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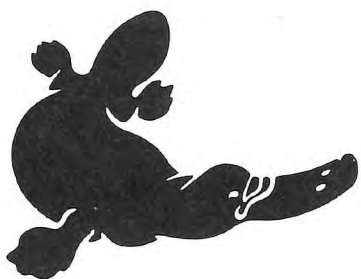
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# AFP represented in national games

The Australian Federal Police was represented by a strong squad at the inaugural National Police Games which concluded over the weekend of 24-25 March.

The games, which began for decathlon and pentathlon competitors on 17-18 March, were held at the Victorian Police Academy, Glen Waverley.

The AFP contingent comprised members from most regions. Initially 81 strong, the final squad numbering about 60 members.

The inaugural games proved an excellent vehicle for friendly but tough competition between the forces which took part.

AFP members competed in most of the categories — those for women, the open, senior (30 to 37 year-olds) masters (38 to 46 years) and golden masters (46 years on), as well as the swimming and decathlon and pentathlon events.

## Staff member farewelled

Canberra OAFP staff recently took the opportunity to formally farewell one of the force's longest-serving public servants, Mrs Myra Kanard.

Mrs Kanard began work with the former ACT Police in September 1969, and over the years worked in many areas including graduate recruitment, information, media, liaison, AFP Library, Interpol, legal branch and personnel.

Some 20 Public Service staff members attended the farewell lunch at Canberra's Terminus Tavern restaurant.

'Platypus' hopes to bring a full run-down on the games in words and pictures next issue.



President of the AFP (ACT region) Golf Club, Gary Fulton, hands over a cheque for \$1,500 to the Director of the Canberra L'Arche charity, Eileen Glass.

This was the proceeds of the club's 1984 charity day event which attracted some 250 competitors at Canberra's Yowani Club.

# The importance of communication

• By Assistant Commissioner Ray McCabe (OIC Eastern Region)

Communication is an essential part of any organisation, whether the matters being communicated are of a formal, organisation-based necessity, or the more informal matters relating to our own relationships within the organisation.

In our case, Eastern Region is part of a larger organisation just as the "Ranger" patrols, the Lithgow station and other units are part of Eastern Region.

We are interested to know not only what is happening within our own organisation, regardless of its size, but also within others which form part of the main organisation.

In that regard, "Platypus" can be the means to achieve the communication.

Eastern Region has some 500 members performing many different duties over a large geographical area. Without such a publication as Platypus, none of us can know what social, sporting or other activities of a non-official nature are going on in the Region, or elsewhere in the AFP.

News of the Region must come from within the Region.

A local mini-editorial office is located within the office of the Regional Commander and all material for future editions should be sent there.

It is up to all members of the Region to identify suitable material



• Assistant Commissioner Ray McCabe, Officer-in-Command, Eastern Region.

and jointly, or individually, submit it for publication.

This Region's offerings for this edition were prepared at short notice. It shows it can be done, and if Platypus is to succeed, I look forward to seeing regular submissions.

## Golf day aids charity

They included sizeable police contingents of NSW police from such places as Cooma, Jindabyne,

Nowra and other areas, as well as non-police club members.

A number of prizes and trophies were presented by Deputy Commissioner (Investigations), Mr John Johnson.

Watch the next issue of 'Platypus' for further pictures and other relevant details.