



*Key members of the committee that organised national and local events in the ACT were: (from left) Karren McNeice, Emma Laverty, Therese Hackwill, and Andrew Parsons and Superintendent Greg Ranse.*

## A good team makes it look easy

*Assembling a good planning team is half the battle in organising major events according to Superintendent Greg Ranse who was coordinator responsible for organising the 25th anniversary events that took place in the ACT geographic area.*

These events started with the design and circulation of 80,000 Canberra Milk 1 litre milk cartons with a 25th anniversary message and continued with: a large exhibition of ACT Policing at Belconnon Mall in Canberra's north, AFP Family Day at Manuka Oval, and a parade that brought the City Centre to a stand still culminating in the presentation of the Keys to the City of Canberra to the AFP.

Supporting this and keeping the momentum of the 25th anniversary going well in to the beginning of next year, ACT Policing Media has produced ten 30 second television commercials highlighting achievements and moments in AFP history that when broadcast on the WIN Network will reach a potential viewing audience of 300,000 plus.

"We started with a core of volunteer organisers from the Winchester Centre and then it just spread out from there," Superintendent Ranse said.

"Our organising meetings were attended by representatives from a wide cross-section of the greater AFP. There was no shortage of ideas for activities and events that would involve the

community and members from all around the AFP."

"We organised flags for Northbourne and Kings Avenue on the run as it seemed every major event in Canberra gets promotional flags along the main streets, so the committee were adamant the AFP was not going to miss out."

"A main factor contributing to the success of the AFP Family Day was the use of Manuka Oval, Canberra's major cricket and AFL ground. Initially the space was restricted to a section of the field and the major function room in the Bradman Stand.

"By the time the big day arrived Manuka Oval management had extended the use of the space to the entire oval, which was greatly appreciated. The AFP Family Day created a lot of positive feedback with the question constantly asked: is the family day going to be an annual event?"

Superintendent Ranse praised the organisers and planners by saying, "I was encouraged by the enthusiasm and commitment of those who did the organising of all the events in addition to their regular work."

"As always, the events were greatly assisted by the hard-working members of the AFP Volunteers in Policing Program who do all that unseen, but essential work that made these events so successful," Superintendent Ranse said.

# Family Day at Manuka Oval

Representatives from Protective Service, Forensic Services, the AFP Museum and the International Deployment Group provided plenty of indoor education and entertainment at Manuka Oval on 17 October.

ACT Policing had a range of vehicles on display along with displays from Bomb Response, Specialist Response and Security, Protective Services and canines from ACT Policing and Protective Security were put through their paces in front of appreciative audiences

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Seen for the first time at the Canberra family day was Constable Kip Koala from the Chequered Ribbon Association.

Kip will be assisting Constable Kenny with his job of spreading the message of child safety.