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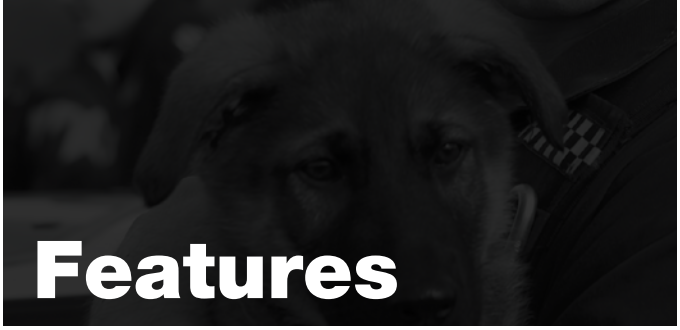


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From the Editor's Quill

Firstly may I express my personal condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Senior Constable Len Snee, recently lost in the line of duty at Napier.

My thoughts are also with the families of his two colleagues Senior Constables Grant Diver and Bruce Miller wounded in the same incident. Best wishes for a full and speedy recovery to you both. Also I acknowledge the actions of Mr. Leonard Holmwood whose intervention prevented further loss of life. I trust he too is soon on the road back to health. It seems there were other heroes that day including two ambulance officers, whose brave actions assisted the survivors. I salute the courageous efforts of you all.

It is long overdue for politicians and the judiciary to review the actual penalties handed out to those who assault our serving police officers. Such mindless and daily violence must be reigned in.

On the home front the past months have been somewhat hectic, so if I've been slow in responding to your messages, my sincere apologies. Whilst visiting a son in Blenheim over Easter, I attended the Omaka Classic Fighters air show where I received a special treat.

Aircraft and flying has always been a lifelong passion and I rarely travel without a visit to an air show, or aircraft museum whenever possible. On this occasion a colleague of my eldest son in the RNZAF, Squadron Leader Pete Cochrane a member of the Red Checkers display team afforded me the rare privilege of sitting in the cockpit of Harvard 1015 of the RNZAF Historic Flight just prior to its air show performance. Sadly CAA rules prevent all passenger participation in air displays, but thank you "Cocky" for the unforgettable opportunity.

If any of our members are intending to visit the Blenheim area, I can highly recommend the new Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre to be top of your list to visit. Even with no interest in aviation, you will not be disappointed as this WW1 museum is already regarded as one of the best in the world. Its rare and valuable exhibits are increasing in numbers and their quality is superb. It contains the longest campaign award medal I have ever seen, with 27 bars attached, whilst the famous "Red Baron" Von Richtoven exhibit is stunning.

On 24 April I was fortunate enough to witness the first post restoration flight of Curtis P-40 fighter FR350 at Ardmore. Resplendent in RAF desert camouflage scheme, it was the first time this aircraft had flown since WWII and by the time you read this it will be in the hands of its new owner in Canada.

Next I had the opportunity to show off parts of our wonderful North Island to visiting family members from England and then followed that by taking three wide eyed young grandchildren to Surfers Paradise and all four of the theme parks on the Gold Coast.

Ending on a bizarre note, late in April 2009 I received a silver Commissioners Commendation brooch for an incident I was involved in on 3 December 1981. Yes, the dates are correct! Is this a record?

Having bored you with my own non IPA activities, I now invite you into the pages of this edition to discover what has been happening within the realms of the police and the IPA, both locally and around the world. Membership participation in this magazine continues to grow and I thank you all for your interesting and varied contributions.

Rainbow Digital is still seeking advertisers and one of the questions frequently raised by them is, "What do IPA members do for their communities?" Despite lifetimes of service to our country, many of us are still involved to some extent in community service, so step up and share your stories with us. Give them even more reason to invest in us.

Servo per amikeco

Ken Brewer
Editor





President's Report

Merle & Stan Keith

A highlight of recent months was the presentation of a cheque to the charity selected and supported by the IPA through the advertising sales in our magazine. This of course being the Royal Foundation of the Blind. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the presentation in Wellington, so the honours were carried out by my wife Merle in the company of Rainbow Digital Director Steve Lovell and the event recorded by Bruce Hutton, our IPA and International Culture Commission member.

The photograph of that presentation appears in this edition and it is our intention that our relationship with the Foundation be continued. However, future donations are dependent on the level of advertising sales we attract for the magazine and I believe that all IPA members have a responsibility to both support those advertisers whenever possible and to promote additional advertising sales as the opportunities arise.

Not only would additional advertising go towards improving our magazine and help return it to greater colour content, it would increase the donations we are able to make to the Foundation. These donations I understand go directly towards the training of guide dogs. If you have any suggestions on potential advertisers, locally or nationally, who may be interested in, or could benefit from advertising with us please pass it on to our Editor, Ken. In addition to New Zealand, our magazine is distributed to 65 countries so international exposure is considerable.

Ken is still doing a great job for all our readers and is a wonderful asset to any organisation. This is the third new style issue and we have received many favourable comments regarding the first two from around the world, including a message from our International President, Michael Odysseos in Cyprus which is reproduced within these pages.

The magazine is a means of communication between us here in New Zealand and also with IPA members overseas, helping to generate opportunities for forming friendships and the exchange of views and articles of interest.

Meanwhile our administration committee consists mainly of new members, all of whom are volunteers who provide their time and expenses for the benefit of us all. It is inevitable that teething problems will arise and it has been disappointing therefore to hear of some comments regarding the administration which has experienced a very busy year.

Of note in 2009 alone, two persons from Region 4 are being sent to Israel for the International Youth Gathering.

An Arthur Troop Scholarship has been awarded to Paul Merritt of Region 5 and he will be studying his chosen course in Germany as well as the United Kingdom and the USA. These studies will greatly assist him with his present studies and enhance his policing career.

In addition Bruce Hutton, at present an IPA International Culture Commission member has been nominated for an International Vice President position. The election takes place in Turkey in October 2009 and if successful, this would be a huge coup for New Zealand IPA membership.

IPA New Zealand Section is also in the early stages of planning a Friendship Week here in 2011. We will be advising you of these details in the near future.

IPA has for a number of years provided a prize for academic achievement to all recruit wings at the Royal New Zealand Police College. This year there will be six recruit wings to which IPA prizes will be awarded. These are presented at each graduation ceremony.

It is with regret that I acknowledge the resignation due to illness of Region 1 Chairman Bruce Revell a valued stalwart of IPA and he will be missed. An election of officers is to be held in September.

On another note, congratulations are extended on behalf of IPA New Zealand to fellow member Peter Marshall, who was recently appointed to the position of Commissioner of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force. Peter has experienced many highlights in his distinguished police career within New Zealand, the United States of America and now the Solomon Islands. Awarded the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2000, he has contributed a very interesting article for this edition that I know you will enjoy reading. Thank you, Peter.

Can I please request that we keep the Secretary General up to date with address and contact changes for yourself and any members on the move.

Finally, the 2010 National AGM and the National Council meeting will be held at the Silverdale RSA, Whangaparoa. The details are advertised herein and all members are welcome.

Yours in friendship.

Stan Keith QSM
President, IPA New Zealand Section

FAST HUMOUR

Due to budget cuts, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off.

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The Secretary General's Desk

As I sit at my desk the heater is on full warming my feet, how I hate having cold feet!!! Winter has arrived with a vengeance, but as I watch the telly I see that many places are much worse off than we Aucklanders. However winter brings a beauty all of its own, snow on the mountain tops, frosts bringing icicles to the trees and window panes, ice on puddles of water for children to run into and break, trees still showing autumn colours and warm shopping malls bringing us new winter fashion and colour, plus the expectation of a wonderful spring and summer to follow. How quickly a year goes by!

For me things on the IPA front have been varied and interesting. New challenges conquered, in some instances new lessons learnt, new techniques found. New people met that I have learnt from and I hope in some small way I have helped them to learn something in return too.

From regional feedback, it appears there is a lot going on up and down the country. I would like to take this opportunity through this media to encourage you as a member/reader to get involved with IPA at your local level. There is good fellowship to be had at your meetings and a good opportunity to share your 'war stories' and life experiences.

We have had a number of new members over the last few months and this has been both pleasing and encouraging to see. Regions 4 and 5 have had the most significant increase over recent times. Well done for your efforts!

Again we have had a busy time with overseas visitors and our Travel Secretary Marlene has been busy and continues to do a wonderful job accommodating the needs and requests of our many visitors.

Our magazine is still looking good and our Editor Ken isn't showing any signs of frazzlement yet!! Don't forget this is your magazine, so keep the articles flowing into Ken, I am sure he will publish them as space provides. I would also like to encourage you to use our advertisers; their support is essential in the production of this magazine. Oh! and don't forget to pass your magazine onto someone else to read.

By the time this magazine has gone to print our two applicants for the 2009 International Youth Gathering in Israel will have returned and we are hoping to have an article from them both in the next magazine.

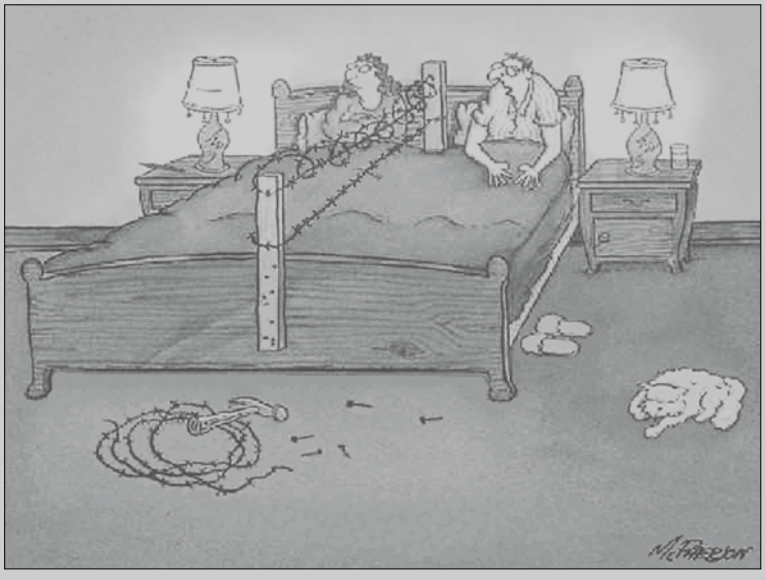
In October, the XIX World Congress is to be held in Turkey followed by a Friendship week.

