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assist where they can following the Victorian Bushfires



Commissioner's Message

The opening months of 2009 have been a hive of activity, and the hard work and compassionate nature of the Northern Territory Police Fire and Emergency Services shines through our April edition of **The Drum**.

Our main feature focuses on the generous and innovative collection efforts of Tri-service personnel who raised much needed funds for the victims of the horrific Victorian Bushfires in February. I send my heartfelt condolence to the many people who have been personally affected by this tragedy.

I am proud of our own contingent of Northern Territory Emergency Service, Police and Fire and Rescue personnel who volunteered and assisted in the response efforts alongside Bushfires NT. I also believe that the exchange opportunity provided to our Executive in Victoria during this time was invaluable to NTPFES capacity building.

Some of our Police were recognised in recent months, Sergeant Rosanna Breed with the Tribute to NT Women Award, Pauline Williams with Auxiliary of the Year, Senior Sergeant Garry Smith with a Commendation for Brave Conduct and Detective Senior Sergeant Scott Pollock and Sergeant Stuart Davis with Australian Police Medals. Also Selwyn Kloeden was awarded the Emergency Services Medal for his ongoing contribution to the N'taria Volunteer Unit. I congratulate them each individually for their outstanding work.

Proactive policing and crime reduction continues to be a major focus into 2009 and I am pleased that initiatives like the Casuarina Police Beat, which was opened in December, has received continuous positive feedback from members of the public and retailers. Likewise, City Safe was officially launched earlier this year and I look forward to seeing positive results in the Darwin City as this dedicated 10 person unit targets antisocial behaviour and liquor licensing compliance. The innovative idea to trial a united front of community service providers with a Mobile Police Station at the Nightcliff Foreshore in March has also shown potential and demonstrates our commitment to developing our approach to policing in the community through the Integrated Taskforce Coordination Group.

A significant step was made in community relations with police at Galiwinku on Elcho Island after the new Galiwinku Police Station was opened in early March. I thoroughly enjoyed the event and the thoughtful performances from students of Shepherdson School and the Gowa Christian School and it was excellent to see so many people attend to show their support for the police in the community.

Furthermore in recent months we have farewelled some of our most familiar faces; officers who have retired after serving the Northern Territory Police with distinction over many years, Stan Fensom, Garry Casey and Greg Dowd. I wish them and their families every happiness as they embark on their new journeys.

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Horse Soccer

Northern Territory Mounted Police have played an integral part in combating and cracking down on crime since the late 1800's, however they've been brought into the 21st Century with the arrival of Horse Soccer.

The soccer matches, which consist of four players on each team, use a giant ball, approximately one meter in diameter as a vital training tool in developing the animals' psychology and physiology.

A head to head battle took place on 11 December 2008 between the NT Mounted

Police and Norforce H Troop at the Peter McAulay Centre in Berrimah, with police trotting away with a 3-1 victory.

Officer in charge of the Mounted Police Unit, Cortney McCartney said that apart from being highly entertaining for everyone involved, the game itself is used as a de-spooking aid, assisting in the horse's ability to relate to "fight or flight" in situations dealing with antisocial behaviour and crowd control.

"In the beginning there were no set rules in place, however over time, both the horses and the riders have built up a trusting relationship as they've become more familiar with the situation.

"The matches between police and defence can be quite challenging and a number of rules and safety measures have been introduced to ensure the safety of all those involved" she said.

The Top End Mounted Police Unit is made up of Kermit, Trombone, Cocaine, Phantom and Vatican who are cared for by three dedicated Mounted Police Officers and a stable hand.

They enjoy a life of frequent training and patrols around Darwin City, Northern Suburbs and Palmerston as well as regular parades at rural shows.

Mounted Police Patrols are highly successful across the Territory in assisting General Duties' Police in the arrest of offenders due to their mobility and elevation and they play a vital role in crowd control.



Right, **NT Police keep their eye the prize.**
Below, **Norforce H Troop (left) and the Mounted Police team (right) riding Kermit, Trombone, Cocaine, Phantom and Vatican.**



Missing Persons Cold Case

Northern Territory Police and the Coroner's Office, are undertaking an extensive and significant project involving recovered skeletal remains and outstanding missing persons.

"The aim of the project is to record and review all outstanding skeletal remains and compare these to long term missing persons both in the Northern Territory and from interstate," Coroner Greg Cavanagh said.

"This joint project will hopefully shed some light on identifications and give some families closure. The police are conducting work under a Coroner's directive and their dedication and professionalism towards the project is exemplary."

There are 62 reported missing persons still outstanding dating back to 1974; and 55 recovered skeletal remains found at various locations around the NT dating back to 1973.

Some of the cases include:

In June 1977 remains were located at Marrakai Plains as a result of a confession from John Steer who was convicted of manslaughter. The victim has never been identified.

In 1984 a male was found dead at Micketts Creek and his identity was never determined. In June 1990 skeletal remains were located at Lake Bennett. The cause of death was suspicious;

however this victim also has never been identified.

"With the advances in DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) technology, it is hoped that the condition of the remains will be suitable for testing and that some of these cases can finally be closed through identification or possibly revisited as criminal investigations," said Detective Superintendent Jo Foley.

In some instances the Coroner's Office determined it would be more respectful *to inter the remains* because identification at the time was impossible. These remains were the subject of a number of exhumations recently.

The first exhumation took place on Friday 12 December last year at the Darwin General Cemetery (Jingili) and remains from four other plots were successfully exhumed in January this year.

"This project involves the co-operation of a range of agencies and scientific experts – but more importantly it may reveal the identity of some missing persons and bring closure to their families.

"It is an involved and lengthy process but will be extremely rewarding even if we only have one positive result," she said.



Below, (Left to right),
**Mortuary Technician
Ian McDonald, Brevet
Sergeant Anne Lade and
Kirsty Wright, Forensics
Manager Secure DNA**



Auxiliary of the Year

Pauline Williams' Christmas came early when she was informed by the Commissioner of Police, Mr Paul White, that she was to receive the 'Auxiliary of the Year' Award for 2008.



Above **Pauline and her mother Betty Grosser who turns 85 this year, at the Award Ceremony.**

Presented at the November Auxiliary Graduation, Pauline received her Award in front of her peers and newly sworn Auxiliaries.

A Real Estate Property Manager and bus driver prior to joining the NT Police Force in 2004, Pauline says she enjoys her role as an Auxiliary and the variety of jobs she has been involved with since commencement.

"I have been trained in a number of different areas including Front Counter and Watch House and every day is different.

"One of the best roles I've had was being part of the International Association of Women Police Conference Committee, held in Darwin last year. It was a fabulous experience and great to meet people and hear the interesting stories of Policing from across the globe," she said.

Auxiliaries are often the first point of contact a community member has with Police. They are the people answering your calls or the first to greet you when you attend a Police Station.

Pauline believes the role is great for people that have life experience and the maturity to deal with some of the difficult situations presented to them.

"Being an Auxiliary has some of the best experiences to offer, particularly to those people who have developed some great life skills and have dabbled in other careers.

"I just love this job. The camaraderie of all members – ACPO's, Auxiliaries and GD's is fantastic. I just wish I joined the job earlier," she said.

When asked if Pauline expected to receive the award she was quick to respond.

"I never dreamed of it. You don't come into this job to get medals or trophies – my aim was just to do my best and enhance my role.

"Receiving an Award is great as it means that others have recognised my achievements and I am very proud to be the recipient of this award."

Recently, eight Auxiliaries graduated and will be based in Darwin and another five have graduated and taken up roles in Alice Springs with the Commissioner of Police, Mr Paul White wishing them well.

"It's pleasing to see such a large squad of Territorians making the change to a career with the NT Police.

"Congratulations to all Auxiliaries for choosing to serve and protect Territorians and I wish them all the best with the challenges ahead," he said.

Worlds Greatest Shave

NT Police, Fire and Rescue and Emergency Services put their heads together in March to raise much needed funds for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Numerous members from across the Territory dared to be different, volunteering to chop their locks for a good cause and raising thousands of dollars for their efforts.

Family, friends and co-workers were hit up in the months leading up to the event, as willing participants endeavoured to raise as much money as possible to provide support and care for patients and families living with leukaemias, myeloma, lymphomas and other blood related disorders.

Senior Auxiliary Natalie Best had been on a personal mission, growing her hair for two and a half years in preparation for the Worlds Greatest Shave 2009.

"This was my way of raising money and awareness for the foundation and also as a loving memorial tribute to my daughter Kia, who had Leukaemia and sadly passed away at age 11 in 2005.

"It wasn't only me that got in on the

act as my parents Susan and Merv, as well as my 11-year-old son Liam also took part" she said.

Senior Constable Richard Cheal from Marine and Fisheries and 10-year-old son Ryan also lopped their locks, at the Adelaide River Inn, raising much needed funds for the foundation that helped him and his family out during trying times.

Richard was personally affected after he was diagnosed with Myeloma in 2005 having suffered back pain which got progressively worse over several months.

In 2006 he underwent surgery in Sydney after doctors discovered that he had a tumour growing around his spinal cord and was given just a 10 percent chance of survival.

After months of rehabilitation Richard had another run in with the cancer, this time flying to Melbourne with his family to

receive treatment.

The Senior Constable is now back at work and fighting fit and says he's met a lot of great people and learnt a lot along the way.

"In many ways I feel the experience has been very positive. I feel fortunate to have had fantastic family, work mates and a great support group who have been ever ready to help me out.

I look forward to each day and hope that I can help others out that may find themselves in a similar situation" he said.

Between the Best and Cheal families, they have raised a combined total of almost \$23 000 for the Leukaemia Foundation.



Natalie Best with Worlds Greatest Shave members and family and friends.

A Northern Territory Police Senior Sergeant was announced in March as the recipient of a ...

Commendation for Brave Conduct

The award recognises the heroic actions of those persons in our community who selflessly place themselves in hazardous situations to protect the lives and property of others.

Senior Sergeant Garry Smith is acknowledged for his attempts to extinguish a large house fire and rescue any occupants from the fatal blaze that occurred early on Saturday 10 March 2007.

