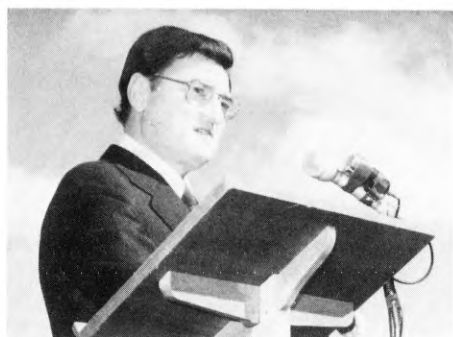




The Minister for Administrative Services and the Minister assisting the Minister for Defence, Mr John McLeay, M.P. recently opened the new A.F.P. Services Complex at Weston, A.C.T.

As part of the opening ceremony four graduation courses marched out to the sound of the Duntroon Military Band. Mr McLeay and Sir Colin Woods took the salute.

Planning for the complex began in 1976 when it was intended as the Training College and Services site for the then A.C.T. Police.



*The Minister for Administrative Services, Mr John McLeay addressing the parade at the opening of the Weston Complex.*

With the formation of the Australian Federal Police, the complex was cited for the rationalisation of services for the A.F.P.

The second section of the complex is now being used for basic recruit training facilities. The Police Training College at Barton will still continue to provide in-service and specialist training.

The Services complex now houses most of the service sections under one roof, including Scientific, Search and Rescue, Traffic Division, Information Systems Division (criminal records and crime intelligence on a national basis), small arms testing, lost property store, as well as the mechanical and technical

services (including motor vehicles, radio and electronics.)

### Training

The Training complex has the capacity to train 150 recruits in five classrooms and a lecture theatre which accommodates 60 students.



*Mr. McLeay and Sir Colin Woods unveiling the commemorative plaque.*

The complex has provision for administrative facilities, a video production unit (which has reticulated TV to all classrooms), an indoor 25 metre firing range with a computerised target system (the first of its kind in Australia) and an indoor gymnasium.



*Mr McLeay and Sir Colin reviewing the Parade.*

The building, which cost approximately \$8m., is a steel-framed structure clad in combination of brick

and asbestos cement sheeting with a pre-coloured profiled metal deck roof. Construction on the complex began in May 1978.

There is a total of 10 buildings covering an area of 14,400 square metres and the entire site comprises almost six hectares.

Extensive landscaping with careful selection of evergreen deciduous trees and native shrubs has been made with a view to blending the area with the pine forest on one side and the residential area on the other.



*Members of the General Policing Course march past the official dais.*

### Prizes

After opening the Complex, Mr McLeay presented prizes to the graduates from the four courses.

**General Policing Course 1/79:** Commissioner's Prize: Michael Bartlett; Instructors' Prize: David Baker.

**General Policing Course 1/80:** Commissioner's Prize: Christopher Novak; Instructors' Prize: Susan Waterman.

**Protective Services Recruit Course 4/80:** Commissioner's Prize: Sue McCaffrey; Instructors' Prize: Thomas McQuillen.

**Protective Services Recruit Course 5/80:** Commissioner's Prize: Dale Schaffer; Instructors' Prize: Richard Cavanaugh.

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