

From the CEO



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The diverse nature of Customs work at the border is highlighted in this issue of *Manifest*.

Recent successes at the border are highlighted in an article pulling together record drug hauls made cooperatively by Customs the Australian Federal Police and other border agencies.

Articles focussing on border work from several vantage points take in Customs responsibilities both within the community and at the more traditional locations in remote areas.

This theme of Customs role at the border is enhanced with an overview of the coordination of Customs assets and resources used at the border, as well as a first-hand look at overseas civil maritime surveillance operations by a Customs officer.

Customs constant efforts to be at the forefront of Customs administrations is taken up in articles ranging from workforce planning, plans for the use of new technology, international assistance on integrity, dumping, and promotion of Customs education.

Work on Cargo Management Engineering continues. Significant reform for Customs business in managing cargo is moving ahead with the passage through Parliament of the trade modernisation legislation package.

Along with these responsibilities, the work to combat the threat of foot and mouth and other exotic disease entering Australia also

continues in close cooperation with other border agencies. The Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Chris Ellison, has followed that work with interest.

Customs work throughout history has been diverse. Rounding up this issue is an article describing the agency's history through the changes in its uniform and another article highlighting the efforts of Customs officers in saving a piece of war-time history that is to be exhibited at the Australian War Memorial.