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## INTRODUCTION

The year under review saw the retirement of Mr M. T. Wood, M.V.O., M.B.E., Q.P.M., as Commissioner of Police, on the 5th June, 1979, and my appointment firstly as Acting Commissioner on the 6th June, 1979, and then Commissioner on the 17th October, 1979.

Two notable achievements during the year were the acquisition of two Police helicopters and the formation of the Dog Squad. I am confident that these two units will prove of immense value so far as Police efficiency is concerned and will be of great assistance to Police in their efforts to apprehend offenders.

Compared to 1978, the total number of crimes reported to Police in 1979 increased by only 0.7 per cent. It is also pleasing to report that the overall clear-up rate increased from 28 per cent to 30 per cent.

I continued to receive a high degree of support throughout 1979 from both my senior Police Officers and the Public Service staff under the Secretary, Mr P. A. Bowmer. Also, the support of the general public, other Government Authorities, private organizations and the news media deserves recognition and to all concerned I extend my sincere appreciation.

I have much pleasure in presenting the Police Department Annual Report for the year 1979.

JAMES T. LEES,

Commissioner.

## PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FORCE

M. T. WOOD, M.V.O., M.B.E., Q.P.M., Commissioner (until 5th June, 1979).

J. T. LEES, Q.P.M., Deputy Commissioner (until 5th June, 1979) Acting Commissioner 6th June, 1979, Commissioner 17th October, 1979.

B. K. DOYLE, Q.P.M., Dip. Crim., Senior Assistant Commissioner (until 5th October, 1979).

R. E. WHITELOW, Q.P.M., Assistant Commissioner (until 13th November, 1979) Senior Assistant Commissioner.

R. C. HYDE, Q.P.M., Assistant Commissioner (Traffic) (until 30th March, 1979).

B. D. TAYLOR, Q.P.M., Assistant Commissioner (General) (until 13th November, 1979) Assistant Commissioner (Traffic).

K. C. JENSEN, Q.P.M., Assistant Commissioner (Personnel).

J. J. E. BLACK, Q.P.M., Assistant Commissioner (Crime) (until 14th November, 1979) Assistant Commissioner (Industrial and Services).

C. R. ABBOTT, Q.P.M., Assistant Commissioner (Crime) 14th November, 1979.

W. A. R. ALLEN, Q.P.M., Assistant Commissioner (General) 14th November, 1979.

## PUBLIC SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

P. A. BOWMER, B.Ec., A.A.S.A., Secretary.

I. R. ROE, Deputy Secretary.

E. C. J. STEVENS, Assistant Secretary (Administration).

M. V. MATLEY, Assistant Secretary (Executive Assistant to the Commissioner).

J. W. BERNARD, A.A.S.A. (sen.), A.C.I.S., Assistant Secretary (Finance).

R. G. BROWNE, A.S.T.C., A.A.I.B., Assistant Secretary (Properties).

F. B. SMEE, Assistant Secretary (Special Projects and Services).

## SECTION 1

## PERSONNEL

During 1979 the authorized strength of the Police Force was increased by 213 units.

In conjunction with the increase in strength, the following additions to the commissioned officer and non-commissioned officers establishments were approved:

Superintendents .. .. .	1
Senior Inspectors .. .. .	1
Inspectors .. .. .	7
Sergeants 1st Class .. .. .	17
Sergeants 2nd Class .. .. .	2
Sergeants 3rd Class .. .. .	29

## STRENGTHS—CONSTABULARY

	Authorized strength	Actual strength	Under strength	Over strength
Strength as at 1-1-79 .. .. .	8 903	8 869	34	
Increase in authorized strength .. .. .	213	508		
Increase in actual strength .. .. .		9 377		
Retirements (Statutory Age) .. .. . 57				
Discharged medically unfit .. .. . 42				
Dismissals .. .. . 19		-286		
Resignations .. .. . 156				
Deaths .. .. . 12				
Strength as at 31-12-79 .. .. .	9 116	9 091	25	

## Resignations

During 1979, 156 Police resigned for the following reasons:

Other employment .. .. .	81
Personal and domestic reasons .. .. .	50
Overseas travel .. .. .	3
To join other Police Forces .. .. .	3
Medical .. .. .	4
No reason given .. .. .	15
	<u>156</u>

## Strengths—Ancillary Categories—As at 31st December, 1979

Police Cadets .. .. .	12
Junior Trainees .. .. .	73
Parking Patrol Officers .. .. .	265
Security Officers .. .. .	68
Matrons .. .. .	5
Bandmaster .. .. .	1
Bandsmen (Special Constables) .. .. .	26
Choirmaster .. .. .	1
	<u>451</u>

**Public Service Categories (Actual)—As at 31st December, 1979**

Administrative and Clerical .. .. .	452
Clerical Assistants and Telephonists .. .. .	353
General Division .. .. .	62
Professional .. .. .	5
Special .. .. .	2
Stenographers .. .. .	158
Terminal and Machine Operators .. .. .	110
Typists .. .. .	387
Computer Operators .. .. .	6
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**Recruiting**

During the year, 3 423 persons made application to join the New South Wales Police Force. Of this number, 1 045 satisfied all physical and educational requirements and their names were added to the list for "call up" as vacancies occur.

**Training**

The year 1979 marked the introduction of a most significant training concept; the Statewide Divisional On-the-Job Training Programme. The programme was designed to provide all Police throughout the State with up-to-date information on a uniformly structured basis at fortnightly lectures of 40 minutes duration at 96 centres throughout New South Wales. These sessions are conducted by trained lecturers and are based on material researched and compiled at the Police Academy. To date, 16 topics have been researched, notes in respect of which have been distributed to Police for study and reference purposes.



Police Passing Out Parade.

## Courses Conducted at the New South Wales Police Academy

*Initial Training Course*—Four Initial Training Courses were conducted and a total of 515 persons, including 29 women, were attested as Probationary Constables.

*Secondary Training Course*—Eight Secondary Training Courses were conducted involving a total of 625 Probationary Constables, including 19 women.

*Junior Trainee Course*—In January, 1979, a programme was introduced to train young men of pre-Police age in Basic Law and Police Practice and Procedures to better enable them to operate usefully at Police Stations and Branches prior to entering the Initial Training Course at 19 years of age.

Of a total of 148 Junior Trainees, 74 graduated to be trained in conjunction with adult recruits. Also, during 1979, 51 Police Cadets were attested, leaving only 8 to be sworn in in 1980. This will mark the finish of the Police Cadet Corps system.

*Sergeants' Course*—A total of 20 classes were conducted involving 400 personnel.

*Senior Sergeants' Course*—A new course for Sergeants 1st Class was introduced during 1979, 3 classes involving 60 Police being held. The course is a modified version of the former Senior Police Course, is of 8 weeks duration and includes 2 weeks in residence at a Service establishment.

Prior to the introduction of the Senior Sergeants' Course, 1 Senior Police Course was conducted with 22 persons attending.

*Detectives' Training Course*—Three Detectives' Training Courses were held and 100 persons attended. Included in that number were 3 personnel from other organizations, the Public Transport Commission, Australia Post and the Department of the Army.

*Policewomen's Course*—One Policewomen's Course, comprising 11 personnel, was conducted by the Detectives' Course personnel. This course has now been discontinued.

*Methods of Instruction and Induction and Training Officers' Course*—Fourteen courses were conducted and 100 persons trained. This number included 3 Policewomen, a Sergeant from the Northern Territory Police and an Officer of the Corporate Affairs Commission.

*Driver Training School, St Ives*—During the year 1 822 Police were tested or trained at the Police Driver Training School. Also personnel from Australia Post, the Australian Federal Police, Australian Narcotics Bureau and the Forestry Department were trained to instructional level with a view to instructing within their own Departments.

During the year Instructors from the School visited many organizations, such as car clubs, service organizations, private firms and business concerns and delivered addresses on safe and defensive driving. Additionally, numerous clubs and high schools visited the Police Driver Training School. This activity is seen as a very worthwhile contribution to road safety.

## Overseas Visits

Superintendent W. B. Ross and Inspector J. D. Lewis visited the United Kingdom from 5th to 19th October, 1979, for the purpose of studying the latest developments in computerized command and control systems. Inspector Lewis also examined Police communications establishments in the United Kingdom, West Germany and Sweden from 20th October to 7th November, 1979.

Detective Sergeant 1st Class K. S. Astill attended the 20th International Drug Conference held in Hawaii from 27th September, to 4th October, 1979. The Detective Sergeant addressed the Conference on the narcotics situation in Australia.

Detective Sergeant 1st Class J. B. Whelan accompanied Mr Justice Woodward of the New South Wales Royal Commission into Drug Trafficking, in a visit to Bangkok and Hong Kong from 12th November to 6th December, 1979 to assist the Judge in his inquiries.



Detective Sergeant 2nd Class R. M. Armstrong visited the United States of America, Canada, Great Britain and West Germany between 31st August and 29th October, 1979, to evaluate the methods of training and investigation of computer-related crime.

Sergeant 2nd Class W. D. B. Smith and Mr C. Cantor, Senior Systems Officer, Police Planning and Research Branch, visited New Zealand from 5th to 12th July, 1979, to study the computerized "Store and Forward" message switching system.

Sergeant 3rd Class K. H. Hofer visited the United States of America from 12th October to 19th November, 1979 to examine the Kustom KR-II radar system. The Sergeant received in-service training on the equipment and witnessed practical demonstrations of the radar units in operation.



Commissioner presenting an award at a Police Passing Out Parade.



## **Disciplinary Action**

During 1979 the number of Police departmentally charged with breaches of the Police Rules and Instructions was 60 and court proceedings were instituted against 27 members of the Force for criminal offences.

## **Appeals to Crown Employees' Appeal Board**

Thirty-two members lodged appeals with the Crown Employees' Appeal Board against departmental punishment imposed for breaches of discipline. Nineteen Police were dismissed, penalty confirmed, whilst a further 3 were dismissed but, on the recommendation of the Appeal Board, the members concerned were permitted to resign in lieu of dismissal. The penalty was varied in relation to 6 other matters and a further 3 appeals were withdrawn and struck out. One appeal was still pending at the end of the year.

## **Police Regulation (Allegations of Misconduct) Act, 1978**

Six departmental charges, involving 5 members of the Service, were heard and determined by the Police Tribunal of New South Wales. Of the 6 charges, 4 were found proven whilst the remaining 2 charges were dismissed. In relation to the 2 charges against the one member, one was found proven and the other dismissed.

Four appeals were lodged with the Review Division of the Appeals Tribunal which resulted in one being dismissed and two withdrawn and struck out. The remaining matter was still pending at the end of the year.

## **Police Killed or who Died from Injuries received in the Execution of their Duty**

*Constable Gordon Peter Patrech*—On the 10th January, 1979, whilst returning home from duty, Constable Patrech was killed in a collision with a garbage truck in the street of his residence.

*Sergeant 1st Class John Thomas Colbert*—At 1.20 a.m. on 11th March, 1979, Sergeant 1st Class Colbert, Officer in Charge, Kingsgrove, was struck by a passing motor vehicle as he was about to enter the driver's side of a Police vehicle. The Sergeant had been questioning the occupants of two panel vans who had been acting suspiciously.

## **Improvement in Service Conditions**

The Police Regulation (Superannuation and Appeals) Amendment Act was proclaimed to commence on 21st November, 1979. The Act makes provision for Police, who resigned or retired and are subsequently disabled as a result of an injury on duty whilst a member of the Force, to be paid benefits from the Police Superannuation Fund.

## *Overtime*

When Police are required to work extensive periods of overtime and such periods wholly or partially encompass an officer's next rostered shift, payment is made for the portion of the shift so worked at the rate of half time extra.

## *New South Wales Police Force Suggestion Awards Scheme*

Cash awards may now be made to members of the Force who submit suggestions regarding matters affecting the operations of the Force or the procedures of the department.

## *Plainclothes Police*

Police who normally perform duty in plainclothes are now permitted to wear open neck shirts with sportscoats.

### Allowances

During 1979 travelling allowance, vehicle allowance in respect of Police using their private vehicles on Police duty and the expense allowance paid to Superintendents and Inspectors were increased.

### Maternity Leave

Policewomen were granted similar maternity leave conditions as those applying to female Public Servants.

### Annual Leave

Police were granted additional leave to a maximum of one week in respect of the number of Sundays and public holidays worked during a calendar year.

### Police Pensioners

Pensioners who declined any increases to their pensions in the past can now apply for their full entitlement. Also pensioners can apply to have their pensions decreased if they desire to claim Commonwealth Fringe Benefits.

## SECTION 2

## CRIME

The total number of crimes reported in New South Wales during 1979 was 184 015, which represents an increase of 1 198 (0.7 per cent) over the previous year. However, taking into account population increase, the crime rate remained virtually static; 3 649 crimes being committed for each 100 000 people in 1979 compared to 3 648 in 1978. The overall clear-up rate for crime increased from 28 per cent in 1978 to 30 per cent in 1979.

A comparison of accepted crime in the major classifications for 1979 against those of 1978 is as follows:

## I. Using Absolute Figures

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## II. Using Crime Rates per 100 000 Persons

								Change in rate per 100 000 persons per cent	Total number
<i>Increases</i>									
Offences against the person	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.71	8 144
Motoring offences (Crimes Act)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.15	395
Offences involving fraud	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7.00	14 322
Drug offences	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19.81	9 380
Other offences	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.36	25 749
<i>Decreases</i>									
Sexual offences	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4.09	1 454
Property breakings	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28.21	50 256
Theft without violation of premises (excluding motor vehicle thefts)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.90	74 315

### Trends in Crime

#### *Murder*

During 1979 there were 97 accepted reports of murder, an increase of one compared to 1978. The clear-up rate was 90 per cent compared to 94 per cent the previous year. At the end of the 1979 calendar year, 10 murder cases remained unsolved.

There was a 100 per cent clear-up rate in respect of accessory to or conspiracy to murder (7 reports) and attempted murder (42 reports).

#### *Larceny*

There was a slight increase in the accepted reports of all forms of larceny during 1979; 74 315 compared to 73 943 in 1978. However, the clear-up rate increased from 18 per cent in 1978 to 20 per cent in 1979.

#### *Property Breaking*

In 1979 there were 50 256 reports of property breaking as against 51 354 the previous year. The clear-up rate increased by 1 per cent to 11 per cent compared to the 1978 figures.

#### *Arson*

There were 973 cases of arson reported in 1979 compared to 869 reports in 1978. However, the clear-up rate improved from 18 per cent to 19 per cent.

#### *Drug Offences*

A stable level was maintained during 1979 so far as the clear-up of drug offences was concerned. The total number of reports of 9 380 with a clear-up of 9 144 resulted in an overall clear-up percentage of 97 per cent, compared with 98 per cent in 1978. There was an increase of 1 052 reports from 1978 to 1979 but there was also an increase of 985 clear-ups recorded during 1979.

#### *Armed Hold-ups*

Statistics for 1979 reveal that there were 525 reports of armed hold-up with 175 being cleared up (33 per cent). The figures for 1978 were 605 and 220 respectively (36 per cent). However, using crime rates per population figures, the year 1979 disclosed that there were only 1 041 reports per 100 000 persons compared to 1 207 in 1978.

### *Sexual Offences*

Sexual offences of all types ranging from carnal knowledge, indecent assault (female), incest, homosexual offences, indecent assault on child, offences against public decency or sexual morality, rape and attempted rape totalled 1 454 with 912 being cleared up, 62 per cent. In 1978 there were 1 650 reports and 1 088 cleared up, 66 per cent. However, again using population figures, statistics disclose that for every 100 000 persons there was an increase in the number of reports from 1978 to 1979, the figures being 32.92 and 28.83 respectively.