If you have a computer and are on the Internet, don't forget to check out our Website and that of the International Websites for further information on upcoming events both here and overseas.

Take care, enjoy life and enjoy your magazine.

Coleen Meyers

Secretary General
IPA, New Zealand Section



I gather I've done something to upset you.
Courtesy of McPherson

International News

IPA APPEAL FOLLOWS EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY



In the early hours of Monday 6 April 2009 a powerful earthquake shook the medieval town of L'Aquila in central Italy, leaving tens of thousands without homes and damaging many of the centuries-old monuments that were part of the city's rich cultural heritage.

The epicentre of the 6.3 magnitude quake at L'Aquila itself and was strong enough to be felt in Rome, 60 miles to the west. Police estimate that 15,000 buildings had collapsed or been damaged and that some 100,000 people were left homeless. The earthquake has involved all of Region Abruzzo and its surrounding areas, involving several towns and villages.

As at 26 April 2009 a total of 297 people had been confirmed dead. Whilst this number does not include any IPA members, three serving police officers were among the victims. The first served with the Corpo Forestale dello Stato as a State Forest ranger: he leaves one child and a pregnant wife; the second was also married and in service within the Polizia di Stato (State Police); the third was a Vigile del Fuoco (Fireman) who suffered a heart attack while trying to aid the earthquake victims.

20 IPA members and 45 police officers were injured, whilst 30 IPA members and 60 police officers suffered property damage. Among them was the President of IPA L'Aquila, Massimo D'Antonio and other members of the Branch.

Mr Alfredo IASUOZZI, National Vice Secretary and President of IPA Region 14 Abruzzo, has opened a bank account to collect funds for IPA victims and he will be the co-ordinator for the Emergency-Aid donations. Section Italy immediately passed on this information to all Italian IPA regions and Local Branches.

In view of this, the PEB has decided to launch an official IPA Appeal without any further delay. This means they will be collecting donations whilst, at the same time, collating information about those affected.

It is intended that the proceeds of the appeal will be distributed in the following order of priority:

- affected IPA members,
- affected police officers,
- aid agencies.

Monies will only move down this priority list after the first item has been exhausted, meaning the main priority will be IPA members followed by other police officers.

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May I express a heartfelt thank you for your immediate solidarity and thank you in advance for your generosity.

Yours in friendship,

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THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT WRITES

Dear Stan (Keith)

I greet you from Cyprus.



ABOVE: The International President Michael Odysseos

Thank you for sending me the March 2009 edition of your IPA magazine. I have gone through the contents and I am delighted to say your editor is doing excellent and professional work. Please convey to him my congratulations.

Congratulations also to you and the other members of the NEC for everything you do to promote further the IPA ideals.

I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you in Antalya.

Yours in friendship.

Michael Odysseos
International President IPA

WARNING FROM IPA FRANCE

We have been informed that Mr. Vincent PERRUCHOUD, 13 Rue de la Gare, CH 1908 Riddes, Switzerland, has claimed to be a member of IPA France, using a forged membership card. Mr. Perruchoud has contacted several Sections in order to buy IPA material.

If you are contacted by Mr. Perruchoud, please be aware that he is not a member.

NEW ZEALAND SECTION NOMINATION

The New Zealand Section has announced it will be submitting nomination of Bruce Hutton to the International Administration Centre for an Executive PEB position. The election will take place at the World Congress in Turkey later this year.



ABOVE: Bruce Hutton QSM, FPSNZ

Bruce is already a second term International Culture Commission member and we wish him every success with the nomination. Achieving such an executive position on the international scene would be great step for the New Zealand IPA.

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IPA GLOBAL REPORT TO THE UN ON 2008 YEAR

The following is an extract from the Annual Global Report prepared by the ERC and submitted to the United Nations to demonstrate what was done globally by the IPA in 2008. ERC Chairman Daniel Condaminas feels it should be used as a tool to promote the IPA.

The Permanent Executive Bureau (PEB)

The IPA is managed by an International Committee, the (PEB) and in 2008 they met three times: in Colombo (Sri Lanka), Riga (Latvia) and Moscow (Russia). In Sri Lanka the Members of the PEB visited the areas struck by the Tsunami in 2004.

The current members of the PEB are:

President: **Michael ODYSSEOS**	Cyprus
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The International Executive Committee (IEC)

The IEC, which is the supreme body of the Association, is composed of one delegate from each Section and of the PEB. The IEC meets every three years at an IPA World Congress, and between Congresses, once a year at an IEC conference. The PEB is elected by delegates at each IPA World Congress for a period of three years.

Aims

The IPA is an independent body made up of members of the police service belonging to National Sections, whether on active duty or retired, and without distinction as to rank, sex, race, colour, language or religion. Its purpose is to create bonds of friendship and to promote international co-operation.

The Association is committed to the principles set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948.

Its aims include the development of cultural relations among its members, a broadening of their general knowledge and an exchange of professional experience.

Administration

Maintained by the PEB, Nottingham in England is the home of the International Administration Centre (IAC). The IAC is staffed by two clerical officers working under the control of the International Secretary General.

International Commissions

The International Commissions are supporting bodies of the PEB. Within their working areas they develop ideas and make recommendations.

International Commission for External Relations (ERC)

The ERC reconvened in Brussels on 24th and 25th April 2008. An excellent programme was put together which included meetings with the Belgian Federal Police Chief, officials at the European Union and European Commission who are charged with policing at international levels, in particular overseas missions, and being received by the Mayor of Brussels, who is responsible for policing in Brussels.

Members of the Commission for External Relations have centred their activities on three major concerns:

1. Representation of IPA both internally and externally, in accordance with the basic values of the ERC. This representation takes the form of numerous formal and informal contacts with NGO managers and managers of international organisations such as the UN, the European Parliament and the European Council.

2. Promotion of IPA through professional recognition and through its statutes.

3. To ensure through this promotion and representation the continuity of IPA for the next fifty years.

To that end throughout 2008 members of the ERC have actively been engaged in meetings at the various sites: Vienna, Geneva, Brussels, Strasbourg and New York. The meeting in Brussels welcomed the newest liaison officer, Hugh Brien from Washington D.C. for the Organisation of American States

In Vienna, the representative, Franz Berger, has maintained close relationships for ensuring representation of IPA and for advising in particular the UN.

Due to the critical role played by non-governmental and civil organisations in the prevention of drug abuse and in the treatment and rehabilitation of drug abusers, UNODC (UN-Office of Drugs and Crime), in partnership with the Vienna NGO Commission on Narcotic Drugs, facilitated a series of regional consultations culminating in a global forum entitled "Beyond 2008" from the 7th to 9th July 2008. As a result of this forum 3 IPA Resolutions were sent to the UN in New York, where they had been welcomed and placed in the "World Drug Report 2007".

The ERC representative also attended the UN Conference of Parties to the UN Convention against transnational organised crime from the 8th to 17th October 2008. During this session he was granted permission to present an oral statement on the following subjects to assembled delegates: "Trafficking in Human Beings"; "Strategies of the police to counter trafficking in Human Beings"; "Prevention of sexual offences".

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The ERC representative in Geneva, Georges Thulliez, ably assisted and advised by outgoing representative Michel Joye, continued to report on a monthly basis a snapshot of the immense workload throughout 2008.

Georges attended committee sessions concerning Human Rights at the United Nations Headquarters and in the Palace for Human Rights in Geneva: – 'Rights of Children'; 'Elimination of discrimination towards women'; – annual council session on 'Human Rights'; 'Elimination of racial discrimination'; group working session concerning 'The use of Mercenaries and Human Rights'; - 'Migrant workers'; 'torture"; – ECOSOC; extraordinary council session on Human rights concerning the impact of the global food crisis;– 'Rights of Children with regards prostitution, pornography and children engaged in armed conflicts';–'Elimination of racial discrimination'; - summer session concerning Human Rights with emphasis on certain western nations;– 'Human Rights in Africa and Israel'; - 'Rights of Children in Austria, Uganda, Lithuania and Tanzania';– 'torture in diverse nations selected.'

Georges has also continued as a representative, maintaining his local contacts, as well as editing a document on the history of the IPA Commissions, in collaboration with Michel. In total, the ERC representative (with Michel Joye) have devoted some 393 hours of their time to participating in sessions at the UN in Geneva.

The ERC representative in Brussels, Philippe Antoine, has continued to maintain and develop contact with representatives of the various international and national agencies represented there. This was ably demonstrated to all the Commission members when they visited Brussels in April 2008: Headquarters of the Belgian Federal Police; Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; European Commission; European Parliament; Council of Europe; City of Brussels. The scale of welcome extended to the commission by representatives of all these agencies demonstrated the high regard the IPA is held in.

As a result of the exposure the various representatives had to the IPA, Philippe worked hard to build on this: an exchange of information between the commission and the Federal Police' international cooperation division continues to flourish; the Belgian foreign ministry was particularly interested in the activities of the ERC representative in Vienna, Franz Berger. Relevant documents were transmitted and have led to a report on their evaluation by the end of 2008; representatives at the Council of Europe since initial contact by Philippe have intensified their collaboration with the IPA with a view to examining various avenues with a view to financing IPA projects. The ERC representative in Brussels has additionally launched an idea for a seminar on counterfeiting and forgery at IBZ Gimborn, sponsored by AWEX (Wallonia Export Agency).

The representative in New York City, James Albrecht, has maintained contact with United Nations Headquarters. Police related meetings there remain rare.

As for IPA status as a UN NGO, it is recommended that the IPA continue to develop, implement and evaluate programes that support the improvement of law enforcement globally, particularly in non-IPA member states and in developing democracies. Since James has spent much of 2008 overseas he suggested that it would be prudent for the commission to temporarily replace him as representative in New York City. This was accomplished during 2008 with the appointment of Antonio Mok as the ERC representative there and he has been fully briefed as to the requirements of this position.

A task attributed to James at the meeting of the ERC in 2007 was to progress liaison with the Organisation of American States (OAS). He successfully canvassed for this and consequently, Hugh Brien from Washington D.C. was invited to join the commission. Hugh took part in the ERC meeting in Brussels in April 2008.

