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## RSIPF-AFP POLICING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (RAPPP) 2021-2025



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RAPP and SIAF members, in March, joined women across the globe in commemorating this year's 'International Women's Day' in Honiara. [Story on page 9.](#)  
*Photo: Mike Puia / RAPP*

## Commander's Message

As the first half of 2023 draws to a close, I would like to thank you all for your outstanding efforts to get us to where we are. The year to date has flown by and we have seen significant progress and achievements across both the RAPPP and SIAF, which would not have been possible without the contribution and efforts of all of you. The current operating environment is unique, presenting us with challenges, yet opening up great opportunity for us to evolve and be agile in what we do. The manner in which everyone has adapted and advanced our programs has been exceptional. An example of such achievements has been the RSIPF's uptake in our exchange program initiative, and the significant impact this has had.

We have facilitated development opportunities for the RSIPF in traffic operations, major events planning and Forensics, amongst others. Additionally, the RSIPF have also evolved to assist in training AFP and other Pacific partners in Public Order Management, this is a great step forward for the RSIPF and region. Your contribution to support RSIPF operations has been to the highest level, and we are still receiving acknowledgement and praise for our efforts, both within Solomon Islands and back home. An example is the manner in which we supported Operation Phoenix and our ongoing support to the planning of the Pacific Games 2023 security operation. Importantly, it is paramount that we also take time to acknowledge and thank our LEC colleagues. To recognise the exceptional support our LEC provide to us, we have established the LEC of the Quarter award to recognise and convey how much both the program and individual members appreciate and value our LEC cohort. Without them we would not be able to support the RSIPF in the way we do, and all of their contributions deserve recognition.

As we move into the remainder of the year we will face ongoing challenges and increased operational tempo, with the Pacific Games on our doorstep followed by the National General Election shortly after. I encourage you all to ensure yourselves and colleagues take well deserved leave and breaks in preparation for this heightened tempo. The coming months will be challenging but exciting, as we play a part of history in Solomon Islands and the AFP. Finally, I recognise everyone has been busy in closing procurements and projects before the end of financial year, so I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication in ensuring our obligations are squared away. Your dedication, tenacity and commitment to the program is commendable and we should all hold our heads high in the significant achievements we have had to date which would not have been possible without each and every one of you.

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Heath Davies





*Roy Kimisi with his award.*

## First 'LEC of the Quarter'

One of the key highlights in the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF)-Australian Federal Police (AFP) Policing Partnership Program (RAPPP) during the first half of this year was the introduction of the 'LEC of the Quarter' award.

AFP Solomon Islands Commander, Heath Davies, and his executive initiated this award to recognise the work of Locally Engaged Contractors (LECs). RAPPP engages over 30 LECs to support the various components of RAPPP. The 'LEC of the Quarter' award is a fitting initiative to say 'thank you' to locals who work behind the scene to ensure that RAPPP activities and programs run smoothly.

On 28 March, the first recipient of the award was Roy Kimisi. Roy, a member of the RAPPP Health, Wellbeing, Community, Gender and Youth Engagement (HWCGYE) project, was recognised for his role in the Copen Awareness Program RAPPP and stakeholders rolled-out in schools. Sergeant Tristan Collett of the HWCGYE project team said the success of the Copen Awareness Program was only possible through Roy's enthusiasm and passion.

### MEDIA DESK NOTE

Welcome to the third edition of the RAPPP Newsletter. In this edition, we bring you a brief recap of some of the things that have happened in RAPPP during the period of January to June 2023. We hope you will join us as we reflect and celebrate the wonderful achievements we have made together with the RSIPF, the government, stakeholders and communities over the last six months. The next edition of this newsletter will be available in December. Feel free to drop us any comment, feedback or content you may want us to add to our next edition by email [Mike.Puia@rsipf.gov.sb](mailto:Mike.Puia@rsipf.gov.sb). Enjoy the read :)

Commander Davies said he is delighted with the great work and achievements of LECs and wanted to make sure their efforts do not go unnoticed.

