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New Direction for IPA

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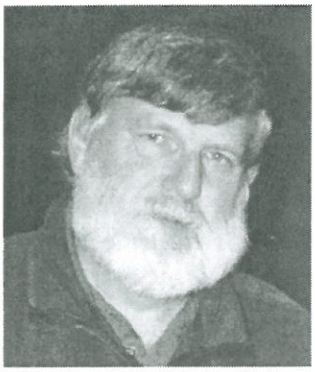
Changes are in the wind with the election of a new president for the International Police Association, New Zealand Section.

The new president, Bruce Hutton stated at the Annual General Meeting that his theme is "Towards the Future in IPA New Zealand". His aim is to increase membership into the IPA by five per cent, with a strong focus on recruiting serving police personnel. "The time has arrived for positive considerations so that we can begin to advance the IPA in New Zealand towards 2010," he said.

One of the ways of doing this will be to build on the successful relationship begun last year when IPA became a patron of one of the graduating wings from the Royal New Zealand Police College. An IPA wall is being designed with the intention of being installed at the Police College.
Promotional material is also being prepared for printing and distribution to all police stations promoting IPA.
Support is being given to enable the magazine to be produced and distributed to all IPA members as a means of communication within the organisation



IPA's new President Bruce Hutton from Wellington

and the IPA website page will be developed and promoted. Bruce is also keen to see good old-fashioned "Service through Friendship" being demonstrated with social events and people getting together to promote IPA in any way they can.

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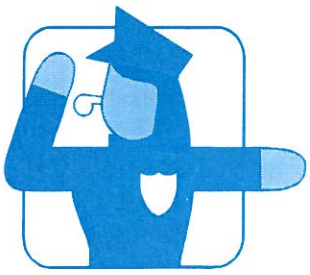

(Contributed by Graeme McColl, former police instructor, now working for St John's in Christchurch)

Long batons and women in trousers

The article in last year's IPA Journal regarding the arrival of the long batons took me back to my days in Management Services at National Headquarters.

John Ball called to demonstrate the baton, to the likes of Ian Bird, Pat O'Neill and myself. I think Ted Jordan was the guinea pig. We were impressed and arranged a demonstration before Bob Walton, Ken Thompson and others.

Following that we were instructed to order an initial supply from the US. At the time we did have a paper developed recommending the batons and had made contact with the States regarding prices and training material. Roger Marley was evaluating all that. Following John Ball's visit things moved quickly, with stocks

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Highlights of the A.G.M – April 19th – 21st

The 36th Annual General Meeting of the IPA, New Zealand section was held in Auckland, and opened by Auckland Police District Commander, Superintendent Howard Broad.
Bruce Hutton was named as the new president, replacing John Coomber, who has held the position for the past six years.
One of the highlights of the meeting included a visit by Steve Pierce, the vice-president of the Australian Section. He mentioned that his last visit to New Zealand was for police work, which meant the extent of his sight-seeing was restricted to police stations and police bars, so he was looking forward to seeing some real scenery this time round.
The main challenges facing the IPA is to meet the new president's aim of five per cent increase in membership among current serving police personnel.
Communication in the organisation has been recognised as being paramount to informing members of what is happening.
More emphasis is being put on producing a newsletter, rather than a "glossy" magazine following the annual meeting and the National Council meetings (formerly the National Executive Bureau).
The decision to make the assistant secretary-general's role one of minute secretary at these meetings should result in minutes being processed quickly which should result in members being well informed.
A special presentation was made to outgoing president, John Coomber, of a carved whalebone pendant with reference to European and Maori cultures – a very touching gesture.
Some changes to the constitution were decided on and these are available from the Regional Committees and Secretary-General.
Office holders are:
President, Bruce Hutton;
Vice-president, Ron Pilbrough;
Secretary-general, Arthur Mahan;
Assistant S/general, Stan Keith;
Treasurer, Greg McManus;
Editor, May Seager;
National travel secretary, Marlene Merriman;
Stores secretary, Bruce Hutton;
Hobbies secretary, Tony Picketts.

