970 (aged 25 years, 8 months, 12 days)

Probationary Constable- appointed Monday 14 September 1970 (aged 25 years, 9 months, 23 days)

Constable – appointed 14 September 1971

Constable 1st Class – appointed 14 September 1975

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ? (N/A)

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 10 May 1986

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Senior Sergeant

Stations: ?, Campsie (13 Division)(GDs)(1970s), ?,
Liverpool (22 Division)(HWP), ?, Kogarah (12 Division)(HWP), ?, Campbelltown (35 Division), ?, Macquarie Fields (35 Division) – Retirement

Service: From 3 August 1970 to 7 October 1999 = 29
years, 2 month, 4 days Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = 54 years, 10 months, 15 days

Time in Retirement from Police: 23 years, 8 months, 21 days

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 8 June 1988 (Sgt)

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 27 September 1996 (SenSgt)



Born: Wednesday 22 November 1944

Died on: Wednesday 28 June 2023

Age: 78 years, 7 months, 6 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause: Heart attack. Blood clot in the Aorta

Event location: Camden Hospital, NSW

Event / Diagnosis date: Wednesday 28 June 2023

Funeral date: Monday 10 July 2023 @ 11am

Funeral location: Gledswood Homestead, 900 Camden Valley Way,
Catherine Field, NSW

Camden PAC provided the Official Police Guard of Honour

LIVE STREAM – No Live Stream.

Wake location: Gledswood Homestead, 900 Camden Valley Way,
Catherine Field, NSW

Wake date: Monday 10 July 2023

Funeral Parlour: Beautiful Farewells 100 Concord Rd,
North Strathfield, NSW

Buried at: Cremated

Grave Location: Section: Row: ? Plot: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (July 2023)

JIM is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance * NOT
JOB RELATED

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THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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In loving memory

Madden, James Errol 'Jim'

November 22nd 1944 – June 28th 2023

Jim's (James') family warmly invite you to attend the celebration of his life, to be held in the Gledswood Room, Gledswood Homestead & Winery, 900 Camden Valley Way, on Monday 10th July at 11am.

A private cremation will follow.

Burial Services provided to Sydney, Canterbury, Sutherland –

Elite Funerals

* Story behind any Nickname:

(9) Ex Cops Who Want To Enjoy Their Time on Facebook. | Facebook

Dad returned back from orange yesterday complaining of back pain to go to sleep and wake up again with back pain for mum to drive him to Camden hospital for him to change for the worst and found to have died 10 mins later of a blood clot burst to his Aorta . No heart condition nothing ever known he was pretty healthy

Nothing further, than what is recorded above, is known about this person at the time of publication and further information and photos would be appreciated.

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20 July 2023

Updated 21 July 2023

To Do: Jim may also have Served in the Military (Vietnam?). Followup that Service.

Dale Scott KEEGAN

14/02/2024

Dale Scott KEEGAN

AKA Dale KEEGAN

* Nickname: Keegs, Kegs

Late of Glen Legh Rd, Glen Innes, NSW. Formerly of
Campbelltown, NSW

Relations in 'the job': **Brian Edgar KEEGAN, NSWPF # 13811 (Father)**

“possible” relation in ‘the job’: G.P. KEEGAN, NSWPF # 19699
?

Peter KEEGAN, NSWPF # 27522 ?

Ashley KEEGAN, NSWPF # 32227 ?

Brain KEEGAN, NSWPF # 34173 ?

Michael KEEGAN, NSWPF # 40425 ?

Michael KEEGAN, NSWPF # 35829 ?