Earlier in April 2008, the chairman of the commission, Daniel Condaminas wrote to the OAS officially requesting that IPA become part of the OAS Registry of Civil Society Organizations. Daniel used his letter as a means of introduction for Hugh as the IPA member appointed to encourage liaison between the two organisations. In July 2008 Ms. Irene Klinger, Director of the Department of International Affairs, OAS, informed the commission's chairman that she had forwarded his request to the Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS. A follow up call was made in December 2008 to ascertain the progress on IPA registration and we have been told that IPA will be fully registered during 2009.

In Strasbourg, the representative, Bernard Kirch, has continued to maintain close contact with officials of the Council of Europe and of the European Parliament there.

Subjects treated were this year:

- Death penalty,
- Racism and intolerance,
- Cyber crime,
- Integration of migrants,
- Termination of pregnancy.

During 2008, the PEB agreed to appoint a further liaison officer, this time at UNESCO in Paris. This was ratified by the IEC in Moscow.

International Cultural Commission (ICC)

The mandate of the International Cultural Commission (ICC) is to promote cultural activities within the Sections. Specifically the commission is tasked with coordinating and advising the organisers of the annual International Youth Gathering, International educational events other than policing matters and International Competitions of a cultural nature such as the International Photography Competition, the Written Article Competition and more. The ICC also coordinates matters regarding hobbies such as collectors, radio amateurs, requests for pen friends etc. Recently we have also taken on projects of a historical nature for the collection of IPA music and the Photo Archives Project.

ICC Reports

Most of Sections are involved with musical activities (bands, concerts), theatre and article writing. Many have provided photography or painting competitions and exhibitions. In addition, events regarding gastronomy or wine tasting appear very popular.

In 2007 the Delegate of Luxembourg suggested the ICC consider some kind of involvement in the European City of Culture scheme. In 2008 the European Cultural Cities were Liverpool, UK and Stavanger, Norway.

International Youth Gathering

The 2008 International Youth Gathering (IYG) in Australia was titled "Discover Down Under" and hosted by the four Regions of

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Victoria, Canberra, New South Wales and Queensland. There were four main parts to their theme: Heritage, Culture, Environment and Entertainment. The IYG ran for 14 full days from Sunday 20th July Monday 4th August. There were 50 participants from 23 countries.

Section Israel section will host the 2009 International Youth Gathering.

Meeting Themes / Workshops

2008 – IEC Russia:
The workshop theme was "A strategy for Human Rights (Children Rights)".

2009 – WC Turkey:
International Terrorism and methods to combat it.

IPA Photography Competition Update

The competition in 2008 produced entries from 12 Sections (Denmark, Malta, Israel, Lithuania, South Africa, Greece, USA, Finland, Slovenia, Italy, Germany and New Zealand) and once again proved itself to be very popular. 750 images were produced.

The competition winners were announced during the 2008 IEC meeting in Moscow and a total of 48 images were sent to Russia for display as an International Exhibition.

Based on the success of both previous International Photographic Competitions the ICC members are recommending that a third competition is announced at the World Congress in Turkey with the winners of that announced at the 2010 IEC.

IPA Music Project Update

The plan of the ICC was to gather IPA music, establish the copyright, have an orchestra or band record it, and place the music on a CD that would be available to Sections.

At the 2007 ICC meeting Section Israel had volunteered the Israel Police Orchestra to record the IPA March and IPA Hymn. In 2008, Section Israel reported that this had been achieved.

IPA Video Competition

The process steps for this project are still being developed. The content will be a one-minute introduction of the country, one minute on the police and one minute on the IPA.

The ICC will be recommending three awards be presented. The winning videos will be shown at the appropriate IEC/WC and will run in a loop format outside of the meeting hall for all members and guests to view.



International Internal Commission (IIC)

13 internal documents have been reviewed. They predominately involve finance, or are designed to explain how to achieve a particular aim in a uniform manner throughout all IPA Sections, as emergency aid, international youth gathering, police placements, etc.

The IAC Website is currently undergoing immense change, with a new site being designed. The new site will be much easier to navigate and include more information relevant to the work of the International Commissions. The existing site attracts in excess of 100,000 visitors per year.

Sections in Foundation

Following full Affiliation being granted to Andorra, Botswana and Serbia in 2008, the only remaining Section in Foundation is Moldova, with Macau having withdrawn.

International Professional Commission (IPC)

There were 10 winners of the Arthur Troop Scholarship in 2007, each of whom received up to 3,000 CHF for educational purposes and finalised their study plans in 2008. The scholars were police officers from Cyprus, Lithuania, Italy, Russia, New Zealand, Swaziland, South Africa, Sri Lanka, USA and Peru and they submitted a report of their studies after completion of the seminars they have chosen. In 2008 the IPC received more applications for the Scholarship, and 10 winners were chosen. These are to join different educational events during 2009.

To help National Sections in promoting the Arthur Troop Scholarship amongst their members, a poster has been created in the 4 working languages. The Sections are encouraged to print the poster and display it at every police station.

A survey regarding the IPA Police Placement Programme has been carried out. This programme encourages and sets guidelines for National Sections to help members from other Sections, when these wish to go to a country to follow the police work there. It was revealed that more than 20 Sections are prepared to welcome and help members from other Sections in accordance with the scheme. The Commission is working on a plan of introducing an International Young Police Officers' Training Seminar. Also in 2008 many Sections sent members to participate in police professional seminars in the IPA educational centre at IBZ Gimborn, Germany.

International Social Commission (ISC)

A discussion on the promotion of Social Events was suggested which would see attendance by ISC members to any such event as a way to promote them. It was also suggested that short promotional articles could/should be written before social events and reports be submitted following such actions by Regions or Sections.

Promotion & coordination of social activities

Various social activities were organised by Sections in 2008 such as anniversary celebrations, friendship weeks, hosting, sports, social work/aid etc. Considerably greater numbers of members, plus their families and friends were involved in these activities. The circulation of these activities will serve as an ongoing reminder to all Sections of what can be achieved.

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International Youth Exchange Programme

The ISC is happy to see that this project is going to work more satisfactorily and believe that the future success of IPA rests on today's youth; the ISC is making every effort to encourage young people to take part in these programmes.

IPA Houses

According to the reports received from Sections, more than 30,000 people were accommodated in IPA Houses run by the Sections and in other IPA accommodation. We would like to highlight the importance of these IPA houses, so the ISC is working on a project to promote the IPA Houses system.

The updated list of all official IPA Houses can be found on the IPA official website. The list is also available from the IAC, together with a list of Other Accommodation for IPA Use.

IPA Sport

It is accepted that sport events, in combination with social activities, motivate young police officers to join our Association. Bearing this in mind the ISC is doing our best to encourage Sections and particularly the smaller or less active Sections, to organise such events if they really want to attract/motivate new enrolments.

According to the annual reports received from the Sections the number of sport events doubled last year.

An IPA Challenge Day, or an IPA Olympics to be discussed.

Calamities – Emergency aid in catastrophes

Humanitarian matters are the most essential task the ISC has to look after.

Many Sections reported in their reports that they had assisted in various ways in this humanitarian field. In order to gather more accurate information and to gauge the true costs spent on assistance, Sections were requested to give the figures in Euros. In 2008 assistance amounted to some €160,000.

Finances

The main products of the Association are under payment of a fee, set by the IEC, the supreme organ of the IPA. One third of expenditure is spent on various grants and support, one another third partly funds the annual world congress, and the balance is used in the running costs of the association (meetings of various international offices, translation costs and secretariat).

The financial situation of the Association is sound and one adequate capital serves as insurance. The accounts are maintained by the Treasury International, on an annual basis, and controlled by two bodies, namely an external accountant and two internal auditors appointed by the IEC.

Conclusion

The forgoing report does not cover all aspects of the Association's work and only items thought to be of significant interest internationally have been included. Nevertheless the document serves to show the wide range of activities engaged by the largest international police organisation, the majority of activities being undertaken on a voluntary basis. In addition to the issues drawn together in this document it must be remembered that many multi various activities continue within the individual sections worldwide.

Servo Per Amikeco

Editor's note: *Your National New Zealand Executive, like others around the world, has assisted to varying degrees with on going support for some of the IPA activity referred to within this comprehensive report. I thought it worthy of publication to indicate to all our members that we are not an insular group in this distant land of ours and we, as a section of IPA, have far reaching responsibilities. In return we have access to extensive IPA resources and support systems around the globe that by design, happen to bring with them some amazing opportunities for friendship and life experience.*

THE TEXAN STATE LEGISLATURE

Representative Tom Moore Jr. of Waco, Texas was becoming increasingly frustrated with the State Legislature as he believed they often passed bills without fully reading their content. On 1 April 1971, he seized his chance and submitted a resolution to the house commending Albert de Salvo for his unselfish service to his country. It read:

> **"The compassionate gentleman's dedication and devotion to his work has enabled the weak and the lonely throughout the nation to achieve and maintain a new degree of concern for the future. He has been officially recognised by the state of Massachusetts for his noted activities and unconventional techniques involving population control and applied psychology."**

After the resolution had been passed unanimously, Mr. Moore stood and advised the house that Mr. Albert de Salvo was none other than the Boston Strangler, believed responsible for the murders of thirteen women between 1962 and 1964. He proved his point.

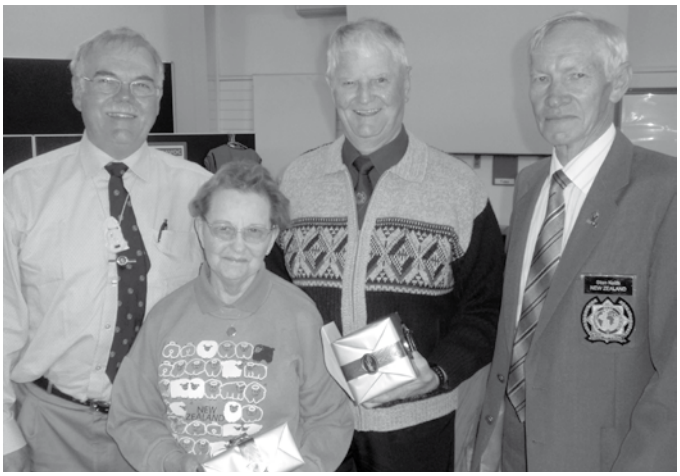
Visitor's, Events and Member's Travels

2009 AGM and NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Bruce Hutton QSM, FPSNZ

The Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Section of the IPA was held in the Civil Defence Headquarters in New Plymouth on Friday the 27th March 2009 and quite a reasonable number of our membership were able to attend. It was great to see life members Carol Ready and Paul Brennan there.