## RAPPP Donates to RSIPF Logistics



*Picture is the truck RAPPP donated to the RSIPF Logistics Department.*

In June, RAPPP donated a two-and-a-half tonne truck to the RSIPF's Logistics Department.

The truck will provide the RSIPF Logistics team the capability to move equipment and supplies or small groups of officers from point A to B. The truck was procured in-country and cost about \$260,000. RAPPP has donated a number of trucks to the RSIPF since 2021 to support its work. The support is part of RAPPP's mobility plan which provides the RSIPF with local solutions for fleet management and replacement. Supporting the needs of RSIPF Logistics ensures RSIPF has the resources to continue delivery of police services to communities.



## SIAF Supports RSIPF in 'Operation Solomon Games 2023'

The Solomon Games were held in Honiara in March.

The national event attracted hundreds of athletes and spectators from the country's nine provinces.

During the two-week sporting event, the RSIPF Honiara City Police launched 'Operation Solomon Games 2023'. AFP officers in RAPPP and Solomons' International Assistance Force (SIAF) supported this operation.

As part of the operation, RSIPF, AFP and SIAF officers maintained high police visibility at games' sites and engaged with athletes and spectators. Operations Manager for Honiara City, Inspector Tex Tafoa, was impressed with the behaviour of athletes and spectators during the duration of the games.

AFP Acting Inspector Evan Long said it was great to see the strong working relationship between the AFP and RSIPF, and their collective ability to deliver frontline policing services to the people of Honiara and Solomon Islands.

Insp. Long said the safety and success of the Solomon Games highlights how well the RSIPF and AFP's preparation for the Pacific Games is progressing.



*RSIPF, AFP and SIAF members posed for a photo with provincial athletes who also attended the two-week sport event.*

## AFP Provides Resources to RSIPF Library

The AFP's Learning Command-Library and Knowledge Services provided over 200 books and journals to the RSIPF library through RAPPP.

These books and journals are intended to help RSIPF officers with their assignments and research and offer resources to help RSIPF officers increase their knowledge.



*RSIPF Library at Rove Police Headquarters*

RSIPF Learning and Development Department (L&DD) Director, Supt. James Teilo, thanked the AFP and RAPPP for the resources.

Superintendent Teilo said the RSIPF library is the learning hub for RSIPF members and the books and journals donated will add to what the library is offering.

L&DD has noted an increase in the number of RSIPF officers undertaking tertiary studies and hopes the delivery of these resources is timely.





## RAPPP, SIAF visit sick children at NRH on Easter

Over the Easter weekend, members of RAPPP and SIAF visited sick and recovering children at the NRH Paediatric and Post-Natal Wards. These children, and their families, were unable to celebrate this year's Easter at home due to illness.

Visiting RAPPP and SIAF members spent time with the children and their families to cheer them up and to present them with gifts and Easter chocolates.

RAPPP and SIAF members sat with and spoke to the children showing them support and encouragement.

"Hospitals and illness can be scary for children and their parents and guardians. The opportunity to visit the hospital and spend time together was heart-warming and a reminder of how precious time with family can be," AFP SIAF officer, Erin Hunter, said.

The visiting officers also met with NRH nurses and doctors and gave them gifts of Easter chocolates.

AFP Acting Insp., Evan Long, thanked NRH staff who worked throughout the Easter weekend.

"It's important to recognise and acknowledge the hard working and dedicated medical staff at the NRH who are working over Easter to look after others in need. The children here require constant medical care after suffering horrific injuries or severe illness. Without the nurses and doctors at NRH, there would not be anywhere for sick children to receive the help they need to recover," Acting Insp. Long said.

He said the AFP and its joint security partners are committed to supporting the Solomon Islands in all facets of the community including policing, healthcare, infrastructure and education.



