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Front cover illustrations:

*Top: WA Police Sergeant Alexander Duperouzel, registration number 1458.
This photograph was taken after his promotion to a 3rd Class Sergeant in September 1944 and
before his promotion to a 2nd Class Sergeant in August 1949.*

Bottom: This photograph of the South Perth Police Station was taken by Ken Duperouzel in 1992.

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Dedicated to my parents,
Alec and Mary,
and to my siblings,
Ken, Jack, Alan and Loris

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1 Introduction

The Duperouzel family are very excited to learn news of the plans to develop the South Perth Police Station and Quarters (Former) at 1 Mends Street.

For those who don't know, my family resided in the living quarters at the South Perth Police Station for four years when our father, Police Sergeant Alexander Duperouzel, was the Officer in Charge.

News of this development came my way recently when I was sitting in the departure lounge at Perth Airport, with my wife Janet, waiting to board a return flight to England. We had just experienced a most memorable visit to Western Australia seeing family and friends after a long gap due to the pandemic! I read an article in the West Australian newspaper that morning, 12 October 2022, informing readers that the popular hospitality group Nokturnl had bought the South Perth Police Station. The article outlined the plans of co-founder Ross Drennan and his business partner Drew Flanagan to spend AUD6m to create a sophisticated beer and wine bar with a large alfresco area on the 400m² block.

The Duperouzel family have treasured its association with the South Perth Police Station for it is a beautiful building with an interesting design of red brickwork and archways. The striated style was achieved with the use of stucco and paint whilst it has a steeply tiled roof and two prominent gabled wings.



*South Perth Police Station and Living Quarters (Former), view from Mends Street.
Courtesy of WA Police Force Records and Management Centre, Perth.*



*View from the South Perth Police Station looking towards the corner of Mends Street and Labouchere Road
Courtesy of WA Police Force Records and Management Centre, Perth.*

Now that the future plans for the South Perth Police Station have been approved the Duperouzel family would like to share some childhood memories, together with some photographs and newspaper cuttings of our time living at 1 Mends Street. Other important strands of historical information appertaining to the property have been incorporated to enhance the pleasure of readers and those who will frequent the new bar and restaurant in the future.

In addition, we are fortunate to have the full transcript of a talk given by our eldest sibling Ken to members of the City of South Perth Historical Society in November 2002. Ken was always interested in local history and had a very good memory for detail. His talk is an invaluable account of his life as a young man growing up in South Perth between the ages of 18 and 22 years and is a wonderful legacy to the family and to the community of the City of South Perth.

Our extended Duperouzel family are very much looking forward to the day when the property will be transformed having been saved from the wrecking ball!

2 Heritage of South Perth Police Station and Living Quarters (Former)

The property was awarded Heritage status by the Heritage Council of Western Australia on 28 November 2003.

The City of South Perth published a detailed eleven page document entitled, 'South Perth Police Station and Living Quarters (Former) CITY OF SOUTH PERTH LOCAL HERITAGE INVENTORY', Place Record Form SPS 5, prepared by 'Heritage Today' in March 2000 with the most recent update by the City of South Perth in November 2015. The 'Statement of Significance' reads:

"The South Perth Police Station and Quarters (Former) has aesthetic, historic, social, representative and rarity cultural heritage significance. It has valuable streetscape presence and features many characteristics of Federation architecture values in the community. It is a fine and locally rare example of the architectural design of Hillson Beasley. Beasley was an influential architect of many valued public buildings throughout Western Australia. For around 100 years, the South Perth Police Station and Quarters (Former) represented the presence of law and order in the South Perth community."

The police station with its two cells and living quarters is located in a prominent position at the junction of Mends Street and Labouchere Road. It was built in 1908 by the builder Mr W. H. Robert under the direction of the Public Works Department Chief Architect, Mr Hillson Beasley.

According to A.R. Pashley's excellent book, *'Policing Our State: A History of Police and Police Officers in Western Australia'*, published in 2000, the South Perth police played an important role in the community from the late 1890s, before the police station at Mends Street was built. At that time the mode of transport was either by foot or horse. Police later used their own cars and were given an allowance from 1911.

During World War II the role of the police was extended to include the watching of 'Aliens' and helping with the 'rounding up' of people of German, Japanese or Italian descent who were incarcerated for the duration of the war.

After the South Perth police vacated 1 Mends Street in late 2002 and relocated to the Kensington Police Station the City of South Perth purchased the site in 2004. From 2006-2008 the building was operating as the City's Community Safety Resource Centre. It was eventually sold as part of the 'Civic Triangle' to the Finbar Group Limited, Real Estate Developers, as a landmark development site in 2014.

For the convenience of readers specific sections of this CITY OF SOUTH PERTH LOCAL HERITAGE INVENTORY are included in this chapter, for example photographs, the floor plan with prison holding cells, living quarters and the Heritage Trail plaque. The full document can be found on the City of South Perth website: [SPS 5 South Perth Police Station \(Cat A+\)](#)

The two Heritage listed buildings within the 'Civic Triangle', the South Perth Police Station and South Perth Post Office, remain as protected heritage buildings on the larger development site for 'Civic Heart'.



South Perth Heritage Trail Police Station. This photograph was taken by Ken Duperouzel in 1992.



(Chris Rowett for the City of South Perth, 2007)



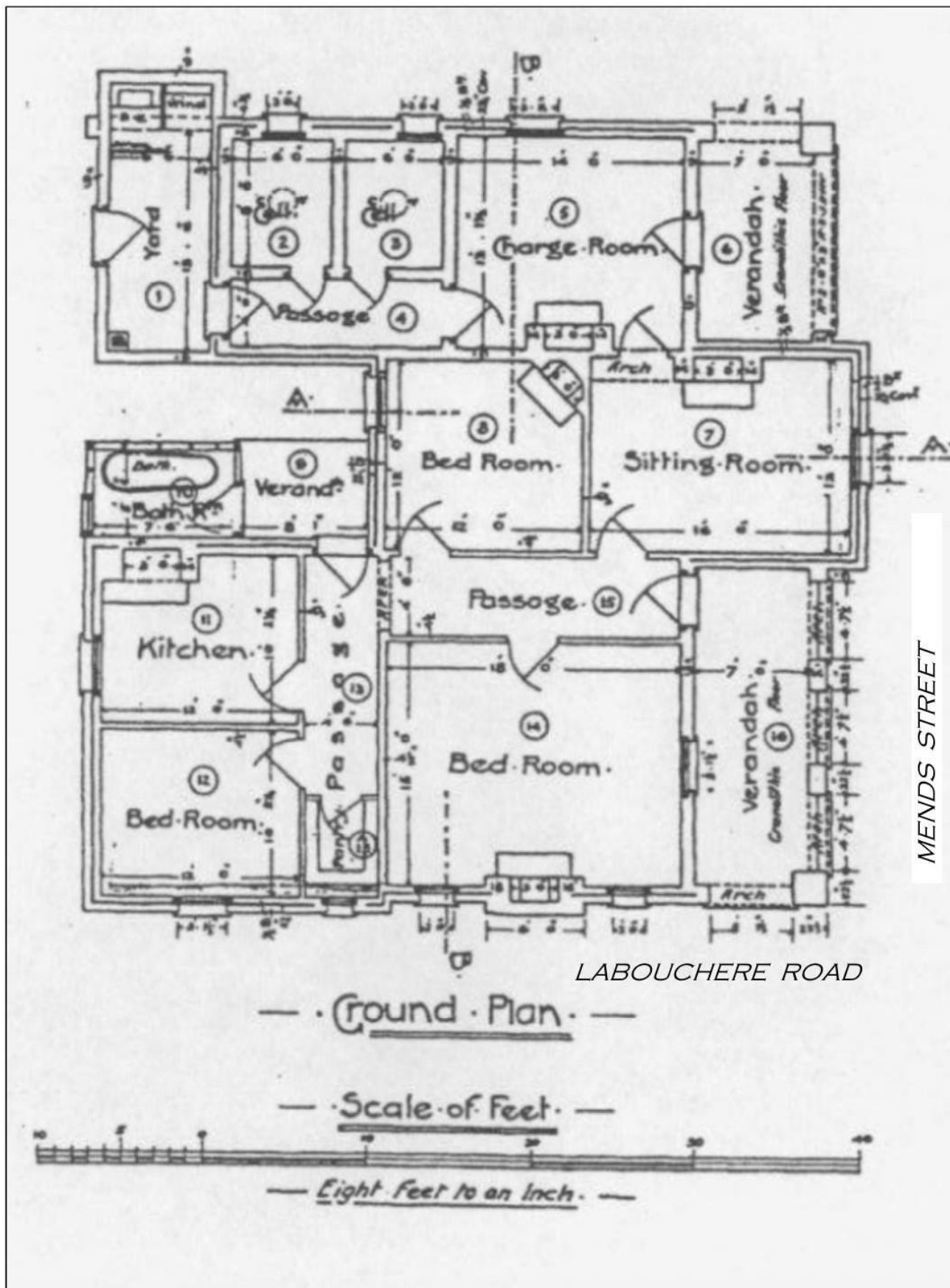
Labouchere Road façade of the *South Perth Police Station and Quarters (Former)*.
(Gina Fraser, City of South Perth, 2015)



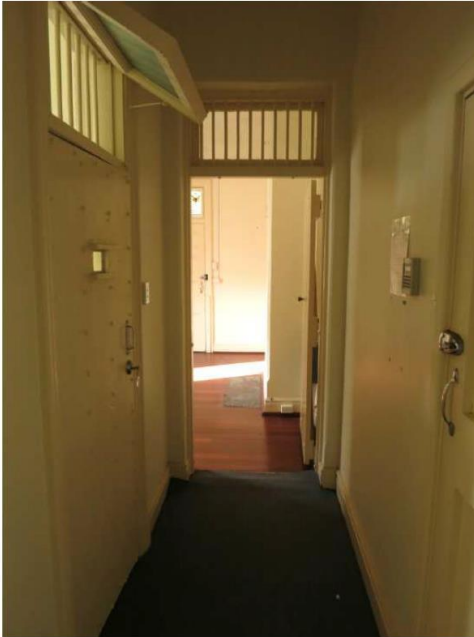
North-western façade (rear) of the *South Perth Police Station and Quarters (Former)*.
(Gina Fraser, City of South Perth, 2015)



**North-eastern façade (facing towards the South Perth Post Office)
of the *South Perth Police Station and Quarters (Former)*.**
(Gina Fraser, City of South Perth, 2015)



1908 floor plan of the South Perth Police Station and Quarters (Former).
 (Conservation Management Plan, John Taylor Architect, 2002
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Corridor leading to the former cells.



One of the former prison cells.



View across living room of former living quarters.
Arched doorway to Police Station in centre.



View across former charge room towards door to
cells (right). A former fireplace bricked up
(centre). Doorway to living quarters on left.

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3 Police Sergeant Alexander Duperouzel 1458 and Agnes Mary Hevron

Alexander Duperouzel, known as Alec, was born on the family farm at Qualen, near York, in 1901. He was one of ten children born to George Duperouzel and Sarah Willey. Alec was the grandson of Aimable Ciril Duperouzel, a Frenchman and pioneer of York from 1858, and Julia Neagle from Tipperary, Ireland. Alec joined the WA Police Force in January 1924 and became a Police Constable on 15 May that year. He was based at the Perth Police Station for the next twenty-one months.



At the beginning of 1926 our father was transferred to the Fremantle Police Station for three months before moving to the East Fremantle Police Station on Canning Road, now known as Canning Highway. It was about this time that Alec met Agnes Mary Hevron, known as Mary. Mary was born in 1902 in the Hevron family home at 20, Thompson Road, North Fremantle. Her parents, Denis William Hevron and Agnes Devitt, had five children all of whom were born at home.

Mary was the granddaughter of Denis and Catherine Hevron, who were from Dublin, having arrived as Irish pioneers to Western Australia in the 1850s. Her grandfather was employed as a Warder at the Fremantle Gaol and their large family lived in the Warders' Quarters in Henderson Street, Fremantle. They later moved to Swan Street, North Fremantle.