History was made when our National President Stan Keith presented gifts to Greg and Mona McManus acknowledging Greg's outstanding 21 years as National Treasurer for the IPA New Zealand Section.



ABOVE: Left to Right, John Coomber, Mona and Greg McManus, President Stan Keith.

When the New Zealand Section was formed in 1966 the late Nora Crawford was appointed our first National Treasurer, a position she held for 21 years retiring in 1987. Greg took over an old style hand written accounting system and developed it into a modern computer based database which in turn he has now been able to pass on to the new National Treasurer John Coomber.

John expressed the concern that to complete the next 21 years as our National Treasurer he may need the help of a hearing aids and Zimmer frame to attend all the National meetings.

Thank you Greg and Mona and to good luck John.

With all the routine business matters transacted, members and friends retired first to the Police Station and then down onto Main Street, New Plymouth for a great meal at a local restaurant.

The National Council Meeting was held the following morning, then all members and locals went on a round the mountain bus trip. After an interesting visit to a local lighthouse the tour stopped at Opunake, where a group photo was taken in front of a painted mural of a town scene by Local Artist Dennis Lattimer.

From there dinner was held on the mountain before returning to New Plymouth. In all it was an enjoyable time and very like the old Annual General Meetings where much time was spent in the company of good friends and family.

Photographs in this item courtesy of Bruce Hutton QSM, FPSNZ

BELOW: Members at Opunake - left to right:- Stan & Merle Keith, George & Jaine White, Les and Sue Sharp, Phillippa Oppenheim, Greg McManus, Keith Parsons, Ron Pilbrough, Michael Lucas, Phil Oppenheim, John Coomber, Phil Rowe, Mona McManus, Marlene & Alan Merriman and Bruce Hutton lying on the ground.



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CHIEF FOR A NIGHT

Michael Lucas - Region 2

Following a very enjoyable stay with John & Judy Pegler in Manly, Whangaparaoa, (Region 1). IPA visitors Tom & Di Witney from Canterbury, England, travelled to spend a few days with Anne & Michael Lucas in Rotorua (Region 2).

Rotorua is a most popular tourist area in the North Island and has the most energetic thermal activity in New Zealand. It also has a large Maoris population whose cultural activities are among the most interesting and accessible in the country. If you want all the adrenaline activities this is also the place to be. Tom & Di Witney declined the adrenaline activities, such as the Zorb, the luge and the jet boats, due to them both being 'concessions'.

However, they thoroughly enjoyed the thermal activity at Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland and had front seats to see the Lady Knox geyser's daily eruption. The following day they visited Kiwi Encounter and actually saw the 700th kiwi that has been hatched as part of the "Operation Nest Egg" programme. You can always guarantee of seeing a live kiwi at Kiwi Encounter, without having to look through glass, as they have three resident kiwis, which they keep in captivity due to them either being born in captivity or have sustained injuries making them vulnerable if released. After their guided tour and lunch, they then roamed the grounds of the Rainbow Springs Nature Park.



ABOVE : Visiting UK IPA member Tom Witney accepts the temporary mantle of "Chief" of the 19 Nations represented by the audience at the Matai Restaurant in Rotorua.

Whilst at Rainbow Springs and walking by the actual spring, they were very fortunate to meet members of the Mitai Maori Village performers, with their facial and body moko and warrior costumes, (The Mitai Maori Village is situated next door to Rainbow Springs), who were involved in a special event with a group of native North American Indians. I took the opportunity of introducing Tom & Di to Owen, one of the performers. I informed them that Owen was a television celebrity and has been the Toa O Aotearoa Champion for both 2007 & 2008.

Toa O Aotearoa, is a programme on Maori Television, where they take men, aged from 17 year to 56 years, already skilled in taiaha, (an ancient Maori weapon) to a secret location to cut them off from modern life and to live as their ancestors did. Going by the response from his fellow performers they had heard this all before. The opportunity was taken for Owen to show Tom & Di the hongi.

Tom & Di had already decided that they wanted to see some Maori cultural activities and when we left Rainbow Springs, we went next-door into Mitai to make a booking for that evening's performance. Whilst doing this, a member of their staff very kindly showed and explained the traditional hangi meal, which was in the process of being prepared for that evenings buffet dinner. They watched the food being carefully placed into the pit and then covered.



ABOVE : Tom Witney experiences the traditional Maori hongi, the touching of noses which symbolises lasting friendship.

Tom & Di were then taken to the Pig & Whistle pub, which was originally the Rotorua Police Station for a beer. They then had time to quickly change before driving back to Mitai. They found the Mitai restaurant was soon full and when the host, Tony, asked for a male volunteer to be the Chief for the evening, Tom was the only one to volunteer. Tom was informed that that he was be the Chief of many nations for the night Tony commenced going around the restaurant to see how many different nationalities there were. Tom found that he was to be the Chief of 19 nations and being the Chief for the evening guaranteed he and Di were always at the front of the group and had front seats at the staged Maori performance. Tony was surprised to find out that after explaining the hangi to the group that Tom had actually seen it being prepared earlier, that he already knew how to do the hongi and that he already knew two members of the staff, Mina and Owen. Mina is a well-known face in Rotorua as his face appears on both the tourist information pamphlets and the buses belonging to Tamaki, which is another Maori Village in Rotorua. Mina was at Mitai singing and playing his saxophone during the evening's activities. Tom & Di obviously received a good 'briefing' in preparation for their evening activities.



ABOVE : Di Witney tries the hongi.

Four days later Tom & Di were enjoying the sun in Kiakoura, where they went whale watching and were lucky enough to see three sperm whales and a pod of approximately 200 dusky dolphins. Their comment in a later e-mail was - "Still in love with NZ".

Their four week tour of New Zealand culminated in Christchurch, where they were hosted by Steve McClurg & Gloria Laird (Region 5) for three nights and had a great time with them. Tom & Di are hoping to return their kind hospitality when Steve & Gloria embark on their grand tour of Europe later this year. Tom & Di hope to catch-up with them in September and take them to the Tower of London for the Ceremony of the Keys, a rare opportunity.

P.S. Please note Tom, that I have not mentioned your having a flat battery, due to you leaving the car lights on and having to find a neighbour of mine with jump-leads!!!

REGION 15 PRESIDENT VISITS NZ

Bill Wieners

The New Zealand segment of an article reproduced by courtesy of Bill Wieners and the USA IPA National Reporter

On 13 February 2009, retired New Zealand Police Officer Roger Carson met us (Bill Wieners, President of Region 15 Florida and his wife Patricia) at the Hilton Hotel in Auckland.

Roger, an IPA member himself, graciously spent the afternoon taking us to all his favourite vantage points to view the most amazing scenery of Auckland City.



ABOVE: Roger Carson with Bill Wieners (at right) in the Parnell Village.

While briefing us on the history of New Zealand and its Maori beginnings, we visited the impressive Auckland War Memorial Museum and drove along the Auckland shore to view its superb waterfront.

We stopped at Parnell, a charming shopping area where we relaxed over a cup of New Zealand 'long black' (coffee). Our visit ended when we bade farewell at the ferry terminal in Devonport for our short trip back to Auckland.

We will cherish those wonderful memories of our trip and the camaraderie shared with fellow officers of both the New Zealand and New South Wales, Australia Sections.

Quote of the Month

A person who smiles in the face of adversity – probably has a scapegoat!

Anonymous

PRESENTATION OF IPA DONATION

by Bruce Hutton

As you are all aware the IPA entered into an agreement with the Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind for them to be the recipient of excess funds raised by the sale of advertising space in this magazine as part of our ongoing support of that organisation. As a result of the advertising that was sold in the previous IPA magazines the sum of $600 was made available.

As she was to be in Wellington on other matters, the cheque presentation was made in Wellington by Merle Keith the wife of our President, on behalf of the IPA New Zealand Section, to Leanne Thompson of the Royal Foundation of the Blind. The money will be used for guide dog training.

Our magazine publisher Steve Lovell of Rainbow Digital was also at the presentation and expressed delight with the support members have given to our first advertisers and trusts they will continue to support future advertisers in the forth coming editions.

Thank you to Bruce Hutton for the photograph and background information.



ABOVE: Steve Lovell and Merle Keith present the cheque to Leanne Thompson of the RNZFB on 20 April 2009. A number of larger versions of the cheque are included for impact. Photograph courtesy of Bruce Hutton QSM, FPSNZ.

The following two letters have been received in response.

Dear Stan,

Thank you so much for your donation to the RNZFB.

I would like to acknowledge the communication you had over a period of time with Dianne Armstrong before she left the Foundation. These relationships don't just happen and I know there was much work from you both prior to our receiving this gift.

Please find enclosed a receipt for the amount of $600.

It was just lovely meeting Merle and your daughter at the Wellington Central Police Station on April 20th for the cheque presentation photo shoot. And it's always nice to catch up with Bruce Hutton too.

Warm regards.

Leanne Thompson
Regional Fundraising Manager
RNZFB, Wellington

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND FOUNDATION OF THE BLIND

Dear Stan,

Thank you for your kind gift of $600. I include your receipt below.

Your generosity means we can continue to breed, raise and train guide dogs for people who are blind or vision impaired. For them, a guide dog provides mobility, companionship and independence and you know we rely solely on voluntary donations like yours to maintain these services.

So once again, I thank you for caring. Your help helps give greater independence to hundreds of New Zealanders and I really look forward to your ongoing support.

Best regards.

Sandra Budd
Chief Executive
RNZFB

ITALIAN VISITOR THANKS NZ IPA MEMBERS

Silvio Rodolfi
Submitted by Marlene Merriman

Hello kiwi friends! Probably this letter is unexpected after such a long time and I am sorry for the delay, but I have been very busy at work during this period.

I have to say that starting work again after one month spent in New Zealand was not easy for me. Anyway even if a little late, I want to express my thanks to you all for the hospitality I received in the period spent in your unique country last November. I really thank you for the accommodation given to me, for the assistance supplied and for all the rest. Thank you for letting me get to know New Zealand, a country so unknown to me before and now so close to me after my travels.

Visiting New Zealand was a dream for me prior to coming. Now that I've been there, after seeing its breathtaking landscapes, I can say my dream became reality and I can now tell all my family, friends and colleagues of the wonderful experiences I had during my stay. I have told everyone to come and discover New Zealand and that even if the flight is a bit long, the visit is worth it.