As Alice Springs Watch Commander, he arrived at the scene of the house fire on Lander Court and immediately checked the safety of a neighbour and assisted him hosing down gas cylinders, before moving the man on.

He then moved to the back of the building and smashed a window to gain entry, becoming completely engulfed in thick black smoke.

He continued calling out into the residence as he climbed halfway through, however had to retreat due to toxic smoke.

Senior Sergeant Smith was overcome by severe smoke inhalation, lacerations and burns and was conveyed to hospital after

collapsing at the scene.

Watch Commander and Senior Sergeant Garry Smith said he is proud to receive this award.

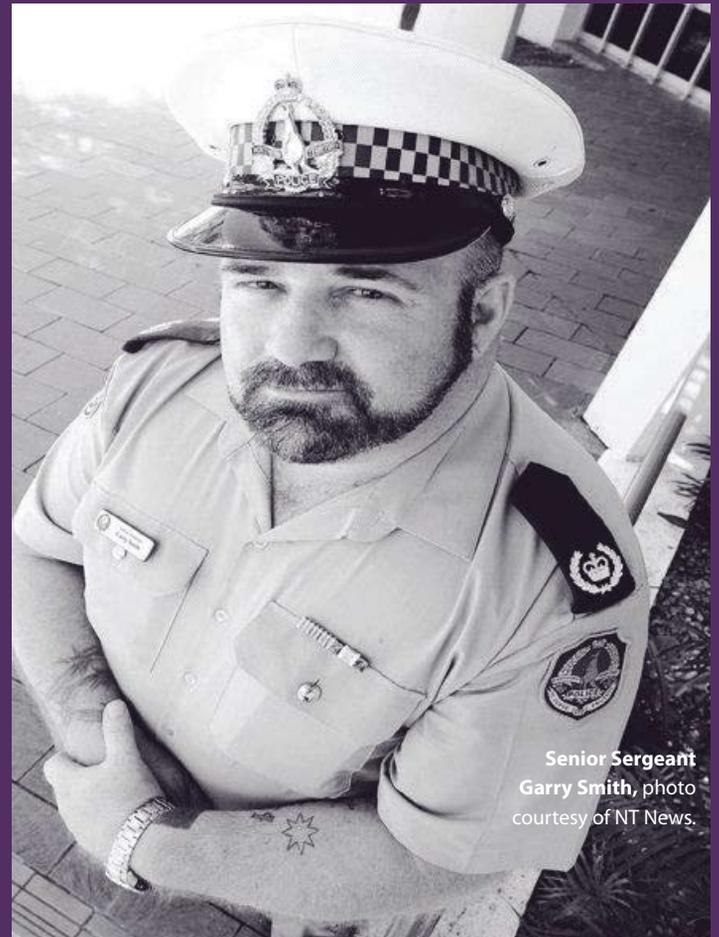
"I accept this award on behalf of every Police Officer, Fire Officer whether paid or volunteer, Emergency Services and Ambulance Service personnel, knowing full well that each and every one of those would do the same under similar circumstances" he said.

Northern Territory Police Commissioner, Paul White said Senior Sergeant Smith can be very proud of this recognition.

"Senior Sergeant Garry Smith selflessly risked his life in an attempt to save others.

"This was not only an act of bravery, but a natural instinct for Senior Sergeant Smith which clearly defines his character and dedication as a Northern Territory Police member to serve and protect our community.

"It is pleasing to see his actions recognised by a Commendation for Brave Conduct" Commissioner White said.



Senior Sergeant Garry Smith, photo courtesy of NT News.

Emergency Services Medal Recipient

Hermannsburg's Selwyn Kloeden said he was humbled when he found out he was being awarded the Emergency Services Medal earlier this year.



Selwyn was nominated in recognition for his outstanding work with the N'taria Volunteer Unit. He has been an active volunteer since April 2003 and in that time has held various Unit positions including Unit Officer, Equipment Officer, Rescue Leader and Training Officer.

During his years at Hermannsburg he has managed to ensure volunteers have had the opportunity to develop their own skills by doing accredited training. This has resulted in a core group of volunteers who are now able to assist in training volunteers in other units.

Through his leadership the N'taria Volunteer Unit has rapidly expanded its volunteer membership and has a much higher profile within the community. Selwyn has also been instrumental in making a successful submission to the Federal Government for funding for a dedicated NTES Volunteer Unit headquarters building which is in the process of being built.

In response to the announcement of the award Selwyn said he was humbled that his efforts were being recognised.

"It's very humbling and makes you proud, no doubt," Selwyn said.

"It certainly encourages me to continue. But there's plenty of other blokes who put a tremendous amount of effort in as well."

Selwyn said that ultimately when the dedicated NTES Volunteer Unit shed was built he hoped to see a large number of the Indigenous population become involved as NTES volunteers as well.

"If we can involve some of the locals in road crash rescue and search and rescue they would develop a bit of community spirit and also learn skills that would be transferable. It will certainly be very satisfying to be able to get a larger number of the Indigenous population involved."

Selwyn will be officially presented with his medal in Darwin on May 15.

Harmony in Soccer



Police and youths show their soccer style.

What do cheer squads, a round ball, sausage sizzle, friends and family all have in common? They all make for a Harmonious Day.

To celebrate Harmony Day, Sunday 22 March 2009, members of the Northern Territory Police Force, Neighbourhood Watch and the Multi Cultural Council got together and organised a social soccer match in Malak.

The Northern Territory Police team were anything but victorious against the Multi Cultural Council team, losing 3-1 in the soccer match.

Acting Sergeant, Michael Cotton, who assisted in organising the event said even though his team lost the initiative was a great way to get the community involved in sporting activities to encourage healthy living and relating to Police on a social level.

"Sport is a great way of breaking down barriers and removing any preconceptions youths may have towards police.

Kicking a soccer ball around with Police Officers is a proactive way to 'bridge the gap' as Policing is not just about arrests and warrants, community engagement is important as well.

That said, we still wanted to win but our opponents were just too fast for us. I plan on sitting in a dark room with an ice pack on my legs for the rest of the week," he said.

Also supported by the Africa-Australia Friendship Association and the Darwin Dragons Soccer Club, more than 100 community members came down to the Oval and enjoyed a sausage sizzle from the Neighbourhood Watch trailer, kicking a ball around and watching an Ultimate Frisbee demonstration at half-time.

Well done to all members involved in this social activity.

Top Breed Awarded

Sergeant, Rosanna Breed was acknowledged with a Tribute to Northern Territory Women Award as part of the 2009 International Women's Day celebrations.

Hosted by the Honourable Malarndirri McCarthy, Minister for Women's Policy a function was held in Rosanna's honour at the Darwin Convention Centre on Thursday 5 March.

The Tribute to NT Women Award, which started in the Territory in 2002, can be won posthumously so Rosanna is one of the youngest recipients of the award.

Acknowledged for being an inspirational role model and leader through her professionalism and work in a male dominated field, Rosanna has served in Darwin, Alice Springs, Alyangula, Tiwi Islands, Nhulunbuy, Daly River and Adelaide River since she commenced with the Northern Territory Police Force in 1988.

Rosanna says she is honoured to receive this award as a representative of the Northern Territory Police Force.

"This award is a significant personal achievement. I am appreciative to the one who felt me worthy of such a nomination.

"I thoroughly enjoy my role and am honoured to work with fellow members and communities in the regions I have policed," she said.

Whilst at Groote Eylandt in 1996, Rosanna took on the role of school based policing, as well as frontline policing, and immersed herself in the schools. She coordinated school and homework centres for Indigenous students to increase numeracy and literacy levels.

In 2001 she, single-handedly, cleaned the disused town pool at Garden Point and organised a Grand Opening. She implemented an incentive scheme whereby students could only utilise the pool in the afternoon if they had attended school for the day, with the exception of ceremony reasons.

Needless to say school attendance was sky high while Sergeant Breed was around.

Whilst Rosanna was policing the Tiwi Islands she undertook capacity building initiatives at both Nguiu and Pirlangimpi. These initiatives were to build stronger relationships with the people in the community, but for Rosanna this wasn't difficult. Her love of the bush and remote work and being related to 'practically the whole Islands' made it relatively easy for her to have the communities respect.

Rosanna was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in August 2006 and is now

attached to the College as an instructor overseeing the Indigenous Development Policing Unit and is a mentor to many of the Indigenous members at all ranks.

Sergeant Breed identifies an epic career moment seeing her first Squad of Aboriginal Community Police Officers graduate.

"Seeing Aboriginal Community Police Officer Squad 14 graduate was my most memorable Police experience as I knew that I had guided and mentored them through their training.

"They continue to make me proud with the great work they do in the community and make me want to stay in this career for a long time to come," she said.

Sergeant Breed was awarded the Commissioner's Most Outstanding Leadership Medal in May last year.

Commissioner White congratulated Rosanna Breed on her professionalism and personal ability as a leader in the Northern Territory Police Force.



Top **Senior Constable Karen Peckham, Sergeant Rosanna Breed and Senior Constable Kate MacMichael.**
Above **Rosanna Breed** (front centre) with her team of supporters at the Tribute to NT Women Award.

Australian Police Medals

Two long-serving police were awarded Australian Police Medals (APM) in this year's Australia Day honours announcements.

Detective Senior Sergeant Scott Pollock and Sergeant Stuart Davis were nominated for the medals in recognition of their distinguished and dedicated police service over a combined period of 46 years.

Commissioner of Northern Territory Police, Paul White, said the two awards recognised the outstanding service both recipients had provided to the Northern Territory community through their roles and congratulated them for their efforts.

Detective Senior Sergeant Scott Pollock joined the NT Police in 1984 and during his career has served at Tennant Creek, Alice Springs and is currently the Officer in Charge of the Major Crime Section.

In December 1987 he transferred to the Criminal Investigation Branch where over the next 10 years he developed into an experienced investigator and was awarded his Detective designation. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1997 and transferred to the Alice Springs Criminal Investigation Branch.

Detective Senior Sergeant Pollock became the Officer in Charge in 2002 of the extremely successful Task Force Ranger, established to combat property crime and target recidivist offenders.