It is interesting to note that for 1979, per every 100 000 of population, the number of reports is the lowest since 1971.

### *Theft of Motor Vehicles*

Motor vehicle thefts continued to rise slightly, 31 715 reports in 1979 as against 29 323 in 1978. However, in 1979 there were 27 080 stolen vehicles recovered compared to 23 984 in 1978, an increase of 6 per cent.

### *Crimes of Interest*

As an example of the differing types of work performed and investigations carried out by Police, recorded hereunder are details of the more serious occurrences in 1979:

#### *Attempted Hi-jacking*

The incident related to the attempted hi-jacking of a Pan American Boeing 747 aircraft at Sydney Airport on 4th April, 1979. An offender, Domenico Speranza, took a female hostage from the passenger area at the International Airport at knifepoint and placed her aboard the aircraft, which was still stationary at an air bridge prior to departure. Speranza was armed with two home-made bombs, one consisting of a beer can loaded with gun powder and a fuse and the other the size of a cigarette packet which he had in his shirt pocket.

Speranza made demands to be flown to Rome so that he could see the Pope and the head of the Italian Communist Party, then for the aircraft to take him to Moscow. It was apparent that Speranza was mentally unstable. Negotiations continued for some time until an assault team was formed following the escape of the hostage. A pressure hose was used in an attempt to prevent Speranza detonating the bombs. However, it was necessary during the operation to shoot the offender, who died later the same day.

The risks involved in this operation were immense, the slightest miscalculation by the Police concerned would have resulted in a disaster of great magnitude. It certainly would have destroyed the aircraft and part of the International Terminal if the bombs had been detonated.

#### *Armed Hold-up and Siege*

On 7th August, 1979, a violent criminal, Gordon Pierce Thomas, engaged a taxi cab at Double Bay and forced the driver at gunpoint to accompany him to the Bondi Branch of the Commercial Banking Company, where Thomas committed an armed hold-up and stole the sum of \$38,000. Thomas drove from the scene in the stolen taxi and a short time later abandoned the vehicle at Rose Bay. He then took refuge in a top storey apartment and fired several shots at a number of uniform Police who traced him to the premises.

The premises were surrounded by Police and a siege developed when Thomas refused repeated requests to surrender. For a period of 2½ hours he repeatedly fired at Police with a .22 calibre pistol and a sawn-off shotgun. He claimed that he was armed with 10 sticks of gelignite and would detonate the explosives if Police attempted to enter the premises. Tear gas was fired into the premises and a further request was made for Thomas to surrender. This request was met by the offender firing a fusillade of shots at the Police.

A short time later a Special Weapons and Operation Squad assault team, led by Detective Sergeant W. Bull, entered the apartment where Thomas had taken refuge. Detective Sergeant Bull was confronted by Thomas and in the affray the Detective Sergeant received a serious gunshot wound to the abdomen. Shortly following this, Thomas received a fatal wound to the head.

At the time of this happening Thomas was wanted for a similar type of offence committed at the same bank on 11th June, 1979, and for several offences where firearms were used.

### *Gaol Disturbance*

On 7th September, 1979 information was received that a large number of prisoners at Parramatta Gaol were planning to escape on 8th September, 1979, by means of a tunnel. As a result of this information, discussions were held with the Gaol Authorities and subsequently a search was made of a prison cell where several escape aids were found. A search of a further cell was made and on examination of a built-in cupboard, a tunnel 80 feet in length and of varying heights, was located extending from the cell to approximately 4 feet from the grassed surface inside the Parramatta Linen Service. This area is low security at night and an escape would have been relatively simple. A number of escape aids were found in the tunnel, which also contained an electrical circuit and fans to provide ventilation.

### *Overseas Homicide Investigation*

Throughout 1979 considerable investigations were made concerning overseas homicide inquiries. One such case—as a result of investigation by the Homicide Squad, a man, Homer Clyde Pierce, was on the 16th January, 1979, arrested at his place of employment and charged with the murder of a male person who had been shot to death in Ohio, United States of America, in December, 1976. Pierce was subsequently extradited to the United States and is now serving a life sentence in connection with the offence.

### *Drug Haul*

In February, 1979, Drug Squad Police, after receiving certain information regarding the trafficking of heroin, mounted an operation in conjunction with the Crime Intelligence Unit, Electronics, Armed Hold-Up Squad and the Police Air Wing. Following very well planned and painstaking operations, a highly organized drug syndicate was broken. During the operation a large amount of heroin, with a possible street value of \$2,000,000 was located. This operation represented the largest haul of fine quality heroin ever seized in Australia.

## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH**

The year 1979 marked the Centenary of the Criminal Investigation Branch. During the year the overall strength of Detectives and plainclothes Police attached to establishments throughout the State was increased from the 1978 figure of 1 305 units to 1 316 units. In addition, approval was given and plans formulated for the movement of the Criminal Records Office, Modus Operandi Section, Property Tracing and Stolen Motor Vehicle Index of the Scientific and Technical Services Branch from premises in Campbell Street, Sydney, to the Remington Centre in Liverpool Street, Sydney. This will take place in 1980 and facilitates closer proximity of these important sections.

The Branch consists of the following specialist Squads:

Homicide, Armed Hold-Up, Drug, Observation, Women Police, Vice, Licensed Dealers, Consorting, Stock, Special Breaking, Motor, No. 21 Mobile Division, Crime Intelligence Unit and Fraud Squad.

The operations of each of these Squads are complex and specialized. On many occasions local Detective and uniform Police from the many Divisions are called upon to assist. It is pleasing to note that this overall exchange of information, co-operation and expertise; as well as general comradeship; continues to result in outstanding investigations and arrests.

It is not possible here to set out in detail the specific activities of all Squads attached to the Branch. However, set out below are particulars of the duties performed by some of these Squads.

### *Consorting Squad*

The role of the Consorting Squad is a very important one and the major duties performed are—

- (i) Enforcement of the law relating to persons consortng with criminals;
- (ii) assistance to local Police in their efforts to suppress the activities of pickpockets or other criminals or undesirable persons at race meetings, shows or other similar functions;
- (iii) assistance to other members of the Force in the investigation of crime which savours of criminal or underworld commission;
- (iv) assistance in the location and apprehension of prison escapees;
- (v) supply of information to local Police concerning active criminals who may be residing in their patrol.

During 1979, 1 525 criminals were reported for consorting and 374 persons were arrested on numerous offences, which resulted in 921 charges.

Interchange duty was performed by members of the Squad during 1979 with Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia and South Australia Police Forces. This interchange duty will be continued in an effort to improve the knowledge and ability of all State members in order that law and order may be maintained.

#### *No. 21 Mobile Division*

This unit (previously titled the No. 21 Special Squad) continues to play a very important role as it is one of the main training grounds for young Constables who aspire to become Detectives. As well as being given "on-the-job" training, they undergo instruction in as many aspects of criminal investigation duty and procedure as possible, including regular attention to the suppression of offences under the Gaming and Betting and Liquor Acts.

The work performance of Police attached to the Division has been of a particularly high standard, resulting in 9 157 charges being preferred, including 3 084 relating to offences under the Gaming and Betting and Liquor Acts.

#### *Observation Squad*

The Observation Squad consists of 24 Detectives who are often called upon to assist other Police in respect of a wide range of serious offences. Due to the nature of the duties carried out, it is only on isolated occasions that an arrest is effected by a member of the Squad and their activities are seldom exposed to the public. However, the Squad during 1979 assisted in the arrest of a large number of offenders for all types of crime and there is no doubt that without their aid a good deal of crime would go unsolved.

#### *Pillage Squad*

The Pillage Squad continued again in 1979 to police the waterfront areas of Sydney with a view to the prevention and detection of larceny from vessels, wharves and container terminals. In addition, a constant surveillance is maintained through liaison with officers of the Customs Department with a view to the detection of smuggling activities, particularly in relation to drugs.

The year saw 216 crimes reported to the Squad and 83 arrests effected. Charges preferred totalled 128 whilst property reported stolen to the Squad amounted to \$236,860. Property recovered was to the value of \$118,347.

Additionally, it was necessary for investigations to be conducted into 28 bodies which were either recovered from the sea or within the waterways of Sydney Harbour and environs, or who were passengers or crew on board ships using the Port of Sydney. Inquiries were also carried out into 15 fires occurring on ships and 17 bomb hoaxes.

#### *Stock Squad*

During 1979, 130 offences of cattle stealing were reported, of which 80 were cleared up (61 per cent). These figures are relatively consistent with those of previous years with no marked increase or decrease.

One matter of interest in 1979 was the success achieved in relation to an investigation covering the Maitland and Goulburn areas where a number of arrests were made and numerous charges preferred. The offenders had apparently been operating for a number of years in collusion, rustling quite large numbers of cattle.

In addition to dealing with stock stealing matters, Squad members were required to investigate large shortages of grain from wheat silos in the country area. A number of offenders were arrested and charged with conspiracy as a result of these investigations.

#### *Fraud Squad*

During 1979, 1 386 offences relating to fraud were reported and 1 163 cleared up (84 per cent).

Due to technological changes, it has been necessary for certain emphasis to be introduced in the way of training Squad members in relation to trends in computer fraud. A number of seminars were conducted in liaison with members of the Corporate Affairs Commission of New South Wales.

Also, a new system regarding the fingerprinting of paper exhibits was extensively used by the Squad during 1979. This involves dipping the document in a chemical and then, by the use of steam heat, the latent print can be highlighted. By using this method, the Squad and Divisional Detectives identified 2 342 offences against Bankcard alone during the year.



## Scientific and Technical Services

This Branch provides, through its various units, the scientific and technological support required by Police in their investigation of crime.

### *Scientific Investigation Section*

This Section consists of highly qualified personnel who specialize in such fields as freehand drawing, cinematography, chemical etching, colour photography, photogrammetry, bomb appraisal and facial identification techniques. The prime function of the Section is to attend the scenes of crime, record and collect physical evidence for examination and ultimately present expert evidence to the courts.

Set out hereunder is a summary of the activities of the Section during 1979—

Scenes of crime attended	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 271
Number of photographs taken	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16 352
Firearms processed for disposal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 236
Questioned documents examined	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35 119
Criminal offenders photographed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17 300
Court cases—personal evidence	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	318
Court cases—evidence tendered by certificate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	268
Distance travelled by staff in performance of duty	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	337 457 kls

The work of the Section continuous to steadily increase, and to provide mutual assistance close liaison is maintained with the staff of outside scientific laboratories within Government Departments, Universities and other institutions.

### *Modus Operandi Section*

This Section is concerned with collating, analysing and recording methods of criminals to build a pattern of detection of new crime. During the year, 189 108 crime information reports were received and processed, an increase of 903 compared to 1978.

During the year the Section underwent a number of updating programmes and an additional 22 479 photographs were included in the records. A culling programme was also introduced which will reduce card indices by approximately 20 000.

### *Property Tracing Unit*

During 1979 the Unit was responsible for tracing 2 535 articles of property valued at \$274,500. Charges were preferred against 28 offenders.

### *Central Fingerprint Bureau*

The Bureau operates as the central office for all Police Forces throughout Australia.

The number of fingerprints processed during the year decreased by 5 386 to 92 118 in comparison with the 1978 figures. However, there was a 6.6 per cent increase in the number of visits to the scenes of crime by fingerprint technicians and a 20.6 per cent increase in evidence of fingerprint identifications required by courts.

The activities of the Bureau during the year clearly demonstrate the dedication and expertise of the staff responsible. There is an ever-increasing volume of crime-scene fingerprints, photographs and associated recording to be processed before the basic task of searching and identifying latent fingerprints can be commenced but, despite an increase of 15.9 per cent in exhibits on which latent fingerprints were developed being submitted to the Section for evaluation, the number of identifications made during the year increased by 29 per cent to 3 684.

### *Central Warrant Index*

This Unit has now been fully computerized, with visual display units being installed at 34 metropolitan and 7 country Police Stations, as well as at 17 other establishments throughout the State. During 1979, 180 933 new warrants were processed and of this number 134 699 commitment warrants were executed to the value of \$10,290,284.82

## **Police Communications Branch**

Planning and Development Programmes continued throughout 1979, an important step being the supply and installation of additional telex terminals and visual display units on a State-wide basis. In addition to updating radio equipment, five radio support towers, complemented by radio hut buildings, were erected at Tamworth, Glen Innes, Deepwater, Armidale and Walcha Road to supplement the proposed Microwave Communication System within the Tamworth District. This system will provide a comprehensive communication coverage from Murrurundi to Tenterfield, including Moree and Narrabri. In all, the system will encompass an area of 800 000 square kilometres.

Other improvements in communication systems included two new radio support towers at New Lambton and Lockhart, as well as a new antenna at Smiggin Holes. Radio hut buildings were erected at Wagga Wagga, Harden, Lockhart, Cooma, Michelago and Smiggin Holes. Communication systems were also updated at Grafton and Orange.

As at the end of 1979 there was 1 400 radios fitted to Police vehicles in country areas and portable radios were allocated to all Inspector's Stations.

A new communication studio at the Warilla Complex became operational during August, 1979, and this has enabled the entire South Coast communication system to be controlled from Warilla on a 24-hour basis.

### *Missing Persons Section*

During 1979, 4 092 reports of missing persons were received at the Section, approximately 50 per cent of which related to young people under the age of 16 years. Police were successful in 3 855 cases in either locating or tracing the missing persons. Reports of 64 unidentified bodies were received during the year with 55 being subsequently identified.

## **LICENSING BRANCH**

Additional responsibilities were placed upon licensing Police with the introduction of Sunday trading and an additional one hours trading on weekdays and Saturdays.

### *Liquor Licenses*

During 1979, 291 new licenses were issued under the Liquor Act and 36 lapsed for various reasons. As at 31st December, 1979, there were 6 872 premises licensed under the Liquor and Registered Clubs Act within the State.

### *Illicit Sales of Liquor*

Police attached to the Special Duty Licensing Section continued to give attention to the illicit sales of liquor and, as a result, 90 persons were charged with selling liquor in unlicensed premises. A further 180 breaches were detected under the Liquor Act as well as 67 breaches under the Theatres and Public Halls Act.

### *Licensed Premises*

Constant supervision was given to licensed premises throughout the State and Police from Licensing Branch headquarters inspected country hotels as well as in the Metropolitan Licensing District. As a result, numerous applications for orders in terms of section 40A and 40B of the Liquor Act have been made or are pending hearing at various Licensing Courts.

### *Miscellaneous Acts*

During 1979, licensing Police processed a large number of applications for licenses under miscellaneous Acts, such as the Commercial Agents and Private Inquiry Agents Act, Auctioneers and Agents Act, Second Hand Dealers and Collectors Act, Money Lenders Act, Hawkers Act and the Travel Agents Act.

### *Firearms*

During the year, 22 052 pistol licenses were issued (this number includes licenses for target pistols, antique collectors, blank fire pistols, pistol dealers, firearms dealers, Special Constables and tranquilizing firearm permits). Pistol licenses were refused on 289 occasions and prohibition orders were issued in 64 cases. There were 104 863 shooters licenses issued, 264 refused and 143 revoked during 1979.



## SECTION 3

## TRAFFIC

The Commissioner is vested with the responsibility for the control and supervision of traffic on all roads in New South Wales and the enforcement of the traffic laws.

An Assistant Commissioner (under delegation from the Commissioner) administers traffic policy. The Superintendent of Traffic, assisted by two other Superintendents and eight Inspectors, is responsible for the detailed control of traffic matters.

During 1979 some 1 292 persons were fatally injured as a result of road accidents and, whilst this number was a decrease of 93 on the 1978 figures, the enforcement of the traffic laws is considered to be strictly essential in an attempt to reduce the toll to an absolute minimum.

