



MAURICE MOORE

MORE than 1,000 mourners gathered at St. Augustine's Church, Daylesford, Victoria, on 30 September, 1986 to pay their last respects to Senior Constable Maurice Daniel Moore, of the Victoria Police, who died from injuries received while on duty several days before. He was buried with full Police honours.

Maurice was well known and respected in the community. In addition to his family responsibilities and Police duties, he was also a trained firefighter and served with fire authorities in the region. Large contingents of Police and emergency services members attended.

The AFP was represented by Detective Superintendent T. Dales and Inspector Ray Haley. Senior Constable Blay, of the AFP, who had been a squad member of Maurice's training squad at the Glen Waverly Academy also attended.

Maurice left a wife, Heather, and three children.

DAN SCULLION

AFP members learnt with regret of the death of Dan Scullion, who died on 7 September in Sydney. He was 57.

Dan began his Police service in 1946 with the Palestine Police Force and later served with the Malayan Police Force until 1959, reaching the rank of Assistant Superintendent. He returned to England for a time before resuming police service from 1961 to 1967 with the Malawi (Nyasaland) Police Force.

During his service with the British Colonial Police Force, Dan completed several police training courses, including a senior officers course, a criminal investigation course and gained a Diploma in Management Studies. He was fluent in the Cantonese dialect and Malay.

Dan came to Australia with his wife and family in 1969 and a year later was appointed Assistant Director in the Federal Narcotics Bureau. During service with the Bureau, he gained considerable experience in illicit narcotics investigations, being responsible for the establishment of liaison with overseas agencies throughout Asia and Europe.

He took part in the 1973 United National Ad Hoc Committee out of which came formation of the Far East Heads of Narcotic Law Enforcement Agencies (HONLEA).

He became Director, Information and Intelligence in 1978 and was responsible

for the establishment of Narcotics Bureau Intelligence Units around Australia and the computerisation of criminal records associated with narcotics.

In the AFP he became the Intelligence Adviser and worked for the Deputy Commissioner, Operations, and later the Assistant Commissioner, Investigations Department.

KEN AYERS

THE death occurred on 17 September of Inspector Kenneth Ayers, aged 48. Ken had been with the A.C.T. Police and the AFP for 23 years.

Members paid their last respects at a Police funeral at All Saints' Anglican Church, Ainslie.

Ken was born in Wagga Wagga, NSW, and joined the police force after completing a trade certificate. He served as a city detective between 1966 and 1976, before becoming Licensing Sergeant. He became particularly well known to members of the hotel, club and entertainment industry.

He was a duty inspector at City Station at his death.

A colleague described Ken as an ideal street Police Officer who became well known in the Canberra community during its years of rapid growth and will be sadly missed. Ken leaves a wife, Marilyn, and four sons.

WOODCARVER



• Kevin Nivison-Smith in his workshop with two of his carvings.

KEVIN Nivison-Smith is a man who seeks perfection in what other people are content to call just a hobby.

Kevin is a woodcarver and created this figure of Jesus on the Cross after just over three years at the craft.

As Station Sergeant at Perth Airport, Kevin found himself looking for a hobby to ease the tensions. Woodcarving was his choice.

"I had long been interested in working with wood," he said. "Then in 1982 I saw an advertisement placed in a local paper by Mr Doug Shaw, a craftsman and woodcarver of note in Perth. I met him and from there began my venture into this field of art."

Now Kevin finds his hobby is an enjoyable and rewarding way of unwinding.

"Under instruction, I learned about various timbers, how to work and carve them, how to make the most of the grain and, in general, getting the feel of working with wood," he said. "Now, after four years, I feel I have learned a considerable amount and can derive infinite pleasure from carving."

However, he feels he still has much to learn.

"Doug Shaw learned his trade as a young man in England," he said. "He was an organ builder and, along with apprentices of the time, had to learn to

mix glues and to prepare surfaces for French polishing and other finishes. "He has a wealth of knowledge and I was fortunate to have been his pupil," Kevin said.

"When instructing pupils he encourages them to manufacture the tools needed to do a particular carving job. I found this ability useful when I came to carve one particular object; I adapted a number of dental implements obtained from my dentist to complete some very detailed carving. Because of the high quality of these tools, they proved excellent for the job. Now, they are among my most valued collection of woodcarving tools," Kevin said.

"Carving something from wood gives one a real sense of achievement," he said. "And having completed it, being able to finish off the article with the right woodstain and laquer enables one to stand back with pride and say: 'I did all that.'"

Kevin is a member of the WA Guild of Woodcarvers and attends meetings as regularly as he can.

"The wealth of knowledge and fine standard of craftsmanship exhibited by guild members is quite outstanding," he said. "I always hope that some day I may achieve a similar degree of skill as that shown by some of them. I can only try."