In mid 2006 he played a key role in the development and implementation of the Property Crime Reduction Strategy, achieved a substantial reduction in property crime and was awarded the Commissioner's Outstanding Leadership Medal and in 2007 he was appointed Officer in Charge of the Major Crime Section.

Detective Senior Sergeant Pollock has provided a high level of leadership for the agency into complex and lengthy investigations of established criminal networks and further, guided many sensitive and serious investigations including homicides.

Detective Senior Sergeant Pollock said, "It has been a privilege over the past 25 years to have many great experiences and been involved in numerous high profile investigations."

"I could not have done this without the support of work colleagues and family and to receive such an award is something I did not expect and I thank those along the way who helped me achieve this recognition."

Sergeant Stuart Davis has over 21 years of distinguished and dedicated service as a member of the Northern Territory Police



Force since 1987. He has served in Groote Eylandt, Alice Springs, Katherine and Darwin and is currently a Sergeant within the Summary Prosecutions Section.

In 1997 Sergeant Davis transferred to the Police College where he was heavily involved in delivering recruit training, as well as assisting with development of the NT Police *Operational Safety Tactics and Training Manual*. He transferred to the Summary Prosecutions Section in 1999 and has developed a reputation as a quality prosecutor.

In 2003 Sergeant Davis returned to the Police College to assist in the redevelopment and delivery of Detective Training. He worked in the Confiscation of Assets Unit in 2004 before returning to the Summary Prosecutions Section in 2006.

"I am honoured to have been nominated for this award and to be recognised in this way is humbling, considering the number of talented and dedicated police officers that we have in the Northern Territory," said Sergeant Davis.

"I sincerely thank the Northern Territory Police and its members of the opportunities that have been made available to me and I look forward to the continuing challenges and experiences in the years ahead."

During their long and continuing policing careers, both officers have performed many years of dedicated and loyal service to the people of the Northern Territory and the Northern Territory Police.

Top **Detective Senior Sergeant Scott Pollock.**
Below **Sergeant Stuart Davis.**



Women Graduating in Force



The Northern Territory Police's newest officers from ACPO Squad 15, Recruit Squad 97 and ARP Squad 99 included 20 females and 36 men.

Joanna Darby, who received the Dux award for Squad 97, said that she was looking forward to becoming a sworn Police Officer but had enjoyed the dynamics of a gender equal squad.

"I am very keen on taking up my Police duties in Katherine and feel that our Squad has had one of the most enriching training courses due to the fact that there are so many females on the team.

"Having such a large number of females helped reduce the perception that the Police Force is a male dominated organisation and it provides a better reflection of the Northern Territory community" she said.

For the first time in the history of the Northern Territory Police Force a brother and sister team, Damien and Danielle Chisholm graduated in the same squad, ACPO Squad 15, and said it was great to have family support throughout the 12 week training course.

"Having family around was great as Danielle and I supported each other and kept each other focused and determined to complete the course and work together as sworn Police Officers," Damien said.

Danielle agreed that having her big brother on the squad was a great benefit but didn't always enjoy his antics.

"It's great to know that we graduated together and our family is so proud of us.

"Damien was great to me throughout the training but I didn't appreciate it when he tasered me, [a component of Taser use training]" she said.

Police Commissioner Paul White said these squads represented the standards

expected of all Police Officers including honesty, integrity and dedication to serving the community.

"It's pleasing to see such a large squad of Territorians making the change to a career with the NT Police and particularly pleasing that so many of them are women.

"Congratulations to all graduates for choosing to serve and protect Territorians and I wish them all the best with the challenges ahead."



Above left back row left to right **Nadine Caulfield, Emma Wetherall**. Front row left to right **Kellie Moir, Alicia Humphrey, Keryn Goymer, Genevieve Rogers, Jennifer Pocock and Joanna Darby**. Left **Damien and Danielle Chisholm**.

Working Like a Dog

The Dog Operations Unit located at the Peter McAulay Centre has had a very busy year training General Purpose Dogs, Drug Detector Dogs and handlers.

The Northern Territory Police introduced three General Purpose dogs in December, as a new part of their arsenal against crime.

The Germans Shepherds Stinger, Xanto and Prowler were carefully selected dogs born and raised in Queensland.

They began their training at 12 months old in Queensland at the Police Dog Squad's puppy development program and then completed a 14 week intensive course where they were trained in tracking, search and rescue, obedience and handler protection skills.

Police Commissioner Paul White said that the highly trained General Purpose dogs will increase police capacity in a variety of situations.

"These dogs can help us locate offenders who have fled on foot from the scene of a crime and will be invaluable in search and rescue operations with their ability to track and locate missing persons" he said.

In early February, two of the newly introduced dogs were called upon to assist Alice Springs members in apprehending those responsible for property, assault and stolen vehicle offences in the town.

They attended approximately 30 jobs in three nights, locating an offender that had broken into the local golf club.

In total, the dogs have located 15 offenders and will continue to keep offenders on their toes in the coming months.

A Dogs Life

Two of NT Police's longest serving Drug Detector Dogs, Monte and Misty, retired in December after working in the force for a combined total of six years.

Their four Labrador replacements Foley, Archie, Leo and Yona were brought in to fill some mighty large paw prints. Their predecessors had taken part in approximately 800 illicit drug seizures, resulting in the seizure of over 560 kilograms of various drugs including cannabis, cocaine, methamphetamine and ecstasy as well as \$250 000 worth of cash.

They were put to work immediately with Foley remaining in Darwin, Leo and Archie posted to Katherine and Yona sent to Alice Springs and have since located several drug concealments.



Left **Dave Young and Prowler in action**, photo Courtesy of the Centralian Advocate.

Top **Senior Constables Dave Young and Rive Zeo demonstrating handler protection skills**. Above **Dave Young and Monty**.

School Based Apprenticeships in the NTPFES

You may have already come across these bright young people in your dealings with different sections of the Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services.

These are members of our School Based Apprenticeship Program who have been learning the ropes in key Tri-service areas while training in administration and business support roles.

Police Fire and Emergency Services are currently supporting nearly half of all School Based Apprenticeships across the Northern Territory Government.

These apprentices work hard to balance their year 11 and 12 studies with two days a week of work and at the same time are completing their Certificate II in Business.

Of the current group of six at PFES there are three students who come from remote communities and they are all studying year 12 at various high schools in Darwin and Palmerston.

Kaitlin Carter represents how this program benefits the individuals who take part and the agency at the same time.

Kaitlin is now employed full time on a temporary contract in Police HR after completing her NTPFES School Based Apprenticeship last year and gaining her NTCE and Certificate II in Business.

“My Apprenticeship was great, I loved every minute of it” Kaitlin said.

“I always wanted to be an ACPO and my sister told me about the program and I chose to apply. It was really helpful for my study last year because I had two year 12 subjects and the rest of the time I focussed mainly on work assignments.

“I would definitely recommend school based apprenticeships. I wouldn't have passed otherwise. I am still thinking of becoming an ACPO or a Constable one day but I like working here for now.”

As part of the program Supervisors can nominate themselves from any unit or division to oversee the apprentices training requirements.

Nikki Taylor-Faint, Executive Support Officer at Strategic Planning has been a Supervisor for 10 months

“We are now on to our third rotation and have previously had Rebecca Dunn, Shahnee Espie and Hayden May has just recently joined our team. They have been a pleasure to work with and each has their own qualities.

“I have found that by taking the time to explain tasks and work closely with the apprentices, their skills develop and they become a real asset. It is also great to watch their confidence grow as they become more familiar with the work environment.

“Whilst it can be tricky balancing your own workload and that of a supervisor to an apprentice it is rewarding to know you are helping these young people to complete their NTCE. I believe it a valuable experience for these apprentices working in an agency such as NTPFES which allows them to gain an understanding of so many varied areas,” she said.

Superintendent of the Crime Prevention Unit, Delcene Jones continues to think of different ways to engage the apprentices who rotate through their unit with real aspects of policing.

“The apprentices are often unclear of which area of the TriService which may suit them as a potential career choice – so it is import to expose them to a broad range of working environments, get them involved and keep them interested.

“We arranged for one of our apprentices to travel to the Tiwi Islands this week with members from the Youth Diversion Unit.

The apprentice had the opportunity to observe the Youth Diversion Process in a Community and she participated in a Women's meeting whilst she was there.

“Opportunities like these can show the huge variety of roles and duties within the Tri-Service. It is important to encourage and support young people and show them the potential career choices available to them within the Police Fire and Emergency Services”

Aboriginal Community Police Officer Mark Pocock started out as a Trainee in the Indigenous Development Division and says he would recommend a traineeship or



Top **Emergency Service Supervisor Seth Dugdell with Edward Bundal, a School Based Apprentice.**
Left **Kaitlin Carter.**
Bottom **ACPO Mark Pocock**





School Based Apprentices pictured above with **St John's College work experience students include** **Shanee Espie** far left, **Rebekah Dunn** front row middle, **Hayden May** right of Rebekah, **Johnno Huddleston** right of Hayden **former Apprentice Kaitlin Carter** far right. Picture far right **School Based Apprentice Shannon Zammitt.**

apprenticeship to any young person.

"I always wanted to be in the Police Force and originally applied to be a Constable but I didn't make it through in my first application because I was a bit too young.

"Then Superintendent Tony Fuller offered me a second chance as a Trainee in IPDD and it was really good to see how the different sections of the Police Fire and Emergency Services worked.

"During the eight months I was a trainee I got the opportunity to work in the Indigenous Policing Development Division, Forensics, Wongabilla horse stable and Firies and all different areas and it was really helpful and good preparation for becoming an ACPO.

"I graduated as an ACPO in December

and I am really enjoying working at the Casuarina Police Station," he said.

Peter Mayo the Indigenous Youth Liaison officer in IPDD said that the hard work of external stakeholders like Group Training NT and Australian Apprenticeships NT and participating High Schools; and the ongoing support from Supervisors have been essential to the success of the program.

"We currently have supervisors in the Emergency Services Training Unit, NT Fire and Rescue Service, Crime Prevention Unit, Strategic Planning, IPDD and Records Management.

