

a trail of broken glass was discovered."

"One of Canberra's bigger problems is underage drinking. Many young people in this city are very affluent and have lots of money to spend on alcohol. Some parents of those we pick up for underage drinking have no idea where or what their children are doing. We often ring parents to ask them to collect a drunken child and find to our amazement that these same parents believed their child to be asleep in the next room at that very moment!"

Constable Bowyer talked of Civic after hours.

"This city has a completely different sub-culture after dark," he said. "It is fairly busy on Friday and Saturday nights and filled with ordinary people."

He said some youths roamed about looking for excitement and the police presence ensured the peace was kept and most trouble avoided.

"Our advice to people in town after dark is to stay away from unlit areas. Women are safest at night if escorted to their cars," he said.

It's not all bad though.

Many local business owners have commented on the noticeable improvement in the city centre since the beat patrols began.

One city patrol officer said: "The kiosk has changed our outlook on police work totally. It's great to get a pat on the back from the shopkeepers and the general public. We feel like we really belong here. It's no longer Us and Them. Even the derelicts and

street people stop and yarn with us.

"It's an ideal way to collect information from the public, and all the walking has easily increased our general fitness level. It'll be hard for me to leave here when my time is up," he said.

The telephone rang as he finished speaking. A local newsagent had just caught a youth stealing a women's swimwear magazine.

Within two minutes we arrived at the shop. The owners were pleased to see so swift a reaction from the police. They didn't want to press charges though. The now-contrite youth was cautioned and hopefully left the shop a little wiser than when he entered.

Constables Dillon and Bowyer continued patrolling their beat. •

NEW PSCC LIAISON OFFICER

Superintendent Frank Pimm is the AFP's new liaison officer with the Protective Services Co-ordination Centre (PSCC).

The Centre, a division of the Attorney-General's Department set up after the Hilton Hotel bombing in Sydney in 1978, co-ordinates anti-terrorism and VIP security measures throughout Australian police forces. It has a non-operational, intelligence function.

Superintendent Pimm joined the PSCC in March as the only police officer working with the centre's

public servants. His appointment caps a long and distinguished policing career which will be completed when he retires from the AFP in September.

Frank, raised in Perth, joined the WA Police in 1957 and moved to the Commonwealth Police in 1964. He served as a detective in Canberra, Sydney and Perth before handling security and liaison work at the Australian Embassy in Jakarta in 1971-73.

He became head of detective training in 1974 and then OIC Northern Territory in 1976, before being appointed Chief Instructor at the Australian Police Staff College at Manly (NSW) in 1978. In 1982 he created, then commanded, the National Crime Co-ordination Centre and in 1984 became AFP Commander, Western Region.

In 1987 he began a year's tour of Cyprus as Deputy Commander of the Australian Police Contingent, returning to command the Australian Bomb Data Centre from August 1988 until March this year.

Regions

Superintendent Pimm has seen some big changes in the regions since the AFP was formed in 1979.

"The major difference has been the change in emphasis from fraud investigations of a simple nature, such as people forging and uttering social security checks, to fighting drug trafficking and undertaking complex



Superintendent Frank Pimm.

fraud investigations in the world of white-collar crime," he said. "The AFP has developed into a highly-respected law enforcement agency. Recent changes have all been for the best."

Frank has the distinction of being a Knight of the Holy Sepulcher. He was awarded his Papal Knighthood in 1985. He and his wife plan to return in September to Perth where their twin daughters live with families of their own. Their son is in the Australian Army.

CORRUPTION CONFERENCE

Corruption prevention and prosecution, and community approaches in fighting it, are among topics to be covered at the 4th International Anti-Corruption Conference to be hosted by Australia in Sydney later this year.

The Minister for Justice, Senator Tate, said the conference, from 12-17 November, was expected to be attended by delegates and speakers from 50 countries representing anti-corruption, law enforcement, justice and audit agencies, as well as academic institutions.