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Members of the Armed Offenders Squad AOS from Wellington. They carry a weapon similar to the bushmaster which is now general duty issue - Photo by Stuart Wilton

NEW RIFLE FOR POLICE - The Bushmaster makes its debut

Dan Shenton

The same firearm used by the Armed Offenders Squad, the Bush Master rifle will be the new weapon of choice for police responding to armed incidents. The semi automatic rifle has replaced the .223 calibre Remington bolt action rifle.



Bushmaster Rifle, the new GDB weapon which replaced the old 223 rifle - Photo by Jillian Reid

Co-ordinator for firearms and tactical equipment Sergeant Graham Gubb said the new rifle was introduced by the New Zealand Police because the previous rifle lacked the sufficient attributes needed for police to do their job. It's designed for law and enforcement work as compared to the Remington which wasn't, it was a hunting rifle. "For example we need to be able to tactically sling the weapon so that we can have our hands free when we need too," he said. It is a .223 calibre semi-automatic rifle with a magazine that holds 20 rounds. It can be tactically slung over the officer's shoulder and engaged so that members can let go of it and do other things. There are 880 in general duty service.

50th Anniversary New Zealand Police Dog Section

Bob Walker

Within the New Zealand Police there are very tight elite sections who celebrated their 50th year anniversary this year. In 1956 the New Zealand Police Dog Section was formed and now has developed into one of the most important sections within the police.

To celebrate this important milestone The Police Dog Section held a special 50th anniversary celebration in October at Trentham where the Police Dog Section was formed and is still based.

Hundreds of ex dog handlers attended, some coming from overseas for the event. Two former dog handlers, Dave Towers, of Pätea and Bob Walker of Wanganui were among those traveling to the anniversary. Both are a classic example of the friendship and bond that holds these former dog handlers together. Bob has also retained a very strong relationship with former head of the Singapore Police Unit, Chief Inspector Mike Chan. Both he and Mike have visited each other a number of times over the past thirty years. Bob has even wiped the dust off some photos that have been given to the anniversary committee. Going through a number of records and documents brought back happy memories.

One happy memory came from the founder of the Police Dog Unit Inspector Frank Riley. He said, "dog handlers have afforded invaluable help to the Service and to society.



Constable Bob Walker with Helga - Photo courtesty of Bob Walker



They have at times saved many man hours in searches, escapes, finding lost persons, crime etc, and have performed some quite spectacular feats. At all times handlers have been indefatigable and ready to turn out at any time of the night, or whilst on leave, to work sometimes under exacting conditions and for long hours. They have been ready to put up with all the inconveniences of broken rest, cancelled leave days, and interrupted social and family arrangements. The dogs have done extremely well, but without the skill, willingness and enthusiasm of the handlers, would have been useless." These words were written in 1972.

Bob said when he joined the Dog Section, Frank Riley had just retired but used to pop into the kennels on the odd occasion. Frank Riley and a couple of the Dog Sergeants were treated like gods by the young handlers; it was hero worship at its best. Just being a trainee dog handler and having trainers like Colin Guppy and especially Alan Symes was a dream come true for so many of the raw young handlers. Although they were NCOs they were more of a father figure with the trainees listening to everything they had to say.

Alan Symes was a master at getting the best out of any dog and more so in criminal work because he acted the part of a criminal so well. Bob recalled one year he was judged in the top five police dog handlers nationally and in the following year he was determined to do better. But a month prior to the Police Dog Trials he took his dog Helga to Trentham for a 'brush up' on her criminal work. Within a couple of days Alan Symes had sorted out the problem and Bob returned to Palmerston North.

On the day of the trials Bob was confident that he and Helga would do better than the previous year. But Bob's heart sank when he saw that the 'criminal' was Sgt Alan Symes. Bob lost 50 points when Helga failed the 'recall' required of the handler. He sent his dog in to attack and hold the 'criminal' and when the dog was about half way from the handler to the offender, Bob 'recalled' Helga as required. However, on this occasion she had seen her old foe and was not going to let Alan Symes off until she had given him a couple of good bites. This incident, and no doubt many more, were recalled by all those attending the special 50th Anniversary.



Constable John Moran of Wellington with Rebel, Constable Rob Frood of Dunedin with Ryka and Constable Murray Oaten also of Dunedin with Riot. Sgt Symes is on the right - Photo courtesy of Bob Walker

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NO FLAK IN THIS JACKET

Dan Shenton

The new stab resistant body armour (SRBA) gets two thumbs up, with 6,500 frontline police who were recently measured for the new armour.

The final SRBA was chosen last year after three different types were trialled by frontline police. The trial also revealed that the new SRBA offered a greater amount of protection from dog bites and falls sustained within duty and will also provide some protection in vehicle crashes.

The trials paid particular attention to the comfort of the SRBA chosen. Senior Constable John McGrail, Road Policing Group, who was one of the satisfied trialist's says; "It didn't impact on any of my police duties. I put it on when I started work and wore it the entire shift; it is that comfortable to wear."

Frontline staff in uniform will be required to wear the SRBA when away from the police station. SRBA will be issued approximately 10 weeks after measurement, allowing for production and delivery from the British manufacturer.



Stab resistant body armour with duty belt - Photo by Jillian Reid

NEW DOG, OLD TRICKS

Katie Walker

Constable Andrew Hosking and his police dog Maddox are learning the ropes together. They are in the middle of a rigorous nine month training course. When completed they will make up one of ten general purpose police dog teams in the Greater Wellington area.

Mr Hosking, who has been in the New Zealand Police for four years joined the dog unit at Ngauranga Gorge earlier this year because it epitomises what policing is all about ."You become a cop to catch people who commit crimes" he says.



One of Wellingtons newest handlers, Constable Andrew Hosking and his police dog Maddox - Photo by Katie Walker

Local families or police families foster puppies for a year before they are ready to start training. German Shepherds are used because they are easy to train, are a good size and "look the part", Mr Milner says.

The training is geared to dogs beings able to pick up the scent of a person and follow it. "Our job is to read what the dog is telling us," he says. Tracking forms 90 percent of the work the dogs do, mostly in relation to tracking people who have broken into cars or committed robberies and burglaries. But one of Mr Milner's most memorable jobs recently did not involve a crime, but a missing elderly man. "We went down to the train tracks and the old man had fallen down the hill onto the side of the tracks. He could have died if we hadn't found him. We earned a DB that day."

A Wallet Full of Memories

Bruce Hutton

With the IPA being 56 years old, I was lucky that not only did I have the good fortune to meet the late founder Arthur Troop before he died, but I was able meet his wife Marjorie on a visit to England in 2005.

Marjorie and her son Kevin entertained me with stories about their late husband and father, which involved run-ins with pistol wielding passengers on Russian ships during the early days of the founding, and a look at his stencil portrait collection, an art form that that he was very talented at.

On this particular visit to her home, and after the obligatory cup of tea we made ready to leave but Marjorie insisted on making a presentation to me.

She gave me a small parcel neatly wrapped in tissue paper. Once unwrapped I found it was in fact Arthur Troop's personal wallet. It had been carefully cleaned, with his name and address still attached and inside was the pin number for his credit card on a scrap of paper and a one pound coin.

"It is bad luck to give a wallet that has no money inside", said Marjorie. What fascinated me was that the coin was minted in 1986, the year that I joined IPA.



Kevin Troop, Marjorie Troop and Bruce Hutton display the wallet - Photo courtesy of Bruce Hutton

It was a sad to hear that Marjorie died in July this year after being diagnosed with a terminal illness. The 85-year-old woman, whose services to IPA and the Blind Foundation have not gone unnoticed, will be sadly missed. I was honoured and pleased to have spent time with her and her considerable memories.

POLICE TASER TRIALS

Dan Shenton

The new crime fighting tool, The Taser is well and truly in full swing, with the weapon being used by the New Zealand Police since September 2006.

The new weapon has gained criticism among some members of the public. Critics claim that over 100 people have died from being stunned by the Taser in America due to police using the weapon without caution.

The most vocal of those critics Green MP Keith Locke and Maori MP Hone Harawira fear that the same thing will happen in New Zealand. ButSuperintendent John Rivers who is the project manager during the trial period of the Taser said that enough research had been done to discredit the critics. "We have an independent medical advisory group, and the chairperson of the advisory group has reviewed all the available information internationally. He found that deaths are not directly attributable to the use of the Taser," he said. "The international medical community continue to review and debate some particular cases but there is no direct link."



Taser pistol as worn by Wellington staff - Photo by Jillian Reid

Superintendent Rivers said that opposition to the weapon lacked basis. "I always anticipated opposition to the trial but some themes and arguments by some people seeking to discredit the trial aren't credible in my view. The fact is our front line police have a responsibility to safely and effectively apprehend violent offenders."

In early September 2006 protesters grouped outside Parliament demanded that the government carry out further research on the use of the Taser. Mr Locke and Mr Harawira were among those signing a petition for the government to repeal the weapon from police use.

Mr Locke told those present that he had evidence to prove that the Taser could cause death to someone with a pre-existing heart condition. Superintendent John Rivers couldn't totally refute the argument but said that it would be very unlikely.

"If a violent offender unfortunately has some pre-existing medical condition, there is a very remote possibility that there could be adverse consequences."

New Zealand Police view the Taser as a great weapon against crime and Superintendent Rivers was adamant the Taser would only be used on an offender in extreme cases."It can only lawfully and legitimately be used when there's no less forceful option available to our people."

NOTE FROM THE WEBMASTER

I am currently revamping the IPA website and you are invited to view its new clean look. I would love content for this website; there is heaps of room for photographs and regions are invited to submit stories and/or photo's specific to their region. Please send these to the magazine editor. However if you have any questions please contact me at **p.theobald@clear.net.nz** or **webmaster@ipa.org.nz** or **Peter.Theobald@police.govt.nz**

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IPA WORKSHOP

'Supporting the Police Profession through IPA' was the theme of the Workshop arranged by the International Professional Commission. This popular and worthwhile exercise enabled Delegates and Observers to have group discussion and then present their views and suggestions to the Congress. The results will be carefully studied by the IPC and, wherever possible, acted upon by the PEB.

FRIDAY NIGHT SHIFT IN THE CITY

Kate Chapman recently hitched a ride with two Wellington police officers to see what happens on Friday night in the capital while on patrol.

The two officers I am sharing Friday night with meet me at the Wellington Central Police Station at about 7:30 pm. About four hours into their shift, constables Ryan Chinnock and Tango Pakome have returned from a callout, hoping for a quick dinner before tackling some paperwork. No such luck: there's a prisoner in the cells who needs to be taken home and curfew checks to be done.