NSW Goulburn Police Academy – **Class # 259D**

This Class Attested at the Sydney Opera House

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 29576

Rank: Commenced Training at Goulburn Police Academy on Sunday
21 August 1994 (aged 19 years, 10 months, 6 days)

Probationary Constable- appointed Friday 17 February 1995 (aged

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (YES)

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Detective Senior Constable

Stations: ?, Campbelltown (35 Division)(GDs), ?, McArthur District, Green Valley Detectives (22 Division), ?, Glen Innes Detectives – New England –

Service: From 21 August 1994 to 25 May 2023 = 28 years, 9 months, 4 days Service

Time with NSW Police: From: ? ? ? to ? ? ? = ? years,

Had only been out of " The Job " for around six weeks on a Medical Discharge before he Passed away.

Retirement / Leaving age: = 48 years, 7 months, 10 days

Time in Retirement from Police: 0 years, 1 months, 11 days

Awards: No Find on Australian Honours system

Born: Tuesday 15 October 1974

Died on: Thursday 6 July 2023

Age: 48 years, 8 months, 21 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?



Cause: most probable Heart attack ?

Event location: ?

Event / Diagnosis date: ?

Funeral date: Thursday 20 July 2023 @ noon

Funeral location: Cameron Memorial Uniting Church, cnr Bourke
& Macquarie St, Glenn Inness, NSW

LIVE STREAM – There will be NO Live Stream

Memorial Date: Thursday 20 July 2023 @ noon

Memorial location: Cameron Memorial Uniting Church, cnr
Bourke & Macquarie St, Glenn Inness, NSW

There will be an Official Police Honour Guard from the New
England Police District

Wake location: Glen Innes RSL Club

Wake date: Thursday 20 July 2023 after funeral

Funeral Parlour: Horder & Thorley Funerals, Glen Innes, NSW.
02 673 25911

Buried at: Cremated

Grave Location: Section: Row: ? Plot: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (July 2023)

DALE is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance *NEED

MORE INFO

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Condolences to wife Kate, and children Maddyson, Jessica, Mitchell and the Keegan family.

A player for the Police Bulls PRLFC.

* Story behind any Nickname:

Was it destiny, or maybe fate.

It was '94 at the Academy gate.

Class 259, Subclass D

It was there you started this journey with me.

A colleague, a friend, a connection so rare

A lifetime of memories together we'd share.

At the Opera House, we stood with pride,

Class of '95, together side by side.

Into the world of policing we strode,

With valor and honour, on our chosen road.

We drank and laughed, our spirits alight,

Together, our dark burdens grew light

Campbelltown nights, where memories were made,

In laughter and joy, our worries would fade.

When you found Kate I knew your love was true.

It was such a pity, she wore the wrong shade of blue.

Bridesmaid at my wedding, Godmother to Maddy.

It was an honour to be there when you became her Daddy.

Weddings and celebrations, we shared them all,

Through joy and sorrow, we'd rise and fall.

Glen Innes beckoned, the farm of your dreams.

“I love here.” Your smile would gleam.

With horses, cows, pigs, and a furry brigade,

Your family flourished, more memories made.

Through thick and thin, an unwavering friend.

My heart is broken that it's now the end.

Words fail to capture the depth of my pain,

My heart is shattered, forever marked with a stain.

A brother, a friend, so loyal, so true.

Dale, I'd give anything to have another beer with you.

Rod Shero

6 July 2023



Some extremely sad news tonight with the passing of Bulls Life

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Dale Scott KEEGAN Death Notice – Sydney, New South Wales |
Sydney Morning Herald

Dale Scott (Kegs) KEEGAN

Died: 06/07/2023

Aged 48 years.

Late of Glen Legh Road Glen Innes and formerly of Campbelltown, NSW.

Loving husband of Kate.

Cherished father of Maddyson, Jessica and Mitchell, a much loved son, son-in-law, brother, brother-in-law and uncle.

Death / Funeral Notice – Dale Scott Keegan

Dale Scott Keegan “Kegs”

The relatives and friends of the late **Dale Scott Keegan**, also known as **Kegs**, aged 48 years, late of Glen Legh Road, Glen Innes and formerly of Campbelltown, NSW, are respectfully informed that Dale’s funeral service will take place this Thursday 20th July, at the Cameron Memorial Uniting Church, Glen Innes, commencing at 12:00 noon, followed by private cremation at the Sapphire City Crematorium, Inverell.