In 1919, at the age on seventeen, Mary attended City Commercial College (CCC) Perth to study Pitman's Business Principles. She excelled in two annual competitions in the Junior Classes and was awarded 3rd Prize for Shorthand (Grammalogues and Contractions) and 3rd Prize for Shorthand Speed. Her prizes consisted of books, 'Pitman's Reporter's Assistant' and 'The Girl's Business Handbook'. At the end of 1922 she started working as a Shorthand-Writer, Typist and Office Assistant with the Great Southern Roller Flour Mill, (GSRFM), in Thompson Road, North Fremantle, a short walk from the family home.

In early 1926 Mary stopped working for GSRFM after the family moved to East Fremantle to run a corner shop located at the intersection of Canning Highway and Glyde Street. Mary worked with her parents in the shop which sold groceries and newspapers. The family lived in the accommodation above the shop which was later managed by Mary's brother Denis.

Alec and Mary married in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Fremantle in 1928 and they had five children, Kenneth, known as Ken, born in 1929; John in 1931, known as Jack; Alan in 1939; Loris in 1942 and William, known as Bill, in 1946.

The family with their two young sons, Ken aged three, and Jack, two, moved from the Hevron home where they were living at 177 Canning Highway, East Fremantle to the country town of Dowerin in 1932. They later lived in Gingin, 1935-1939 and Wagin, 1939-1944. Following our father's promotion to a 3rd Class Sergeant in September 1944 he was transferred to the Perth Police. Our mother was delighted to be back in the metropolitan area after twelve years in the country as she was closer to her family and more familiar with the surroundings of Fremantle and Perth. Our father was later promoted to a 2nd Class Sergeant in August 1949.

In October 1944 the family moved into 42, Canning Highway, Victoria Park. This was a relatively small World War I Service Home whose location provided easy access to The Causeway which links Victoria Park and the inter-city suburbs of East Perth by two bridges over the Swan River.



Family home at 42 Canning Highway, Victoria Park

After settling in at number 42, Ken and Jack, then 16 and 14 years, attended City Commercial College (CCC), Perth. It was our mother who encouraged the boys to attend CCC to study a course in Business Practice and Principles to acquire commercial skills, knowledge of bookkeeping and to learn to type and acquire shorthand notes. These skills were to stand Ken and Jack in good stead later in life when they teamed up together in 1963 to establish WA Stihl Chain Saws importing Stihl products from Stuttgart, Germany. Their business was very successful and was eventually sold in 1999.

On the completion of their CCC course Ken took on some local roles before working in the hardware department of Barnett Bros Pty. Ltd. in East Perth until October 1951 when he left on his motor bike for an adventure to the eastern states. Jack worked for Western Rabbit Company as a Junior Clerk from the end of 1945 till May 1947. Jack then moved to Plunketts Building Pty. Ltd. working in the office and performing accounting duties until August 1949 when he left to join the Royal Australian Navy.

4 Newspaper extracts

Throughout his thirty eight years of service in the WA Police Force our father's name appeared in the newspapers on several occasions. A small selection of extracts from newspaper articles between 1948-1952 are shown below. These also help to appreciate what our father and his police colleagues had to cope with on a day-to-day basis as they did their best to maintain law and order.

A major incident at the Perth Zoo on 8 March 1951 resulting in the death of woman must have been a harrowing event for our father to deal with – see story on page 16.

**ANOTHER BODY
IN RIVER**

When Mr. E. Outtrim, of Suburban-road, South Perth, discovered the body of a man floating in the Swan River near Mends-street jetty at 10 o'clock yesterday morning it was the third body to have been found in the river within the past 13 days. The dead man was identified last night as Joseph Doran (about 70) widower, of Robinson-avenue, Perth.

Sgt. A. G. Duperouzel and Constable T. L. Adams, of South Perth, recovered the body in a few feet of water.

Courtesy on the National Library of Australia

Trove Australia article 46904343

'ANOTHER BODY IN RIVER',

The West Australian newspaper, Perth,

19 April 1948, p20

Driver Finds Missing Boy In His Tram

The keen memory of a tramway motorman was responsible for the discovery early today of a nine-year-old boy who had been missing from his home since Monday.

The boy is William Edward Palmer, of Bishopsgate-st., Carlisle. He disappeared about 12.30 p.m. on Monday.

Tramway motorman Gerald C. McDonald read of the boy's disappearance.

About 7.30 a.m. today, while he was driving a tram from Como to the Mends-st. jetty, he noticed he had a passenger who answered the description of the missing boy.

McDonald stopped the tram outside the South Perth police station and got the help of Sergeant A. Duperouzel. The sergeant soon identified the boy.

THE LAW COURTS

"WHOLESALE" THEFTS

Materials From Saw Mills

"It looks as though wholesale stealing has been going on," said Mr. A. G. Smith, S.M., in the Perth Police Court yesterday after he had heard charges against eight men who admitted thefts from the State Sawmills, Victoria Park.

Seven of the men, employees at the mill, pleaded guilty through Mr. G. Marshall and were fined £2 each. They were: Cyril Robert Coleman (31), Mint-street, Victoria Park; William Demanuel Sebo (40), Planet-street, Carlisle; Percy Bradford (46), Egham-street, Victoria Park; Norman Smith (40), Shepperton-road, Victoria Park; Andrew Lamb (51), Ashburton-street, Carlisle; John Michael Fleming (47), Raleigh-street, Carlisle; and Frank William Roberts (34), Charles Everett Woodroffe (37), who pleaded guilty through Mr. D. Walsh, was cautioned.

Det.-Sgt. Richardson said that amounts of material had been missing from the mill yard. From a gate at the rear of the yard the police saw accused taking wood and materials out.

Mr. Walsh pointed out that Woodroffe had been sent by another firm to pick up some timber on a lorry. While he was in the yard one of the employees asked him to take some unregistered timber out. While doing that he was caught.

Domestic Squabble

Frank Galloway, of Watson-place, Maylands, was placed on a £10 bond to be of good behaviour for six months and ordered to pay £4.7/6 costs by Mr. A. G. Smith, S.M., in the Perth Police Court yesterday after conviction on a charge of having used abusive language to Norah Hunter, of Ferguson-street, Maylands, his son's mother-in-law.

Mr. T. R. Ambrose (for Mrs. Hunter) said that Galloway had been out with his son and his son's wife and they had a few drinks. When they went to Mrs. Hunter's home where the young couple were living, Mrs. Hunter objected to her daughter having been out drinking. Defendant then started abusing her.

A Seaman's Death

The Coroner (Mr. R. P. Rodriguez) resumed an open finding at the Premature Courthouse yesterday in the inquest on the death of Robert Courtney (35), dockerman, of the steamer Duvernay, at Fremantle on September 25. He found that death was caused by concussion of the brain and by drowning when deckhand struck his head on the gangway of the ship and fell into the water after falling overboard, berthed at Victoria Quay, while he was boarding the ship at about 9.30 p.m.

Police Insulted By Woman

After hurling insults at the police, asking them if they were Communists and if they had a red flag in the South Perth Police Station, Mary Johnson (30), of Colwick-street, South Perth, was charged with having created a disturbance. Sergeant Duperouzel said in the Perth Police Court yesterday when Johnson was fined £3 by Mr. A. G. Smith, S.M. Her taxi proprietor, Harold Johnson, taxi proprietor, was fined £3 for having refused to leave licensed premises when called upon to do so.

Negligent Driving Of Utility

For having at Belmont on October 11 driven a utility truck in a reckless manner along the Great Eastern-highway, Arthur Frederick Dull, bulk vendor, of Cape-street, Midland Junction, was cautioned by Mr. F. E. A. Bateman, R.M., in the Perth Traffic Court on Wednesday.

Sgt. T. Leahy prosecuted and Mr. W. M. Nairn appeared for the defendant.

Gaming Convictions

George Phalanga, club proprietor, of the Ritz House, Perth, was fined £10 by Mr. A. G. Smith, S.M., in the Perth Police Court on Wednesday for having on December 7 conducted premises in Murdoch-street as a common gaming house. He admitted the offence.

Five other men, who pleaded not guilty to being on the premises without a lawful excuse, were remanded.

Sgt. R. H. Hickson prosecuted.

Disorderly Conduct

For having been disorderly by fighting in St. George's-terrace on November 27, Colin Frederick Lowe (21), seaman, of H.M.A.S. Leewards, was fined £3 by Mr. A. G. Smith, S.M., in the Perth Police Court on Wednesday. Sgt. R. H. Hickson prosecuted.

Four Health Breaches

Six men were prosecuted by the Perth City Council on Wednesday before Mr. A. G. Smith, S.M., in

PERTH CITY COUNCIL on Wednesday before Mr. A. G. Smith, S.M., in the Perth Police Court for breaches of the Health Act.

Benno Calveas, of Milligan-street, Perth, was fined £4 for having let water food on his premises. Arthur Porel, of St. George's-terrace, was fined £5 for having failed to provide sufficient sanitary conveniences for his workmen. For having deposited rubbish and refuse on a council reserve, Geoffrey Reid Jackson, of Napoleon-street, Carlisle, was fined £5. Pringle George Francis and Frank Duffield of Barrack-street, Perth, were fined £3 for having rendered down let on unsuitable premises.

Mr. J. Hale appeared for the Perth City Council and Mr. J. Lavan for the Defendants.

Woman's Bad Language

For having at Brown-street, East Perth, on December 7 used indecent language within the hearing of the inhabitants, Leah Clench (27), housemaid, of the Ritz House, Perth, was fined £2 by Mr. A. G. Smith, S.M., in the Perth Police Court on Wednesday. Sgt. R. H. Hickson prosecuted.

Today's Law List

CHEMICAL COURT: At 10.30 a.m., before the Chief Justice and a jury.

IN CHAMBERS: At 10.30 a.m., before Mr. Justice Wainwright.

NIET POTOS: At 10.30 a.m., before Mr. Justice Walker. Petition in divorce.

ARBITRATION COURT: At 11.15 a.m.

Courtesy on the National Library of Australia

Trove Australia article 47630998

'Police Insulted by Woman',

The West Australian newspaper, Perth,

10 December 1948, p23

Courtesy of the National Library of Australia

Trove Australia article 84357354

'Driver Finds Missing Boy In His Tram',

The West Australian newspaper, Perth,

10 November 1949, p1

The Tallest Australian.

STANDARD OF LIVING

SPECIAL AD

NEWS AND NOTES

Decreasing Cloud

in a light plane.

Two Indian seasons were

Struck by a bus while he was

SUNNY END TO EASTER HOLIDAY BREAK

Due to the rough seas, fishermen in the Scarborough, Waterman's Bay and North Beach

Grim Weekends In Victoria

work it was so packed that an extra train had to be put on from the centre.

when a motor car in which
were travelling collided with

KILLED IN CRASH

HURT IN COLLISION

SOUTH-WI

The weekend rains will make a promising opening

town, with 115 points, beat the official registrations for 48 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. Other centres recording falls of more than 50 points

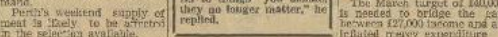
Perth recorded 50 points in the 48 hours ended

PERSONAL

RECEIVES

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• The south Perth Zoological Gardens were opened in 1898. Is the memory of living people no similar tragedy has occurred there. Is a strange three-minute fight on July 28, 1948, South Perth Zoo's biggest lion Nero killed young tiger Tim who tried to gain entry into a cage where Nero and his mate Beanie lived. Nero was not the lion involved in today's tragedy.



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POSSIBLE DOUBLE DISSOLUTION

Labour Moves Add To Tension At Canberra

CANBERRA, March 8: Action by the Federal Government to precipitate a double dissolution over the emergency arbitration legislation impasse is now regarded as inevitable unless some unforeseen development occurs.

The timetable for election moves may become evident after a special meeting of the Cabinet called for Monday.

Tension between the Government parties and the Opposition heightened sharply today as a result of a decision by the Labour Caucus approving a recommendation by the Caucus executive to reject the Arbitration Bill and the measure to deal with the one-day coal stoppage, and the disclosure by the Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) that the N.S.W. Cabinet had not yet considered the Federal Government's urgent request for its vital support for the Coal Industry Bill and that no undertaking had been given to deal with the matter before next week.

Vital Judgment

The speed with which the Government may move for an election is expected to depend on the High Court's decision tomorrow on the Communist Party Dissolution Act. Monday's Cabinet meeting will review the Court's findings and their implications regarding the scope of the authority available to the Government for dealing with Communist-influenced industrial action.

The Federal Attorney-General (Senator E. G. Gorton) and the Commonwealth Solicitor-General (Professor K. H. Bailey) will go to Melbourne tomorrow to hear the High Court's findings and they will return to Canberra on Monday. Arrangements have also been made for copies of the judgment to be flown to Canberra tomorrow night.

