



# 150<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Ceremony

**Monaro Local Area Command**

Monday 9 January 2017

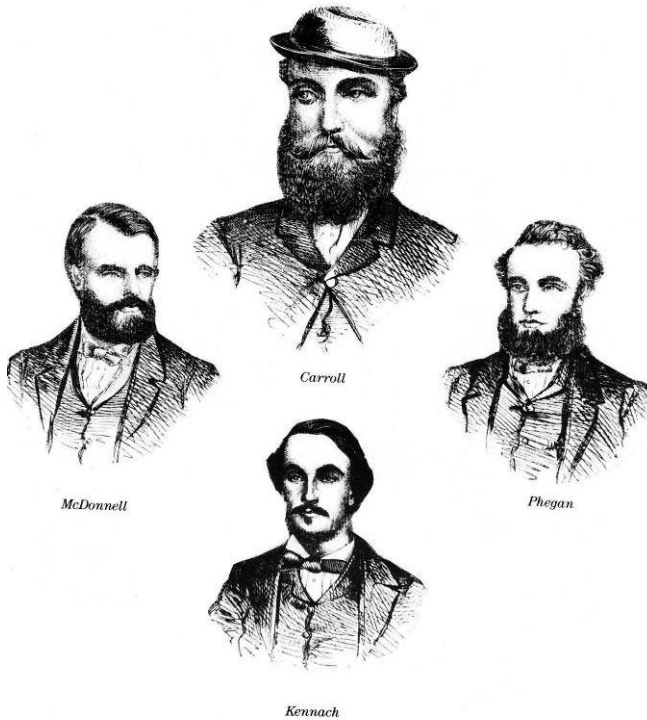
*We Will Remember*

Special Constable John Carroll

Special Constable Patrick Kennagh

Special Constable Eneas McDonnell

Special Constable John Phegan



### **The Ambush**

On the evening of the 9 January 1867 four special detectives were ambushed and murdered at Duck Pond – Jinden, situated 62 kilometers south of Braidwood.

They were searching for the notorious Clarke Gang, which are considered the bloodiest bushrangers in Australian history.

To this day the murders represent the largest single mass murder of police in Australian history (*Ned Kelly murdered three*), it also represents the largest reward (£5,000) offered by a single Australian Government in history.

The lawlessness of the gang also resulted in the instigation of the Felons Apprehension Act of 1865 to include provision for members of the public to capture and/or kill members of the Gang on sight.

They were the “*victims of some extraordinary treachery*” and the post mortem revealed some shocking signs.

The body of Carroll had a £1 note placed on it as a symbol.

### **The limits of the Country in those times**

The early days of the colony Jinden was at its far limits of lawlessness. Settlers, ex convicts and migrants swelled as the end of transportation in 1840 diluted the system.

The gold rush was about to hit the area and inflame the problem and see the rise of the Clarke Gang.



### **Duck Pond – Jinden**

The actual site of the ambush remains pretty much as it was 150 years ago. The only noticeable difference is where a very large Manna Gum tree once stood that was capable of hiding three or four men and the placement of two large stones for the Jinden Police Memorial placed on site this year.

The special police were travelling east to west (left to right) towards the Jinden Homestead on the evening of the 9th.



**The finding of the bodies of Carroll's party of special police**



**Funeral procession of the Special Police**

There was much interest around Australia at the time for their plight as depicted in this drawing from a Melbourne newspaper at the time. The great bell at St Bede's Church at Braidwood Tolloed at 1030am, the procession from the Court House to the Cemetery down Wallace street commenced with Sergeant Duffy and Smith escorting, whilst Superintendent Orridge lead the remainder of the 150 persons.



## INTERCOLONIAL NEWS.

### NEW SOUTH WALES. THE CAPTURE OF THE CLARKES.

(FROM THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD.)

A correspondent sends the following further particulars:—

“BRAIDWOOD, APRIL 29.

“From an early hour on Sunday many were anxiously looking for the culprits to enter the town; some more anxious than others took to their horses, and galloped out to meet the escort in charge of the two men who had put the district in such dread for a length of time. The excitement was intense when the police were seen coming into town. Johnny Clarke appeared care-worn and extremely pale, possibly from the fact of losing a great deal of blood from the gunshot-wound in his left shoulder. Tommy, on the contrary, appeared to consider that the number who were waiting to get a glimpse of him was a mark of respect to him, and treated it as a hero would on a triumphal march into a city after some great exploit of valour. He recognised one or two of his former associates by an inclination of the head. When he had reached as far as the Joint-Stock Bank, a woman, who was standing opposite, threw up her hands and set up a most hideous yell, whether it was in exultation at the capture of these men or execration of the police for having so successfully captured the miscreants it was more than any one could tell, nor possibly could the woman, for she had been imbibing of the rosy goddess; but the circumstance highly pleased Tommy Clarke, who laughed at the eccentricities of the woman. On their being taken to the gaol they were securely ironed. A person of the name of Berry, who was found in the hut after the Clarkes surrendered, was taken into custody and brought into

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Sydney, 14th January, 1867.

### FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS REWARD.— MURDER.

**WHEREAS** the undermentioned persons, John Carroll, Patrick Kennagh, Eneas M'Donnell and John Phegan, whilst engaged in the service of Her Majesty the Queen, were murdered near the Jinden Station, in the Police District of Braidwood, on the 9th January instant, by some person or persons unknown, under circumstances of great atrocity: Notice is hereby given, that the Government will pay a Reward of Five Thousand Pounds for the apprehension of all the parties concerned in the murder, or a Reward of One Thousand Pounds will be paid for the apprehension of any one of the murderers, or should the capture be effected by information supplied to the Police, then one-half the said Rewards will be paid to the informant, and the remainder to the person or persons who may effect the capture. It is also further notified,

that in addition to the above Rewards the Government will recommend that Her Majesty's free pardon be extended to any accessory to the said crime, not being one of the persons who were actually present assisting in the commission of the said murders, who will first give such information as will lead to the capture of the murderers, or any of them: And all parties are cautioned that by harbouring, assisting, or maintaining the murderers, they will make themselves accessories to the crime of murder, and render themselves liable to prosecution accordingly.

HENRY PARKES.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

**1430 hours**

## CALL THE MUSTER

**Piping:** Green Hills of Tyrol and Battles O'er  
Pipe Major Reg Foreman

## WELCOMING ADDRESS

Superintendent Rod Smith  
Monaro Local Area Commander

## PRAYER OF THE GATHERING

Reverend Ian Diamond  
New South Wales Police Force

## INVOCATION

Sergeant Paul Batista  
New South Wales Police Force

## ADDRESS

Mr Peter Smith  
President of the Braidwood Historical Society

## BLESSING OF THE MEMORIAL

Reverend Ian Diamond  
New South Wales Police Force

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Reverend Ian Diamond  
New South Wales Police Force

## THE HONOUR ROLL

Detective Inspector Michael Handley  
Monaro Local Area Command

**ALL:** "We will remember

**Piping:** Amazing Grace  
Pipe Major Reg Foreman

## LAYING OF THE WREATH

## THE POLICE ODE

Senior Constable Richard Pearce  
New South Wales Police Force

As the sun surely sets,  
Dawn will see it arise,  
For service above self  
Demands its own prize

You have fought the good fight,  
Life's race has been run,  
And peace your reward,  
For eternity begun.

And we that are left,  
Shall never forget,  
Rest in peace friend and colleague,  
For the sun has now set.  
We will remember

**ALL:** "We will remember - Hasten the dawn"

## POLICE REQUIESCANT

*(All in uniform to salute)*

## ONE MINUTE SILENCE

## SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

*(All in uniform to salute)*

## PRESENTATION

## CONCLUSION

**Piping:** 100 Pipers, Steamboat and Over the Water to Charles  
Pipe Major Reg Foreman

***An invitation is extended to all guests and members of the public for afternoon tea catered for by the ladies of Krawarree, from 16:00 at Gundillion Hall, Old Cooma road (16.2 km north of Jinden on the western side of the roadway).***

**The Monaro Local Area Command would like to acknowledge the following for their sponsorship and support for this event:**



**We would also like to thank the following individuals for their assistance without whom this event would not be possible:**

Mr John and Mrs Jenette Hindmarsh (owners of Jinden) - For allowing the memorial to be built on the site and for their valuable time and effort in the many visits and requests.

Mr Peter Smith (President of the Braidwood Historical Society) and author of the book "*The Clarke Gang – Outlawed, Outcast and Forgotten*" and for answering the many questions.

Mr Gary Pieper – for his valuable time and effort in installing the plaque on site.

Mrs Di Izzard and the Ladies of Krawarree - for their wonderful afternoon tea.

Superintendent Rod Smith – for ongoing support of this project and indulging the many requests..

State Emergency Service of NSW, Rural Fire Service of NSW, Ambulance Service of NSW, Fire Rescue NSW, Australian Federal Police. Members of the Lake George Local Emergency Management Committee & Members of the Monaro LAC.



#### **1867 – Memorial to the Jinden Four**

A four sided monument was later constructed within the Catholic section of the Braidwood Cemetery.

Each side bearing the names of the special police and "...murdered at Jinden on 9th January 1867, whilst in pursuit of the outlaw, Thomas Clarke".

The men were originally buried at Jinden under sheets of bark without coffins. After a public outcry they were exhumed and taken to Braidwood.

On the 140th anniversary Commissioner Ken Moroney AO, APM erected a commemorative plaque at its base.

The four Special Police are also remembered at the National Police Memorial – Kings Park, Canberra for their sacrifice and dedication to duty and the preservation of the rule of law in the early days of the colony of New South Wales.