"If your unit is interested in this program and could offer an opportunity to an interested young person please contact me," he said.



Ali Curung Cops Cool Off

Ali Curung Police helped local school children celebrate the edition of a new Fire Trailer in the Community with a slip and slide on the oval in February.

The fun came as part of a training day to show off the features of the trailer and how they work.

Officer in Charge Keith Bridgeman said a more formal training day is planned with a qualified instructor in coming months, but you can tell by the photos – this early introduction was well received.

"Days like this are not only really refreshing, but provide an excellent opportunity for community engagement – getting to know everyone, and the community getting to know us in a fun and approachable way," he said.

Joining Keith behind the hose was Constable Julian Laycock, Sergeant Erica Hanisch and Senior Constable John Lautrec who all tried their best not to get wet but weren't entirely successful.

The trailer will be used to assist with property and grass fires or as needed by the community and will be stored at the Police Station.

Initially Police will utilise the trailer with the aim of encouraging volunteers to take over the running of it and starting up a Fire and Rescue Group.

Above **Sergeant Bridgeman joins in the fun.** Right **Ali Curung Police and school children with the new trailer.**



Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services

As the devastating news came forth and the scale unfolded of the Victorian Bushfire horror, Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services were placed on standby and ready to depart as required.

It's times like this when everyone comes together and pitches in however they can.

So, while fundraising efforts were in full swing, the first four PFES members were on a plane to Victoria on 10 February 2009. These four members were Senior Constable Gino Rob, Senior Constable Kym Chilton, Senior Constable Will McDonnell and Senior Constable Ian Spillsbury. Their forensic expertise formed part of the many teams tasked with managing the scenes of the large scale devastation.

While our forensic experts were still in Victoria, four members of our Executive accepted an invitation from the Victorian Deputy Police Commissioner, Kieran Walshe.

The four members were Assistant Commissioner, Crime and Support Service, Mark McAdie, Director and Chief Fire Officer, Mr Greg Nettleton, Director NT Emergency Services, Mr Peter Davies, and Greater Darwin Regional Commander Rob Kendrick.

This short, 24 hour experience and exchange opportunity for observation and information of both the response and recovery arrangements underway, commenced Saturday 14 February 2009 from Melbourne.

The opportunity included visits to the Police Operations Centre, the State Emergency Response Coordination Centre, the Fire Services' Integrated Coordination Centre, Coronial Services, Victoria; and Kinglake.

Given the various coordination roles of these executive members in the event of a major incident in the NT, they each reported a different experience and different observations with lessons learnt.

For Greg Nettleton, this brought back memories. Mr Nettleton served in the CFA in the early 1980's as a volunteer and was at the Ash Wednesday fires at Mt Macedon in 1983. What he witnessed at Kinglake on Sunday 15 February was no different to what he had experienced first hand in 1983.

Mr Nettleton was also able to catch up with one CFA volunteer who was serving with the NTFRS Grassfire Unit in 2006 during the deployment to Victoria. He gave his chilling account and felt very fortunate to be alive today.

Peter Davies was particularly impressed with the well developed

emergency management arrangements in Victoria which lead to the high level of multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional arrangements. This was later to become a perception very much shared by NTFRS District Officer, Ian Lockley.

Assistant Commissioner McAdie and Commander Kendrick, (and Incident Controller for NT Region 1 Counter Disaster) reported the impressive coordination of not only response and recovery following Black Saturday, but the ongoing preparation and response for the fires continuing to ravage the state.

And as if that isn't enough, the Victorian Authorities successfully and continuously coordinated observer visits, (including our Executive) to share the lessons learnt in an attempt to prevent such disaster from occurring in future.

The level of community engagement between Victorian Authorities and the

survivors of devastated communities was also to be commended. In situations like this, what Authorities assume to be of prior importance, may not always be matched by the surviving community – whose needs of course, are of primary focus.

Of note, what could have easily been overlooked by Authorities was the arrival of a volunteer coffee shop unit. As non essential as this may sound in the scheme of things, this small gesture, providing non stop cappuccinos, meant a great deal to the survivors at the Kinglake Forward Command Centre.

After a number of weeks remaining on standby, more Tri-service personnel packed their bags and headed for Victoria.

The team of five underwent some changeover during the 14 day deployment and the members involved were, Team Coordinator, NTFRS District Officer Ian Lockley, Station Officers Jim Bateman and



Emergency Services in Victoria



Left Healesville Base Camp.
Top left Alison Heath
Top right Alison Heath and Acting Senior Sergeant Richard Howie.
Left Station Officer Gerry Laverty, NTFRS District Officer Ian Lockley and Station Officer Jim Bateman.
Far right Alison Heath and Jim Bateman.

Gerry Laverty, NTES Rob Romaldi and Alison Heath, NT Police A/Senior Sergeant Richard Howie, Sergeant Hege Burns and Bob White, Bushfires NT.

Team Coordinator and NT Liaison Officer for Victorian Authorities, Ian Lockley was based in the Emergency Incident Control Central in Melbourne. The very hub alone was larger than the top floor of Woolner Fire Station and linked to all other control centres across the state.

DO Lockley was co-located with between 30 and 40 other Interstate and International Liaison Officers with invaluable contacts developed over the period.

Mr Romaldi, SO Bateman and SO Laverty were posted to the Woori Yallock Incident Control Centre.

Their responsibilities included coordination of various resources

including transport, facilities management, supply lines, accommodation and millions of dollars worth of logistical support.

The members were working along side a number of agencies including the South Australian Country Fire Service and the Tasmanian Parks Service.

Ms Heath, A/Senior Sergeant Howie, Sergeant Burns and Bob White were posted to the Healesville Base Camp which accommodated around 700 fire fighters in addition to ancillary staff.

Here, the members established effective command and control of resources on site from day one of arrival. They were responsible for the running of day to day operations of the camp including supply lines, accommodation, recreation facilities, ablutions, meals area and the refuelling and maintenance of fire fighting vehicles.

Although training prepares personnel

for management of incidents, it can't ever prepare for this scale of devastation and sustained recovery efforts.

Being a Tri-service, the variety of skills and expertise are often brought together for incident management in the NT, from a car crash through to a cyclone. But it was unusual in its very nature upon arrival in Victoria and Authorities, in particular the head of logistics and the base camp, had nothing but praise for the contribution made and the very nature of a Tri-service team in itself.

While our thanks and praise are extended to Victorian Authorities for their ongoing management of the bushfires and the opportunities provided to NTPFES, the Commissioner and CEO, Paul White, on behalf of the agency, extends deepest felt condolences to all those affected by this tragedy.

Josh Fire's Up Our Hearts



After nine year old Josh Smith's Christmas motorcycle was stolen on Christmas Eve and returned damaged, he has been out washing cars, doing chores and cleaning the neighbours yards to raise the money to fix his bike.

When he saw our NT Firies fundraising for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal at Oasis Shopping Centre in late February he did what most normal kids wouldn't even consider doing – he handed over all the money he'd saved (a few hundred dollars) to our Firies.

Community Education Officer for the Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service, Paul Rubie said Josh's actions warmed all the Fire Volunteer witnesses hearts and it was pleasing that young people were able to understand and be compassionate in times of crisis.

"When Josh handed over a bucket filled with pocket money savings and told us his story, half our volunteer Firies had a tear in their eyes, it was very moving.

"It is also great to see that our youth

have such compassion and respect towards fellow Australians in need," he said.

Since hearing of Josh's generosity the Mechanical Workshop have offered their personal time to take a look at Josh's bike. Members of PFES have banded together to rally up the money needed to purchase the parts so Josh will happily riding around in the near future.

The "B" Watch Palmerston crew and Howard Springs Volunteers were on hand at Palmerston Oasis Shopping Centre and raised more than \$12,000 from shaking buckets for the day.

Retailers at the centre and other volunteer groups got behind the initiative donating items for a barbecue that was cooked outside.

"Everyone that put in money had a story and the success of the day shows that the

Territory community is a caring one," Mr Ruby said.

The Darwin "B" Watch Crew also helped collect donations for the Bushfire Appeal at the Blues and Roots Club, Top End Families for Victoria Concert at the Fosky Pavillion in February.

Firies set up a display of fire and rescue equipment, handed out balloons and chocolates and interacted with the delighted crowd. The event raised around another whopping \$12 000, for the worthy cause.

As part of Northern Territory Police Fire and Emergency Services further fundraising efforts there were plenty of raffles across the agency for a chance to win some awesome donated prizes; with all proceeds going to the official Red Cross Bushfire Appeal 2009.

Emergency Response Vehicles Parade

The recent Emergency Response Vehicle Parade for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal was a huge success with in excess of \$21 000 collected.

The Parade started at the Darwin Fire Station on Woolner Road and travelled down Tiger Brennan Avenue, along Cavenagh Street, Knuckey Street, Mitchell Street and finished on Daly Street.

District Officer Grant Hamon, Manager of the Community Fire Safety Division said that it was an enjoyable way for members and the community alike to raise money for the victims of the Victoria Bushfires Appeal, while having a great time.

“The Parade was a joint initiative, made up of various vehicles including Police, Fire, Emergency Services, Bushfires NT, Aviation Rescue Firefighting Service, St John Ambulance and Red Cross.

“It was further supported by the Darwin City Brass Band who joined the parade on Mitchell Street.

“I’d like to thank all those who lined up along Mitchell Street and supported the parade by donating money for this very needy cause.

“This idea was a very successful fund raising effort, not to mention an exciting parade enjoyed by all.

“All proceeds raised go directly to those affected by the fires in Victoria,” he said.



Top Right **Emergency Response Vehicles driving down Mitchell Street. Poor little Jock (in the middle) only made it to Hoggs Breath before he ran out of battery. Bottom Right the Darwin Brass Band lead the parade.**

Police Road Safety/Bushfire Fundraiser



Right **Police Commissioner Paul White breath tests a patron at the Palmerston Tavern.**

Following the relocation of the AFL game between the Western Bulldogs and Essendon to Melbourne on Friday 13 February, rostered NT Police members turned their focus on efforts closer to home.

Police conducted high visibility RBT stations across the Darwin and Palmerston and used these as collection points for the Red Cross.

