

# AFP's overseas representatives meet in London

*AFP liaison officers covering posts in the Americas, the United Kingdom and Europe met in London recently with Commissioner Mick Palmer and Director International David Schramm, who were en-route to the 65th Interpol General Assembly in Turkey.*

The conference followed a similar one for liaison officers in Asian posts held in June this year to coincide with Deputy Commissioner Adrien Whiddett's attendance at the Asian regional meeting of Interpol in Bangkok.

A range of issues impacting on the AFP's international interests were discussed, including aspects of the AFP change process and how this has affected practices at liaison posts. Both groups also discussed operational matters on



international crime trends and drug trafficking, and steps to enhance international law enforcement alliances.

Pictured above at the London conference are Federal Agents, clockwise from left: Dick Downing, Nicosia; Tom Lack, Washington;

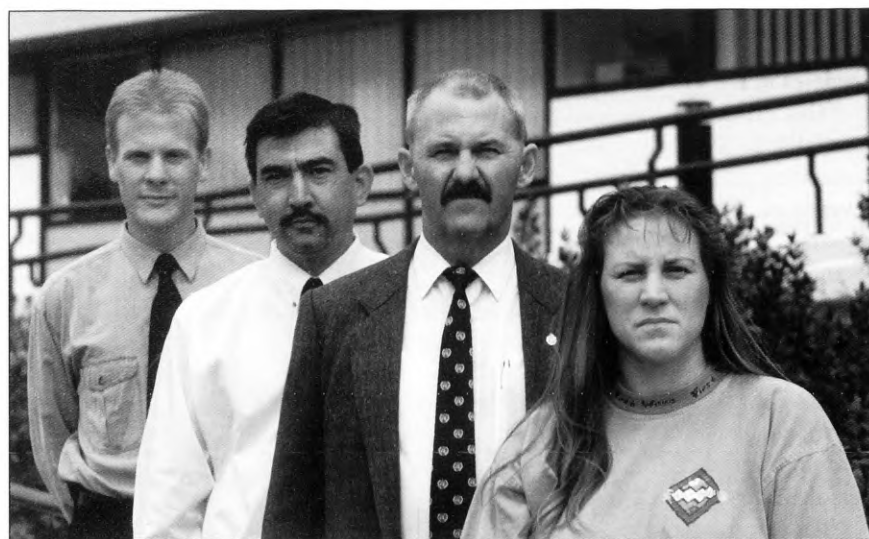
Mike Dunlop, Rome; Alan Hicks, Buenos Aires; Andy Hughes, London (who has since returned to Northern Region); Shane Castles, Los Angeles; Peter Duffy, now in the London post; Commissioner Palmer; David Schramm; and Karen Beck, London (National Crime Intelligence Service).

## Latest rotations to take up Christmas Island post

*Two ACT Region members assumed duties on the Australian external territory Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean recently while a third will join them this month, and a fourth in January.*

The officers will replace four others, from the team of 10 sworn members, who have completed their two year posting to the island.

Pictured from left, they are Detective Constable Kurt Plummer who was with ACT Region Training; Constable Mike Ward who was with North District City Patrol; Detective Sergeant John Rixon, who was previously attached to the Commonwealth Territories Branch; and Constable Linda Robey who was with the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Team.



The Christmas Island team has a wide range of responsibilities including community policing, regulatory functions such as immigration, motor vehicle registration, licensing and customs, search and rescue, as well as investigations into national functions such as drug importation. The members are assisted by two AFP staff members and several special members appointed from the local

community to help with immigration and customs functions at the airport. The superintendent is required at times to perform duties as police prosecutor.

Located about 360km south of Jakarta, the island has a population varying between 1500 to 2000, comprising people of Chinese, Malay and European descent and has a casino which is a popular tourist attraction.