As a sign of my gratitude I send you some badges of my police station to remember you and the friendship that joins the police forces of our countries. One is for Mr. Kirsten Edgington of Rotorua police station and the other is for the police kiosk in Cathedral Square, Christchurch. I also attach some photos of my travels.

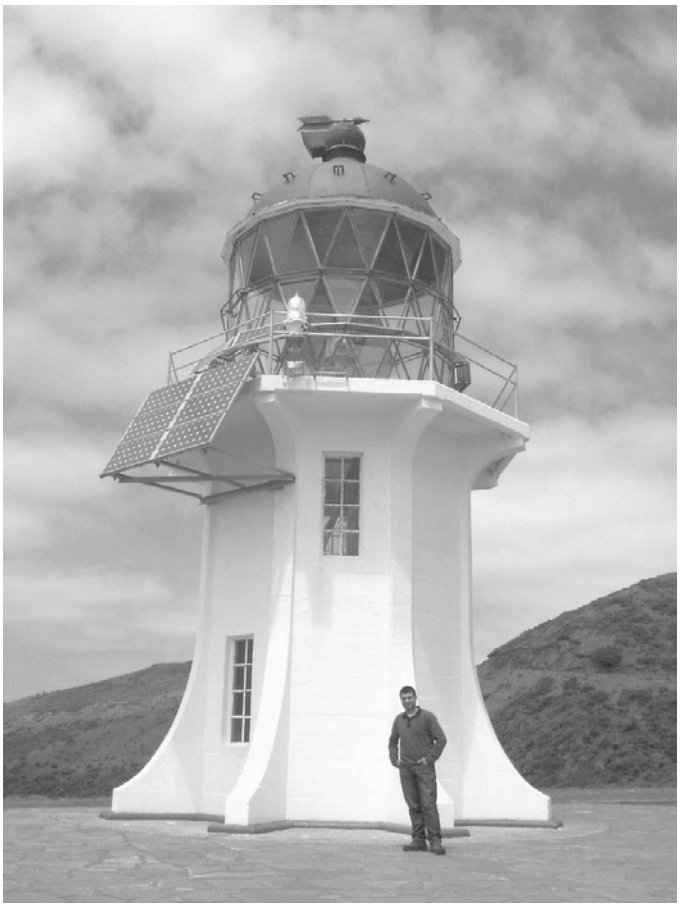
I appreciated so much the visits to your police stations and finding staff very well organised and ready to explain to me how things work in the New Zealand Police was great! I do really hope to come back soon and I'm looking forward to meeting my kiwi friends and colleagues again. I'm getting prepared for next year!

Finally, special thanks are for the New Zealand International Police Association and Mrs. Marlene Merriman whose help was absolutely necessary for me and without her patience I probably couldn't have arranged my travel. Also thanks to Mr. Tony Brownrigg from New Plymouth for his precious availability and hospitality. Special thanks are also for all the staff and officers of the police stations at Auckland, Newmarket, Rotorua, Turangi, New Plymouth, Wanaka and Te Anau for the kindness shown towards me. I hope I haven't forgotten anybody.

Bye my dear friends and I hope to read anything from you soon.

Kind Regards from Italy.
Silvio





ABOVE and at RIGHT: Silvio at Cape Reinga.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

An elderly couple were leaning against a fence on their farm when the old woman wistfully recalled that the coming weekend would mark their golden wedding anniversary.

"Perhaps we should have a party," the husband suggested, "I'll go kill a sheep."

The wife looked shocked. "I don't see why the sheep should take the blame for something that happened fifty years ago."

A Touch of History

THE PAY PARADE

by Ken Brewer

The Counties Manukau Police held their first formal pay parade in eleven years when over 300 staff, one third of their establishment, marched from the new District Headquarters to the nearby Manukau City Centre on 24 March 2009. Along with other districts, the Police in South Auckland are reviving a tradition that began with the establishment of the earliest policing body in New Zealand in 1840.



ABOVE: A parade of New Zealand Armed Constabulary Constables at Wellington circa late 1860s. Photo courtesy of the NZ Police Museum.

Originating from the much older military practice of parading troops for the issuance of pay and inspection, plus the lesser known purpose of providing an accurate method of counting the ranks and quantifying the number of deserters, it was adopted by the police service as part of the retention of military discipline. Those first policemen were New South Wales troopers and the retention of their military heritage was a natural progression.

For the police, often working alone and scattered around multiple locations even in the larger centres, pay parades became an important system of maintaining standards and were later adapted for the presentation of service awards, unlike the military that generally retained special parades for such occasions.

Long before the days of individual identification, or warrant cards, it was necessary for police staff to produce confirmation of identity before being paid.

When they joined, each was issued with several items of equipment itemised on a "Form 18 - Certificate of Appointments" document bearing their name at the top and countersigned by a senior officer. As they progressed through their careers this list of items grew, especially if they were required to use a horse for transport, when items such as saddles, harnesses, spurs and the like were added. For many decades it was this list they had to produce for identification, but it also proved to be a significant burden for some.

Without it they could not be paid and if that list was lost or mislaid, another had to be issued and this involved the production of every single item of equipment recorded therein. Each item was then examined and checked off against the headquarters copy, resulting in worn, damaged or missing items being replaced. The cost of this was then deducted from that man's pay and what was left, if any, was eventually paid out.



Armed Constabulary Force, New Zealand.

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENTS.

Issued to Mounted Constable Alfred J. Sisam No. 336

No.	Article.	Date of Issue.	In what Condition when Issued.	Remark.
One	Breech-loading Carbine	27 June 1871	Good	Carbine No 1145
—	Sling			
One	Cleaning Rod			
—	Wire Cleaning Brush			
One	Snap Cap and Chain			
—	Cap Pocket			
One	Pouch and Belt			
One	Revolver			
One	Revolver Sheath			
One	Revolver Ball Bag			
One	Sword			
One	Scabbard, steel			
One	Sword Belt, bd			
One	Saddle			
One	Numna			
One	Girths, leather			
Two	Stirrup Irons			
Two	Stirrup Leathers			
One	Breastplate			
One	Crupper			
Two	Wallets Single			
One	Headstall			
Two	Reins Plaited			
One	Bit			
One	Curb Chain and Hooks			
One	Picketing Rein			
One	Straps Cloak			
Two	Straps Wallet			
Two	Straps Bridle			
One	Carbine Holster			
—	Headstall, stable			
—	Handcuffs and Key			
One	Rules and Regulation Books			
—	Memorandum Books			
—	Extracts from Colonial Acts			
One	Sharing Cape			
One	Sword Knot			

W. J. Hunting Lieutenant
Signature of officer issuing

Alfred John Sisam Constable
Signature of Constable receiving

This List is to be produced prior to a Constable receiving his Monthly Pay, and a Certificate inserted by the Officer paying in the Government Book of the state in which he finds the articles enumerated, and noting any deficiencies.
In the event of any Constable absconding and taking with him any of the articles mentioned in this List, he will be prosecuted for felony.
Any Constable losing or defacing this Certificate will be charged 5s. for a new one, and it will be presumed that he had been provided with every article mentioned above.
In case any of the above-named articles are lost or damaged, the amount of the cost of the article will be charged against the Constable to whom they were issued.

Form No. 18.

ABOVE: Constable Alfred John Sisam's Form 18, dated 27 June 1871, itemising his list of appointments whilst serving with the New Zealand Constabulary at Auckland.

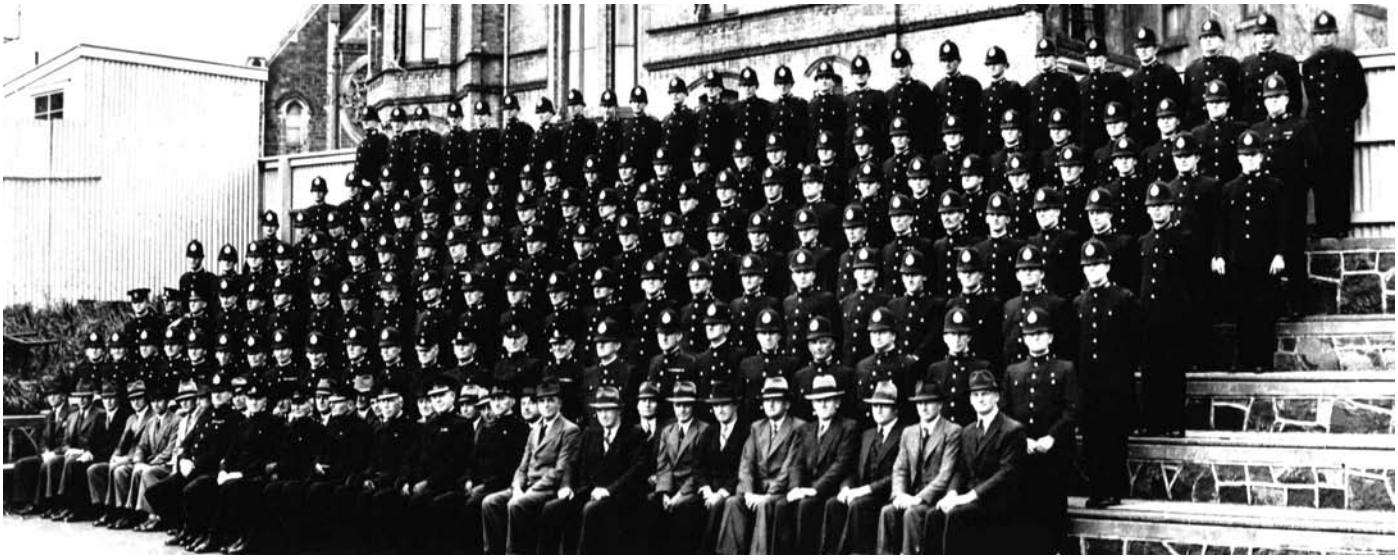
Exactly when they passed into the realm of purely ceremonial parades is uncertain. With the introduction of salary and wage payments by cheque, followed by direct credit payment to personal bank accounts, pay parades began to disappear only to be resurrected for special events or occasions. Whilst some districts have managed to retain them over the years, others through workload or staffing and resource issues have been less capable of regularly organising what can become quite large scale events.

Whilst it would be nice to see more large scale group photographs taken of staff on these occasions, the sheer numbers of staff today often make it impractical. However, such photographs contribute to the history of the New Zealand Police and become important artifacts for the future.