Loving husband of Kate, cherished father of Maddyson, Jessica and Mitchell, loved son of Brian & Carol Keegan, brother of Vanessa Williams, brother-in-law of Bryan Williams, uncle of Zachary and Olivia, beloved son-in-law of Nancy & Frank

Lipscombe (deceased).

If you would like to offer your condolences to Dale's family we will have a stand outside our office from 9am – 5pm where you may deliver a message/card of condolence. You may also email a message to the family to phorder@horderfamilyfunerals.com.au and we will pass this on (please use Dale's name on all correspondence to ensure it goes to the correct family).

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129 Grey Street, Glen Innes, N.S.W. 2370. Phone 02 67325911
all hours.

Horder & Thorley Funeral Notices

<https://www.nswpolicerugbyleague.org/teams/macarthur-bulls-history/>

Posted on July 15, 2023 by Purple Team

Dale Keegan Obituary, Former Coach Of Glen Innes Rugby

League Has Just Passed Away

Dale Keegan Obituary, Death – The sudden and unexpected loss of one of their own, Dale Keegan, has cast a pall of melancholy over the members of the Glen Innes Magpies, who have entered a period of mourning as a result.

From 2009 to 2016, Dale was a devoted member of the Glen Innes Rugby League, during which time he also served as an assistant coach for the club's side. During this period, he was also a member of the coaching staff. The years 2009 through 2016 were Dale's active years with the club.

In addition to this, he served in some capacity on the coaching staff during the entirety of this time period. 2010 and 2012 were good years for Dale in terms of his performance in competitions; nevertheless, he did not bring home any trophies or have any victories in 2011.

In 2011, he did not take part in any of the tournaments that were held. The members of the Glen Innes Magpies Community would like to express their most sincere sympathies to Kate, Maddy, Jess, Mitch, and the rest of the Keegan family on the passing of a member of the Keegan family.

This is in response to the news that a member of the Keegan family passed away. The Keegan family had a great deal of love and admiration for Mitch Keegan throughout its history.

On Sunday, in order to show that we value Keegs and his memory, we will observe a moment of silence in his honor by remaining silent for the entirety of one minute. This will be done in his honor as a way to show that we appreciate him and his memory. This is going to be done so that we can pay our respects to him by keeping a moment of quiet.

Dale Keegan Obituary, Former Couch Of Glen Innes Rugby League
Has Just Passed Away – farewell obits

Inquest into the death of Ricardo ARQUERO.pdf (2022)

Nothing further, than what is recorded above, is known about this person at the time of publication and further information and photos would be appreciated.

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17 July 2023

Updated 18 July 2023

Michael Leo GROVER

14/02/2024

Michael Leo GROVER

AKA Michael GROVER, Mick GROVER, Biggles

Late of Nelson Bay, NSW

“possible” relation in ‘the job’: None

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class # 128**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 14944

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy as a Trainee on Monday 9 August 1971 (aged 19 years, 0 months, 22 days)

Probationary Constable – appointed Friday 17 September 1971 (although the ‘Stud Books’ show this to be Monday 20 September 1971) – aged 19 years, 1 month, 30 days)

Constable – appointed 20 September 1972

Constable 1st Class – appointed 20 September 1976

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (NO)

Senior Constable – appointed 20 September 1990

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed 5 April 1988

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Inspector – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = ?

