Congratulations to our 2006 Award Winners

Chris Clark – Vice President (Administration)

The Board of the Australian Institute of Professional Intelligence Officers agreed to introduce a new annual Awards Scheme to commence in 2005. This is one part of our Professional Pathways Program which seeks to contribute to the development of professional standards for the profession in Australia, identify and promote training and development opportunities for members and other consumers and identify and recognise intelligence best practice in Australia.

Following a successful debut last year, the 2006 Awards Scheme again highlighted examples of best practice in the application of intelligence in Australia. The individuals and organisations recognised were all nominated by members and all met the high standards set for each category.

The quality of nominations this year was again high and not all nominations made it through the assessment process. The Scheme recognises examples of excellence that contribute toward the intelligence profession in Australia within five categories. While not all categories were represented in 2006, multiple awards were made in two categories. This reflects the broad nature of our membership.

AIPIO congratulates the following 2006 Awards Scheme Winners:

Category 1: **To the organisation making the most significant progress utilising intelligence techniques to support objectives within the business intelligence, criminal intelligence or security intelligence contexts.**

Presented to Thales Australia in recognition of their ongoing efforts to develop, promote and employ effective security intelligence both internally and within Industry and Government.

Thales Australia's own implementation of a commercial Intelligence Driven Security Risk Management Methodology highlights it as a highly capable organisation. Its model builds on a traditional Intelligence Cycle but is supplemented to contextually align to the Thales Australia commercial and partner environment. However, Thales Australia continues to contribute to security intelligence in the broader environment it serves making it an excellent candidate for recognition. This work highlights Thales Australia as a significant contributor to security intelligence in Australia. Their work includes the development of national standards; contribution to research; and sponsorship and support for initiatives led by other industry leaders working in the security intelligence context.

This award was presented by Chris Clark in Sydney and was accepted by Mr Norm Gray (Managing Director) and Mr Konrad Buczynski (Chief Security Officer).

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Presented to The Australian Crime Commission in recognition of their work to better understand the nature and scope of organised crime within the transport sector, achieving enhanced effectiveness of the organisation, improved processing of intelligence data and innovation in the integration of the intelligence function into operations.

In November 2005 the Australian Crime Commission was authorised to undertake a Special Intelligence Operation directed for the first time at understanding organised criminal activity in a sector as opposed to a commodity, offence type or criminal grouping. A multi-disciplinary team made up of tactical and strategic analysts, investigators lawyers and operational support staff based in six Australian jurisdictions directed the use of coercive powers, intelligence repositories, liaison networks and operational resources to address key intelligence gaps in relation to criminality in the Australian transport sector. The work led to a model for future intelligence operations in this area.

This award was presented by Chris Clark in Canberra and was accepted by Mr Kevin Kitson (Director Intelligence). Graeme Slattery and Gavin Larsen joined other ACC staff at the presentation.

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Presented to The Australian Taxation Office in recognition of the application of intelligence to business objectives through the establishment of a Corporate Intelligence Unit to more closely align business service lines with a centrally managed capability and strategic assessment framework.

The Corporate Intelligence Unit was officially launched in February 2006 following two years intensive policy and design work. The Unit incorporates two discrete sections: Capability Development and Support; and Strategic Intelligence and Risk Assessment.

The Corporate Intelligence Unit has led to significant progress in the utilisation of intelligence techniques to support business objectives not previously realised.

This award was presented by Chris Clark in Canberra and was accepted by Mr Michael D'Ascenzo (Commissioner of Taxation). It was pleasing to see Anthony Robinson at the presentation. Although he no longer works for the ATO, Anthony played a significant role in the initiative leading to the award.

Category 1: **To the organisation making the most significant progress utilising intelligence techniques to support objectives within the business intelligence, criminal intelligence or security intelligence contexts.**

Presented to The Department Of Fisheries Western Australia in recognition of the success of the Fisheries Intelligence Unit in raising the profile and operational alignment of the intelligence function with investigative and compliance operations.

