



Members of the AFP Women's Team on parade.

# AFP SUCCESS AT THE POLICE OLYMPICS

by Stephen Simpson

**A**FP athletes were right up there with the best in the International Law Enforcement Olympics in Sydney in October.

About 3500 athletes from more than 20 countries took part, making the games the largest International Law Enforcement Olympics ever held.

The AFP's relatively modestly sized team of 161 athletes, won 24 gold, 29 silver and 28 bronze medals, placing the force fifth overall behind the eventual winners, the NSW Police, with a team of about 1000 competitors. (*\*Note: This interim tally was provided by the NSW Police. The final tally was not available at the time of writing.*)

The games from October 9 to 15 were hosted by the NSW Police. It was the first time in the 20-year history of the ILEO that the games were held outside the USA, making it, quite a coup for NSW's finest.

The 46 olympic-style events ranged from aquathons to wrestling and bought together many fine athletes, including former olympic and international champions.

The AFP's best results were in cycling, equestrian, swimming, track and field, and trap and skeet shooting.

## Cycling

Chief Superintendent John Vincent (ACT) put in some magnificent performances in the 40-44 age group to win six gold medals and one bronze. The bronze medal was in the three man team pursuit which John won with only two riders, making the result even more noteworthy.

## Equestrian

In the equestrian events, Senior Constable Kay Champion (ACT) lived up to her name by winning three gold medals. First Constable Sandra Burrows (ACT) won a gold and Constable Louise Denley (ACT), First Constable Steve Cooke (ACT) and Constable Steve Mullins (ACT) won silver and bronze medals. With four gold, three silver and three bronze medals the AFP equestrian team had a very strong performance.

## Swimming

The AFP swimming team did equally well. Senior Sergeant Bernard

Hansell (Vic), Senior Constable Michael Banach (NSW), Constable Karyn Locke (NSW) and Senior Constable Paul Chalmers (ACT) were all medal winners. Bernard Hansell won two gold and one bronze in the 40-44 age group; Michael Banach won two silver and one bronze in the 30-34 age group; Karyn Locke won three bronze in the very strong open division; and Paul Chalmers won a silver medal in the open men's 100 metres butterfly. Michael Banach, the Team Co-ordinator, judged this swim as the best performance, because Paul was beaten by only 0.7 seconds in a very quick time for the 100 metres. Paul, by the way, swam 26.85 seconds in his heat of the 50 metres freestyle but didn't make the final, that's how strong the competition was.

## Track and Field

The AFP's tally here was six gold, three silver and seven bronze medals. Those winning gold medals were: First Constable Michelle Lomas (ACT) (3), Chief Inspector Owen Heness (ACT) (2), and Constable Grant Edwards

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(NSW) (1). Silver medals went to Michelle Lomas, the AFP men's 4 X 100 metres open relay team (Constable Kim Williams (NSW), Constable Colin Lane (NSW), First Constable Clive Cherry (NSW), and Constable Warren Gray (NSW)), the AFP women's 4 X 400 metres open relay team (Senior Constable Dianne James (NSW), Senior Constable Belinda Goodall (NSW), First Constable Monica Stanley (NSW) and Senior Constable Veronica Elton (NSW)). First Constable Tim Gulliver (ACT) won a silver medal in the decathlon for the 40/45 age group. Bronze medal winners were Kim Williams (2), Owen Heness, Monica Stanley, Clive Cherry, Grant Edwards, and the AFP men's 4 X 400 metres open relay team (Warren Gray, Senior Constable Andrew Cox (NSW), Kim Williams and Colin Lane).

#### Trap and Skeet

The AFP team won three gold and

seven silver medals in a medal tally performance second only to the larger Victoria Police team. Senior Constable Barry Clissold (ACT) won one gold and two silver; Sergeant George Switalski (ACT) won one gold and one silver, as did Station Sergeant Geoff Kearins (ACT). Senior Constable Trevor Coutts (ACT) won two silver and Senior Constable Cal Watson (Qld) won one silver.

#### Other Medal Winners

Other gold medal performances were from Constable Susan Harrison (NSW) in the women's open golf, and Constable Keryn Reynolds (Qld) in women's karate. Silver medals went to Michelle Lomas in the women's aquathlon; Constable Brian Smith (NT) in archery; Constable Brett Smith (ACT) and Constable Dave Bachi (Vic) in arm wrestling; Brett Smith in boxing; Constable Danielle Woodward (Vic) in women's kayak (2 medals); Keryn Reynolds in women's karate; Constable Mark Johnston

(ACT) in rifle shooting; Constable Leonie Marshall (NSW) in the women's open squash; and Sergeant Dennis Scrutton (Vic) in the 45-49 age group men's tennis singles.

Other bronze medal winners were Inspector Stuart Yeeles (ACT) in the 45-49 age group aquathlon; Senior Constable Peter Sloane (ACT) in the 91kg plus boxing; Leonie Marshall and First Constable Debbie Simpson (NSW) in the women's open squash doubles; and Constable Mark Rigney (NSW) in the 30-34 age group men's tennis singles.

The very high standard of competition in the games meant that many excellent performances from our athletes went unrewarded with a medal.

*(Author's Note: If I have missed a medal winner's name or omitted a medal win please forgive me. The final medal tally and list of winners was not available at the time of writing.)*



## EDUCATION FUNDING PROPOSED



Carly Gugel and her grandfather

**T**HE ACT Branch of the Australian Federal Police Association is considering a way to help pay the educational expenses of the children of deceased members.

The idea was proposed after five-year-old Carly Gugel was left an orphan.

As far as can be ascertained, she is the AFP's first orphan.

Carly's mother died in April this

year. Her father, Constable Michael Gugel, formerly of the Canberra City Station, was killed in a road accident in November, 1984.

Carly is now cared for by her grandfather in the Canberra suburb of Stirling, and gets about \$180 a fortnight after tax from the Superannuation Scheme.

It has been suggested the proposed scheme could be extended to the spouses of deceased police officers who are having difficulty meeting their

children's education expenses.

Orphans of police officers receive a small pension under the Superannuation Scheme.

Pension entitlements are payable to the orphans or to people on behalf of the orphans. The payments are a percentage of the parents' entitlements which is usually 70% of the final salary; for example: 45% of 70% for one eligible orphan; 80% of 70% for two eligible orphans; 90% of 70% for three eligible orphans; 100% of 70% for four or more eligible orphans.

There is a minimum amount of \$520 per annum payable for each orphan child of a member who was a contributor to the superseded pension scheme, prior to 1 July 1976.

The spouse of a deceased member receives from between 54% to 67% of the former member's entitlement, depending on the period of contributory service, if any, in the new scheme; for example: 11% of 70% for one eligible child; 22% of 70% for two eligible children; 33% of 70% for three or more eligible children.

There is a minimum amount of \$208 a year payable to each eligible child of a member who was a contributor to the superseded pension scheme.

The relevant pension is indexed to the Consumer Price movement and increases are effected on the first pension pay in July each year.

