

**ANZPAA**  
Australia New Zealand  
Policing Advisory Agency



# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCE

## Business Plan 2020-21



# Position policing for the future

## 01

### CO-ORDINATION

Builds current jurisdictional and cross-jurisdictional operational capability and effectiveness through protocols, products and enhanced implementation support.

#### Ongoing activities

- Maximise opportunities for engagement with forensic science stakeholders.
- Facilitate the ANZPAA Disaster Victim Identification Committee (ADVIC).

#### Project activities

- Review and identify gaps in the status of underpinning science for selected forensic science disciplines.
- Deliver a review of forensic science processes for Drug Analysis to identify best practice and opportunities for processes improvements.
- Develop and launch a program to promote leadership in diversity and inclusion in forensic science.

## 02

### INNOVATION

Contributes to a creative and innovative forensic science body of knowledge and enhances the way we assess, adopt and implement new forensic capabilities and tools.

#### Ongoing activities

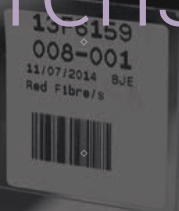
- Leverage off national and international conferences by contributing and bringing learnings back to forensic stakeholders.
- Manage the ANZPAA NIFS Best Paper Awards, which promotes collaboration and engagement in research that is operationally relevant.
- Manage the John Harber Phillips Award, which promotes and recognises excellence in forensic science.

#### Project activities

- Provide forecasting advice on new technology and innovation affecting forensic science.
- Develop the 2021-25 Forensic Science Research & Innovation Roadmap.

## Our Strategic Intent

# Promote and Facilitate Excellence in Forensic Science



# The leading advisor on current and emerging policing priorities

## 03

### INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

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Promotes and facilitates information-sharing and cross-jurisdictional dialogue and events.

#### Ongoing activities

- Facilitate approved Specialist Advisory Group (SAG) meetings to provide discipline specific technical advice and opportunities for capability development.
- Facilitate the Chemical Warfare Agent Laboratory Network (CWALN) capability group.
- Maintain the ANZPAA NIFS Secure Server to exchange and share resources, learnings and information between agencies and disciplines.
- Communicate and increase awareness of the activities of the forensic science community.

#### Project activities

- Participate in the planning and implementation of the relocation of ANZPAA and ANZPAA NIFS.
- Implement a program to future proof IT infrastructure for stakeholder communication and information exchange.

## 05

### QUALITY

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Delivers quality assurance programs, develops standards and manages the practitioner certification program.

#### Ongoing activities

- Manage the Australasian Forensic Science Assessment Body (AFSAB).
- Facilitate the development and running of the After the Fact (AtF) crime scene proficiency test.
- Co-ordinate the procurement and distribution of agreed proficiency tests.
- Participate in the development and review of Australian forensic related standards.
- Participate in the development of international forensic related standards on behalf of the Australian community.

## 04

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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Maximises opportunities for forensic science skills and knowledge development.

#### Ongoing activities

- Leverage resources in order to reduce costs to forensic science agencies for specialised training needs, and increase training opportunities for experts by providing funding and facilitation to ANZFEC approved workshops.
- Facilitate the Ian Riebeling New Practitioner Workshop held in conjunction with the Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society (ANZFSS) Symposium.

- Participate and contribute to the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) Forensic Science Accreditation Advisory Committee (FSAAC).

#### Project activities

- Deliver a project to enhance AFSAB administration and processes.
- Explore the commercialisation of the AtF proficiency test.

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ANZPAA acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are Australia's first peoples and the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we work. ANZPAA is committed to fulfilling the principles of New Zealand's founding document The Treaty of Waitangi. Central to the principles is a common understanding that all parties will relate and participate with each other in good faith with mutual respect, co-operation and trust.

This Business Plan is the direct result of the hard work and collaboration of the ANZPAA NIFS and ANZPAA teams and the generous forensic stakeholders who provided important input and feedback.

## This document

ANZPAA NIFS is governed by a three-year Strategic Plan developed in collaboration with the the Australia New Zealand Forensic Executive Committee (ANZFEC) and approved by the ANZPAA Board. The Strategic Plan is given effect through the implementation of an annual Business Plan developed in conjunction with and approved by ANZFEC, comprising of representatives from all of the forensic science agencies who are signatories to the ANZPAA NIFS service level agreement.

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