The prisoner sits behind me in the back seat of the patrol car. He turns out to be quite whiffy. "Unfortunately, some smells are part of the job," Pakome says as we drive up Taranaki Street.

The prisoner is jabbering about his 'friends' within the ranks of the Wellington police. He seems to be confused between television programmes and the real world. Chinnock chats with him, trying to make sense of the nonsense.

As we drive, the police radio spits out a mixture of callouts, officer responses and regular rugby updates.

After dropping off the prisoner and getting halfway through the curfew checks, a call comes over the radio. There's been a report of a fight in a block of flats in Mt Victoria. On arrival, Chinnock and Pakome find three separate groups of teenage boys outside. Dressed in baggy, low riding jeans and t-shirts, the boys look the epitome of 21st century teen rebellion. Each claims they have nothing to do with the fight. Most of them are drunk and a couple are high. Everyone is blaming someone else. Establishing what happened seems impossible.

Pakome is trying to get some details off one boy who can't remember his date of birth. It seems like he's just trying to hide his age until he blurts out: "Well, I'm 12, so when would I have been born?" I'm stunned to realise he really doesn't know his own birthday. His cousin comes over and gives the police the required date. The next challenge is the 12-year-old's last name. Although he can tell Pakome what it is, the boy cannot spell it. His cousin comes to his aid again.

Half an hour of fruitless questioning leaves Chinnock and Pakome with little understanding of what happened. Just then, the looks on the boys' faces change from contempt to nervousness as a short elderly woman makes her way up the driveway. "Auntie's home," one of the boys whispers. The groups disperse into various flats and the noise stops. "They'll behave now," says a neighbour watching the scene.

Content that they are no longer needed, Pakome and Chinnock get back in the car. Chinnock recognises some of the boys as having relatives in a local criminal gang. "Unfortunately, they're doomed from the start with family like that," he says.

Chinnock and Pakome seem an unlikely pair. Chinnock is tall and lanky. He joined the force soon after graduating with a criminology degree from Victoria University Wellington (VUW). Pakome is slightly shorter and solidly built. He spent nearly a decade working in the forestry industry before joining the police. They have a combined six years' experience as police officers and continue to have a passion for the job.

Quarter of an hour later there's another call. A domestic in Kilbirnie. A woman's ex-husband was sitting on her doorstep when she arrived home with their daughter. He is refusing to leave. The situation is complicated by the fact the ex-husband has a terminal disease which affects his mind and body.

The man becomes increasingly angry as Chinnock and Pakome are asking questions. He punches Pakome on the nose and later tries to kick Chinnock. Although assaulting a police officer is a serious offence and both Pakome and Chinnock are understandably annoyed, they realise that arresting him would do little good. It's his disease causing the erratic behaviour. They decide to take him to his own house and wait a while to make sure he doesn't head back to his ex-wife's.

Although Pakome and Chinnock didn't arrest anyone tonight they have been busy trying to keep individuals and the greater community safe. But, a lack of arrests does not mean a lack of paper work. At 11pm, they head back to the muster room to begin the tedious task of committing the evening's events to paper, as the next shift heads out

HOBBIES!!!

Tony Picketts is our Hobbies Secretary for NZ IPA. He welcomes any correspondance from members nationally and worldwide.

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CARTOONING COP

Jenny Macintyre

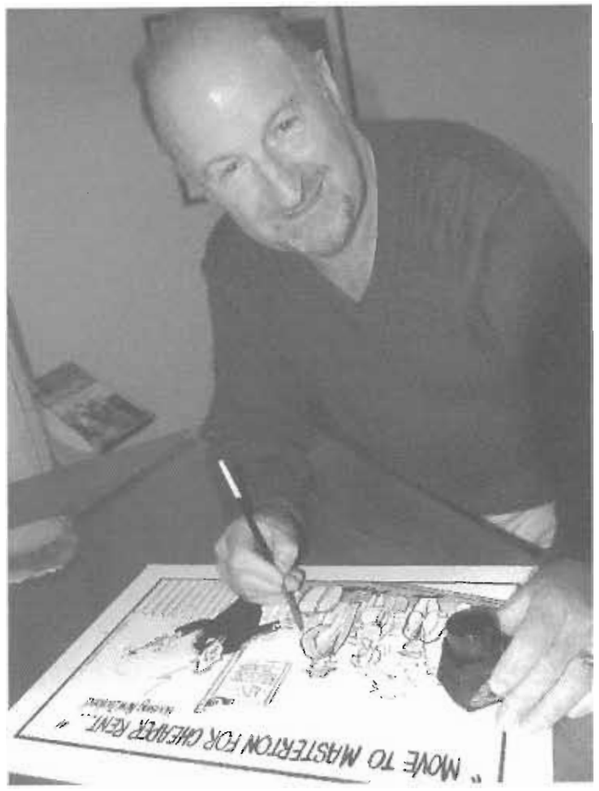
Peter Winnington is a Prisoner Escort and Court Orderly by day, but in his spare time, he's a dab hand at sketching. He has been prominent in drawing many a 'thank you and goodbye' caricature to retiring police officers. Jenny Macintyre interviews someone who perhaps due to their true talent should give up their day job:

Constable Peter Winnington, is everything you hope a cartoonist might be. His laughter bounces through the keyhole before he opens the door and the sweet aromas of frying garlic and onion hit you.

Peter's smile welcomes me into his world. He is at the oven; "We've got band practice tonight," he laughs the whole time.

By day he is Prosecutions Escort Officer in the Porirua Court. By night, it's another story.

A sign writer by trade, Peter has been drawing for 50 years, "ever since I was at school". He started cartooning at Timaru Boys' High and is obviously delighted that the school still has his images in the memorial library.



Cartooning Cop, Constable Peter Winnington plays with pen and ink - Photo by Jenny Macintyre

His drawings also hang in the watch house of the Porirua Police Station and the city council offices, while others have featured in local paper Kapi Mana News. "That one up there is me," he points to a framed cartoon on the wall. When he drew for Kapi Mana they called it 'Pete's Perspective' and the editor had him do one of himself because readers wanted to know what he looked like. "Rob Olsen the [then] editor would call me in to talk about a local issue, then he would give me the story and I would have two days to come up with the cartoon. I've got a case full of them there," he says as he rummages through parodies of local authority decisions.

There is a 'big brother' camera in the city square watched by police in the watch house, a 'crazy' roading proposal for Mana, and a bound and gagged woman being told to speak up by Police Communications at the 111 centre.

"Way back in the 70s when uniform trousers came in, for police women. I drew a picture of a big busty girl in tight shapely pants with her bottom sticking out. Well, it caused a great up-roar around the country. Marilyn Waring was an MP and she objected to it, she thought it was sexist. Not politically correct, but it was pretty tame on today's standards."

Cartoons take Peter about an hour. He has to research an issue and explore people's reactions. There is a lot of thinking to do. "Once you get the ideas you're right, you are into it. I'm not really creative but if someone gives me a thought in my head I'll draw something."

Peter gestures to paintings on the wall. "I really enjoy the paintings. I do a lot of biking and I take my watercolour pack on my back, nothing is done by photographs, everything is done on site." There are watercolours, oils, pen and inks, and illustrations for children's books.

Peter is looking forward to mounting his first exhibition. "The biggest hassle is getting the bastards framed... it costs hundreds of dollars. I'm doing a framing course so I can do my own."

He draws at the desk in the front room sharing space with boxes of tin whistles. Guitars and mandolins rest against the wall, framing the room. Irish memorabilia and sweet sayings punctuate spaces between paintings.

His band is called "Green Ink". With a repertoire of 350 songs they play traditional, covers and the old Irish sing-a-longs, rebel songs. "We play a hundred per cent Celtic music. My family is from North Belfast." Wetting his lips, Peter takes his pride and joy from a box. It is a wooden flute made in Belfast - he had to have it made there. A deep breath and he is playing a haunting Irish melody.

I leave Peter preparing for band practice and I smile all the way home.

HITTING THE TARGET

Kate Chapman & Jane Archibald

Being in the Police and the Territorials makes for a busy life, but Derek Sarney has happily done both for more than 17 years.

Senior Constable Derek Sarney, a Staff Sergeant in the Territorials, was recently awarded the highest shooting award in the New Zealand Army - 'The Queen's Medal' - and represented New Zealand as a member of the Army's 'combat shooting team' in 2004 and 2005.



Staff Seargeant (Senior Constable) Derek Sarney wearing the Queen's Medal - Photo courtesy of Derek Sarney

Also a police officer for over 20 years, Derek is currently a Senior Constable with the Operations Unit in Wellington and an instructor for his unit and the Royal New Zealand Police College.

But 'Diesel' as he's known also manages to squeeze in time for his infantry training role with the Territorials.

He joined the Territorials 17 years ago, specialising in the infantry corps including reconnaissance, rifle company positions, and is currently training team instructor.

To join the 'New Zealand Army Combat Shooting Team' at the world championships requires three months of selection and training in Waiouru, followed by a month in the country of competition. The team comprises ten soldiers who compete in rifle, pistol, and machine gun matches. Last year Derek was the only territorial soldier to make the team.

Shooters from sixteen countries compete in various 'matches' over the four weeks incorporating assault courses, ranges from 600 to 100 yards, and utilising different shooting positions.

"The events are very physical, at times we are running three kilometres in full kit, then shooting from 600 yards and sprinting 100 yards to the next mound until we finish at the 100."

Mr Sarney has used annual leave to participate in all Territorial activities and training over the years. Having been on the shooting team to Bisley (London) in 2004, and Singleton (Sydney) in 2005, Derek's annual leave won't stretch to competing in London again this year.

Derek is philosophical about missing out this year. "I've been very fortunate to experience a chosen skill at this level." He plans to work on beating his own shooting scores and training other soldiers to shoot.

WRITTEN ARTICLE COMPETITION

The 1,000 Swiss Francs 1st prize went to Joan Jeffrey from the British Section for her article entitled 'The Universal Language of Law Enforcement'.

The two runners up who received Highly Commended Certificates were Eran Yisrael from Section Israel for his article 'Minding Your Own Business' and Bhasker Chatterjee from India (FAM of the British Section) for his article entitled 'Good Governance and Policing - A case study of Rajasthan Police'.