NT Police Darwin Regional Commander, Rob Kendrick said not only were NT Police targeting irresponsible road users, but everyone tested was given the opportunity to donate for a good cause.

“This operation took high visibility RBT’s to a whole new level. As well as the normal NT Police and their vehicles, there were some additional, volunteer (off-duty police) members as Red Cross collectors with their collection buckets, for the Victorian Bushfires Appeal.”

In addition, 36 Tri-service employees volunteered their time, including the Police Commissioner and uniformed Police, to conduct pro-active road safety breath testing and donation collections in and around licensed premises through Darwin, Palmerston and the rural area.

“Teams of volunteers set off from Casuarina, Palmerston and Darwin Police Stations to approached patrons in licensed premises.

“The operation was deemed a resounding success as members of the public together with all those volunteering their time raised a total of \$13,093.75 for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal” Commander Kendrick said.

Remote Communities Dig Deep for Bushfire Victims

People as far away as Galiwinku on Elcho Island gave what they could to help families in need following the horrific fires in Victoria, raising over \$1500.

Galiwinku Police including their new Aboriginal Community Police Officer Bettina Danganbarr and resident Jeffrey Walkundjawuy Garrawarra collected money to give to the Red Cross Victorian Bush Fire Appeal 2009 in February.

With their makeshift collecting buckets, and hand written signs in Yolgnu and English, police found the response in the community was overwhelmingly supportive.

Local man Allan Maratja Dhammarandji came up with the idea for the collection and encouraged the community to donate over the community PA system, placing buckets at the two takeaways.

ACPO Bettina Danganbarr told local radio that there were mixed emotions in the community from those who had seen the devastation on television and heard it on the radio.

“[It] made them think that people needed our help,” she said.

The Bulman community and police also collected over \$400 from the proceeds of three barbeques, for the Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal.



Left to right Senior Constable Elizabeth Wiggins, Mathew Dhamarrandji, ACPO Bettina Danganbarr and Jeffrey Garrawarra.

Very few people can resist the smell of a sausage sizzle, which is why Police wheeled out their barbeque to the front of the Gulin Gulin store.

The local shopkeepers donated sausages, bread and onions and police and some community members grabbed their aprons and tongs, offering snags for a gold coin donation

Senior Constable Greg Fitzgerald,

seconded to the Northern Territory Police from the Australian Federal Police said that the generosity of the local community was fantastic with many happy to make a donation without even taking a snag.

“With all three police in the community from Victoria it became a major topic around town, especially with Senior Constable James Haddon and myself both living in areas under threat,” he said.

Workout of Worth

Saturday the 21st of February was more than a fundraiser - it was a fight for fitness.

Members from Police Recruit Squads 98 and 100 invited the Northern Territory community to a day of fun, family and fitness raising vital funds for the Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal.

Individual and team events, 800 cooked sausages, games and activities ensured the 100+ participants enjoyed the event.

Organiser of the day, PFES College Fitness Trainer, Ms Catie Kirke said it was great to see so many individuals and teams register, including an all female Junior Police Ranger Team.

“The turn out of over 100 participants was a great result and everyone was incredibly generous in supporting this fundraiser.

Five teams participated in the team event, including an all female Police

Ranger team that achieved 19.1 on the BEEP test and did very well in the pushups and chin-ups, even if they did require a chair to help get their chins over the bar,” she said.

The College instructor team blitzed the push up and chin up competition and the City Safe team took the BEEP test to level 23 but had to stop due to the CD running out of BEEPS.

Almost \$4,000 was raised on the day which has since been matched dollar for dollar by the Nightcliff Shopping Centre.

“This event was a huge success in raising vital funds at a time of need, but also to provide College Recruits with Community Engagement opportunities.

Thank you to everyone that supported the day,” Ms Kirke said.



Getting fit for a good cause.

Galiwinku Opening

Dancers told a story about the strong Barracuda swimming against the current as they walked towards the station and “speared the door”.

Police Commissioner, Paul White was invited to take part in the ceremony and was presented with a painting that he hung inside the station as a gift from the community.

Master of Ceremonies on the day, Commander Jeanette Kerr officially acknowledged the Malarra-Gunbirrtji, Garrawurra, Ngaymil, Datiwuy, Golumala and other Dhuwa and Yirritja clan groups and thanked them for welcoming everybody to the event.

The Commissioner also thanked the Traditional Owners for the painting and spoke about the positive partnership police would continue to build with the community.

“I am very pleased that we now have these facilities here at Galiwinku and police can get on with the job of making everyone, men, women and children safer,” he said.

A similar sentiment was echoed through speeches from the Federal Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin, the Federal Minister for Defence Science and Personnel Warren Snowden and the Northern Territory Chief Minister and Minister for Police, Paul Henderson who were all in attendance.

Students from Shepherdson School sang “Lets work together” with the members from Saltwater band and the Gowa Christian School children also performed two songs in the final items on the day.

“I thoroughly enjoyed the opening, particularly the singing and was honoured to be invited to take part in the ceremony,” said Police Commissioner White.

“The fact that so many people came out to show their support for the station and their local police, demonstrated the good work members have been doing on the Island.

“A lot of thought and preparation had obviously gone into the event and it was pleasing to see the Galiwin’ku Police and community working together and everybody enjoying themselves.”

The new NT Police Galiwinku members Constable Kelly Logan and Constable Matt Unwin as well as Senior Constable Ashley Shaw, seconded to the NT Police from the Australian Federal Police, cooked a barbeque following the event for everyone to enjoy.

Meanwhile those not lining up for a sausage raced around the station checking out the office and watch house under the careful eye of Aboriginal Community Police Officer Bettina Danganbarr.

Police have been permanently based in the community from December 2007 when the Themis Police Station came online at the old Aboriginal Community Police Officer station outpost approximately 1.5 kilometres from the new site.

Senior Constable Shaw who was heavily involved in the organisation and community consultation for the event, will be stationed at Yuendumu now the Galiwinku station has been officially opened.

“It is a shame I have to go as I like the people here very much, however I look forward to getting to know the station and people at Yuendumu” he said.

Sergeant Jo Hart is the new Officer in Charge of the Galwin’ku Police Station, taking over duties from the former Officer in Charge of the Galiwin’ku Themis Station, Sergeant Robin Kidney.

Despite sweltering afternoon heat, men, women, children, teachers and students of Shepherdson School and the Gowa Christian School gathered under the shade of trees, at the official opening of the Galiwin’ku Police Station.



Right **the official ribbon cutting ceremony.**
 Far right top **dancers during their traditional ceremony.**
 Far right middle **Students from Shepherdson school perform with the Saltwater band.**
 Far right bottom **Community members waiting for a sausage.**



"COPS versus KIDS" Basketball Competition

Police hosted the highly-successful "Cops versus Kids" basketball competition during the recent school holidays as a pro-active initiative to mentor young people in Alice Springs.

The competition was played each Wednesday night throughout the school holidays at the Alice Springs Basketball Stadium in Traeger Avenue.

Superintendent Lance Godwin – who is also the Alice Springs Basketball Association president – was the driving force behind the program along with Constable David Witham from the Crime Prevention unit.

"Alice Springs, like many other towns, has a huge problem with juveniles roaming the streets at night causing anti-social behaviour," Supt Godwin said.

"We came up with this program to try to encourage kids to do something worthwhile with their time at night and in the meantime to develop good relationships with the Police in Alice Springs. The other aspect was to involve some of the elite young players who play in the local competition to demonstrate to these youths that positive role models exist within Alice Springs.

"Everyone was invited. There was no age limit and no gender limit, but it was particularly aimed at young people. We managed to get sponsors to help with the cost of television advertising and to enable us to provide a free barbecue for the kids each night. This way it became a real community-supported event as well"

Superintendent Godwin said the success of the program was measured by the decrease in juvenile crime and anti-social behaviour during the school holidays.

"This is traditionally a very busy time for us with youth crime. The deal was any offending and they would be banned from playing. This appears to have had the desired effect as we were getting up to 40 or 50 kids coming along on a Wednesday."

The night always culminated with an All Star team being picked to play the Police and positions in this team became highly sought after. Transport to and from the basketball stadium was provided by Tangentyere Council.

"This also solved a lot of the problem of kids roaming the streets aimlessly late at



Top bottom left to right
Cops team, Abel Lafaele, Darren Ferguson, Sean Aila, Lance Godwin, Kyle Godwin back Trent Abbott and Tim Easthope get ready to play the Kids during the police-sponsored school holiday program in Alice Springs. Left Creating a level playing field, Constable Tim Easthope kneels to compensate for the height difference during the Cops versus Kids basketball competition in Alice Springs.

night. The reality is a lot of these kids have a dysfunctional home life, and being able to go to the basketball stadium for a night of good fun is a real treat for them.

"We know this program won't solve all the on-going problems with juveniles in Alice Springs, but it clearly helped during the holiday period and that's why we'll be

running it again.

"Apart from anything else, it's a good opportunity for kids to interact with the police in a social environment rather than as a result of anti-social behaviour. A number of the youths now recognise various Police Officers and the interaction between both parties has improved".



Garry Casey Hangs Up His Hat

Garry Casey hung up his Northern Territory Police hat in March after more than 33 years of service.

He commenced his career with Northern Territory Police on 13 October 1975 and was posted to general Duties Darwin immediately after his recruit training.

In July 1978 he transferred to the Criminal Investigation Branch in Darwin where he successfully completed the

Detective Training Course (1/79). Garry transferred back to General Duties on 31 July 1980 and during this time relieved at Pularumpi and Maningrida for three months each.

On 28 September 1981 he transferred back to the Criminal Investigations Branch and on 20 September 1985 was promoted to Sergeant. Garry remained in Crime until 9 March 1992 before transferring to the Police College, during this time he graduated from the then Northern Territory University with a Bachelor of Teaching.

Garry changed to School Based Policing in April 1995 and on 3 October 1996 transferred to the Marine and Fisheries Enforcement Section (MFES) where he remained for the next 9½ years. At the beginning of March 2005 Garry took a position in Firearms Recording and Policy Unit where he remained up until his retirement.