The establishment of the Fisheries Intelligence Unit in 2004 provided the Department of Fisheries Western Australia with greater capacity to protect the significant natural resources within its charter. An internal strategic shift in 2005, resulting in a stronger focus on enforcement, was also the catalyst for the Department being thrust into the more mainstream law enforcement and regulatory environment. Its profile and standing were significantly raised, at least partly due to the stronger intelligence capability it had developed and integrated into its operations.

The Fisheries Intelligence Unit today enjoys higher credibility within the Western Australian law enforcement community particularly with regard to information sharing and dissemination capabilities - evidenced by it recently gaining access to the national CRIMTRAC database.

This award was presented by Jeff Corkill in Perth and accepted by Dr Peter Rogers (Chief Executive Officer).

Category 3: **To the individual making the most outstanding contribution as an intelligence professional to the achievement of objectives within the business intelligence, criminal intelligence or security intelligence contexts.**

Presented to Robert (Bob) Clark in recognition of his lifelong contribution to the intelligence profession in Australia incorporating internationally recognised research, exceptional operational outcomes and high level management input over many years.

Bob Clark's long career in law enforcement included numerous fellowships and awards throughout the 80's and 90's. He studied and investigated the organisation of legal and illegal industries associated with casinos in the United States, the Bahamas and Hong Kong. He received an award for Outstanding Contribution as an Intelligence Analyst to the Achievement of Law Enforcement Objectives in 1993 from the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts (IALEIA). His agency or teams were recognised by the International Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Bob was one of the initiators of the Australian Institute of Professional Intelligence Officers in 1990. He was certified by the Society of Certified Criminal Analysts (SCCA) in 1996 and served on the Boards of both IALEIA and SCCA up until March 2006 when he suddenly passed away. His career long commitment to the profession of intelligence in Australia and around the world sets a benchmark for others to reach. He is sadly missed.

Category 5: **To the organisation (public or private) or individual providing the most notable contribution to intelligence education and training.**

Presented to Queensland Corrective Services in recognition of their excellent work to present intelligence training as a significant enabler for future success both within correctional facilities and in the broader community.

Queensland Corrective Services administers a unique intelligence training course designed specifically for Corrections Officers as well as Community Corrective Services Officers. Its development and refinement over the last 5 years has seen the course become the benchmark for intelligence training in corrections.

This accredited course includes content from a range of external subject matter experts representing both the public and private sectors helping to maintain a high standard and keeping learning outcomes relevant.

This award was presented by Chris Clark in Brisbane and was accepted by Mr Bruce Welk (Acting Manager QCS Intelligence Group) and Tony Williams (Senior Analyst). Andrew Crawford also dropped back into the office to from annual leave to join in the presentation.

Category 5: **To the organisation (public or private) or individual providing the most notable contribution to intelligence education and training.**

Presented jointly to Victoria Police and Charles Sturt University in recognition of their collaborative efforts to deliver strategic intelligence training in support of improved intelligence led police operations.

This award results from an initiative jointly developed by a policing agency and an education provider. This marriage enabled Victoria Police to access an accredited curriculum and additional professional instructing staff through Charles Sturt University, while keeping the content and delivery relevant and immediately transferable to current problems.

In support of this award, the committee also considered the implementation of an Intelligence Model based on the UK's NIM as a key driver for improved strategic intelligence training to be delivered, as well as the application of established and proven intelligence training to the requirement by the education provider.

Victoria Police is a progressive agency currently investing in its intelligence capabilities and is highly regarded within the Australian Policing community. Implementation of the Victoria Police Intelligence Model includes the development and delivery of complimentary intelligence training.

This award was presented to Victoria Police Gavin Bell in Melbourne and accepted by Superintendent Mark Porter at the Victoria Police Intelligence Practitioner's Course.

Building on its existing strategic teaching and research partnerships with state and national law enforcement agencies, Charles Sturt University is working with Victoria Police to deliver practical outcomes for the people of Victoria. Charles Sturt University delivers well-matured courses in criminal intelligence and is widely recognised as an education provider with industry experienced teaching staff. Importantly, the University enjoys a number of strategic teaching and research partnerships with state and national law enforcement agencies helping to ensure that its courses continue to be both relevant and useful.

This award was presented to Charles Sturt University by Chris Clark
in Sydney and accepted by Mr Patrick Walsh (Senior Lecturer).

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