Congratulations to all winners and for the high quality of articles received Worldwide, plus a big thank you to our Judge. This year's competition, organised by the International Cultural Commission, had attracted 24 interesting entries

ARTHUR TROOP SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

We are pleased to announce that the following members have been awarded scholarships for 2007, following the IPC recommendations to the PEB:

Arūnas Berkmonas,	Section Lithuania
Bhasker Chatterjee,	India (Foreign Association Member of the British Section)
Nicole Pollard,	Section Australia
Tony Mak,	Section Hong Kong
Ranjith Preemachandra,	Section Sri Lanka
Saul Matroos Slingers,	Section South Africa
Ali Jerjawi,	Palestine (Foreign Association Member of Section Denmark)
Jillian Reid,	Section New Zealand

Each member will receive a bursary of up to 3,000 Swiss Francs that may be used for travel expenses and attendance of a seminar at the International Conference Centre 'IBZ Schloss Gimborn' or a comparable institution. Jillian Reid of IPA New Zealand Section will take the trip in the Northern Summer months of 2007.

IPA WORLD POLICE PRIZE

Congratulations to Francesco Badenes of Brazil. The award of 10,000 Swiss Francs, trophy and certificate were presented at the World Congress Opening Ceremony to him for 'his fight against judicial corruption and his exceptional contribution to human rights'.

Mr Badenes had been a key speaker at the pre conference seminar in Norway 2003 when he spoke of the plight of child victims, corruption within the Police and City Authorities, and money laundering. He has achieved great success in bringing many culprits to justice, despite threats to himself and his family. He has touched the hearts of many, including Section Denmark, who nominated him for this award.

Expressing his gratitude, Francesco said he was serving his country in a great fight against organised crime and corruption. He stated that during the last year, there had been 40,000 killings, plus millions of dollars had been stolen from the public treasury when his country needed education, health and basic necessities. The lack of education and these basics more often than not, led children to turn to crime. He regularly worked alongside Amnesty International in his continued battle for Human Rights. As an IPA member he also felt it his responsibility to bring our principles to the attention of police chiefs and fellow officers within his country.

INTERNATIONAL DIARY EVENTS

XVIII IPA WORLD CONGRESS

Solvenia 19-24 September 2006

Our congress in Ljublijana ran very smoothly indeed and on behalf of those present, I would like to thank the President and Chairman of the Organising Committee, Stanislav Ficko, for the generous hospitality and efficient organisation by this team.

All Sections, as well as Sections in Foundation sent representatives except for Lesotho (who gave its proxy vote to South Africa), Seychelles, Argentina and Gabon.

John Walmsley

International Secretary-General

YOU MIGHT BE A COP IF...

Humour

You have the bladder capacity of five people.

You have ever restrained someone and it was not a sexual experience.

You believe that 25% of people are a waste of space.

Your idea of a good time is an armed robbery at shift change.

You call for a criminal check on anyone who is remotely friendly to you.

Discussing dismemberment over dinner seems perfectly normal to you.

You find humour in other people's stupidity.

You have your weekends off planned for a year.

You believe that shallow gene pool should be grounds for arrest.

You believe the general public should need a permit to reproduce.

You plan what you are going to have for dinner whilst loading your firearm.

You believe that unspeakable evils will befall you if anyone says "Boy, it sure is quiet around here".

Your diet consists of food that has gone through more processing than a computer can track.

You believe chocolate is a food group.

Having a beer at 7am seems relaxing.

You have ever wanted to hold a seminar called "Suicide, getting it right the first time".

You believe "Too stupid to live" should be a valid court outcome.

You have ever had to put the phone on hold before you begin to laugh uncontrollably.

You have heard the sergeant muttering down the hall, "Who is in charge of this mess anyway?"

When you mention vegetables, you are not referring to a food group.

You think caffeine should be available in IV form.

Your prisoner states "I have no idea how I got here" and neither have you

AFRICAN JOURNEY

Jenny Macintyre

Region Four IPA member Fleur De Bes travelled to Africa in August. Sunday Star Times writer Jenny Macintyre talks to the Lower Hutt Detective about her once in a life time experience.

Travel-bug has Fleur de Bes by the balls – the balls of her feet. Just back from seven weeks in Africa, she's restless! "It's had a huge impact on me. I would happily give a year to work in an orphanage and I am thinking of sponsoring a child. After nine years in the police I don't think I have achieved a lot but there, you could make a difference."

In the beginning, this young detective with a degree in art history and classics, set off for Africa hoping she would find inspiration for her painting. She travelled almost 11,000 kilometres in 41 days, visited seven South African countries, saw every animal she hoped to see, and captured more than 800 images on film. The whole experience cost her around $11,000.

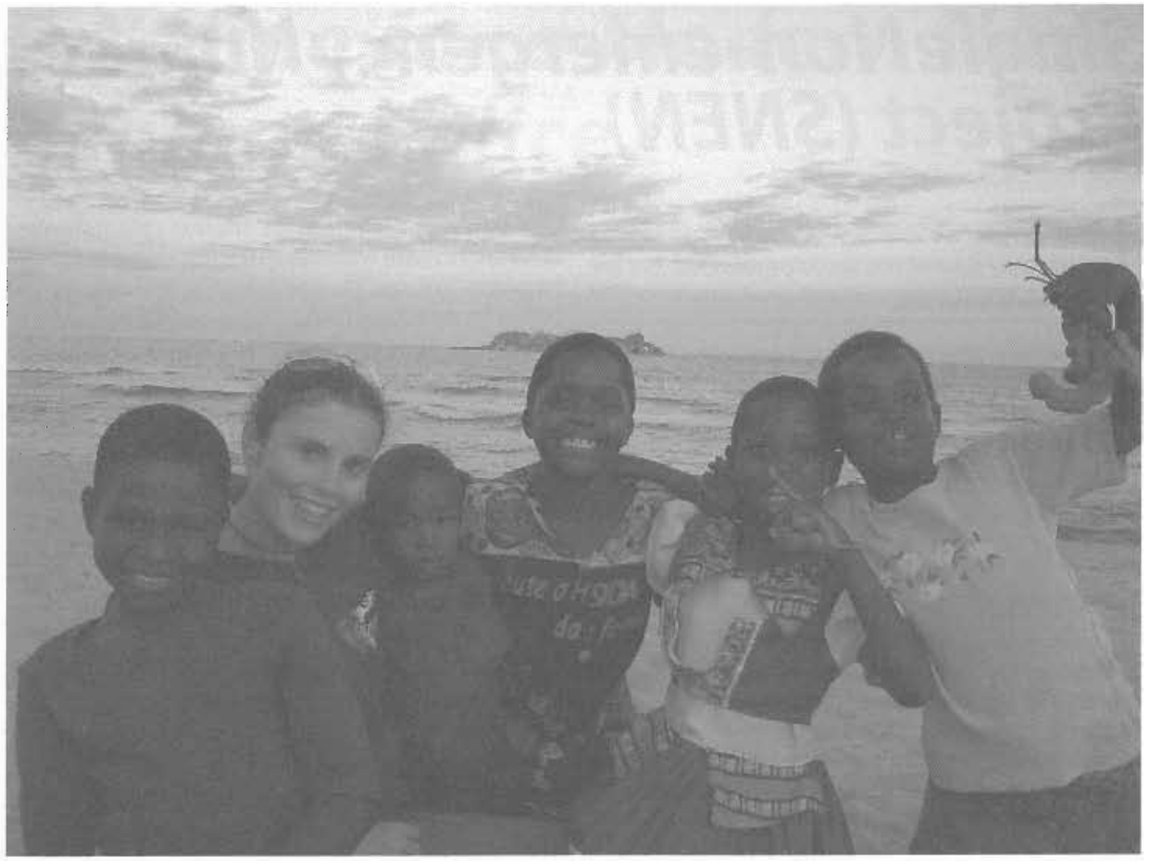
"The people impacted on me. They were genuine, happy, musical, and creative. They give what little they have. Throughout the countryside everywhere we went children waved to the truck – toddlers, older kids, it was so cool."

African hospitality began in a shebeen in Cape Town drinking a home brew that was illegal under apartheid. The low alcohol, potato-based, frothy, fruity beer is fermented in a blue plastic vat then ceremonially, everyone drinks it from the same rusty bucket.

The shebeen was in Langa, the oldest apartheid township where hundreds of thousands of people live in spartan lean-to homes. This opened Fleur's eyes to real poverty. She saw people living on dirt floors, without electricity, running water or toilets. It shocked and inspired her. She admired the people's ingenuity - the insulating cardboard they tacked to their corrugated metal walls, the barrels and wooden crates they sat on, their laughter, generosity and the pride they took in their simple homes. It contrasted sharply with her police work and the unkempt New Zealand homes she has visited.

In four years time South Africa will host the Soccer World Cup and the government plans to rehouse the people from the shantytowns so Fleur felt it was a privilege to witness this living history, even when at times the smell from the mountains of rubbish was offensive.

For extremes, a visit to an Anglican Church in Zanzibar takes the prize. Beneath the church Fleur entered a tiny room where 70 slaves at a time had huddled on ledges waiting to be shipped to America. She sat with her feet pulled up just as the slaves had done when they were avoiding the sludgy



Detective Fleur de Bes with children on Kande Beach, in Malawi - Photo courtesy of Fleur de Bes

mire of sewage into which the dead bodies of their fellow slaves were swept. Then, shaking the dust of a shameful history from her sandals, she went outside and down the road to the colourful spice markets.

In the grasslands of the Serengeti Fleur met the Masai, strong beautiful people standing tall in their culture and struggling with loss as their young ones chose to move away from the traditional ways. The villages of Tanzania and Malawi were clean with water pumps, gardens and agricultural projects. This was where Fleur saw World Vision projects and met little boys who surprised her with a haka they had learnt from aid workers.

Namibia with its sand dunes and Fish River Canyon introduced Fleur to the natural wonders of the world that she hopes her oils will do justice to. But it was Botswana that pulled her heartstrings. "Seeing the AIDS grave sites and hundreds of orphans - one third of the population is HIV positive. I saw orphanages and medical rooms where they don't have anything. There is such a lack of resources in the villages of Botswana."

These are the people she wants to return to, to care for and it's Mount Kilamanjaro that she wants to climb. She says it's great being with the NZ Police because she can take a year's unpaid leave. "But first I need to save for it!"

ONLINE INTERNATIONAL DIARY

The International Webmaster, Edwin Sutton, has redesigned the online international diary page of the IAC website, for ease of use.

This can be viewed at:

http://en.ipa-iac.org/en_diary.htm

SingleNon-emergencyNumber Project (SNEN)

Jenny Macintyre

The new national telephone number for the police emergency system has yet to be released, but the project is well underway.

Our beleaguered emergency 111 service is about to be given a reprieve with the planned introduction of a nationwide Single Non-emergency Number (SNEN), a number that will exist alongside 111.

The new national number will not be revealed until early 2008 when the infrastructure is established nationally and the service is ready to function. Then it will be introduced with an education and awareness media campaign.

In preparation for the national rollout, the non-emergency number will be trialled in Auckland and Bay of Plenty from November. Callers with non-urgent matters will phone their local police station and the new contact centre established in the basement at Auckland's Northern Communications Centre will respond to them.

