# Marking the last 12 months

Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation 2021–2022 Highlights



#### Stop Child Abuse -Trace an Object

An initiative from Europol, appealing to the public to identify objects extracted from child abuse materials

- > 83,428 views on the web page
- > 294 reports received



#### **Operational** Achievements

- > 170 new victims identified
- > 36,600 reports received
- > 19,264 actionable reports received
- > 619 referrals to Australian law enforcement



#### 79 children removed from harm

## **Study Visit**



Members of the European Parliament's Intergroup on Children's Rights visited the ACCCE in support of a robust, child-centred approach to combatting child sexual exploitation and abuse in forthcoming European Union legislation

#### Operation Molto

#### > 117 offenders arrested

- > 1,248 charges laid
- > 158 search warrants
  executed
- > 51 children safeguarded nationally
- > 153 children safeguarded internationally

#### Industry Leading Technology Solutions

- Investigative software: identifies victims and offenders while minimising investigator's exposure to known material
- Reporting and triaging system: collaborative tool used to distribute reports nationally and internationally
- File sharing system: used to distribute intelligence and evidence in crossjurisdictional investigations to remove victims from harm
- New smart, efficient triaging tool: ensuring child exploitation reports are triaged with optimum efficiency to evaluate risk to children

### Forums

Continued collaboration with:

- > Wellbeing Dialogue
- > Legal Dialogue and
- Research Working
  Group

#### Stakeholder Engagement

**115 stakeholder partnerships** with the following groups:

- > Non-government organisations
- > Government agencies
- > Law enforcement agencies
- > Industry
- > Academic partners
- National and international partners.
- > ACCCE held two Prevention Stakeholder Workshops

#### **Closing The Net**

A podcast about online child sexual exploitation that **won silver at the New York Festivals 2022 Radio Awards in the Narrative/ Documentary Podcast category, Best Branded Podcast in the 2022 Radio Today Podcast Awards, and Finalist for Best Documentary Podcast at the 2021 Australian Podcast Awards** 

- > 38,597 listener downloads
- > 22,965 downloads season one
- > 15,632 downloads season two

#### Social Media Growth

- > 5,044 more Facebook followers
- > 907 more Instagram followers
- > 1,138 more Twitter followers

### **AFP Funding**

**Targeted and critical investment in Australian law enforcement agencies** by investing in frontline operations and ensuring best-practice policing and specialist approaches nationally

#### Victim ID Taskforce

ACCCE hosted third Victim Identification Taskforce

- > 1 million+ media files reviewed
- > 13 victims of online child sexual exploitation identified
- > 17 cases referred to national and international counterparts working in child protection



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