



Police Work

1898 to 1973



Claremont constable, 1902
 Courtesy State Library of Western Australia,
 The Battye Library 3055/B31

Death from dysentery

Constable Hair worked at Claremont Police Station and in 1898 his family were probably the first residents in these police quarters.

Unfortunately he died of dysentery on 15 October 1898.

Try on this jacket and helmet - they are just like the ones he wore!

Baton courtesy Frances Winter



Constable Henneker
 Courtesy Police Historical Society

Hello, I'm Constable David Henneker

I came to live in these police quarters in 1957 to run the Claremont Police and Citizens Boys' Club in Davies Road.

The front room of the house had been the Freshwater Bay Police Station until 1925.

When we moved here

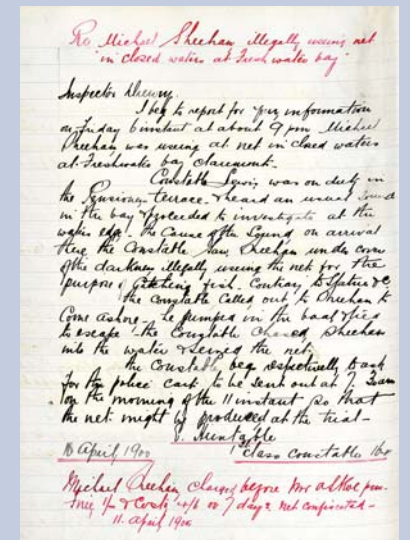
I found the old Police Occurrence Book in the desk drawer. It had last been used to record day to day police work back in 1925.

I jokingly wrote in it after the last entry that I'd reported on duty on such and such a date in 1957.

Then when I left in 1973

I wrote that I was leaving and had been transferred to Geraldton.

I wonder what became of that book?



From Claremont Police Report Book, 1898-1900, 3760/1.
 Courtesy State Records Office of Western Australia



Constable Ward, at the back of the police quarters, about 1932.
 Courtesy Lois Cade

Constables living here worked at:



1898 1906 1925 1941 1965 1973

- Former boarding house converted to police quarters
- 1 & 3. Claremont Police Station, corner Stirling Highway and Parry Street.
 Courtesy State Library of Western Australia, The Battye Library 20394P
- 2. Fresh Water Bay Police Station and police quarters, now Claremont Museum.
 Courtesy Town of Claremont
- 4. Claremont Police and Citizens Boys' Club in Davies Road. This was in an old army hut rebuilt on what is now the site of Claremont Pool.
 Courtesy Joy Mumme
- 5. Claremont-Cottesloe-Nedlands Police Boys' Club in the old Swanbourne Theatre. Constable Henneker and Deputy Commissioner Sims at the opening in 1965.
 Courtesy State Library of Western Australia, The Battye Library BA1524/24
- Police quarters closed

David Henneker's story based on oral history interview with David Henneker, 2008, held Claremont Museum and used with permission from David Henneker
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As well as the usual police work, people came to Freshwater Bay Police Station for carriage, vehicle and bicycle licences.

Courtesy June Price and Police Historical Society

