




## Commissioner's Message

In my view the AFP is maturing into a professional law enforcement organisation which is rightly earning a high reputation both within Australia and overseas. I am hoping that Platypus, in its new form, will be a reflection of our professionalism and I am looking forward to reading your contribution in future editions.

It is appropriate that the theme for the 'new Platypus' is training. Training is vital to the effectiveness of any organisation and to the people in it. Without a sound training base the Force has no sound future. In our rapidly changing society we must be able to adapt and be prepared to face new and more complex problems. This is not possible if we haven't been given initial training aimed at providing us with a thorough grounding in our profession. Following this there must be a comprehensive program aimed at keeping our knowledge current and at the same time preparing us for higher levels of responsibility.

The future training needs of the Force were identified in the Joint Management Review which was completed early last year. Since that time the Training Department has been developing these new training programs and conducting pilot courses. I feel we are moving in the right direction, but for the reasons I have already stated we must constantly adapt our programs to the ever changing needs of the Force and the society we serve.

As a relatively young organisation with increasing demands being made upon it the AFP is still subject to change both in role and structure. Regardless of how good our training is, the individual members give the Force its direction through their leadership and ability. I am fully aware of the problems you all face and, although I do not pretend to be able to solve them all in the short term, be assured the groundwork is being laid now.



(R.A. Grey)  
Commissioner of Police