



FRED MITCHELL

PRESENT and past AFP associates attended the funeral of the late Senior Sergeant Fred Mitchell at a police funeral at the Norwood Park Crematorium, Canberra, on 18 October. Fred died after a short illness, aged 51.

Chief Superintendent Dick Dixon referred in eulogy to the long and valued service given by Fred over 20 years in the AFP and Commonwealth Police. His career included service with Royal Military Police (UK) in Malaya from 1952-54. He joined the Commonwealth Police in 1963 serving in uniform within the ACT and Western Australia and in various intelligence capacities until 1977 when he was posted to the Australian Embassy in Belgrade.

He was a senior sergeant in Special Intelligence Branch in Canberra at his death. He is survived by his wife Marjorie and three children.

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more particularly the national wage guidelines. Yet the net effect of the current Industrial Relations system has been the development of more extensive and experienced Area Representatives who, along with the union, have an opportunity to at least influence the work practices in their areas.

Management, during this time, has come to realise that the definition of "management prerogative" has changed, and that talking to unions, let alone saying yes occasionally, is not all that painful.

These broad changes can be easily exemplified by looking at the AFP. While ADSTE numbers in the force may not be great, the Association's ability to influence situations in order to improve members' conditions has been greatly enhanced by new Industrial Relations developments.

ANGELA TAYLOR

MORE than 1,000 mourners attended the funeral service of Constable Angela Taylor on 23 April at the Chapel in the Victoria Police Academy, Glen Waverly. Constable Taylor died on 20 April from injuries received in the Russell Street bombing. She was 21 years of age.

The AFP was represented at the service by Assistant Commissioner Vic Anderson, Detective Superintendent J. Mitchell and Inspector Ray Haley, from Southern Region.

Constable Taylor had spent most of her younger life in Canberra until her family moved to Melbourne about three years ago. She was dux of her squad when she graduated from the Victoria Police Academy in 1984.

She was buried with full Police Honours.

A large number of representatives from other police forces attended, as well as members of the Victorian Railways Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade services.

All members of the AFP extend their sincere sympathies to the family in the loss of a daughter and to the Chief Commissioner of the Victoria Police, Mr Miller, in the loss of a very capable and popular member.

GEORGE DICKSON

SOUTH Australian colleagues paid their respects to Detective Senior Constable George Stirling Dickson who died on 12 September following a heart attack while playing basketball.

George was 39 years of age and is survived by his wife Dianne and two young children.

He joined the Commonwealth Police Force in Adelaide in 1969, initially performing uniform duties at Salisbury before completing the Investigator's Course. He left the region in 1974 to serve at the Australian Embassy in Moscow, returning to Adelaide in 1976.

During his 16 years' service, George served in the majority of policing areas, including temporary transfer to Darwin and assisting in the opening of the office in Alice Springs.

He was acting at the rank of Sergeant at the time of his death.

A service was held at Centennial Park, with members of the uniform branch forming a guard of honour and acting as pall bearers.



• Constable Angela Taylor.

LAWRENCE FOSTER

LAURENCE Foster joined the Northern Territory Police in 1963, beginning a career which spanned 22 years and took him into a wide range of duties of both a generalised and specialised nature.

During his service with the Territory, he was involved in general duties, traffic, prosecuting, public relations and research and planning. He was promoted in 1974 to the rank of Inspector in Research and Planning.

He joined the Commonwealth Police in 1977 and in recognition of his experience in general policing and training, he was promoted to Senior Constable and transferred to the Police College. He provided extensive development and presentation of courses in all aspects of police duties, supervision and management.

After transfer to the Systems Design Branch in 1983, he worked on the production of an online computer training package for computer operators. He obtained a Bachelor of Business Studies at Mitchell College, Bathurst, and was studying for a Diploma in Teaching when he became seriously ill.

Senior Sergeant Foster died on 14 March 1986.