Bank Bill Issue

The only legislation open to the Government for seeking an early double dissolution is the twice introduced Commonwealth Bank Bill.

The first edition of this measure, introduced early last year, is back in the Senate. Representatives and the second edition, submitted during the Budget session, is in the Senate.

A move to precipitate an election based on this legislation would present complications, but some Government members are convinced that an immediate approach to the Government (Mr. McKell) for a double dissolution on the ground that the Opposition has failed to pass the banking measure would succeed.

"Belligerence"

The Minister for Labour (Mr. Holt) has withheld the introduction of the Coal Industry Bill, previously planned for yesterday, pending the N.S.W. Cabinet's decision on the request for its support, but tonight he disclosed the nature of the proposals embodied in the measure for the information of Parliament.

He said that its provisions were essential at a time when coal production was so vital and stability in the coal industry of such importance.

Mr. Holt explained that the Bill could not be proceeded with without the concurrence of the N.S.W. Government and said he hoped that it would realise the urgency of the situation.

The belligerence of the Labour members in Parliament today contrasted sharply with the Opposition's attitude of compromise at the end of the last session. The Deputy-Leader of the Opposition (Mr. E. V. Evatt), in a vigorous speech, declared that the Government's arbitration legislation would be an absolute invitation to unions to walk out of the jurisdiction of the arbitration system altogether.

Dr. Evatt's attack on the Bills set the standard for the uncompromising hostility of Labour speakers who followed him. They described the legislation as "Ragbag attack on the right to strike." They said that there were no limitations on the penalties that could be imposed on

ANTI-RED ACT JUDGMENT

MELBOURNE, March 8: The Full High Court will deliver its judgment on the validity of the Communist Dissolution Act in Melbourne at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow. It is believed to be a lengthy judgment. The Australian Communist Party and its major unions challenged the legislation on various grounds. The parties have the right of appeal to the Privy Council from tomorrow's judgment.

claim that if Labour attempts to fight an election on the arbitration legislation it will "suffer a major electoral disaster." They believe that if the Opposition forces the Government's hand it will be because most of the Labour members come from industrial districts and they fear loss of their election more than the prospect of having to face the Court.

Mr. Menzies said tonight that the lifting of the watersides' justification of the policy being pursued was an "admirable" move on a set plan of what Mr. Holt has been "very pleased that his efforts have been successful."

(Debate, Page 3).

Arrest Of Chief Electoral Officer In Queensland

BRISBANE, March 8: A sensational sequel to police inquiries into the Bulimba election ballot paper fraud was the arrest this morning of the Chief State Electoral Officer, Bernard Joseph Maguire (53).

He was subsequently charged under the Criminal Code with having, between March 25 and May 3 last year at Brisbane, forged a document purporting to be a ballot paper marked as a vote of an elector for the electoral district of Bulimba in the Queensland general election on April 29 last year.

Inspector F. E. Bishop, of the C.I.B., who made the arrest and also presented, said that a number of other charges would be preferred against Maguire in connection with ballot papers.

Maguire, who was arrested near his home in Kalamunda, said that he was innocent of the charge.

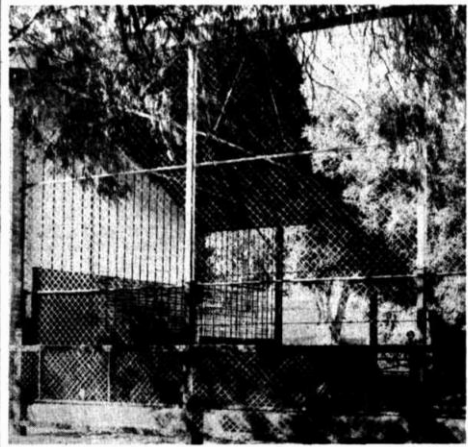
After evidence of arrest Maguire was remanded on £200 bail and one surety of £200 until next Thursday. He has been a member of public service since 1915 and is married, with five children.

Inspector Bishop, giving evidence of arrest, said that after receiving instructions from January 4 of the Public Commissioner to investigate the matter he made extensive inquiries and obtained specimens of handwriting from a large number of persons.

He received into his custody on June 18 certain ballot papers and other documents, and afterwards handed the ballot papers and relevant documents to the C.I.B. handwriting expert.

Inspector Bishop said that accompanied by Det. L. V. Clark,

SCENE OF YESTERDAY'S ZOO TRAGEDY



The mangled body of a middle-aged woman, Dorothy Constance Vivenash Bostock, of Mt. Lawley, was found in the lion's enclosure yesterday morning. The woman had apparently climbed the safety fence and then scaled the lion's wire and steel enclosure fence. There was only one lion in the cage at the time, and it had been locked up in the cage at the rear of the enclosure pending a decision on whether it should be destroyed.

HITCH ON COAL BILL; APPEAL TO N.S.W.

CANBERRA, March 8: The Minister for Labour and National Service (Mr. Holt) tonight appealed to the N.S.W. Government to give speedy consideration to the Commonwealth Government's proposed legislation to amend the Coal Industry Act.

Making a statement to leave in the House of Representatives, Mr. Holt said that there were legal doubts as to whether or not it was the duty of the Government to amend the Coal Industry Act (Mr. Gallagher) since 1947.

Stressing the urgency of the matter, Mr. Holt said that there were legal doubts as to whether or not it was the duty of the Government to amend the Coal Industry Act (Mr. Gallagher) since 1947. He said that the Government would recognise the urgency of the matter.

"It is necessary to secure their concurrence," said Mr. Holt, "because of an arrangement made by the Commonwealth with N.S.W. during the term of the Chifley Government under which the Coal Industry Act of 1946 would not be amended by the Commonwealth without the concurrence of the other Government concerned."

"I would ordinarily have introduced the Coal Industry Bill next Tuesday but the N.S.W. Premier (Mr. McGirr), after being pressed for his Government's concurrence, has informed the Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) that his Bill is not likely to be considered by his Cabinet."

Mr. McGirr said tonight: "I thought Mr. Menzies that I would put the amendments before the Cabinet and would inform him of the Cabinet's decision. The Minister for Labour and National Service (Mr. Holt) allegedly said that I had delayed in agreeing to this legislation. That is untrue."

Mr. McGirr said that the request and a copy of the draft Bill were in a letter from the Minister for Labour and National Service (Mr. Holt) dated last Saturday, March 3. The letter was received on Monday.

The draft Bill was forwarded immediately to the Premier (Mr. McGirr) for review as it was considered necessary to have the Premier's submission to the matter to the Cabinet.

Sheep "Eating The Guts Out Of Australia"

MELBOURNE, March 8: Australia's sheep industry was one of her biggest crops. Professor Marcus Oliphant, the noted atomic energy scientist, told a top management conference in Melbourne today. "We must realise that sheep are eating the guts out of Australia," he said.

Professor Oliphant was addressing 500 leading business executives, Government officials and service firms. He said that scientists, by spreading myxomatosis, were ridding Australia of its rabbit menace. "Often, as I pass through bare tracks of sheep country, I feel we should be spreading the same disease among our sheep," he said. "They are causing erosion and taking away our natural vegetation. Unless something is done about the sheep menace, Australia is not going to last very long."

EVATT AND THE REDS

Questions In Parliament

CANBERRA, March 8: Mr. Wentworth (Lib., N.S.W.) asked today whether Dr. Evatt should continue to act as Deputy-Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives while a vote of censure was pending against him inside his party in connection with his activities on behalf of the Communists.

Mr. Wentworth addressed his question to the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Chifley) at question time in the House of Representatives. Mr. Chifley, in reply, said that he was not a member of the Communist Party and that he was not a Communist. He said that he was a member of the Labor Party and that he was a member of the Labor Party.

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WOMAN'S BODY FOUND IN JAWS OF A LION

South Perth Zoo Tragedy; Discovery By Workmen

The body of a woman, gripped in the jaws of a young lion, was discovered by workmen walking past a cage at the South Perth Zoo about 8 a.m. yesterday. It was that of Dorothy Constance Vivenash Bostock (about 50), of First-avenue, Mt. Lawley.

Imprints of her shoes were found in sand at the foot of a 16ft. high mesh-wire fence which encloses the exercise yard adjoining a cage in the zoo's central enclosure for carnivorous animals. The lion was the only occupant of the yard.

The woman is believed to have first climbed a small enclosure around the cage and then to have scaled the larger fence. Her shoes were found inside the cage near the spot where she is thought to have climbed. Her body had been mauled and most of her clothing had been torn off.

The lion which was born at the zoo about two years ago, was related to two other lions which were taken from the cage during the weekend before they were sent by the zoo to Adelaide where they were to be put to death. The managing secretary of the State Gardens Board (Mr. W. C. Hobson) said yesterday that no decision had been made as to whether the lion should be destroyed.

The post-mortem examination will be made of the woman's body this morning.

Missed At 4 a.m.

The woman, who was single, was missed by her aunt (with whom she had been staying at a house in Hardy-street, South Perth) at 4 a.m. and a search was then begun. It is understood that Miss Bostock had been in a depressed state of mind and was

to have entered hospital in a day or so for further treatment of an illness.

The Speaker (Mr. Cameron) replied the question in order and Mr. Chifley, who said that he disagreed with the ruling, referred to a question at question time to ask the Minister for Labour (Mr. McGirr) by telephone today.

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"It's a human being." I got the shock of my life. I ran and told a gardener, but he said that I was only seeing things. The car of the Zoo (Mr. K. Lyall), who had just left his house in the grounds to walk along a path leading to the animal cages.

The South Perth police were notified immediately and on the arrival of Sgt. A. J. Duperouzel and Constable A. W. Cutten, the lion was seen to be behind the bars of a cage at the rear of the yard. Witnesses said that the animal showed great ferocity towards all those who approached the cage. It fought against the bars for some time before it was forced behind bars.

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WORK ON N.Z. WHARVES

Plan For New Methods

WELLINGTON, March 8: The Minister for Labour (Mr. Sullivan) announced today that the Government was "earnestly considering" a new method of work on the New Zealand waterfront.

Acting solution to the present waterfront dispute would not be satisfactory to the Government or the public of New Zealand if it merely meant a return to work under the old order.

"We have seen too many of our delegates in the past years, by means of good behaviour on part of the employers, to be given to a system of permanent lock-out of the waterfront. The police have banned a public meeting which the Trade Union Congress intended to call at the waterfront."

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MINERS' ONE-DAY STRIKES OPPOSED

A.C.T.U. Seeks Trial Of Gallagher Award

MELBOURNE, May 11: The Australian Council of Trade Unions today declared that the Miners' Federation should not decide to embark on further one-day stoppages.

It asked the federation to consider seriously the industrial dislocation, unemployment and domestic disharmony which would follow the stoppages.

The president of the A.C.T.U. (Mr. A. E. Monk), in a letter to the general secretary of the federation (Mr. C. W. S. Grant), said that the A.C.T.U. executive believed that the decision of the Coal Industry Tribunal (Mr. Gallagher) should be given a trial for some months "to see how it worked out."

After a re-hearing of a section of the award, Mr. Gallagher had decided in effect that the principle of attendance allowance for ten shifts worked a fortnight be maintained, and had corrected anomalies in regard to absence from work, Mr. Monk said.

"Not Incentive"

Mr. Monk said that in the opinion of the majority of the A.C.T.U. executive, the allowance awarded by Mr. Gallagher did not constitute an incentive payment in the sense of the term as accepted by the trade-union movement.

It did not in the majority opinion come within the category of incentive payment as determined by the 1949 A.C.T.U. congress. It was also felt that it could not be claimed to be an incentive as it was not a reward for extra production, which was generally associated with incentive allowances or payments.

The A.C.T.U. executive reminded the federation that the system contained in Mr. Gallagher's award operated rather extensively in European countries.

Roach Protest

SYDNEY, May 11: Sydney waterfront workers today held one-day-a-month stoppages in protest against the High Court's refusal to release the industrial general secretary, E. C. Roach, from prison.

About 5,000 men refused to offer for work today when two of their members were suspended. The Stevedoring Industry Board suspended the two men for walking off their jobs yesterday in protest against the High Court's decision. Immediately the two men were suspended today all waterfront workers.

