

# Editor *BlueStar Magazine*



## **ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE ASSOCIATION (AFPA)**

The AFPA actively represents the professional and industrial interests of its members who are employees of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and its associate members employed in a law enforcement capacity in two other Commonwealth agencies. As an autonomous sub branch of the Police Federation of Australia (PFA), the AFPA is a registered trade union operating under the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.

The AFPA is looking for a freelance journalist to edit our flagship print and online publication, *BlueStar*. The 40 or 44-page publication is produced quarterly and distributed to members of the AFPA, federal politicians and other stakeholders. It is a high-quality magazine that carries stories that would be of interest to Australian Federal Police members relating to the terms and conditions of their employment, policing and justice issues and feature interviews with police, politicians and community leaders.

The position would ideally suit someone with a Canberra base and would work under the direction of the AFPA's General Manager.

## **DUTIES**

- The Editor will be responsible for researching, writing and editing content for the magazine, and supervise the publication through the design process, working with a professional graphic designer.
- The Editor must be able to identify and write news and features stories and have the ability to sub-edit contributed material. They must be able to work to a deadline.
- The Editor must also understand the major social media platforms, their workings and value to the AFPA.
- The Editor will work closely with the AFPA President, Vice President and Association staff preparing reports for the publication. The editor would also be required to liaise with AFPA sponsors to ensure appropriate material is provided on deadline.

## **SKILLS**

- Excellent writing skills, particularly long form feature writing are essential.
- The applicant must have strong editing skills.
- Experience as a journalist working in mainstream media covering politics, industrial relations and policing issues would be an advantage.
- A strong commitment to union values would also be an asset.

We estimate that each quarterly edition of the magazine would require up to 100 hours per edition.

Facilities within the AFPA Canberra Office will be available as required, however, many aspects of the role could be undertaken within the home office environment.

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