*Highway Patrol*

The Highway Patrol comprises 797 personnel (3 Inspectors, 41 Sergeants and 753 Constables) and operates a fleet of 293 high speed motor vehicles and 124 motor cycles.

Although the main function of the Highway Patrol is to enforce the traffic laws on highways and main roads, assistance is provided in other areas such as the escort of large or dangerous loads.

During 1979 Police attached to the Patrol made 17 850 arrests, the major offences being—

Driving with an excess of the prescribed concentration of alcohol in the blood .. .. .	7 925
Breaking, entering and stealing .. .. .	511
Car stealing .. .. .	475
Illegally use motor vehicle .. .. .	350
Stealing .. .. .	875
Negligent driving .. .. .	414
Drive whilst disqualified .. .. .	860
Driving in a manner dangerous or at a speed dangerous to the public ..	1 261

In addition, these units issued 636 672 “on-the-spot” infringement notices or breach reports.

*Radar*

The Highway Patrol has 64 radar units and during 1979, 123 774 drivers were detected exceeding the speed limit.

*Clearway/Transit Lanes*

In addition to general traffic patrol duties, the Highway Patrol is responsible for the supervision of Clearways and Transit Lanes. These restrictions require the attention of 114 Police each day.

*Trail Bike Squad*

The Highway Patrol operates a Trail Bike Squad with six trail bikes in the Metropolitan Area and two in country centres.

The Squad is equipped with specially modified motor cycles capable of traversing rough ground and are used in the detection of offences committed by the increasing number of off-road and recreational vehicles. In the Metropolitan Area, 1 380 breaches of the Regulations were detected and 398 cautions were issued to juveniles. In addition, 54 charges were preferred by members of the Squad.

*Parking Patrol Officers*

All regular parking supervision is provided by a staff of 174 male and 103 female Parking Patrol Officers. The Police Department is responsible for the supervision of parking restrictions and infringement notices are issued by traffic and general duty Police and Parking Patrol Officers.

The Parking Patrol Officers are employed as Ministerial employees and are attested as Special Constables. 227 are attached to Police Stations in the Metropolitan Area and 50 are allocated to country centres. They are provided with a uniform similar in style to that issued to Police but grey in colour.

Action has commenced by several Municipal Councils, including the Sydney City Council, to introduce and extend "Resident Parking Schemes" designed to alleviate parking problems by local residents due to the influx of commuter vehicles. During 1979, the Resident Parking Scheme was introduced in five precincts in the inner-City area. The Scheme operates generally during the hours 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, which has placed heavy demands on the services of the present Parking Patrol strengths and has involved utilizing staff attached to suburban Police Stations in order to provide an adequate level of enforcement.

The increased workload imposed has created an urgent need for an increase in the number of Parking Patrol Officers.

#### *Inner City Cycle Patrol*

The Unit operates from Grosvenor Street and patrols the Inner City Police Divisions. It is responsible for the supervision of parking and driving regulations in conjunction with the Parking Patrol Officers and has a strength of 20 Police cyclists. The Section was established when the City tow-away system was abolished.

The mobility of the units, all of which are radio-equipped, provides a valuable adjunct to general duty Police in the City area.

#### *Breath Analysis Section*

The Section has a staff of five Sergeants and 35 Constables in the Metropolitan Area with 130 part-time operators in the Country Area. Additionally, there is one Sergeant and nine Constables at Newcastle and one Sergeant and seven Constables at Wollongong. Special training courses are conducted to ensure trained operators are available to use this equipment throughout the State.

During 1979, Police conducted 28 032 roadside breath tests, of which 23 094 (82.3 per cent) proved positive. 7 555 were carried out following motor vehicle accidents. There were 23 784 breath analyses conducted, of which 18 971 (79.8 per cent) proved positive. 12 410 were conducted in the Metropolitan Area and the remainder in country centres.

The number of breathalyzer locations in New South Wales is increasing annually and there are now 58 Police Stations throughout the State at which a breathalyzer instrument and trained operators are attached.

Two Breathalyzer Operator Training Courses were conducted during 1979 and the number of Police performing breath analysis duties, both full and part-time, increased to 197.

#### *Traffic Signals Operation Section*

This Section commenced operation in 1964 and became fully computerized in 1975. It is staffed by three Sergeants, ten panel operators and six motor cyclists.

The Section has direct control over 152 intersections in the City area, with the ability to isolate and vary phases to suit any emergency situation. The staff of the control centre can also visually monitor traffic movement in the Inner City Area with the 32 TV screens which increased from 20 during 1979. In addition, there are 2 screens for use for computer alarm information. A further 2 screens were installed for monitoring of the lane changing system on the Ryde-Concord Bridge.

The installation of regional computer cabins throughout the Metropolitan Area has brought about the computer control of traffic lights on many of the main or arterial road systems in an area bounded by Hornsby, Parramatta, Liverpool, Sutherland and Cronulla. The regional computers operate the traffic lights in a given area automatically but they may be conducted from the Traffic Signals Operation Section through the master computer making contact with the regional computer. The system has been extended by the installation of a portable computer command terminal in the Department of Main Roads helicopter which enables the traffic light programme to be adjusted from the helicopter hovering above. The traffic signals system is believed to be the most advanced in the world.

#### *Safety Advisory Section*

The Section delivered 1 013 addresses to various organizations (both adult and children's groups) on safety aspects during 1979.

More than 1 000 schools were visited and some schools were visited more than once. 20 524 lectures were delivered.

Teams from the Section made visits throughout the year to country areas and delivered lectures to a number of secondary schools which had not received regular visits. Involvement continued in the Special Schools and Sheltered Workshops.

The Section also provided a number of displays in the Metropolitan Area during 1979, including the Royal Easter Show.

Water safety demonstrations were given at the Royal Easter Show and at Municipal Pools in the Metropolitan Area.

Traffic Laws Observance Discussion Lectures were held at various locations in the Metropolitan Area and at Newcastle and Wollongong for persons who had committed traffic offences. A total of 1 596 persons attended the lectures.

#### *Taxi Squad*

The Taxi Squad which operated for many years in connection with officers of the Department of Motor Transport was disbanded at the end of 1979. Previously the Squad directed its attentions to offences by the drivers of public transport vehicles, taxis in particular. The enforcement is now carried out by Department of Motor Transport Inspectors and Police in conjunction with enforcement of the laws generally.

#### *Adjudication Section*

The Section adjudicates as to the proposed course of Police action on all breach reports, particularly those submitted in respect of accidents, and reviews unpaid infringement notices prior to the issue of court process. The staff also act in an advisory capacity for Police seeking guidance on traffic matters and prepares a daily review of fatal accidents for the information of senior Officers.

#### *Permit Section*

The Section is responsible for the issue of permits for the movement and control of long and wide loads. Permits are also issued from country Police Stations, particularly in relation to the movement of large agricultural equipment.

During 1979, 43 229 permits were issued for the whole of the State, an increase of 5 912 compared to the 1978 figures. Of the number issued, 1 502 permits were made available for crane operations and 214 for the movement of house sections in the Metropolitan Area. The majority were issued as daily permits in country areas.

The Section also arranged 322 Police escorts for long and wide loads during the year.

#### *Civilian School Crossing Supervisors*

The supervision of school crossings by civilians who are paid to carry out these duties has been extended to cover 142 schools, thereby releasing Police for other duties. Representations continue to be received for the scheme to be extended. There is a waiting list of 88 crossings considered suitable but these cannot be included at the moment due to limitations of finance.

#### *Court Process Section*

The Section is responsible for the institution of court proceedings by way of summons. A total of 365 437 traffic summonses were issued during 1979, which represented a slight increase over the previous year. 10.12 per cent were returned unserved but portion of these were subsequently served personally by Police.

#### *Infringement Notices*

Most alleged traffic and parking offences are dealt with by way of the issue of "on-the-spot" infringement notices, although in certain circumstances and for designated offences Police may still issue breach reports. After adjudication, this may result in an infringement notice being posted or the issue of a summons direct.

During 1979, there were 512 898 infringement notices issued for alleged traffic offences, 865 354 for alleged parking offences and 61 237 for alleged equipment offences. \$22,722,141 was collected in penalties.

## SECTION 4

**DISASTER, SEARCH AND RESCUE**

Since the establishment of the Disaster and Rescue Branch in October, 1977, there has been a remarkable expansion in the area of mobile Rescue Squads in various parts of the State. 1979 saw the formation of the Police Air Wing and the Dog Squad as operational units and both are expected to grow rapidly in the next two years. Also there are now 45 full-time and 110 part-time Police in the various areas under the control or supervision of the Superintendent in Charge, Disaster and Rescue Branch, compared to only 12 when the Branch was first formed.

Community Counter Disaster Plans were completed in 1979. The benefit of these is that in future following upon the occurrence of a major impact disaster (plane or train crash for example) the plans will be available to the Police charged with the control, co-ordination or command of the Counter Disaster operation.

A total of 57 Police underwent a 3-week course of intensive study on all facets of rescue procedure during the year. It is worthy to report that all Police who attended courses were successful in passing both the written and practical examinations. Also two Disaster Controller/Commander Courses, each of 5 days duration, were conducted. A total of 40 New South Wales Police attended the course, together with a representative from Victoria and the Australian Federal Police.

**Police Rescue Squad**

The year 1979 saw a continuing increase in the activities of the Squad and the strength at the Marrickville Base is now 22 units.

A total of 57 Police attended training courses dealing with all aspects of rescue procedure. Many of these Police are members of the Volunteer Rescue Association and the procedures learnt proved extremely valuable on their return to their own volunteer units.

Three members of the Squad received awards for their courage and perseverance in the face of a very dangerous situation when they rescued a mentally disturbed person on the Sydney Harbour Bridge in March, 1979. A number of Squad members were also departmentally commended during the year for their actions and devotion to duty whilst carrying out rescue operations.

Members of the Squad performed duty at many disastrous occurrences during the year, such as a fire in the Ghost Train complex at Luna Park and the mine disaster at the Appin Colliery.

The diversity of the duties carried out by the Police Rescue Squad can be gauged from the following table:

Motor vehicle accidents	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	589
Train accidents	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
Domestic rescue	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	54
Industrial rescue	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
Lift/escalators	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Recovery of bodies	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Building collapse	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Animal rescue	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Searches	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Chemical/gas leaks	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Attempted suicide	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
Gaol incidents	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6

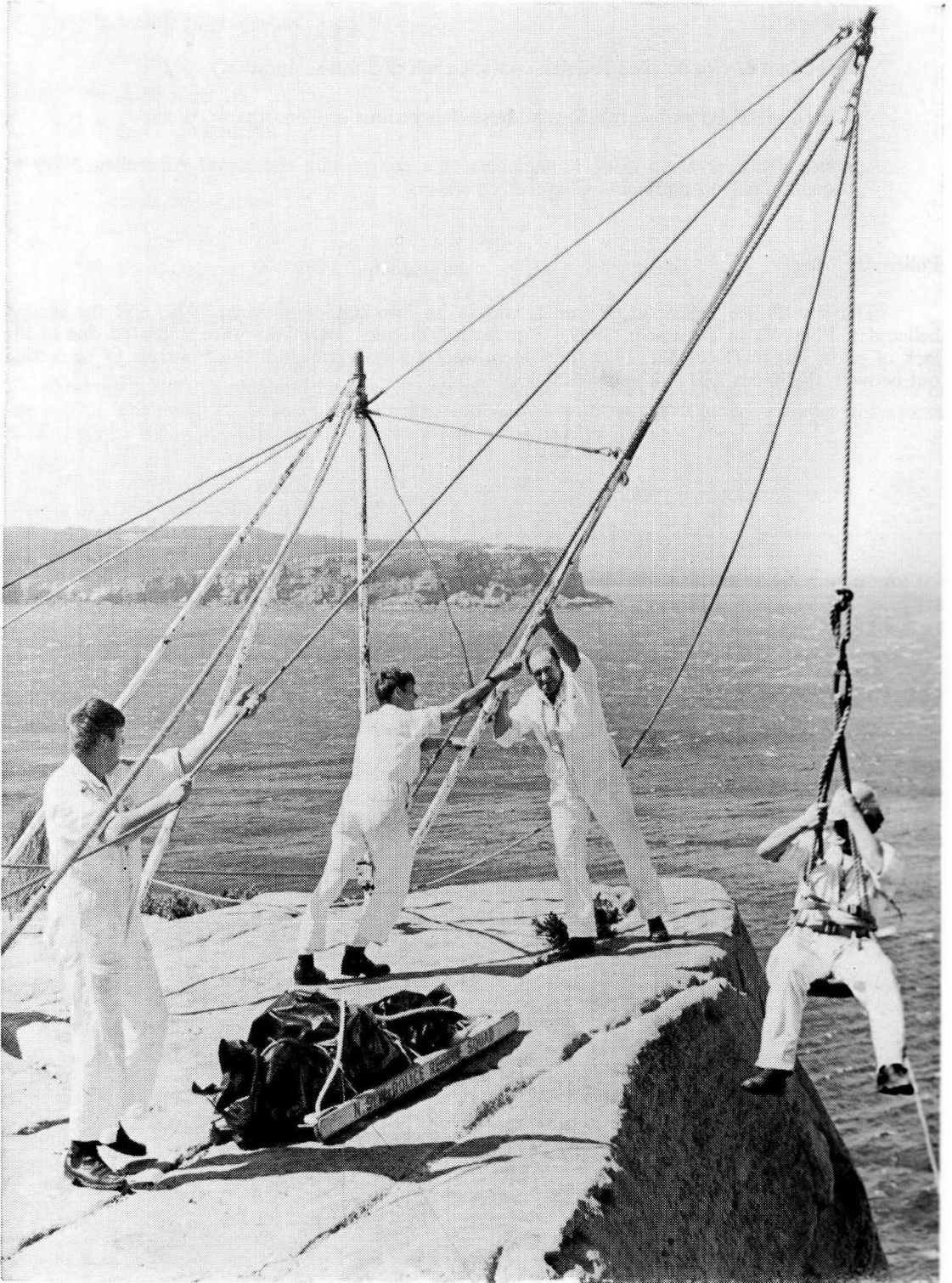
**Water Police**

The popularity of boating continued to increase during 1979 and this led to more and more calls upon the members of the Water Police in their specialized field of search and rescue. The day-to-day activities include routine patrolling of wharves, collisions between craft, rescue of people washed into the sea, recovery of bodies, calls involving stowaways and many other matters.



During 1979 Water Police recovered 28 bodies and effected the rescue of 1 284 craft containing 3 579 persons.

To meet increasing demands, 18 aluminium runabouts, powered by twin outboard motors, were taken into service at various locations throughout the State.



Police Rescue Squad at work.

### Diving Section

During the year the Police Diving Section carried out 101 separate diving operations.

The duties performed are many and varied but include—

- the organization of two displays in Farm Cove in connection with Water Safety Week;
- participation in making of two films in conjunction with the Police Public Relations Branch;
- conduct of two detailed training courses, each of 5 weeks duration;
- conduct of five public relations addresses to various civilian organizations;
- attendance of a group of 17 members at a course with the Royal Australian Navy to qualify as Decompression Chamber Operators.

### Police Air Wing

The first Police helicopter, Polair 1, was taken into service in May, 1979, and the second helicopter, Polair 2, in December, 1979. For several months operations were restricted due to the lack of pilots but in December, 1979 four pilots were available which enabled patrols to be carried out between the hours 7.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m.