SON RESCUED BY FATHER

SYDNEY, May 11: A one-legged elderly pensioner saved his 12-year-old son from drowning at Crescent Head, a seaside resort near Kempsey, today. The boy, Ray Mumbler, was washed from the rocks by a wave while fishing with his father, who dove into the sea and brought him to safety.

Big Upheaval Feared On Melbourne Waterfront

MELBOURNE, May 11: A decision today by the Painters and Dockers' Union to declare black ships from New Zealand which have been worked by "scab labour" may cause a major upheaval on the Melbourne waterfront.

The freighter Glenlochy, which shipping officials say was unloading by servicemen in New Zealand, arrived in the bay tonight. A Seamen's Union official said that seamen would refuse to man tops to bring the ship up to Nelson Pier. The painters and dockers will be required to equip the holds of

STOCKS OF FLOWERS FOR MOTHER'S DAY



Large stocks of flowers were received at city stores yesterday in readiness for Mother's Day tomorrow. These 1,200 bundles of chrysanthemums were being unloaded by two city store employees about 6.30 o'clock in the morning. Late yesterday evening, city workers could be seen carrying bulky bundles, and some shops had made up large orders for all types of flowers.

Stiffer Red Resistance Along Korean Front

TOKYO, May 11: Communist resistance stiffened suddenly all along the Korean front today. Allied field commanders said that they expected a renewal of the Communist offensive at any time.

Aggressive Allied patrols continued snatching at enemy positions in the eastern coast, and along the eastern coast. The Kapyong area on the central front appeared to be the scene of the biggest concentration. Allied bombers which attacked the area last night ran into heavy anti-aircraft fire. Allied officers said that the Communists seemed to be preparing to attack down the centre of the peninsula from Kapyong. They said that the Chinese Communists, despite heavy Allied air and artillery bombardment, had been able to shift troops and tanks to this central sector.

The Netherlands battalion today received the United States Presidential unit citation for "extraordinary heroism" during the fighting at Hoesungri and Wonyong between February 2 and 15.

LAND SLIPS INTO RIVER

Two Properties Under Water

GENEVA, May 11: A giant 300yd-wide slice of land which has been sliding into the Zug River in the Bernese Oberland in the last three days slowed down as torrential rain stopped this morning.

About 200 sappers and 800 men continued work today to check the slide should earth start moving again. One sawmill and a house are under water where the Zug River, choked with earth and rock, is overflowing its banks. Several houses have been evacuated from nearby houses but there are no casualties.

"LAGGARDS"

WASHINGTON, May 11: The "Washington Post" yesterday described Australia and New Zealand as "laggards" in the Korean war effort. It said: "They are dis-politely. Soon they will be joined to the United States in a Pacific pact and for that reason alone one would have thought they would put their best foot forward in Korea. A nudge in the Antipodean direction is, we think, called for."

FOOTBALLER KILLED

Club Party In Road Smash

ADELAIDE, May 11: A former State footballer was killed late this afternoon when a car carrying six officials of the West Torrens Football Club collided with the rear of another car and crashed into a tree about 14 miles from Naracoorte.

The party was travelling to the Gamber for the first of the public country games. E. Hing (46), a West Torrens and State full-back in the twenties, died shortly afterwards.

The other five passengers, who were thrown out of the car, were taken by ambulance to the Maracorte Hospital. All were admitted, and late tonight were reported to be still unconscious. They are George Hallett, severe injuries to the right eye and fractured right collarbone; B. Smith, lacerated scalp and possible fracture of the pelvis; and Harry Toskin, fractured right leg.

Mr. Hine's wife was killed in a city bus accident a little more than two years ago when he escaped with slight injuries.

Milk Delivery Hours In Perth May Be Changed

Proposals for altering the hours of milk delivery in the metropolitan area were being investigated by the Milk Board, the chairman (Mr. W. E. Stannard) said yesterday.

Alternative suggestions for commencing times were 4 a.m., 5 a.m. and 7 a.m., Mr. Stannard said. There was a further suggestion for late evening deliveries—commencing and ending before midnight.

Milk vendors were among the few workers who worked solely at night. During the winter months their duties were hazardous owing to darkness, rain and no street lights. Recently approaches had been made by a number of men in the industry for a variation in their working hours.

Mr. Stannard said that great difficulty was experienced in obtaining adequate suitable labour for delivering milk. Up to 400 men were engaged in the occupation at present, but with the rapid expansion of the metropolitan area and increased milk consumption more would have to be secured. Milk carters were becoming harder to get because of competition from more congenial industries. The position was being carefully and thoroughly investigated by the board because, besides the interests of milk distributors, there was the question of consumer service. Con- sideration was also being given to the keeping quality of milk supplied in the metropolitan area. Such a variation would ensure the continuation of household deliveries which date had been carried on despite many difficulties.

WOMAN'S DEATH IN LION'S CAGE

"Martyrdom" Theory Advanced By Doctor

A woman whose mangled body, gripped in the jaws of a young lion, was found in a cage at the South Perth Zoo on March 8, may have chosen a lion's den to end her life in the manner of the early Christian martyrs.

Dr. D. S. MacKenzie, Acting-District Medical Officer, advanced this theory yesterday when giving evidence at an inquest on the death of Dorothy Constance Vives-Bostock (49), of First-avenue, Mt. Lawley.

According to other medical evidence, the deceased was in a depressed state of mind and had "strong feelings of guilt" before she was found in the cage with the lion on the morning of her death.

Dr. MacKenzie said that the deceased may have regarded the method of taking her life as not only effective but also spectacular, and may possibly have regarded it as a means of "expiating" imaginary sins of the past. He had a recollection, he said, of having attended her about 15 or 20 years ago. She then suffering from a psychosis but was not certifiable.

Fence Climbed

His post-mortem examination, said witnesses, disclosed the cause of death to be multiple injuries, dislocation of the neck and shock. He was practically certain that injuries to the shoulder, neck and left arm were ante-mortem; the claw marks and scratches were mainly post-mortem. Deceased was probably conscious when attacked by the lion and in his opinion had climbed the enclosure fence and had been attacked while still facing the fence.

The Coroner (Mr. R. P. Rodriguez): I visited the zoo yesterday and climbed the fence and I found it a pretty difficult operation. Dr. MacKenzie: The deceased's climbing of the fence is characteristic of a person suffering from mental instability. Persons in such a condition are capable of performing feats of strength and agility considered extremely difficult for even the best-trained athletes.

Dr. L. Wilson, of St. George's terrace, who attended the death of the woman two days before her death, said that she was showing signs of mental derangement.

Sgt. L. H. Scott assisted the Coroner, and Mr. W. Byass appeared for the deceased's relatives.

REDS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Six Sentenced To Death

MANILA, May 11: Five men and one woman who are members of the Philippine Communist politburo were today sentenced to death in an electric chair on charges of rebellion, multiple murder and arson. Nine others were sentenced to life imprisonment and 11 to shorter terms.

The sentenced persons were believed to be top-ranking executive directors of the Communist Hukbalahap movement in the Philippines. The sentences conclude a trial which lasted for six months during which several thousands of documents seized in October were examined.

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PACT FOR MIDDLE EAST PLANNED

"Last Major Link" In Free World Defence

WASHINGTON, Tues.—The British, French and United States Foreign Ministers are considering the creation of a Middle East military pact as the last major link in the global defence system of the free world.

A United Press correspondent said today that the Big Three were hastening to strengthen their defences in Europe and the Middle East to match the series of Pacific alliances signed during the past two weeks.

The proposed Middle East pact would offer the best way of bringing the Middle East, including most of the Arab States, into the Western camp, the correspondent said.

Meetings between Mr. Morrison (Britain) and Mr. Acheson (U.S.A.) began yesterday and Mr. Schuman (France) will join them today. No formal agenda has been arranged for the talks.

WRECKING OF BIG BUILDING BY ARSONISTS

NEW YORK, Tues.—Three arrests were made after two men died in a blast and a fire causing \$244,000 damage today.

The victims were Det. James Daggett and Moe Shapiro, one of the arsonists. He was killed when the five-story business building last night.

The fire resulted from a furnace and drawn-out plot to burn a small clothing firm and collect \$8,000 insurance.

The police said that a clothing manufacturer, Al Keshner, hired the men to burn down his factory for the insurance money.

Detectors who had been watching the suspect saw them carry five five-gallon drums of petrol into the building.

The structure was wrecked when 89 gallons of petrol blew up. Another detective was blown through a wall.

A terrific explosion, which police said the tumbling arsonsists had planned as only a first step, was followed by many blocks around. The fire raged out of control for more than three hours.

German Issue

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, standing firm, would form a military committee for Middle East strategy and would invite all the Middle East countries to be represented on it.

Another major question for the Big Three will be the formulation of a new peace relationship with Western Germany and the integration of Western Germany into the defence of the Western world.

From Moresby To Cocos In 32ft. Sloop

COCOS ISLAND, Tues.—Jacques Yves le Toulmeun, of Brittany, hove to in the lagoon here today after sailing his 32 ft. sloop Kuron single-handed from Port Moresby in 27 days. The direct sea route from Port Moresby is more than 4,000 miles.

Le Toulmeun, who is two years out from Brittany on a world cruise, said that he had had a stormy passage as far as Torres Strait but the weather had held fine for the remainder of the lonely voyage.

He plans to leave for Cape Town via Reunion Island after a short stay here.—A.P. Reuters.

U.S. Air Force Pilots Unable To Catch "Round Object"

NEW YORK, Tues.—Two Air Force jet fighter pilots reported today that they had chased a mysterious round flying object for 30 miles yesterday, without being able to catch it. They estimated that it was travelling about 900 m.p.h. an hour.

The pilots, Lieut. Wilbert Rogers and Capt. Edward Ballard, were flying in a jet training aircraft when they sighted the object over Sandy Hook, New Jersey. "I don't know if it was a flying saucer, but it was something I've never seen before," Lieut. Rogers said. "We

A METEOR CLIMBS INTO THE RECORD BOOKS

A Howler Sidelley Sapphire Meteor soars into the clouds and into the record books. Four world records for speed of climb were won for Sidelley in this flight from a Gloucestershire airfield. The plane reached a height of 7.65 miles (about 40,000 ft.) in 2m. 7sec. breaking records for three other heights at the same time.



Whites Behind The Front

TOKYO, Tuesday.—White troops wearing Russian-type uniforms had been seen in Communist territory near the Korean battlefield, army headquarters announced today.

A United Nations officer said that eight white soldiers were seen about seven miles behind the front lines. He thought that the men might be Russian advisers to the Communists.—A.P. Reuters.

Swift Action To End Port Congestion

MELBOURNE, Tues.—A swift move was made today to clear Melbourne's port congestion, which held up eight ships and 900 wharf employees yesterday and 11 ships and more than 1,300 wharf workers today.

When Mr. Holt gets Mr. Neil's report, he will confer with the Minister for Shipping (Senator McLeay).

The owners of the cargo will have to pay the cost of storage and cartage.

This is a combined attack by the Customs Department and Port Clearance Committee to stop consignees using sheds to store goods at next-to-nothing rates.

Cargo from nine ships is involved. The plan should bring the port back to normal next week.

The Action came after the Minister for Labour (Mr. Holt) asked the Melbourne representative of the Stevedoring Industry Board (Mr. H. G. Neil) for an urgent report.

Mr. Holt said that he was worried by the position. Shipping had to be kept moving and full use made of limited manpower.

Some savings in staff will be effected by not replacing workers who resign or are retired. Other economies are being effected by the introduction of more efficient methods.

In the Taxation Department, for instance, the new simplified income-tax return reduces clerical work by 30 per cent.

Police Inquiry Into Death; Man Detained

MELBOURNE, Wed.—Early this morning Melbourne detectives were investigating the death of a wealthy woman in her 12-room home in Hampton, a Melbourne suburb.

Mrs. Daisy Poomey (64), had been found dead on a bed in a back room of the house during the night.

Members of the homicide squad were called from their beds shortly before midnight. Early this morning they were questioning a 46-year-old man at the Brighton police station.

Mrs. Poomey had been married twice.

About 2.40 p.m. workmen on the ground heard Mr. Elton cry out: "Switch it off." They saw him leaning against one of the poles supporting the wires. He then tumbled about 9 ft. to the sandy ground.

When the ambulance arrived the rescuer, which is being tried out for the first time in this State by the St. John ambulance, was immediately put into action. Oxygen and then carbogen was pumped in and out, but the man was pronounced dead.

