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## LETTERS

### RESCUED

On behalf of my sisters and myself I wish to extend our gratitude and thanks to the officers of the Federal Police. The disastrous fires in the farm area of Narrabundah created great danger to many people.

To the officers of the Federal Police who rescued my two elderly sisters from Farm Mugga-Mugga and to those officers of the Police Force who carried out patrol duties during Saturday night 2 March, our deep appreciation and respect.

Sylvia Curley  
Evelyn Curley  
Ada Coster  
Narrabundah, ACT.

the whole family. Bob Cameron also gave of himself both during working hours and outside of working hours, and both men drew admiration from the volunteers and neighbours, who saw their ever ready presence as an indication of their compassion in such circumstances. The local community was enriched by their attitude.

Congratulations, through you, to these men and long may the Police Force have men of this calibre serving in one of the most difficult areas of service to the Public.

Catherine Morrison  
Royalla, ACT.

### ACCIDENT

I was involved in a motor accident which was attended by a patrol officer whose name I do not know, and the Accident Squad, led by Constable Walsh. I would like to express my appreciation of the prompt arrival of these officers at the scene and of their polite and professional manners.

After this experience, and following the burglary of our house in 1982, when officers of the AFP made a thorough investigation, apprehended those responsible and returned the stolen items, I have come to appreciate the standards of politeness, professionalism and effectiveness shown by the Force. I look forward to the retention of this high standard of police work in the ACT in the future.

Rodney Tyers  
Turner ACT

### BUSHFIRES

We would like to place on record our thanks and admiration to the many members of your Force who gave our family, and all others involved, such outstanding assistance during the recent devastating bushfires.

The members of your Force, together with the Fire Brigade and Volunteer Bushfire Brigades, were a very welcome source of support and conducted themselves in an exemplary manner at all times, being mindful of the unexpected element in a fire of such magnitude.

In particular, we would like to mention the Rural Police members, Andy Fuller and Bob Cameron. The former worked side by side with my husband for in excess of 28 hours, prior to which he had worked over a free weekend with the voluntary bushfire units at the Googong fire on the Saturday. He was at all times of great support and willing assistance to



### STUDENTS

On behalf of our Aboriginal students and Supervisors who attended the excursion to Canberra during the week of 16-23 June, I would like to thank you and your Department officers for allowing us to visit your work place and for your time and efforts.

Our students and supervisors thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Many of the students have now indicated a desire to complete their schooling right through to Year 12. Prior to this visit to Canberra most of the participating students were undecided as to their future aspirations. The excursion was worthwhile and a great success.

Rod Towney  
Education Officer  
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