



# MEMBER UPDATE

## **AFPA Christmas and Festive Season Message**

**21 December 2017**

Good afternoon

What a year it has been for the Australian Federal Police Association. We've come through a year filled with both challenges and successes, which had a significant impact on all of us.

We worked determinedly to secure an Enterprise Agreement that maintains our important terms and conditions and provides the largest pay increase available under the government's Workplace Bargaining Policy. We also worked collaboratively with the AFP to deliver important mental health and wellbeing initiatives, all while providing much needed specialised assistance and advice to more than 1000 members.

While we have achieved a huge amount, there's still a lot of work to do. The year ahead will bring its own challenges, but I'm sure by working together, keeping focused on our priorities, and putting our members first we can achieve important things. The AFPA Executive and staff won't lose sight of our priority: to protect, support and represent members.

With the festive season well and truly upon us, I know that many of you will take the time to recharge and spend quality time with family and friends. But this is not the case for everyone, the reality is that many of you will be working while most of the nation relaxes and enjoys special time with their loved ones. Irrespective of where you are, please have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and festive season.

On behalf of the AFPA Executive and staff, I extend my personal and genuine appreciation to all members for your support and loyalty throughout the year. The success of our Association is built on the efforts of our members and it has been a pleasure to be working with you and we're proud to have you all with us.

We offer our best wishes and happiness to you and your families as we all look forward to a successful and safe 2018!

### **AFPA Office Christmas Closedown**

The AFPA Office will close at midday on Friday 22 December 2017 and will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 2 January 2018. For urgent assistance that requires attention, such as professional standards interview or urgent welfare matters, please phone 02 6285 1677 and follow the prompts. We will have staff available on call to assist during the office closedown period.

### **AFP Enterprise Agreement**

We can advise that the recently supported Agreement has now been submitted to the Fair Work Commission (FWC) for its assessment and approval of the document. As previously advised, the new EA will come into effect seven calendar days from the date that the FWC provides approval of the EA. We will update members on the outcome of the FWC review after receiving confirmation from the Commission.

### **AFPA Industrial Dispatch**

We will continue our fortnightly edition of the AFPA Industrial Dispatch in 2018. Copies of previous Industrial Dispatches can be found on the AFPA website [www.afpa.org.au](http://www.afpa.org.au)

### **AFPA Website**

We're excited to announce that our new and refreshed website is live. We have built our new website with you in mind. It is now easier to locate the information you need about member benefits, keep informed with the latest news, read the new AFPA magazine, and to engage with us, thanks to a range of functionalities and tools for facilitating interaction and collaboration.

Initially, members will not need to login to access information on the new website. Work is currently underway on the members area and the linked member database and is due to be finalised in March 2018. Login instructions will be communicated to members when this work is complete.

We hope that you enjoy the fresh look and feel of our new and refreshed website and find it a valuable resource.

Look after yourselves and each other.

Angela Smith  
President



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