

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

As a very tiny spoke in the giant wheel of the Australian Federal Police Force, I could not help but hold my breath in awe, when I sighted the 'brass' on the cover of the new Australian Federal Police Journal. My chest swelled and tears came to my eyes as I looked with pride and deep respect upon those men, my leaders, the top executive, preparing to lead us all into a glorious future. As my eyes flicked over these men of power and stature, one small detail came to notice, jolting me back to reality. A distinguished grey hair executive, listening intently to the Great One, wearing his red and blue check socks!! (Oh well, everyone's not perfect)

Congratulations on our new Journal, BUT where oh where did you get that name!!

S.M.Beggs

P/W Senior Constable, Canberra.

Editor's note: the origins of our name (of which we are proud, as a matter of interest) are given on page 3.

Dear Sir,

I am a Constable in the New South Wales Police Force. I currently collect New South Wales Police issues. My collection includes armflashes, cap badges, rank stripes and insignias, buttons and service numbers. I would now like to spread my interest to other police forces in Australia.

I have contacted your Public Relations Branch and they in turn, recommended that I contact you. If possible, I would greatly appreciate any armflashes, badges, numbers, buttons or any other items pertaining to the Australian Federal Police. I am quite prepared to meet the cost of registration, postage and handling.

On the security aspect, my collection is kept secure at all time and I do not make any items available to members of the general public.

If any of your members have an interest in this as a hobby, I would be happy to hear from them, and I will help them as much as possible to further their collections.

Mark A Tull
Constable

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Dear Sir,

On 28 November 1979, I attended a lecture by Dr Diane Syer of Toronto, Canada, on the topic of: Suicide prevention and after-care counselling.

Dr Syer is a clinical psychologist who heads the Crisis Intervention Unit at Toronto East General Hospital. She is also a Canadian representative of the International Association of Suicide Prevention and a recognised suicidologist.

Dr Syer was here courtesy of Life Line Canberra and the C.T.H.C. Mental Health Branch.

I found the lecture most interesting and was to me an eye-opener on a subject I knew very little about. I wish to thank the people responsible for making our attendance to this lecture possible. I hope that in the future such lectures relating to police work will be made more frequent.

MEREAU M.E.

P.S. Constable, Canberra.

A PICTURE IS WORTH...

P/W Constable Sandra Talbot of Belconnen Station, A.C.T. receives an oil painting from Mrs Irene Hollinswood, a well known Canberra artist.

The painting, *A Scene Outside Sydney*, was presented to the members of the Belconnen Station in recognition of the recovery by Senior Constable Jim Screen and return by Constable Talbot of lost property.

The painting holds pride of place in the foyer-cum-reception area of the modernistic Belconnen Station.

