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Extension of the area of the District of the Black Range Local Board of Health.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Executive Council Chamber, at Perth, the
17th day of November, 1909.

Present:

His Excellency the Governor.
The Honourables—The Premier.
The Colonial Secretary.

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WHEREAS by Section 17 of "The Health Act, 1898," the area of any district defined for the purpose of a Local Board of Health may from time to time be extended, altered, or contracted by the Governor in Council, and whereas it is desired to extend the District of the Black Range Local Board of Health: Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia, on the recommendation of the Central Board of Health, and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, does hereby extend the area of the Black Range Local Board of Health to include all lands within a radius of Twelve miles from the Sandstone Post Office.

BERNARD PARKER,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Municipality of Kookynie.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Executive Council Chamber, at Perth, this
17th day of November, 1909.

Present:

His Excellency the Governor.
The Honourables—The Premier.
The Colonial Secretary.

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WHEREAS by "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1906," it is provided that for the government of every municipality there shall be a council which shall consist, where the population of the municipal district is declared by the Governor to be under one thousand, of a mayor and six councillors, and that the Governor may from time to time by Order in Council determine and

alter within the limits prescribed by the Act the number of councillors assigned to any municipality: And whereas a petition, signed with the common seal of the Municipality of Kookynie, has been presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that, the population of the municipal district of Kookynie being under one thousand, the number of councillors be accordingly reduced from nine to six: And whereas the said petition was published in the *Government Gazette* on the 15th October, 1909: Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, hereby declares the population of the Municipal District of Kookynie to be under one thousand, and orders that the Municipal Council of Kookynie shall consist of a Mayor and six Councillors.

BERNARD PARKER,
Clerk of Executive Council.

No. 13277.—C.S.O.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Perth, 19th November, 1909.
THE following Despatch and enclosure, received by His Excellency the Governor from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, are published for general information.

F. D. NORTH,
Under Secretary.

DOMINIONS CIRCULAR.

Downing Street,
10th September, 1909.

Sir,—I have the honour to request you to inform your Ministers that His Majesty the King has been pleased to institute a Medal styled "The King's Police Medal," to be awarded to members of the Constabulary Forces and Fire Brigades throughout His Majesty's Dominions and in Territories under his protection and jurisdiction, in recognition of special and exceptional service, heroism, or devotion to duty.

Warrant and Regulations.

2. I enclose a copy of the Royal Warrant instituting the Medal and of the Regulations governing its award.

3. Members of all recognised Police Forces and members of all regularly organised Fire Brigades will be eligible provided that the services for which they are recommended satisfy the conditions of the regulations which are as follows:—

- (a.) Conspicuous gallantry in saving life and property, or in preventing crime or arresting criminals; the risks incurred to be estimated with due regard to the obligations and duties of the officer concerned.
- (b.) A specially distinguished record in administrative or detective service.
- (c.) Success in organising Police Forces or Fire Brigades or Departments, or in maintaining their organisation under special difficulties.
- (d.) Special services in dealing with serious or widespread outbreaks of crime or public disorder, or of fire.
- (e.) Valuable political and secret services.
- (f.) Special services to Royalty and Heads of States.
- (g.) Prolonged service; but only when distinguished by very exceptional ability and merit.

4. It will be observed that the number of Medals to be awarded for service in His Majesty's Dominions beyond the Seas is not to exceed thirty in any one year.

5. There will be an annual award of this Medal, and any recommendations which your Ministers may wish to make should reach this office by the 30th September in each year.

6. It is essential that every recommendation should specify the particular act of gallantry or special service, or record of service, in respect of which the candidate is recommended. Sufficient details should be given to enable a judgment of the case to be formed in comparison with others, and it should be borne in mind that mere long service in itself gives no claim to the Medal.

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The Officer administering the Government of Western Australia.

THE KING'S POLICE MEDAL.

The King has been pleased to issue a Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:—

EDWARD, R. & I.

Edward the Seventh, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, to all to whom these Presents shall come: Greeting!