Project Manager for SNEN, Superintendent Steve Christian said 34 telephone staff will operate the trial; 17 were trained in September and a further 17 in October.

"The staff have been sourced from a recruitment agency that was given the mandate to provide staff with diverse skills and cultures."

Supt Christian says the service can respond in 10 to 12 languages. He is particularly proud of the call handling processes, developed by Ms Bronwin Boswell. The service is a leader in offering a positive ethnic response.

Last year the Police Communications Centres received over 1.7 million calls, an average of more than 4,000 calls a day. Approximately half a million of those were emergencies. The 1.2 million other calls were general inquiries, misdials, hoaxes and children playing with the phone.

When the Independent External Panel reviewed the Communications Centres in 2005 it recommended a separate channel for non-emergency numbers. It is hoped this will take the pressure off the 111 service enabling it to respond more effectively to emergencies.

Single non-emergency numbers are working in many Australian states, the UK and the US. Supt. Christian says their findings are that calls for police services increase with the easily remembered single number. "We see that as positive. It's making the police more accessible."

In this year's Budget, the Government allocated $3.5million a year to fund the trial, which will serve a large proportion of the population of New Zealand. A further $850,000 has been allocated to cover the capital costs associated with the trial.

Police Minister Annette King says, "We need to take it in stages to make sure we get it right before we think about introducing a national service. We believe a national non-emergency call handling service would benefit New Zealanders by taking the load off the 111 emergency number and giving the public a convenient telephone contact point with the Police for non-urgent matters."

It is anticipated that the calls will largely relate to property offences such as burglary, wilful damage, and thefts from vehicles. The contact centre will also handle general inquiries and it will also be used for gathering crime related information for use in investigations and the development of police strategies to prevent crime.

The public is encouraged to evaluate the level of urgency in their request. Where life is in danger and physical assaults are taking place or offenders are still in the area, 111 will always be the appropriate number to call.

IPA SPORTS TROPHY

All Sections were praised for the events organised both nationally and internationally. Section Poland was awarded the trophy at the XVIII World Congress in Slovenia for its increasing effort in the organisation of sporting events.

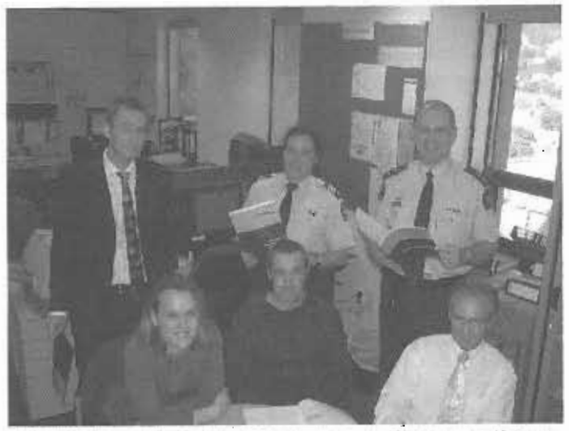
Congratulations.

Building for a Modern New Zealand Police

Remember Pork Pie hats and old black uniforms? Well if you do then you might want to have a say. The Police Act Review Project is underway and would like your expertise.

The legislative basis for policing in New Zealand, the Police Act 1958 and Police Regulations 1992, is being revamped. The goal is to design enabling legislation that better reflects the challenges of modern-day policing, and better positions New Zealand Police into the future.

Opportunities like this do not come along everyday, and a task this important cannot be rushed. A multi-year project has therefore been started to inform the development of new Police legislation. New Zealand Police has been asked to lead this work, drawing in the views of other agencies as well as the broader community. Over the next two to three years, this work will take place in a phased manner, carried out in an open, transparent and consultative way.



Back Row left to right: Dr Mike Webb, Sgt Janine Davie and Supt Hamish McCardle. Front Row left to right: Dr Anna McKenzie, Rob Lee and Peter Harvey - Photo by Jillan Reid

The challenges to be implemented as a result of this project will impact on all staff via the new Police Act and the Police Regulations due in 2008. The public, police staff, and interested groups will have the opportunity through various consultation processes to help shape the future of policing in this country; to ensure that a new Police Act properly reflects the New Zealand way of policing.

A special website, **www.policeact.govt.nz** has been developed as the central source of information about the project. Please feel free to contact the review team by email or the webform. All submissions will be collated for analysis and will help inform the policy choices for the new act; or, contact Superintendent Hamish McCardle (Project Manager) at Police National Headquarters for further information.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS CONFIRMED

34th IEC Conference 2007
Lake Balaton, Hungary
11 - 16 September 2007

Brochures were distributed and a presentation made in Ljubljana depicting this attractive venue for the IEC conference next year. We are told a programme is being arranged for 'young police officers', to run in conjunction with the IEC Conference. A Friendship Week will follow in Budapest. Details and registration forms will be circulated when they arrive at the IAC.

35th IEC Conference
Moscow, Russia
16 - 21 September 2008

A Friendship week follows for three days in Moscow and four days in St Petersburg.

XIX IPA World Congress
Turkey
September 2009

Further details will be notified when venue arrangements have been made.

36th IEC Conference

Unanimous approval was given to the French motion to hold the 2010 Conference in Paris from 7 - 12 September.

THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH LOVE THE SOUTH

Dan Shenton and Doug McIntyre

Doug McIntrye had the experience of a life time during the IPA International Youth Gathering (IYG) in the South Island earlier this year. He was one of two New Zealanders from police families who took part in the event.

Two or three teenagers from nearly every country in the world converged on New Zealand during the gathering in July this year.



Doug with Laura from the Netherlands after a hard bout of laser tag - Photo courtesy of Douglas McIntyre

Doug and the rest of the lucky chosen ones visited South Island hot pools, took part in bush tramps, orienteering, jet boating, bungy jumping, mountain-biking and skiing. Although Doug enjoyed all the activities he said skiing was one of the activities he wasn't the most adept at. "It was my first time and everyone laughed at me. Also, a girl from Belgium, Helene, broke her kneecap while doing this and was in hospital in New Zealand for two weeks," he said.

Doug said he really learnt a lot on the camp and it changed his attitude on the great outdoors. "I reinvented myself as a sport loving dude. Everywhere we went someone there was an expert. Everyone from a different country had done everything we did at least once. The people from Switzerland rocked at skiing. I'm still keeping in touch with everyone. It was super fun, and I will miss all my new friends."

Below are exerps from Doug's trip where he not only had a great time, made new bonds, but ate a lot of Pringles. Below are stories from Doug's diary.

"The recent IYG held in the south island of New Zealand has been one of the defining experiences of my life. The people and the activities have left me with a host of new friends, and a new outlook on life."

"Every night over the entire gathering was a once in a life time experience. After the first night together, in which people spent talking and playing cards until 2am, a curfew was imposed. This curfew lasted approximately 24 hours, until the third night, when myself, and many other people managed to not sleep at all. The time in between was spent talking, about every topic imaginable, no topics too far-fetched. These nights spent talking and lying around on couches are some of the most defining moments from the gathering, it was a chance to get to know each other, find out how far cultural differences extended and explore how similar everyone was underneath their nationality."

"For all the multitudinous activities packed into each day, and the over extended talking sessions extending throughout the nights, the chances to catch up on sleep came mostly upon the bus trips we frequently employed to travel from location to location. The bus trips were another source of bonding and humour; the chances to draw on each others sleeping faces and take compromising pictures were not to be underestimated."



Douglas, along with all the guys learning the NZ haka at Ko Tane - Photo courtesy of Brett Leask

"The break down of each day into two activities punctuated by a lunch break leant the trip regularity if while hectic, was reliable and provided a structure which helped bring together a feeling of wholeness to the trip. The activities however, were excellent. The rate at which they proceeded was exceptionally well planned, never leaving anyone more taxed than otherwise necessary, and most often relatively relaxed."



Douglas' first abortive attempt at skiing! - Hanmer Springs ski field - Photo courtesy of Brett Leask

"The most obvious example of this was present on the first day, well, the first day after everyone had assembled. We were put through the Burnham Army Camp assault concourse. This experience, before anyone even knew each other, and were still uncomfortable around each other, brought each person together... in a mutual dislike for those putting us through the experience. It was this first bonding experience which held true for the rest of the entire gathering. And the following visit to Kotane Maori reserve was the relaxing afterthought which firmly cemented the bonds formed in the morning. Looking back at my memories of the Kotane journey, I was already treating everyone around me as though I had known them for years, all the expected uncomfortableness was non-existent.

THE SOUTH ISLAND LEAVES MEMORIES FOR A LIFETIME

Rebekah Thomas-Hiddleston

Rebekah Tomas-Hiddleston joined Doug McIntyre as a representative of New Zealand at the recent International Youth Gathering.

When I was told I had been selected to be a New Zealand Representative on the International Youth Gathering 2006 held by the International Police Association NZ, I was amazed! I had won a coveted place on this programme. At the time I thought, oh I would be going away with 40 young adults from 30 different countries and I will be a good role model, be away for two weeks and possibly never hear from these people again. I was mistaken. The two weeks I spent was amazing, by far the best time of my life yet ,and trust me, I'm sure not going to forget the incredible friendships I have made on this course.

The course started on 10 July with all the participants being invited to a Mayoral luncheon with our own Christchurch Mayor, Garry Moore. I was late! Surprise, surprise, I missed the lunch meaning a long hungry day for me! My morning had been spent assisting the leaders with paperwork of which it was one of my leadership tasks! I finally arrived and caught up with my new mates as they were heading to the museum for a guided tour of all things New Zealand, starting with the Maori exhibition and concluding with dressing up in the period costumes of early New Zealand life.



Rebekah (centre) tackles the army concourse with Helene from Belgium (left), and Miriam from Ireland (right), - Photo courtesy of Brett Leask

Meeting people for the first time can be daunting. I felt scared and had serious apprehensions. The good thing about this group was that none of us knew each other; we were all in the same situation. I initially kept my distance as did we all, sizing each other up and watching from afar as to whom might be a potential friend. We were packed off into a bus to find a seat, make introductions and head for Burnham Military Camp where we were to stay for the next three nights and four days. On arrival at the camp we were welcomed by a Maori challenge performed by the Army Battalion,

FINE VINES MAKE NICE WINES

Ace O'Hara

Our ace wine reviewer Ace O'Hara tastes some new drops

In the white wine spectrum there are some very worthy wines now being offered by innovative winemakers who have realised that people whose tastes have perhaps become somewhat jaded, are now keen to experience something different to Chardonnay, Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc. Demand for Pinot Gris is growing rapidly and while quality is variable, there are some very good examples on the market. Babich and Morton Estate both have modestly priced soundly made wines in the market. Mission Wines was one of the first to offer this particular variety and it is still one of the cheapest available.

