



# NEW OPS. CHIEF

**Fish Power . . .** Doing his good deed, water police Sergeant Peter Lindsay found himself chasing a young boy's fishing rod around Lake Burley Griffin after it was dropped from a jetty recently. The rod turned out to be powered by a 30cm carp firmly hooked on the business end. Headquarters has denied that water police will be issued with fishing rods the next time fuel prices rise.

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**For what it's worth . . .** Official farm production figures for Mendocino County California, show the area's largest crop is wine grapes worth \$20 million. But the Washington Post reports County Farm Commissioner Ted Erikson estimates the marijuana crop at \$100 million.

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**Bald truth . . .** Senior officer with similar features to Lt. Kojak of television fame won a hair dryer in a recent Canberra raffle.

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**Film freak . . .** We understand one of our gallant lads on Cyprus went along to the flicks in Nicosia to see the the Australian film, Breaker Morant, thinking it was a surfing movie.

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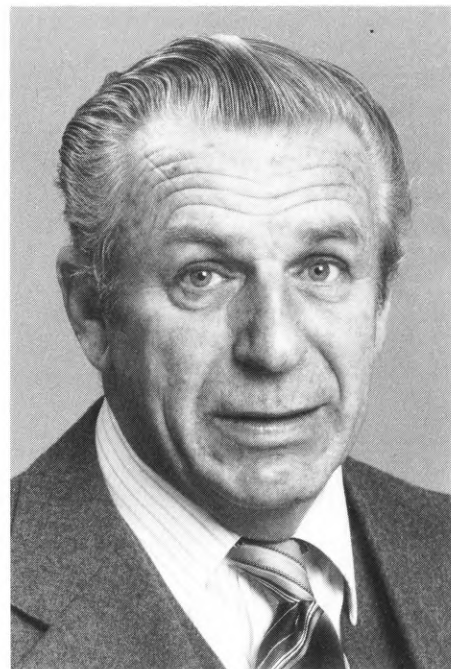
**Ties . . .** Your Fuzz Buzz correspondent understands that if the job hasn't got you by the neck already, it will in the next few months . . . the first AFP ties are scheduled to go into production about now and should retail at around six or seven dollars a pop.

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**Golf story . . .** Commonwealth Parliament Press Gallery identity David Bacon (who broadcasts on commercial radio in several States) believes one good turn deserves another. Recently he reported the theft to AFP of two (full) golf bags worth about \$1000. Fourteen hours later they were recovered by AFP and back in David's Canberra home. David was so impressed he devoted one of his regular broadcasts to relating the story, together with a few crime prevention hints. As one of David's colleague's remarked: "first time he's told a golf story that was both clean AND fair dinkum".

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**Please . . .** Magistrate to a young Canberran after dealing with him on an offensive language charge . . . "Now you can do what you suggested the police officer do".



The Australian Federal Police has a new assistant commissioner — Mr P.D. (Val) McConaghy QPM.

Mr McConaghy's appointment as Assistant Commissioner (Operations) was made by the Governor-General in Council.

Mr McConaghy joined the former Australian Capital Territory Police in 1949 after two years' service with the N.S.W. Police.

Rising through the ranks, he was awarded a Churchill Scholarship in 1975 to study policing in the U.S.A. and Great Britain.

Mr McConaghy has been acting Assistant Commissioner (Operations) since November 1980.

In other moves in A.F.P. senior command, Assistant Commissioner Mr John Johnson is acting in charge of Crime Department for six months.

He is standing in for Mr Roy Farmer who is attending a senior command course at Bramshill Police College in England.

Until Mr Farmer's return, Mr Johnson's usual position of Assistant Commissioner (Personnel) will be filled by the former Officer-in-Charge of Eastern Division, Chief Superintendent Bill Antill.