*RAPPP and SIAF members with nurses and doctors at the NRH during Easter.*



*The newly constructed Kukum Traffic Centre in East Honiara.*

## Re-construction of Kukum Traffic on Track

This is another major construction project supported by RAPPP under its Operational Enabling Foundations project. In 2022, RAPPP funded refurbishment work on the Naha Police Station that was also targeted during the riots. The Kukum Traffic Centre will not only provide a new and better working environment for RSIPF officers but will benefit communities across Honiara. The design of this new Centre was influenced by specific operational requirements requested by RSIPF. This includes multi-purpose operation and briefing rooms to service the Pacific Games operations. Then RAPPP Commander, Clinton Smith, said the re-construction of the Centre is another great example of the partnership between Australia and Solomon Islands through their police agencies.

The newly constructed Kukum Traffic Centre in East Honiara is expected to be completed and opened in the coming months.

The AFP, through RAPPP, funded the construction of the Centre, which replaces the police station which was ransacked and burned during riots in Honiara in November 2021.

This new Centre is even better as it is a two-storey modern building designed in a way that is accessible to everyone including people with special needs.

RAPPP Advisor Steve Malam said work on the Centre is on track and they expect it to be ready well before the 2023 Pacific Games kick-off in Honiara in November.

## AFP supports blood outreach program

On 15 March, AFP officers serving under the Solomons' International Assistance Force (SIAP) participated in the Australian High Commission (AHC) blood bank outreach program.

Blood collected by AHC staff during the outreach program was delivered to the Blood Bank at the National Referral Hospital (NRH).

SIAP Superintendent Operations, Inspector Matthew Lyddiard, was happy with the support AFP officers in SIAP offered by donating their blood.

He said "SIAP is proud to be assisting the extremely valuable work undertaken by the AHC in support of the NRH Blood Bank. This support will benefit the people and medical services within Solomon Islands".



*AFP members in SIAP donating blood at the DFAT clinic in Honiara.*



# Firetrucks Delivered to RSIPF Fire & Rescue



The RSIPF Fire and Rescue took delivery of four firetrucks from Fire and Rescue New South Wales (FRNSW).

FRNSW Commissioner, Paul Baxter, handed over the firetrucks to RSIPF Fire and Rescue in a ceremony in May which was witnessed by Australian High Commissioner to Solomon Islands, His Excellency Rod Hilton and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Police, National Security and Correctional Services (MPNSCS), Ms Karen Galokale.

The AFP provides support to the RSIPF Fire and Rescue through the RAPPP, which includes the secondment of a senior FRNSW Firefighter, Insp. Gary Power, who advises and supports his Solomon Islands colleagues.

The AFP and FRNSW have previously donated personal protective equipment, including overalls, coats and helmets. AFP Solomon Islands Commander Heath Davies believes the firetrucks will make a big difference to fire and rescue response and capability in Honiara and surrounding areas.

RSIPF Commissioner Mostyn Mangau acknowledged the support saying the firetrucks will improve the RSIPF's ability to deal with and respond to fire incidents; more so as the RSIPF prepares for the 2023 Pacific Games in November.

Ms. Galokale said the gift was timely and necessary saying a number of major events will take place in Honiara attracting visitors and investors, therefore the capability and readiness of the RSIPF Fire and Rescue is critical.

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The gift is highly commendable. It is a milestone achievement for the country's security. Resources provided to the RSIPF Fire and Rescue will enable the RSIPF to fulfil its mandate in protecting the city and its infrastructures,

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The Australian Defence Force (ADF) assisted with the airlift of the firetrucks to Honiara from Australia on a Royal Australian Air Force aircraft.





## RAPPP Supports PRD Selection Program

In early May, RAPPP supported a selection program for RSIPF officers who applied to join the Police Response Department (PRD).

