

Graduates from Vicpol. Academy



A total of nine new AFP members have so far graduated from the Victoria Police Academy under a special arrangement between the Commissioners of the two forces. Pictured are the first three AFP constables to graduate from the college at a ceremony to mark the occasion on March 6. From left: Constables Peter Kaladjurdjevic and Graham Blay; Victoria Police Chief Commissioner Mr Miller; Sir Colin Woods; commandant of Victoria Police Academy, Superintendent Derek Bateman; Constable Kim Ford.

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In the final weeks of his life P.S. Constable Malcolm Marsh radiated an all-too-rarely seen degree of dignity and fortitude. He lived with his illness for more than a year fully aware of the imminent outcome, but he never wavered in his zest and enthusiasm for life. He gave his best in the performance of his duties showing none of the strain he must often have felt.

In his off-duty time at Woomera, Malcolm entered fully into the Woomera social and sporting scene. In early 1980 he was officially nominated by the North West College of Further Education as a Karate instructor for the Woomera village area. In passing on his undoubted skills to a large number of Woomera residents Malcolm did much to enhance the image of both himself and the Australian Federal Police. A number of United States servicemen are the better for his teachings in the martial arts.

All who came into contact with Malcolm, including this writer, could not help but be greatly impressed and humbled by his philosophical outlook on developments, his obvious courage and his dignity. He was a model of confidence and enthusiasm to the very end of his 26 years of life. He was a husband, a father and a man.

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