ABOVE: A pay parade held at Papakura on 15 December 1982.

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ABOVE: Occasionally pay parades were useful to gather police staff together for group photographs such as this rarely seen 1938 photo of Auckland staff, taken at the time of Superintendent Stephen Till's retirement.

Counties Manukau District Commander Mike Bush who resurrected pay parades in his district and his like minded colleagues around the country who managed to retain them, are to be congratulated.

Today they provide rare opportunities for the public to applaud and acknowledge a service that is all too often a negative target of the media. Many staff participating also quietly admit to experiencing an increased sense of self worth and pride in their service on such occasions. So they should. Keep it up.

Unless specified, photographs and illustrations in this item are from the editor's collection.



ABOVE: The Police flag, National flag and the flag of the Manukau City Council fly proudly at the head of some 300 staff marching on 24 March 2009. Note the bearer party is also equipped with chromium plated ceremonial PR24 batons.



ABOVE: A moment of humour as one of New Zealand's tallest policemen at seven foot, Constable Paul Randal salutes Porirua District Commander Peri Munro prior to being presented with his Diploma of Police Studies at the Porirua pay parade on 17 December 2008. Photograph courtesy of Bruce Hutton.



ABOVE: A LSGC medal presentation during a pay parade at Manukau City on 8 December 1988 attended by Mayor Sir Barry Curtis and Chief Superintendent Jim Morgan.



ABOVE: A pay parade held at Porirua on 17 December 2008. Photograph courtesy of Bruce Hutton.

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COLLECTING POLICE PARAPHERNALIA

by Donald E. Brockman
Retired Milwaukee Police Officer
USA Region 56, Wisconsin

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ABOVE: Dons NZ Collection

With our many travels overseas our trips turned out to be wonderful memories. Most of these travels have been documented and several times in the past, with the help of IPA, they were made very special. A chap in New Zealand and I have been writing to each other for 25 years.

Over the years exchanges were made of police items and the New Zealand display I made contains all of the paraphernalia he sent me.

A visit would be wonderful to go 'down under,' but it's quite a long way to go when you get up in age.

Presently I am devoting most of my time in the hobby with the collection of 908 old and new style patches I have of Wisconsin. They will be mounted on displays – in alphabetical order and captioned accordingly. There are villages and towns that exist in Wisconsin that were unknown to this collector until the hobby of collecting brought them to light.

Almost every day of mail delivery brings a letter received from one of my friends, or a correspondent asking for assistance, or someone commenting on one of my publications. Yes indeed, I chose a very interesting hobby years ago and it has left my wife Jaclyn and I with many cherished memories of friends.

Servo Per Amikeco

If you were Don's NZ correspondent I'd be interested to hear from you. Ed.

MINIATURE SHEET RAISES £18,000

Members Murray and Ann Bardsley kindly sent in this photograph of a miniature sheet of stamps issued in conjunction with Royal Mail to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the British National Association of Retired Police Officers (NARPO) in 2009. Intended as a fundraiser, it earned a staggering 18,000 pounds for police charities there.



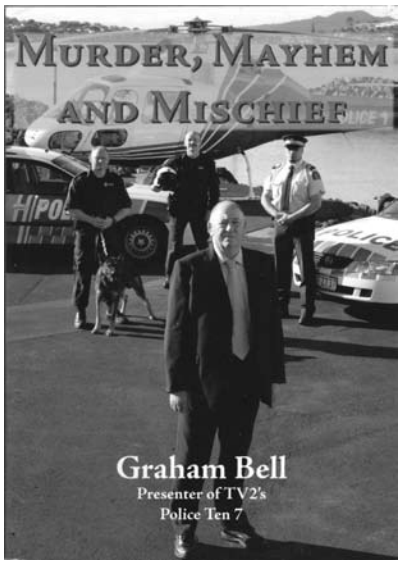
Numbered 1263 from a limited edition of 3000 (despite a membership of 75,000) it was sent to Ann and Murray by an IPA member in England. The series sold out completely within a week and when one was offered for sale on E-bay recently, it quickly went for 320 pounds.

This is one gift to be treasured.

The IPA in New Zealand celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2015. This could be an idea with potential for that event. Food for thought in the future perhaps.

EDITOR'S BOOK REVIEW

"Murder, Mayhem and Mischief"
by Graham Bell



To those of us who knew Graham Bell, now the well known presenter of TV2's excellent 'Police Ten 7' series, he always came across as a genuine, 'say it as you see it' individual who engendered trust and respect from his colleagues and community alike.

In late 2008 my son Martyn had a chance meeting with Graham at the Whitcoulls shop at Auckland Airport, where perchance his book happened to be on sale. Grabbing a copy he approached Graham who kindly signed it and wrote a rather nice message to me inside the cover. Once paid for it then became my Christmas present.

I am an avid reader, especially of biographies and discovered this to be one of those books I simply could not put down. Graham writes in the same style in which he has lived his interesting and varied career - to the point and with great clarity.

Published in soft cover format by Halcyon Press, the overall quality of this 331 page book is above average with a good range of crisp, clear photographs to illustrate it. The title is quite appropriate and multiple tales abound within its pages that will keep the interest and attention of all readers.

Many serving or former members will find similarities to their own careers and some will have participated in the investigations he describes in detail from the 'coppers' perspective. Some of the pranks of his early career, like many of our own years ago, could never be repeated in the modern force and today they would put any career at risk. They do however, create a few laughs and wherever possible Graham introduces his own brand of irrepressible humour, or dogged determination as the situation dictates.

This is so far one of the more enjoyable books on New Zealand Policing that I have read for many a year. Thank you Graham, you were right, it certainly rekindled some memories for me.

The reason it has taken me so long to write this critique? I had to 'steal' it back from family members who all wanted to read it after me.

Ken Brewer

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Member's Letters

DUTY IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

by Peter Marshall

During the latter part of 2006, after three years as the Assistant Commissioner (Crime Reduction and Public Safety) at Police National Headquarters, I began to look at my policing options. An idea started to take hold. "Why not apply for and potentially spend a couple of years in the Solomon Islands as Deputy Commissioner?"

Before too long my wife Pamela and I had packed up the Wellington apartment and I was duly sworn in as the Deputy Commissioner (Operations), Solomon Islands Police Force (SIPF) in February 2007. Since then it has been somewhat of an adventure.

Honiara is a large town of 50,000 people, at that time still reeling from the effects of the April 2006 riots. The election of the Prime Minister at that time was a factor in starting mass looting and the burning down of China Town, causing millions of dollars worth of damage. There was a feeling of despair, confirming the fragility of peace, particularly so soon after the cessation of the ethnic tension period and the arrival of RAMSI (Regional Mission to Solomon Islands) in 2003. Prime Minister Sogavare was elected after the riots.



ABOVE: Assistant Commissioner Peter Marshall of the Royal Solomon Islands Police in August 2008, off to meet the Gloucesters.

To say the following period was an 'interesting' time would be an understatement. The Australian High Commissioner of the day was expelled and the Australian who had been appointed Commissioner of the SIPF was not allowed back into Solomon Islands when he departed the country on annual leave. A man wanted by the Australian Federal Police for child sex offences out of Vanuatu then arrived in the Solomon Islands and he subsequently became the Attorney General.

Within a few weeks of my arrival I was made acting Police Commissioner and that remained until such time as the Prime Minister announced the appointment of Superintendent Mohammed Jahir Khan from Fiji to be the next Commissioner. Commissioner Khan had been sworn in during June 2007 and brought his own style of policing to Solomon Islands.

Throughout 2007 the Commission of Inquiry into the 2006 riots convened and heard evidence. It was quite obvious that the SIPF had no prior intelligence about the impending disaster and had primarily dealt with the April 2006 'opening of Parliament' in the context of routine ceremonial requirements and there had been no cause for concern during previous 'openings.'

The Commission, headed by a man from Papua New Guinea, found that election times were occasions for considerable 'excitement' within Solomon Islands and the police had been found wanting, not only in terms of their intelligence, but in their operational response capability.

As Deputy Commissioner, I was determined that the SIPF would not (as far as possible) be caught short in future. It wasn't long before political unrest occurred again and sure enough, during the latter part of 2007, there was considerable discussion about a challenge to the Prime Minister's leadership in the form of a 'motion of no confidence.'

During the last three months of 2007 the SIPF was committed to what became known as 'Operation Parliament.' A formal operation order was put in place with specific responsibilities given to strategically placed personnel. Whenever Parliament convened the SIPF, ably supported by RAMSI police and military (CTF) personnel, focused on ensuring the democratic process prevailed.

There was considerable intelligence to suggest that old 'tension period' allegiances were coming to the fore, with intimidation featuring. Police check-points were put in place and there was an obvious law enforcement presence complimented by helicopter sweeps, throughout Honiara during that period. A specific tactic involved ongoing media updates for which I took the lead, giving the message that the authorities had the situation well under control.

Late December 2007 saw Prime Minister Sogavare step down in favour of first term politician, Dr. Derek Sikua, who holds a PhD in education from Waikato University.

I am firmly of the view that the SIPF and its RAMSI counter-parts allowed due process to take place and dampened down some opportunists who had intent to disrupt proceedings. Within days the Attorney General was relieved of his position. The new administration signed off a deportation order for him and SIPF members working in support of Immigration Department officials, ensured he departed on a flight to Australia.

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The former Attorney General was arrested for the child sex offences when he arrived in Brisbane and is currently involved in a legal argument relating to the validity of his removal. At the time of writing this article there has been no decision from the Queensland Courts.

Christmas 2007 proved to be peaceful, but it was not to last. At about 0730 hrs on the 17 January 2008, one month after Prime Minister Sikua's appointment, I received a telephone call from the duty officer.

It went along the lines of, "Boss – we have a big problem! A swearing note has been pinned to the coconut tree outside the Magistrates Court." "A swearing note," I replied, "what on earth is all that about?"

It turned out that someone had attached a crude hand written note to the coconut tree, allegedly written by representatives from one community, suggesting that another community should do unnatural things to their mothers. It further challenged that ethnic group to a fight. I thought this was somewhat unusual.

Apparently there were dozens of angry people around the coconut tree and I directed that the note, with due regard to any forensic evidence, be brought to my office.

