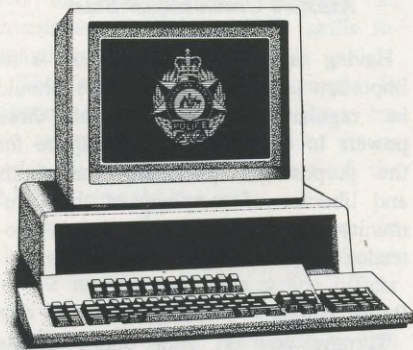


ground will be a part of providing that service.

The Cutting Edge -

In any police organisation, it is the younger and more inexperienced members who comprise the cutting edge. They constitute the patrol force and provide the operational capability. It is they who interface with the public on a day-to-day basis on all aspects of policing. It is they who take the risks and produce results. All of you are now part of that cutting edge and having regard to your comparative youth, the results which you will achieve in resolving so many of the community's problems will be a credit to yourselves and the AFP.

It is the recruits of today who are the potential leaders of tomorrow. It is the future leaders who will be making the decisions which will determine the efficiency and effectiveness of the AFP 30 or 40 years hence.



FIGHTING COMPUTER CRIME

Barton College has a new course designed to help the AFP fight computer crime.

It was designed by Senior Sergeant Gordon Williamson who is the course instructor.

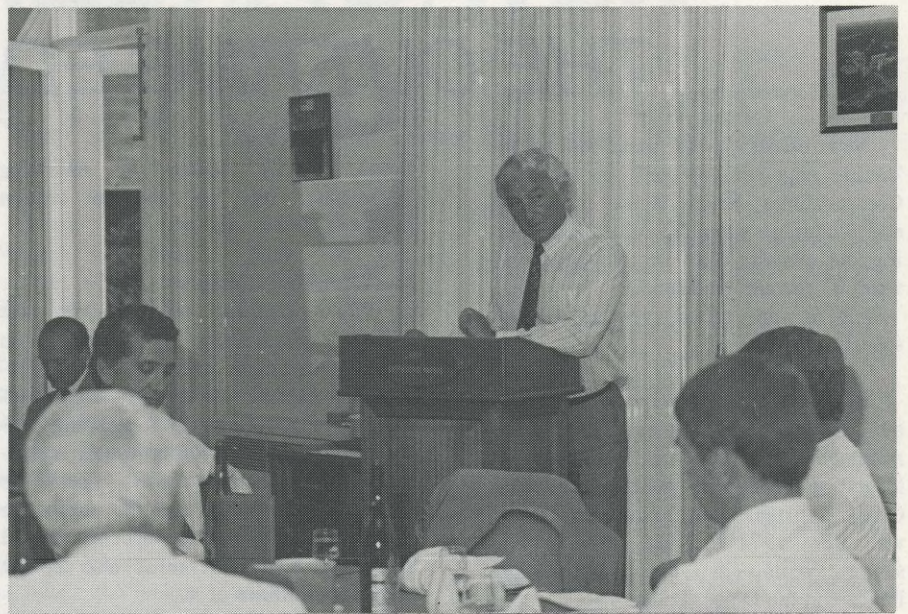
Senior Sergeant Williamson, who has been at Barton for two years, is well qualified to run the computer related crime course: Before going to Barton he was with the ACT Fraud Squad for two and a half years.

'The AFP has a lot of good investigators who don't know what computers are about, but this course will remedy that,' he said.

'The course is designed to make computers relevant to what the AFP is all about: Fighting crime.

It is based on a course run in 1985

THE BRITISH VIEW



Dr John Alderson

"I see police questioning more than ever before their role in society and their practices," Dr John Alderson said.

Dr Alderson, was speaking in Canberra on November 18 while on a Commonwealth Fellowship visit to Australia.

A British police officer for almost 40 years, Dr Alderson was shown over the AFP operation in the national capital during his visit.

'AFP senior officers are asking a lot of questions about future directions and the role of the Force,' he said.

'There are a lot of efforts to make progress and I have seen the same thing in New South Wales with the police there.

'This attitude is quite striking and it is not something I have noticed before.'

Dr Alderson described the concept of community policing as an excellent development, saying there had been an

interchange of ideas between police forces in the U.K., and the U.S. and Australia.

Problems common to police forces in all three countries were suicides and the plight of many young people.

'In England, for example, there is a lot more irrational behaviour. Many people have lost their moorings and society confounds them.

'There are family break-downs, school problems and unemployment.

'There is also the big problem of drugs. Young people find all those things very difficult to cope with and some destroy themselves with drugs or suicide.

'The social casualties of our time are continuing to grow in number.'

Dr Alderson said one way for police forces to cope with such issues was to set up consultative councils with young people and other members of the public so that the problems could be addressed.

by the Australian Police College and similar courses operated in the UK and by the FBI.'

Senior Sergeant Williamson said the course studied computer technology, computer aids to investigations and how to investigate frauds and other crimes perpetrated by using computers.

'We assume the students have no prior knowledge of computers and

give them 'hands on' training in how they work and business software.

'On the investigation side we look at how funds can be transferred by computer and undertake several case studies of fraud investigation.

'The course is a recognition of the growth in computer crime and the AFP has to be equipped to combat it,' Senior Sergeant Williamson said.