Instrument, which replaces manual resuscitation.

TRADE COMPETITION FROM JAPANESE

Australia Expected To Be "Wide Open" Soon

CANBERRA, Tues.—The Australian market would soon be wide open to Japanese trade competition, the director of the Associated Chambers of Manufactures (Mr. L. Withall) said today.

Commenting on reports that Japanese goods were flooding America, he said that agents for Japanese export houses were already energetically canvassing in Australia.

Mr. Withall said: "Toys are only one example of the goods they are offering."

The range of commodities available includes electrical household appliances, electrical fittings, clocks, watches, bicycles, imitation jewellery, clothing, textiles, soft furnishings, picture-frames, fountain pens, cigarette cases and lighters, builders' hardware, lathes, drills, hand-saws, crockery and glassware."

As an exporter mainly of raw materials, Australia would gain little from such an arrangement because Japan usually admitted raw materials at reduced tariffs.

The initiative would certainly come from Japan and whether the request would be granted would depend on the Government.

Almost Certain

Once Japan was admitted to the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (G.A.T.T.), Australia would scarcely be able to resist, Mr. Withall said.

Japan's admission was almost certain to be approved at the next G.A.T.T. meeting in Geneva at the end of this month because it was being actively sponsored by the United States.

"Then we shall have to abandon our present quota restrictions on Japanese imports," Mr. Withall said. "Under the agreement, quota restrictions are not permitted except to preserve the balance of currency payments."

"We shall also be prevented from increasing tariffs to protect Australian industries because G.A.T.T. freezes our tariffs until at least the end of 1953."

"We shall also be virtually compelled to extend most-favoured-nation treatment to Japan."

"But this is only the beginning," Mr. Ward said. "The Japanese peace treaty will be ratified by Parliament because the Government has a majority."

"Then there will be a flood of cheap Japanese goods, admitted deliberately by the Government to destroy the Australian economy and the standard of the Australian worker."

"The Japanese must export to rearm, and the United States is not going to destroy its own economy to allow this to occur. These goods are going to be forced on markets such as Australia."

Lower Costs

Mr. Withall said that although Japanese costs had increased since the war, wages there were only about one-third of those in Australia and the Japanese worked an average of 50 hours a week.

"American industries are worried about the danger of price-cutting, but I think the danger to Australia is far greater," he declared.

However, a Commonwealth authority today that the Japanese peace treaty will allow most-favoured-nation treatment to Japan.

Treaty Not The Answer

LONDON, Tues.—Mr. Kenneth Younger, who was the British spokesman at the Japanese peace treaty talks, said in London today that any attempt to restrict Japanese production would be a disaster.

He had been asked if he thought that after the treaty Japan would swamp world markets with cheap goods. It was a real problem, he admitted, because Japan was an efficient producer with low labour costs.—Reuters.

(Concerns in Perth, Page 1.)

WOOL-GOODS PRICES DROP IN LONDON

LONDON, Tues.—Many woolen goods are selling in London stores up to 25 per cent less than before lower prices were realised at recent Australian wool sales. Blankets will soon be selling at about half recent prices.

The first blanket manufacturer to cut prices was the Mosley Carpet and Blanket Co., of Glasgow, which produces more than 500,000 blankets a year. The cuts ranged from 10/ in the pound on better quality blankets to 14/ in the pound on cheaper production.

A spokesman for the company said that wool prices were reflected quickly in articles like blankets. The lower prices recently realised for Australian wool were expected to result in lower prices for blankets, so his firm was taking the plunge and marking down current stocks.

Following suit, West End store announced that it would cut the prices of blankets between 10 and 25 per cent immediately.

Bargains in many woolen goods have followed the recent drop in wool prices. In some stores, women's utility twin sets, which were bringing £2 sterling, are now being offered for £1/10/.

Manufacturers and shops are anxious to reduce prices generally as soon as possible because sales of woolens have dropped enormously as a result of consumers' resistance to inflated prices.—Reuters.

(Wool Sales, Page 4.)

Soviet Reinforcements In Eastern Germany

BERLIN, Tues.—Soviet forces are ready to begin custom manoeuvres in Eastern Germany. Allied officers said today that Russian troops there had been steadily reinforced from the Soviet Union during the summer.

New and better equipment was also said to have been reaching them. Soviet strength was now believed to have gone up to 300,000 from the 250,000 of last year.

Details are hard to get because the Soviet forces operate in sealed-off areas. They keep themselves rigidly aloof from contact with the Germans and fraternisation is barred.

The Russians are widely believed to have put in new troops to maintain the reported ratio of three-to-one superiority over the West. This ratio began to "dip" last year when British, French and United States reinforcements reached West Germany.

Hundreds of jet fighters brought in since last year now threaten East German cities. Experts' opinion believes that there are at least 100 new MIG jet fighters and some twin jet bombers.—Reuters.

Britain's answer to Britain's Canberra.—Reuters.

5 WA Police Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal Ceremony

On Thursday, 12 February, 1959, our father was awarded the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (PLSGC).

On this special occasion the PLSGC medal was presented for the first time to 130 police officers who had completed twenty two years long service, or more, with exemplary good conduct. By February 1959 a large number of police officers had already served more than twenty two years, including our father who, by this time, was a 2nd Class Sergeant and had completed thirty five years.



WA Police Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal Ceremony, The Esplanade, 12 February 1959.

Police Sergeant Alexander Duperouzel, front row, 10th from the right.

Courtesy of WA Police Force Records and Management Centre, Image019

This prestigious Police medal was presented by the Governor of Western Australia, His Excellency the Lieutenant General Sir Charles Gairdner, GBE, KCMG, KCVO, CB. The Governor, escorted by Policemen mounted on motor cycles and horses, was joined by hundreds of family and friends who assembled under the shade of the Morten Bay fig trees. They were joined by the WA Police Commissioner, Mr James Murray O'Brien, and other distinguished guests and the WA Police Band.

An invaluable collection of nineteen black and white photographs of the medal ceremony were only discovered in late 2017 - photos that have never been seen before!! Our father can be seen in at least four images. On closer examination and having cropped image015 it is possible to make out his son Ken. This collection is to be treasured for they provide a valuable insight into our Western Australian social history. The family wish to extend its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Western Australian Police Force for their help and assistance and for providing permission to share these photos. All nineteen photos are available to view on the internet at: [1458 Sgt. Alexander Duperouzel PLSGC – Western Australian Police Force | William Duperouzel](#)



*Police Sergeant Alexander Duperouzel 1458 in the middle of picture.
Courtesy of WA Police Force Records and Management Centre, part of Image019*

Ken and Loris represented the family on this very special day to witness our father being presented with his PLSGC medal. Indeed, this occasion was a very proud moment for all the Duperouzel family. At that time our father was the Officer in Charge at the Palmyra Police Station at 355 Canning Highway. Loris recalls a treasured memory of the day:

"...I accompanied dad to the medal ceremony and due to the heavy traffic it looked like we would arrive late...so dad parked the car in a space where perhaps he shouldn't have. Fortunately, we arrived on the Perth Esplanade in time and he was able to line up with the other officers and enjoy the occasion. However, he was not so happy after the ceremony having returned to the car to find he had been issued with a parking ticket! The parking ticket was withdrawn the next day following a telephone call to explain the circumstances..."



*His Excellency the Lieutenant General Sir Charles Gairdner, arriving for the Medal Ceremony.
Courtesy of WA Police Force Records and Management Centre. Image017*



*His Excellency the Lieutenant General Sir Charles Gairdner presenting a medal.,
Courtesy of WA Police Force Records and Management Centre. Image009*



*WA Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal Ceremony, 12 February 1959
Ken Duperouzel can be seen standing at the back 3rd from the left, part of image 015.*

The uniform of the musicians of the WA Police Band can be seen in this photograph above wearing their Indian Pith Helmet hats. Our father was also issued with an Indian Pith Helmet from Grose Bros, Perth, which he wore from time to time when based in the country towns of Dowerin, Gingin and Wagin. Our father's Indian Pith Helmet, pictured below, with the police badge, is still in the Duperouzel family today having been lovingly cared for by our brother Alan for the past sixty years.



Indian Pith Police Helmet worn by Sergeant Alexander Duperouzel. Courtesy of Lisa Shallard.



Long Service Award

Constable Jack Forrest (pictured) was one of 130 policemen who were presented with medals by Governor Sir Charles Gairdner yesterday for 22 years of good service.

Const. Forrest, who has been in the force for 30 years, will retire later this year. Most of his career has been spent in the scientific branch.

Policemen mounted on motor cycles and horses escorted the Governor to the Perth Esplanade where the simple ceremony was conducted.

Police Commissioner J. M. O'Brien told the men the medals were not given lightly. They

were for long-service, good conduct and efficiency.

The medals have the Queen's head on one side and the figure of Justice on the other. The ribbon is light-blue with vertical white stripes.

The medal was created in 1951 for use in England, and was extended to Australia in 1956.

Yesterday was the first occasion on which they had been presented in Western Australia.

Above, The West Australian newspaper 13 February 1959, p10



Sergeant Alexander Duperouzel's PLSGC Medal



*Police Sergeant Alexander Duperouzel proudly wearing his PLSGC Medal,
5th from the right. part of image 007.*



*Our father with his
FJ Holden*

*Part of the
Palmyra Police Station can
be seen on the far right*



Police Sergeant Alexander Duperouzel, Palmyra Police Station, September 1961

During his career in the WA Police Force our father served in the following locations:

Perth 1924-1926; Fremantle, 3 months 1926; East Fremantle 1926-1932;
Dowerin 1932-1935; Gingin 1935-1939; Wagin 1939-1944;
Perth, 1944-1948; South Perth 1948-1952; Perth, 4 months, 1952-1952;
Fremantle 1952-1956 and Palmyra 1956-1961.

Our father was stationed at the Palmyra Police Station when he retired on 16 September 1961, his 60th birthday, having served the WA Police Force with distinction for thirty eight years. However, his retirement was short-lived for he passed away on 22 February, 1964, aged 62. Sadly, his wife, Mary, our mother, pre-deceased him on 1 July 1961, aged 58, three months before his retirement.

6 Living at 1 Mends Street, South Perth

Our family spent four happy years residing in the living quarters of the South Perth Police Station. Our parents must have had an interesting challenge when they moved in as there were only three small bedrooms to accommodate them and their five children, Ken, 18; Jack 16; Alan 9 and our sister Loris who was fast approaching her sixth birthday and William, almost two.



Loris can be seen here keeping a watchful eye on her new baby brother, William.



It wasn't long before Dad enclosed the two open archways on the front veranda facing Mends Street to make a sleep-out. Dad did this by installing a half-moon timber shaped panel directly under the top of the arches and then fitted metal frames underneath containing glass louvres whilst the single arch facing Labouchere Road on the west side had a set of three louvre glass windows. The glass louvres were supplied by Ken who, at that time, was working in the hardware department for Barnett Bros Pty. Ltd. Ken and Jack slept in the front veranda although the family understands they found this was comfortable in the summer but very cold during the winter months.



The photograph, taken by Ken Duperouzel in 1992, shows the view of the Police Station on the west side, facing Labouchere Road, with its veranda arch enclosed with metal frames and glass louvres.

The floor plan of the living quarters, charge room, two cells and yard contained within the 'CITY OF SOUTH PERTH LOCAL HERITAGE INVENTORY' has provided an invaluable memory jog of the property layout. For example, the master bedroom leading from the central passage way is where our parents slept whilst Alan occupied the bedroom adjacent to the kitchen. Loris and William initially shared the third bedroom off the central passage way leading from the front door. Located to the rear was the kitchen, bathroom and a small veranda leading to the rear garden. When on police duty our father, dressed in his smart police uniform, would enter the sitting room and then walk through another door to gain access to the charge room or office which leads to the two prison cells, prison yard and front veranda. Not surprisingly everyone in the family were under strict orders from our father NOT to enter the charge room!

HURT IN COLLISION.

John Duperouzel (18), of South Perth, was admitted to the Royal Perth Hospital last night with a lacerated scalp and concussion. He received the injuries when the motor cycle he was riding collided with another motor cycle ridden by Arthur Eric Westcott, of Clarence-street, Mt. Lawley, on Albany-highway, Kelmscott.