Stations: Philip St GDs (ProCst)(4 Division)(20/9/71 – 4/7/72),

Philip St Traffic (5/6/72 – 22/7/73),

Philip St GDs (23/7/73 – 6/10/73),

Traffic Branch (Metro)(7/10/73 – 29/1/76),

Ryde (17 Division)(1/2/76 – 8/5/76),

North Sydney – Traffic Branch (Car Crew)(9/5/76 – 21/8/76),

Five Dock (9 Division)(HWP Cyclist)(22/8/76 – 28/10/78),

State Technical Services (Radio Communications)(29/10/78 – 5/11/83),

Traffic Branch (HWP – Probation)(6/11/83 – 14/1/84),

Five Dock (9 Division)(HWP)(15/1/84 – 18/11/86),

Burwood (9 Division)(HWP)(19/11/86 – 9/7/88),

Eastern Suburbs HWP (C District HWP)(10/7/88 – 8/6/91),

Rose Bay (10 Division)(Shift Supervisor – GDs)(9/6/91 – 10/9/94),

Rose Bay (10 Division) (Beat Supervisor)(11/9/94 –
16/10/95),

Lidcombe (32 Division)(Shift Supervisor – GDs)(17/10/95 –
31/12/97),

Flemington (32 Division)(GDs)(1/1/98 – 30/6/97),

Flemington (32 Division)(Custody Officer)(1/1/98 – 9/1/99
) ,

Collarenebri GDs (10/1/99 – ? ? ?),

Lismore (? ? ? – ? ? 2003) – Coraki – Retirement

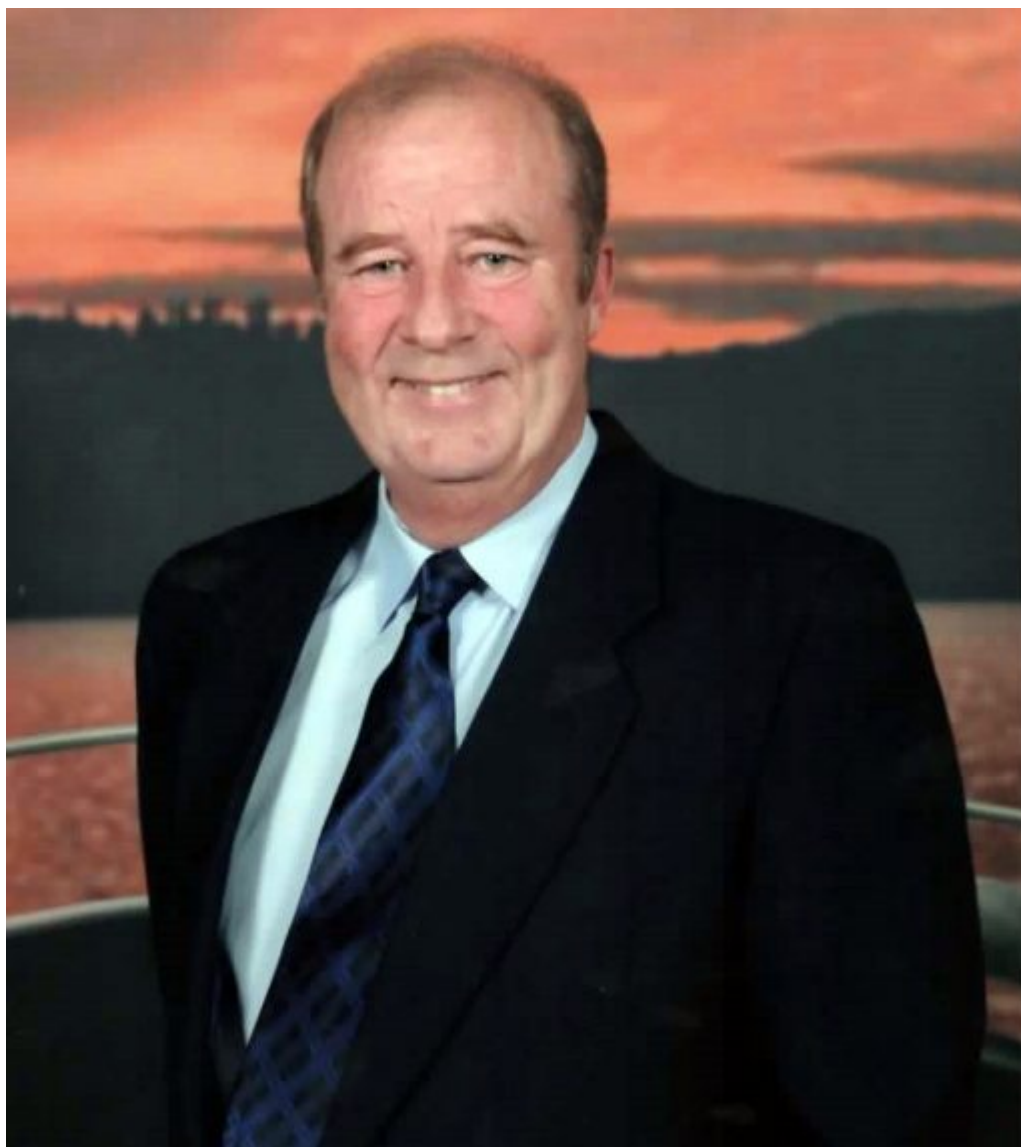
Service: From 9 August 1971 to 7 February 2003 = 31
years, 5 months, 29 days Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = 50 years, 6 months, 20 days

