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## FELLOWSHIPS

THE Churchill Trust has announced that three additional Fellowships have been sponsored for study to coincide with Australia's bicentenary year in 1988.

The Trust is seeking applicants for a number of Fellowships for that year. Any member of the Force is eligible to apply. All you need is a demonstrated ability and the determination to strive for excellence.

The Council of the Australian War Memorial is sponsoring a Fellowship to study an aspect of Museology. Other Fellowships have been sponsored for study and research into the pastoral industry, particularly as it applies to the tropics, with preference being given to residents of North Queensland, and for study relating to the Australian cotton industry.

Applications close on 28 February 1987. Selections are made in June and Fellowships would be taken up in 1988.

The National Chairman of the Churchill Trust, Dame Roma Mitchell, said the Board was particularly grateful for the financial support and clear endorsement of the work of the Trust by those who sponsored Fellowships.

"There are almost 1200 Churchill Fellows who are today putting their Fellowship knowledge to good use for our country," she said. "It is heartening indeed to see continuing acknowledgement of the value of our work."

## RETIRE

RETIRED members of the AFP have been invited to join an associate branch of the NSW Police Association to enjoy a wide range of social activities.

Mr Keith Barry, Chairman of the North Coast Associate's Branch, in a letter to 'Platypus', said that the branch caters for retired police from NSW and other State and territory forces.

"We cover an area from Grafton to Labrador, on the Gold Coast, and even to the Sunshine Coast for retired members living there," he said.

"We have a number of social functions throughout the year, usually preceded by a meeting at which all members have a right to enter into any discussions not confined to State members and the parent body.

"We care for both retired members and police widows, and work very closely

with the Queensland Gold Coast Retired Police Association, with whom we hold an annual combined luncheon.

"The cost of membership in the North Coast Branch is \$2 a year, with no joining fee," he said.

"Our activities include golf and bowls days, a Christmas luncheon and, in fact, we have just completed a 14-day coach tour to Cairns for members and wives. Another tour is being planned for Darwin and Central Australia."

Mr Barry said contact for the Branch was Secretary Ted Simpson, 6 Eastside Place, Lismore, (066) 216291, or inquiries could be addressed to him at 280 River street, Ballina (066) 862667.

## ART

THE Victoria Police Art Exhibition will be an art show with a difference this year. It will be one of the highlights of the celebration marking 150 years of policing in Victoria.

The exhibition will be held at Melbourne's World Trade Centre, corner Spencer and Flinders Streets, from 28 November to 7 December. The venue has been selected to attract a wide cross-section of the public.

Members of the force manning the exhibition will be dressed in period costume depicting civilian and police dress through the ages.

Three major categories have been set: They are:

- Best work by a member or ex-member of a police force — any medium or subject, prize \$500, non-acquisitive;
- Best work open to all artists — police theme, any medium, prize \$500, non-acquisitive; or theme on 150 years of policing in Victoria, any medium, prize \$500, non-acquisitive; and
- Best Aboriginal art, any medium, prize \$500, non-acquisitive.

These categories exclude ceramics, photography and sculpture.

Entry forms and details are available from Victoria Police, Police Relations Division, 9th Floor, 412 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne 3004. Telephone (03) 2652413. Entries close 1 October and entry fee is \$2.50 per exhibit. The exhibition is sponsored by Australian Consolidated Industries and will be judged by Phyl Waterhouse.



Mr Anderson presents Mr Miller with a cheque from the Australian Federal Police.

## MEMORIAL

THE Chief Commissioner of the Victoria Police, Mr S.I. Miller, has written a letter of appreciation to members of the AFP for their support of the Angela Taylor Memorial Trust Fund.

The Trust was set up following the death of Constable Taylor as a result of the Russell Street bombing. Victoria Police, other forces and the people of Australia have contributed extensively to the fund which will honour her memory.

Southern Command Assistant Commissioner Vic Anderson presented a cheque for \$1000, raised by Southern Region members, to Mr Miller.

In his letter, Mr Miller said: "The liaison and co-operation which has developed between our two forces is, I believe, exemplified by your gift and the article which appeared in the May edition of 'Platypus'."

Constable Taylor's memory will be preserved in the award of the Angela Taylor Memorial Prize to the dux of each graduating squad at the Victoria Police Training Academy. Constable Taylor, 21, was dux of her squad when she graduated from the academy in November 1984.

