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PROBATIONARY CONSTABLE RICHARD KENNY

Prb Cst Richard Kenny was going to be a great cop and he will be sadly missed by us all.

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MANLY LOCAL AREA COMMANDER

At age 39, Richard Kenny came to policing later than many. But it was quickly evident to his colleagues and superiors he had found his true calling and been welcomed into the family of policing.

Richard attested with Class 318 in May this year and commenced duty at Manly LAC.

He was a country boy, one of eight children who grew up in a four bedroom house in the centre of Gunnedah.

Manly was a long way from home but as his commander I quickly recognised that with Richard came those highly sought after qualities of a country cop – having time to listen, to size things up and take that extra care to make sure everyone gets a

fair go. This is the art of policing.

I recall walking Richard around the Corso on his first day, wide-eyed, quietly absorbing my expectations, perhaps a little daunted by the prospect of taking on Manly’s after-hours wildlife.

Despite our confidence in his abilities, Richard had his doubts. His wife Serena has told me Richard would come home from work and meticulously dissect all he had and hadn’t done during that day’s shift. He was tough on himself.

Sadly for us all, this promising career was cut tragically short. On 25 July Richard collapsed at work and was later diagnosed with liver cancer. Consistent with his character, Richard took on the fight and tenaciously held on to the belief that he would return to work with his mates.

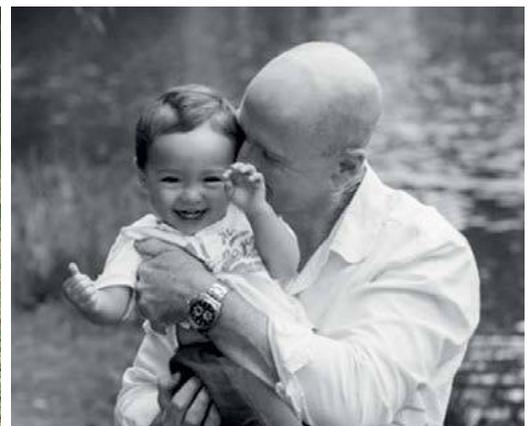
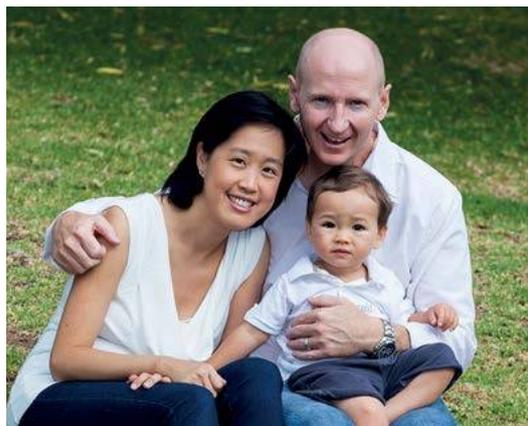
During treatment, he would sometimes go to his wardrobe and

take hold of his uniform and turn to Serena and say, “I’m going to wear that again one day.”

That wasn’t meant to be.

In Richard’s short time with us, he successfully completed session three in the Associate Degree in Policing Practice, and was well on the way to earning his first stripe and the rank of constable. What he didn’t know was our education and training officer had identified him as one of the best performing probationary constables to come to Manly for some years.

To Richard’s wife Serena and son Eaden and other family members, friends and colleagues, it is with profound sorrow that I, on behalf of the NSW Police Force and people of this state, extend my deepest sympathy on your tragic loss. Richard was a credit to the uniform he wore with pride and the community he served so capably.



RIGHT Prb Cst Richard Kenny with his wife Serena and son Eaden