

# Keeping our history alive



**01:** Sir Colin Woods (right) being sworn in by Justice Blackburn at the ACT Supreme Court in 1979. Photo courtesy ACT Heritage Library - Canberra Times Collection **02:** The funeral procession for Assistant Commissioner Colin Winchester **03:** AFP members line up during the 2003 Solomon Islands riots **04:** AFP Forensics members assess the damage at Paddy's Bar after the 2002 Bali bombing **05:** Drugs discovered in the hull of a vessel during Operation Gentle in 1998.

The AFP History Project, created to mark the AFP's 30th anniversary, collates the key public information released by the AFP since 1979. The information is drawn from 30 years of annual reports, media releases and a range of corporate communications products to make historical information about the AFP as readily accessible as possible.

Presented in an easy-to-read style, the AFP History Project journeys from the AFP's conception in the aftermath of the 1978 Sydney Hilton Hotel bombing through the periods under the command of Commissioners Woods, Grey, McAulay, Palmer and Keelty.

The narrative is supported by a statistics page for each year as well as a timeline of the AFP's operational and corporate achievements.

Many of the photographs for the project have been obtained from historical archives and from the extensive collection held by the AFP Museum. The project includes several photographs that have not been seen for decades.

The AFP History Project has been designed to be functional in both electronic and paper form, and will provide a valuable reference tool for a wide range of information on the AFP.

An electronic version of the AFP History Project can be viewed on the AFP website where there are also details on how to obtain the book version titled *Australian Federal Police: the First Thirty Years*.

