

A second Canberra Grammar crew came to assist and managed to lift Grant into their shell but failed in their attempts at mouth to mouth resuscitation as his jaw was jammed shut.

Disregarding her own problems, Rosemary swam some 50-75 metres through the one-metre high chop, and took charge of the situation.

She managed to get Grant's mouth open and began mouth-to-mouth, continuing to do so for several minutes after he had responded until the Water Police boat arrived.

Rosemary then calmed and organised the Canberra Grammar crews, and assisted them in getting themselves and their boats ashore.

Police officers who investigated the incident reported that they believed Rosemary's intervention saved Grant's life.

Rosemary is a trained physical education teacher and taught at Canberra's Melrose High School last

year before moving to Darwin with her husband, Darwin City Council Acting Deputy Town Clerk Steven Tweedie.

However she flew back to Canberra especially for the presentation with the assistance of Ansett Airlines.

Rosemary said she was "surprised at the fuss" over her actions.

However the Commissioner told the crowd attending the A.C.T. Rowing Association Australian National University Regatta, during which the presentation was held, that while he had often decorated police officers for their courage, it was an all too rare privilege to honour a private citizen for showing selflessness and courage in an age when people often do not want to get involved.

Sir Colin said it was a pity that the A.F.P. Deputy Commissioner, Mr Reg Kennedy, was unable to make the presentation, because he

was responsible for Rosemary's bravery being recognised.

The Commissioner recalled that it was Mr Kennedy who, when Commissioner of the former A.C.T. Police, acted on the reports of the investigating officers and worked behind the scenes to gain the Royal Humane Society's approval for the award.

The A.F.P., and he was sure everyone else involved in that drama, wanted him to thank her for her efforts and example, Sir Colin said.

Grant Walker was unable to attend the presentation but reported that he was fully enjoying the life Rosemary saved at the University of Wollongong.

He also asked Sir Colin to pass the following message:

"Rosemary, I wish I could say I'll never forget what you did, but I can't remember a thing until I woke up in hospital. Once again I'd like to pass on my deepest thanks."

SENIOR P.N.G. OFFICERS ON FOURTH TRAINING COURSE

by Senior Constable Susan Beatty

The fourth training course for senior officers of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary was officially opened on January 29 by AFP Commissioner Sir Colin Woods and the Papua New Guinea High Commissioner, Mr Austin Sapias.

The courses are being held at the AFP Training College, Barton, ACT, under an arrangement between the Australian Development Assistance Bureau and the AFP.

Sixty officers have successfully completed the previous twelve-week training programmes, and a further 20 with ranks ranging from Sub Inspector to Chief Inspector are on the current course. They were selected from provincial commands in Papua New Guinea. Segments of study to be undertaken include management, counter terrorist operations, training, general detective and drug investigation, operations

planning and airport policing. The course Liaison Officer, Chief Inspector Lewis Iara who graduated from the 1980 Canberra course, has been recently detached from the position of Provincial Police Commander, North Solomons, to be a member of the Directing Staff for the duration of this course.

During March the Course members travelled to Brisbane and Townsville for an introduction to airport policing attached to various Squads of the Federal and State Forces.

AFP Inspectors John Sharpe and Bill Griffiths headed the course, with a Directing Staff and their support team including Acting Inspector Michael Keating, Sergeant Lawrence Foster and First Constable Charles Griffith who is the Logistics and Administration Officer.

In welcoming the officers to Can-

berra Sir Colin pointed out they were in a position to make a great contribution to the future of their country. He said the course would enable them to study policing in a modern society with an orderly and programmed lifestyle where there is a basic appreciation of law and order.

Sir Colin also referred to the proper place of compassion in a Police Service; "If we don't have compassion for our subordinates how can we expect them to relate to people in the community?" he said.

The college took on an increasingly cosmopolitan air as the PNG course progressed.

In March, they were joined by 12 Malaysian narcotics enforcement officers in another ADAB-funded course. The Malaysians are spending eight weeks learning methods of training narcotics officers in their

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Left to right — front row: Sergeant L. Foster; Inspector W. Griffiths; A/Superintendent A. Mills; Chief Superintendent N. Headland; His Excellency Mr A. Sapias; Commissioner Sir Colin Woods; Chief Inspector L. Iara; Inspector D. Sharp; Inspector J. Sharp; Chief Inspector A. Bunt. Background: Members of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary with First Constable C. Griffith.

own country in a course involving both theoretical training in Canberra and some time in the field with various groups around Australia.

Shortly before the PNG course ended in April, a course similar to the Malaysian one began for 11 narcotics enforcement officers from

Thailand. This course was funded by a direct Government aid grant to Thailand administered by the AFP.

OUR NEW MINISTER

Mr Newman took over as Minister for Administrative Services and Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence after the general election late last year when our former Minister, Mr John McLeay, decided to leave the Parliament and accept the post of Australian Consul-General in Los Angeles.

The new Minister has a long military background, and says this gives him an understanding of service problems, many of which he believes are shared by police officers.

Aged 47, Mr Newman was born and educated in Sydney, and attended the Royal Military College, Duntroon. He saw active service in both the 1956-57 Malaysian emergency, and in Vietnam in 1967-68. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel as Deputy Commander of the Sixth Military District in Tasmania.

In 1975 he won Liberal Party pre-selection for the Launceston-based House of Representatives seat of Bass, and entered Parliament in an

historic by-election in June that year.

After the Fraser Government was elected to office in December 1975, Mr Newman became Minister for Repatriation. In July 1976 he became Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development. After the December 1977 election 1979 he became Minister for Productivity and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister in Federal matters.

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