

# National Police Remembrance Day Service



Photo by Beck Browne

**One year on from its inauguration, the National Police Memorial will be the venue for this year's National Police Remembrance Day service in Canberra to be held on the evening of 28 September.**

The National Police Memorial Coordination Committee is adamant that this year's ceremony, and those of subsequent years, will be an important date on the national policing calendar, Australia-wide.

The Coordinator for AFP Recognition and Ceremonial, Federal Agent Paul Breen, said this year's ceremony will hold special significance for many of those who are mourning the loss of a colleague, family member or friend, particularly in the light of the losses to the AFP, felt in the first half of 2007.

"It has been a difficult 12 months for the AFP and the tragic deaths of fellow members have particularly impacted on those who knew them," Federal Agent

Breen said. "All members are encouraged to take part in the commemorative march this year to honour their memory and support those who have lost someone dear to them."

The march will start at Blundell's Cottage carpark, Weendouree Drive, Kings Park, on the northern shore of Lake Burley Griffin, from where it is a short distance to the National Police Memorial for the official service.

Since the dedication of the National Police Memorial last year, seven officers have been killed on duty: two from Queensland, one from New South Wales Police Force, one from Victoria Police, one from Western Australia Police and two from the AFP.

Architects awarded for 'reflecting the qualities of civic commitment, human value and courage'

Fairweather Probert Architects received two awards for the National Police

Memorial at the Royal Australian Institute of Architects Awards on 6 July this year.

The jury's citation for the awards read: "Memorial and memory statements written into the paving prompt reflection on the qualities of civic commitment, human value and courage. The random placement of plaques on the commemorative wall brings focus to the identity of each individual and of personal sacrifice".

At a ceremony held at the National Gallery of Australia, Fairweather Proberts Director Peter Dawson was delighted to accept the *Urban Design Award* and the *Art and Architecture Award* on behalf of Project Director Liam Proberts.

Mr Proberts told *Platypus Magazine* it was an honour for the Memorial to be recognised for both its design and as a symbol in connecting the police community and loved ones.