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*The committee meets  
on the 3rd Wednesday  
every 2 months.*

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## Newsletter of the Northern Territory Police Museum & Historical Society Inc

### First Display gets the 'thumbs up'!

After almost seven months of work, our first display was officially opened on Thursday 28 September by our Patron, Commissioner Brian Bates AM, APM.

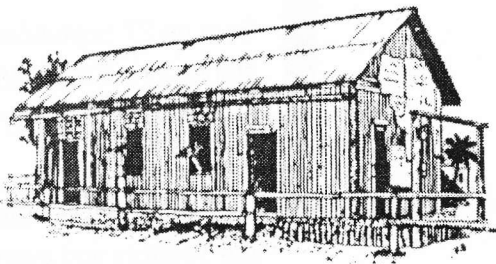
Commissioner Bates congratulated the Museum Management Committee consisting of representatives from the Northern Territory Archives, the Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, the Northern Territory Police Association Inc and the Retired Police Association of the Northern Territory Inc. These groups, under the chairmanship of Bill Wilson have worked together to produce a quality display highlighting "The Tablelands".

The Hon Mike Reed, MLA, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and The Hon Peter Adamson, MLA, Minister for Arts and Museums were present at the opening and have also congratulated the group.

It is envisaged that the display will continue to be housed in the foyer of the Peter McAulay Centre for approximately three months. The display will then be transported to Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Borroloola and Katherine over the next 12 months before finally returning to Darwin.

Although only small in size, the display presentation has the quality of a professional exhibition.

The Management Committee are now working on their second exhibition.



### TALE OF TWO MASSACRES

The "Tale of Two Massacres", our first general meeting was held on Wednesday 9 August at the Peter McAulay Centre.

Some 50 people attended the evening that has been seen as a great success for our Society. Both presenters were well received as guest speakers and the BBQ that followed continued the discussions for a few hours afterwards.

A special thank you to Peter Dunham who provided his story on the Caledon Bay incident where Mounted Constable McColl was killed.

Our President, Bill Wilson, was the other

presenter on the night and spoke of the Coniston Massacre of the late 1920s.

Reports back from a number of people who attended the evening are that we should be doing this more often.

Thank you also goes to Gary Manison for chairing the evening.

Our next general meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 November, 2000 – further information on topics for the future have been included later in the newsletter.

## THE VISITOR'S BOOK

A Visitor's Book was purchased to accompany our displays, providing guests to comment, either positively or negatively on them.

Some of the comments received to date are:

Mike Reed, MLA, Minister for Police, Fire & Emergency Services : **An impressive first exhibition providing a great foundation for future presentations - a good decision for visiting exhibits too!**

Peter Adamson, MLA, Minister for Arts & Museums : **Times have certainly changed. Congratulations to all involved!**

Brian Bates, Commissioner of Police : **A great beginning.**

Dr Mickey Dewar : **Congratulations - brilliant effort!**

Other comments included:

**Excellent display - means a lot.**

**Very impressive - well done.**

**Great to finally see something being done.**

**Ah, the memories! Wonderful display!**

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## LIFE AS A POLICEMAN'S SON

Our second General Meeting to be held at 7pm on 1 November 2000 in the Theatrette, Police College, Berrimah will focus on "Life as a policeman's son".

Born on 27 September 1885, Mounted Constable John Creed "Jack" Lovegrove joined the Northern Territory Police on 1 October 1910.

He served in a number of locations around the Territory and eventually reached the rank of Inspector.

He was married on 31 July 1925. His children, Yvonne Lillian was born on 11 May 1926 and Thomas Creed (known as Creed) was born on 7 July 1927. Another son, Ian Hamilton was born on 16 December 1930. This completed the Lovegrove family.

Creed continues to live in Darwin and has advised of his availability to speak on his experience of "Life as a policeman's son" during the depression years and beyond.

The evening will commence with a screening

of the movie "Outback Patrol". This movie depicts the life of a Territory policeman and runs for approximately 20 minutes.

Tickets are available now and will remain at the same price as the last meeting - \$5.00 for members (NT Police Museum & Historical Society Inc) and \$8.00 for non-members.

We look forward to seeing you all once again at this forum.

We apologise for the late notice in relation to this event.



## Your Committee

A reminder as to who your Committee are:

President: Mr Bill Wilson  
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Mr John Jones will be overseas for the next few months so will not be contactable. Have a great holiday John.



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## 2001 PROGRAM FOR SPEAKERS

At a recent committee meeting discussions were held in relation to topics for forthcoming General Meetings and speakers for same.

The following program was agreed upon with actual dates to be finalised closer to the time:

Wednesday 7 February 2001 – Fire-arms used by the NT Police – Gary Manison

May 2001 – possibility of Bill Jacobs speaking on the Mounted Police

August 2001 – possibility of Christine

Cox and Margaret Bates speaking on the role of the Police wife – other speakers are also being sought on this topic

November 2001 – possibility of Denzil McManus speaking on fingerprinting and John Maloney (serving member) speaking on current techniques used.

More information on these later topics as it comes to hand.

GENERAL  
MEETINGS

2001 – CATCH  
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## CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS

A suggestion has been put forward in relation to “cheap” Christmas gifts for those people who you feel you should buy something for, but don’t really wish to spend too much money.

The proposal is for a package of 4 copies of previous issues of *Citation* bound at a cost of \$5.00 for the set.

This invaluable package would be full of

historical articles on the Northern Territory Police. It is a good read and may entice some new members to our Association.

Expressions of interest in this venture would be appreciated before we go ahead with the idea.

We look forward to hearing from you with your suggestions and orders.



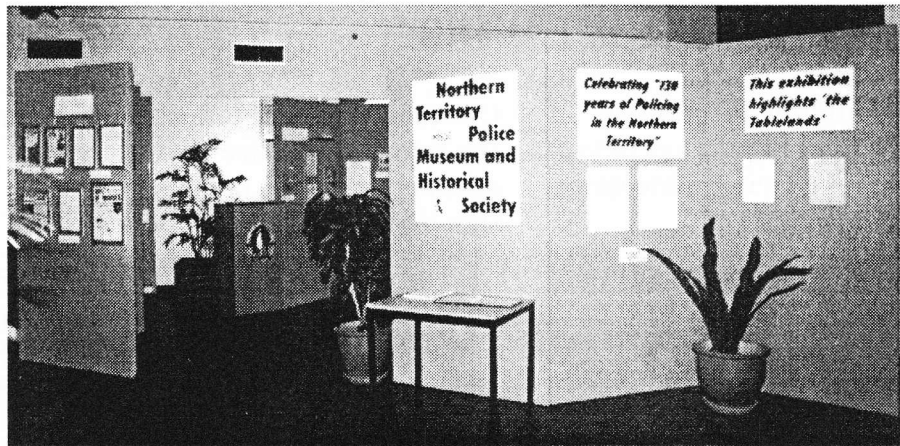
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### A small taste of the First Display at the Peter McAulay Centre, Berrimah



**We will soon be on the  
WEB - keep watching!**



## CITATION

Garth and Shirl have been very busy producing the next issues of Citation. They are looking for stories from any of our members to place in future issues.

Please do not hesitate to contact either of them at the Alice Springs Police Station. Stories on all areas of the Territory will be well received.

They can be contacted on telephone (08) 8951 8858 or on fax (08) 8951 8815.



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