I advised my senior Executive about the circumstances and they made it quite clear there was going to be 'big trouble!' Swearing has particular poignancy in Solomon Islands and can lead to fatal consequences when directed against other ethnic groups or communities. Senior members recounted that a similar note had been written on the side of the Central Market place some years before and that action had led to considerable violence and destruction of property.

Of interest was the fact that the alleged perpetrators were a very small minority in the Honiara environment, so the threat was a little like David taking on Goliath.

We immediately investigated the circumstances of the note and it soon became clear it had been written by an aggrieved person from the larger group who had an earlier, domestic related issue, with a member from the smaller community. He wanted a reaction and he certainly got it.

The events of that day were very tense and culminated in about 300 angry people from the aggrieved group gathering in a local park. They demanded several hundred thousand dollars compensation from Central Government because of the insults that had been incurred by their community.



ABOVE: Peter Marshal fêted by local residents Solomon Islands style.

It mattered not that the Government had absolutely nothing to do with the events and it made absolutely no difference to those assembled, when I attended and announced that the culprit was not who they thought, but was in fact from their own ethnic community.

As far as those gathered were concerned, the words had been attributed, that was enough. Any other logical argument was lost. We started to assemble a couple of hundred SIPF and RAMSI personnel, secreting them around the town.

Cabinet met that afternoon and I updated them. Chiefs and religious leaders were also brought into the Cabinet room and the decision was made to hand over a much smaller amount of cash in the form of a 'peace offering' the next day. There was concern expressed that further acts involving notes, for opportunistic reasons would occur.

The Government prepared a cheque and it was cashed. A representative took possession of the money and it was subsequently dispersed to community members gathered in the park. Nothing further occurred and there has been no repetition of the 'swearing note' saga since then.

The passing over of the money coincided with the new Government having been in power for one month. It also coincided with the day the Government launched a significant policy statement and the arrival of the first cruise vessel for the year. Our informants told us



ABOVE: Peter Marshall brings up the rear as the Governor General of the Solomon Islands inspects the local police on Queen's Birthday 2008 with Commissioner Khan

that some inner city shops were going to be destroyed if the Government had not acquiesced.

At the end of the day the Government, knowing the Solomon Islands environment, made the right decision. The SIPF with ample support from RAMSI, would have won the 'battle' had we been tested that afternoon.

Having said that, Honiara would have been in the international news for all the wrong reasons. There would likely have been considerable damage and injury sustained in Honiara and the Government would have got off to an unenviable and rather 'shaky' start. To the rest of the world, nothing much would seem to have changed since the April 2006 riots.

Since January 2008 however there has been relative political and social cohesion. In saying that, the lessons of the afore-mentioned Commission of Inquiry have been well learnt.

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Last year there was a by-election for the seat of East Honiara when the seat became available after the incumbent MP was convicted of criminal offending and sentenced to a period of imprisonment. Interestingly enough, that same gentleman had been arrested for inciting the Honiara riots, was later discharged by the Courts and within days had been made Minister of Police by the then Government!

As expected, the by-election caused considerable excitement. It soon became apparent that those responsible for the election process were reliant upon the SIPF for assistance.

This became very obvious when we were called down to the counting house at the commencement of that process. The location was a modest building situated behind the City Council offices. Hundreds of interested people had gathered nearby and were waiting with eager anticipation. All that separated the crowd from the actual building was blue police emergency tape and a number of anxious police officers.

Upon going inside, I soon discovered that some polling officers had been intimidated and many, who had not already fled, were fast asleep with voting bags scattered around them.

Officials were moving in and out of the building, telephoning preliminary results to anyone who was interested.

They have a quaint policy in place which decrees that once counting starts it cannot cease until completion. By-elections normally take three days to process, so it was little wonder that many agents were fast asleep. The situation I felt was deteriorating quickly.

To make a long story short I ordered the process to stop, arranged for a convoy of police vehicles to arrive and the ballot boxes were loaded into them. All boxes were then placed under lock and key at the Central Police Station and we ensured that a senior official accompanied the boxes and was responsible for them at all times.

The next morning the SIPF sealed off the Police Club and counting resumed from there without incident. Again there was a risk of the democratic process faltering and indeed becoming completely comprised.

The SIPF adopted a similar approach when another by-election occurred on Guadalcanal during May 2009. This time the MP, who had just been released from prison after being convicted of wounding a young man with a knife, re-contested his earlier seat. He was subsequently reinstated and again the SIPF were 'all over' the process and we again utilised the secure Police Club.

Interestingly enough, it was during this era that a former Prime Minister was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment for ordering an attack on a law firm during the tension period. Within months of Dr. Sikua coming to power Commissioner Khan left for Fiji. He had served for 11 months and has not been seen or heard of since that time.

I was sworn in as Acting Commissioner in May 2008 and acted in that role until such time as I was appointed Commissioner for a two year period on 1 March 2009.

Since May of last year there has been a focus on getting the police back to basics. The Force has 1100 personnel aligned to it and understandably they felt somewhat bruised over recent years. In the past decade they have had seven substantive or relieving Police Commissioners leading them, have experienced the 'tension' period, the introduction of RAMSI and weathered many unsettling incidents such as the April 2006 riots. It was now a time for stability.

The focus has been getting police back on the streets and re-gaining public confidence. Deep suspicions still prevail about the efficacy of police, stemming from the fact that many police sided with either the Malaitan Eagle Force or the Guadalcanal Liberation Front during the ethnic tensions, having raided the police armoury and distributed firearms. A weekly media conference is now held and it is attended by all newspaper, radio and television representatives, hosted by the Commissioner. The idea is to humanise the Force and let the public know exactly what we are doing and why.

The police response team has been increased from 12 to 32 personnel and 200 sets of riot equipment have been secured from RAMSI. Regular exercises are conducted after hours to test response times. Far from sophisticated, the call-out system involves the local fire truck moving around the married and single men's quarters calling people back to work. In this way we can get over 100 personnel 'kitted and spurred' within 20 minutes.

Joint capability exercises are held twice a year and involve testing the inter-operability between police, in conjunction with RAMSI police, and military members. The public, together with Government Ministers, local leaders and the media are invited to these occasions. It is all about confidence building and getting 'fresh winds' blowing through the organisation. A performance appraisal regime has been implemented and staff are now being held accountable.

In the past, senior officers in particular, have been able to take advantage of free training courses overseas. During 2007/8 the four Assistant Commissioners and Deputy Commissioner (Administration) all traveled away from the Solomon's for many weeks at a time.

There were trips to Taiwan, the United States of America for State Department or Military programmes, to many locations within the Pacific and Australia. Five Executive members were away at one given time and some traveled many times during a six month period. The programmes were reportedly very good, but there had to be a limit. Rightly or wrongly I largely put a stop to that during 2009 and have become very discerning in terms of taking advantage of such offers. This has been met with some questioning, but so be it.

The period 2009 and 2010 should be years of consolidation and accountability. In the past, each time a senior executive member went overseas, it was like 'musical chairs' with relieving positions up the chain, distractions and lack of productivity.

On the subject of the organisation, it was with some disquiet that police accepted a 2006 direction from the Governor General that the word 'Royal' had no place in the title of the Solomon Islands

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ABOVE: Leaving on a visit to Buala by helicopter

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Police Force. The Force took the 'Royal' title in 1978 as a result of the visit and announcement of the Duke of Gloucester during the Independence celebrations that year.

The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force had referred to itself in that way with a pride that was reflected in the uniforms and the naming of buildings since 1978. The Governor General's view was that an amendment to the 1978 Constitution was required before the name could be formally used.

After considerable research and submissions to the Attorney general's Chambers, Cabinet confirmed that the Force would be known as the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force from November 2008 onwards. The staff were very pleased with the result. Small steps indeed!

Incidentally the Governor General presides over the Queen's Birthday parades which attract thousands of people to a local venue. He wears the uniform of a Rear Admiral, appearing resplendent in white and gold.

From a personal point of view, life has had its ups and downs living in Honiara. Pamela and I live on a five acre block of land on a hill over-looking Iron Bottom Sound. This may sound idyllic but in the past two years we have endured thefts and a substantial burglary. The land backs onto acres of squatter settlements and the offences can often be sheeted back to former guards who have seen opportunities. Guards patrol the property 24 hours a day.

The problem was solved with the introduction of two dogs called 'Solomon' and 'Honiara.' 'Sollie and 'Honie' are somewhat fearsome and since their arrival in December 2007 they have kept the place safe. Dogs are somewhat respected in this environment, particularly the rather healthy (albeit local) specimens at the Marshall's. Many a tradesman has been cornered in his car until help arrives!

The climate is consistently hot and humid and the threat of malaria is never far away. Luckily we both have access to the RAMSI medical facility which is close by. To have to rely upon the National Referral Hospital in Honiara, where 'Panadol' is widely prescribed, would not be a reliable option from our perspective. The Government has recently taken to employing junior Cuban doctors for work experience.

Despite its rather ordinary international reputation, Solomon Islands and Honiara in particular, continues to be the destination for a number of interesting people.

In recent times we have hosted Prime Ministers Key and Rudd, many Ministers from both Australia and New Zealand, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester who were here for the 30th Independence Day celebrations, the Vice President of Taiwan and Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu to name but some.

Visiting naval vessels from Taiwan, the United States, France, Australia and other Pacific nations are commonplace.

In October of this year the President and Prime Minister of Taiwan are conducting a summit in Honiara, together with the leaders of five other aligned countries. There will be over 100 officials in the Taiwanese delegation, bringing the total number of attendees to approximately 150 personnel. Each will want to be afforded certain security and protocol privileges and it will be a challenge for a raft of reasons.

It is to be remembered that the Solomon's is a third world country and currently ranks very low out of about 150 countries in terms of world economic prosperity. The current international crisis has also affected the 'Hapi Isles', as the Solomon's is known.

The RSIPF was recently advised that its current budget is on notice to be reduced by 35%. This is known as a 35% 'reservation', meaning there is a real expectation that such a requirement will be met for the financial year unless the economic situation improves.

It will be difficult, but the police are in exactly the same position as every other Ministry within the Solomon's. I have submitted that the RSIPF should be exempted from the 'reservation' and I await the Government's advice.

The Solomon Islands are beautiful and stretch over 1,500 kms from Tikopea in the east which is in Polynesia, to the western Provinces of Choiseul and the Shortland Islands, which are in Melanesia. The Shortland Islands border is very close to Bougainville.



ABOVE : A Japanese Betty bomber from WWII still in its final resting place in the jungle at Balalae.