Unfortunately those wineries that make some of the best Pinot Gris tend to sell out of stock all too quickly. Dry Hills, Kumeu River and Dry River make some of the best examples in New Zealand. Villa Maria also offer Pinot Gris ranging upwards in price and quality through private bin, cellar selection, reserve and single vineyard lines. Their wines usually represent value for money at whatever price range they sell and their new winery and vineyard park at Montgomerie Road, Ihumatao is a brilliant venue for tasting, buying or attending conferences or events (like the Amici concert held earlier in 2006 and attended by 6,000 Aucklanders.)



Viognier is a grape that in 1960 was grown only in a small pocket in the Rhone Valley of France. At that time only a total of 35 hectares of this grape were grown there and its most famous wine was Condrieu, a distinctive and very expensive wine. Its popularity grew however and today there are some 3,500 hectares of this variety under cultivation in the South of France in the Languedoc region, not to mention the growing popularity of the grape in California, South Australia and New Zealand. Bulk production of the grape has seen the price become more affordable and instead of paying $80 for a bottle of Condrieu from the Rhone, it is now available for around $16 from the South of France.

The variety has suddenly become very fashionable, and demand for the grape is growing world wide. The South Australian Smith Family Winery put out a very drinkable version under the Yalumba label for around $15, with the Forbes family's Zilzie label at $17 also a good buy. There are some very good examples coming on the market in New Zealand, with Woodthorp and Coopers Creek well worth a try. I recently sampled six different Viognier wines including an $80 Condrieu, and every one of them down to the least expensive (Yalumba) demonstrated the similar character of apricots, peaches and floral blossom. This is a worthy alternative to Chardonnay as the wine is full bodied and fruity with minimal acidity. It is a wine that should be drunk young while these heady aromas of fruit are at their most potent and before the low acidity fades.

Verdelho is originally from Portugal and the Island of Madiera where it was used to make fortified wine like Sherry and Port. It is however also capable of making tangy full bodied table wines especially from the Hunter Valley and McLaren Vale in Australia. To date the only New Zealand winery that has marketed this wine to my knowledge is Esk Valley, and winemaker Gordon Russell makes a delicious example, which has retained some residual sugar and is a wonderful accompaniment to nuts and cheese. It sells for $19. The variety is popular in Australia, and examples from the Hunter Valley and Margaret River are readily available in New Zealand.

Chenin Blanc is a wine that was used extensively for blending and also for adding bulk and some acid to bag-in-the-box wines. In it's native origin, the Loire Valley; it makes a beautiful white wine with body, flavour and tangy acid making it very suitable to accompany fish or shellfish. It is also used to make a very reasonably priced Methode Champenoise style bubbly (Mont Louis) in the Loire Region. Several New Zealand winemakers have shown their faith in this variety and very good examples can now be bought from Milton Estate and Esk Valley.

If you want be adventurous and try something different from Chardonnay or Sauvignon Blanc, why not give one of the above wines a try?

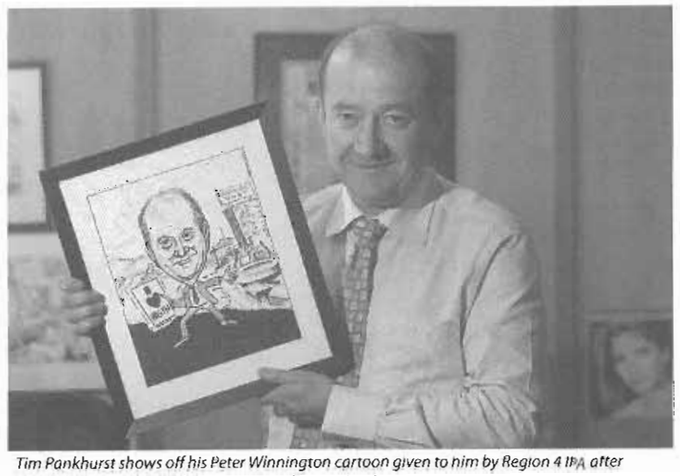
COPS, COCK-UPS, DRAMAS & DISASTERS

Jenny Macintyre

Region four IPA AGM invites Dominion Post editor Tim Pankhurst for a chat...

Tim Pankhurst, arguably the best newspaper editor in New Zealand, is cautious. Eyes that have seen a lot of police action question me - can he trust a journalist with his speech notes?

Tonight he is guest speaker at the Region Four International Police Association Annual General Meeting in the bar of Wellington Central Police Station. He is smart, respectful, dressed in a pin-striped suit with a blue-striped tie. He is here to talk about cops, cock-ups, dramas and disasters. The IPA turnout is small, only 15 members. Tim quips that they shouldn't have said who the speaker was.



Tim Pankhurst shows off his Peter Winnington cartoon given to him by Region 4 IPA after speaking at the AGM - Photo courtesy of Dominion Post

Old headlines on yellowed newsprint festoon the bar. Sober reminders of days when cops were leaving the job in their hundreds, when a boy died after cops left him on the street, and an axe that hung over top detectives' heads back in 1999.

Tim Pankhurst says the media and police have a symbiotic relationship and his audience laugh. "Is that what you call it?" former police officer, Clint Libby quips.

Pankhurst pulls his carefully prepared, double-spaced, bold and written-in-caps notes from his pocket.

"People ask me what an editor does...well, I'm the guy with the shovel who comes along behind the elephant, clearing away the shit, trying to steer this huge beast in the right direction.

"The police and media need each other. Sometimes we don't trust each other, other times we are like a hand in a glove."

In fact, the fit has been so tight that one day in Collingwood Pankhurst found himself 'sworn in' and left in charge of Golden Bay's 'number one crim'.

The young Pankhurst and his photographer had joined local police officer Constable Tony Cunningham on a mission to root out cannabis. In the course of the day, they made a routine call to a member of the local Bikie gang, 'a real hard man'. Unexpectedly, he was home.

Pankhurst and photographer were waiting, with due diligence, at the front of the house when the officer, converted into a human projectile, flew around the corner. He was under attack from the huge, enraged gang member who had "wrestled him along a barbed wire fence".

"By the powers invested in me I hereby swear you in as special constables and require you to guard this man while I search his house," Cunningham shouted at his hapless associates. Nelson's 'number one crim' flicked his eyes over the new recruits; "You c...s couldn't hold me!".

Pankhurst is smiling, "We all but called him 'Sir'. His boots were huge, they had formidable plates on them.".

Fortwoyoungjournos, the experience was a scoop. Back at the office Pankhurst was ready to write a feature. He had the headline and the photos. But the editor refused. He thought the appointment as quasi officers compromised the journalists and refused to go to print. Tim still disagrees with his decision.

So what story would make this spunky, balding man lose sleep? Louise Nicholas. "I wouldn't have survived as an editor if we had got it wrong. We've had support from the force as well, men saying corrupt cops need to be rooted out."

Bad news sells. The Tony Stanlake story with the handless corpse had all the ingredients human curiosity savours. "Readers couldn't get enough of it. It was lead story for four days and lifted our sales by 3,000 a day."

The Dominion Post sells an average of 98,000 papers a day and with more than half sold casually, the front-page lead and photo are critical lures for the ambivalent buyer. Pankhurst says it will be a sad day when rape and murder are no longer seen as significant news stories. He describes this as the "care" factor. It fits with his mantra for reporters when thinking of stories, "Why should a reader care?"

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Around the room, police discuss some difficult media encounters. Clint Libby is still smarting as he remembers his 111 service being unjustly undermined and misrepresented in the paper. He called the editor in to settle their differences. "She told me it was the 'F...' factor. She said people have got to look at the headlines and say 'F...!' then they buy because they want to know!"

Pankhurst curls his hand in the air. We can all see the paper he is holding. For a moment he is the dude in the supermarket looking at the front page, deciding whether to buy or not to buy!

Slowly the editor reveals his true self, looking over the querulous customer. His fists are clenched, he's breathing heavily, full of intimidation. "Buy it, you bastard!"

Laughter, and questions about crosswords and cartoons punctuate the end of the session. Everyone who turned up is clearly delighted they did.

And the speech notes? Tim looks uncertain again. "I'll cut and paste them to you!"

He is a careful, responsible and sceptical journalist to the end.

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO IPA

Please tell the PEB if there is a member (or group) within your National Section that should be shown appreciation for outstanding service to the Association.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE TOO STRESSED WHEN:

Humour

You can achieve a 'runner's high' by sitting up.

The sun is too loud.

Antacid tablets become your sole source of nutrition.

You discover the aesthetic beauty of office supplies.

You say the same sentence over and over again, not realising that you have said it before.

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GREAT EXCUSES FOR MONDAY MORNING:

Humour

If it is all the same to you, I won't be coming in to work. The voices told me to clean the guns today.

When I got up this morning, I took two laxatives in addition to my Prozac. I can't get off the toilet, but I feel good about it.

My stigmata are acting up.

I can't come in to work today because I will be stalking my previous boss, who fired me for not showing up for work, ok?

I am stuck in the blood pressure machine down at the food court.

Yes, I seem to have contracted some attention deficit disorder and who are you please?

Constipation has made me a walking time bomb.

I just found out I was switched at birth. Legally, I shouldn't come to work knowing my employee records may now contain false information.

I can't come to work because the Department of Conservation has determined that my house is completely surrounded by wetlands and I have to arrange for helicopter transportation.

The psychiatrist said it was an excellent session. He even gave me this jaw restraint so I won't bite things when I am startled.

WELLINGTON WHARF SECTION'S 'WATER RAT'

Katie Walker

Katie Walker talks to long time cop and part-time actor Constable Ross (Rosscoe) Lane about the two fascinating jobs in his life.

You probably know him best as the baker on New World's TV advert. Or, if you were down South a while back, you might have recognised his red and black striped behind in a Canterbury Draft ad. But for this actor, these ads are mere drops in his employment ocean.



Senior Constable "Rosscoe" Lane on the Lady Elizabeth III - Photo by Jillian Reid

Following a high profile TV ad such as the New World one he can get stopped in the street. "People come up to you who you don't know and say great ad, and that's good." Producers of programmes or adverts with a police character will often ask his advice about the authenticity of the behaviour or words of the police character.

Rosscoe enjoys both his police and his acting work. As part of the Police Maritime Unit he loves being outside, and the search and rescue element of his work is extremely satisfying, he says. "Saving someone who would die if you weren't there, there is no other feeling like that."

For the vast majority of his time Senior Constable Ross Lane is on the real thing – out on Wellington Harbour aboard the Queen Elizabeth III, searching for people or overseeing harbour events. Rosscoe, as he is known has been with the police for 26 years. For almost fifteen of those he has been doing occasional acting jobs.

