



Fifty editions of Platypus Magazine

Fifty is a significant milestone in anyone's language, whether it be test cricket averages or birthdays. With this edition *Platypus Magazine* turns fifty.

Platypus Magazine No. 1 was published in January 1984 and resembled more the current *AFP News* in design and content. We learnt that Mr Kim Beazley, Special Minister of State, had appointed Mr Roy Farmer, QPM, as AFP Deputy Commissioner; that Australian swimming great Tracey Wickham had met AFP Eastern Region staff at a charity fun run; and that Superintendent Ron Dillon, Chief Inspector Arthur Walker and Chief Inspector Keith Smith would be retiring.

It is nice to look back and these names will bring back memories to many. Included in this edition is an index of the major stories that have been published over the past 12 years. Limited stocks of some of these editions are available and there is a copy of each edition in the Barton Park library.

The content of *Platypus Magazine* has undergone major changes over this period. The newsletter style of the early editions has now been picked up by regional newsletters and *AFP News*. *Platypus Magazine* is now directed at informing AFP members about some of the broader issues affecting law enforcement and educating external stakeholders about the role, functions and policies of the AFP.

The aim of the *Platypus Magazine* team is to ensure that the articles we print meet these objectives – we appreciate your feedback on our performance.

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