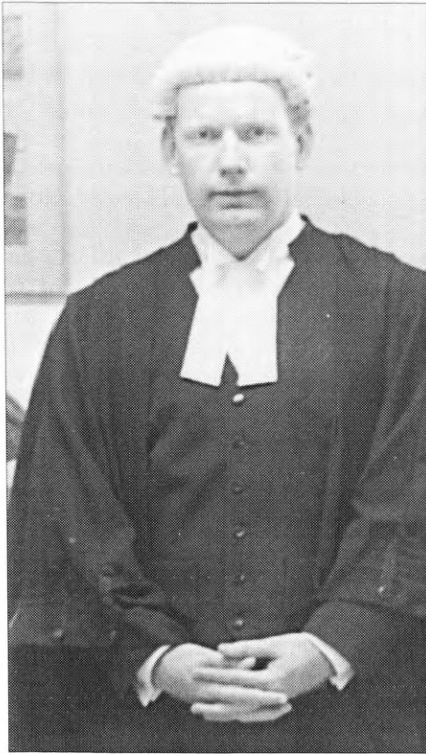


SENIOR CONSTABLE McCOWAN — BARRISTER-AT-LAW

by Senior Constable Ray Bedford



ON 27 April 1987, Senior Constable Paul McCowan, Legal Services Section, Northern Region realised his ambition for which he has worked very hard. On that day he was admitted as a Barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland.

Paul joined the former Commonwealth Police in 1978 after having worked in the banking industry.

'The work was mundane and I desperately needed a change,' he said. 'I've never looked back since taking up a career in law enforcement.'

Paul's first posting was Sydney Airport where he began and developed his love of flying. In 1979 he joined the New South Wales Police Aero Club with the ultimate aim of gaining a pilot's licence. By 1980 Paul's tenacity to achieve saw him obtaining his unrestricted pilot's licence and he gave serious consideration to pursuing a career as an airline pilot once he achieved his commercial pilot's licence. A career with the airline industry as a pilot was not to eventuate; he

developed an ear complaint which is aggravated by prolonged flying. Paul, however, continues to fly and maintains his unrestricted licence.

Paul transferred to Northern Region and in 1983 successfully completed the Stage III Detective Course and was subsequently designated as a Detective. Paul became extremely interested in law and he commenced formal studies in law in 1983 by enrolling as a Student-at-Law with the Barristers Board of Queensland. He transferred from Criminal Investigation into the Legal Services Section and in April 1986 was appointed a Criminal Adjudicator. In 1987 he successfully completed all his subjects to such a high standard that he was awarded Honours by the Board for his efforts.

On being admitted to the Bar, Paul said: 'I feel very proud today and I'm very appreciative to the AFP for all their assistance in what I have achieved today.'

We in the AFP are proud of Paul's achievement. ●

SECURITY WELL COVERED AT EXPO '88

by Senior Constable Ray Bedford



Senior Constables Carmel Selva and Ray Bedford, of Northern Region, with Expo Oz, another platypus. Expo Oz is the mascot for Expo 88 in Brisbane. In the background is the 2.4 km monorail which will run within the Expo grounds. Across the Brisbane River is downtown Brisbane. Photo by Senior Constable Mike Butcher.

BRISBANE will host World Expo '88, claimed to be the first international exposition in the Southern Hemisphere this century.

Expo '88 will commence in April 1988 and conclude in the following October, a six month non-stop festival of the world's

finest artists, attractions, parades and events involving the diverse cultures of about thirty different countries and the expertise of around thirty corporations.

The theme of Expo '88 is 'Leisure in the Age of Technology' with events and attractions revolving around that theme.

Security at such an international event poses a major concern to the Expo Authority. Chief Superintendent Bob Gillespie, Commander, Northern Region, a member of the Expo Security Planning Committee said: 'Every possible threat is being covered by contingency plans.'

'The AFP involvement will include the provision of VIP protection, security at Brisbane Airport, intelligence liaison with State Police and government intelligence organisations and necessary assistance to the Australian pavilion and associated Commonwealth Departments,' Chief Superintendent Gillespie said. 'There will be more than sixty Queensland Police officers assisted by Australian Federal Police as required operating from an on-site police station, and facilities have been made available to the AFP.'

Apart from the on-site police station there will be a fire station and three fully staffed medical centres. Exhibiting nations will be able to provide their own security in their pavilions.

Chief Superintendent Gillespie, who was the AFP coordinator for the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane in 1982 said: 'Expo will be an invaluable liaison medium between all concerned organisations, and yet another opportunity for both police departments to interact and cooperate with each other.' ●