

## OPERATION BULLET

**D**URING November 1986 AFP received information that 7.62mm military ammunition was being distributed through local gun shops.

Subsequent raids led to the recovery of 5000 rounds of ammunition.

Further investigation revealed that 15000 rounds of ammunition had allegedly been supplied by a serving member of the RAAF. A joint AFP and RAAF police search was made of the RAAF person's home where it is alleged further 7.62mm ammunition was recovered along with 54 empty ammunition boxes. Investigating officers allege that an Aladdin's cave of stolen RAAF property was discovered. They claim that 2.5 tonnes of stolen property was found and seized.

The offender had been due for discharge and had allegedly accumulated a vast stock of items for use on his 'retirement farm'.

Needless to say charges of stealing Commonwealth property were laid.

## BASKETBALLERS ACCUSED OF TRAVELLING

**T**HE big event for basketballers in Central Region in 1986 was the Australian National Police Championships which were held in Adelaide in November. About 250 Police Officers from South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Northern Territory FEDPOL and for the first time, police from New Zealand were represented. The competition ran for five days and included both men's and women's teams. The AFP was represented by men's and women's sides from the ACT and a further women's side from



*Boomps-a-daisy in Adelaide. Peter Perkins of ACT Traffic goes for the basket, while Peter Barrett of Central's Drug Unit (12) keeps his eye on the ball.*

Sydney. The men's competition was of a high standard and the AFP showed a great determination in the games considering the three Central Region players Jim Cooper, Peter Barrett and Mike Velickovic had not played together with our ACT boys before.

Both the ACT and Sydney women fought hard in their respective games and all players were a credit to the AFP.

Although the standings of the AFP teams at the end of the championships was not high, we have a unique problem of physical geographical location when trying to pick our best side. The amount of liaison and goodwill between police forces provided by these events was terrific. There was no more evident than when Central Region AFP threw on a keg and barbecue which gave Central Region members not participating a chance to meet other members from

different regions of the AFP.

Apparently the word leaked out, and later that evening it was noted that a number of members from different police forces had 'infiltrated' the area making the night a great success. The title was won in both men's and women's division by the Victoria Police. Our congratulations go to them.

On the local scene the AFP Central Region continue in their local weekly eight team competition against the South Australian Police and SA Fire Brigade. AFP involvement in this competition has gone on for over four years and all members look forward to their battle with the 'locals' each week. The highlight for the AFP least season was the success of Peter Barrett, Drug Unit, in being selected as 'best and fairest' and 'top point scorer' for the 1986 season. Well done.



The Region's youngest and oldest members, Norm Mason and Mike Schultz.

Detective Senior Sergeant Norm Mason is 59 years in May. He has over 20 years service in the AFP and former Commonwealth Police. Prior to that he had 14 years with British and African police forces. His wealth of knowledge in the intelligence area will be missed by the AFP when he retires in 1988.

First Constable Mike Schultz is 25 years and has been a member of the AFP for five years. Mike is currently undergoing detective training and is attached to the Fraud and General Crime Branch.