

# WHO'S WHO IN THE A.F.P.

## **Deputy Commissioner R. Kennedy**

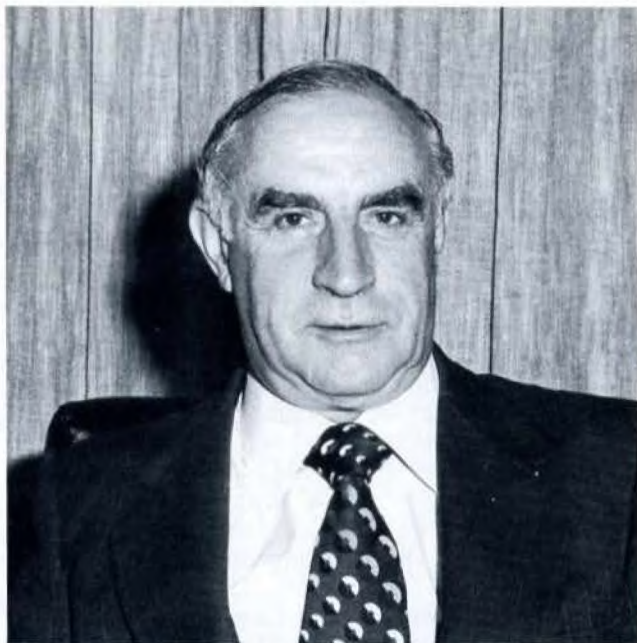
Born at Cooma in 1921, Deputy Commissioner Kennedy commenced his police career in the A.C.T. Police in 1946.

Following recruit training with the Victoria Police, he was attached to the general duties branch until 1949, when he transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division, until 1962 with the rank of Sergeant.

Mr Kennedy served the next seven years in the general duties branch with a brief period as Sergeant-in-Charge of Recruit Training, before being promoted to Detective Inspector, CID in 1969.

After promotion to Detective Superintendent, Mr Kennedy remained as OIC CID until his appointment as Deputy Commissioner in July 1976.

Following the retirement of Mr R. A. Wilson as Commissioner in September 1977, Mr Kennedy became the first A.C.T. policeman to rise through the ranks to become Commissioner.



Awarded the Queen's Police Medal in 1976, Mr Kennedy has also received the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct, and holds the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

During the war, Mr Kennedy served as a Lieutenant with the 9th Division in the New Guinea/Borneo campaign.

Mr and Mrs Kennedy have four adult sons. Mr Kennedy's leisure time is fully occupied with family sporting activities.

## **Assistant Commissioner (Operations) John Donnelley Davies**

The longest serving policeman in the newly emerged Australian Federal Police, Mr Davies has



had a 43 years career in police forces. He commenced as a cadet with the NSW Police Force in 1936, following which he served in many divisions of that force over the next 25 years and attained the rank of Detective Sergeant.

In 1961, he was appointed to the Commonwealth Police Force as Inspector, NSW District, and later in the year was promoted to Superintendent OIC, NSW District.

In July 1969, he was appointed Deputy Commissioner (Operations) and when these positions were re-designated in 1975, he was appointed Assistant Commissioner (Crime).

During the war years, Mr Davies saw service with the RAAF. In 1975, he was awarded the Queen's Police Medal for distinguished service. He also holds the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and the National Medal. He is also an Associate Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management.

Married with three adult children, Mr Davies's main recreation is playing bowls.

## **Assistant Commissioner (Personnel) J. C. Johnson**

Born at Warrnambool, Victoria, Assistant Commissioner Johnson served with the Victoria Police before being appointed to the A.C.T. Police in 1958.

Following a brief period in the general duties branch, Mr Johnson transferred to the Criminal Investigation Branch, where he served the latter part of ten years as Detective Sergeant-in-Charge of the Fraud Squad.

Transferred to the Planning and Research division in 1969, Mr Johnson was promoted to Inspector



**Assistant Commissioner (Executive and Support Services) Allan Watt**

Born at Auburn, NSW, Assistant Commissioner Watt joined the NSW Police Force in 1949, working his way up through the ranks in various divisions.

In 1966, he was appointed to the Commonwealth Police Force as Inspector, OIC Plainclothes Branch, NSW District, until transferred to Headquarters, Canberra, as OIC Central Information Bureau in 1968.

Promoted to Superintendent in 1969, Mr Watt returned to Sydney as OIC NSW District, until 1974 when he took up his appointment as Assistant Commissioner (Operations).

Mr Watt was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in 1975 and was appointed a Member of the Royal Victorian Order (MVO) in 1977. He also holds the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Mr Watt is a Member of the Australian Academy of Forensic Science.

A married man with two adult daughters, Mr Watt is a keen fisherman and enjoys his game of golf.

in 1970 and in 1971 appointed to OIC No. 2 (Woden) Division.

In 1972, he was transferred to the Recruitment and Training Division as OIC, where he remained until the Australia Police era when he was seconded to the post of Police Liaison Officer, Department of Police and Customs, until 1976.

Promoted to Superintendent in charge of Management Services in 1976, and appointed Deputy Commissioner in 1977, Mr Johnson was seconded to the AFP Task Force in 1978 until September 1979 when he was attached to the AFP Planning Headquarters.

