



Protective Service Officers train at a Defence establishment under the Project Vanguard initiative.

Project Vanguard reaches full strength

Staff numbers for new Uniform Protection stations at five designated Defence establishments under Project Vanguard have reached full strength following the graduation of 17 recruits.

The new Protective Service Officers (PSO) raise total numbers to 110 for the Enhanced Self Defence Capabilities (ESDC) project following the formal Defence approval of the project on 6 July, 2011.

National Manager Protection Michael Outram says Defence has thanked the AFP for a job well done.

“Our PSOs are forming great relationships with the local police and the clients on-site and they have the AFP’s intelligence architecture behind them as well,” says Assistant Commissioner Outram.

Project Vanguard was established after a Defence review into base security following the disrupted

terrorist attack on Holsworthy Barracks under Operation Neath.

The requirements for an AFP presence was identified by the ESDC project as an integral part of the overall detect, deter and respond package and includes the introduction of armed wardens.

The ESDC project is also supported through improvements in command and control, procedures, engagement and liaison with local state and territory police as well as other measures.

The 110 PSOs represent the single largest expansion of new business for the Protection portfolio since its integration into the AFP in 2002.



The Australian Peacekeeping Memorial will consist of two black monoliths and a path between them that will glow with golden light. The light will symbolise the way opposing sides are brought together by peacekeepers.

The path leads to a paved ceremonial courtyard at the back of the Memorial. Along the back of the space there will be a stone beam on which will be recorded Australia's many peacekeeping missions.



For over 65 years, Australians have been risking their lives for peace and doing their bit to protect the world's most vulnerable people in the world's most dangerous places. More than 66,000 Australian members of the ADF, AFP, state and territory police jurisdictions and civilians have served on peacekeeping missions including Cyprus, Timor, Solomon Islands, Sudan, Bougainville and Haiti—to name just a few.

The Australian Peacekeeping Memorial on Anzac Parade will celebrate the contribution of these brave men and women to international peace. Fundraising is underway with the aim of having the Memorial ready for the Centenary of Anzac in 2014.



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