

NEWS SPORT

SPORT NEWS



MEMBERS of Southern Region attended the inaugural dinner of the Southern Region Officers' Mess, which is affiliated with the Third Military District Officers' Mess in Melbourne. Members now enjoy the full hospitality and amenities of the army mess. Chief Superintendent Peter Dawson, Chief of Staff, represented the Commissioner. Among those attending, above, were, from left: Mr Brian Hull, Inspector Derek Barrett, Detective Inspector Nick Drew, Inspector Ray Haley and Major James Morris.



APPRECIATION of the co-operation and assistance which marks the working association of the AFP and Customs in Southern Region was demonstrated recently when Regional Commander Assistant Commissioner Vic Anderson, left, presented Senior Assistant Collector Alan Williams, right, with a plaque as a memento of their association. Mr Williams has taken up a senior Customs post in Sydney. Centre is Collector of Customs Alan Luckman.

SHOOTING

AFP shooters performed well to take out a total of 12 medals in the Australian-New Zealand Police Games held in Sydney from 11-13 April.

The AFP was placed second to NSW Police No. 1 in the teams event which included a second NSW team and others from Queensland and Victoria.

The AFP team shot a creditable 185 out of 200, only two points behind NSW.

AFP members who won medals were: Station Sergeant Geoff Kearins, 1 gold, 2 silver, 2 bronze; Senior Sergeant Herbie Prior, 1 silver, 1 bronze; Senior Constable Trevor Coutts, 1 silver, 1 bronze; Senior Constable George Switalski, 1 silver, 1 bronze; Senior Constable Brian Bock, 1 silver.

TRIATHLON

SENIOR Constable Ken Uren (Traffic) made it four times in a row when he won the sixth annual ACT Services Triathlon held in Canberra in March. He beat 25 other entrants to win comfortably and set up a new course record.

The Uniform Services Triathlon, first staged in 1981, is one of the pioneers in Australia of this relatively new, fast-growing multi-discipline event. Entrants swim 1km, cycle 30 kms and run 10 kms to complete the course.

Ken Uren finished the event in the time of 1hr 36m 59s, followed by Defence Forces Academy entrant C. Gippel in 1.38.17 and RAN entrant P. Porter in 1.43.17. Roy Yeeles won the veterans (over 40) event, finishing ninth all over. Other AFP finishers were Graeme Sindel (12th), G. Freeland (19th), Ross Jackson (20th) and Tony Fowler (25th).

In the team events, the AFP's dive squad of Ian Skinner, Joe Spooner and Shane Connelly finished second, behind the Royal Military College team. This year's Triathlon was organised by the AFP Rescue Squad.

RESCUE

WHEN First Constable Mike Lutze and Constable Keith Randall, of Western Region, set out to attend Court on one of Perth's cooler days, they had little idea what the day was going to bring them. But they soon found out.

Driving on the Freeway across the Narrows Bridge, they saw a middle-aged man perched on the railing of the bridge 15 metres above the Swan River. Seconds later, they saw him fall.

Keith Randall radioed immediately for assistance from the State Police and the ambulance. They both sped to the base of the bridge where they stripped to the bare essentials in the cool breeze.

They swam about 200 metres to the middle of the river and found the man floating face down, apparently unconscious, in the cold water. They swam with him to shore where he was found to be still unconscious, but breathing.

The two worked on him and a short time later the ambulance arrived to rush him off to Royal Perth Hospital where he was admitted in a serious but stable condition. A few days later he was reported in a satisfactory condition.

Mike Lutze and Keith Randall are reported to be still wondering how the Swan River could get so cold!

CATCH

FOUR Western Region members who were despatched on country inquiries in the North-West found they had netted some 'big ones' recently.

During a brief rest in the town of Carnarvon, some 1,000km north of Perth, the team's female member, First Constable Ronae Braschey, saw a group of small boys industriously catching small fish from the town jetty.

With true North-West hospitality, the boys invited Ronae to 'have a go'. She soon justified their confidence in her by landing a number of the 'tiddlers'.

Later, she proudly displayed her catch to the male members of the team. With



• Ronae Braschey displays part of her catch.

chauvinistic pride at stake, they determined to 'have a go' themselves, and later that night set off with two borrowed handlines and Ronae's catch as bait.

They set their lines and after a short wait, both went off with a strong run, and the action was on.

The anglers, Senior Constable Steve James and First Constable Nick Antich, became desperate as time after time they lost good fish trying to hoist them from the water to the jetty without a gaff.

The senior member of the party, whose modesty forbids identification other than as a vastly more experienced fisherman, sacrificed his own opportunities and clambered down in the dark to the water's edge to physically wrestle the fish from the water.

His efforts resulted in the night anglers landing eight Mulloway, ranging from 9kg to 18kg in two hours.

His only comment was: "Carnarvon sure beats Lake Burley Griffin!"

COMMEND

'DOGGEDNESS and determination' in helping salvage four vessels scattered by a gale near Jervis Bay last June has earned Senior Constable Paul Hewson a special commendation from the Navy. Paul is stationed at Jervis Bay.

Manning the AFP launch Argus, and with Navy help, he salvaged three of the stranded vessels that night. The fourth was finally freed nearly a fortnight later.

Captain P. Dechaineux, commanding officer of the naval base HMAS Cresswell, commended Paul for his community spirit and for his efforts in furthering the relationship between the AFP, the RAN and the local boating community.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE



• Internal Security Branch member Felicity Donnelly operates an ID camera.

NEW identity cards designed to defeat duplication attempts by terrorists and other criminals have been issued to AFP and OAFP members.

The new cards are the result of four years of research by the AFP's Internal Security Branch and a world-wide search for the most satisfactory system.

Internal Security Adviser, Mr David Ashman, said the new cards were introduced as a result of information received on various terrorist activities, particularly those of the Germany-based Bader-Meinhof group.

"It had become increasingly evident that the old-style identity cards were capable of being easily forged," he said.

"The Branch researched a number of card systems before it finally selected the one manufactured by Hell and Rexroth, a German company which specialises in security cards."

The new card's security derived from

the fact that all information, including the photograph, was engraved on the card using an electro-optical screening method.

"Any interference to the finished product can be detected easily," he said. "Further security is incorporated with the face of the card being embossed with the AFP insignia which can be detected only with special equipment."

Security was made even tighter by the fact that only one production run of the card was made. The blanks remaining unissued are individually accounted for and are held by Internal Security Branch.

Issue of the new card began in November and it is intended that every AFP and OAFP member will be carrying one by the end of May.

Mr Ashman said the old style card would be obsolete from 1 June 1986 and would cease to be acceptable as a means of identification after that date.

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