Polair 1—original Police helicopter

Since formation, the Police Air Wing has carried out 533 separate operations which, amongst other matters, included—

Search for offenders	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95
Search for missing persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
Search for drug plantations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Fire reports	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Recovery of stolen vehicles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	54
Scientific photographs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Pursuits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Suicide attempts	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Night illuminations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Possible gaol break	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Search for escapees	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8

Details of some of the operations carried out by the Air Wing are—

#### *Rescue of Two Persons from the Colo River*

Two male persons had set out in a rubber dinghy to travel the length of the Colo River to the Hawkesbury River Junction and had been reported overdue. Polair 1 was used to make a search of the river. The men were subsequently located and were just about out of food. Neither was injured and, together with their equipment, they were airlifted to safety.

#### *Rescue of Badly Injured Boy at Wentworth Falls*

The boy had fallen over a section of the Falls and was lying badly injured on a rock ledge about 200 ft from the top. He was placed in the Stokes litter and with the helicopter hovering above the ledge he was winched to a position just below the helicopter and flown to the top of the Falls for medical attention. Because of the serious nature of his injuries, it was decided to airlift the boy to the Royal North Shore Hospital for specialist attention.

#### *Search and Rescue of Young Boy at Katoomba*

An 11 year old boy bushwalking with a group became separated from the main group. The services of the Police helicopter were sought and a search was carried out until late at night. The search was resumed at first light and he was subsequently located in a very remote area. He was carried to a clearing and then winched aboard the helicopter and flown to Blackheath where he was re-united with his parents.

#### *Evacuation of Children from Bushfires*

In December, 1979, the helicopter was involved in surveying bushfires in the Heathcote area. A report was received that a number of school children were in the Karloo Pools area which became surrounded by bushfires. A National Parks and Wildlife Ranger was picked up and dropped off nearby in an attempt to lead the children to safety. As the helicopter landed several of the children became very distressed and one child collapsed. She was immediately flown to Heathcote Oval and the helicopter returned to the scene to attempt to guide the remainder from the area. However, due to the imminent danger, the assistance of helicopters from Television Channels 10 and 9 was sought and the three helicopters then operated a shuttle service and all 55 children were evacuated to safety.

#### *Police Dog Squad*

The Police Dog Squad was initiated on 9th January, 1979, when two German Shepherd dogs, Rip and Kane, were presented by the Kamarn Breeders Foundation Limited of Victoria. The dogs and their handlers underwent extensive training, both practical and theoretical. The course consisted of training the dogs to track, search for and locate persons in the bush and in buildings, locate property thrown away by offenders, defend themselves and their handlers and subdue armed and dangerous offenders.





Police Dog Squad—"Rip" and "Kane".

The Squad became fully operational on 17th August, 1979, and has been used in cases as follows:

Rape	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Murder	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Armed Hold-up	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Escape from lawful custody	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Break and enter	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Decamp from motor vehicle	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Buildings searched for possible persons on premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Prowler	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Shots fired at moving vehicle	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Arson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Cat burglar	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Missing persons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Wanted person sighted	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Attempted suicide	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Schools—break and enter/malicious injury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Malicious injury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wilful and obscene exposure	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Assault/Assault and robbery	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Parramatta Gaol internal search	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Special preventative patrols	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4

In the latter part of 1979 approval was given for the Dog Squad to be increased by six teams.



## Visits of Important Personages

Members of the Police Force performed escort duty and special security duties on the occasion of the visits to New South Wales by—

Their Royal Highnesses, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester—February–March, 1979.

His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales—March, 1979.

Dr Hans-Gunther Sohl, Federal Republic of Germany—March, 1979.

Madam Chen Mu-Hua, Vice Premier, Peoples Republic of China—March, 1979.

Reverend Billy Graham—April–May, 1979.

Andrew Young, U.S.A. Ambassador to the United Nations—May, 1979.

Mr Cornel Burtica, Deputy Prime Minister of Romania—May, 1979.

Mr Choi Kyu Hah, Prime Minister of Republic of Korea—May, 1979.

Members of the Supreme Soviet, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics—May, 1979.

Delegation from Knesset of Israel—May, 1979.

Miss Universe Pageant Contestants—June, 1979.

Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne—July, 1979.

Mr Jack Carter, son of the President of the United States of America—August, 1979.

Mr Mark Thatcher, son of the Prime Minister of Great Britain—October, 1979.

Their Royal Highnesses, The King and Queen of Tonga—October–November, 1979.

Their Royal Highnesses, The Aga Khan and Begum of Ismailia—November, 1979.

His Royal Highness, Prince Misha'al Azziz of Saudi Arabia—November, 1979.

The Honourable Mohammad Isnaeni, member of Parliament of Indonesia—November, 1979.

Mr Xi Zhongxun, Chairman of Revolutionary Committee of Guandong Province, China—November–December, 1979.

Mr Petar Flekovic, Premier of Croatia—December, 1979.

A number of other visits were undertaken by persons and/or groups of a somewhat less important or controversial nature. In each instance a "watching brief" was undertaken by Police.

Appropriate escorts were provided where necessary and as required for His Excellency Sir Zelman Cowen, A.K., G.C.M.G., K.St.J., Q.C., Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia, and Lady Cowen, C.St.J.; His Excellency Sir Roden Cutler, V.C., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.E., K.St.J., Governor of New South Wales, and Lady Cutler, D.St.J.; The Right Honourable J. M. Fraser, C.H., M.P., Prime Minister of Australia; The Honourable Neville Wran, Q.C., M.L.A., Premier of New South Wales, and other members of the Commonwealth and State Parliaments when attending official engagements in this State.

Throughout 1979, some 107 demonstrations were held by organized groups in Sydney streets and in public places throughout the State. As a result of these demonstrations, some 43 persons were arrested. Twenty-three of these arrests occurred at a demonstration by members of the Builder's Labourers Federation. Demonstrations held covered a wide spectrum of matters with a particular continuing interest in the question of uranium mining, and a growth in the activities of the so-called "Unemployed Peoples Union". Demonstrations by national groups became more numerous, particularly by members of the Croatian community, and it is felt that violence and subsequent arrests would have eventuated at several demonstrations by that group were it not for the large numbers of uniformed Police present.

## SECTION 5

### LOGISTICS AND SUPPORT

#### Buildings and Accommodation

During 1979 the Properties Branch maintained a high level of activity in a continuing effort to overcome the many accommodation problems facing the department.

#### *Building Allocation*

Amounts of \$7,200,000 and \$13,700,000 were allocated to the Minister for Public Works for Police buildings in the Loan Works Programme for the financial years 1978–9 and 1979–80 respectively.

The following Major Loan Works were completed in 1979—

#### *New Police Stations*

Ashford, Ballina, Barraba, Boggabri, Coolah, Engadine (temporary demountable type Police Station), Guyra, Iluka, Kings Cross (construction financed by Sydney City Council), Manly (temporary demountable type Police Station).

#### *Additions and Alterations*

Bathurst—renovation of existing Police office accommodation and provision of additional office accommodation.

#### *Residences*

Bathurst (Superintendent), Barraba (Lockup-Keeper), Binnaway (Officer-in-Charge), Coleambally (Lockup-Keeper), Coolah (Officer-in-Charge), Coraki (Officer-in-Charge), Dorrigo (Lockup-Keeper and Officer-in-Charge), Gundagai (2) (Lockup-Keeper and Officer-in-Charge), Guyra (Lockup-Keeper), Iluka (Lockup-Keeper), Lismore (Senior N.C.O.), Murwillumbah (Inspector), Trangie (Lockup-Keeper), Wollongong (Inspector), Woodburn (Officer-in-Charge).

#### *Works in Progress*

Work has commenced on major projects at Engadine and the Waterloo development. Work is also in progress on projects at Balranald, Bourke, Bundarra, Scientific and Technical Services building (Campbell Street, Sydney), Coleambally, Dee Why, Manilla, Manly, Newcastle, Pallamallawa, Penrith and Wagga Wagga (air conditioning). Work on Stage 1 of the Sydney Police Centre commenced during the latter part of 1979 and approval was given to start the Springwood project.

#### *Land Acquisitions*

Sites were obtained during 1979 at Campsie, Coleambally, Khancoban, Kogarah, Macquarie Fields and Pennant Hills.

Negotiations were commenced to acquire additional property at Waterloo, Campsie, Cooma, Darlington Point, Castle Hill, Batemans Bay and Springwood.



**New Police Station, Ballina—specially designed to blend in with existing historical buildings.**

### *Leasing*

Additional accommodation was leased in the Remington Centre, 169–175 Liverpool Street, Sydney, as follows:

Stage 1, Level 1—Crime Intelligence Unit and Consorting Squad.

Stage 2, Levels 15–21—Criminal Records Office, Fingerprint Section and several of the Scientific and Technical Services.

This lease involves a total of 4 800 m<sup>2</sup> at an annual rental of \$263,000.

Leased or rented accommodation was also obtained at Kingsford-Smith Airport (for use by the Police Air Wing), Ryde, Regent Street and Leeton. Additional lease options were exercised on six premises, three leases were re-negotiated and five leases were terminated.

### *Police Force Special Accommodation Scheme*

During 1979 the total number of residences under the Police Force Special Accommodation Scheme rose to 148 with purchases at Lithgow, Griffith, Deniliquin, Glen Innes, Coffs Harbour, Werris Creek and two at Bourke. The total cost of acquisition during the financial year 1978–9 was \$525,000 and an amount of \$550,000 has been allocated for the 1979–80 financial year.

Construction of residencies at Tingha and Wilcannia was commenced and negotiations put under way for the purchase of properties at Eden and Broken Hill.

During 1979–80 an allocation of \$90,000 was made available for major renovation and upgrading of residences. The sum of \$64,000 was allocated for cyclical maintenance of Police Force Special Accommodation Scheme cottages.

### *Special Projects—Sydney Police Centre*

Demolition of old buildings on the site was completed and at the end of 1979 the project was proceeding to schedule.

The Centre will have a gross floor area of 32 000 square metres over 7 levels and will provide accommodation for—

A new City Police Station.

A large secure cell block.

Scientific Investigation Section.

Communications Branch, including a new radio broadcast centre and a new telephone exchange.

A new computer centre.

Police Armoury with a pistol range and high power rifle range.

### *New South Wales Police Academy*

A preliminary design proposal for redevelopment of the Bourke Street, Redfern, Police Academy, prepared by the Department of Public Works, was submitted for consideration by the Police Department. The recommended scheme involves the construction of two new buildings, one on the northern side of the site and one on the southern side and renovation of the barracks building which fronts Bourke Street.

The new facilities will enable all sections of the Academy to be centralized, enabling better utilization of staff and facilities.

### *Minor Works and Maintenance*

During 1979 approximately 1 350 individual projects were carried out by the Department of Public Works chargeable to the Revenue Vote (Public Buildings). Projects were completed at Central, Burwood, Dawes Point Water Police, Bathurst, Junee, Bombala and Bungendore. Funds provided for the financial year 1979–80 to be utilized in the maintenance of Police buildings totalled \$6,000,000.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### Police Pipe and Military Bands

During 1979, the Police Pipe Band, which consists of 14 Pipers and 9 Drummers, attended 102 official engagements, ranging from street processions and concerts to official balls. The Band made six visits to country centres, one being the Campbelltown Festival of Fisher's Ghost Procession, at which the Band was successful in being awarded first place in the Band Contest.

The Police Military Band of 42 members took part in 177 official engagements, ranging from concerts at Government House and the Opera House, recordings for the Australian Broadcasting Commission to school fetes.

### Mounted Section

The Section, comprising 36 Police, participated in 48 ceremonial parades, 5 official escorts, 42 tent pegging exhibitions, 6 vaulting displays, 3 drill displays and 8 musical rides during the year and continued to attract public interest and acclaim by its excellent horsemanship.

A total of 157 various organizations, comprising some 23 700 members, visited the Section during the year.

When not performing other duties, mounted personnel controlled vehicular and pedestrian traffic at selected intersections. Also a daily park patrol shift of Centennial and Queens Parks is worked by two mounted Constables equipped with 2-way radio. A similar patrol is carried out each Sunday at the Domain and Lady Macquarie's Chair. These patrols have proved most effective in reducing the incidence of vandalism, assaults and stealing from cars, as well as providing an excellent public relations image to a large number of local and interested visitors who utilize the facilities of the areas.

### Federation of Police—Citizens Boys' Clubs

In all probability, 1979 saw the greatest building expansion in the history of the Federation. The Albury Club was completed at a total cost of \$500,000 and a new Club building was commenced at Nelson Bay, which will cost \$482,000. Also major extensions and renovations were completed at St George, Fairfield, Quirindi, Lake Illawarra, Wollongong, Tamworth, North Sydney and the City of Sydney Clubs. In addition, approval was given for the re-construction of the Maitland Club whilst premises were purchased at Parkes for conversion to a Police-Citizens Boys' Club.

The Federation now consists of 44 active Clubs with a total membership of approximately 175 000, both boys and girls. There are also 5 fund-raising Clubs and it is anticipated that 3 new Clubs will be formed during 1980.

Club members from all parts of the State again visited Sydney in May, 1979 to participate in Boys' Club Week. Unfortunately, due to the inclement weather the Annual March had to be cancelled. However, all other activities and competitions conducted throughout the week were very successful.

A composite Federation Sporting Team visited Perth, Western Australia, to compete in the inaugural Australian Association of Police-Citizens Youth Clubs Championships and all members participated with distinction.

The Federation is again most grateful to the public of New South Wales for its continued financial support and to the Government of New South Wales for its contribution of \$170,000, which represents an increase of \$10,000 over the previous year.

### Police Driver Training School, St Ives

A total of 373 testing courses were conducted during the year involving some 1 822 Police. In addition, officers from Australia Post, Australian Federal Police, Australian Narcotics Bureau and the Forestry Commission received instruction at the School.

During 1979, Instructors from the School visited outside organizations, such as car clubs, service organizations, private firms and business groups and delivered addresses on safe and defensive driving. As well, numerous groups, including several high schools, visited the Police Driver Training School. These addresses and visits proved very popular and are considered to be a worthwhile contribution to road safety as a whole.

## **Public Relations Branch**

Public acceptance and support are most important factors in the successful operation of any Police Force and to this end every effort is made to foster good public relations between the Police and the public.

Press conference are conducted twice daily and members of the Public Relations Branch attend scenes of serious crime and important occurrences. The level of co-operation and assistance from television, radio and newspaper organizations has been excellent. Another most pleasing feature has been the sponsorship by reputable public companies who have associated their names with the New South Wales Police Force in promoting matters of community interest.

On the 21st December, 1979, the 100th edition of the television programme "Police File" was presented on Channel 10's Eyewitness News. The programme involves the interviewing of Public Relations personnel and other members of the Police Force in respect of unsolved crimes. The programme has evoked a magnificent response from members of the public.

## **Crime Prevention Section**

During 1979, members of the Section delivered 170 addresses to interested groups, involving a total audience of 9 692 persons. Many matters were the topic of discussion, including General Crime Prevention, Dangers of Drug Abuse, Business and Industrial Security, Activities and Facilities of the Crime Prevention Section and Home and Personal Protection.

Members of the Section carried out 470 security surveys, either at the request of members of the public, Police Officers or following a serious crime being committed.

A display centre, valued at approximately \$80,000, is available for inspection by members of the public from 8 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. each week day. During 1979 some 4 000 persons took the opportunity of visiting the Section.

## **Police Planning and Research Branch—Activities**

### *Commonwealth Grants Commission*

Staff of the Police Planning and Research Branch assisted in the presentation of a submission to the Commonwealth Grants Commission in an effort to ensure that the appropriate ratio of tax disbursement to the State of New South Wales allocated for Police Department use is received.