Traffic police were told that the injured youth was riding his machine behind that of Westcott. A truck in front of the motor cycles began to turn across the road and as Westcott swung out towards the centre of the road to avoid a collision Duperouzel crashed into him.

In April 1949 when Jack was working for Plunketts the family received news that he had been involved in a motor cycle accident in the early evening of 18 April, Easter Monday. He was returning home on his motor cycle, having spent Easter in Collie with some friends, when the accident took place on the Albany Highway, Kelmscott. Jack received a lacerated scalp and concussion and was admitted to Royal Perth Hospital. Thankfully, Jack made a full recovery. This accident was reported in the West Australian newspaper the following day.

The West Australian newspaper, 19 April 1949, p2. Courtesy of the National Library of Australia, Trove Australia. Article 4768014.

Pictured below left: Jack can be seen on Ken's motor cycle and right: Ken and Jack in the rear garden at 1 Mends Street



In October 1949 Jack joined the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), stationed in Nowra, NSW, the HQ of the Fleet Air Arm Division. Jack was discharged from the RAN in November 1960.

Within eighteen months of Jack leaving 1 Mends Street Ken also headed off to the eastern states in April 1951. He rode his AJS motor cycle, 115, fully equipped for his great adventure to ride across Australia via the Nullabor Plain, initially bound for Adelaide to race his motor cycle, and then onto the eastern states. This must have been a huge challenge for over 1200 miles of the route from Southern Cross, Western Australia to Port Augusta, South Australia consisted of a rough gravel surface with many large pot-holes.



*Ken setting off on his AJS 350 motor cycle, 115, from South Perth
for his great adventure to the eastern states in April 1951.*

Picture courtesy of Lynette Mitchell.

After Ken and Jack left home this called for another reshuffle of bedrooms resulting in Alan occupying the sleep-out whilst Loris and William now had their own bedrooms.

Loris recalls...

"When I was 6 years old I started Bubs at St. Columba's Catholic Primary School in York Street, South Perth. I would catch the tram which started its route from the South Perth ferry bridge area at the bottom on Mends Street and then make its way up Mends Street where I would get on the tram outside the Police Station...it would then travel south on Labouchere Road into Angelo Street where I would alight at Forrest Street and walk one block to St. Columba's School. The tram would then travel in the direction of Perth".

"When I started in Bubs at St. Columba's Primary Catholic School I can remember my Dad making wooden Plasticine boards for all the children in the class. Later I started to learn to play the piano which I really enjoyed".

Loris also remembers another occasion when she caught the tram and got lost....

"One day after school at St. Columba's I decided to catch the tram with my friends, and ended up on Mill Point Road with the tram heading into the direction of the city, and I was lost! I got off the tram and started to cry and a lady came up to see what was happening. She kindly rang my father at the Police Station and he came to pick collect me on the Police motorcycle which had a sidecar. It was the only time I was allowed to ride in it".

The family also remember when the Gaiety Picture Theatre, located on the corner of Angelo Street and Goode Street, would display a message on the screen on film nights, mainly during the intermission, which was signed by our father. This message informed film goers that it was illegal to park their cars directly outside the Picture Theatre. This image continued to be shown long after our father had moved away from South Perth.

Loris and William remember as youngsters it was such an adventure to go to the Perth Zoo on Labouchere Road nearly every Sunday. We would walk with our brother Alan and enjoy having some fun riding on the miniature train on the merry-go-round and rides on 'TRICIA' the elephant. Loris is pictured here with William with a ticket in her hand ready for an exciting train ride.



The photo below, taken in about 1949, shows Alan and William under the watchful eye of Loris ready for their ride on the Carousel at the Zoo. It was always a pleasure to go to the Perth Zoo.



Some other memories from Loris include:



"My older brother Alan travelled daily via by the ferry from Mends Street Jetty to Barrack Street, Perth to attend St. Patrick's Boys' School on Irwin Street, near St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral. The Boy's School building was later demolished in 1963 to make way for extensions to Royal Perth Hospital".

"Whilst living in the Police Station the family acquired our first puppy called 'Spot', a fox terrier with a small tail. His colouring was white with a large round black spot on his back, where you might have positioned a saddle had he been a horse, hence we called him

'Spot'. When we first collected 'Spot' he was so small he could fit into a letter box".



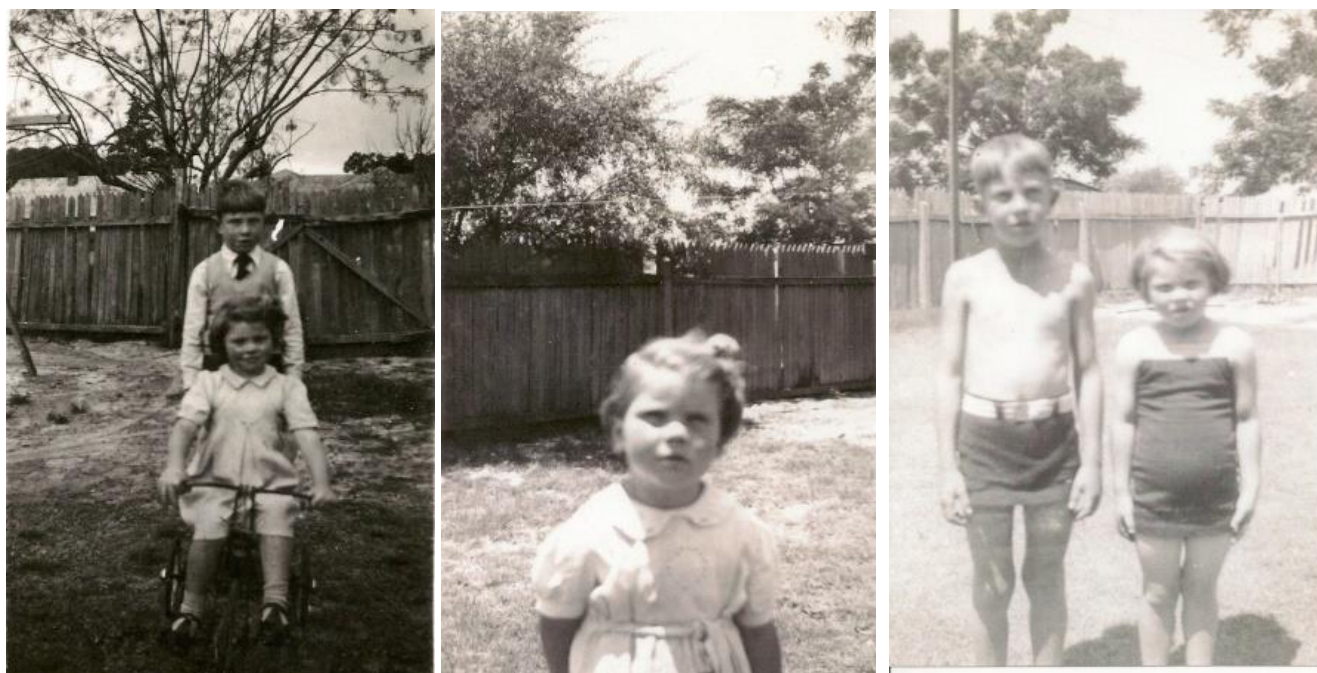
"In addition to 'Spot' the family enjoyed having cats as part of our family life. Of the few family photographs available from this era it is not surprising a cat or 'Spot' can be seen in photos".



"I remember attending swimming lessons at Como Jetty, at the end of Preston Street, and a Fancy Dress Ball in the hall across the road in Mends Street: I went as an Old Lady".

"On one occasion one of the children in the Mends Street area found a handbag by the Swan River and handed it into the South Perth Police. As it wasn't claimed within three months he received it back - we were jealous".

Loris remembers the tragedy which took place at the Perth Zoo in March 1951 – see the newspaper article on page 16. At the time Loris was only nine years old and William was only five years old. A lady had climbed a high fence in the Perth Zoo to gain access to the lion's den and was killed by a lion. Loris recalls, "...Dad insisted that the lion must not be killed...". Dad was very discreet and never brought his work home or talked about what incidents he had to deal with on a day-to-day basis.



Alan and Loris in the rear garden at 1 Mends Street, South Perth

On another occasion, Loris recalls Christmas 1951, "...while Ken was working in Tasmania, he sent us a parcel and some Christmas presents, I received a child's handbag and Mum received a £10 pound note. Soon afterwards the note went missing! My little brother, Bill, decided to buy a cake from the cake shop in Mends Street and the Lady said "I can't change that!" so he missed out on his cake".

There were many occasions during our time at Mends Street that Alan, Loris and William together with some local friends the same age would walk down to The Old Mill at Mill Point to play and to look for jellyfish. Today, the whole area has been taken over to accommodate the Narrows Bridge and Kwinana Freeway. In those days life was slow and very peaceful but a lot of fun!

Another place Alan, Loris and William would frequent in the early 1950s with some 'older kids' were the Chinese Gardens on the foreshore in South Perth. Chinese gardeners used to cultivate the large area of riverside land for their swamp-gardens which were located between Mill Point Road and the Swan River, now known now as Sir James Mitchell Park. The 'older kids' used to cause a nuisance resulting in the Chinese gardeners firing rock salt-peter from either a rifle or shotgun in our direction to frighten everyone away – for youngsters to be adventuring into the Chinese Gardens was perhaps a rather dangerous thing to do in those days.



The family Pontiac car with our father behind the wheel, William in the car aged about three with Loris & Alan sitting on the running board c1949

The family looks back on our four years in South Perth with deep affection and are grateful for the privilege of having lived in what is now a heritage building. Indeed, living at 1 Mends Street, was a very happy time for the Duperouzel family.



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Speech presentation by Ken Duperouzel to the
City of South Perth Historical Society.

Monday, 18 November 2002

Thank you, Mr. Kerry Davey (President) for your introduction.

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen

I have been asked to give you some impressions of my life as a young man, and at the South Perth Police Station of 50 years ago, where my Father Alexander Duperouzel was the Officer-in-Charge from 9 February 1948 until 1952.

Here is an item of interest to you.

10 (Ken's Group Certificate of 1951 / 1951 - refers to address)

INCOME YEAR 1st JULY, 1950, to 30th JUNE, 1951		COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. WESTERN AUSTRALIA. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT ACT, 1936-1949.		SERIAL NUMBER Nº 178765
EMPLOYEE'S RECORD				Form A/c. 68.
NAME OF EMPLOYER. BARNETT BROS. PTY. LIMITED			File No. 1253	GROUP NUMBER.
NAME OF EMPLOYEE. Surname (Block Letters). DUPEROUZEL		Christian Name (in full) KENNETH JAMES		
ADDRESS OF EMPLOYEE. C/- Police Station Manda St. SOUTH PERTH				
AMOUNT OF INSTALMENTS DEDUCTED. Words— TWENTY SIX POUNDS THIRTEEN SHILLINGS				Figures— 26/13/0d.
PARTICULARS OF EARNINGS OF THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1951.				
1. Gross Salary, Wages, Bonus, Commissions, etc., excluding amounts in Columns 2 and 3.	2. Value of Board and/or Quarters.	3. Travelling or other Allowances. Give particulars.	4. Group Assurance and Superannuation included in Gross Salary, etc.	
£362/19/0d.				
If the employee was not employed for whole year 1st July, 1950, to 30th June, 1951, state the period employed From 1st July, 1950 To 25th March, 1951				
BARNETT BROS. PTY. LIMITED				
IMPORTANT NOTICE. THIS TRIPLICATE SHOULD BE RETAINED BY EMPLOYEE AS HIS RECORD. CREDIT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THIS TRIPLICATE.				

Dad was born on the family farm at Qualen just south west of York in 1901, the 6th child of my Grand-Father George Charles Duperouzel and Sarah Jane (nee Willey of Beverley). The Duperouzel farm had its beginnings in 1871 by my Great-Grandfather Aimable Ciril Duperouzel, and his wife Julia (nee Neagle). It is still being farmed by my cousin David Duperouzel in 2002.

The Title Deeds since 1871 have always had a Duperouzel listed as the Owner.

May I give you some back ground to the Duperouzel Family in Western Australia. Great-Grandfather Aimable Ciril Duperouzel (was an ex-Ticket of Leave Convict # 4840) Born near Saint Aubin du Perron, area of Coutances, in Normandy, in north west of France, Aimable Duperouzel was convicted of theft by the Royal Court on the British Channel island of Guernsey in 1856. Aimable was found guilty of 'feloniously by night and with the aid of false keys, of entering the shop of Messrs Dumaresq and Turner, drapers, situated in High Street in the parish of St. Peter Port, and stealing items of cloth, linen, needles etc., which his first wife Elizabeth had used in her dress-making occupation. He was sentenced to 10 years transportation.