Mr Johnson was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in the 1979 New Years Honours list.

Mr Johnson is a Fellow and past Councillor of the Australian Institute of Management and Chairman of the Management Consultative Committee, School of Business Studies, Canberra College of Technical and Further Education.

Mr Johnson is Chairman of the Police Credit Union.

Married with three children, the eldest son a member of the Victoria Police, Mr Johnson's recreation pursuits include golf and following Australian Football.



**Assistant Commissioner (Crime) Roy Farmer**

Mr Farmer joined the NSW Police Force in 1950, serving in many divisions before transferring to plainclothes duties. In 1959 he was awarded the Peter Mitchell Trophy as dux detective.

Mr Farmer served two tours with the Australian Police with the United Nations peacekeeping forces in Cyprus in 1967/8 and again in 1972/3.

Appointed to the Commonwealth Police Force, Central Crime Intelligence Bureau as a Sergeant in 1969, Mr Farmer was promoted to Inspector, OIC Plainclothes Branch, in 1972.

Promoted to Chief Superintendent, OIC NSW District, in 1975, Mr Farmer was transferred to the Australian Police College at Manly as its Principal in 1977.



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# TASK COMPLETED

by Mr John Johnson,  
Assistant Commissioner (Personnel)

The Task Force on the Australian Federal Police completed its work on August 31, 1979. The Task Force was a tool of Government set up to give effect to the Government's in-principle decision, made on July 10, 1978, to create a single Federal Police Force incorporating the existing A.C.T. and Commonwealth Police Forces.

The establishment of the Task Force was the last in the chain of events commencing with a letter from Mr P. J. Lawler, OBE, Secretary of the Department of Administrative Service, on behalf of the Government, to Sir Robert Mark, GBR, QPM, setting out the terms of reference for Sir Robert's inquiry into the organisation of police resources in the Commonwealth area and other related matters. Sir Robert's report was tabled in the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia by the Minister for Administrative Services on April 13, 1978.

Following the tabling of the report in Parliament, the Government established an Inter-Departmental Committee (IDC), chaired by Mr Lawler, and including Commissioners Kennedy and Davis as well as representatives of other Government Departments and agencies with a direct interest in the provision of police services in the Commonwealth area. The main task of the IDC in the first instance was to advise the Government on the matters included in Sir Robert Mark's report so that an early in-principle decision could be made by the Government on the creation of the Australian Federal Police. The advice tendered to the Government by the IDC after detailed study of the Mark Report resulted in the announcement in Canberra on July 28, 1978, by the Minister for Administrative Services, Senator the Rt Hon. R. G. Withers and the Minister for the Capital Territory, the Hon. R. G. Ellicott, that an in-principle decision had been made to accept the major recommendations of the Mark Report and create the Australian Federal Police.

The Inter-Departmental Committee was then given the responsibility by the Government to put into effect the decision to create the new organisation, including preparation of drafting instructions for Parliamentary Council for the production of a Bill to be presented to the Parliament as expeditiously as possible.

The Inter-Departmental Committee, in order to give effect to the Government's wishes, formed the Task Force on the Australian Federal Police to work on a full-time basis under the chairmanship of Mr G. B. Halliday, a Senior Assistant Secretary in the Attorney-General's Department, with senior representatives of the two Police Forces, the Department of Administrative Services, the Department of the Capital Territory, the Public Service Board, the Department of Industrial Relations and other

Government Departments and agencies as required. The major work of the Task Force being the development of drafting instructions for the Police Bill.

During the initial stages of the work of the Task Force, consultative Working Groups were established, in many cases involving representatives of the Police Associations, to assist in the development of policies that were to be later promulgated in the Police Bill. The work of the Task Force in respect to the Bill was completed when the Act received Royal Assent on June 15, 1979.

While the principal responsibility of the Task Force was the preparation of drafting instructions for legislation, the Task Force also developed options for the Commissioner in respect to the organisation and development of personnel and other related matters. The Task Force documents in respect to these matters were referred to the Commissioner on his appointment in September this year.

Following the passing of the Australian Federal Police Bill into law in June 1979, the Task Force moved to its next most important mission — the preparation of drafting instructions for the Regulations to the Act. The drafting instructions were completed before the Task Force completed its work on August 31, 1979.

From the outset, it was the requirement of the IDC that the Task Force involve itself entirely in the development of the draft legislation for the Government, taking into account broad Government policy in respect to law enforcement and other related matters and to not in any way involve itself in the making of managerial decisions in respect to the AFP or to develop managerial philosophies, both of which would be the responsibility of the Commissioner of Police when appointed following the passing of the necessary legislation.

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In 1978, he was appointed Acting Commissioner (Crime Intelligence) prior to being seconded to the AFP Task Force, then to the AFP Planning Staff in September 1979.

Mr Farmer was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in 1977 and holds the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Mr Farmer is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management and was a Consultant to the Australian Law Reform Commission on Criminal Investigation Bill.

Married with three daughters, Mr Farmer is a gardening enthusiast and an ardent follower of the Sydney Rugby League competition.