The selection program, held at Rove Police Headquarters, is one of the first assessment gateways for RSIPF officers who wish to join PRD. More than 100 RSIPF officers applied from across the country, with a total of 41 members attending the selection program, including two female officers. The program requires officers to go through a rigorous 24-hour process involving challenging exercises and scenarios designed to test the officers' physical, mental and emotional fitness, with an emphasis on teamwork. Officers who completed the selection program and were assessed as suitable will commence a PRD Basic Operators Course and if successful, will be eligible to fill new vacancies within the PRD. This recruitment process is part of the government's move to expand the RSIPF's capabilities. RAPPP advisors provide technical and advisory support to the PRD as part of the AFP's ongoing support to the NRD expansion program. This has included a number of training activities including Public Order Management training.



## RSIPF Operational Safety Training Site Improved

The RSIPF training site at Tenaru has been given a facelift through a RAPPP project. Under the 'Tenaru Firing Platform Roof Project' RAPPP provided about \$60,000 to refurbish current facilities and construct additional structures on site.

The project saw the construction of a shade structure over the existing shooting platforms, repair work on the site's ablution block and the installation of a water tank on the site which also gives nearby villager access to clean rainwater. RAPPP advisors who are supporting the RSIPF's NRD identified the need to construct a shade to protect officers from environmental hazards whilst undertaking firearms training.



The RAPPP executive approved the NRD's project proposal at the end of 2022. Actual work on the site started in January 2023. By mid-February the site was ready for use. A local construction company successfully bid for and implemented this project.



*LECs held its quarterly muster on 5th July 2023*





## RAPPP Donated Laptops, Gifts to SPP Department

In response to a request for assistance, RAPPP delivered two new laptops to the RSIPF Strategic Planning and Policy Department (SPPD). SPPD is a key department within RSIPF and is responsible for preparing annual business plans, developing work action plans, reviewing legislation and policies and conducting audits. The SPPD reports to the Ministry for Police, National Security and Correctional Services through the office of the RSIPF Commissioner.

Given the level of reporting this Department deals with, it is reliant on computers. In April, RAPPP delivered the requested laptops and also gifts to staff of the Department underscoring RAPPP's commitment to support the RSIPF to be able to do its work. The new laptops increased the number of computers available for SPPD staff and reduced the need to rotate the existing computers between its 12 staff. SPPD Director, Hudson Mala, said the laptops donated by RAPPP will help ease their concerns when conducting their work.

RAPPP and SIAF Team Leader for Finance and Accommodation, Florence Muthinja, said RAPPP is pleased to support the great work the SPPD is providing to the RSIPF. Muthinja said they hope the laptops will help staff in their reporting work and when attending meetings or training relating to the work of the Department.

*Picture above: RAPPP members delivering two laptops, and gifts, to the RSIPF Strategic Planning & Policy (SPP) Department to support its reporting work. RSIPF SPP Director, Hudson Mala, received the gifts on behalf of the Department.*



## RAPPP & SIAF joins 'International Women's Day' commemoration

AFP members in RAPPP and SIAF joined the RSIPF to mark International Women's Day in Honiara in March.

The commemoration kicked off with a parade through Honiara city with members and LEC from RAPPP and SIAF marching alongside their RSIPF colleagues. The parade ended at Town Ground where a range of activities were held to mark the annual event.

RAPPP and SIAF members supported RSIPF Women's Advisory Network's (WAN) participation in the program of events including providing WAN members with shirts to celebrate IWD 2023.

RAPPP and SIAF members also supported RSIPF Cyber Safety Pasifika (CSP) Ambassador, Staff Sergeant Seralyn Gnagnafu, who hosted a stall at the event and delivered cyber awareness talks to female members of RSIPF and members of the community.

To celebrate the contributions of women in policing, the AFP also held an afternoon tea to acknowledge the women who are part of RAPPP and SIAF.

AFP Solomon Islands Commander, Heath Davies, thanked all the women for their contributions in supporting RAPPP to achieve its goals.



### MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS TRAINING

In January, representatives of the Australian Attorney General's Department (AGD) visited Honiara and delivered mutual legal assistance training.

