

## **Ben McDevitt AM, APM**

Ben McDevitt took up the role as CEO of the CrimTrac Agency on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2006. Since taking up the role Ben has oversighted a restructure of the organisation and a significant realignment of its corporate and strategic direction. This has included a new enhanced vision and set of guiding principles for CrimTrac.

Prior to CrimTrac Ben served as a member of the Australian Federal Police for 22 years, rising to the rank of Assistant Commissioner. During his 22 years with the AFP Ben worked in a wide variety of local, national and international policing roles, predominantly in criminal investigation areas.

He performed management duties across a broad spectrum of AFP activities, including as Commander of Operations for ACT policing, General Manager for AFP National Operations and National Manager Counter Terrorism.

In 1997 Ben fulfilled the role of Operations Superintendent with the United Nations civilian police in Cyprus and in 1998 he served as a police advisor to the multi-national Bougainville Peace Monitoring Group.

Ben played a coordination and oversight role of the Australian Federal Police involvement in the joint investigation conducted into the Bali bombings in October 2002 which killed 202 people, including 88 Australians. In 2003 he was appointed as a Member in the Order of Australia for his work following the Bali atrocity.

In May 2003 Ben was selected to plan and deploy a police led peacekeeping operation to restore law and order to the Solomon Islands which was in a state of virtual civil war and on the verge of collapse. Ben subsequently served in the Solomons as Commander of the multinational Participating Police Force and as Deputy Commissioner of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force for a period of twelve months. On 24 July 2004, the first anniversary of the arrival of the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands, codenamed Operation Helpem Fren, Ben was awarded the Cross of Solomon Islands for distinguished service to the people of the Solomon Islands.

Ben holds a Masters degree in Public Policy and Administration, a Graduate Diploma in Executive Leadership and is a graduate of the Police Management Development Program and the Police Executive Leadership Program.

Ben was a finalist in the 2005 Australian (ACT) of the year awards.