The submission dealt with—

- (a) functions of the New South Wales Police Department;
- (b) policy differences with other Police Forces;
- (c) identification of areas of special needs in respect of traffic supervision and control, detection and prevention of crime and other Police services;
- (d) special disabilities unique to the New South Wales Police;
- (e) additional costs incurred in providing Police service in non-urban areas.

### *Eaglefone System*

During 1979 work commenced on the installation of the Eaglefone System at 32 Police Stations. This system enables members of the public to immediately contact an adjacent Police Station when the Police Station they are calling is unattended.

### *"Hot Car" List*

The computerized stolen vehicle system was improved to provide at hourly intervals an up-to-date list of outstanding stolen or wanted motor vehicles. The list is available in printed form for patrol crews and other Police officers.



### *Terminals and Telex Units*

A further 30 Metropolitan Police Stations were equipped with terminals and printers during the year, together with 31 telex units in country areas.

The Computer Training Group made 7 tours of country areas, visiting Police Stations to deliver a total of 37 lectures concerning the use of Visual Display Units and telex, whilst 30 such lectures were made in the Metropolitan Area.

The number of inquiries made to the Police Eagle Computer System increased from 100 000 per week in 1978 to 121 000 per week in 1979.

### *No Break Power Supply*

A no break power supply was installed in respect of computer facilities. The equipment will overcome the number of computer failures in the event of an interruption of the power supply.

### *Planning and Research Conference*

The initial Planning and Research Conference was held in February, 1979, in Sydney. All States, with the exception of the Northern Territory, were represented, as well as New Zealand, Fiji and Papua-New Guinea.

### *Acquisition of New Computer*

Work commenced on the design and specifications required in respect of the new computer. The target date for the installation of the computer is mid 1981.

## **Transport**

As at 31st December, 1979, there were 2 473 vehicles of various types and designs in use throughout the State by Police in all Branches and Sections of the Force. A complete list of those vehicles is set out hereunder—

Cars .. .. .	1 746
Patrol Vans .. .. .	10
Panel Vans .. .. .	30
Trucks and Utilities .. .. .	218
Trailers .. .. .	70
Mobile Field Control .. .. .	1
Mobile Field Control Radio Units .. .. .	4
Four Wheel Drive Vehicles .. .. .	48
Station Sedans .. .. .	122
Buses .. .. .	9
Snow Cruisers .. .. .	3
Prime Mover .. .. .	1
Pantechnicon Trailer .. .. .	1
Fork Lift .. .. .	1
Motor Cycles .. .. .	25
Highway Patrol .. .. .	149
Training and Control .. .. .	30
Plainclothes .. .. .	5
Total Fleet .. .. .	2 473

The list includes 51 additional vehicles obtained during 1979, consisting of 8 Holden Sedans, 2 Holden Station Sedans, 3 Fairmont Sedans, 3 Falcon Station Sedans, 12 Falcon Sedans, 1 Volkswagen Kombi Van, 1 Toyota Station Sedan, 2 Toyota Utilities, 10 Boat Trailers, 5 Ford F100 Utilities, 3 Torana Sedans and 1 cycle trailer. In addition, 1 765 new vehicles of various types were purchased during the year as replacements.

The total kilometreage travelled by the fleet for the year came to 84 000 000. The expenditure incurred in the fitting of Police equipment, maintenance and insuring the fleet amounted to \$7,600,000.

**ALLOCATION OF POLICE FORCE AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1979**

	Sen. Exec. Admin.	Uniformed General and Admin.— Metrop.	Uniformed General and Admin.— Country	Crim. Invest. Duties— Metrop.	Crim. Invest. Duties— Country	Scientific and Technical	Traffic Duties— Metrop.	Traffic Duties— Country	Prosecu- ting Duties	Licensing Duties	Water Police Duties	Total Male Police	Women Police
Commissioner .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Dep. Comm. .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
S/Asst Comm. .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Asst Comms .. .. .	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
Chief Supt Metropolitan .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chief Supt Country .. .. .	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Sen. Supts .. .. .	..	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	7	..
Supts .. .. .	..	22	10	3	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	38	..
Sen. Insps .. .. .	..	26	4	4	..	2	2	..	..	1	..	39	..
Insp .. .. .	..	107	42	23	2	6	7	1	3	2	2	195	2
Sgts 1/C .. .. .	..	289	72	49	7	6	22	9	9	16	3	482	..
Sgts 2/C .. .. .	..	292	114	46	6	21	31	3	8	18	5	544	6
Sgts 3/C .. .. .	..	408	309	210	58	60	93	21	30	48	13	1 250	11
Sen. Consts .. .. .	..	731	583	438	110	128	225	130	71	55	34	2 505	18
Consts 1/C .. .. .	..	509	427	212	51	83	194	138	51	21	21	1 707	44
Consts .. .. .	..	868	248	83	3	71	159	61	40	6	6	1 545	54
Pro. Consts .. .. .	..	514	..	20	..	10	60	..	..	..	1	605	31
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3 768</b>	<b>1 810</b>	<b>1 089</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>8 925</b>	<b>166</b>

## FINANCE

										Expenditure	Estimates
										1978-9	1979-80
Salaries—										\$	\$
Salaries, Wages and Allowances	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	141,894,488	153,558,474
Payments for Retirements, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,662,913	2,700,000
Overtime	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11,530,998	11,500,000
										156,088,399	167,758,474
Maintenance and Working Expenses—											
Workers' Compensation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	83,395	112,250
Meal Allowances	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,837	5,900
Allowances, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,373,997	1,460,000
Rent, Rates, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,953,619	3,282,000
Maintenance, Alterations, Additions and Renewals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	134,544	154,000
Travelling and Removal Expenses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,323,683	3,775,000
Motor Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,341,020	9,500,000
Freight, Cartage and Packing	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32,433	35,000
Postal and Telephone Expenses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,714,307	5,200,000
Books, Periodicals, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57,908	97,000
Gas and Electricity	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,009,979	1,170,000
Fees for Services Rendered	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	438,742	500,000
Laundry Expenses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,674	4,000
Stores	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,135,119	6,500,000
Other Insurance	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,960	12,550
Minor Expenses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,501	7,500
										27,626,718	31,815,200
Other Services—											
Purchase of Horses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,200	1,200
Police Boys' Clubs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	160,000	170,000
Meals for Prisoners	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	304,288	300,000
Funeral Expenses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,997	5,000
Fees and Expenses for Training Courses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39,478	43,500
Overseas Visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,471	1,414
Compensation re Police killed on duty	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	101,250	75,000
Non-recurring Service	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,586	....
										628,270	596,114
Grand Totals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	\$	184,343,387	200,169,788

## VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN AND PROPERTY RECOVERED

(excluding motor vehicles)—1979

## 1979 Statistics

Classification										Value of property stolen	Value of property recovered
										\$	\$
Steal with Violence	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,562,612	388,014
Property Breakings	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29,686,770	2,149,502
Larceny	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28,579,169	9,265,995
Fraud and Like Offences	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,134,314	1,994,814
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	78,962,865	13,798,325

## Five Year Comparison

Year										Stolen	Recovered	Percentage recovered
										\$	\$	
1975	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30,727,441	2,985,980	10
1976	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39,644,546	3,607,645	9
1977	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55,967,204	4,574,809	8
1978	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	72,670,761	4,812,407	7
1979	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	78,962,865	13,798,325	17



## MOTOR VEHICLES 1971-9

	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Number Stolen .. .. .	20 756	19 895	18 391	23 426	20 970	22 661	24 664	29 323	31 715
Number Stolen per Registered Vehicle ..	0.12	.011	.009	.011	.009	.010	.010	.012	.011
Number of Registered Vehicles ..	1 817 574	1 908 919	2 009 238	2 097 671	2 204 110	2 250 856	2 308 998	2 388 872	2 999 190
Number Recovered .. .. .	17 549	16 405	15 042	18 730	16 732	18 118	20 565	23 984	27 080
Number of Arrests .. .. .	2 788	3 234	3 192	2 863	2 814	2 944	2 634	2 833	2 736
Percentage Recovered .. .. .	85	82	82	80	80	80	83	79	85
Percentage Arrested .. .. .	13	16	17	12	13	13	11	10	9

## COMPARISON OF CRIMES 1978 AND 1979

Offences	Offences		Clearance	
	Absolute change	Change	Change in rate (crimes per 100 000 persons)	Change
		per cent		per cent
Offences Against the Person—				
Abduction .. .. .	-6	-11.8	-0.13	+17
Abortion and Attempts .. .. .	0	0	0	...
Armed Hold-Up .. .. .	-80	-13.2	-1.66	-3
Assault and Rob .. .. .	-48	-4.9	-1.07	-4
Assault—Aggravated .. .. .	+35	+3.2	+0.55	0
Assault—Non-aggravated .. .. .	+464	+9.8	+8.60	+1
Demand Money with Menaces .. .. .	+23	+20	+0.45	-1
Manslaughter (other than motoring offences) ..	-7	-36.8	-0.14	0
Murder .. .. .	+1	+1.0	0	-4
Murder—Accessory to/Conspiracy to .. .. .	+4	+133.3	+0.08	0
Murder Attempts .. .. .	+1	+2.4	+0.01	-5
Total .. .. .	+387	+5.0	+6.71	0
Motoring Offences (under Crimes Act)—				
Culpable Driving .. .. .	+45	+13.6	+0.85	0
Manslaughter .. .. .	+15	+500	+0.30	0
Total .. .. .	+60	+17.9	+1.15	0
Sexual Offences—				
Carnal Knowledge (including Carnal Knowledge under 10) .. .. .	-76	-34.1	-1.54	-4
Indecent Assault Female .. .. .	-32	-6.7	-0.7	-2
Incest .. .. .	-6	-46.2	-0.12	-14
Homosexual Offences .. .. .	-6	-2.1	-0.16	-3
Indecent Assault on Child .. .. .	+2	+1.6	+0.2	-14
Offences Against Public Decency or Sexual Morality .. .. .	-59	-21.5	-1.21	+5
Rape .. .. .	-13	-6.8	-0.28	-8
Rape Attempts .. .. .	-6	-10.2	-0.13	0
Total .. .. .	-196	-11.9	-4.09	-4
Property Breakings—				
Breaking, Entering and Stealing from Dwelling Houses .. .. .	-79	-0.3	-5.18	+1
Breaking, Entering and Stealing from other than Dwelling Houses .. .. .	-1 000	-4.5	-22.64	+2
Housebreaking Implements in Possession .. .. .	-19	-14.5	-0.39	-1
Total .. .. .	-1 098	-2.1	-28.21	+1
Theft Without Violation of Premises—(excluding motor vehicle thefts)—				
Stealing from the Person, including Attempts ..	-247	-12.3	-5.15	0
Stealing—General—including Attempts .. .. .	+619	+0.9	+3.25	+2
Total .. .. .	+372	+0.5	-1.90	+2
Offences Involving Fraud—				
Fraudulent Acquisition of Property, including Attempts (False Pretences, Embezzlement, Conspiracy, etc.) .. .. .	+441	+3.2	+7.0	+6

Offences	Offences		Clearance	
	Absolute change	Change	Change in rate (crimes per 100 000 persons)	Change
		per cent		per cent
Drug Offences—				
Drugs, Manufacture Unlawfully .. .. .	- 11	- 91.7	- 0.22	0
Drugs, Obtain Unlawfully .. .. .	+ 741	+ 20.5	+ 14.24	- 1
Drugs, Supply .. .. .	- 174	- 24.4	- 3.54	0
Drugs, Use .. .. .	+ 195	- 6.9	+ 3.51	- 1
Other Offences (Drugs) .. .. .	+ 301	+ 25.8	+ 5.82	- 2
Total .. .. .	+ 1 052	+ 12.6	+ 19.81	- 1
Other Coded Offences—				
Arson .. .. .	+ 104	+ 12.0	+ 1.95	+ 1
Carry Cutting Instrument .. .. .	+ 29	+ 17.0	+ 0.56	+ 3
Goods in Custody .. .. .	- 16	- 1.3	- 0.47	0
Malicious Injury and Damage to Property ..	- 448	- 2.4	- 11.20	+ 1
Receiving .. .. .	+ 221	+ 25.5	+ 4.27	0
Stock Stealing, including Cattle of all kinds, Sheep and Wool .. .. .	+ 278	+ 59.9	+ 5.45	- 1
Unlicensed Pistol .. .. .	- 74	- 34.1	- 1.49	+ 1
Offences not coming within Classified Headings of this Summary .. .. .	+ 86	+ 2.6	+ 1.29	+ 7
Total .. .. .	+ 180	+ 0.7	+ 0.36	+ 3
Grand Total .. .. .	+ 1 198	+ 0.7	+ 0.83	+ 2

**STATEWIDE SUMMARY OF CRIMES AND LESSER OFFENCES RECORDED ON COMPUTER  
BY THE CRIME INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION SYSTEM IN 1979**

(with comparative figures for 1978)

Offence	1978			1979		
	Accepted reports	Cleared up	Percentage cleared	Accepted reports	Cleared up	Percentage cleared
Offences Against the Person—						
Abduction .. .. .	51	31	61	45	35	78
Abortion and Attempts .. .. .	1	1	100	1	0	0
Armed Hold-Up .. .. .	605	220	36	525	175	33
Assault and Rob .. .. .	976	227	23	928	180	19
Assault—Aggravated .. .. .	1 098	815	74	1 133	843	74
Assault—Non-aggravated .. .. .	4 752	3 218	68	5 216	3 615	69
Demand Money with Menaces .. .. .	115	44	38	138	52	37
Manslaughter (other than motoring offences) .. .. .	19	19	100	12	12	100
Murder .. .. .	96	90	94	97	87	90
Murder—Accessory to/Conspiracy to ..	3	3	100	7	7	100
Murder—Attempts .. .. .	41	39	95	42	42	100
	7 757	4 707	61	8 144	5 048	61
Motoring Offences (under Crimes Act)—						
Culpable Driving .. .. .	332	329	99	377	376	99
Manslaughter .. .. .	3	3	100	18	18	100
	335	332	99	395	394	99
Sexual Offences—						
Carnal Knowledge (including Carnal Knowledge under 10) .. .. .	223	212	95	147	134	91
Indecent Assault Female .. .. .	479	278	58	447	252	56
Incest .. .. .	13	13	100	7	6	86
Homosexual Offences .. .. .	284	220	77	278	208	74
Indecent Assault on Child .. .. .	127	102	80	129	86	66
Offences Against Public Decency or Sexual Morality .. .. .	274	118	43	215	105	48
Rape .. .. .	191	107	56	178	87	48
Rape Attempts .. .. .	59	38	64	53	34	64
	1 650	1 088	66	1 454	912	62

