

# Looking back: 40 years of the AFP

## 1988

Kathy Burdett, first AFP female in Cyprus



Peter McAulay sworn in as AFP Commissioner.



## 1983

Ron Grey sworn in as AFP Commissioner



## 1982

The need for increased numbers of female officers saw some early recruit training courses comprised of significantly more women than men. There were 16 women and 7 men in this intake.

## 1979

Sir Colin Woods sworn in as AFP Commissioner



## 1978

In the early hours of 13 February 1978, a bomb exploded outside the Sydney Hilton Hotel which was the venue for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Regional Meeting.

### HILTON BOMBING

In the 40 years since the formation of the AFP, it has evolved from a small agency with a defined remit to a \$1.4 billion enterprise with a broad range of responsibilities.

The AFP's policing and law enforcement responsibilities range from countering international organised crime to community policing, and from deterring and prosecuting terrorists to international peacekeeping.

The AFP has explored, and will continue to explore, both opportunities and challenges in the current and future global environment.

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## 1987

Prime Minister Bob Hawke visits Cyprus



## 1986

Pope John Paul II Australian Tour



## 1989

Acting Commissioner Colin Winchester killed on duty



# The Australian Federal Police

## 1979 - 2019

### 1994

Mick Palmer sworn in as AFP Commissioner



### 1997

Thredbo landslide AFP was among the first responders.



### 2001

Mick Keelty sworn in as AFP Commissioner



### 2003

The AFP component of the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI) arrived in Honiara to begin Operation Helpem Fren.



### 1993

Superintendent Bob Shepherd was among 132 people killed in a plane crash in South America on 19 May 1993. At the time, he was the AFP's liaison officer in Buenos Aires.



### 2002

Terror bombings in Bali AFP invited to assist Indonesian National Police



### 1998

Operation Linnet 390kg of heroin seized near Port Macquarie on the NSW mid-north coast



### 2004

The AFP arrives in Papua New Guinea for the Enhanced Cooperation Program



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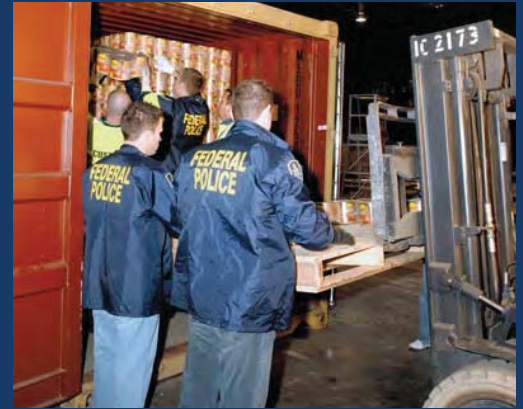


## 2006

2000 people attended the opening of the National Police Memorial

## 2005

\$2.8 million International Deployment Group training complex was opened by Prime Minister John Howard.



## 2008

A 12-month investigation by a range of law enforcement agencies resulted in the world's largest single seizure of ecstasy worth \$440 million concealed in a shipment of 3000 tomato tins. The investigation led to 16 arrests in Australia.

## 2007

The AFP became the first policing agency in the Asia-Pacific, and only the second in the Southern Hemisphere, to sign an agreement with Europol.



Mark Scott

Brice Steele

AFP members Brice Steele and Mark Scott were two of five Australians afforded a repatriation ceremony at Fairbairn Airport following their deaths in the Garuda Airlines crash landing in Yogyakarta on 7 March 2007.



## 2009

Operational Response Group members being briefed in situ on their tasks in wake of the Black Saturday bush fires in Victoria.



Tony Negus sworn in as AFP Commissioner



# 2010

First Wall to Wall Ride for Remembrance



# 2015

Seizure of \$8.5 million worth of assets, including a 2014 Ferrari, a 2015 Range Rover, six properties and \$180,000 in cash



# 2013

Operation Delphinium People smuggling ring smashed



Andrew Colvin APM OAM, sworn in as AFP Commissioner



# 2018

Australian Federal Police dive team at Tham Luang Cave.



# 2012

SRG launch 1st July with the amalgamation of the AFP's Operational Response Group and the ACT Policing's Specialist Response and Security teams.



# 2014

Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur was downed on 17 July 2014, killing all 298 passengers and crew, including 38 Australians. Operation Arew is the AFP's contribution to Australia's whole-of-government response to the incident.



# 2019



Reece P Kershaw APM, sworn in as AFP Commissioner

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