

Official accolades continue for the AFP

Sworn and unsworn AFP members continue to be recognised for their skills and diligence across a broad range of professional endeavours.

Since 1979, AFP members have strived to achieve the best results for their agency, the best results for the federal government, and the best results for the community – both here and abroad.

In April, several AFP members who were recognised on Australia Day were presented their medals by Governor-General Quentin Bryce at an investiture ceremony in Canberra. Chief Police Officer for the ACT Roman Quaadvlieg and AFP Chief Information Officer Rudi Lammers received Australian Police Medals.

While not at the investiture, Federal Agent Anthony Stafford received

an Order of Australia Medal. His engrossing story of serving in a destabilised Solomon Islands is detailed in this article.

Australia Day Achievement Medallions were also awarded to AFP members – 37 in total – from a wide cross section of AFP portfolios listed below.

Since the awards, the accolades have continued for the AFP. Among other titles, the AFP took out top place at the inaugural Equity in Diversity Awards for its role in advocating gay and lesbian diversity in the workplace.

Editor's Note

A full list of 2011 Queen's Birthday Honours recipients will appear in the next edition of *Platypus*.

Gay and lesbian advocates recognised

Soon after the AFP's outstanding success at the Australia Day Awards, the organisation was also honoured for its role in advocating gay and lesbian diversity in the workplace.

The AFP ranked as top public sector organisation for the 2011 Australian Employer Quality Index award.

The award was presented at the inaugural Equity in Diversity Awards recognising the top 10 employers in Australia for providing support to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) employees.

The AFP's Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officer (GLLO) Network was also recognised at the ceremony, ranking second among employee networks.



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THE AFP HONOURED

AUSTRALIAN POLICE MEDALS:

Chief Information Officer Rudi Lammers

For distinguished service, particularly in the areas of ACT Operations, Federal Operations, and International Police Operations and Administration.

Chief Police Officer for the ACT Roman Quaedvlieg

For distinguished service, particularly in the areas of Police Operations and Administration within the Australian Federal Police.

MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA:

Federal Agent Anthony Stafford

For service to international relations in the Solomon Islands and to its community. **See pages 22 and 23 for Federal Agent Stafford's first hand reflection of his time in the Solomons.*

AUSTRALIA DAY ACHIEVEMENT MEDALLIONS:

Staff in the following AFP portfolios and business areas were recognised:

- Serious and Organised Crime
- International Deployment Group
- Aviation
- Counter Terrorism
- ACT Policing
- Intelligence
- AFP Operations and Coordination Centre
- Protection
- Human Resources
- Ministerial
- Finance and Commercial
- AFP Melbourne, Hobart and Adelaide Offices

01: Federal Agent Dee Quigley, CEO Pride in Diversity Dawn Hough and National Manager Human Resources Stephen Walker at the Equity in Diversity Awards. **02:** AFP Assistant Commissioner Rudi Lammers receives his Australian Police Medal from Governor-General Quentin Bryce. **03:** Chief Police Officer for the ACT Roman Quaedvlieg receives his Australian Police Medal from Governor-General Quentin Bryce.