Offence	1978			1979		
	Accepted reports	Cleared up	Percentage cleared	Accepted reports	Cleared up	Percentage cleared
Property Breakings—						
Breaking, Entering and Stealing from Dwelling Houses .. .. .	28 826	2 353	8	28 747	2 629	9
Breaking, Entering and Stealing from other than Dwelling Houses ..	22 397	2 572	11	21 397	2 732	13
Housebreaking Implements in Possession ..	131	131	100	112	111	99
	51 354	5 056	10	50 256	5 722	11
Theft Without Violation of Premises (excluding motor vehicle thefts)—						
Stealing from the Person, including attempts .. .. .	2 004	211	11	1 757	190	11
Stealing—General—including attempts ..	71 939	13 113	18	72 558	14 508	20
	73 943	13 324	18	74 315	14 698	20
Offences Involving Fraud—						
Fraudulent Acquisition of property, including attempts (False pretences, Embezzlement, Conspiracy, etc.) ..	13 881	10 871	78	14 322	12 060	84
Drug Offences—						
Drugs, Manufacture Unlawfully .. ..	12	12	100	1	1	100
Drugs, Obtain Unlawfully .. .. .	3 619	3 612	100	4 360	4 348	99
Drugs, Supply .. .. .	713	708	99	539	536	99
Drugs, Use .. .. .	2 817	2 814	100	3 012	3 007	99
Drugs, Other Offences .. .. .	1 167	1 013	87	1 468	1 252	85
	8 328	8 159	98	9 380	9 144	97
Other Coded Offences—						
Arson .. .. .	869	153	18	973	185	19
Carry Cutting Instrument .. .. .	171	165	96	200	198	99
Goods in Custody .. .. .	1 230	1 219	99	1 214	1 208	99
Malicious Injury and Damage to Property	18 473	2 722	15	18 025	2 873	16
Receiving .. .. .	867	862	99	1 088	1 081	99
Stock Stealing—includes cattle of all kinds, sheep and wool .. ..	464	54	12	742	80	11
Unlicensed Pistol .. .. .	217	213	98	143	141	99
Offences not coming within classified headings of this summary .. ..	3 278	2 146	65	3 364	2 435	72
	25 569	7 534	29	25 749	8 201	32
Grand Total .. .. .	182 817	51 071	28	184 015	55 930	30

## CRIME RATES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—1972-9

Offence	Crime rate per 100 000 persons—accepted reports							
	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Offences Against the Person—								
Abduction .. .. .	0.74	0.81	0.60	0.41	0.45	0.37	1.02	0.89
Abortion and Attempts .. .. .	0.23	0.02	0	0.10	0	0.04	0.02	0.02
Armed Hold-Up .. .. .	5.71	4.71	7.23	6.24	5.82	6.84	12.07	10.41
Assault and Rob .. .. .	24.39	21.55	23.60	19.08	17.38	17.47	19.47	18.40
Assault—Aggravated .. .. .	17.67	19.23	17.44	18.55	17.01	18.46	21.91	22.46
Assault—Non-Aggravated .. .. .	44.89	50.42	52.17	69.03	72.73	82.80	94.82	103.42
Demand Money with Menaces .. ..	1.26	1.65	1.24	1.41	1.24	1.61	2.29	2.74
Manslaughter (other than motoring offences) .. .. .	0.44	0.46	0.39	0.39	0.37	0.38	0.38	0.24
Murder .. .. .	1.50	1.96	1.24	1.74	1.73	1.80	1.92	1.92
Murder—Accessory to/Conspiracy to	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.10	0.02	0.26	0.06	0.14
Murder—Attempts .. .. .	0.86	0.81	0.52	1.02	0.90	0.73	0.82	0.83
	97.78	101.68	104.47	118.07	117.85	131.26	154.77	161.48
Motor Offences (under Crimes Act)—								
Culpable Driving .. .. .	3.27	3.11	3.47	5.18	5.70	6.62	6.62	7.47
Manslaughter .. .. .	1.12	1.34	0.85	0.20	0.10	0.12	0.06	0.36
	4.38	4.44	4.32	5.38	5.80	6.74	6.68	7.83

Offence	Crime rate per 100 000 persons—accepted reports							
	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
<b>Sexual Offences—</b>								
Carnal Knowledge (including Carnal Knowledge under 10) .. ..	20.35	19.15	10.87	10.07	8.40	5.00	4.45	2.91
Indecent Assault Female .. ..	10.89	11.64	12.15	10.26	1.44	9.68	9.56	8.86
Incest .. ..	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.02	0	0.08	0.26	0.14
Homosexual Offences .. ..	4.59	4.76	5.93	6.18	6.72	5.21	5.67	5.51
Indecent Assault on Child .. ..	4.02	3.78	2.81	2.70	3.24	2.46	2.53	2.55
Offences Against Public Decency or Sexual Morality .. ..	3.71	5.30	5.06	6.53	6.59	6.27	5.47	4.26
Rape .. ..	2.53	2.92	3.74	3.15	2.42	3.11	3.81	3.53
Rape Attempts .. ..	1.14	0.98	0.78	1.02	1.36	0.95	1.18	1.05
	47.93	48.59	41.42	39.93	38.17	32.76	32.92	28.83
<b>Property Breakings—</b>								
Breaking, Entering and Stealing from Dwelling Houses .. ..	441.46	413.05	534.55	485.78	477.89	508.14	575.16	569.98
Breaking, Entering and Stealing from other than Dwelling Houses .. ..	352.74	326.80	355.64	357.91	369.41	396.41	446.89	424.25
Housebreaking Implements in Possession .. ..	2.09	1.27	1.32	1.56	1.89	1.65	2.61	2.22
	970.76	823.32	891.51	845.25	849.19	906.20	1 024.66	996.45
<b>Theft Without Violation of Premises (excluding motor vehicle thefts)—</b>								
Stealing from the Person, including Attempts .. ..	37.10	30.46	23.39	26.49	32.05	43.01	39.99	34.84
Stealing—General—including Attempts .. ..	1 332.90	1 207.26	1 207.77	1 211.83	1 238.37	1 316.36	1 435.39	1 438.64
	1 370.00	1 237.72	1 231.16	1 238.33	1 270.42	1 359.37	1 475.38	1 473.48
<b>Offences Involving Fraud—</b>								
Fraudulent Acquisition of Property including Attempts (False Pretences, Embezzlement, Conspiracy, etc.) .. ..	227.15	250.05	206.74	200.57	267.12	218.49	276.97	283.97
<b>Drug Offences—</b>								
Drugs, Manufacture Unlawfully .. ..	0.42	0.27	0.45	0.84	0.53	0.10	0.24	0.02
Drugs, Obtain Unlawfully .. ..	16.62	25.03	36.64	78.06	82.94	88.99	72.21	86.45
Drugs, Supply .. ..	4.63	4.86	5.21	9.76	10.85	15.68	14.23	10.69
Drugs, Use .. ..	16.81	20.05	29.98	67.42	71.14	70.73	56.21	59.72
Drugs, Other Offences .. ..	2.00	4.17	11.32	19.82	23.38	28.93	23.29	29.11
	40.49	54.39	83.60	175.90	188.84	204.43	166.17	185.98
<b>Other Coded Offences—</b>								
Arson .. ..	5.08	6.07	5.97	8.39	7.67	12.39	17.34	19.29
Carry Cutting Instrument .. ..	1.52	1.65	1.05	2.03	2.22	2.12	3.41	3.97
Goods in Custody .. ..	20.33	18.55	19.67	24.91	25.78	23.18	24.54	24.07
Malicious Injury and Damage to Property .. ..	110.64	122.29	155.53	196.23	235.88	285.43	368.59	357.39
Receiving .. ..	23.87	21.97	18.99	21.74	21.41	16.54	17.30	21.57
Stock Stealing, including Cattle of all kinds, sheep and wool .. ..	5.71	7.32	10.19	7.53	6.78	7.50	9.26	14.71
Unlicensed Pistol .. ..	6.30	5.42	3.80	3.75	3.17	3.63	4.33	2.84
Offences not coming within Classified Headings of this Summary .. ..	19.95	24.53	29.26	53.78	53.42	54.61	65.41	66.70
	193.39	207.80	244.46	318.36	356.33	405.40	510.18	510.54
<b>Grand Total .. ..</b>	<b>2 951.86</b>	<b>2 728.00</b>	<b>2 807.68</b>	<b>2 941.79</b>	<b>3 093.72</b>	<b>3 264.65</b>	<b>3 647.73</b>	<b>3 648.56</b>

Crime figures are for the calendar year.

Population figures used are the latest estimates available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics at 31st December, 1979, for 30th June of each year.

#### New South Wales Population

1972—4 747 000	1976—4 914 300
1973—4 793 400	1977—4 956 700
1974—4 839 400	1978—5 011 800
1975—4 884 500	1979—5 043 500

# ACTS OF BRAVERY AND AWARDS MADE TO MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE

## Acts of Bravery

*Detective Sergeant 3rd Class J. W. Burke, Sergeant 3rd Class B. H. Summerfield and Detective Senior Constables D. M. Gilligan, R. G. Godden and M. A. Hales*—As part of the Police team organized to prevent certain members of the Ananda Marga Religious Sect succeeding in a conspiracy to explode a bomb at the home of a political enemy, Detective Sergeant Burke, Sergeant Summerfield and Detective Senior Constables Gilligan, Godden and Hales stopped a car containing three Sect members carrying a bomb at Bass Hill on 15th June, 1978. Then, despite their threats to explode the bomb inside the vehicle, the offenders were dragged from the car and arrested and the bomb deactivated.

*Detective Senior Constable G. Pianta*—Whilst off duty at Georges Hall on 26th July, 1978, Detective Senior Constable Pianta pursued two offenders on foot after learning they had just robbed a man and woman at gunpoint. When he challenged them, they threatened to "blow his head off". He retreated and phoned for Police assistance. On the arrival of Police, he joined in the search for the robbers, who were arrested shortly afterwards by other Police.

*Detective Sergeant 2nd Class T. W. Knight*—On 17th November, 1978, Detective Sergeant Knight confronted and exchanged shots with an armed offender, who crashed his car while trying to escape from the scene of a bank robbery at Summer Hill. Having expended all his ammunition, the Sergeant took charge of the ensuing Police action which ended when the gunman was fatally wounded by Police after murdering one of the two hostages he had taken.

*Cadets G. J. Nixon, M. Ray, P. G. Warburton and L. G. Greck*—Whilst driving home from duty on 8th December, 1978, Cadets Nixon, Ray, Warburton and Greck came upon the scene of a serious motor vehicle accident in Enfield. They found the driver of one of the cars trapped inside his motor vehicle, which was burning fiercely after petrol from its ruptured fuel tank ignited. Ignoring the intense heat and danger of an explosion, the four Cadets finally succeeded in releasing the man and brought him to safety.

*Senior Constable A. J. Cox and Constable 1st Class P. A. Hamilton*—When Constable 1st Class Hamilton attempted to apprehend the driver of a car for a traffic offence at Wallacia on 19th December, 1978, the highly disturbed offender, who was under the influence of alcohol and medication, fired a number of rifle shots at the Constable and drove off. The Constable pursued the other car and sought assistance by radio. Further shots were fired at Constable Hamilton's car but he continued to keep the offender under observation. Other Police joined in the pursuit until the offender was stopped at a road block. There he threatened Police and then pointed the rifle at his own head. Senior Constable Cox and another Constable attempted to approach the offender's car from behind cover but he shone the car lights on the two Constables, pointed the rifle at them and then drove off at high speed. A furious chase developed with the offender often driving on the wrong side and scattering oncoming traffic. However, Senior Constable Cox finally managed by skilful driving to force the offender's vehicle off the road, where it overturned and the offender was arrested.

*Constable R. J. Baxter and Probationary Constable D. L. Caine*—After receiving information that a wanted criminal was in the bottle shop of a Burwood Hotel on 20th December, 1978, Police immediately raced to the scene and took up positions around the premises. Knowing that he was armed and dangerous, Constable Baxter, with service revolver drawn, challenged the offender as he left the hotel and called on him to surrender. The wanted man ignored the call and continued to advance, meanwhile trying to draw a loaded sawn-off rifle from a bag. Supported by Probationary Constable Caine, Constable Baxter grappled with the offender and a furious struggle ensued between him and the two Constables but he was eventually overpowered and arrested, with the aid of other Police.

*Sergeant 3rd Class K. Gabb, Senior Constable E. G. Iddles and Senior Constable L. M. Dever*—When a motor vehicle collided with a pole and brought down power lines at Coffs Harbour on 20th January, 1979, Sergeant Gabb used his baton to knock a live wire from the hand of a man who had gone to help the driver of the wrecked car. Then, with the assistance of Senior Constable Dever, the Sergeant carried the unconscious man from amongst the arcing power lines to safety. Meanwhile, Senior Constable Iddles, ignoring the very real danger of an explosion, crawled under the fiercely burning vehicle in a bid to release the driver who was trapped inside. Senior Constable Dever and a fireman went to his assistance and together they lifted the injured man clear.

*Probationary Constable I. J. Young*—Called to the southern side of the Sydney Harbour Bridge on 30th January, 1979, Police found a 19-year-old man standing on a ledge outside the safety fence some 35 metres above the ground. The man was in an extremely agitated state and a teen-aged girl was pleading with him not to jump. From inside the bicycle ramp Police were able to take hold of the man's arms and hold him against the ramp wall. He commenced to struggle violently and Probationary Constable Young climbed onto the wall where he took hold of the man by the shoulder and



belt. The man suddenly flung himself away from the wall almost dragging the Probationary Constable over the edge. However, Probationary Constable Young did not release his hold and, as he slid forward, one of the other Police managed to take hold of his legs to prevent him going over the edge. Additional Police then arrived and were able to haul the would-be suicide to safety.

*Constable 1st Class R. A. J. Chisholm and Constable B. Adamthwaite*—Shortly after 9.00 p.m. on 2nd February, 1979, Constables Chisholm and Adamthwaite drove to the Edward Street Bridge at Moree after a report was received that a car had gone off the bridge into the Mehi River. On arrival at the scene, they saw a submerged car and heard muffled knocking coming from inside the vehicle. The Constables dived beneath the surface of the swiftly flowing river but found the car doors locked. Constable Adamthwaite eventually released a door catch and Constable Chisholm took a man to the safety of the river bank. Constable Adamthwaite, meantime, was attempting to release a semi-conscious woman but became entangled in debris himself. Constable Chisholm returned and supported the woman until Constable Adamthwaite released himself then both Police brought the woman to safety.

*Probationary Constable P. A. O'Neill*—When a taxi driver was attacked by a passenger at Eastwood on 15th February, 1979, Probationary Constable O'Neill, hearing cries for help, ran from his place of residence to aid the injured man who had been stabbed eleven times during a robbery attempt. The Probationary Constable overpowered the armed offender, dragged him from the vehicle and held him until an ambulance and other Police arrived.

*Constable R. H. McPherson*—On the night of 26th February, 1979, Constable McPherson was called to a gas-filled house at Macquarie Fields where he brought a man attempting suicide to safety. The Constable applied artificial resuscitation until the unconscious man revived then, on learning that the man's family may be still inside, he re-entered and searched the two-storey premises until satisfied no-one was there. Constable McPherson required hospital treatment for gas inhalation as a result of his experience.

*Senior Constables B. P. Burgess and P. P. Menzies and Probationary Constable S. J. Dunn*—After an argument, a mentally disturbed man fired shots through the door of the Toongabbie Squash Centre on 10th March, 1979, and Senior Constables Menzies and Burgess and Probationary Constable Dunn attended the scene to investigate the complaint. There they found the man had rigged his car as a fire bomb beneath the squash centre and had committed suicide in the front seat after setting fire to his own petrol-soaked body. Flames were seen to be buckling the sides of five petrol-filled plastic containers in the back of the blazing car but, ignoring danger, Senior Constables Burgess and Menzies and Probationary Constable Dunn succeeded in removing them from the vehicle before they exploded.

*Detective Senior Constable T. J. Bennett and Senior Constable G. Summers*—At Coleambally in the early hours of 13th March, 1979, Senior Constable Summers disarmed a disturbed man who had kept Police at bay for more than three hours with threats to shoot them and his daughter, whom he was holding as a hostage. After being disarmed, the offender ran inside his house and slammed the door. Detective Senior Constable Bennett immediately charged the door, broke it down and overpowered the offender with the help of Senior Constable Summers and other Police.

*Constables M. T. Pascoe and C. R. Turton*—After being challenged by Constables Pascoe and Turton at Heckenberg in 13th March, 1979, a suspect produced a knife and threatened the two Constables. Constable Turton drew his service revolver and tried to talk to the man until Constable Pascoe was able to seize the offender, who was then overpowered, disarmed and arrested by the two Constables.