It all started when his ex-wife (who is now his agent) suggested he put his name on the books of the talent agency she worked for at the time. Rosscoe says he has always been a bit of a performer, an outgoing sort of person. He likes karaoke for example. "I hog the microphone. The trick is not being embarrassed by your own behaviour." Acting jobs are like buses – all at once or long gaps between them - he usually gets about two auditions a month on average.

He has to get permission from his bosses, but as long as he does nothing to bring the police into disrepute, he can continue his career sideline. He has done everything from stand-ins and bit parts in the Frighteners and King Kong to health and IRD advertisements. He often gets people looking at him at askance, and ask, "Don't I know you from somewhere?"

The acting work is another challenge. "It's something else to do, it's enjoyable and you are learning something all the time," he says. And the money can be pretty good too. Four to five big budget ads could pay his salary for a year.

Would he ever give up the police and act full time? "I would jump at the chance if someone came and said we want you for a big movie with a house-hold name actor." He thinks all actors get better as they get older. "I don't think acting is a time limited thing like being a policeman eventually is."

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR WHEN BUYING A COMPUTER

Steve Anderton

Reviewer Steve Anderton helps us sort out our megabytes from our gigabytes.

Having used a computer for some 16 years I have gained an appreciation of what they can provide and assist people who either enjoy communicating with each other, studying, playing music or graphics, booking an overseas trip through your favourite airline not to mention the many thousands of internet sites that can be visited and used .... or simply to write tips on buying a computer. This article does not support the purchase of second hand computers and parts for obvious reasons.

One of the first things one needs to consider when buying a PC or desk computer is the space available in the home for it and it's monitor, (screen) keyboard and maybe a printer, scanner, copier combination. Is a suitable desk on which to house these parts available? A desk can usually be purchased in stationery or furniture stores for a few hundred dollars. The other matters to consider are having close access to a telephone jackpoint for the modem (connection to the internet) and a power outlet.

PC versus laptop/notebook:

A PC or desktop can carry higher quality speaker systems than a laptop, larger monitors (screens) equalling 17, 19, or 21 inches are available and thereby easier to see for those optically challenged. The desktop has the ability for more memory to be installed and thereby more applications, files and programs. The PC is usually linked permanently with an internet phone jack and power source and the price is usually more competitive ($1,000- up) than with a laptop ($2,500-up).

The laptop whilst lightweight and easy to carry around has a cramped keyboard and a built in mouse and a monitor that is sometimes hard to see in certain lighting conditions. The sound system in a laptop is not nearly as good as those able to be fitted to desktops. Desktops are physically easier to use and don't give the same problems with neck, wrist and back strain from use.

The laptop was developed principally for business people, students and others on the move. Having said all this, laptops are fast catching up to desk top models in memory size and performance.

Price:

Whilst this might be an obvious one, it does need serious consideration as you might later want to add a printer, better quality speakers, upgrade to a larger monitor, CD burner, DVD reader/copier (if not already fitted) and broadband connection etc. Watch this space for the future with HD (high definition DVD's) about to enter New Zealand.

If going for a desktop PC you can expect to pay anything from around $900.00 for a very basic one to $2,000 plus for one with all the bells and whistles i.e. flat screen monitor, stereo speakers, data fax modem, a CD/DVD combo, Microsoft XP operating system, printer, extended warranty and a large memory (80 -120 Gbs'), as well as 24x7 on line service.

Makes/models:

I have not tried to cover Apple McIntosh computers in an article of this size but to be fair they are very reliable, but currently with a different operating system from Microsoft and are quite a bit more expensive. However, the Apple will soon be able to use Microsoft operating systems *(PC World July 2006)*

Consumer picks the following in descending numerical order, best at top of list based on a survey of those who would buy the same brand again:

1. *Apple McIntosh* (uses Mac OS operating system, not Microsoft)
2. Acer
3. Dell
4. HP Compaq
5. IBM
6. Packard Bell

To be frank there is not much difference between the top four brands as all have very similar working parts (but watch for the CPU brand – see my comment later in this article). I have a Dell and I am very satisfied with it.

Computer retailers:

* I am unsure if all or any of the following trade outside of Auckland.

Consumer also rates the following retail outlets as best to worst for service and follow up, best starting at 1. NB: this has no bearing on the quality of the merchandise.

1. MagnumMac
2. Quay Computers
3. PB Technologies
4. Millennium
5. Dell (only trade on line or through the Warehouse)
6. Big Byte
7. Harvey Norman
8. Bond & Bond
9. Dick Smith
10. Warehouse Stationery
11. Noel Leeming
12. Farmers

Quick tip:

Make out a comprehensive list of the things you want in your computer starting with the make of your choice and price and check the newspapers for prices at various times. Don't rush into buying !!!

Ensure you get all of the things you paid, and asked for including any re-installation disks (CD's) that come with the computer in the event of a 'crash' which does happen from time to time.

Recommendation:

For somebody simply wanting a computer for e-mailing text or photos, text writing (letters or club newsletters), simple card or other games , listening to and recording music, downloading/uploading photos or documents and general internet use you need to consider the following (I have found a lot of people either start at this level or aspire to it within three to four years):

1. An Intel (Celeron or Pentium) or AMD Duron processor up to 2.8 GHz (engine of the computer) and a very important component that is often overlooked as a difference in price of a computer can quite often be between a good and mediocre quality CPU.
2. At least 512 MB RAM (random access memory) , some future programs will need 1 Gb (gigabyte).
3. At least 80 Gb hard disk drive of memory sufficient to hold all applications, files etc.
4. A CD drive (playing/watching) and a CD writer if wanting to copy material.
5. Video and sound cards (essential)
6. At least a 17 inch flat screen monitor
7. A 'wheelie' mouse
8. Printer (I prefer a black and white laser which runs much more cheaply than colour) but there are many cheaply priced colour printers available.
9. Good quality speakers (test them before you buy)
10. Microsoft Windows XP operating system
11. Internet access. If going for dial up then you will need at least a 56K dial up modem. Seriously consider broadband as prices come down. This will give up to 10 times faster speed for internet use.
12. At least two front loading USB ports for attaching camera leads or other utilities for downloading purposes.
13. A good quality anti virus system is essential (I use McAfee which includes a firewall and spam detector and remover) but there are many others such as Norton's or AVG.
14. Extended warranty cover on computer parts (drivers and motherboards cost a few hundred dollars to replace).
15. Help line service (offered by some computer retailers).

Finally, there are many other points I could cover on the issue of computers as it is an ever evolving technology having direct links with digital cameras, iPods, Printers/scanners as well as ISP (Internet Service Providers), broadband services and so on.

I may have missed or simply omitted many other important points due to limited space and for that I apologise in advance.

It goes without saying however that this article goes with the rider that technology is advancing in leaps and bounds and what is covered in this article may well change in the weeks and months to come, mainly for the real enthusiast for which I cannot be held responsible. For most of us life will go on with three to five year-old systems quite adequately.

DIARY ON DUBAI

Steve Anderton

Steve Anderton checks out a hot holiday destination for keen travellers

Dubai is one of seven United Arab Emirates (Sheikdoms) all formed in 1971 after the British withdrew, it being the second largest with the emirate of Abu Dhabi the capital and therefore the largest. The U.A.E. has a total population of around four million not including ex-pats from the U.K., Pakistan, India and many other Arab countries.

The Emirates are situated on the east side of the Central Arabian Peninsula (Saudi Arabia). Six of the emirates are situated on The Gulf, whereas the seventh Fujairah fronts the Gulf of Oman and the closest to Iran and the Strait of Hormuz. Kuwait and Bahrain are also situated on The Gulf. The Emirates are eight hours behind New Zealand S.T.

The topography of most of the land is flat desert with sand dunes and salt pans. The only hilly area is in the northeast. ThreeEmirates, AbuDhabi, Dubai and Sharjah contain 85 per cent of the population. Summers are hot with a mild winter with occasional rain in coastal areas. Fruit and vegetables are grown in oases and irrigated areas.



Burj Al Arab Hotel - Photo by Steve Anderton

Language spoken includes Arabic, English, Hindi, Urdu and Farsi. The predominant religions are Sunni Muslim as well as Shia Muslim and to a lesser extent Christian.

The currency is the dhiram which at present translates to around 45 cents New Zealand.

The Emirates wealth is attributed to hydrocarbons (oil and gas) mainly within Abu Dhabi whereas Dubai is the thriving trading and tourist centre. The oil is expected to last only another 15 years hence the race to spend the petrodollars on an expected massive tourist influx in the years to come. Well that's enough of the geography lesson.

Sue and I had read, heard and seen so much (on TV) about Dubai that we just had to make a stopover there en-route to England in May where we had two weddings to attend and loads of relatives to make contact with.

So with Sue and her sister Annette and enough baggage to impress even the Sultan himself we set off on our Arabian adventure with short stopovers in both Sydney and Bangkok.

On an early morning arrival in Dubai on our Emirates flight with the rising sun behind us in the east, we could just visualise the heat below us (actually 46 degrees celsius) through the heat haze and desert sand... shades of Lawrence of Arabia.

On arrival, we were transported to our Rolla Residence hotel in downtown Dubai by the hotel shuttle service and despite arriving wringing wet with the heat we were pleasantly surprised with the well appointed, air conditioned hotel we were about to enter. The rooms were very clean and tidy and also well appointed with all 'motel' type amenities and more. This room cost us around NZ$1,000 for the full week for two persons and this included a full American type breakfast each day. Incidentally, no visas were required on a New Zealand passport.

However, it didn't take us much time before we were all heading for the coolest place in the hotel and that was the roof top pool. Surprisingly enough for a hotel of this quality we appeared to be the only resident guests.

The building boom is certainly evident in Dubai as well as other parts of the sheikdom for the reasons previously outlined. Hotels, offices and malls seemed to be going up before our eyes. Also hundreds of Pakistani and Indian workers were seen on their hands and knees literally building footpaths in and around the City.

The malls were massive spectacles for shoppers and visitors alike having all the modern conveniences and facilities you would find in Los Angeles or New York, and yet Americans were hard to find, nevertheless the place seemed to be inhabited by a lot of English tourists.

At the Rolla Residence we were literally metres from a supermarket, cheap laundry, restaurants and the Al Khaleej Centre which is a major supermarket just down the road. The only problem was getting acclimatised to the 40+ heat that hit us like a furnace as soon as we departed our air conditioned hotel. We became reasonably conditioned after a couple of days however. Our next task was to orientate ourselves around Dubai and do the 'touristy' thing and that is to book a coach tour around the city.

