

Housing Commission officials, would approach the flat where it was thought their target was living on a part time basis.

Despite language difficulties, they were able to establish with those occupying the flat that the man they were seeking stayed overnight 'sometimes'. They advised the occupiers that he should meet with them the next morning at a specific time.

Next day, the detectives returned to the flat at the predetermined time and asked to speak with the man. He was there, and was asked to accompany them outside, where he was placed under arrest.

#### Signed statement

The target was taken to AFP headquarters for questioning by Detective Sergeant Barnes.

After ensuring the wanted man was fully aware of his rights, permission was sought from him for the Canadians to conduct a record of interview. He agreed.

With Constable Prousialkas, now adopting an observer role to ensure Australian law was adhered to, the Canadians proceeded with the interview and obtained a signed statement.

The investigation culminated in several court appearances and the eventual extradition of the man to Winnipeg to face a charge of murder in the first degree.

An alleged accomplice also has been charged by Canadian Police with first degree murder in relation to Mr Bertschinger's death.

**FOOTNOTE:** Constable Steve Prousialkas is a Case Officer who was attached to this investigation throughout its duration. His dedication to duty and investigative abilities displayed in this inquiry earned him several accolades from his superior officers, including the Assistant Commissioner, Southern Region. •

## CROSS-COUNTRY TITLES

The Australasian Police Cross Country Championships will be held in Canberra on Saturday 24 June 1989.

The Championship is an annual footrace in which police from the Australian State forces, AFP and New Zealand compete for the Wormalds Security team shields and other prizes.

This year AFP members will conduct the race over a 5 km loop in Grevillea Park in the East Basin of Lake Burley Griffin. Male competi-

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# \$1.5m STAGE AT MAJURA READY

**T**HE second stage in the development of the AFP's 200 hectare Majura complex is now complete. At a cost of a further \$1.5 million, the complex now has a vehicle manoeuvring/wet area 250m by 100m and associated approach roads, eight dog kennels, new office space and a new garage/maintenance shed.

The quarry area which provided the road base material has been trimmed to create an excellent trail bike and 4WD training area, complete with water hazards.

Mr Frank Brown, project officer for the development of the complex, said eventually much more of the AFP's resources would be centrally located at the 204 hectare Majura site.

The next stage would see the completion of the skid pan and basic driver training circuit, and the construction of fuel storage facilities and an undercover parking area.

"We are still awaiting budgetary funding before starting Stage 3," he said.

#### Move Courses

There are three large classrooms on site, and a variety of other types of courses have been conducted at Majura, such as Surveillance, Firearms, Methods of Instructional Techniques, and Officer Survival courses. The AFP's dog-handlers also are located at Majura.

The Chief Driving Instructor for the AFP, Sergeant Bruce Brown, said the standard of facilities at Majura had fulfilled all the planners' expectations.

"The new site allows students to spend more time behind the wheel,"



*Chief Driving Instructor Sergeant Bruce Brown.*

he said. "Up to five cars can be on the track performing exercises simultaneously. At the old driver training site at Sutton, only one car at a time was able to use the track.

"We are finding the large manoeuvring area allows us to run exercises we were unable to run there," he said.

Sergeant Brown and his team provide instruction in high speed, 4WD and heavy vehicle driving, motorcycle pursuit and non-pursuit riding, basic close protection driving for escorting VIPs, and evasive manoeuvres driving for surveillance personnel.

Driver training has been conducted for other Government departments, but normally resources are totally committed to AFP training.

Sergeant Brown said Administrative Support Staff in the AFP would soon be undergoing defensive driving courses at Majura.

"There are a lot of public service personnel driving AFP vehicles in the course of their work," he said. "Resources permitting, we'd eventually like to put all staff through such a course. All training is beneficial. No one can ever be over-trained to drive a car."

The Sutton site, occupied by the ACT Bomb Squad, will still be used for some driving courses for a time because it provides a different driving environment and has a skid pan.