

# Flying High

**T**HE AFP Aero Club is taking part in the Hinkler Bicentennial Air Race around Queensland this month.

Sergeant Bill Haldane (Traffic ACT) and First Constable Lindsay Walsh (Special Projects ACT) are flying in the nine day event through Charleville, Charters Towers, Cairns, Mount Isa, Longreach, Bundaberg and other centres.

The Club was formed with 10 members in June last year. The membership has since jumped to 23 with members in the regions as well as Canberra.

There are reciprocal rights with state police force aero clubs.

The club held a 'fly-in' to Corowa on February 13 and 14 with the Victoria Police Aero Club.

Senior Constable Peter Upston (Legal ACT) won a flour bombing competition with Senior Constable Stan Wilson (Drug Operations Branch ACT) a close second.

The AFP Aero Club has accepted an invitation to return to Corowa in 1989.

It is planning to hire a DC3 aircraft to take Canberra members to the Bicenten-



*The AFP Aero Club and friends (left to right) Bill Haldane, Graham Jenner, Gordon Huntington, Vaughn Werner (Ass. Comm. Crime Victoria), Peter Upston, Lindsay Walsh, Len Keayes, Barry Page and Mathew Walsh.*

nial Air Show to be held at the RAAF base at Richmond, NSW, in October.

The club can offer joyflights around Canberra, down to the coast or over the Snowy Mountains at reasonable rates.

(Bill and Lindsay want to thank Ansett

Airlines, Lennons Hotel in Brisbane and the Steamboat of Siam Restaurant and the Lyons Service Centre in Canberra for the prizes donated for a raffle which enabled them to meet the cost of going in the Hinkler Bicentennial Air Race).

## DARTS DRAMA



*by Keith Livingston*

**T**HE air was filled with tension as Superintendent Harry Dales aimed at his quarry.

At least 30 pairs of eyes in the immediate area shifted nervously back and forth between Harry and his target, all knowing the importance of the one single event that could alter history's page.

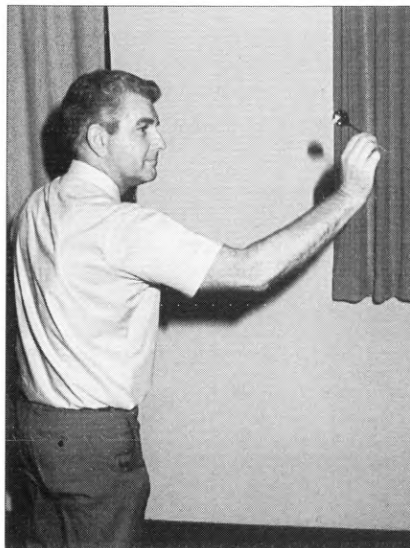
Would he make it?

Would it be this time?

Despite the tension, Harry's steely gaze fixed upon his target as he held his breath, and in the standing position he rocked slightly backwards, holding in his left hand the projectile with the finely honed steel spike ready to be sent speeding on its way.

He had to hit the double-one on the board, or possibly lose the competition in the Darts Tournament between A.F.P. Fraud Squad detectives in the Western Region and their colleagues in the Western Australian Police Force.

The prize is known as the Fraudulent Shield!



*Super. Harry Dales shows his winning style.*

The score line as Harry was about to throw his personalised dart: 3 games all and both sides needing a double to win!

A.F.P. were the holders of the perpetual trophy and obviously most reluctant to relinquish their grip on the shield.

How appropriate that the dart about to be launched was being held by the Western Region's leader. After all this indeed was the moment for a 'Captain's hand'!

Harry gently moved forward and used his typical, smooth throwing action to send the projectile spearing into the dart board.

It slammed home in the doubles channel of the board and to the delight of the A.F.P. and the dismay of the State Police team, it landed in the elusive double-one spot needed to win.

The Fraudulent Shield concept has proved extremely popular in forming closer relationships between the State and Federal Police in Western Australia.

The tournament has been run on a regular basis for almost two years and was conceived 'over a few drinks' with Detective Sergeant Peter White being the main proponent of the very popular competition.

The last tournament was held in late October and coincided with the regional inspection being conducted by Assistant Commissioner Col Winchester.

The A.C. was seen to take part in some of the social events which followed the main tournament and showed that he has a very keen eye and steady hand.

In one game in which 51 points have to be scored in exactly three darts or less, Mr Winchester was seen to hit triple 17 on no less than two occasions!