When doing research work in 1990 / 1994 for the book "The Duperouzel Family in Australia" which was written by our eldest daughter Lynette Mitchell, all enquiries regarding Aimable's first wife Elizabeth and their son John Aimable Duperouzel on the Channel Islands came to nothing. Upon Aimable's conviction the Royal Court ordered that " all of his chattels and inheritances, if any, be assigned to Her Majesty or Lord of the Fief to meet the costs". So, with Aimable in gaol and all their belongings forfeited, Elizabeth would then have been destitute. Even the Poor House and Hospital records gave no account of Elizabeth or their son John.

The Royal Court in Guernsey had the power to sentence Aimable to 10 years gaol and transportation, but they had no capacity to effect this. The Channel Islands owe their allegiance to the Monarch, not to the British Government. It was necessary to send Aimable to England, and the order authorising Aimable's transportation to Western Australia was signed while Queen Victoria was at Windsor Castle.

Aimable was one of 270 prisoners who arrived at Owens Anchorage (just north of Woodman Point) on 1st June 1858 on the vessel 'Lord Raglan'. We have a copy of the complete daily Journal, kept by the ship's Surgeon John Bower detailing daily life on board. The 'Lord Raglan' made only two land sightings on the entire voyage. (the Portuguese islands of Madeira off the coast of Morocco, and the British controlled Tristan da Cunha group of islands in the southern Atlantic Ocean).

The voyage took 98 days from England to Western Australia and in this time two convicts died, one from sunstroke, and the other from a heart attack.

Three (3) babies were born to wives of the accompanying Pensioner Guards.

It is interesting to note that among the convicts there were 200 Englishmen, 1 Welsh, 29 Scotsmen, 30 Irishmen, 2 Americans, 1 German, 3 Frenchmen, 1 Russian, 1 Jamaican and one Italian convicted felon. Total convicts numbered 270. Enrolled Pensioner Guards and their wives and children were also on board. During the voyage Stephen Montague Stout, an educated prisoner delivered a lecture on the imminent Eclipse of the sun complete with illustrations and diagrams.

When Aimable married for the second time to Julia Neagle (a free settler from Tipperary in Ireland) in 1863 at the little church at Gilgering, near York, he described himself as a widower on his Wedding Certificate.

I	(Alex – my father)	then 2 (Mary – my mother)
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My Father joined the Western Australian Police Force (note operative word FORCE) in January 1924, now aged 23 years. He was one of six boys and four girls, having spent his life to date working on the farm. Alex was a very good horseman.

Most of the country Police stations, required a constable who was skilled with horses. He got on very well with local people, was soon playing sports such as cricket, tennis and golf. Rifle shooting, such as rabbit and kangaroo hunting he enjoyed too.

Alex rolled his own cigarettes but rarely drank alcohol. Dad was a keen vegetable gardener and excelled with flowers, particularly Dahlias. He had good hand writing, and in later years owned a portable typewriter which he used with "two fingers". This machine is still in my possession. Alex was a big built man, who enjoyed his work. Wherever he was stationed he was held by many people to be in high regard, as a nice man and a fair and just Police Officer. I know that as many numbers of people over the years have told my brothers and sister and myself similar compliments about him.

His Police regimental number was 1458.

He served at Perth, Fremantle (1926) East Fremantle (1926-32) Dowerin (1932-35) Gingin 1935-39) Wagin (1838-1944) Perth (1944-1948) South Perth (1948-1952) Fremantle (1952-1956) and Palmyra (1956-1961).

He retired at the then mandatory age of 60 years.

3 (1947 Police Station)



He was Sergeant in Charge of Police in South Perth, from 9 February 1948 to 3 January 1952. During this time Dad had two (2) officers under his command.

About twelve (12) Police Officers are based at South Perth Police Station currently. It is my understanding that the total WA Police Force numbered about 600 in 1950, and today in 2002 the total number stands at approximately 4,800 men and women.

Mr. Tom Hungerford who wrote the book "Stories from Suburban Road" told me that there was only one Policeman in South Perth in 1938 named "Toot" Richardson.

4 (1992 Police Station taken by Ken)

Also 5 (Heritage marker)



The brick and tile Police building in Mends Street was completed in 1908 and houses a general Police office and cell block, while on the west side was the Police Quarters where our family lived. It has high ceilings and wooden floors, and though the building was cool in summer, it was cold as charity in winter. Possums would often visit the building from the Zoo, occasionally causing family members a fright from time to time.

The Police Quarters had its own separate front entry door, with rooms leading off a Passage-way. The lounge on the right side, also provided an entry door directly into the Police office. It is still the same today. The kitchen had a wood stove for cooking and the bathroom had a wood chip heater. The laundry had a copper for boiling the water and washing clothes, and two concrete troughs. Yes, it had electricity and deep sewerage in 1948, but it was a very basic building by today's standards.

The now clean clothes were hung out to dry on two lines supported in the middle by prop posts which ran lengthways in the rear yard. An old timber weatherboard structure in the back yard was altered to allow Dad to park his 1930's model Pontiac car in, and provide some space for a small workshop.

In 1948 I was aged 19 years, my brother Jack was 17, brother Alan 9, sister Loris was 6, and family youngest Bill was 2 years old.

The South Perth Police Quarters had a front veranda which had an opening and two (2) arches all facing towards Mends Street corner, and there is a third arch facing Labouchere Road on the west side. Dad reasoned that if he enclosed these arches, then my brother Jack and I could sleep out there all year round.

And yes, it was bloody cold out there most winter nights.

He fitted the arches with wooden frames, and then metal louvre frames and glass which are still there today. The louvres and glass were supplied by me through Barnett Bros Pty. Ltd. of Hay Street, East Perth for whom I was then working in the hardware department.

6 (Labouchere Road side Police Quarters)

7 (Loris, Bill and dog Spot)



One of the directors of the Barnett Bros, Mr. John Lewis lived near Sprunts Garage, which was about 100 metres away from the Police Station. Each morning at 8am I would walk around the corner to his flat to 'cadge' a ride to work. This ride to work was quite exciting for me, as John Lewis had a new 1947 model Vauxhall Velox which he drove at a good fast speed along Mill Point Road.

The regular mode of transport for Police in South Perth in 1948 was two (2) large English made bicycles. Shortly after Dad's arrival in South Perth, the Police Station was equipped with an ex-army

Harley-Davidson 6/7 cub inch motor cycle. In those years, the only Police cars in use were two (2) large Bentley motor cars, which were very fast. These cars were based in Perth, but covered the entire Perth metropolitan area, using the radio call sign of VKI. Normal method of communications at the Police Station was the tall standing black telephone with separate ear piece. An extension phone could be switched through to the Police Quarters, for outside normal office hours usage.

The trams went past the South Perth Police Station on the same north west side of Mends Street on their way from the ferry jetty to the Zoo in Labouchere Road, then on to Preston Street in Como.

My brothers Jack and Alan recall Dad electing to cut down a large section palm tree in the front yard of the Police station, and things went terribly astray when the tree fell towards the road and over the footpath and the tram lines. It brought down a power pole and two (2) power lines which served the Police Station and the trams!!! The Electricity & Gas Department and Tramway Depts., were not pleased about this interruption to their services. When the work was nearly complete Dad then asked the line maintenance men to haul the damaged power pole into the side yard for him so he could cut it up for firewood later.

The Old Mill (Shentons) at Mill Point in the 1950's was derelict. It had not been in use for years and much discussion was going on about its future.

Fifty years ago the Swan River at Como Jetty was a great swimming and picnic location. The Tearooms at Como were very popular, whilst the Pagoda Ballroom hosted many dances and balls etc.

Directly opposite the Police Station is the South Perth Bowling Club. In 1949 the Mends Street and Labouchere Road boundaries of the Club were surrounded by a large pine hedge, about 2 metres high (7 foot) and 1 metre wide (3 feet). This hedge was trimmed regularly in height and width and kept neat and tidy. It provided a high degree of privacy for the Club House and Members playing bowls.

One night about 2am my brother Jack and I were awoken from our slumbers on the front veranda to see this huge hedge on fire in a big way. The Fire Brigade attended from Coode Street fire station and put the fire out, but not before the hedge was largely destroyed. The Bowling Club Committee later resolved that as the hedge had been burnt or 'fired' by vandals on other occasions, that they would remove it completely. It is not the same hedge as growing today.

The petrol service station at the intersection of Mends Street and Mill Point Road is located on exactly the same corner as it is today. Mr. Gordon Sprunt was the Proprietor at that time and ran a general business adjoining. The Sprunt family were well known to everyone in the district.

Laurie Sprunt was a good friend of younger brother Alan in the early fifties.

The Windsor Hotel in Mends Street has not changed externally to that as I remember it in the 1950's. My mates and I used to have a beer or several in the saloon bar, mostly schooners of Swan lager. One Saturday afternoon, I had arranged to meet some friends in the bar at about 4 pm. I had been out riding my 350cc AJS motor cycle with one of my 'mates' Keith, who was on another motor cycle. I rode up to

the Windsor Hotel and parked outside in Mends Street.

On walking into the saloon bar, my friends said to me 'where's Keith?? I said, "I don't know, he was riding his 250cc BSA in Mill Point Road when I last looked behind me and saw him back near Douglas Avenue, so he can't be far away". Well, it took about 30 minutes or more for Keith to arrive and he was "immediately asked - where the hell have you been". It turned out that Sergeant George Gamble from the Police Traffic Branch who lived in Angelo Street South Perth, and who was well known in the metro area, was on his way home from traffic patrol on his big 10/12 HP Harley-Davidson motor cycle and he had stopped Keith for exceeding the speed limit of 30mph (55 kph) in Mill Point Road.

Sergeant Gamble apparently wasn't prepared to give chase to the other rider in front of Keith, who was also exceeding the speed limit — me!!

The Police often made an appearance at the Windsor, Como and Hurlingham Hotel in the evenings of those years to ensure the Publican obeyed the Liquor Licensing closing hours of 9pm.

At the Gaiety Picture Theatre in Angelo Street — South Perth, there was a film slide, signed by Sgt. Duperouzel about illegal parking outside the theatre, and that slide was still being shown for many years after Dad's transfer away from South Perth.

An outdoor picture show was on a block of ground next door to the Hurlingham Theatre and was very popular. Patrons could lay back in the deck chairs under the stars and watch the movies. Sometimes the pictures were part way through, when it rained and the patrons retreated back into the main theatre to complete the evening's entertainment.

The still popular Como Cygnet Theatre in Preston Street also had both an indoor theatre and outdoor gardens.

Opposite the Como Theatre in Preston Street was Burnett's Bakery. George Burnett went on to become a popular Mayor of the South Perth City Council. As a younger man he was part of the Burnett's Bakery business for many years, and together with his family re-developed the old bakery site now occupied by a garage, shops and a Tavern.

In Mill Point Road (previously named Suburban Road) there were two other landmarks in Noonan's Bakery and Weaver & Lock, manufacturers of soft drinks. Living in Gladstone Avenue, South Perth, my wife Audrey and I would often see a Noonan's bread cart with the horse at a quiet walk, returning to the bakery on its own while the delivery man with his bread basket on his arm was completing his sales at the last houses in the street.

I used to go to Claremont Speedway every Friday night. This entailed a journey from the Police Quarters, along Mill Point Road, Canning Highway, over the Causeway, Riverside Drive, Mounts Bay Road then Stirling Highway to Claremont Speedway. While traversing this route, I would look longingly at Mill Point from Mounts Bay Road while saying to myself "a bridge will never be built across this small section of water". Little did I realise that the Narrows Bridge would be completed in 1959.

Here is a short story for you, Lyn O'Hara.

I was quite shocked one Saturday evening to learn that Dad had arrested a good friend of mine — Bob Howson. Bob had imbibed heavily that day, and had been seen driving his Ford "A" model coupe car late one afternoon on the footpath and underneath the bull nose verandas in Mends street, "in a dangerous manner while intoxicated". Lyn, ask your father Alan Cull about Bob's exploits in the 1950's, he was quite a character.