Whereas We have taken into Our Royal consideration the good services which are rendered by officers of the Constabulary Forces and by persons serving in Fire Brigades within Our Dominions and in Territories under Our Protection or Jurisdiction and the heroic acts of courage and instances of conspicuous devotion to duty of such persons which are from time to time brought to Our notice:

And whereas We are desirous of distinguishing such meritorious conduct by some mark of Our Royal favour:

We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, institute and create a new Medal to be awarded for such acts of courage and conspicuous devotion to duty.

Firstly.—It is ordained that the Medal shall be designated and styled "The King's Police Medal."

Secondly.—It is ordained that the King's Police Medal shall consist of a circular Medal of Silver with Our Effigy on the obverse, and on the reverse a design emblematic of Protection from danger, and shall bear on the rim the name of the person to whom the Medal is awarded.

Thirdly.—It is ordained that the Medal shall only be awarded to those of Our Faithful Subjects and others who being members of a recognised Police Force or of a properly organised Fire Brigade within Our Dominion or in Territories under Our Protection or Jurisdiction, have performed acts of exceptional courage and skill or have exhibited conspicuous devotion to duty; and that such award shall be made only on a recommendation to Us by Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Fourthly.—It is ordained that the names of those upon whom We may be pleased to confer this Decoration shall be published in the London Gazette, and that a Register thereof shall be kept in the Office of Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Such Register shall show the name and rank of the person holding the Medal, the Police Force or Fire Brigade of which he is or was a member, and particulars of the action for which the Medal has been awarded.

Fifthly.—It is ordained that each Medal shall be suspended from the left breast, and the riband, of an inch and three-eighths in width, shall be dark blue with a narrow silver stripe on either side.

Sixthly.—It is ordained that any act of gallantry which is worthy of recognition by the award of the King's Police Medal, but is performed by one upon whom the Decoration has already been conferred, may, on a recommendation to Us by Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, be recorded by a Bar attached to the riband by which the Medal is suspended; and for every such additional act an additional Bar may be added.

Seventhly.—In order to make such provision as shall effectually preserve pure this honourable Decoration, it is ordained that if any person on whom the Decoration is conferred be guilty of any crime or disgraceful conduct which in Our judgment disqualifies him for the same, this Medal shall, by an especial Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual, be forfeited, and his name shall be forthwith erased from the Register of those upon whom the said Decoration shall have been conferred. And every person to whom the said Medal is given shall before receiving the same enter into an agreement to return the same, if his name shall be so erased as aforesaid under this regulation. It is hereby further declared that We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall be the sole judges of the circumstances demanding such forfeiture.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, the seventh day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nine, in the ninth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

H. J. GLADSTONE.

The following Regulations shall be observed in recommending His Majesty to grant the King's Police Medal:—

1. A list of the names of officers of recognised Police Forces, or of properly constituted Fire Brigades, who are recommended for the Medal, shall be submitted once in each year to His Majesty by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Provided that a recommendation may be made at any time when His Majesty so commands.

2. A list of officers recommended by the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Secretary of State for India shall be forwarded to the Home Office in the month of October in each year.

3. Each list shall contain the name and rank of each person recommended, the Police Force or Fire Brigade of which he is or was a member, and particulars of the action or service for which the grant of the Medal is recommended.

4. The number of Medals awarded in any one year shall not exceed one hundred and twenty, of which at the most forty shall be awarded for service in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man, thirty for service in His Majesty's Dominions beyond the Seas, and fifty for service in the Empire of India.

5. In very special circumstances, which, in His Majesty's opinion, would justify an exceptional grant, His Majesty may award Medals exceeding the above number.

6. The qualifications for the grant of the Medal shall be as follows:—

- (a.) Conspicuous gallantry in saving life and property, or in preventing crime or arresting criminals; the risks incurred to be estimated with due regard to the obligations and duties of the officer concerned.
- (b.) A specially distinguished record in administrative or detective service.

- (c.) Success in organising Police Forces or Fire Brigades or Departments, or in maintaining their organisation under special difficulties.
- (d.) Special services in dealing with serious or wide-spread outbreaks of crime or public disorder, or of fire.
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H. J. GLADSTONE.

Whitehall, 7th July, 1909.