Time in Retirement from Police: 20 years, 0 months, 17 days

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 2 November 1988 (SenCon)

1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 6 June 1997 (Sgt)



Born: Friday 18 July 1952

Died on: Friday 24 February 2023

Age: 70 years, 7 months, 6 days

Organ Donor: No

Cause: Acute Myocardial Infarction

Event location: Home

Event date: Friday 24 February 2023

Funeral date: Monday 13 March 2023 @ 2.30pm

Funeral location: Main Chapel of Pettigrew Family Funerals, 7
Murray Dwyer Cct, Mayfield West, NSW

Newcastle PAC will provide an Official Police Guard of Honour

[LIVE STREAM](#) can be found [HERE](#)

([click here to see Corrona19 Virus Pandemic rules – this will be a limited numbers Funeral](#))

Wake location: ???

Wake date: ???

(Due to current Govt. restrictions on 'Gatherings' due to
Corona19 Virus Pandemic, some families may wish to have a
Memorial Service / Wake with friends and family at a later
date)

Funeral Parlour: Pettigrew Family Funerals, Mayfield, NSW. 02
4951 1166

Buried at: ?

Grave Location: Plot: ? Section: ?

Grave GPS: ?, ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time ([March 2023](#))

MICHAEL is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance *
NOT JOB RELATED

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This SMV was rammed through the tall wire gates of the Sydney Airport whilst being pursued by C District HWP and C District Anti Theft Squad.. The action caused total shut down of all runways until the SMV was cornered here at part of the airport.

The driver was charged with commonwealth offences (by the Anti Theft) for 'Endanger Safety of Aircraft'.

Sgt 3/c Michael GROVER (C District HWP) standing at the passengers door (with his back turned from camera). SenCon Graham Maranda (C District Anti Theft Squad) standing at drivers door.

1 January 1990



Class photo at Redfern Academy 1971 – 72



Police Training



Early Police bikes





Collarenebri Police Stn Circa 1999: Constable
?, Commissioner Peter Ryan, Sgt 1/c Michael
Grover, Cst ?, SenCon ?



Flemington Police Stn c1998

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this person at the time of publication and further information and photos would be appreciated.