The City Tour put the city into perspective for us especially after visiting the tallest hotel in the world known as The Sail or more properly called the Burj Al Arab Hotel, as well as sights of the Twin Towers Dubai style. One could be forgiven for thinking we were on Hollywood Boulevard, 5th Avenue in the US, or Fleet Street in London. Public parks are also in abundance around the City.



Twin Towers downtown Dubai centre left - Photo by Steve Anderton

After a couple of hours in our air conditioned, luxury coach costing us around NZ$20 each we finished up at the silver, gold and spice 'souks', or market places in Deira which are just across the Dubai Creek or river by ferry. We were in a tax-free haven.

Dubai has always been a 'trading post' due to its central position in Asia and connections with China, India and Africa. It is thought to have been first populated around 4,000 BC. Dubai is split into two parts, i.e. Dubai proper on the south side and Deira on the north separated by the 'creek' which was the lifeblood of early settlers.

We readily sampled the food in Dubai which has sufficient variety of western, Chinese, Arabic, Indian or French cuisine to entice even the most fastidious of eaters. All was well prepared, wholesome and relatively cheap. Some top line restaurants charged similar prices to those in New Zealand top restaurants.

Being a predominantly Islamic country where alcohol is usually forbidden, one was wary of drinking alcohol in public and although liquor is freely available to tourists, the Arab population is encouraged to drink in hotels only. Sharjah the neighbouring emirate however, is much more strict and alcohol consumption in public for tourists is forbidden and an offence for Arabs anywhere.

The local supermarket however catered for our own one-off needs where we could purchase milk, sugar, cheeses, biscuits and splits for drinks, and films for those 'old fashioned 35 mm cameras' at a reasonable price. Business shirts were selling for NZ$5 each and I purchased a beautiful business suit (for funerals and weddings) made from Italian wool for NZ$98 with a shirt thrown in.

Credit cards are widely accepted in Dubai and there are many eftpos outlets around. Duty free at Dubai International airport is one of the cheapest I found with a one litre of single malt whisky selling for NZ$53 normally around NZ$75 and Johnny Walker red label was NZ$23.

There are, as well, numerous sporting activities to partake of in Dubai and skiing inside one of the largest shopping malls in the world, the Emirates Mall, is one of them.

Whilst on our Arabian adventure we simply had to experience the thrill of 'riding' the sand dunes in the Dubai desert and so we left from our hotel for the 'ride of our life' traversing the dunes of Dubai in style, courtesy of a 2005 six litre Toyota Landcruiser with the all the grunt one could want in this activity. No speed was spared in these desert roadsters and we found we were doing over 60 mph on the edge of dune 'cutters', sharp peaks of sand about 50 feet up and of course you had to come down them as well. The thrill lasted for over an hour with one short stop for some liquid refreshment.

We finished up at a wadi by a location called Hatta in the desert where we had a typical Arabian dinner and watched a belly dancing display by a young Russian woman.

Whilst in Dubai I felt I had to represent the IPA to the Dubai Police who had just taken over a magnificent four-storey building in Deira, so with my son Shane acting as 'legal advisor' we were duly escorted to the new Dubai Police HQ. Any police department would be proud of this



Sharjah mosque - Photo by Steve Anderton

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building which housed a theatre-cum-control-centre the size of the Auckland Town Hall. We were also invited to attend the official opening celebrations the following week, but alas we had to depart in three days time.

Brigadier (equivalent to an Assistant Commissioner) Saeed Al Marri did the honours in showing us around the complex as well as a well resourced police museum.

This was followed by refreshments, and a presentation from the Brigadier marking the visit by a representative of the NZ section of IPA, I in turn presented the Brigadier with a New Zealand IPA banner.



Brigadier Saeed Al Marri and the author, Steve Anderton - Photo courtesy of Steve Anderton

I found out very little about the Dubai Police organization due to their reluctance to discuss certain issues, even with a fellow police officer. It is clear that they have a very regimented style of policing in Dubai supplemented by many hundreds, if not thousands of undercover or secret police in order to protect both tourists and the 'myth' about a low crime rate.

Their main problems appear to be with immigrants from other Arab countries and drugs that they import as well as acting as agents for the Royal families in the Emirates to keep an excellent 'storefront' image of a safe and happy place to be.

Our final Arabian adventure was a day long coach trip through Dubai, Sharjah and Fujairah on to the southern coast and the Indian Ocean passing numerous mosques and temples along the way. We were close to Iran across the Straight of Hormuz and alongside Oman in Fujairah.

We passed numerous heavy trucks on the way loaded down with massive rocks taken from the surrounding rocky outcrops in order to fill in the area selected for Palm Islands, a massive building development for around ten small townships going two miles offshore from Dubai.

Our journey took us to the Hilton Hotel for lunch and a swim in the Indian Ocean just alongside the hotel.

Regardless of the political situation in Dubai and the current ructions with foreign 'working' immigrants, we were sorry we had not spent more time in seeing more of the City of Dubai itself as we missed a lot of attractions.

Travelling around Dubai is best by safe and cheap taxis. The water is safe to drink as it is desalinated but if unsure plenty of bottled water is available.

I am sure that Dubai will remain in the news for some time to come due in part to its aggressive but progressive building programme, its enticement and attraction of tourists from all countries and its relatively safe and secure environment for all people.

The best time to visit is between December and April when the temperatures are between a minimum of 18 degrees celsius to around 30 degrees celsius.

BOUQUETS

IYG 2006 Organisers - You have done a marvellous job. Teens from around the world were thrilled with their New Zealand Tour. Thank you so much for your efforts.

Marlene Merrimen- Region 3. A huge thanks goes out to Marlene for all her un-tiring work as our busy Travel Secretary. What would we do without you! Well done for yet another years excellent work.

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Does anyone else you know need recognition for a job well done? If you know of someone - please contact the editor on **editor@ipa.org.nz**

A pint for the Southern man or woman

This is the history of the Cardrona Hotel. Take a trip to Central Otago and The Lakes District in search of a Speights at a well preserved southern landmark...



Photo by Jillian Reid

The township of Cardrona began in 1865, when hundreds of settlers came to the Cardrona Valley, eager to stake their claim. As word got around, the settlement quickly developed and a commercial centre was soon formed. Within three years there were four hotels, three European stores, four Chinese stores, four butcheries, one blacksmith and a baker.

As the years passed, Cardrona expanded and by 1871 the population was such that it had become the centre of the butchery trade in Central Otago. Cardrona remained an important commercial centre through the 1870s and 1880s, although it fluctuated with the changing fortunes of the mining industry.

The Cardrona Hotel, Annexe and adjoining General Store are now the only remaining buildings from the early gold rush days.

The Hotel has had several owners but by far the longest serving and most memorable for people today would be James Paterson. James Paterson came to Cardrona from Oamaru about 1890 and worked a gold claim for 40 years. In 1926 he took over the Hotel.

Many people today remember Jim Paterson standing behind his bar (which still remains), wearing his spectacles and braces, serving warm beer from a bottle that had a cork in it. He was also remembered for the fact that he didn't serve women and that he would ration his customers. Patrons who were about to drive the Crown Range Road were only allowed one glass, but those who were heading for Wanaka were allowed two.

He made a sign outside the Hotel which read "If you have a shilling stop, if not step on it". Travellers loved the sign and the funny old man behind the bar. He would reminisce with them about the Gin and Raspberry claim opposite the Hotel, and the many characters of the Cardrona Valley.

The traveller of today, pausing in the valley before venturing over the scenic Crown Range Road, would have difficulty in visualising the thriving township that once flourished there.

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"Just admiring your work for the first 2006 volume -well done".

-Brian Daw

"I think I have about 40 years up in the IPA and congratulate you and your editorial staff and contributors for the latest magazine; great effort and power to you all".

-Tom Nunan

"Impressed with latest IPA journal - well done. I have even had comment from other IPA members and even my wife Julie thought it was a great and interesting edition - thanks".

-Clint Libby

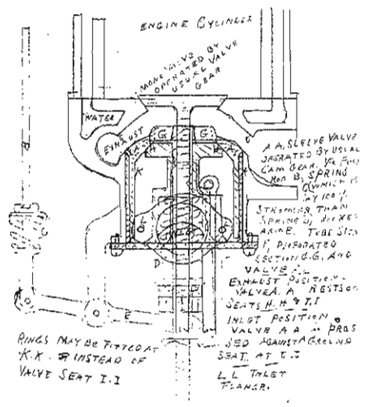
DENNISON NEW ZEALAND'S 1900 DAIMLER - First car designed and developed in New Zealand

John Osbourne

Twenty-four year-old engineer and cycle maker Frederick Ridley Dennison working in his Cathedral Square, Christchurch workshop designed and manufactured his own sleeve/poppet valve kerosene 4-stroke horizontal single cylinder, open crank, hot tube ignition, piston engine and fitted it into his purpose-built tiller steered rear wheel driven tricycle.

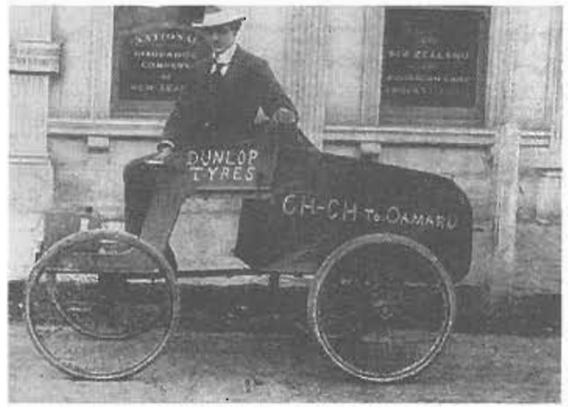
On 9 May 1900 the Lyttelton Times reported that the Dennison car travelled for 20 miles at considerable speed (up to 30mph/50km/h). Fred soon realised that a four-wheel car would be more reliable and stable on roads outside town limits. By June 1900 Fred had perfected his four wheel car and decided to show his invention to his folks back home. .

Scotsman John Boyd Dunlop invented the first practical pneumatic car tyre in 1887 and Dunlop pneumatic tyres were being fitted to early production cars from 1890. The Christchurch Dunlop agent was quick to realise the importance of the Dennison car and sponsored the Dunlop tyres for the long pioneering journey to Oamaru



Drawing by F R Dennison of his engine, courtesy Ivan Dennison

Fred was farewelled from Cathedral Square, Christchurch on 22 June, a mid-winters day. His journey went well until he was crossing the unbridged Selwyn River, the wheels got stuck in the boulders and loose shingle. The engine was mounted high on the chassis and clear of the water, Fred tried to free the car with full throttle, this broke the engine mounting and the two driving chains snapped. Fred managed to manhandle the car back on to dry land, repair the damage and remount the engine, he then moved the boulders to obtain a track across the river bed and with the engine on full throttle crossed the river operating the clutch and dismounting to push the car when necessary until he eventually got to the other side. Fred drove on crossing the Rakaia River



Frederick Ridley Dennison seated on his car June 1900, courtesy Ivan Dennison

via the combined rail/road bridge.