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Long batons, women in trousers

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required prior to the 1981 'Tour'.
Other follow up developments were the riot helmets and other protection equipment. Pat O'Neill seemed to be making regular late night phone calls to US manufacturers to arrange supplies and urgent deliveries.
As an aside John Ball later claimed that he should be paid a commission on the sale of the batons to the NZ Police.
Another major development at that time was for women constables to have permission to wear trousers. I worked with Gill Hayes (wife of Peter, a former dog handler and lately association rep) and Karen Holland to explain to the Commissioner why trousers were required in crowd control situations. Only men's trousers were available for supply immediately and we had to work out a formula of approximately which size of men's trousers fitted women's sizes.
After that I liased with tailors and had a pattern developed for women's trousers and they were officially allowed as part of the uniform.

Congratulations to graduates

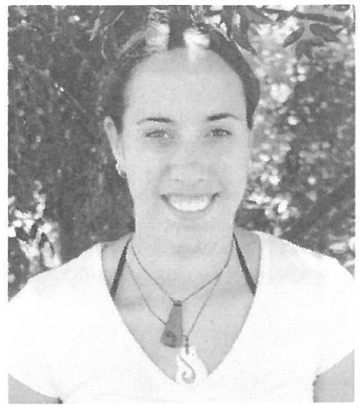
To the winners who were awarded the IPA prize for their wings at the Royal New Zealand Police College.
Scott David Pitkethley of No. 195 (Michael Jones) recruitment wing. (Scott is stationed in the Eastern District, Gisborne).
Tracey Diane Haggart of No. 197 (John Graham) recruitment wing. (Tracy is stationed in the Bay of Plenty District, Taupo).

Monthly newsletters get thumbs up

Some regions have been putting out their own monthly newsletters to keep in touch with their local members, due to the absence of the magazine.
Clint Libby in Wellington and Jim McCarthy in Auckland say they have had really positive feedback from the move and will probably keep doing it.
Nice one

New Zealand youth attends International Youth Gathering

Antoinette Pratt-Keith from Auckland was last year's International Youth Gathering representative from New Zealand. Here are some of the highlights of her trip to the IYG which was held in Manchester, England.
Her experience was preceded with a trip to Los Angeles for four days where IPA members, Michael and Wilma Nelson, hosted her and a relative. Arriving on July 4, Independence Day, meant that the pair were in for a celebration, just like New Zealand's Guy Fawkes Day (only bigger).
Her first week was spent at Durham where she shared a room with Anna from Romania.
Antoinette met the mayor of Durham, travelled to Holy Island, Scotland and York, visiting museums, castles, police stations and took rides in several police cars.
Then it was on to Manchester where the group stayed at the Bobby Carlton School of Soccer. It was up at 8am for breakfast, morning meeting at 9.15am where they got put into groups and played a variety of sports.
Then 12.30pm for lunch, 1.30pm another meeting and then off for another 3 hours of sports. At 5.30pm it was time for dinner, then free time to watch videos, play pool or kick around a football.
They also fitted in trips to Blackpool Pleasure Beach (a theme park with awesome rides), the Abba Show "Money, Money, Money", Manchester United and China Town.



Antoinette Pratt-Keith – made some close friends during her I.Y.G. experience

There was also an entertainment evening, a barbeque for the IPA members, a prizegiving then thank-yous and a farewell.
Antoinette greatly enjoyed the experience – "it was great to have the chance to meet others from countries all over the world and get to know them.
She made some real close friends in Norway, Denmark and Sweden and still hears from them every now and then.
"We all went around and exchanged little gifts as a reminder of one another. Our supervisors were awesome, they were friendly and approachable, took time to do things for us and help us if we needed it.
"I would like to thank the International Police Association and everyone that supported me for letting me have the opportunity to go on this experience and their donations."