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1 March 2023

Julie TILLOTT

14/02/2024

Julie TILLOTT

AKA Julie DICK

Late of ?, formerly of Hay, NSW

“possible” relation in ‘the job’: C. H. TILLOTT, NSWPF #
16196

Russell TILLOTT, NSWPF # 38547

Employment 1

Redfern Police Academy – **Class 174**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 19826

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday
? August 1981

Probationary Constable – appointed 9 October 1981 (aged 21
years, 9 months, 10 days)

Constable – appointed 9 October 1982

Surname change from DICK to TILLOTT – 1985

Detective – appointed **? ? ?** (YES)

Constable 1st Class – appointed 9 October 1986

Senior Constable – appointed **? ? ?**

Final Rank: Detective Senior Constable

Stations: **?**, Blacktown (27 Division)(1980s), Mt Druitt (27 Division), **?**,

Service: From **? August 1981** to **? ? c1993** = **12** years, **?**
months, **?** days Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = **?**

Time in Retirement from Police: **?**

Rejoinee

Employment 2

Rejoinee: NSW Goulburn Police Academy – **Class #** ? ? ?

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 28975

Rank: Commenced Training at Goulburn Police Academy on Monday
30 June 1997 (aged 37 years, 6 months, 1 day)

Probationary Constable- appointed ? ? ?

Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ? (YES)

Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 3rd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 2nd Class – appointed ? ? ?

Sergeant 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Inspector – appointed ? ? ?

Chief Inspector – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Chief Inspector

Stations: ?, Parramatta (18 Division)(Dets), ?,
Prosecution Support Unit (Sgt – SenSgt), ?, People and

Capability Command (C/Insp) – Death

Service: From 30 June 1997 to 28 October 2022 = 25 years, 3 months, 28 days Service

TOTAL Years Service: 37

Retirement / Leaving age: = Zero

Time in Retirement from Police: Zero

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 24 March 2000 (SenCon)

Born: Tuesday 29 December 1959

Died on: Friday 28 October 2022 (Australian time)

Age: 62 years, 9 months, 29 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?



Julie TILLOTT @ Julie DICK NSWPF # 28975



Julie TILLOTT @ Julie DICK NSWPF # 19826 & Rejoinee 28975

Cause: Heart attack

Event location: Dubai Airport, United Arab Emirates on her way to England

Event date: Friday 28 October 2022

Funeral date: Wednesday 23 November 2022 @ 10.30am (be seated by 10.15am)

Funeral location: the Grandstand, Sydney International

Regatta Centre, Gate A, Old Castlereagh Rd, Castlereagh, (Penrith), NSW

An Official Police Guard of Honour will be in attendance

LIVE STREAM PIN: **TBA** Email: **TBA**

(**click here to see Coronal9 Virus Pandemic rules – this will be a limited numbers Funeral**)

any Future Wake location: Lakeside Restaurant,

any Future Wake date: Wednesday 23 November 2022 @ noon

(Due to current Govt. restrictions on 'Gatherings' due to Coronal9 Virus Pandemic, some families may wish to have a Memorial Service / Wake with friends and family at a later date)

Funeral Parlour: White Lady Funerals 1300 656550

Buried at: ?

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this time (**November 2022**)

JULIE is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance * NOT JOB RELATED

JULIE IS NOT mentioned on the Sydney Police Centre Memorial Wall, Surry Hills (But should later be)

**FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED ABOUT THIS PERSON, THEIR LIFE,
THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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May they forever Rest In Peace

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Our thoughts go out to the children of Julie – Grant, Elise and Nicholas together with her family – Sister Narelle and brother Darren

Daughter of Katherine and Alec **DICK** (both deceased)

Did the Rural Fire Service cover up a fatal fire?

THE Rural Fire Service is being investigated by a coroner over claims it covered up suspicions that a fatal bushfire was started by one of its own volunteers.

By Janet Fife-Yeomans

September 9, 2008 – 12:00AM

DailyTelegraph

THE Rural Fire Service is being investigated by a coroner over claims it covered up suspicions that a fatal bushfire was started by one of its own volunteers.

Motorist Ronald Gillett died and 13 homes at Abernethy in the Hunter Valley were destroyed in one of the state's worst bushfires which a previous inquest found was deliberately lit.

