

# MEET OUR NEW EDITOR

Platypus has a new editor, Senior Constable Susan Beatty.

Susan is already a familiar figure in the ACT, where she recently took over the AFP weekly column in the Canberra Times. She has also begun appearing in the public eye on the weekly "Police Seven" Canberra television show since joining the Canberra Public Relations Unit earlier this year.

Susan brings a great depth of police experience to the editor's desk at Platypus. She became a fourth-generation police officer when she followed her now-retired father, sergeant 1st class Norman Beatty, into the NSW Police Force in 1966. After being stationed mostly in Wollongong, she came to Canberra in 1972 to join the then-ACT Police. Three and a half years in the Women Police Office and General Duties Section was followed by four years in the offices of then-Commissioners



Sue Beatty

Roy Wilson and Reg Kennedy. Following amalgamation in November 1979, Susan was seconded to the Federal Royal Commission of Inquiry into Drugs, working with a joint investigation team in Queensland.

Our new editor says her new job is an enormous challenge, adding that she has always thought of writing as the ultimate creative occupation. Her literary talents have already been evidenced in Platypus, with a thoughtful article on women in policing in our very first edition, and in the Federal Police Association Journal, where for more than four years her column "On and Off the Beat" has appeared.

Platypus also thanks the outgoing editor, Dani Rogers, who has moved on to Eastern Division Protective Services in Sydney, for her considerable efforts over the past year.

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## HUMANE SOCIETY AWARD FOR MODEST HEROINE

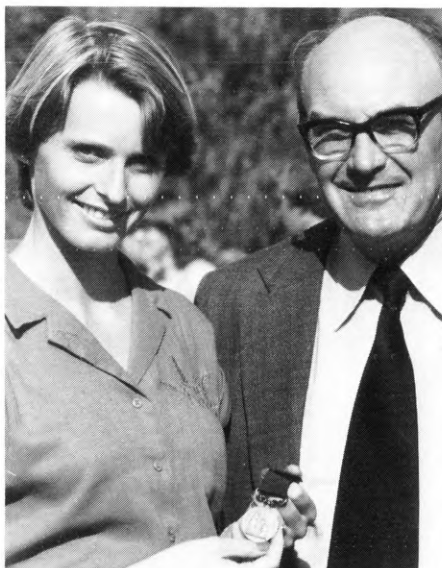
by Mark Lever

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A former Canberra school teacher, now living in Darwin, was rewarded for her bravery on Lake Burley Griffin more than two years ago when A.F.P. Commissioner Sir Colin Woods presented her with a Royal Humane Society Bronze Medal on the shores of the lake on March 21.

Mrs Rosemary Tweedie, 23, as Miss Rosemary Barwick was instrumental in saving the life of a schoolboy in a rowing mishap on the lake during the A.C.T. Rowing Association's annual marathon event on March 4, 1979.

Her efforts were not publicised at the time but the Royal Humane Society considered her efforts



worthy of their Bronze Medal.

Rosemary was a member of the A.N.U. Women's Four rowing crew competing in the event when a storm whipped up the lake near Kings Avenue Bridge, swamping a large number of competing crews including hers.

According to eyewitness accounts taken by police, the cox of the Canberra Grammar School First Eight, Grant Walker, then 17, got into difficulties when their shell began sinking.

The rest of the crew noticed Grant turning blue and semi-conscious, and began shouting and waving for help.

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