

A new direction for Australasian Policing

The development of an organisation providing policy support, strategic advice, research, knowledge management and information-sharing across Australian and New Zealand police jurisdictions is under way.

The Australia and New Zealand Policing Support Agency (ANZPSA) was approved by the Australasian Police Ministers' Council (APMC) in June last year, and combines the resources and functions of 17 diverse organisations, including the Australasian Centre for Policing Research (ACPR), the Australasian Multicultural Advisory Bureau (APMAB), and the Australasian Police Professional Standards Council.

Sponsor of ANZPSA, Victoria Police Chief Commissioner Christine Nixon, said the establishment of the agency represents an exciting new direction in Australasian policing.

"By establishing one organisation, ANZPSA presents an important opportunity for Australian and New Zealand policing. ANZPSA will have an extensive and diverse work program covering diverse areas including equity and multicultural issues, information technology, counter-terrorism and professional standards development," she said.

Serving Australia and New Zealand Commissioners, ANZPSA will build on the work of national policing services and Police Commissioners Conference organisations, and maintain valuable advisory resources and networks within jurisdictions to inform its work program.

To establish ANZPSA, an implementation team comprising representatives from the Australian Federal Police and Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania, and Queensland police services, has been working together. Since September last year, the team has developed the organisation by settling a memorandum of understanding, appointing the executive director, and addressing a range of legal, financial, and administrative issues.

ANZPSA will be located in Melbourne and supported administratively by Victoria Police.

It is expected that ANZPSA will commence operation later this year, and further ANZPSA news will be published via the usual communications tools.

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