*Senior Constable A. J. Parry*—On the night of 23rd March, 1979, Senior Constable Parry entered the shark-infested waters of Weeney Bay, Kurnell, and swam more than 200 metres to rescue a fisherman who was in danger of drowning after his dinghy overturned.

*Sergeant 1st Class L. J. Steel*—In the early hours of the 27th March, 1979, a petrol tanker driver used his vehicle to completely block Macquarie Street in front of Parliament House, and demanded to see the Premier. The man was in an extremely agitated state and when challenged by Police he threatened them with a shotgun. When Sergeant Steel arrived he talked to the man and calmed him down, but the offender still refused to move his vehicle. With the assistance of the Night Duty Officer, Sergeant Steel continued to talk to the man and after about two hours finally persuaded the offender to hand over the shotgun and surrender.

*Senior Constables A. Ackroyd, R. A. Lamb and B. W. Gane*—Called to investigate a report that a man had been seen on the arch of the Sydney Harbour Bridge on 28th March, 1979, Senior Constables Ackroyd, Lamb and Gane climbed to the top of the bridge. There, in high velocity winds of up to 70 k.p.h., they grappled with a mentally disturbed man who was attempting to commit suicide. The disturbed man struggled violently for some time with the three Constables about 80 metres above the road surface but was eventually subdued and brought to safety.

*Sergeant 1st Class M. W. Berrigan, Detective Sergeant 2nd Class A. Percival, Detective Sergeant 3rd Class E. J. Stubbs and Senior Constables J. R. Duggan and P. Thomas*—Following a small explosion in the Centrepont Arcade, Taree, on 31st March, 1979, a search by Police discovered a much larger explosive device which had failed to detonate. Despite the very real danger of a massive explosion, Sergeants Berrigan, Percival and Stubbs and Senior Constables Duggan and Thomas stayed on duty in the near vicinity of the bomb to ensure the public was kept away and to assist the Army explosives expert until the explosive device was deactivated.

*Senior Constable P. Ward and Constable 1st Class J. A. Allam*—On 7th April, 1979, Senior Constable Ward and Constable 1st Class Allam were called to a house in Penrith where they confronted a mentally disturbed man, who had just stabbed his ten-year-old daughter to death. The offender attacked Senior Constable Ward with a knife and Constable 1st Class Allam fired a warning shot. The Senior Constable grappled with the armed man, receiving lacerations to both hands during the encounter. Constable Allam seized the offender's knife arm as he slashed wildly and both Police held the violently struggling man until other Police arrived and he was disarmed and arrested.

*Senior Constable A. Germolenko*—Whilst investigating a suspected break and enter offence in a gunshop at Goulburn on 11th April, 1979, Senior Constable Germolenko confronted a man who was affected by alcohol and armed with a double barrel shotgun. The offender threatened the Senior Constable who talked calmly to the armed man in an endeavour to persuade him to surrender. When this proved unsuccessful, the Senior Constable suddenly lunged at the offender and, after a struggle, disarmed and arrested him.

*Senior Constable D. M. King*—On 22nd April, 1979, Senior Constable King entered heavy and treacherous seas at Skennars Head, near Ballina, in an unsuccessful attempt to rescue a fisherman washed off the rocks. After swimming and wading some 80 metres from shore to reach the man, the Senior Constable attempted artificial resuscitation but was forced off the rock on which he had placed the man's body by huge waves. He eventually succeeded in bringing the drowned man to shore, suffering minor lacerations to both feet and legs during the attempt.

*Constable R. A. Youngberg*—Whilst on patrol on 11th June, 1979, Constable Youngberg detected a stolen vehicle driven by two youths travelling north towards Tenterfield at high speed. He gave chase but, as he drew near, the rear window of the offender's vehicle was broken and rifle shots were fired at the Police vehicle. Constable Youngberg immediately slackened speed and dropped back but continued the pursuit even though threatened with the rifle at least five more times. However, shortly after the offenders passed through Tenterfield, the driver lost control of the car and crashed. Constable Youngberg then arrested the offenders at gunpoint as they attempted to run away.

*Senior Constable R. E. McIntyre*—At Armidale on the night of 9th July, 1979, Police were confronted by a highly agitated man armed with a rifle. They talked to him for some time but he refused to surrender and commenced to fire shots at Police. Senior Constable McIntyre, ignoring the danger to himself, leapt from cover to drag a young woman to safety from the direct line of fire. The offender eventually surrendered his rifle to a doctor and was arrested.

*Senior Constable M. J. Steel*—After being called to a domestic dispute at Stockton on 17th July, 1979, Senior Constable Steel and another member of the Force went to question a mentally disturbed man outside a doctor's surgery. The offender produced a long bladed carving knife and the Senior Constable grappled with him but was forced back. He drew his service revolver and called on the man to surrender, however, the man kept advancing asking Police to shoot him. On the arrival of other Police, the offender surrendered his knife to a doctor and was arrested.

*Sergeant 2nd Class K. R. Hodges*—In the early hours of the 2nd September, 1979, while off duty and a guest in the Grand Hotel at Bega, Sergeant Hodges assisted the hotel licensee to bring a male guest to safety from a blazing room and then played a fire extinguisher on the flames until he was forced to leave the building because of the smoke and fumes. The fire was extinguished soon after by the fire brigade.

*Sergeant 3rd Class B. E. Campbell, Senior Constable D. J. Burke, Constable 1st Class S. J. Jordan and Constable G. R. Forlonge*—When called to a domestic dispute at Weston on 29th September, 1979, Sergeant Campbell and Constables Burke, Jordan and Forlonge were confronted by a mentally disturbed man armed with an axe and a broken beer bottle. The offender was affected by alcohol and on the arrival of Police appeared to go berserk, hurling stones at their vehicle and threatening to kill Police as he repeatedly made runs at the Police car. Then, while Constable 1st Class Jordan captured the offender's attention by driving the Police car towards him and backing it away when the offender threw stones and charged, Sergeant Campbell, Senior Constable Burke and Constable Forlonge managed to get behind the crazed man and rush from hiding to overpower and arrest him.

*Detective Sergeant 1st Class C. R. Watkins, Detective Sergeants 3rd Class N. R. Chad, A. Lorenzutta, B. R. Harding, D. Worsley and Detective Senior Constables R. G. Harvey, H. G. Allen, J. W. Duff and C. R. Clark*—The above-mentioned Police were part of the Police team called to Sydney International Airport on 4th April, 1979, to try to secure the surrender of a mentally disturbed offender

who, being armed with a knife, had earlier taken a young woman hostage in an attempt to hijack a Boeing 747 airliner. After the hostage escaped, with the aid of Police, the crazed man produced two highly explosive devices which he threatened to detonate unless his demands were met. When all attempts to persuade the offender to surrender failed, the members of the Service named took part in an assault on the plane which ended when the offender was fatally wounded before he could explode the bombs.

*Detective Senior Constable F. Giordano and Constable R. L. Newick*—On 5th May, 1979, Detective Senior Constable F. Giordano and Constable R. L. Newick, having been directed to investigate an armed hold-up report at the Rozelle Branch of the Totalisator Agency Board, confronted and overpowered the offender after he shot and seriously wounded a female employee during the armed hold-up attempt.

*Constable 1st Class P. R. Griffiths*—While off duty at Narrabeen on 28th August, 1979, Constable Griffiths rescued two boys from a fast-flowing current in the Narrabeen Lake near the Ocean Street bridge.

*Detective Sergeants 3rd Class B. R. Harding, P. W. McKinnon, Detective Senior Constable R. L. Stevenson, Constable 1st Class G. E. Kennedy and Constable T. B. Nolan*—At Ultimo on 16th November, 1979, the abovementioned officers confronted a highly disturbed mental patient who was armed with a knife. Initially, Constable 1st Class Kennedy tried to induce the offender to surrender by talking to him over a long period of time. When it was clear the man would not surrender, Constable Nolan tried to subdue him with a chair but was driven back by the knife-wielding offender. Constable Nolan then kicked in a door panel to the man's room, allowing Detective Sergeant 3rd Class McKinnon to spray tear gas at the offender. The tear gas failed to have the desired effect and several additional applications of the gas were sprayed at the offender by Detective Sergeant Harding and Detective Senior Constable Stevenson. The demented offender then charged and stabbed Detective Stevenson six times. However, as he and Detective Harding were wearing protective vests, the knife thrusts caused no injury. In the ensuing struggle Constable Nolan seized hold of the offender's knife arm and assisted the other officers until the crazed man was finally overpowered, disarmed and arrested.

*Constable 1st Class P. A. Strik*—Called to investigate a disturbance at Dapto on 5th December, 1979, Constable 1st Class Strik found a man under the influence of alcohol, who was armed with a rifle. The man had earlier threatened the residents of a nearby house and the Constable, after approaching him from behind, called on the offender to surrender. As he turned, the Constable was able to disarm the man and then placed him under arrest.

#### **Awards to Police—Royal and Civilian**

Royal and Civilian Awards and Trophies were presented to members of the Police Force as indicated hereunder—

##### *Australian Bravery Medal—*

The Australian Bravery Medal was awarded to: Sergeant 3rd Class A. G. Hill, Sergeant 3rd Class R. L. Burrage and Senior Constable G. C. Sheen.

*Queen's Police Medal for Distinguished Service*—Senior Superintendent K. R. Paull, Superintendent C. N. MacKinnon, Superintendent W. L. Marcroft, Superintendent J. J. Conaghan, Superintendent R. D. Masters, Superintendent P. F. Clark, Superintendent B. L. Brotherson, Superintendent K. M. Baret, Superintendent R. S. Cowden, Superintendent D. R. Williams, Superintendent R. M. Holloway, Inspector J. C. Perrin, Superintendent D. P. Pratt (retired), Senior Inspector A. L. Smaills (retired), Inspector G. W. Louis (retired), Inspector R. H. Stevenson (retired), Inspector N. R. Walker (retired), Inspector D. W. Walker (retired).

*National Medal*—The Governor-General awarded the National Medal to 23 members of the New South Wales Police Force in 1979, signifying a minimum of 37 years long and diligent service.

*Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal*—The Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal was awarded to 51 Police in 1979.

*George Lewis Memorial Trophy*—This Trophy, which is awarded for the most courageous act performed by a member of the Police Force, was granted for the year 1978 to Senior Constable G. C. Sheen of the Gosford Highway Patrol. The presentation ceremony was conducted at the Police Academy during 1979.

The award was made in recognition of his outstanding courage at Gosford on 26th April, 1978, when he entered a burning house to rescue a baby girl from a blazing smoke-filled room.

*Alfred Edward Award*—The award of this Trophy for the pluckiest and most commendable act by a traffic Policeman, was made for the year 1978 to Senior Constable G. C. Sheen of the Gosford Highway Patrol and was presented at the Police Academy during 1979.

*Peter Mitchell Awards*—Nine awards were made under this Trust for the year 1978. The nine Trophies were presented at the Police Academy to the following Police during 1979—

*Most Courageous Act*—Awarded to Senior Constable G. C. Sheen in conjunction with the George Lewis Memorial Trophy.

*Most Outstanding Performance of any Phase of Police Duty*—Awarded to Detective Sergeant 3rd Class D. Worsley of the Criminal Investigation Branch for his outstanding policing and devotion to duty during a prolonged investigation which culminated in the arrest and conviction of a man for the murder of a husband and wife at Jerilderie.

*Most Outstanding Police Sportsman of the Year*—Constable W. A. Koenig of No. 18 Division.

*Highest Marks in Police Examinations Qualifying for—*

- (a) *Confirmation of Appointment as Constable*—Constable D. H. Humphreys of No. 22 Division.
- (b) *Promotion to Rank of Constable 1st Class*—Constable G. W. Kendall of the Criminal Investigation Branch.
- (c) *Promotion to Rank of Sergeant 3rd Class*—Constable 1st Class J. W. White of the Police Prosecuting Branch.
- (d) *Promotion to Rank of Sergeant 1st Class*—Sergeant 3rd Class G. H. Flakelar of No. 14 Division.
- (e) *Appointment to the Rank of Inspector*—Sergeant 2nd Class R. T. Hawthorne of No. 4 Division.
- (f) *Designation of Detective*—P. C. Senior Constable K. A. Thornell of No. 10 Division.

*John Dynon and Sons Trophy*—This Trophy, which is presented to the most outstanding Police or Police Cadet athlete or sportsman participating in organized Police sport or representing the Police Force in open competition, was made for the year 1978 to Sergeant 3rd Class C. W. Small of No. 7 Division. The award was made in recognition of his outstanding achievements as a rifleman while representing the New South Wales Police Rifle Club and the New South Wales Police Department in open competition.

*Vincent Gatton Kelly Memorial Trophy*—Sergeant 1st Class N. A. Stanford, Police Prosecuting Branch, Detective Sergeant 3rd Class J. A. Lowe, Fraud Squad, Criminal Investigation Branch.

*Josh Abrahams Trophy*—This Trophy, for the most outstanding Police Mounted Trooper, was awarded to Constable 1st Class, G. Singleton for the 12 months ended 30th June, 1979.

*Sam Stirling Trophy*—This Trophy, for the Police Mounted Trooper achieving the most consistently good results over the range of the Troop's activities for the 12 months ended 30th June, 1979, was made to Constable D. G. Jones.

*Brigadier Hinton Cavalry Trophy*—For the year ended 30th June, 1979, this Trophy was awarded to Constable M. D. Kelley. The Trophy is presented to the Police Mounted Trooper, with less than 3 years service with the Mounted Troop, who shows the most improvement.

*J. L. Hazlett Trophy*—This Trophy, for the most outstanding Police Mounted Trooper during the 1979 Sydney Royal Easter Show, was awarded to Constable N. E. Gough.

*Superintendent J. H. Milne Trophy*—The winner of the 1979 Prepared Speech Competition among members of the Police Prosecuting Branch and Central Court Staff was Senior Constable R. C. Nicol.

*Professor K. O. Shatwell Award*—The award of this Trophy, for the Probationary Constable obtaining the highest marks in the examination subject of Law at Secondary Training Courses conducted at the Police Academy during 1979, was made to Constable S. K. Hodden, No. 24 Division.



*Ray Kelly Trophy*—This Trophy, presented by the late former Detective Inspector R. W. Kelly, for the member of the Police Force obtaining the highest assessment for the year in the Detective Training Courses, of which there are three held annually, was awarded to P. C. Constable 1st Class I. N. Wares of No. 16 Division.

*Transfield Awards*—These awards are presented by Transfield Pty Ltd to the member of the Police Force obtaining the highest assessment in each Detective Training Course. The recipients of these awards for the year 1979 were P. C. Senior Constable R. J. Brown of the Criminal Investigation Branch, P. C. Constable 1st Class P. T. Keane of No. 35 Division and P. C. Constable 1st Class I. N. Wares of No. 16 Division.

*Dr C. J. M. Walters Memorial Shield*—This award is presented by the family of the late Dr Walters for proficiency in resuscitation and physiology by Probationary Constables attending Secondary Training Courses.

The award for the year 1979 was made to Constable G. R. Heskett of No. 34 Division.

*Thiess Toyota Award*—This Trophy, awarded for the most meritorious act performed by a member of the Police Rescue Units, for the 12 months period ended 30th June, 1979, was presented jointly to Senior Constables B. W. Gane, A. Ackroyd and R. A. Lamb of the Police Rescue Squad.

*Police Credit Union Award*—This award is made to the Police Trainee gaining the highest assessment in each of the Initial Training Classes conducted each year. The awards for 1979 were presented to Police Trainees M. Adams, M. Ray, G. J. Campbell and Policewoman Trainee B. A. Williams.

