

# THE ENJOYABLE SIDE TO POLICE WORK...

## AFP stand seen by 100,000 Show visitors

The AFP went on display for more than 100,000 people recently — through its extensive stand at the annual three-day Royal Canberra Show.

"In many ways it was the most representative display we've staged," said principal organiser, Acting Sergeant Frank Gannell, OIC of the Safety Education Unit.

The huge 27 metres by 12 metres display area featured:

- Search and rescue
- The Australian Bomb Data Centre
- Traffic
- Communications
- Coastal surveillance
- Safety education
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Crime prevention (including such things as home security and a special stand for the ACT Drug Squad).
- A mini-theatrette and a mini-bicycle centre.

"The kids loved it," Acting Sergeant Gannell said. "Particularly such special stands as the fingerprint centre and the film theatrette where we showed a variety of road safety, crime prevention and educational films.

"We estimate that something like 20,000 children queued to have their prints put on cards as souvenirs."

Other novel approaches, most of them new innovations, that also proved popular, were displays of AFP uniforms and insignia, pictorial collections of AFP members on duty in Cyprus, and displays of

poisons, poisonous plants and spiders.

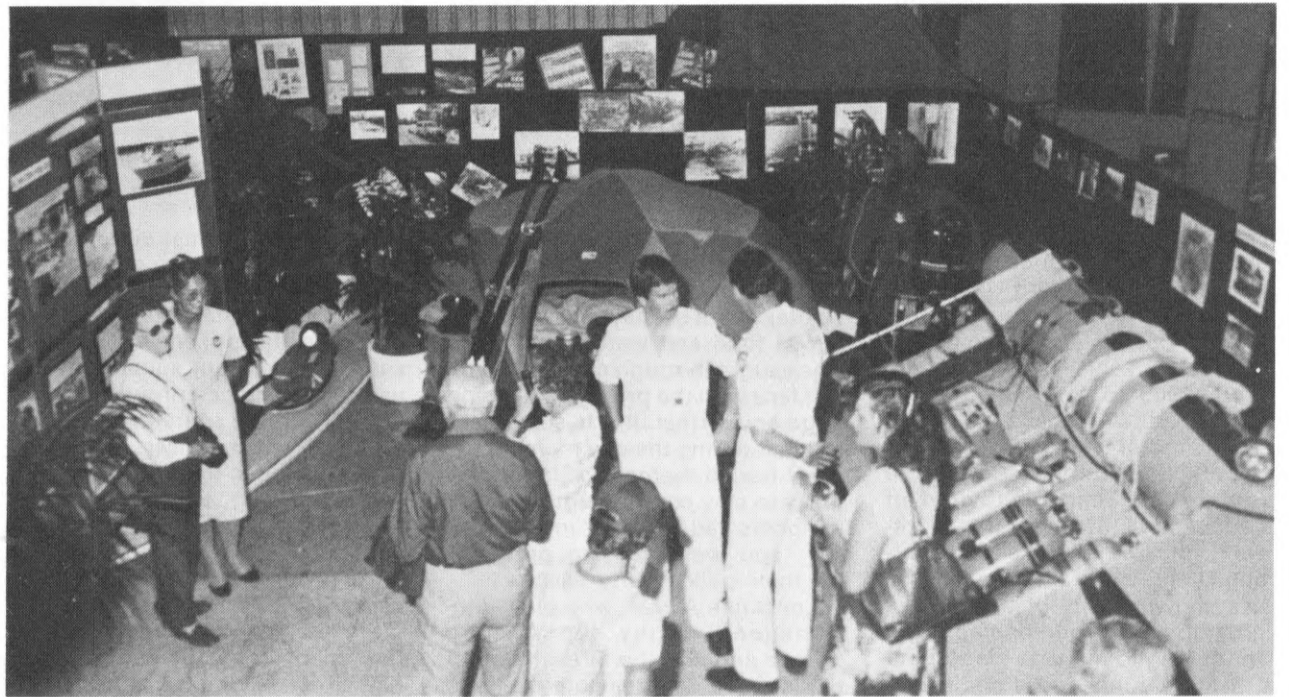
And there was no doubt about the interest shown in the Drug Squad's display of well developed cannabis plants.

"It's a great way to show the flag," Acting Sergeant Gannell emphasised. "And the public appreciated it."

The stands were manned in shifts throughout the three days from 8 am until 11pm.



• Children attending Royal Canberra Show crammed the AFP display to see how their fingerprints looked.



• The AFP stand at the show proved of interest to many adults, as well as the youngsters.



• Interested young show-goers find Police education films very much to their liking.



• A particularly popular exhibit was this police patrol motorcycle. Below, road safety explained for younger cyclists.

