

**CRIME
PREVENTION
WEEK
JUNE 25-JULY 1**



A community policing first for ACT Region



ACT Deputy Chief Minister and Attorney-General, Mr Bernard Collaery at the opening of Crime Prevention Week.

THE inaugural Crime Prevention Week held by ACT Region proved to be a high profile affair receiving extensive local media coverage, and generating an enormous amount of community interest.

The public's participation was encouraged throughout the ACT with crime prevention displays at shopping centres, and opportunities for the public to inspect AFP facilities.

ACT Region was the first of Australia's community based police forces to get the concept up and running, and it is planned that future Crime Prevention Weeks will be staged concurrently with all



Sergeant Laurie Pyne

state police forces.

Speaking at the official launch, Assistant Commissioner Brian Bates said the message of Crime Prevention Week was that the community and police were partners in the prevention of crime.

"At this time it is important to make known that the ACT Region has increased its emphasis and efforts on crime prevention . . . and has created a full-time Crime Prevention Unit to foster pro-active crime prevention methods," he added.

He also took time to thank Sergeant Laurie Pyne and his assistant, Natalie Chiles, for their tireless efforts in ensuring the success of the week's events.



Ms Natalie Chiles

Crime 'bugs' a Torrens Schoolboy

Southside ACT schoolboy Steven Shorrock, aged 9, was presented with a framed poster, based on his winning entry in the Crime Prevention Week poster competition, by Assistant Commissioner Bates, after the launch.

Based on his slogan - "Don't let the crime bug get you!" - Steven's entry was selected from an avalanche of entries received at ACT Headquarters.

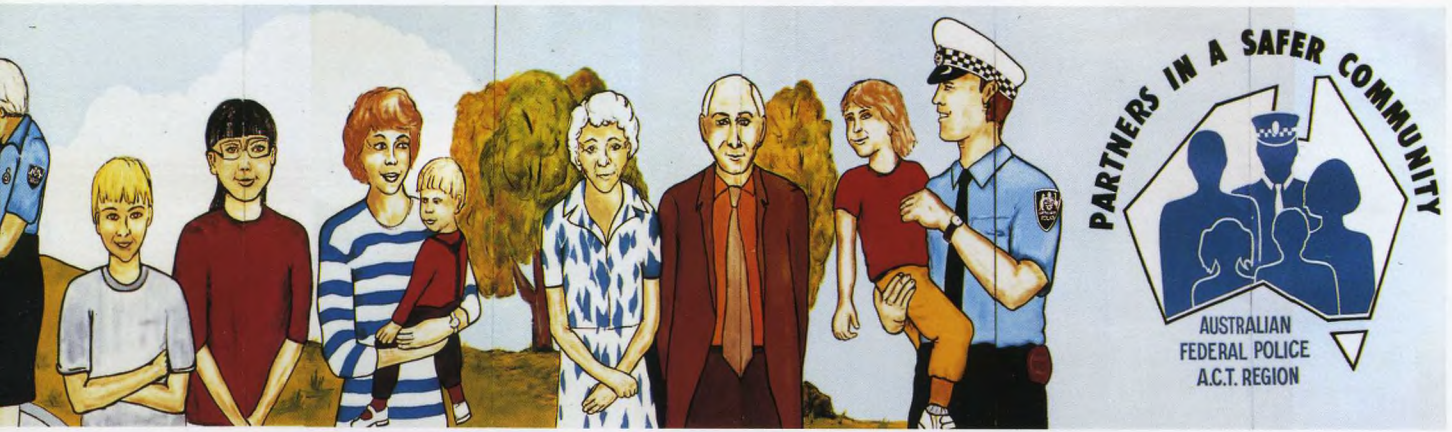
His poster depicts crime as the work of a multi-legged 'bug' on the loose in society.

He is pictured (right) with his parents and his sister, Lucy, aged 7.

Photographs by Terry Browne



Assistant Commissioner Brian Bates launching the AFP produced booklet "Let's Beat Crime".



During Crime Prevention Week the 'Police Attendance Line' (PAL) was launched by Commissioner McAulay as an ongoing service. ACT residents in need of immediate police attendance can dial ACT Operations direct on 11 444 .



Christopher Browne, aged 7, receives a Kenny Koala showbag from Constable Darren Pallot.



Platypus 30, April - June Quarter, 1990



Constable Kenny Koala and Sergeant Billy kept the shopping crowds amused with anti-crime skits. The crusading koalas were ably assisted by Constable Mike Stevenson (left) and Sergeant Bill Mackey (right).