Mutual legal assistance is the legal process to obtain evidence from foreign countries for use in a criminal investigation or prosecution. It's an essential part of the toolkit for tackling transnational crime.

The AGD's Pacific Section developed this training at the request of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) in Honiara. The training provided participants a better understanding of the processes to follow when handling or initiating requests, standards of proof relating to such requests and the requirements of Solomon Islands' domestic mutual assistance legislation. This knowledge will allow locals to make and receive requests to obtain evidence from foreign countries in support of criminal matters.

In recognition of its role in actioning mutual assistance requests, RSIPF officers were invited by ODPP to participate in training, along with representatives from the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC). This promoted stronger collaboration and role clarity between these agencies.

RAPPP Advisors, who also participated in the training, have been assisting the RSIPF with the development of internal governance regarding the role of RSIPF in support of Solomon Islands domestic mutual assistance legislation. RAPPP has incorporated the training into capability development initiatives across the investigation portfolio, demonstrating a joined-up approach by AGD and the AFP in contributing to achieving important Pacific Islands law enforcement outcomes.



# RAPPP thanks stakeholders for support in copen awareness program

AFP and RSIPF have concluded the copen awareness program they rolled out in schools through RAPPP since the beginning of this year. Copen is a new drug that has potential harmful effects and poses risk to children's education.

Based on an informal survey conducted on children between the ages of 8 to 20 year-old, copen use was prevalent among teens. RAPPP then held a seminar to inform stakeholders about the dangers of copen, information about the risks associated with copen and what RAPPP intends to do.



A copen awareness program was put together and taken to primary and secondary schools in and around Honiara. The awareness has reached over 30 schools where thousands of students received information about copen. On 21 June, RAPPP brought stakeholders together to mark the end of the awareness program.



During this gathering, RAPPP presented certificates of appreciation to athletes from the Solomon Islands National Institute of Sport (SINIS) who helped deliver the awareness. The awareness has been effective and schools that invited the RAPPP copen awareness have noted a decline in copen use among their students.

## RAPPP brings stakeholders to discuss airport security

As part of Honiara International Airport security preparations for the upcoming Pacific Games, RAPPP introduced the Phased Recertification Program (PRP).

This program brought together key airport stakeholders to interact and discuss how to provide an effective security at the airport. This included representatives from RSIPF, Aviation Security, Solomon Airlines, Immigration, Customs, Bio Security and Airport Management.

Stakeholders participated in scenarios and discussions around what each stakeholder will do and expect in an event of a threat at the airport.

RSIPF Airport Policing Operations Officer-In-Charge, Mr Paul Kalea, said the games will be a busy period for the airport therefore stakeholders need to prepare for any potential trouble while ensuring that visitors and locals are safe. He said the Honiara International Airport is critical infrastructure for the Solomon Islands and its security is paramount for providing a safe and secure Pacific Games.



*Airport security stakeholders have been engaging in planning and discussions about the security of the airport under the Phased Recertification Program.*





## NRH Nurses and Pharmacists Learn Firefighting

**N**urses and pharmacists working at the National Referral Hospital (NRH) in Honiara have attended an important safety training in April which ensures they can identify and safely use a fire extinguisher in the event of a fire incident in the NRH.

The training is part of a series of courses which have been delivered to the public and government agencies by the NSW Fire & Rescue secondee to RAPPP.

RAPPP commended NRH staff for their interest and active participation during the training and their commitment to their duties in looking after sick patients.





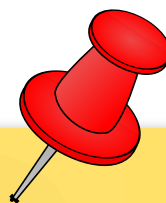


## RSIPF Investigators Trained in Victim-Based Crime

RSIPF investigators from various departments of the RSIPF have completed a Victim-Based Crime Training course supported and delivered by RAPPP. Participating investigators included officers from the RSIPF's Sexual Assault Squad, Homicide & Serious Crime Unit, Professional Standards & Internal Investigations, Naha Police Station, White River and Learning and Development. The training, held in June, covered a range of topics including principles of investigation management, planning and reporting, supporting victims and witnesses in courts, child and vulnerable witness statements, human trafficking and child exploitation material. RAPPP investigations advisor to the RSIPF, Mark Weber, and RAPPP advisor to the RSIPF Professional Standards & Internal Investigations, Bill Tooth, facilitated the training.

