

# LETTERS

## Commissioner

I travelled overseas recently, visiting the United States, Europe and Asia in my capacity as Chairman of the (National Crime) Authority.

In Bangkok and Hong Kong your liaison officers played a significant part in organising the program of meetings and inspections I had requested, briefed me on local issues and generally provided a level of assistance for which I was grateful. Your liaison officers in Bangkok Messrs McEvoy and Zdjelar approach their work with enthusiasm and on my observation are highly regarded by Thai authorities and other members of the international law enforcement community in Bangkok. Although he is located only temporarily in Hong Kong, Detective Inspector Eric Curtis has familiarised himself well with the local law enforcement scene and is representing Australian interests very competently.

I express my thanks for the assistance these liaison officers provided to me.

*Mr Justic Stewart*  
Chairman  
National Crime Authority

## Commissioner

The Bomb Search Course that was organised by your Bomb Squad personnel was very successful and has heightened the awareness of the senior supervisors on the site to the wider problems of bomb threats as well as providing trained people to assist your personnel.

I would like to commend the work that Senior Constable Terry Burton and Senior Constable Bruce Beerman did in preparation for the course and in its presentation. Their thorough knowledge of their subject and of the techniques of presentation ensured that all who attended the course received maximum benefit from it.

*G.R. Peatey*  
Chief Executive  
Parliament House Construction Authority

## Station Sergeant Mal McGregor

On behalf of our members I would like to thank you and your men for their assistance at our recent rally in Canberra.

Through your traffic control and direction, our association, with Peter Cochrane organising, achieved great goals and good relations with the Canberra public, and especially the Australian Federal Police.

*Noel Hamson*  
Urageline Branch  
Livestock and Grain Producers' Assoc.

Sir,

I really appreciated the kindness extended to our students by Sergeant David Ashurst and his colleague (Senior Constable B.J. Bolte) in the Water Police. We had a very informative and enjoyable tour of the lake.

*Michael Lynch*  
Dominic College  
Glenorchy, Tasmania

Sir,

We would like to thank (Constables Waterfield and Beard) for visiting our students and giving them such an informative talk concerning police powers of arrest, detention and prevention of crime. The students found the discussion both informative and interesting. Following our discussion, the evening students at Hawker College look forward to your (further) visit.

*Helene Ryan*  
Copland College  
Melba, ACT.

## Inspector K. Ayers

I would like to thank you and those of your officers who supervised the protest meeting held outside my office. You probably know that I first reported the probability of a demonstration against Shell to Senior Constable Barry Corrigan two weeks ago. I was most impressed with the friendly, co-operative and professional manner in which Barry received this report, and was particularly pleased when the same qualities were demonstrated last Wednesday. Please accept my personal thanks, also those of my company, for what could only be described as thoroughly professional management of what could have been an unpleasant incident.

*W.R. Tredinnick*  
Chairman's Representative  
Shell Australia Limited

Sir

Would you please convey to (Constable Gilliland and Constable McDevitt) the grateful thanks of the staff at the Narrabundah Health Centre for their prompt action when called to investigate an unauthorised entry to the Health Centre in the early hours.

Quick action on the part of these officers resulted in the capture of both intruders before much damage had occurred.

*Mrs Barbara Block*  
Administrator  
Narrabundah Health Centre

Sir

Constable Fiona Waterfield gave a presentation on drugs to the No 1 Section on the 7th Canberra Boys Brigade Company. As a member of the Royal Australian Navy, I have attended many drugs lectures during the course of my career. The presentation by Constable Waterfield was the most informative lecture on drugs I have attended and I believe it was presented in such a way as to have a lasting effect on those who were fortunate enough to hear her.

The samples and exhibits that the boys were allowed to see and handle added to the presentation and will go a long way to helping the boys to recognise drugs when they are confronted with them.

Please thank Constable Waterfield for us and I trust that the excellent work will continue.

*G.L. Cooper*  
OIC No. 1 Section  
7th Canberra Boys Brigade

Sir

I would like to thank the Water Police at Yarralumla for their kindness and professionalism in saving my wife's yacht which is moored in Lotus Bay. I specifically would wish to thank Sergeant Ashurst and Senior Constable Collins for the trouble they took and to say that without their prompt attention, the boat would have sunk.

Denior Constable Collings rang me at about 0915 to say that the yacht had filled up with water and they had managed to pump it out. He was of the opinion that the toilet valve might have been the culprit.

I found that the boat had been broken into and that someone had used the toilet and left the valve open. I managed to bale out the remaining water, clean up and remove the debris. Again, very many thanks to the Australian Federal Police for their prompt and efficient actions.

*Michael Apps*  
Kambah, ACT.

Sir

Our group, Parents with a Need, would like to thank your department very much for the use of the Bike Training Centre at Belconnen by the children in our group.

The children that participated in the outing had a wonderful time, while at the same time learning how to handle their bikes as well as learning the road rules. Our special thanks should be passed onto the two policeman who helped to make the children's day 'special', Senior Constable Maurie Koneman and Constable Mike Byrne. Both were extremely patient with our children's needs.

*Jennie Swanston*  
Parents with a Need  
Richardson ACT.