## STAMPS

SERVING or retired police officers interested in philately may now join a philatelic society specifically related to police.

The society, based in England, is called the Constabulary and Other Philatelic Society (loosely known as C.O.P.S.).

The society's Australian Representative, Mr Maxwell Hayes, said it had been in existence for some four years but was not generally known, especially among philatelists.

He said there probably was a considerable number of police officers who were members of general philatelic societies, but C.O.P.S. was a specialist society



catering for those interested solely in the thematic aspect of philately and those particularly keen to enlarge their police collections.

Mr Hayes said the society was interested in world postage stamps, special cancels and first-day covers which specifically related to police.

His own collection dated back as far as 1790 and amounted to some 700 pages of material.

He said Australia had issued a number of postage stamps, cancels and the like which specifically related to the police.

The society's journal, "The Blue Lamp", was devoted to articles on both constabulary themes and others which were associated with policing, such as traffic law, road safety, anti-drug, courts and prisons.

Mr Hayes can be contacted at Box 259 PO Collingwood, Victoria, 3066, telephone (03) 4192350

## ESSAY

A member of the Queensland Police, Assistant Commissioner D.J. Braithwaite, has won third prize in the 1985 Queen's Police Gold Medal Essay Competition. Value of the prize is 80 pounds (\$190).

The gold medal was won by Inspector O.R. Dance, of the New Zealand Police. His prize was 300 pounds (\$730). second prize went to a Constable in the Metropolitan Police, England.

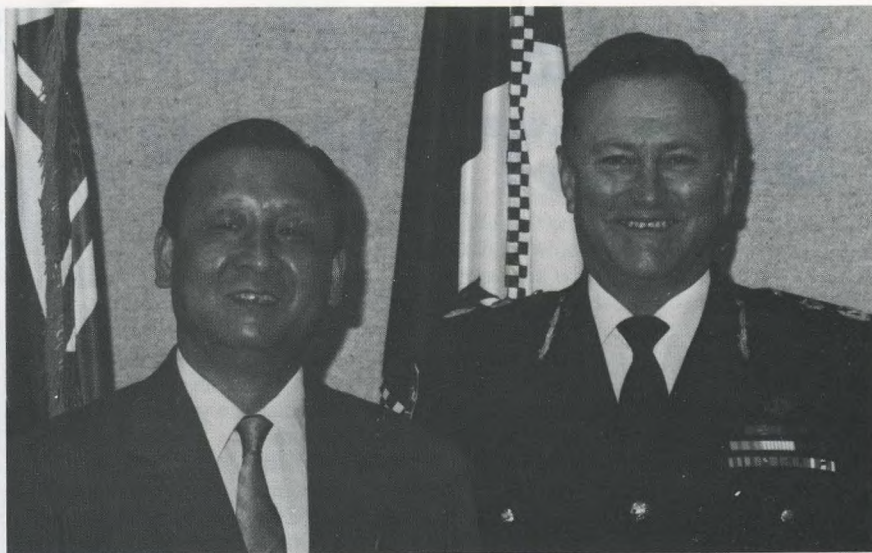
The Queen has announced that the competition will be held again this year. The subject is: "Many people base their impressions of the Police Service on their initial contact with individual officers or civilians. How can we ensure that these first impressions are favourable?"

A Home Office spokesman said that 60 essays had been received last year — 34 from forces in Commonwealth countries and 26 from members of forces in the UK.

The spokesman said the competition was open to serving members of regular police forces within the Commonwealth. Essays must be the original work of the competitor and should not be more than 5,000 words in length. Closing date is 15 October 1986.



EVER SINCE WE STOPPED WEARING UNIFORM I'VE STARTED TO FEEL LIKE AN INDIVIDUAL.



• Mr Liu Wen, of the People's Republic of China, was guest of the Commissioner during a visit to Canberra following the 8th Asian Interpol Regional Conference in Tonga.



• Ladies' night for the Southern Region AFP Officers' Mess was attended by Chief Commissioner S.I. Miller, right, and Mrs Miller, centre left. They were welcomed by Assistant Commissioner Vic Anderson and Mrs Anderson.



• Detective Senior Constable C.M. Hood and Senior Constable T.A. Venchiarutti, of Eastern Region, were presented with Commissioner's Certificates for their dedication and efficiency during a complex two-year investigation which resulted in the arrest of 17 people.