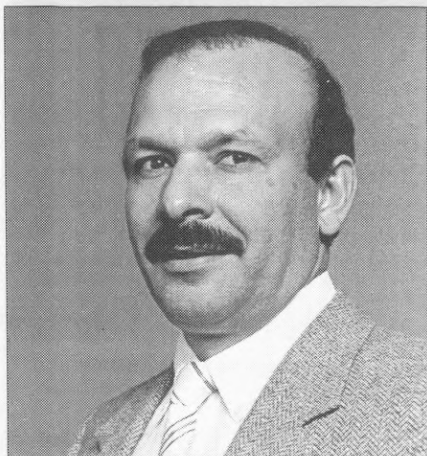


Talent Exposed



Senior Constable Joe Borg found himself deeply involved in photography through the job. In April 1985 he was seconded to the Western Australia Police Force to do a course in the forensic-scientific area. It covered fingerprints, video, handwriting, photography and the collection and collation of criminal records.

He found himself particularly drawn to the art of photography, and after completing the four-month course, it became part of his duties with the AFP to take photographic record of drug importations and general crime scenes.

He has entered a number of photography competitions, but as he says, he has yet to collect a prize.

Platypus is showing Joe's skill with the camera on the back cover of this edition.

and while we are on the subject...

Platypus is always on the lookout for photographs of all aspects of the AFP, no there isn't any money in it, just a credit alongside the photo if it is used. Another outlet for member's photos of AFP activities is through the Office of Information situated in the Headquarters Building in Canberra. The Office of Information is in part responsible for building up a photo library whose resources can be called upon when members require pictorial support for lectures or publications. Any assistance in building up a visual reference of AFP activities will be greatly appreciated.

AFP flyers form their own club

A group of members of both AFP and OAFP with an interest in aviation have got together to form the Australian Federal Police Aero Club. Approval for the use of the 'AFP' title has been sought from the Commissioner.

A Committee has been elected and a program of meetings and activities decided on. The Aero club will meet every third Thursday of the month at Barton College until a room is available at VeeH Aviation at Canberra Airport. Apart from normal club business, the Thursday meetings will be an opportunity to view videos, check out various aircraft, practise pre-flight inspections or even use the Flight simulator.

A major activity is to be held on the Labour Day weekend which in NSW and the ACT is the first weekend in October. Members will fly to Broken Hill, participate in an outback navigation exercise, watch flying displays and enjoy the hospitality of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Members have met with both the NSW and Victoria Police Aero Clubs and

will soon have a 'meet and greet BBQ' at a mutually convenient aerodrome.

The main activity of the Club is to provide members with the opportunity to develop their interest in flying, and promote airmanship and sportsmanship.

It is envisaged that members will develop expertise in aerial search and rescue techniques.

At this stage Members are not able to engage in flying training for the various Department of Aviation Licences. However, any members wishing to learn to fly could contact any Committee Member for advice on the various schools available.

The Club welcomes members from the region. It has reciprocal agreements for membership with NSW and Victoria Police Aero Clubs and favourable comments from other state force clubs. The regional members will have good contacts when visiting Canberra for courses on holidays.

President Bill Haldane's number is 062 870280. Secretary Lindsay Walsh's is 062 457482.

AFP Aero Club President Sergeant Bill Haldane flew this little number to Bathurst in July.