Among some of the major cases Garry worked on during his career, was the investigation of the murder of two girls at Berry Springs in the 1980s and the recapture of convicted murderer Daniel

Heiss who escaped from custody in 1991.

Garry was the dedicated OIC of MFES for almost 10 years with the responsibility for many major scale search and rescue operations during that time, including the search for Brett Mann, who was taken by a crocodile in the Finnis River. This resulted in a Commissioner's Unit Commendation to MFES for conspicuous performance during the Finnis River search and rescue operation.

In 2006, he was given the honor of being the Catafalque Party Commander for the commemoration of the new National Police Remembrance Monument in Canberra. Garry also had involvement in many organisations such as the Variety Club, Vietnam Veterans, Alzheimer's Australia, and Northern Territory Emergency Services and as a volunteer official with the V8 Supercars.

Commissioner Paul White congratulated Garry on his commitment and long standing dedication and outstanding service as a police officer.

"I wish you and Michelle the best for the future and a happy and healthy retirement," he said.



"Stan the Man" Retires

Stanley Fensom retired from the Northern Territory Police Force in February after 30 years of service.

He commenced his career with the Northern Territory Police on 26 February, 1979 and served in a number of positions and at various locations throughout the Northern Territory.

He dedicated most of his career to Crime Investigation and held many posts within the Investigation Units. From time to time, Stanley acted Officer in Charge of those units.

Stanley's career was interrupted in 2003 when he was diagnosed with a serious illness however, through commitment to policing and personal strength he returned to work shortly after.

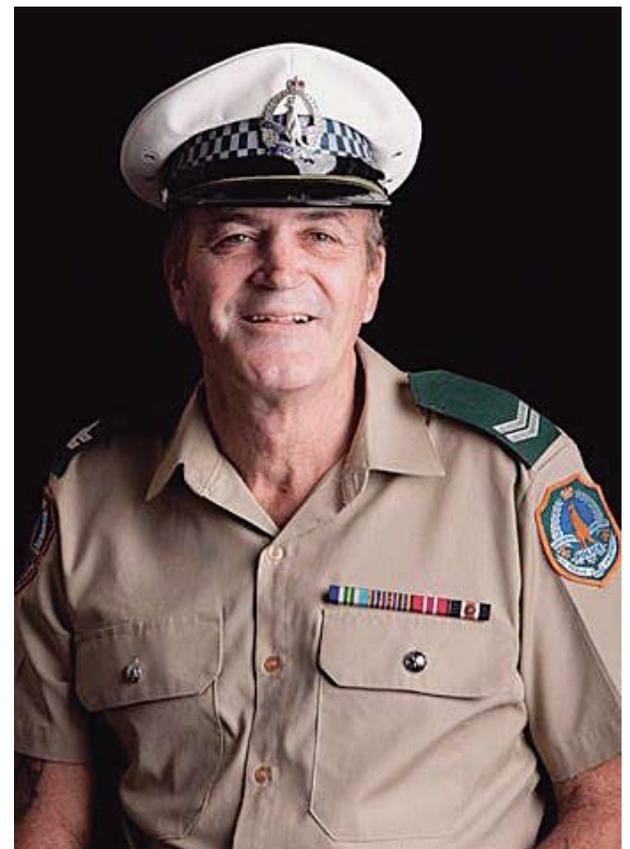
In 2005 Stanley transferred to the then, Property Crime Reduction Unit and remained with this unit before returning to the Darwin Investigation Unit in 2007.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police said that from the outset of his career Stanley distinguished himself as a character and a thief catcher.

"Over the years his enthusiasm for catching crooks never diminished and his return to work after an illness that might have deterred others from doing so is to be admired. Like many Stanleys' he was nicknamed 'Stan the man'. In his case he deserved the title," he said.

The Commissioner of Police wished Stanley, his wife Jane and family all the best for the future together and a happy and healthy retirement.

"You were a keen and hard working Detective who investigated and solved many property related and serious crimes. Your postings within the Command have been a significant milestone in a career spanning a total of 30 years," he said.



A Warm Farewell to Commander Greg Dowd

The Northern Territory Police Force recently farewelled Commander Greg Dowd, who retired after dedicating 30 years to policing in the Territory.

Greg joined the Northern Territory Police Force in February 1979 and was initially attached to General Duties Casuarina and Darwin.

Greg then joined the Task Force (now Territory Response Section) and was promoted to Sergeant before moving to the Combined Drug Enforcement Unit, followed by General Duties, Marine and Fisheries and Major Crime before returning to drug investigations.

In 1992 Greg led a small team that conducted an intelligence probe into the outlaw motorcycle gangs in the NT. During this period there were several raids on the Hells Angels clubhouse and on member's residences.

"The team had significant success and had sources that were able to give accurate information about things prior to them coming to fruition. It was a great work environment and gave me a lot of personal satisfaction."

Greg had a two year secondment to the Brisbane office of the National Crime Authority commencing in February 1993 and was one of the three original investigators who set up the Brisbane office. He returned to Major Crime in 1995 and was promoted to Senior Sergeant, Officer in Charge of the Operational Training Unit at the College later that year.

"I was glad to be promoted but not particularly happy about the role I was given as I was trained as an 'intelligence analyst'. I settled into the role at the College and soon began to appreciate what a great role it was. It was very demanding but also very enjoyable."

Greg amended the procedure for swearing in of new recruits, from the first day of training to the day of graduation.

In 1998 Greg transferred to Alice Springs and grew to love the town despite the social problems it suffers. He began to hone his interest in Problem Oriented Policing or Intelligence led policing while based there.

In 2000 Greg was promoted to Superintendent, Drug and Intelligence Division and returned to Darwin. The Martin Government was elected shortly after and aimed to crack down on drug dealers in the NT. Greg and Les Martin who at that time was the Senior Sergeant OIC Drug unit, worked together to get the "drug house" amendments passed in the Legislative Assembly.

In November 2002 Greg was asked if he was interested in taking over as the Superintendent, Darwin Region Operations.

"It was one of those offers you can't really refuse, so I took it. Working in General Duties policing is always full of challenges and is rewarding work – I have never regretted it."

Greg took over Palmerston and Rural OSD in 2004 when it was separated from Darwin and Casuarina and helped drive the Tasking and Coordination Group at Palmerston which eventually saw some significant downturns in our crime trends. From this Greg began working on anti-social behaviour, involving itinerant camps on the outer fringes of Palmerston. "The team I led in Palmerston did a fantastic job in sorting out the issues and providing people with alternatives. In my humble opinion Palmerston was a much better place as a direct result of their efforts."

In 2004 Greg travelled to Canada on exchange with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), he visited Saskatchewan, Vancouver, Yellowknife in the Northwest Territory and also to Tuktoyaktuk, which is within the Arctic Circle.

"The trip was a great experience and it was very useful to see how another police force deals with problems in Indigenous communities. One aspect I found amazing was that despite the different climate, the Indigenous communities I visited suffered from almost identical problems to those throughout the remote parts of the NT."

In 2005 Greg's exchange partner, Inspector Russ Mirasty from the RCMP, came to the NT to see how we provide policing services across the NT. Greg and Russ continue to contact each other and share information on various aspects of policing, as part of the continuous improvement concept.

In April 2006 Greg was promoted to Commander and took over management of Katherine and Central Regional Command. During this time he was involved in getting the Katherine Flood Plan rewritten and developed and implemented the Northern Territory Social Order Crime Reduction Strategy.

The Commissioner of Police, Paul White says Commander Dowd has been pivotal to the success of this strategy ensuring that Northern Territory Police continue

to maintain the momentum and initiative in targeting anti-social behaviour and enhancing the safety of our public places.

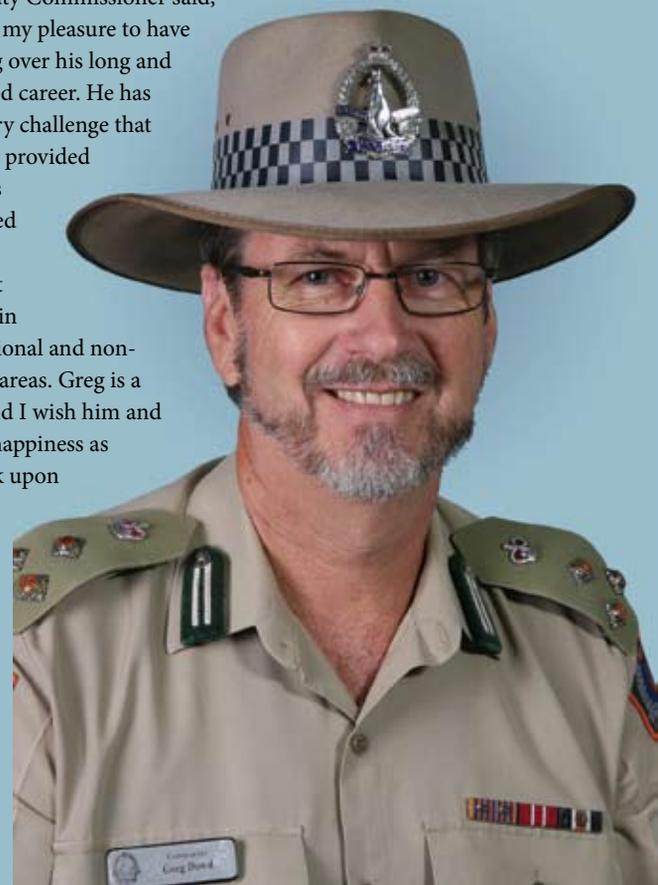
Early 2008 Greg was seconded to lead up a small implementation team based in Darwin to progress a range of government initiatives to tackle anti-social behaviour. These initiatives included re-introduction of Darwin Area Night Patrol, a new First Response Patrol and a CCTV network covering areas of Darwin, Casuarina and Palmerston.

In late 2008 Greg was transferred from Katherine to the Strategic Planning Command and retained oversight of the First Response Patrol and the proposed CCTV network.

"The CCTV project is particularly exciting. Provided it is operated the way my team and I envisage, it should have a significant impact on safety in the areas under coverage and should extend to such matters as improved rates of conviction based on CCTV evidence, reduced time in court for members and earlier guilty pleas."