Yesterday as he reopened the inquest on the basis of fresh evidence, deputy state coroner Carl Milovanovich said he would be investigating whether there had been a "conspiracy of silence".

He said the primary focus of the new inquest was whether there had been a "cover up" over the cause of the blaze in October 2002.

One of the fresh witnesses to be called is Brendan Hokin, a member of the local Cessnock Bushfire Brigade who had been charged two days before the fire with deliberately lighting a fire that threatened Pokolbin.

He then went to fight the fire.

Hokin, then 24, pleaded guilty to arson and was jailed for 12 months with a non-parole period of four months.

He has denied any involvement in the Abernethy blaze, which was the result of two separate fires.

But Mr Milovanovich was not told about Hokin when he held the first inquest in 2004.

After that inquest, RFS investigator Ken Hepplewhite told ICAC that he had told someone he "thought there may have been a cover-up (about the fatal fire) but that he was not part of

it.”

Bushfire volunteers who were on the two Cessnock fire trucks on a training exercise when the fire started have also been interviewed by police – some for the first time – and will also be called to give evidence.

Police had taken statements from 34 new witnesses, **Sergeant Julie Tillott, assisting the coroner**, told Westmead Coroners’ Court.

She said the inquest had been reopened following allegations made by a local resident, Garry Price, who almost lost his home in the fire, and a reinvestigation by police.

Businessman Mr Gillett, 55, was trapped in his car and killed when the flames swept across the road through Aberdare State Forest after he was turned back at a roadblock.

Outside court yesterday, his son Barclay Gillett said he hoped the new inquest would “get to the bottom of what happened”.

Mr Price flagged that he would be asking for Mr Hepplewhite to be called as a witness.

The inquest was adjourned to October 13 in Newcastle.

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Telegraph

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21 November 2022

Christopher Edward GLEESON

14/02/2024

Christopher Edward GLEESON

AKA Jack GLEESON, Muddy GLEESON, Chris GLEESON, Gleeso

Late of Rutherford, NSW formerly of Singleton, NSW

“possible” relation in ‘the job’: **?**

NSW Police Training Centre – Redfern – **Class # 144**

New South Wales Police Force

Regd. # 16663

Rank: Commenced Training at Redfern Police Academy on Monday
23 September 1974 (aged 19 years, 3 months, 26 days)

Probationary Constable- appointed Monday 4 November 1974 (
aged 19 years, 5 months, 7 days)

Constable – appointed 4 November 1975

Constable 1st Class – appointed ? ? ?

Detective – appointed ? ? ?

Senior Constable – appointed 4 November 1983

Leading Senior Constable – appointed ? ? ?

Final Rank: = Senior Constable

Stations: Bondi, ?, Cessnock (1980s), Maitland HWP,
Singleton HWP, ?

Service: From 23 September 1974 to ? ? 2000 = 25 years
Service

Retirement / Leaving age: = ?

Time in Retirement from Police: ?

Awards: National Medal – **granted** 15 November 1991 (SenCon)
1st Clasp to National Medal – **granted** 10 August 2000 (Former

SenCon)

Born: Saturday 28 May 1955

Died on: Saturday 8 October 2022

Age: 67 years, 4 months, 10 days

Organ Donor: Y / N / ?

Cause: Complications stemming from a Heart Attack

Event location: ?

Event date: ?

Funeral date: Tuesday 18 October 2022 @ 11am

Funeral location: Newcastle Memorial Park, 176 Anderson Dve,
Beresfield, NSW

(**click here to see Coronal9 Virus Pandemic rules – this will
be a limited numbers Funeral**)

Wake location: Diamond Room, Maitland City Bowling Club

Wake date: Tuesday 18 October 2022

(**Due to current Govt. restrictions on ‘Gatherings’ due to
Coronal9 Virus Pandemic, some families may wish to have a
Memorial Service / Wake with friends and family at a later
date**)

Funeral Parlour: Fry Bros. Frybros.com.au 02 49336155

Buried at: Cremated

Memorial / Plaque / Monument located at: ?

