

# CYPRUS POSTINGS



**Superintendent Neil Hinchley (pictured left) and Chief Superintendent Dick Allatson before taking up their new appointments in Cyprus.**

The Commissioner has announced the posting of two senior officers to the Australian police contingent on Cyprus, AUSTCIVPOL.

Chief Superintendent Dick Allatson left Australia on 19 April to take up the post of Commander of 17 Contingent, Cyprus. At the same time, Superintendent Neil Hinchley was posted as Deputy Commander. Both will be stationed at AUSTCIVPOL headquarters at Kokkino-Trimithia on Cyprus for a period of 15 months.

For Chief Superintendent Allatson, the posting will have an element of *deja vu*. Five years ago he completed a 12 months stint on Cyprus as Deputy Commander. Born in Norfolk, UK, in 1932, he saw his first police service with Norwich City Police in 1954.

A two-year national service posting to Singapore, a three-year spell

with the Nyasaland Police in central Africa, and more service with Norwich police in the intervening years, took Chief Superintendent Allatson up to 1966 when he emigrated to Australia and joined the former Commonwealth Police in Canberra.

Working his way up from Constable, he served in a number of areas, including plainclothes (Senior Sergeant in charge of Australian Capital Territory plainclothes), Inspector in charge, Salisbury, South Australia, Assistant Chief Instructor of the Australian Police College, Sydney, VIP security and, more recently, on headquarters staff.

His most recent position with Australian Federal Police was as Staff Officer (Crime Department). Superintendent Hinchley was born 43 years ago in Narrandera, centre of the rich pastoral area of far southwestern New South Wales. He

joined the former Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Police in 1961 and trained at the Victoria Police College in Melbourne.

Superintendent Hinchley served in general policing, criminal investigation (OIC Special Squad), and has spent much of his time in the traffic area, beginning as a police motor cyclist and high-speed car driver.

From 1968 to 1973 he was Sergeant in Charge of the ACT Police Search and Rescue Squad and was 2-IC of the ACT Police emergency relief contingent sent to Darwin following the devastating Cyclone 'Tracy'.

Superintendent Hinchley served in the 13th National Service Battalion in 1955 and has been awarded the National Medal. His most recent position with Australian Federal Police was with Traffic Division, Canberra.