"The training will enhance the specialised skills and capabilities of investigators in the RSIPF to strengthen the RSIPF's organisational capability and responsiveness to crime, which is in line with the RSIPF's Strategic Direction for 2021 to 2025," Weber said.

RSIPF Supervising Director of NCID, Detective Supt. Michael Bole, thanked RAPPP for supporting the training saying the training will bring participating officers up to another level in their investigation work.



## RAPPP Restores Aola Police Solar Power

When Aola Police Station in East Central Guadalcanal was experiencing issues with its solar power, RAPPP was on hand to rectify the issue. The Station, which relies on solar power, was constructed through RAPPP support and was opened in August 2021. In March 2023, the solar power system in the Station was reportedly broken. Following an inspection by RSIPF Property & Infrastructure Development (P&ID), RAPPP obtained the necessary replacement parts, including a solar inverter and batteries, and provided them to the P&ID. P&ID staff have subsequently travelled to Aola and conducted the repair work.



The ongoing support from RAPPP to the Aola Police Station demonstrates RAPPP's commitment to deliver sustainable solutions to support the RSIPF in providing effective policing services across the country. The construction of fit-for-purpose police infrastructure is a key element of RAPPP assistance toward the RSIPF.





## RAPPP, SIAF JOINS ‘SAFE & GREEN GAMES’ CAMPAIGN

On 3 March, RAPPP and SIAF joined government ministries, diplomatic missions, NGOs and community groups in a parade in Honiara to mark the launch of the 'Safe & Green Games' campaign in Honiara. Prime Minister, Manasseh Sogavare, officially launched the campaign.

Members of the AFP and the Australian Defence Force supported Royal Solomon Islands Police Force during a clean-up of the Rove Police headquarters and surrounding areas over the weekend that followed.

The Major Clean Up Campaign on Saturday was part of the official launch for the Pacific Games 2023, with Ministries and other organisations across Honiara taking part.

## RSIPF Attends Observer Program with AFP in Prep for PG2023

Two RSIPF officers travelled to Canberra, Australia as part of an Observer Program with the AFP to experience a security setting in a major event.

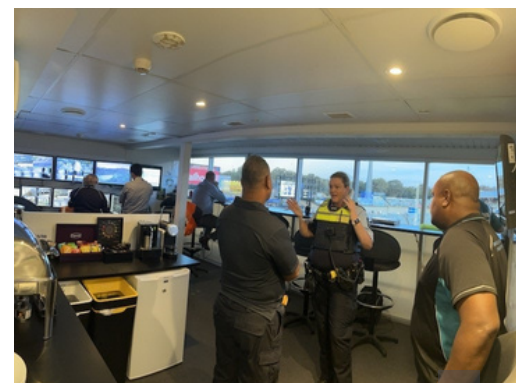
This included observing the AFP Venue Command Centre during a rugby match game between the ACT Brumbies and Moana Pasifika at GIO Stadium.

RSIPF-SIAF Planning Team Lead Planner, Supt. Fred Suhara and Operational Planner, Insp. Bryan Erekalu, spent more than a week in Canberra visiting with various areas of the AFP responsible for planning, overseeing and delivering the security overlay for major events both domestically and internationally.

Since returning, Supt. Suhara and Insp. Erekalu have shared the insights and learnings they gained during the program with the RSIPF-SIAF Planning team – the team responsible for planning the security overlay to be implemented by the RSIPF as mandated by the government for the Pacific Games in November.

Insp. Erekalu thanked AFP for the opportunity to join the Observer Program.

“The program has been insightful for me. It has showed me the level of detail I need to be at while working towards the Pacific Games,” Insp. Erekalu said.



