

THE AFP's LEADERS



Commissioner
Sir Colin Woods, KCVO, CBE, QPM
1 September 1979 - 31 August 1982



Acting Commissioner
John Johnson, QPM
1 September 1982 -
15 February 1983



Commissioner
Major General Ronald Grey, AO, DSO
16 February 1983 - 15 February 1988

A letter from the PM

My dear Commissioner

I am writing to convey, through you, my warmest congratulations and best wishes to the members and staff of the Australian Federal Police on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of the AFP on 19 October 1989.

The 1980's have been a period of consolidation, growth and results for Federal law enforcement and the Australian Federal Police has been in the vanguard. The AFP has earned its reputation as the Commonwealth's premier law enforcement agency with hard work, dedication and a commitment to integrity exemplified in the fine men chosen to lead it. It is, of course, the workers who produce the result and the men and women of the Australian Federal Police can be proud of their record.

I have daily contact with the members of the AFP's Protection Division who provide close personal protection for me and my family. They are but one example of the excellent service that the AFP provides to the Australian community.

On behalf of my Government formally, and Hazel and I personally, I congratulate the Australian Federal Police on the completion of your first decade and wish you every success in the decades to come.

Yours sincerely
R J L Hawke

An exciting decade

By Minister for Justice
Senator The Hon. Michael Tate

Whilst travelling around Australia and overseas, I have taken great pride in the comments passed on the will-deserved excellent reputation which the AFP has earned over the past 10 years.

A decade of development has seen the emergence of Australia's premier law enforcement agency from the blueprint of Sir Robert Mark. The inaugural Commissioner, Sir Colin Woods, and his successor, Major General Ron Grey used their skills and experience gained outside Australian policing to position the AFP to take on the national role required of it by the government. The Australian community is indebted to them for their foundational role.

Under the able leadership of Mr Peter McAulay, whose eminence in Australian policing is unparalleled, the AFP is moving into its most exciting decade which will make it Australia's most innovative force,



both in its community and national investigative roles.

The restructuring of the AFP and the special relationship with the new ACT Government are two examples of the way in which the members of the agency are leading the way in making policing responsive to the challenges of the 1990s.

I congratulate all those involved to this point, and wish every professional success and personal satisfaction to those who together dedicate their skills to the service of the Nation under the gaze of the Platypus.