



## Commissioning of SA Police Launch *Investigator II*

As border protection, law enforcement and ocean rescues increase each year, State authorities are having to step up the size, quality and capability of the craft involved. Last year, the South Aussie Police lifted the bar with an impressive new craft. Di Ross and John Batty were there at the launching.

**P**olice Launch *Investigator II* was commissioned in June last year, at North Haven, SA where it will be based.

This impressive and capable plate aluminium vessel was design by BSC Marine design Pty Ltd and built to Survey Class USL 2B and 1D by Brisbane Ship Construction Pty Ltd, Queensland.

This vessel was specifically designed and constructed for the SA Police (SAPOL) to provide patrol duties as well as long range, all-weather emergency response, support during underwater diving operations conducted by the Water Operations Unit throughout SA



The Honourable Jennifer Rankine MP, Minister for Police, South Australia unveils the SAPOL Police launch name.

*Wow! How would you feel about this platey bearing down on your Quinnie as you were concentrating on the KGWs ? All joking aside, these big new rigs we are seeing developed around Australia by the various State Water Police branches, have been needed for a long time for long range search and rescue. What the taxpayers and some media overlook, is that once a craft has to stay out overnight, or travel for several days, the whole structure of the mission changes - not for the boat - but for the crew. They need (at least) 2-3 crews for shift rotations, and they all need meal preparation, formal ablutions, r&r facilities . . . so when the SAR procedure is changed from 8-12 hour a day service, to 24 hour operation, this is what you need.*