Three New Zealanders are attending the IYG in Hungary next year. They are Charlotte Coomber, Mariana Manaia and Braidicea Warriner.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING 2003

DATE: July 2003
VENUE: Finland
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
If you are aged between 15 and 17 years on the date of the Youth Gathering and are the child or grandchild of a financial New Zealand International Police Association member you are eligible to apply.
HOW TO APPLY:
Complete the application form available on the NZ International Police Association Website www.ipanz.org.nz and forward a copy of your Curriculum Vitae to your Regional IPA Secretary for consideration by the Regional Committee. Your application if deemed acceptable will then be forwarded to the National Selection Committee.
COSTS INVOLVED:
Registration fees will be paid by the National Treasurer of the NZ Section of the International Police Association. All other costs including, travel and personal expenditure will be at the applicant's expense.
CONTACT:
For further information please contact Marlene Merriman, National Travel Secretary on email m.merriman@clear.net.nz or telephone (06) 758 4639 evenings

OFF TO STH AFRICA

Three of our members from New Zealand are attending the International Executive Council meeting and Friendship Week in South Africa, 9-15 September.
Bruce Hutton will attend as delegate with Greg McManus and Ron Pilbrough as observers

Around the Regions

Region One: Jim McCarthy
There have been all sorts of visitors to Region One ranging from a group touring on their own motorcycles to British members on an outdoor bowls tour. Of course, there are the usual British, German and Australian members, to whom we have become so accustomed.
Membership in region one is steady, with an increase in interest from the training groups to whom access has been gained on a continuing basis. This recruiting avenue will be pursued during the coming year and is recommended to all regions as a possible source of new members.
Social events have included mid-winter and Christmas luncheons, a February barbecue in Ruakaka and several informal smaller pot luck evenings and restaurant meals which enable international visitors to meet and mingle with our members.

Region Two: Jacques Legros
Carole Tipler, John Gower and Jacques Legros have been busy re-establishing Region Two again. Jacques was elected as the new chairman at a special meeting in March and since then another meeting has followed.

Region Three: Tony Brownrigg
Another active year with the annual ski trip, hosting visitors, dinner and movies night and joining together with members from Region 2 for a Blackwater Rafting Trip at Waitomo. Plans are underway for weekend trips to Rotorua and Napier (a wine tour). There have been a few international visitors too.
On a sadder note, member David Mack passed away suddenly on February 1 this year whilst out walking. David joined IPA in 1994, originally from Scotland. We extend our deepest sympathy to Sheila and the family.

Region Four: Clint Libby
The election of a new committee headed by Clint Libby has seen a change in direction for Region 4. Ockie Griebenauw resigned for personal reasons, and Clint was made "caretaker" chairperson until the next AGM with Bruce Hutton as vice-chairperson.
The new committee is eager to encourage social activities and set itself the initial goal of holding one event each month.
The first function was a very successful dinner was held at the Royal New Zealand Police College, with motivational and inspirational speaker, Tony Christiansen as the guest speaker.
Other events have also been organised and now a mid-winter Christmas Party is now being planned for June.
Clint says that most members are keen on retaining their membership for two main reasons, travel and the magazine, so he is keen to see the publication get back on track.

Region Five: John Turner
During the past year, Region Five hosted a few overseas visitors, ranging from three Australians on a kayaking holiday to Europeans on actual tours.
"We have always enjoyed hosting overseas visitors as this gives a visible sign of our existence."
Noting that the membership of this region is slowly decreasing, chairman John Turner, raised the question of whether the organisation should initiate some form of membership building plan.
"We must examine whether the natural closeness of the Police Service worldwide actually defeats the purpose of our Association.
"If it does not , then what are we going to do?"
It has been a very quiet year except for the regular gathers of a dedicated regional committee and two social gatherings during the year.
At the Christmas function there was one overseas visitor and a visit from the Secretary-General.
John is stepping down from this role in September this year. He has held the role on and off for the 15 years and while he has enjoyed much of it, believes it is now time to move on.

Region Six: Trevor Buchanan
Region six has had a quiet 12 months but did hold a social function, a dinner in February, which was enjoyed by those who attended.
The region is looking forward to being involved in the itinerary for the International Youth Gathering, which New Zealand hopes to host in 2006.

