

# Sunshine Advocate

## Constable killed, Malroy 'John' McDonald, Aged 24

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### CONSTABLE KILLED

A young Sunshine policeman was fatally injured by a passing car as he directed traffic around an injured Alsatian dog in Geelong Rd., Brooklyn, on Saturday evening.

He was Constable John McDonald, of Dunkeld St., North Sunshine, married with a daughter.

Another Sunshine policeman, Const. Arthur Brown, who was attending to the dog, and a bystander were slightly injured.

All three victims were rushed to the Footscray Hospital where Const. McDonald died of internal injuries after doctors had performed an emergency operation.

At the request of D24, Constables McDonald and Brown went to the scene of an accident near the Guiding Star Hotel to destroy a dog which had been hit by a car.

Const. Brown was attending the dog and Const. McDonald directing traffic in the north lane when a car

swung left to avoid a car which had slowed to a stop in the outside lane.

The car struck the two policemen and the bystander, sideswiped a parked vehicle, ran into the rear of the police van and struck a vehicle travelling toward Melbourne.

Const. Brown, injured, went to the police van and called for more police and an ambulance.

Police from Williamstown arrived and escorted the ambulance as it sped to Footscray Hospital.

The service for Const. McDonald was held at Our Lady's Roman Catholic Church, Sunshine on Tuesday morning, after which his funeral left for the Western Suburbs Cemetery where he was buried with full police honors.

## **Blue Ribbon Foundation**

### **Police officer killed, Constable Malroy 'John' McDonald, Aged 24**

29<sup>th</sup> January 1966

Shortly after 6 p.m. on Saturday, 29th January 1966, Constable McDonald was directing traffic around an injured dog which was lying on the carriageway of Geelong Road, Brooklyn, outside the Guiding Star Hotel, when a motorist swerved to avoid another vehicle and struck McDonald. The Constable suffered severe internal injuries and was rushed to the Footscray and District Hospital, where he died after receiving emergency surgery.