

POLICE GAMES



DURING the weekend of 17-20 March 1988, the Australia and New Zealand Police will compete in Wanganui, New Zealand at the "River City Police Games".

Wanganui with a Regional population of over 70,000, is about 200 km north of Wellington on the North Island. It is located at the mouth of the Wanganui River — the longest navigable waterway in the country.

The AFP Games Committee intends to provide a package deal which will include airfares and accommodation in Wanganui. At the completion of the Games members will be free to make their own travel arrangements.

The Australian and New Zealand Games started in 1984 when the first National Police Games were held at the Victoria Police Academy. The Games are held every two years and were last hosted by the NSW Police in Sydney. The 1988 Games will be hosted by the New Zealand Police.

The AFP competed in the first two Games and, considering the small size of the team, did well to come third overall behind NSW and Victoria. All Police Forces in Australia and New Zealand participate, and the competition is getting stronger with each meeting.

The following sports will be catered for:

Athletics	Tennis
Cross Country	Squash
Cycling	Badminton
Triathlon	Indoor Cricket
Swimming	Shooting
Basketball	Soccer
Netball	Touch
Golf	Tug-of-war
Bowls	Police dogs
Darts	Canoeing

1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters in all events will receive medals.

Five year age groups will be used — even superannuants get a chance!

Here are the contacts for prospective team members:

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The Games are open to all serving members of the AFP or to any member who has retired or been superannuated out of the Force.

INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY

IN line with the Commissioner's endorsement of the implementation of industrial democracy processes within the AFP, a seminar is proposed for the Regional Commanders' Conference of March this year.

The one day seminar for senior managers is intended to assist with the development of effective management — union consultative processes and techniques.

The seminar will be led by Mr Reg Cole of Sunana Management Consultants (Mr Cole was involved in the original Disc Report on industrial democracy in the AFP) assisted by Mr Mike Nelson and Ms Helen Swift from the Industrial Democracy and Working Practices Division of the Public Service Board.

ARBITRATION CHANGES

LEGISLATION is currently being drafted by the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations to abolish the Federal Police Arbitral Tribunal in favour of AFP industrial matters being heard by the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission.

This change will result in the AFP being allocated to an industry panel within the Commission. The panel will consist of a Deputy President and several Commissioners, unlike the current Tribunal which consists of a Deputy President alone.

The legislation, which is associated with the wider changes flowing from the Hancock Report into Australian industrial relations, is likely to be considered in the autumn session of Parliament.



• Stephen Simpson, Northern Command's new media liaison officer.

NEW MEDIA LINK FOR AFP

MR Stephen Simpson has been appointed as the Media Liaison Officer for Northern Command. He commenced on 15 January this year and has spent some time in Eastern Region and in Canberra familiarising himself with the structure of the AFP. Located in Sydney, Stephen's job will be to provide the initial contact point for the media for any enquiries they have about AFP activities in Northern Command.

Stephen came to the AFP from the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal where he was a Project Officer. In 1980 he graduated BA in Communications, with majors in Journalism and Politics, from the NSW Institute of Technology.

Stephen Simpson can be contacted on telephone No. (02) 690-8792 and (02) 938-4636 after business hours, and he is located on level 8 at Eastern Region Headquarters, TNT Building, Lawson Square, Redfern, New South Wales, 2016.



• Det. Sgt. John Barnes got wet feet in the 3000-m steeplechase in 1984.