

## Vision

A well-informed NSW community that alleviates the impact on families and friends of missing persons through the formal and informal provision of appropriate and effective information and support services.

## Background

The Families & Friends of Missing Persons Unit (FFMPU) was established in September 2000 and is funded by the New South Wales Government. It is a discrete function of the Victims of Crime Bureau in the Attorney General's Department of NSW. The FFMPU's purpose is to coordinate support services within NSW for the families and friends of missing persons.

## Coordination

The FFMPU works closely with both police and non-police tracing organisations. The FFMPU facilitates an Interagency Forum. This forum brings together government and non-government agencies to ensure that families and friends receive the support and information they require when someone they care about is missing.

## Priorities

The FFMPU has adopted eight main objectives:

- 1) To administer funding to non-governmental organisations to provide support services to families and friends of missing persons.
- 2) To establish and maintain an Interagency Forum across government and non-government agencies.
- 3) To provide an information, referral and support service for families and friends of missing persons.
- 4) To provide a specialist counselling service to families and friends of missing persons.
- 5) To develop relevant policies.
- 6) To promote administrative, legislative and social reform.
- 7) To produce high quality products to assist families and friends of missing persons.
- 8) To raise community awareness regarding the issues affecting families and friends of missing persons.

## Further information

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