"Once" - a poem written by a Canadian police officer

Once I stood where you stand now
I wore the uniform you wear now
Once I walked the lonely beat
In the rain and in the heat

Once I held the torch in my hand
To fight the darkness in our land
And since I am no longer here
It is up to you to fight the fear

Fear of darkness and of crime
To keep us safe in this time
And now this torch I pass to you
Fight the darkness is what you must do

Although my body may be gone
Inside of you my spirit lives on
Beside you when you walk the beat
In the rain and in the heat

Once I stood where you stand now

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Sgt S. G. Gibson,
Vancouver Police Department

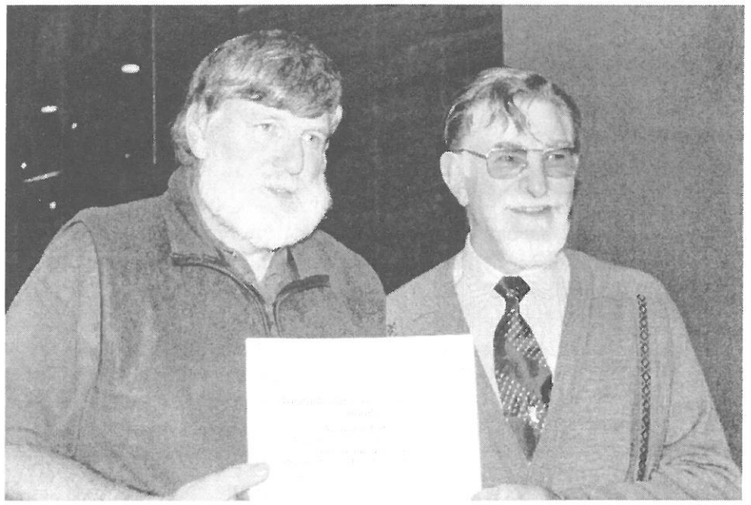
About the Poem:
"This poem was written on Remembrance Day November 11th, 2000.
" I was thinking about the Police Memorial Project and was also inspired by Remembrance Day. I woke up in the morning with the poem running through my head and wrote it down.

"I wanted it to be as if the officers killed were talking from beyond the grave to the new police officers and their spirit was watching over them."

Alex de Kort receives Honorary Life Membership

The Christchurch section had good reason to gather together in April when one of its long-standing members, Alex de Kort, was made an honorary life member of IPA.

The nomination was accepted at the National Council meeting held on April 20th and Alex was presented with his certificate by newly elected president, Bruce Hutton, at a function held on April 24th.
Alex has been a member of the IPA for over 20 years, and of the Christchurch committee for at least 17 years without a break.
He has held several positions on the committee and held the national position of assistant travel secretary for Holland for several years up until recent times.
He was also a frequent and ardent supporter and contributor to the IPA Journal.
Always an ardent and vocal supporter of the IPA, he was a core member of the Christchurch committee that organised and ran the 1986 Friendship Week there.
He recruited a number of new members to the local IPA to bolster the ability and experience required to run a successful week.
He is well known nationally and internationally for his interest and work with the IPA and would gladly take up a position or host or escort international visitors in his region.
Alex has represented NZ IPA as an official from NZ in Holland and at his own expense, has attended a number of international conferences and Friendship Weeks many members with their travels to Africa and for talking me into joining up with IPA back in 1996.
There have been other resignations however I have managed to find replacements for all four vacancies.



Now an honorary life member of IPA, Alex de Kort happily accepts his certificate from president, Bruce Hutton, at a function held in Christchurch on April 24.

Contributions to the I.P.A. newsletter are welcomed. Please contact the Editor with news of your events, photos or special memories.
We are also looking for early editions of the Magazine.
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Travel Secretary – Marlene Merriman

It is hard to believe that three years have passed since I took on this role and I am happy to continue for another three years.
I have had a large number of inquiries over the past six months. Since Christmas, I have received many inquiries from members who will be heading our way from now, right through to March/April 2003 and it is good to see our overseas visitors planning well ahead.
Inquiries have come from Canada, UK, Sweden, Netherlands, Germany and Spain.

Updates of Holiday homes:
The Scottish holiday home at Montrose is no longer available to members; accommodation is now available in Bonn (Germany) and Barcelona (Spain), consisting of a furnished room for two in Bonn and a house sleeping up to five in Barcelona. Contact me for further details.

It is with regret that I report that the long-standing Associate Travel Secretary for Africa, Carole Tipler has resigned. I would like to thank Carole for her efforts in assisting

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New Book records the "The Coming Terror" of Women in Policing in New Zealand

"The Coming Terror", the working title for a book about women in policing, was inspired by the cartoon published in the "Free Lance" in 1918.