Dedication date of Memorial / Plaque / Monument: Nil – at this
time (October 2022)

MUDDY is NOT mentioned on the Police Wall of Remembrance
*NEED MORE INFO

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THEIR CAREER AND THEIR DEATH.**

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CHRIS GLEESON
"Jack" "Muddy"

Aged 67 Years of Rutherford, formerly of Singleton



Loved former husband of Fay. Loving father and father in law of Adam and Kristy, Kate, and Jade. Much loved Muddy Pop to his grandchildren Angus and Frankie. A loved brother, brother in law and uncle of Bernie, Jim and their families.

Family and friends are warmly invited to the Service in the North Chapel, Newcastle Memorial Park on **TUESDAY**, 18th October, 2022 at 11am. This Service will be livestreamed. Please click the link above to view.



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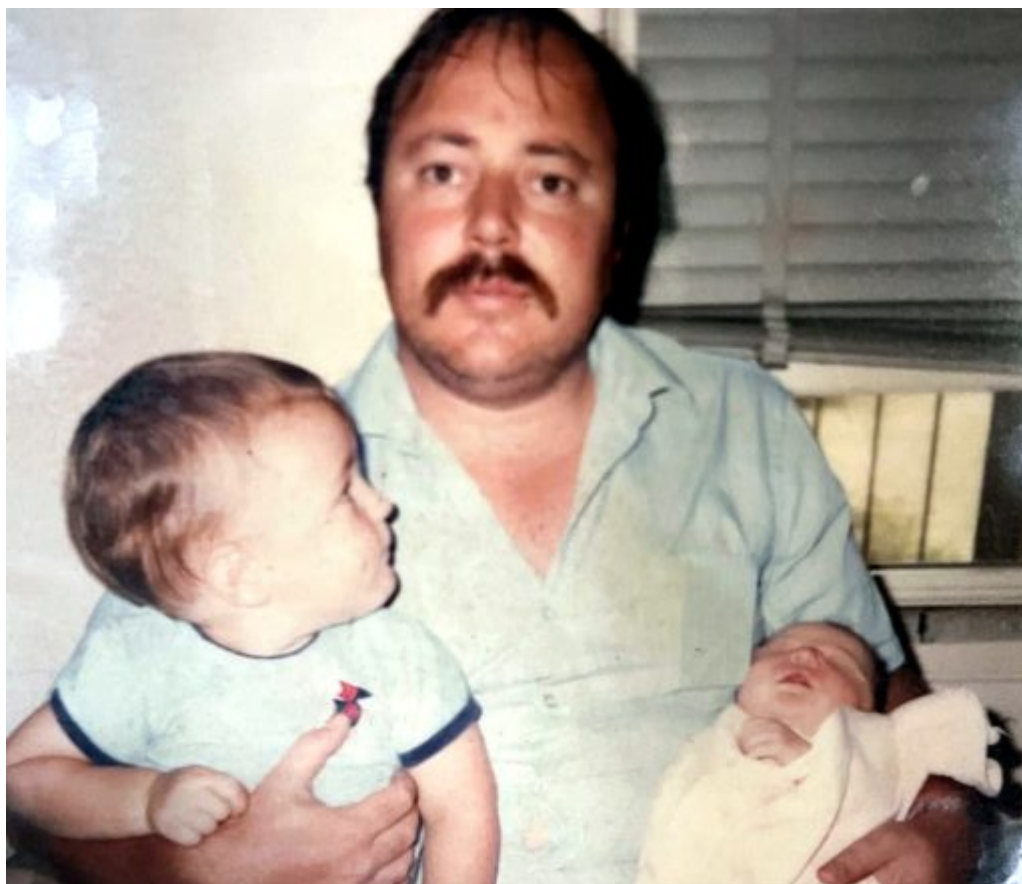
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24 October 2022