*Police Association of New South Wales Award*—This award is made to the Probationary Constable attaining the highest assessment in each Secondary Training Course. The recipients of the 1979 awards were Probationary Constables D. P. Donnelly, R. P. Loomes, P. Gallagher and S. K. Hodder.

*W. D. & H. O. Wills Trophies*—For the year 1979 these three Trophies were awarded as follows:

*Trophy for the Dux of the Driver Training Courses held at the Police Driver Training School*—Probationary Constable R. B. Stedman.

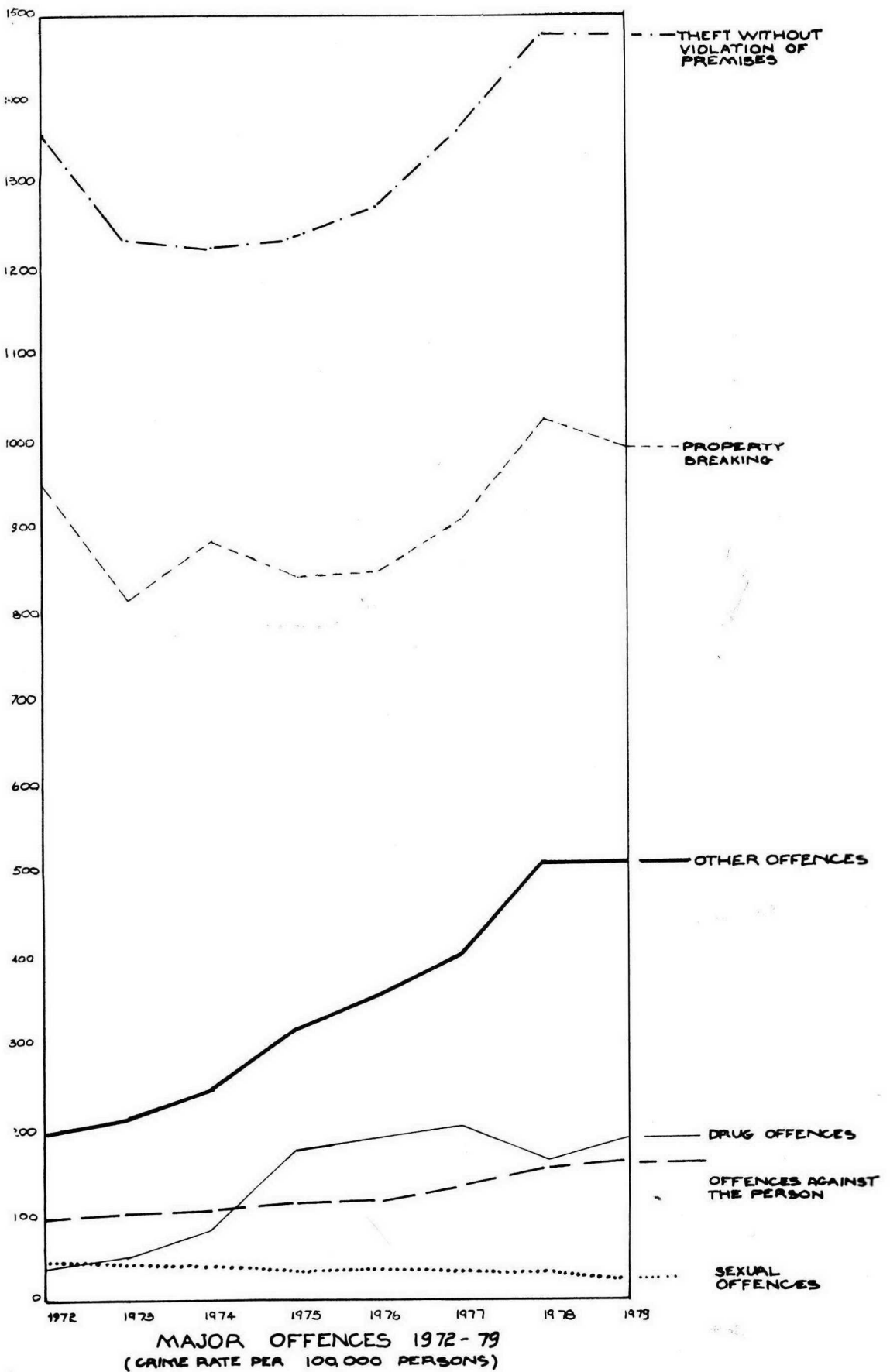
*Trophy for the Dux of the Rider Training Courses held at the Police Driver Training School*—Constable M. Winterflood.

*Trophy for the Most Outstanding Policewoman*—Policewoman Detective Senior Constable J. C. Frazer.

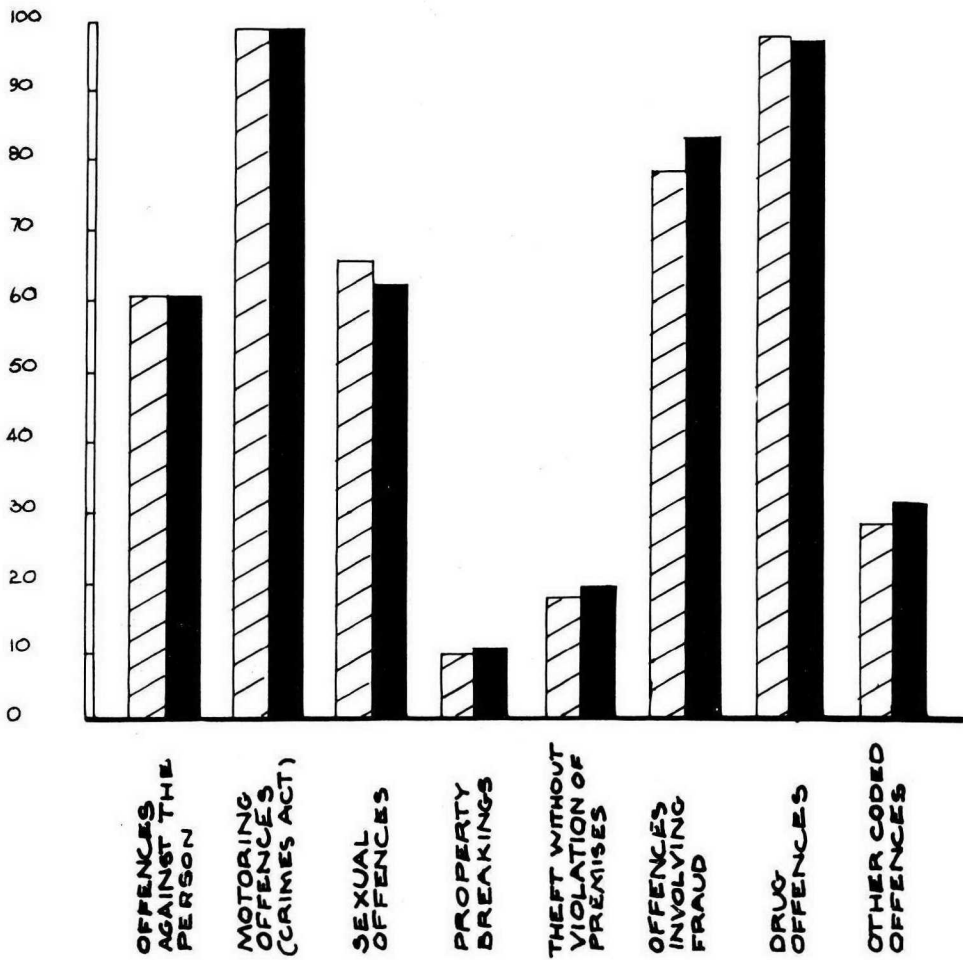
*Sir Robert Askin Award*—This award is made for attainments during the Senior Police Courses each year. The award for 1979 was granted to Detective Sergeant 1st Class M. S. A. Lamond of the Internal Affairs Branch.

*Hon. L. S. Snider Memorial Award*—This biennial award makes provision for a member of the Police Band and a member of the Police Choir to undertake scholarships of two years duration at the New South Wales Conservatorium of Music. The award for 1979 was made to Sergeant 3rd Class L. D. Lidbury of the Police Choir and Constable 1st Class T. J. Marsden of the Police Band.



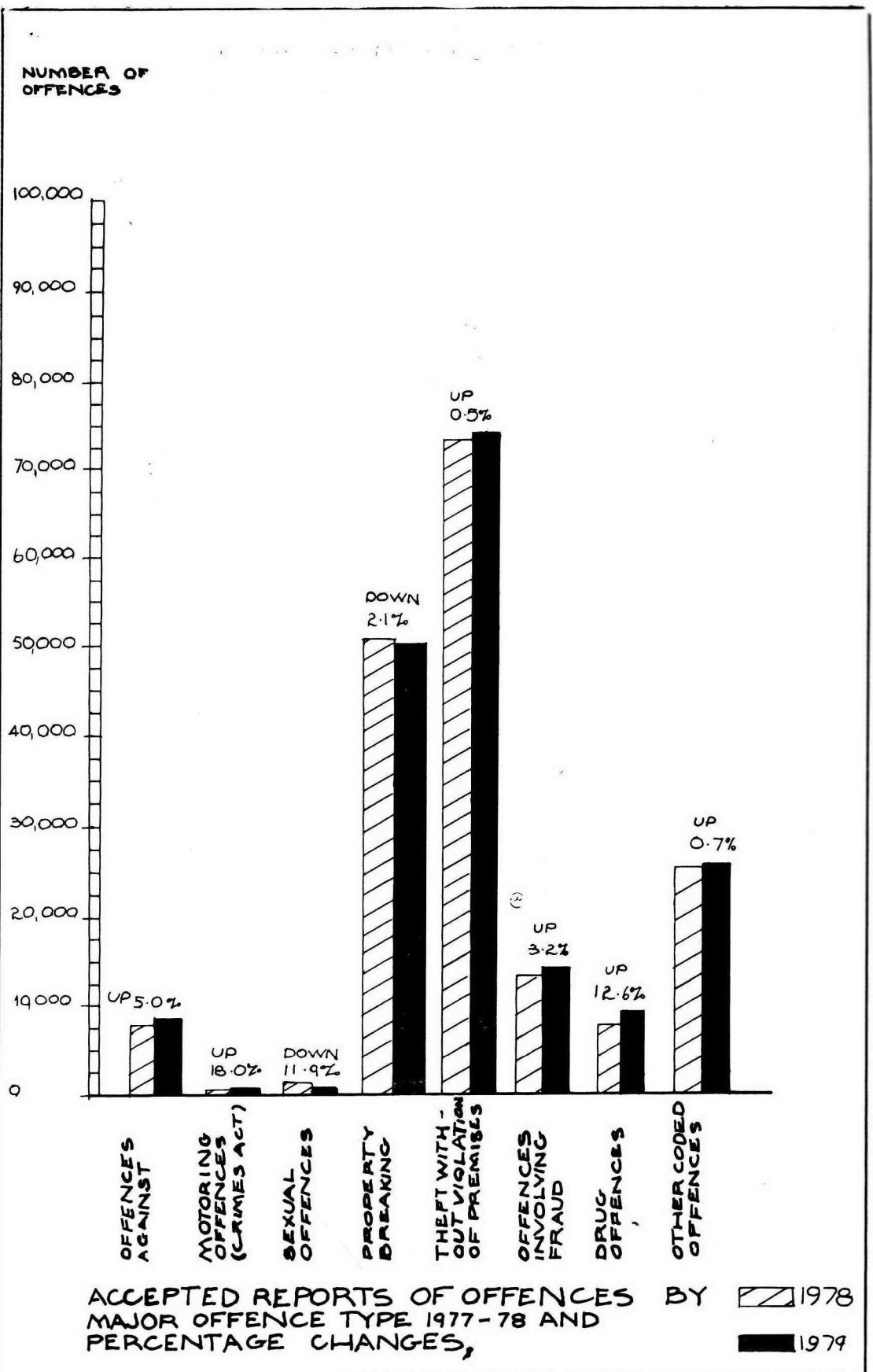


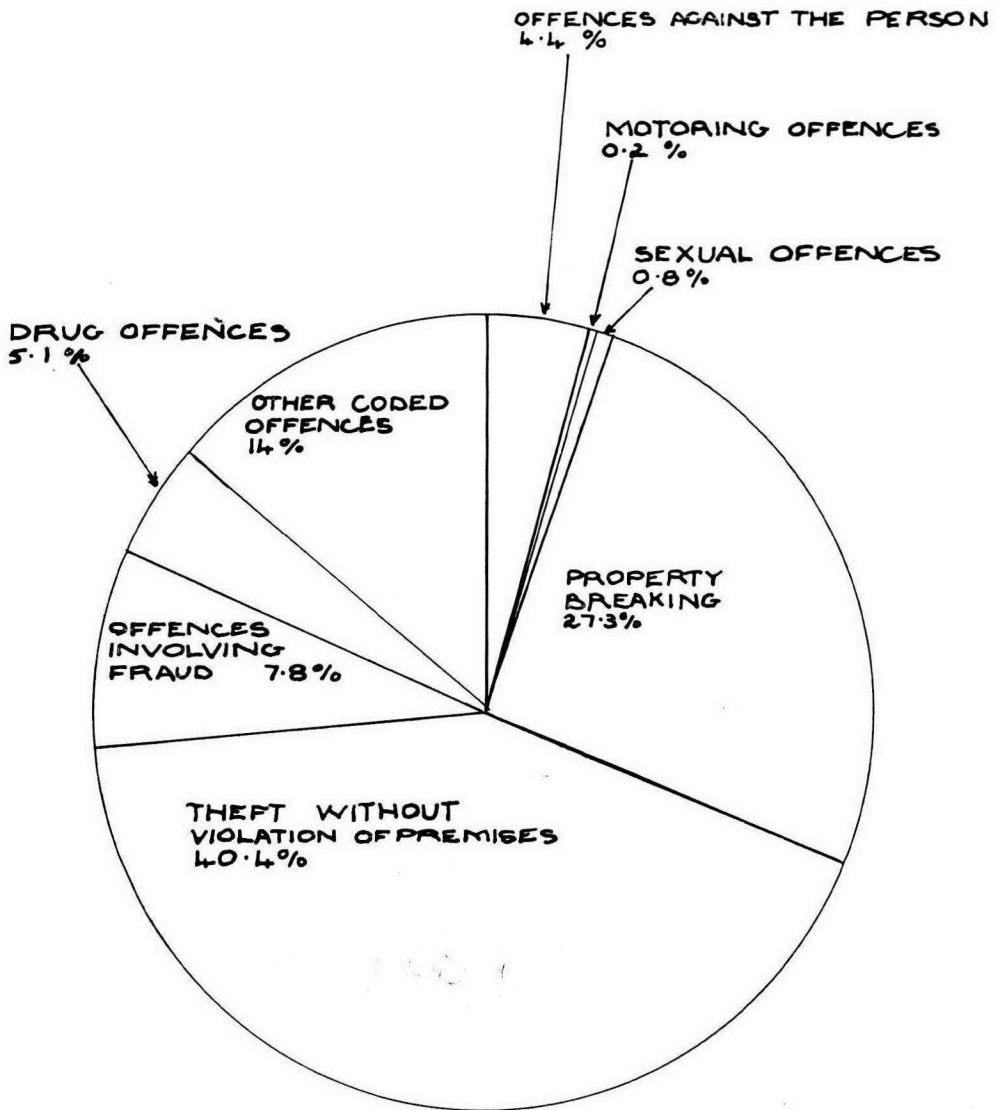
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PERCENTAGE CLEAR-UP RATES BY MAJOR OFFENCE TYPE 1978-1979

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