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## **ANZPAA NIFS announces recipient of prestigious forensics award**

Dr Tony Raymond AM (Chief Scientist, Strategic Forensic Support Branch, NSW Police Force) was announced today as the recipient of the Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency (ANZPAA) National Institute of Forensic Sciences (NIFS) John Harber Phillips Award. The Award recognises excellence in the forensic sciences.

"It is very fitting that Dr Raymond has received this award. He has been a significant and positive influence in a range of forensic science disciplines both in Australia and internationally throughout his 35 year career. He has been a superb role model for others in forensic sciences through his expertise, drive and enthusiasm," said Mr White, CEO of ANZPAA.

Dr Raymond shares the commitment that the Hon. John Harber Phillips' had to education and training, research, quality assurance and information sharing in Australian forensic science services.

"Dr Raymond has been a pioneer in the establishment of many forensic science 'firsts' in Australia including the formation of numerous forensic science agencies, bloodstain pattern analysis training, and various research and education programs," said Mr White.

Notably, Dr Raymond acted as the scientific advisor for the Royal Commission into the Chamberlain conviction and the Inquiry into the McLeod-Lindsay conviction. His work for the Chamberlain Royal Commission resulted in a number of changes to forensic sciences in Australia including raising the standard of proof for forensic evidence.

Dr Raymond became a Member in the General Division Of The Order Of Australia in 2010 for service to forensic science in the field of law enforcement through the development of technological advances, including bloodstain pattern analysis and DNA-related identification, and through his leadership and advisory roles.

The John Harber Phillips Award and Medal was formally presented by Deputy Commissioner Burns (NSW Police Force) on behalf of the ANZPAA Board, comprising of all the Police Commissioners of Australia and New Zealand to Dr Raymond at an event to commemorate his retirement from the NSW Police Force on 22 December 2014.

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