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When the main office of the Police Station was closed outside normal hours, many people often came to the front door of the Police Quarters when they required the assistance of the local Policeman. One of the more unusual incidents happened one week-end at about 1.00 pm. There was a knock on the front door of the Police Quarters, and a lady who was well known to Dad "said her husband has been drinking again and he is bashing me up, and he has threatened to kill himself." (he had made such threats many times previously)

My father told her that he had only just sat down to lunch, and that he would go to her house when he had finished his meal. A short time later the same lady returned and informed Dad 'there is no need to hurry, he has hung himself.

In March of 1951 police were called to the South Perth Zoo after a lady climbed the high security outer fence of the lion's cage. Dad was told by Zoo officials that her body was in the outer exercise area, and it was likely that it might be necessary to shoot and kill the lion in order to retrieve the body. Dad did not like this idea at all, arguing that the Leo was only doing what was natural to such animal, and Dad refused to allow it to be shot. His solution was to call for the fire hose and using the powerful water jet, the men pushed the Leo back into the main inner concrete cage, enabling them to enter the outer yard to retrieve the body.

Subsequently a number of people in the next 10/15 years also entered the animal enclosures of the Lions and Polar Bears, with similar sad endings.

9 Rides on the elephant at Perth Zoo.

On a happier note, all of our four children Roy, Lynette, Ian and Bronwyn remember rides on the elephant at the Zoo, the guinea pig playground and rides on the train around the Zoo grounds.

Many famous musicians like the British Army "Black Watch" band and other artists also performed in the Zoo gardens. The South Perth Tennis Club was located just outside the Mill Point Road boundary of the Zoo, and I played grass court tennis there most Saturday afternoons.

Other landmarks still today, are The Royal Perth Golf Club which is now fenced all around, but back 50 years ago it was not needed. Adjoining Royal Perth on the north side is Richardson Park, where I tried my hand at cricket but did not have any success.

Swimming lessons were held every January in the Swan River at Como Jetty for many thousands of children, who enjoyed the shallow water, but not the jelly fish.

In Coode Street the Wesley College main building is largely un-changed externally, though the new classrooms and grounds area is much bigger. When Como High School opened our second son Ian was eligible to attend and then later our second daughter Bronwyn also went there. Roy (eldest son) and Lynette (eldest daughter) both went to Kent Street High School which was the main regional high school then.

The South Perth Yacht Club was situated on the Como foreshore of the Swan River just north of Canning Bridge, which site is now occupied by the Sea Scouts. The re-location of the yacht club was necessary to allow for the building of the Kwinana Freeway. The South Perth Yacht Club became the South of Perth Yacht Club on transfer to the west side of the river at Canning Bridge.

Where Sir James Mitchell Park is these days near Coode Street this fertile land was used by the Chinese market gardeners (only about 6-8 persons) for growing vegetables along the river flats. Each Saturday afternoon one of the gardeners with a large horse and wagon would do his rounds of the Mill Point area, selling excellent fresh produce at reasonable prices and Mum would usually buy something from them.

Often the 'Ladies of the Night' from the Flesh Market in Roe Street in Perth would 'holiday' with the Chinese and no doubt got some quality garden produce in return for their services. Arguments occurred from time to time, and the Police often had to arrest some of these people to keep the peace. It was on these occasions that the language used by the ladies coming from the cells at the South Perth Police Station certainly improved my vocabulary.

South Perth has always had ferry boats operating a Perth City service out of Mends Street Jetty, and until recent years Coode Street too. Another operated from Queens Street at Mill Point. I was never an extensive user of the ferries, so I can't relate any stories about these vessels.

I can tell you though that when Dad was transferred from Wagin back to Perth in (1944) I was very interested in aircraft. At this time the Catalina flying boats were operating out of where the Royal Perth Yacht Club is today at Matilda Bay, Crawley, or just to the east side of University of WA.

These aircraft seemed huge to me at the time, particularly as they were quite slow when taking off or landing across Melville Water on the Swan River.

I remember that South Perth had a good many interesting persons living in the area. Mr. John Juan of ABC radio station 6WF, Mr. Stuart Joynt, Editor of the 'Daily News', Highly respected scholar Professor Walter Murdoch after whom Murdoch University was named.

Parkes Photos in Labouchere Road was a back-yard hobby that grew into a full-time business and for years supplied, developed and printed my photography requirements. In later years the laboratory 'blew up' and the business closed.

George Strickland was a property owner and Councillor in South Perth. Bryant Stokes (now Professor) lived in a duplex in Labouchere Road behind the Police Station.

Old Polo Grounds facing the Swan River off Mill Point Road near Ranelagh Crescent (South Perth), were used by motor cycle clubs most Sundays for 'Club Runs'. About 30 Club Members, their wives or girlfriends also in attendance, would conduct grass track races, such as triangular point to point and miniature TT races. Picnic lunch would be enjoyed and a great day out had by all.

I have a story about Clontarf Boys Home (as it was known then) in the suburb of Manning. This was about 1960 and Brother Fitzgerald was not only a Christian Brother but also a qualified Builder in his own right. I was a salesman for Glazebrook Paints at the new suburb of O'Connor for Permaglaze and Spread Satin paints, when he phoned me at the factory late one Friday to say that he required several gallons of paint — but he needed this order for the next day — Saturday. "No problem", said I - because at that time we were living at Millen (East Victoria Park) and not far from Clontarf. It was a very hot day about 40C and after unloading the paint from my FJ Holden company car, Brother Fitzgerald then asked if I would like something to drink. "Yes please" I said (expecting ice water), so he delegated a boy of about 14 years to go fetch it. A few minutes later the lad arrived back with a tray on which were two glasses and a bottle of beer saying, "here's your holy water Brother"

8 (Ken on AJS in Labouchere Road 1951) 

I lived at the Police Quarters South Perth until April 1951, when I left home to ride my AJS motor cycle to



Adelaide. At that time the bitumen road of Great Eastern Highway only went as far as Southern Cross WA. The Eyre Highway was an un-made road and the sealed road did not start again until Port Augusta SA. Although I rode my AJS motor cycle (all jerks and stops), I also knew what a BSA stood for, 'a bloody sore arse'.

I met my wife Audrey in Bathurst (NSW) Easter races at Mt. Panorama race circuit. Audrey is here tonight. We were married in September 1953.

You may be interested to know that when Audrey and I first set up house, it was in a War Service home from World War One (1914 - 1918) quite small, located at 42 Canning Highway, Victoria Park, about 200 metres from the Causeway.

Later we moved to 14 Gladstone Avenue, South Perth. Then to 3 Bone St, Millen (East Victoria Park), had 2 years in Manjimup, then 15 Harvey Street, Victoria Park, and 69 Leonard Street, Victoria Park. In 1969 we moved to 3 Alston Avenue, Como., where we spent the next 28 years until 1997 when we moved to Willetton.

Mr. Cec Florey (the historian) tells me that my siblings and I are the only persons he is aware of, who as third generation Australians are descended from both a Convict (Aimable Duperouzel) and a Pensioner Guard (Hugh Devitt on my mother's family side).

Perhaps the 'wheel does turn full circle' between the prisoners and the guards.

May I commend the book "South Perth — The Vanishing Village" to everyone as an excellent read. Similarly, Mr. Tom Hungerford's book of "Stories from Suburban Road" is quite enthralling about times before WW2.

My brothers Jack and Alan and sister Loris are here tonight, and if you have any questions I shall be pleased to try and answer them, with their help if required.

May I say in closing that the suburbs of South Perth, Como and Victoria Park were great places to live as a youth and as a young married man with a wife and family of four children. It was a much more 'carefree' lifestyle which we were privileged to enjoy. You could generally get a parking spot for your car anywhere, cut down a tree on your house block if necessary, make decisions for yourself, family and life in every way.

THANK YOU TO MY SISTER LORIS WADE and to MARION CULL for the loan of photos.

Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen.

May I wish everyone a Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year 2003.

KEN DUPEROUZEL

8 Painting of the South Perth Police Station

This painting of the South Perth Police Station was done by Police Constable Henry McLaughlin in 1974. Henry had immigrated to Western Australia with his wife Margaret and their two sons in 1969 from Antrim, Northern Ireland. Henry's artistic skills were developed from an early age.



Painting by Henry McLaughlin 1974

South Perth Police Station

According to David Lampard, President, Western Australia Police Historical Society, Henry, who was a Constable with the WA Police Force, was asked by the WA Commissioner of Police, Athol Wedd, to paint a number of Police Stations throughout the state. He became so successful with his paintings that he later resigned from the WA Police Force and became a full-time artist and did very well.

9 Future plans

As part of the AUD400 million 'Civic Heart' development in South Perth the former South Perth Police Station was purchased by the hospitality group Nokturnl who plan to develop the police station into a 400-person bar and restaurant with alfresco outdoor dining facilities and basement area whilst also retaining the two holding cells. The basement level, which will be built next to the Heritage building, rather than directly beneath it, will house the kitchen, a restaurant and toilets.

The West Australian newspaper published a feature on 12 October 2022 outlining the plans of Ross Drennan, the co-founder of Nokturnl, and his business partner Drew Flanagan, to develop the former South Perth Police Station – this press cutting is shown below.

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COP-SHOP BAR AN EASY CELL

Watering hole and restaurant to be the heartbeat of \$400m South Perth venue

KIM MACDONALD

A new bar and restaurant will be built in the heritage-listed police station at the upcoming \$400 million Civic Heart development in South Perth after a last-minute change in development plans. Hospitality group Nokturnl is planning a 400-person venue at the former station, which will spill into an adjoining underground restaurant due for construction from later this year.

The police station was earmarked as an office, but Minister for Planning Rita Saffioti allowed a late amendment last week to the development approval for the police station, triggering the sale of the strata-titled block to Nokturnl for \$2m.

It is a coup for the 309-apartment tower, which is facing strong competition from several other luxury developments, including The Grove in Claremont and Serai in North Fremantle.

Nokturnl is widely considered one of the better hospitality operators these days with successful venues including The Old Synagogue in Fremantle and The Beaufort in Highgate.

It is also the preferred proponent to rein-vigorate the Market Hall space at Vagan Square.

Nokturnl co-founder Ross Drennan said he and business partner Drew Flanagan, pictured above right, plan to spend \$8m to create a sophisticated beer and wine bar with a large alfresco area on a 400sqm block.

The police station, which will retain its two holding cells, will house a bar with some seating.

The basement level, which will be built next to the heritage building rather than directly beneath it, will house the kitchen, a restaurant and toilets.

"Drew and I live up the road, and... we have been watching the development very closely," Mr Drennan said.

"We approached Finbar and said we are interested in that lot.

"If we can attain it, we are interested in expanding it and turning it into a hospitality venue."

He joked that the historic holding cells may come in handy.

"We're excited, as South Perth residents ourselves, to have an opportunity to create a hidden restaurant underground that promises a dining experience unlike any other in Perth, with the two original jail cells ready for any future guests that do not behave themselves."

Mr Drennan said the pair, who have long played at the local golf club, are fans of the area.

In their younger years they played at the cricket club, and Mr Flanagan got his first job behind the bar at the Windsor.

But he said the area needed more high-quality hospitality venues to attract its high-income residents.

The as-yet unnamed venue will be one of 25 ground-floor food and beverage and retail tenancies in Civic Heart's vibrant commercial precinct.

Finbar managing director Darren Pateman, pictured below, said Civic Heart would transform the Mends Street precinct through both its luxury apartments and the amenity it provides for local residents.

"As well as the influx of residents in the apartment towers, Civic Heart will introduce a prestigious commercial precinct to the area," Mr Pateman said.

The complex will include 399 apartments in two towers, of which just over half have already sold. Only 15 per cent of the 26 commercial units are yet to be sold.

A total of \$185m worth of the commercial and residential components have already sold.

The complex, and Nokturnl's venue, are due for completion at the end of 2023.



For the latest progress on this development and news of when the new bar and restaurant will open, perhaps in late 2023 or early 2024, check out their website: www.nokturnl.com.au

The South Perth Police Station and South Perth Post Office Heritage buildings are dwarfed by the 'Civic Heart' development.



View from the intersection of Labouchere Road and Mends Street looking towards the South Perth Police Station and the Civic Heart development. Photograph courtesy of Lynette Mitchell November 2022.



View from the intersection of Mends Street and Mill Point Road looking towards the South Perth Post Office and the Civic Heart development. Photograph courtesy of William Duperouzel September 2022.

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