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(FRONT COVER)

Const. Mark Foley (Southern Region) forges ahead of Detective Chief Inspector Nigel Hadgkiss (Eastern Region) within metres of the finish line in the gruelling 10km run in the AFP Games in Melbourne.

Fittingly, both athletes were awarded gold medals for their performances because they were competing in different age categories. Foley was first home in the Open and Hadgkiss was first over the line in the 35-39 age grouping. (Picture by Keith Livingston)

The Platypus has been adopted by the Australian Federal Police as a symbol representing the diverse requirements placed upon members in the execution of their duty. This unique and tenacious little Australian mammal is a survivor against increasing pressure from today's environment. It leaves no stone unturned in its daily pursuits and has equipped itself with a range of features to adapt to changes over many years. It is capable of passing unnoticed, if required, yet demonstrates an unflinching dedication to explore all possibilities in an effort to maintain its special place in Australia's wildlife, at times against large and more powerful opponents — a quality admired and respected by members of the Australian Federal Police.



MAJOR INTERNATIONAL DRUG IMPORTATION STOPPED

The AFP made raids and arrests in Sydney on Friday, October 21, in connection with an alleged attempt to import 43.5 kilograms of high grade heroin from Hong Kong. This intelligence was developed from the AFP's overseas liaison officer network. The operation was a particularly protracted one in close co-operation with the Royal Hong Kong Police. Following the AFP's action the RHKP conducted similar raids and at the time of going to press the AFP had charged seven people and 13 were charged in Hong Kong.

The Justice Minister, Senator Michael Tate, wrote to the Commissioner as follows:

25 October 1988

My Dear Commissioner

Following the weekend's highly successful completion to the joint Australian Federal Police — Royal Hong Kong police operation, I wish to place on record my congratulations to the AFP in general, and, in particular, to the team of officers directly involved.

As I have publicly stated, the operation was a first class example of the new direction in which you have been taking the Australian Federal Police in the ongoing battle against organised crime and drug trafficking in particular. The level of international and inter-agency co-operation was, to my mind, a most satisfying aspect.

I would be pleased if you would pass on to Assistant Commissioner Peter Lamb and the officers of the International Division, and in particular, Detective Inspector Cliff Foster, my personal congratulations for the fine work displayed through the many long months of the operation. You might also convey my congratulations to the liaison officers in Manila, Bangkok and Hong Kong who were deeply involved in its success.

I am delighted that this major success has been given the credit it deserves and I am sure that the praise will be an inspiration to the dedicated men and women of the Australian Federal Police.

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