Greg and wife Pam plan to move to Brisbane in April to renovate a house they own there. They intend to travel, and plan to spend time with their children and grandchildren while they are young. "We are both looking forward to the change and certainly have no intentions of becoming bored."

The Deputy Commissioner said, "It has been my pleasure to have known Greg over his long and distinguished career. He has risen to every challenge that policing has provided him and has demonstrated an ability to operate at a high level in both operational and non-operational areas. Greg is a cops' cop and I wish him and Pam every happiness as they embark upon this next phase of their lives."



City Safe Launch

Patrons enjoying a Friday night drink after a long week at work can expect to have an even more enjoyable night in safety, after City Safe was officially launched in February by the Chief Minister and Minister for Police, Paul Henderson.

The 10 strong team is increasing police visibility in Darwin nightspots between 10 pm and 6 am every night, with the aim of reducing violence and encouraging members of the public to do the right thing.

Commander of the Greater Darwin Region Rob Kendrick said that Police will patrol the bars and clubs and engage with patrons, licensees and security staff to ensure that nobody is spoiling the night out for others.

“These members will be constantly patrolling the area on foot and will be on standby to respond to any incidents of violence or antisocial behaviour.

“Unfortunately when some people abuse alcohol and become heavily intoxicated they are more likely to become offenders or even victims.

”Our dedicated resources will keep



a close eye on activities in and around licensed venues and make sure that people can have a good night out without any trouble,” he said.

A critical aspect of City Safe is working within the principles of the GDRC Licenced Premises Strategy in partnership with agencies such as Licensing Regulation and Strategy, NT Fire & Rescue Service, Health , NT WorkSafe and others, to conduct compliance audits, and other targeted operations as required.

Funding from the Northern Territory Government has gone towards a dedicated City Safe vehicle that will be used to transport any offenders to the Watch House.

The City Safe unit will also be involved in conducting presentations for staff at licensed premises in conjunction with licensees and Licensing and Regulations Officers regarding responsible service of alcohol and related legislation and regulations.

City Safe on patrol, left to right Constable Paul Allan, Senior Constable Brad Fox, Constable First Class Troy Cramp and Sergeant Rod Godden.

Service Providers Unite



On Thursday 12 March, a Mobile Police Station was set up alongside community service providers on Nightcliff Foreshore between 10am and 2pm as part of a new initiative to deliver a ‘one stop shop’ of core services to the community.

Larrakia Nation, Department of Justice Licensing Inspectors, Mission Australia, Centrelink, Police Social Order Units and First Response Patrols, all took part to showcase their services.

The aim of the event was to interact with people in the area who may have become detached from, or are unaware of services provided by the NT and Australian Government, to the detriment of their personal and family health and safety.

Greater Darwin Regional Commander Rob Kendrick said that these services aim to assist people to get back to their communities and work together to reconnect people with help that is available to them.

“We want to keep this as an informal process, rather than a big brother approach we want to provide a service, instead of moving the problem to another area,” he said.

Commander Kendrick said as well as using this as a base for the agencies to get out amongst the public, approximately 50 people accessed services on the day and it is hoped this number will increase as community awareness grows.

The Interagency Tasking and Coordination Group are looking to continue the trial in other areas around Darwin and Palmerston as part of the Integrated Service Delivery Model.

Other agencies which may possibly contribute in future are the Department of Education & Training, Territory Housing, Department of Health & Families and local Councils.

Melville Island – Women’s Fishing Day!

This fishing tale about the women of the Indigenous Policing Development Division is told by Sergeant Rosanna Breed.

We were on the water by 6:00 a.m. and straight away Carter sang out a “Yickadee!!”

We all laughed, but poor old Chris (the boat ramp manager) jammed on the breaks up on the ramp and looked back (I’m sure he thought we were sinking).

“Off Duty” is a GS Marine Hydrocraft, just short of 7m, with ample room to dance, swing lines, rods and anchors.

Our designated positions aboard the boat were;

Skipper – Rosanna Breed

Skipper’s Mate – Lisa Burkenhagen,

Bait chic – Katarina Skene

Anchor chic’s – Dannielle Carter and Cianne Coleman

Deckhand – Jenny Roe

The destination was the south east side of Melville Island. We anchored in the middle of the creek just in from its mouth and within two minutes had our first fish in the boat, a lovely blue salmon. “Thanks for coming” was a phrase used frequently by Burkenhagen. Then again, another salmon, but this time courtesy of Kat.

Two fish in two minutes, how good is this?

Roe is in the water and yep she’s on, and so is Cianne with a “zippy little bugger.” But what they pull up is far from a lovely salmon... a stinking catfish and mongrel shark. Both safely released back into the water (albeit slightly concussed).

We moved up and down the creek, taking in the scenery before stopping near some snags for morning tea. Out came the mushrooms, olives, stuffed chilli, rice crackers, capsicum, hommus, cheese/chive twist sticks, mussels and cheese... Yummy.

Off again, we headed for Fisherman’s Dream, a narrow creek for a large boat, but we made it alright. With the anchor down we catch more fish; more salmon and some lovely ‘fingerprints.’ Well, that’s what CC called them, until she realised through her fellow fisherwomen’s big belly laughs, that they were in fact ‘finger marks’ otherwise known as snapper. Lunch time brought some chicken and salad wraps or rolls and a cool drink to wash it down. Nice!

When it came time to clean up our catch I ended up filleting about 20 salmon, gutted six fingerprints and left the cod a little longer, to make sure it was absolutely dead.

After Dannielle finally caught a fish, it

was time to head home. We cleared out of Fisherman’s Dream and made our way back to Leeder’s Creek.

A big storm had just passed through and some rather large gusts turned the calm water we had to pass through, to less than calm. CC yee-haa’d through some of the waves, Lisa reckoned she should’ve brought some goggles, and Katarina, well she just held on for dear life.

Our return journey took 30 minutes longer, but the joy of the day prevailed and it was time well spent amongst friends.



Background Sunrise at the mouth of Leeder’s Creek. Top Danielle Carter. Left Lisa Burkenhagen, Below the IPDD fisherwomen crew.

NTES Celebrate TiTree Opening

In December the Ti Tree Northern Territory Emergency Service, Volunteer Unit held an Official Opening for their refurbished training and operational Headquarters located next to the Ti Tree Police Station.

The unit was originally formed in 1984 but until recently had disbanded due to insufficient Volunteer numbers. Thanks to the dedicated work of Acting Sergeant Justin Harbour, the Volunteer Unit is now operational with 19 active Volunteers from the Ti Tree district.

“It’s only with the great help of the community volunteers, Geoff Grant our Unit Officer and Keith Lewis the Alice Springs Area Manager for the Northern Territory Emergency Service that this unit is where it is today” said Acting Sergeant Harbour during the opening.

Northern Territory Emergency Service, Alice Springs Area Manager Keith Lewis officially opened the Headquarters.

“Volunteer units are an essential part of first response to motor vehicle accidents, search and rescue and storm damage operations and I must highly commend



Justin, the volunteers and the Community in general for their hard work,” he said.

The opening was followed by a BBQ and the annual Ti Tree Police vs. Roadhouse Cricket Match.

The match came down to the wire with the Roadhouse team finally winning and a special mention to the umpires this year,

who even under great pressure, failed to take any bribes, well done.

The Ti Tree Volunteer unit meets fortnightly to train for all types of emergency situations. Anyone interested in becoming a Northern Territory Emergency Service Volunteer should contact their local unit.

Pictured left to right
**Constable Dean Elliot,
Unit Officer Geoff Grant,
Alice Springs Area
Manager Keith Lewis and
Sergeant Justin Harbour .**

Casuarina Police Beat

The Casuarina Police Beat Office was formally opened on 15 December 2008 by Acting Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour with the aims of combating anti-social behaviour and property crime in the Casuarina Shopping Precinct.

It provides a high-visibility, proactive police presence and is increasing the confidence of administrative stakeholders, retailers and the general public.

The Police Beat Office is staffed by four full time General Duties’ officers and two Auxiliaries assisting with front counter enquiries. These Police Beat members are additional resources – not sourced from or depleting staff numbers at other police stations.

They regularly patrol within Casuarina Shopping Square as well as patrolling the surrounding precinct – this includes liquor outlets, licensed venues, the Library, service station, food outlets, the Bus Exchange, Centrelink Office, retail shops, roads and footpaths.

It is clear from the volume of positive feedback received from the public, retailers and Casuarina Square management that the community feels safer since the opening of the Police Beat Office.

The two most common observations made to police by the public are:

Shoppers now feel far less likely to be harassed or intimidated when entering or leaving the area; and

The sight of an intoxicated person wandering the Casuarina Business Precinct is less common

The model presented by this successful Police Beat Office is set to be replicated in mid to late 2009 with similar police beats in Alice Springs, Nightcliff, Karama, Parap, Palmerston and the Bagot Community.

“We are very pleased with the results from the Police Beat Office to date, and continue to receive fantastic and positive feedback

from retailers and members of the public,”w said Superintendent Peter Gordon of Casuarina Police Station.

“By taking a partnership approach to an on-going problem through the Police Beat concept, we’ve seen a real drop in anti-social behaviour and at the same time we have the capability to be constantly proactive.

“The presence of Police Beat members across the precinct is very reassuring to retailers and visitors to the precinct. The members have a sense of ownership of the problems and of belonging to that community,” he said.



**Auxiliary Diana Barclay
enjoys working at the
front counter of the
Casuarina Police Beat.**



In The Spotlight – Director Forensic Science Branch

Director Forensic Science Branch, Mr Andy Telfer is relatively new to the agency and moved from South Australia to the NT in July 2008. The transition to the Territory has been smooth and Andy and his wife Ruth are thoroughly enjoying the Territorian life style, the warm climate and the opportunity to get outside and into the pool.

Andy was born in Fiji but has spent most of his life in Adelaide. He and Ruth have two daughters and two young grandsons in South Australia and Tasmania.

