

# Interagency cooperation in countdown to memorial dedication

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As part of the AFP's preparations for the Dedication of the National Police Memorial, a Ceremonial Mounted Cadre is being formed, with selections taking place in Sydney recently.

Four AFP members — Colleen McKillop, Helena Cox, Mark Whitfeld and Louise Denley — travelled to the NSW Police

mounted team's base in Redfern for an intensive week of training and selection in July. A representative of Tasmania Police, not part of the AFP Ceremonial Mounted Cadre, also attended to receive training.

The members underwent a rigorous selection process involving flat work, jumps and general control as well as

a bareback component. Tryouts were made even more difficult by having to adjust to different horses, with candidates having to ride up to six horses over a three day period.

With the selection process now complete, the four members are focusing on training for the Dedication of the National Police Memorial on >



NSW Police Commissioner Ken Moroney visited AFP members taking part in the riding trials, and said the shared training was testimony to the close relationship of the agencies.

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September 29 — Police Remembrance Day. The dedication represents the first time all police jurisdictions have met in Canberra since 1927.

National Police Remembrance Day serves as a reminder of the importance of tradition, and one of policing's great traditions is the mounted police. In this way it is apt the AFP's new Ceremonial Mounted Cadre's first function is to be the Dedication of the National Police Memorial during National Police Remembrance Day.



A bronze wall was lowered into place in August as preparations for the Dedication of the National Police Memorial continued.

