



PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

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The Queen has approved Letters Patent and Regulations establishing the Australian Police Medal which will form part of the Australian system of honours and awards.

The Regulations provide for the Medal to be awarded for distinguished service by a member of an Australian police force.

The awards will be made by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister responsible for each police force and will be notified in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette. The first awards will be announced in The Queen's Birthday Honours List in June this year.

The medal will carry an entitlement to the use of the post nominals "APM".

The awards will be limited to an annual allocation to each force of one award for each thousand, or part of one thousand, serving members of that force, together with one additional award.

The new award will be placed immediately above the Medal of the Order of Australia in the Australian Order of Precedence of Honours and Awards.

Arrangements are in hand for the manufacture of the insignia of the award which was designed by Mr Stuart Devlin, CMG, who designed the insignia for the Order of Australia, the Australian Bravery Decorations and the Defence Force Service Awards. He also designed the Australian decimal currency in 1963/64.