Andy has spent his whole career as a Police Officer in South Australia and has extensive knowledge and 18 years experience in crime scene examination and DVI work. Going from a Superintendent position with South Australia Police to a public servant role in the NT has taken Andy a little getting used to.

“Going from a sworn officer to a “Mr” is quite strange” he said.

Andy went through the South Australian Police Academy with NT Police Commissioner Paul White, who was two courses in front of him. He then spent two years on patrol after graduating at the age of 20, before getting into Forensics.

He was promoted to Inspector in 1991 and later to Superintendent as OIC Forensics and then spent four years doing corporate project work in areas such as road safety and workforce planning before moving to the Territory.

“I was lucky enough to get this job. It has given me a complete change of environment and also got me back into forensic science, it’s been a really good change and I’m enjoying Darwin and the agency,” he said.

Andy is excited at the chance to bring some new thoughts, ideas and stability to the branch.

“The branch is very committed to quality work and I aim to support the team to ensure resources are available to enable them to provide the quality they strive for.”

Career highlight so far?

I was involved with bomb response and bomb scene examination when I was given the opportunity to do a national bomb scene examination overseas study tour

with a forensic scientist from Melbourne. I visited such places as USA, UK, Northern Ireland, Israel and Germany. I then came back and helped establish the National bomb scene examination course. This was an opportunity of a life time.

Where did you grow up?

I was born in Fiji and at the age of eight moved to Victor Harbour and then Adelaide, South Australia.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

I had no specific ambition as such. I joined the Police Force partly because I didn’t know what else to do and it interested me. Policing provided me with opportunities I just wouldn’t be offered anywhere else. Once I got into crime scene investigation I realised this is what I wanted to do and from there I haven’t looked back.

What can’t you live without?

I probably should say that I couldn’t live without my wife, Ruth, after being together for 35 years. But life without good wine (and particularly red) would be pretty traumatic.

Favourite place?

The Flinders Ranges in South Australia. The peace and quiet, the magnificence of gum tree lined dry creeks, the changing colours of the ranges themselves makes this a fabulous place to be – and I go there most years for a week.

Your role model?

Career wise, my role model was Senior Sergeant Barry Cocks who was basically the father of forensic science in South Australia. He was very inspirational and reinforced the need to be really open-minded and fastidious. I respected his whole approach to forensic science.

The other would be Sandy Congdon, a colleague in the Forensic Science area in South Australia Police. He was a fantastic bloke and a very strategic thinker and was excellent in identifying and solving problems. It was a huge loss when he passed away from a brain tumour at a young age.

Interests?

Music, mainly classical and jazz, I have just joined the Darwin Chorale, which is involved in quite a few interesting musical events across Darwin. I am also quite involved in the Uniting Church at Nightcliff.

I enjoy cycling, my wife and I have a tandem bike, and we have done a few week trips through the Flinders Ranges, Victoria and Tasmania which were enjoyable and challenging at times.

Favourite read?

I’m not a big reader. I did enjoy the Robert Ludlum, Bourne series. I’m currently reading the autobiography of Kirsty Sword Gusmao.

What would you do if you won Lotto?

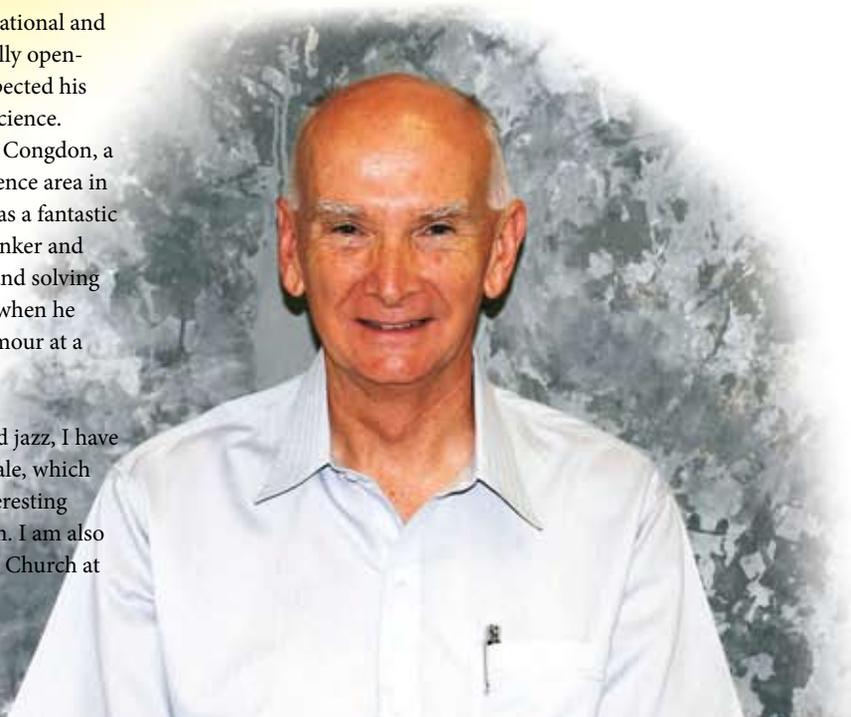
I would ask my wife to stop work and I would take my whole family on an overdue Disney land holiday which was promised 21 years ago.

Greatest achievement to date?

My greatest achievement would have to be being the DVI Commander in the team that worked in Bali after the bombings. DVI work is very different then normal crime scene work. Having the ability to support the identification process and be part of that process was an excellent experience.

This was the busiest time in my career but would have to be one of the best achievements. Building relationships and bringing victims and families back together is very unique and a very rewarding role.

Following on from the Bali Bombings, Australia and New Zealand made a lot of advances in DVI training and capability. At that time I was still Chair of the Australasian DVI Committee. The cooperation of states was fantastic and the Committee achieved quite a lot at that time. I believe I contributed to those achievements.



thanks and praise

In February the Yuendumu Health Centre Manager Bill Harvie, wrote to the Commissioner to praise Yuendumu Police for their assistance over the Australia Day weekend. **Sergeant Mark Malogorski** came to Mr Harvie's assistance after he bogged the clinic vehicle 15 kilometres outside of the community. Even after Sergeant Malogorski had been digging for a long time and the police vehicle also got bogged there was "no complaint from Mark just good positive support, hard work and an almost cheery approach that lifted [Mr Harvie's] feeling of "gloom". The situation didn't get any better when the council backhoe and grader also got bogged in the rescue efforts that night and the following day. Sergeant Malogorski and **Constable Mark Clemmens** worked tirelessly over the weekend to rectify the situation. "These blokes went above and beyond the call of duty," Mr Harvie said.

The Assistant Director of Public Prosecution (South), Nanette Rogers recognised **Detective Acting Sergeant Sachin Sharma's** "extraordinary eye for detail", professionalism and commitment in his role as Officer in Charge of various serious drug prosecution cases arising from the Police Operation "Felsite". Nanette said that Sachin's "hard work, dedication and enthusiasm are outstanding." In January, Acting Sergeant Sharma received a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his work in this operation.

Sheila Joshua, a member of the Minyerri Community and Councillor of the Never Never Council Ward wrote to the Commissioner in November to officially recognise the wonderful work of the Minyerri Police. "**Sergeant Martin Bound**, and federal agents **Morgan McPherson** and **Theo Tsavalas** have been very good to the Minyerri Community. They have helped us a lot and have always been there when needed. They have accepted our culture and traditions and have used what they have learnt to deal with our people. They are friendly and have made a lot of new friends here... the work they have done has made our community a much safer place," she said.

Stephen Kraunz wrote of his appreciation for the efforts of Constable Michael Kent. In the internet feedback form he writes "Constable Kent works out in Avon Downs and I was recently stuck there in the floods. I believe that Michael went far beyond his official responsibilities in his assistance. Furthermore, he carried out his duties with such remarkable professionalism and enthusiasm. I will forever be thankful for both his and his colleagues help."

Detective Senior Constable Timothy Lee and **Constable First Class Jonathon Spencer** have been recognised by the Commissioner for their dedication and commitment during a murder investigation. In their letters, the Commissioner recognised the thoroughness of their investigation and the high quality of their paper work that contributed in securing a conviction for murder.

Detective Sergeant Clint Sims, Detective Sergeant Ivana Young, Senior Constable Ken Bradshaw and **Constable Mathew Unwin** were recognised for their important roles during "Operation Metis." The Operation targeted an established criminal network involved in the distribution of dangerous drugs in South Australia and the Northern Territory. Twelve offenders were arrested and commercial quantities of Cannabis, LSD, MDMA and Ketamine as well as \$200 000 worth of cash and property were seized.

In December the Members of "Operation Headland" were awarded for their excellent efforts in targeting outlaw Motorcycle Gang members in Alice Springs for offences of assault, extortion and perverting the course of justice.

Similarly the **Commanders Tactical Team** in Darwin was also awarded for the successful "Operation Metallah." Over a four day period nine offenders were arrested, 10 search warrants were executed, seven stolen motor vehicles were recovered as well as \$300 000 worth of stolen property.

The **Joint Emergency Service Communication Centre** received a Certificate of Appreciation in December for the role their personnel played in response to a

life-threatening incident involving a woman armed with a firearm. The certificate read that "all call communicators involved in this matter acted in an exemplary manner while communicating with the distressed woman under very difficult circumstances. The professionalism of the Call communicators was recognised by the Territory Coroner and reflects well on the reputation of Joint Emergency Service Communication Centre."

The **Police Negotiation Unit** also received a certificate of Appreciation for their actions and professionalism during this incident and was commended by the Territory Coroner.

Police Auxiliary Judy – Anne Tipper received a personal letter of recognition for acting in a calm and professional manner throughout the very difficult situation. Her actions were recognised by the Territory Coroner who said that she "did everything [she] possibly could" and the Commissioner added that her actions "under very difficult circumstances were highly commendable."

Congratulations to Tahnee Afuhaamango who was the NT representative in the Australian team that participated in the 4th World Down Syndrome Swimming Championships held in November 2008 in Portugal. Tahnee was given Officer Malu as a mascot from Sergeant Garry Casey, a family friend. Tahnee was very successful in her events winning seven gold medals, two silver and setting six world records and was named overall World Female Champion.



