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Our cover: The Commissioner addresses senior officers of the Australian Federal Police. The event was covered by the national media.

Opposite: Training dogs to sniff explosives. Turn to page 10.

The Editor

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A SPECIAL NOTE TO platypus

We apologise to those Members who sent district and social news for this, the first edition of *Platypus*. Unfortunately, space limitations have made it impossible to include staff news. We intend rectifying this in future issues.

To this end, the editor will be contacting each Division to arrange specific contributions. But in the meantime, all contributions will be welcome. In particular, we are on the lookout for 'tips' on AFP stories that will make interesting reading for both Members and the public generally.

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Member of AFP. In addition, copies go to all branches of the media, including the ethnic press and police magazines in other States and overseas.

This edition has been produced in haste in order that it could appear as early as possible after "Day One" of our new police force. Readers will note that we have been able to reproduce press articles in this issue. This will be a regular practice and it is our hope that eventually others might see fit to reproduce *Platypus* articles. But they will have to be good!