

# Editor's Note

For decades now, the AFP has regularly collaborated with other agencies, government departments and law enforcement experts to enhance its investigations, bolster its knowledge base and build vital national and international relationships. And for the same amount of time, it has called on the diversity of its members to ensure that these arrangements work smoothly.

In this edition of *Platypus* we see that ethos in action across a wide cross-section of AFP activities, starting with its Human Trafficking Teams, which sit under the Agency's Crime Program. Over the past 12 months, its Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Canberra-based staff have collaborated with 29 stakeholders to produce the *Anti Human Trafficking Community Resource*.

With the overall aim of 'widening the net', the resource provides pathways to punitive options when the judicial system alone cannot address the crimes perpetrated by human traffickers.

Also inside, we present a rundown of the AFP Australian Bomb Data Centre Annual Conference, recently held in Sydney. The importance of international law enforcement collaboration in this area of policing cannot be overstated. This year – like in the 19 years preceding

– the conference provided a forum for law enforcement from across the globe to disseminate the technical and other lessons learned from recent bombing and terrorist incidents.

A fascinating presentation from Norwegian Police Service Superintendent Tom Luka only three months after Anders Brevik's 'lone wolf' terrorist attacks is a standout example of the rapid 'inform-discuss-learn' aim of the conference.

Collaborative efforts within the AFP have also produced some outstanding results for the Agency. Securing last year's Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Perth was a big undertaking for several AFP portfolios.

At the conclusion of formalities, it was an incident free event – testament in large part to a commitment to rebuild the capacity of its Protection portfolio to meet the significant demands of the event. This year's London Olympics, and soon after, the 2014 G20 Summit, 2015 FIFA Asia Cup, and the 2015 Cricket World Cup in Australia, await the team.

Finally, we hear from ACT Policing and their recent rollout of 15 tasers to frontline sergeants. The move means that three additional tasers are now available for each police station in the ACT.

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