

CHRISTMAS

- The AFP's community policing role in the ACT is well known. But a lesser-known one has members serving a community function far from Australia's shores, on...

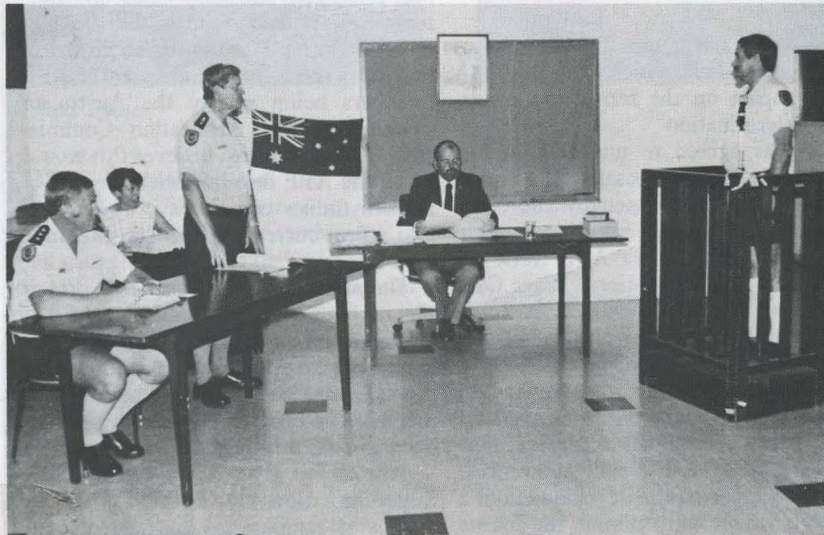


- All types of duties, from policing to Customs and Immigration fall to the AFP members on Christmas Island. Sergeant Kathy Burdett carries out Immigration duties at the Island's airport.

Christmas Island has been under Australian sovereignty for 27 years and the history of policing began there in 1898. Today, three members are seconded to serve with the island's police force. However, changes involving local staff are likely to mean increased postings.



- Senior Constable Denis Kroezen watches as First Constable Hardial Singh, a locally engaged member of the Christmas Island Police Force, works hand-held radar equipment.



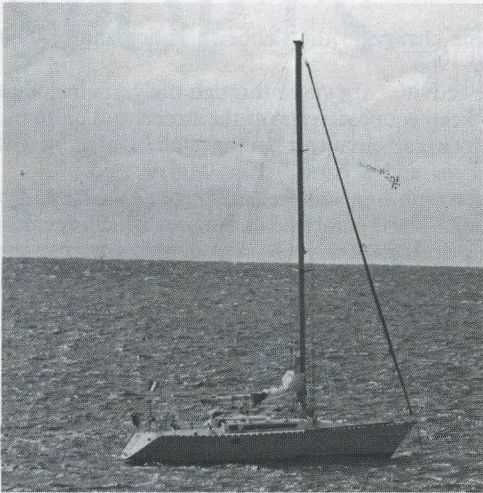
- Left: Court appearances are a regular part of the routine for, from left, Inspector Vic Young, Superintendent Alan Cockcroft and Magistrate Mr Eion MacDonald. Constable Peter Johnson, on temporary secondment from Perth, gives evidence from the box.



- Left: Sergeant Kathy Burdett conducts a driving test with a motorcycle rider.

- Inspector Young and Senior Constable Kroezen man the island's Community Services Sea Rescue launch.

AND NORFOLK ISLANDS



- An inquiry with international implications occurred for members on Norfolk Island with the visit of the yacht 'Ouvea', alleged to be linked with a Rainbow Warrior sinking in New Zealand. The yacht is pictured on its return from NZ.



The AFP provides the major policing function on Norfolk Island. The role is not a large one, but members who serve on the island gain experience in all aspects of policing in a small community.



- ABOVE: A small 'haul' of cannabis sativa found growing in a garden on the island.

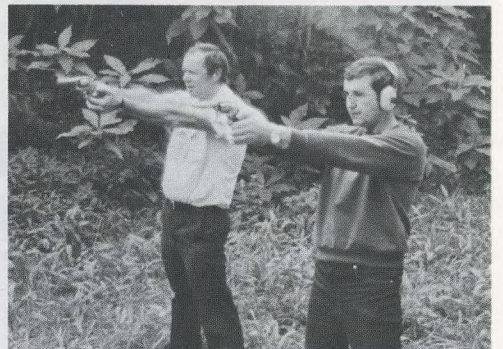
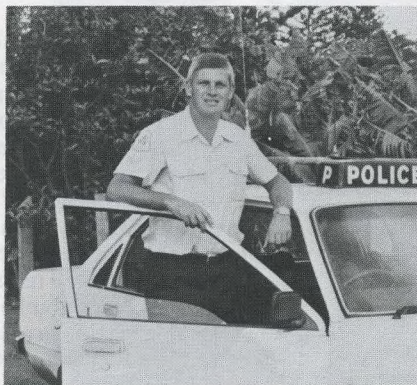


- ABOVE RIGHT: Senior Sergeant Paul MacIntosh with the Chief Minister of the Island's Government, the Hon. David Buffett.



- Ideal relaxation when off duty. This snapper weighed in at 12½ kg and was raffled at the local RSL club.

- RIGHT: Highways are very few and far between on Christmas Island, as Senior Sergeant Paul MacIntosh, left, and Special Constable Ricky Quintal know only to well.



LEFT: Senior Constable Ian Standish.

- ABOVE: Senior Constable Dennis Murray and Senior Sergeant MacIntosh brush up on their weaponry.