

Pacific Regional Policing Initiative (PRPI)

The *Pacific Regional Policing Initiative* is a significant long-term commitment by the Governments of Australia and New Zealand to the development of policing services that will be valued throughout Pacific Island Forum Member Countries.

To be based out of Suva, Fiji, the goal of the *Pacific Regional Policing Initiative* is to contribute to a safer, more secure and stable environment in Forum Island Countries. This objective will be pursued over the initial 5 year life of the Program, which commenced on 20 January 2004 with a seven months Inception Phase to July 2004. During this initial phase, in addition to other priority activities, collaborative development with FIC stakeholders will result in an annual plan that will be implemented during the 2004/2005 financial year.

Focusing on the police agencies of all Forum Island Countries, the Program comprises seven technical components and one overarching management component. The components will focus on:

1. Support to the South Pacific Chiefs of Police Conference

- ∞ Strengthen the capacity of the SPCPC, and its Working Groups to enhance the effectiveness of regional policing.

PRPI Adviser/Partnership Coordinator – Bruce Brennan

2. Police Leadership and Executive Development Programs

- ∞ Enhance police leadership throughout the region by preparing future police leaders for supervisory, management and senior executive roles and enhancing the capacity of existing leaders.

PRPI Adviser/Partnership Coordinator – Dr Rowan Barnsley

3. Enhancement of Police Technical Skills

- ∞ Enhance basic operational and investigative capacity; and establish a foundation upon which effective community-based policing and transnational crime management capacity can be built.

PRPI Adviser/Partnership Coordinator – Neale Fursdon

4. Development of Police Training Delivery Capacity

- ∞ Support the development of a competent and appropriately sized training delivery capacity in each jurisdiction within which the currency of trainers, training programs and their modes of delivery is maintained.

PRPI Adviser/Partnership Coordinator – Jim Thompson

5. Development of Police Forensic Science Capacity

- ∞ Support development of appropriately sized basic forensic services that are able to meet the respective needs of each jurisdiction.

PRPI Adviser/Partnership Coordinator – Doug McCaffery

6. Establishment of an incentive-based Technical Assistance Facility

- ∞ Facilitate access by police agencies of FIC to incentive based technical assistance for specific initiatives that directly compliment the objectives of the PRPI.

PRPI Adviser/Partnership Coordinator – David Moore

7. Enhancements to Training Institution Infrastructure

- ∞ Undertake critical capital works and to provide the basic training aids and equipment necessary to support national and regional training initiatives.

PRPI Infrastructure Specialist – Rhys Gwilliam

8. Program Management

- ∞ Supports the achievement of component objectives; accountability for the use of program resources; and coordination of program activities.

Project Director – Glenn Crannage

Team Leader – David Moore

These components converge on two primary areas of focus. The first is the development of practical, no-nonsense solutions to the day-to-day policing challenges being experienced in individual Forum Island Countries, largely through training, revised procedures and processes, and on-the-job mentoring. The second is the longer-term development of police leadership, planning and management capacity.

Widespread consultation and the strengthening of strategic partnerships will be key features of this Program. Collaboration and close coordination between all key stakeholders including the South Pacific Chiefs of Police Conference (SPCPC) will ensure the Program complements other initiatives being undertaken by AusAID, the Australian Federal Police, the Australian Defence Force and other Donors. In the countries where other initiatives do not currently operate or in areas where they do not focus, the Program will provide a much needed boost to police leadership, capacity and morale through access to technical expertise, training and resources.

The PRPI Management and Advisory Team comprises a number of widely experienced police operational, management and executive personnel as well as specialist advisors in police learning and organisational development. The PRPI Team will work closely with counterparts in police organisations and with other key stakeholders throughout the Pacific Region to achieve the goals of the program.