Author, Valerie Redshaw, expects to complete the project by the end of the year. As coordinator of the celebration of 50 years of Women in Policing in 1991 she listened to many accounts of women's experience in the Service and this convinced her that this was a story which had to be told. Her own career embraces early experience in London's Metropolitan Police and the New Zealand Police as a constable, seventeen years as education officer and project manager at the Police College and more recent experience as a senior manager for the NZ Customs Service. Recently retired she can now concentrate on the task in hand.

While women police have been mentioned in district and national police histories, their contribution has largely been seen as peripheral to, rather than part of, accounts of the past. Early attempts to establish women as police officers met with strong resistance. When they first trained in 1941 many believed that they would disappear when the war ended. While the book will focus on the lengthy campaign to establish the role of policewomen it will also

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From the Hobbies Secretary – Tony Picketts

There have been a few Internet inquiries over the past few months for members wanting "exchange mates". These are difficult to arrange without a regular magazine and so we're pleased that the opportunity has once again presented itself to circulate names.

First off, Jorge who lives in the Basque area of Spain and is a member of the Spanish Section has asked for contact with Police Officers from NZ with an interest in trading patches and hats. This request is quite recent and I only have his e-mail address at present: cabarreche@terra.es.

Johan from the Netherlands is interested in making contact with members to exchange tiebars. Please contact him at jcjm.dekker@hccnet.nl if you can help.

Also on the Patch collecting list is Dave Bernie at d.j@xtra.co.nz

Unfortunately, the tape group is all but 'disintegrated' – with equipment becoming obsolete and unrepairable, and newer digital equipment replacing the old. One UK member is exchanging mini CDs with colleagues – very "up-market"!! It still beats writing letters or exchanging e-mails if you want pen-pals – contact me, I'll get you started.

If anyone needs help with Family Research, please contact us at waipu9@xtra.co.nz.

We will point your nose in the right direction and, especially with Internet assistance.

Please remember that we can't publish names and addresses

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IPA assists NZ Police Museum director with conference trip

New Zealand's Police Museum Director, Bronwyn Grant, attended the inaugural International Police Museum Conference held in Budapest, Hungary last year.

The IPA and the Police Managers' Guild jointly funded on-ground costs, while a grant from the Minister of Internal Affairs' Discretionary Fund was awarded to cover the return airfare.

Conference attendees commenced discussions on creating an international code of ethics for police museums.

Ms Grant's travels also took in New York, Washington and Vancouver. Friends of the Museum will be able to read about these museums in the museum newsletter. More information can be obtained by visiting the museum websites.

Hungarian Museum of Criminal Investigation & Police History, www.policehistorymus.com (hard to get into)

New York City Police Museum, www.nycpolicemuseum.org

Drug Enforcement Agency Museum www.deamuseum.org

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Washington DC, www.nleomf.com and

Vancouver Police Museum www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/police/museum

(If you wish to become a Friend of the NZ Police Museum contact the museum by calling (04) 238-3141, open Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 4pm).



The cartoon depicting the advent of women policing as it appeared in the "Free Lance", 1918 *Story on Page 6*

Do you have skills in maintaining and updating a web page?

IPA needs you!!!

We are looking for a person who has the skills to update and input information into our page so that members are kept up to date. Contact Bruce Hutton if interested.

Check out the page at www.ipa.org.nz

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without seeing proof of IPA Membership – easily done with a scanned copy of your membership card (both sides) to me at - *waipu9@xtra.co.nz* Also, when sending requests by e-mail include your full name and postal address. Thanks.

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Book review cont..

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recognise the contribution made to the Service by matrons, police wives and non-sworn staff. It is not too late to make a contribution and Valerie is particularly seeking material from police wives.

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One Northland IPA member took the words "dropping in" quite literally when he landed in the field behind the home of fellow IPA members, May and Brian Seager, at Maungaturoto early this year. Peter Mulhare, the pilot (pictured at the cockpit) is well known for his gliding antics.



A Region One picnic at One Tree Point, near Ruakaka, was a great success with a large contingent from Auckland enjoying the local hospitality and scenery. The members, their friends and family were well hosted by Maureen Taylor who works in the fingerprint department at Auckland Central. Behind the crowd is the magnificent Whangarei Heads.

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