



## **Chris Payne**

Chris Payne established and ran the AFP's first anti people-trafficking operation. The operation ran from 1992 to 1995 and produced the first hard evidence that people-trafficking for sexual servitude was occurring in Sydney, was delivering handsome profits and had only to contend with routine immigration compliance action. Conducted at a time when there were no anti people-trafficking laws, prosecution outcomes were modest.

Chris left the AFP in 1997, around the same time the Commonwealth passed its first anti people-trafficking law. Chris worked as a private investigator and also helped reporters and activists raise public awareness of people-trafficking, through the media and public meetings.

In 2004 Chris was involved in the making of the SBS documentary *Trafficked* and travelled to Thailand to locate a victim who had been trafficked to Sydney in 1995 when she was 14. He also located the parents of another victim who had died in immigration custody in 2001. He then assisted them in their successful claims for compensation. Chris also acted as a technical advisor to the makers of the movie *The Jammed*.