The next day all went well until two miles north of Ashburton when the rear axle broke. Fred removed the axle and carried it into Ashburton where with help Fred repaired the axle and on a borrowed bicycle traveled back to the car, refitted the axle and motored into Ashburton before nightfall. Next day, the journey was over a terrible road which Fred likened to a ploughed paddock, eventually reaching the Arundel Hotel on the southern bank of the Rangitata river. The following day Fred drove on through Geraldine, Temuka and Timaru staying the night at Studholme Junction. The next day he drove via Morven to his birthplace at Hilderthorpe for a much-needed rest.

On 28 June 1900, Fred drove the nine miles into Oamaru to the triumphant finish of 180 miles (292 kilometres). The North Otago Times reported on 30 June 1900 "Mr Dennison has succeeded in constructing a working model on improved lines. The car is not noiseless and in spite of pneumatic tyred wheels it gave the impression of giving the driver a pretty fair shaking up on the somewhat uneven streets of Oamaru. Mr Dennison's contrivance is one to be proud of. Every time the motor stopped in a street a crowd surrounded it anxious to ascertain as much of this novel machine as possible".

By October 1900, Fred Dennison had returned to Oamaru, he set himself up as a cycle mechanic and motor engineer, later he acquired agencies for Ford, Darrcq, De Dion and Rover cars, and invented and patented the Dennison spare wheel.

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

If you have any stories for the next issue - please send them to **editor@ipa.org.nz** as I have retired from the police as of November 2006 and will no longer use my police email address.

All photos should be sent on a disk to PO Box 9083 Marion Square Wellington, or emailed to the **editor@ipa.org.nz.** Please do not embed photographs or pictures in the story.

If you have anything you would like to see on the website please let me know. I am interested in putting stories about IPA New Zealand members and of New Zealand holiday spots, travel tips, fishing and hunting tales and police and family life in New Zealand for the IPA website. These local stories and photos will go in a specially earmarked page called 'Magazine'.

Check out the website on www.ipa.org.nz which is under re-construction at the moment.

Thanks,

Editor: Jillian Reid

MEMORIAL TO THE FALLEN

Mark Devon

In the spring of 2005 a country unveiled its first National memorial to its Police officers killed on duty.

The UK memorial is situated at the intersection of The Mall and Horseguards in London. There have been 1600 killed in the line of duty. Our little New Zealand is a long way off but with the memorial wall at the RNZPC in Porirua we are many years ahead of the country from where many of us came.

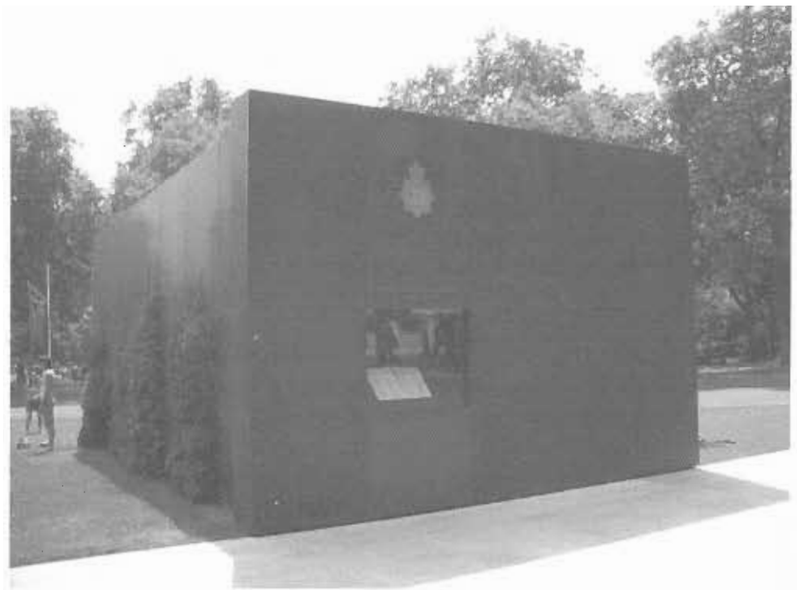
The UK roll of honour is the product of 25 years of research the first being an entry of an unknown Constable killed in 1680.

The granite and glass monument was unveiled by the Queen last year. There is a paved area with a small pool and a glass column which is lit with a blue hue.

There are 29 local memorials around the UK but this is a National one. In 1984 the Police Memorial Trust set up by film director Michael Winner began campaigning and continued to do so for 10 years to see this Memorial in place as well deserved recognition.

More recently the highest number of officers killed has come from the Metropolitan Police in London and the Greater Manchester Constabulary.

The base for the memorial is actually a fan vent for the London Underground. The conversion has been tastefully completed and is a credit to the drivers behind the memorial trust and the memorial's designers.



The Memorial Wall - Photo by Mark Devon

Castle in the Southern Air

In 2006 Larnach Castle celebrated 135 years as a Dunedin landmark. From rich man's showplace to billet for soldiers, from politicians retreat to mental asylum, the castle has certainly withstood the rigours of time and the vagaries of fate.

Now proudly restored to its former glory Larnach Castle still stands commandingly above the Otago Peninsula. Much has been written on the tragic and scandalous history of William Larnach and his family and the story of their castle has just about as many twists and turns.

Building began in 1871. This was to be Larnach's dream home, built for his beloved first wife, Eliza, who unfortunately died before it was finished - so long did the building take! The site was supposedly chosen when Larnach and his son Donald went out riding. Donald was asked to climb trees to ascertain which place on the Peninsula had the best views. You can certainly see today why they built here - spectacular panoramic views from 1000 feet above sea level.

Only the best would do for Larnach and no expense was spared in the building of his castle. Employing 200 workmen for three years was only the beginning... a further 12 years was spent by master craftsmen embellishing the interior. Altogether the princely sum of 125,000 pounds was spent on this wonderful building. The materials were the finest sourced from the world over. Marble from Italy, tiles from England, glass from Venice & France, slate from Wales, at least 32 different woods, both exotic and native were used throughout the castle.

Special features of the castle include the Georgian hanging staircase - the only one in the Southern Hemisphere, a one tonne marble bath that took six horses and 12 men to haul up the 1,000 foot hill, fabulous carved ceilings - one of which took three men six and a half years to carve, a priceless Venetian glass wall with panels representing England, Ireland, Scotland and New Zealand... The castle is truly a testament to the skill of the Victorian craftsmen.

In the castle's heyday 46 servants were employed to service and clean the castle and grounds. It was a busy country mansion with guests ranging from the country's top politicians to the children's school friends abuzz with happenings.

Sadly Larnach's monument to his wealth, ego and position was about to fall on hard times. One could imagine that Larnach had set himself up to found a dynasty, ruling from his hilltop castle. Unfortunately a scandal involving his third wife and second son forced him to take his life in Wellington's Parliament buildings and the downfall of his family and castle soon followed. Larnach had had the foresight to write a will, but not to sign it. His estate became the basis of a nasty court battle between members of his family, his children eventually winning.

The castle was stripped of its furniture and fittings and everything was auctioned, scattered far and wide. For many years the castle became a sort of white elephant used at various times for a nuns retreat, a children's holiday camp, a mental asylum for 10 years, a hospital for shell-shocked soldiers and the influenza victims. In 1927 Mr and Mrs Purdie bought the castle and restored it filling it with furniture and running an antique salesroom in the ballroom. It was also used as a cabaret while the Purdies were overseas. Owing to ill health the Purdies were forced to sell the castle in 1939. There was no interest in purchasing the building and Mr Purdie contemplated demolishing the building and selling the material.

Lanarch Castle went to auction in 1940 selling for 1,250 pounds. It was bought on impulse by Mr Armstrong, who found he really didn't want to be owner of this large building and sold it again in 1941 for 1,500 pounds to Mrs Stedman.

Over 80 American soldiers from the signal corps were billeted here during WW2.

The castle again passed through a few hands becoming more and more run down as owners struggled with the huge problems of maintaining such a building.

In 1967, the present owners, the Barker family, bought the property. Margaret Barker remembers the dreadful state the buildings and grounds were in. The ballroom had been used to pen sheep, the castle was empty of furniture, leaking like a sieve, in a terrible state of disrepair and the grounds were very overgrown. When they bought it many people thought (and told them) that they were crazy to take on such a mammoth and, to them, apparently impossible task. Thirty-eight years later Larnach Castle is once again Dunedin's premier landmark, hosting guests from all over the world. From a run down building the family has created a diversified business, saved a major part of Dunedin's heritage and contributed a huge amount to the local tourism industry.

Visitors can enjoy exploring the castle and its beautiful gardens, now an attraction in their own right. In 2004 the gardens were assessed as an NZGT 'Garden of National Significance'. Original antiques grace the building and the family has amassed a unique collection of New Zealand furniture. A lodge with individually decorated theme rooms has been built so that guests may stay on the property, waking up to spectacular views and having the chance to dine in a castle dining room. The Stables have been restored and house bedrooms with share bathrooms. Guests can experience sleeping quarters a lot more comfortable than Larnach's stable boys did 134 years ago.

The Ballroom is again host to many glittering occasions. Conference dinners with Victorian or Scottish themes, grand balls, and celebrations of landmark events all take place in this beautiful venue. Romantic weddings in such a spectacular setting are popular. The Barker family, Margaret, her children Norcombe and Sophie, and grandchild Charlotte celebrated 39 years at the property in 2006. They've lived there longer than the original Larnach family and will continue to lavish the care and attention that this wonderful building deserves.

Many projects are still being planned and the castle is continuously upgraded, always providing something new for our return visitors.



Larnach Castle - Photo by Christian Common

OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that we announced the death of Marjorie Troop, the wife of our founder Arthur Troop. Marjorie died in the early hours of Monday, 3 July 2006, only three weeks after being diagnosed with a terminal illness. She was 85 years old.

Member's thoughts and condolences were sent out to the Troop family, especially sons Barry and Kevin and daughter Susan.

Sadly, we learned of the passing of Gabi Waxsburger who died suddenly on 25 May 2006. Michael Odysseos, International President, was in Israel at the time and was able to attend his funeral on behalf of all of Gabi's IPA colleagues and friends worldwide.

Gabi, an active member of the National Board of IPA Israel, had also been an elected International Internal Auditor since the year 2000.

Condolences were sent on member's behalf to his family and Section.

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