*Supt. Fred Suhara and Insp. Bryan Erekalu gets briefing from AFP member during the program.*





## RSIPF Forensics Advanced in Crime Scene Investigation

RSIPF forensic officers have advanced their skills and knowledge in crime scene investigations after completing an Advanced Crime Scene training course funded and delivered by RAPPP. RSIPF National Criminal Investigation Department (NCID) Director, Detective Supt. Michael Bole, has expressed appreciation to RAPPP for providing this training which he says will greatly improve the work of their forensic officers.

The course covered many aspects of crime scene investigation including functions and processes of death scene examination, sexual assaults, fires and specialist capabilities. Supt. Adam McCormack of the AFP said crime scene investigation is a vital component of police investigations in relation to serious or complex crime types and the course has given participating RSIPF Forensic officers the necessary skills and knowledge to not only examine any crime scene within Solomon Islands but anywhere in the region. RAPPP forensic advisor, Merri Hurst, facilitated the first advanced crime scene course conducted for RSIPF crime scene investigators.





# RSIPF JOINS PFWG MEETING IN AUSTRALIA



*Officer-In-Charge of the RSIPF Forensics, Davies Kusapa, also attended the meeting.*



In April, the RSIPF participated in the Pacific Forensic Working Group (PFWG) meeting hosted by the AFP in Canberra, Australia.

Police agencies from Fiji, Samoa, Kiribati, Guam, Palau, Nauru, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Tonga and Tuvalu also attended the meeting.

PFWG is a regional body set up under the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police (PICP).

The meeting allows RSIPF to be involved and contribute to discussions around how to strengthen and support forensic capabilities across the pacific region.

The AFP's International Forensic Engagement (IFE) team plays an important role in coordinating offshore forensic activities to ensure pacific partners are well supported.

The IFE team also ensures members from Pacific nations have the opportunity to travel to Australia to undertake training and engage with experts from the AFP Forensics Command.

AFP Chief Scientist, Dr Simon Walsh, said such meetings also give the AFP valuable insight into the current capability in the Pacific as well as identify opportunities for development or enhancement.

## WELCOME & Farewell

RAPPP and SIAF witness members coming in and going out during the period of January to June.

Advisors RAPPP welcome are;

1. Adam McCormack
2. Craig Weaver
3. Mat Thomas
4. Kevin Shaw
5. Will Varga
6. Pete Bamber
7. Bill Tooth

Members SIAF welcome are;

1. Chris Hambros
2. Dean Bonnici
3. Dan Black
4. Adam Laveta
5. Lauren Roulston
6. Emily Coughlan

In March, we farewelled long-term RAPPP Advisors, Mel Stevens, Charmaine Li and John Lal. In April, SIAF Logistics member Ben Wilkinson also departed. In June, Rachael Roberts was also farewelled.

RAPPP has not welcome or farewell any LEC during this period.





## AFP Delivered Forensic Equipment & Consumables to RSIPF

In February AFP delivered specialist equipment to the RSIPF Forensic Department. The equipment and consumables, delivered through RAPPP, provided a boost to the Department's investigative capability. The Forensic Department has received continuing technical and advisory support from AFP through RAPPP.

Previously, RAPPP helped to establish digital forensic and drug testing capabilities in the Forensic Department.

RAPPP also provided advisory support and mentoring to RSIPF forensic officers in digital forensic examinations, drug testing and traditional forensic disciplines including crime scene investigation and fingerprint comparison. The new digital forensic tools, drug laboratory equipment and crime scene and fingerprint consumables delivered to the Forensic Department were accessed through the Pacific Police Development Program-Regional (PPDP-R).

The items will help the RSIPF to deliver high quality forensic support to police operations across the country and throughout the Pacific.

With major events occurring in Solomon Islands in coming months, notably the Pacific Games and the National General Elections, the forensic equipment and consumables will ensure the RSIPF Forensic Department is equipped and ready to combat transnational crime alongside Pacific partners.

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