



A FRIENDLY FAREWELL

WELL-KNOWN AFP member Inspector John Friend recently retired just before his 56th birthday. His retirement ended a lifetime police career that began in England with the Bradford Police, continued through 15 years' service in Victoria Police, took in the Commonwealth Police, and then, from day one, embraced the AFP.

John's retirement was marked by a number of functions, including one at the AFP College, Barton.

Assistant Commissioner John Reilly addressed the large crowd that attended. He pointed out that John Friend's service encompassed many aspects of policing — traditional community policing, fingerprinting, Interpol specialist, even a double term as OIC at Christmas Island.

This last posting, he said, was unique in that the Island's Administration gained two police officers for the price of one. John's wife, Connie, was herself a former British and Victoria Police officer.

Assistant Commissioner Reilly praised John's dedication and loyalty, while also touching on aspects of current morale and attitudes to discipline.

Assistant Commissioner John Reilly presents a retirement gift to Inspector John Friend.