I recently had to open up a new police post at a place called Kulitanai Bay in the Shortland Islands. The journey started at 730 am from Henderson Airport, making use of a RAMSI sponsored Twin Otter aircraft. After nearly one hour and thirty minutes we landed at a World War 2 airstrip at a place called Munda. This airstrip had been carved out of the jungle by the Japanese and is essentially made of coral. From there it was a 25 minute flight to Gizo to re-supply, before heading off to the island of Balalae.

Balalae's air strip completely dominates the small island and runs its full length. It was excavated by British prisoners of war brought down from Raboul. After approximately 18 months of toil, the Japanese executed the nearly 500 British POW survivors by using a sword and decapitating them. The bodies were thrown into the sea.

Upon landing on the island, our party then had to trudge through the jungle to an awaiting rigid hull inflatable craft. Scattered in amongst the jungle and clearly seen were the remnants of Japanese planes. The 'red sun' (or Hinumaru – Ed) is still quite visible on many of the wings.

Once in the inflatable, we were taken to a larger craft and spent 40 minutes at sea before reaching Kulitanai Bay. All the time drinking copious amounts of water to stop dehydration! A number of hours were spent in that delightful bay with the party being hosted by local villagers who entertained us with song and dance.

The journey west was replicated for the return to Honiara, arriving back at Henderson Airport at about 7 pm that evening.

Traveling to the nine Provinces is difficult and invariably involves use of a fixed wing or helicopter, borrowed courtesy of RAMSI. Pamela and I have spent many hours in helicopters, seeing the dense jungle and pristine waters first hand.

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From a policing point of view we must be doing something right, for reported crime for the first four months of 2009 is 19.6% down when compared to 2008. This year has only seen one fatal motor accident compared to twelve for the previous period.

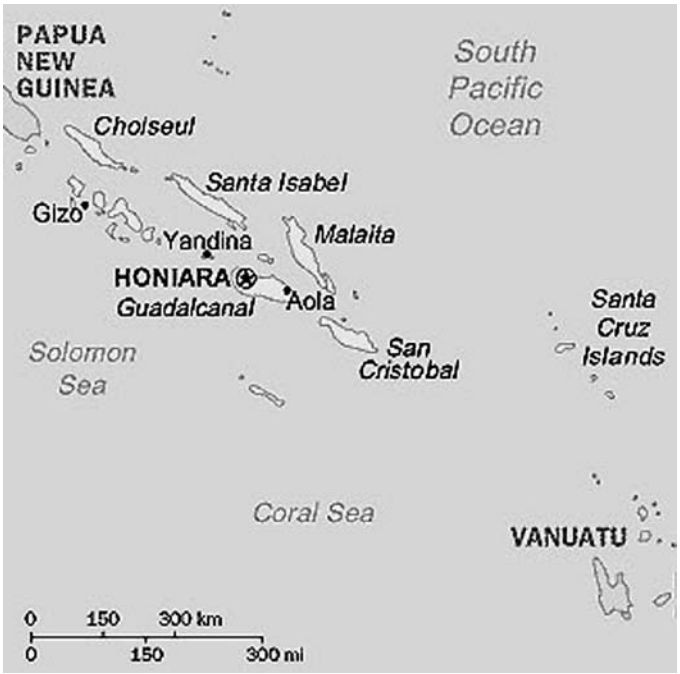
The Solomon Islands is a beautiful country with intriguingly different, but wonderful people. Having said that there is still a distinct edge to the place with disputes rooted in traditional ethnic differences, invariably involving land. The population still continues to drift towards Honiara where unemployment is high and squatter settlements continue to emerge.

Experts predict the population will double in number to 1 million by the year 2020 with an average age of between 12-14 years. That is the challenge for the RSIPF, the Government and the country as a whole.

In the meantime the streets are safe and people are going about their normal business. It is great having the Participating Police Force (PPF) component of RAMSI so close and available. It is like having the 'cavalry' up the road in times of need. The PPF continue to mentor the RSIPF, although there is a distinct move towards letting the local Force take on more and more responsibility.

The RSIPF enjoys a very good and valuable relationship with all aspects of RAMSI.

What is the future for our organization? Well we will continue to be visible and productive. Our sights are clearly on the 2010 General Elections to be held sometime between April and August. Our mission is to ensure there is not too much 'excitement' at that time, clearly noting comments emanating from the 2007 Commission of Inquiry.



ABOVE: A map of the Solomon Islands in the Melanesian Island chain.

The combined land area of its several hundred islands is 28,450 square kilometres with a population (as at 2005) of 538,000. Honiara is the largest city with a population of some 60,000 inhabitants. Only 1% of the land is arable and the rest is largely forested.

Although not widely spoken, English is the official language whilst some locals speak Melanesian Pidgin, but there are over a hundred different languages and dialects spoken throughout the region.

Guadalcanal was occupied by the Japanese during WWII and was the scene of some of the fiercest fighting in the Pacific campaign when liberated by the Allies. It gained independence in 1978.
Editor

Pamela and I intend to return to New Zealand in early 2011, to await some other adventure.

I understand New Zealand Police now has an officer based on Pitcairn Island. I may be having discussions with Pamela about future possibilities in that regard?

Peter Marshall
Commissioner
Royal Solomon Islands Police Force, Honiara

A SOLOMON ISLANDS MISSION

by Paul Visser

We have been in "Mission" for nearly eight weeks now and getting ready for my mid mission break. I am meeting up with Leigh and Douglas in Port Douglas for ten days then heading to Sydney for five. I am really missing Leigh and Douglas, but the experience is amazing.

We are here in a Capacity Development stage for the Solomon Islands, where there is little or no infrastructure and very little government input. RAMSI (Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands) is assisting in the development of the country and we are here as advisors. It can be very frustrating and you need to step back and learn to work to their expectations and not your own.

I am stationed at Guadalcanal where our accommodation is at GBR (Guadalcanal Beach Resort – yeah right!), but I work at Rove about 15 kilometres away. Getting to and from work is an adventure in itself. The main road, actually a highway, is mostly sealed and mostly potholes – with some holes big enough to hide a small village! Part of the drive takes you through an area called Burns Creek and you can get stoned there – rocked that is – by local dissidents. It is mostly the Aussies that get stoned and they put out warnings.

The Kiwis are yet to be stoned, mainly because we drive a little differently – i.e.: we slow down and at night drive with lights on low beam and generally don't piss of the locals. Go figure! Driving at night, there is always someone on the road, mainly walking in dark clothing and smashed on betel nut or kwaso (local illegal brews) so avoiding them is a challenge in itself.

I have managed to get to Rennell Island, the southernmost island of the Solomon's. It is an 85 minute helicopter ride there over deep blue sea and coral reefs. I also got a helo ride to the weather side of Guadalcanal, to Avu Avu. They get twenty five metres of rain per year there and when it rains it truly is an amazing sight to see.

We have been snorkelling on old wrecks in three metres of water and were intending to go diving on a wrecked submarine, which starts in three metres depth and extends down to thirty metres of water. However we were told it was forbidden as there is reportedly an unexploded torpedo onboard. After sixty three years and thousands of dives, they banned it just last week!

The snorkelling here is great although due to improve as the rainy season comes to an end and the river washout into the sea eases to make the water clearer. Plus it reduces the number of crocodiles flushed out to sea and they can be a real nuisance when you are swimming. However the good visibility does make it easier to see them attacking you apparently!

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ABOVE: WWII relics abound throughout the islands

On days off we sometime manage to go exploring in a 4x4 and drive as far as we can in each direction from Honiara. A couple of weeks ago we went to a village called Papaga, about thirty kilometres from Honiara and it took us three hours to get there by road. It was mud, mud and major river crossings, the most fun I've had with my clothes on in a long time! Pre deployment 4x4 training was like driving on a country road in comparison. We had five vehicles in convoy and only got stuck once.

I am working in the Comms Centre and the local police are very capable, but seem to lack direction. The work as I mentioned earlier, can be frustrating and the 999 emergency calls come mostly from phone boxes. Probably 90% are false, or there is no speech, so they have become complacent about emergency calls. If it gets busy they don't answer the phones or radio, but manage to keep playing solitaire!

No street duty staff turn up on pay days so we have no one to dispatch to jobs. Mostly the Comms staff front up for work unless they have something more important to do and they don't get docked pay for not turning up. We have one guy who went home to Malitia for Christmas and hasn't returned yet. They are thinking about stopping his wages and taking action against him, but if he does front up they'll drop the action. I wonder if I can get away with that at home?

One of the biggest issues is the computer system we use and the lack of internet access. The aerial dish points straight up and fills with rainwater so we lose signal, or it just works on "island time." The phones are also bad. Texting home costs about $4 a time and I have received phone text messages from home up to ten hours later. We try to keep each other sane and have developed into a close knit circle of friends, trying to do something social each week and give each other support. We live in each others pockets, two to a room.



ABOVE: Beautiful Peava in the Solomon Islands

I am the GBR women's netball team coach and on the bar committee, this helps the down time go quicker. That's my story and I'm sticking to it. We played the local Royal Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF) women's team last week and lost. It was our first game so my job is not on the line – yet – although some comments from the side line suggest differently!

The accommodation however is great and so much better than just a few years ago when there were only tents. Our temporary huts are made out of that freezer panel material and all are air conditioned. The showers and ablutions are the same and very clean and tidy, whilst the meals are outstanding. The gym is second to none apparently – no, seriously I go there and work out every day I know that sounds crazy, but there you have it.

The days are getting into the 40's C now and the nights down to a low of 25 C. This morning I had to turn off the aircon in the truck as I was getting cold! No pun intended. I have a new Toyota Hi Lux diesel for work that has just clocked over 6ks. It's awful and yes I do want one when I get home. It manages to get us out of most potholes.

We have a barbecue for each NZ member who has a birthday while in mission and this helps them to feel "loved" and is also a good excuse to socialise, not that we need much encouragement. We have Haka practise twice a week and we're getting rather good, so we try to do this when we visit a village for the first time, or for significant events. We have ten new members arriving on 26 May and we will challenge them on their arrival. We get huge support and interest from others around base and the locals love to watch us practice.

We all love to hear any news from home as the Australian network we get here doesn't feature much about NZ.

We are holding a memorial service for Len Snee tomorrow at 8.15 hours and to offer support to our colleagues. The flag at GBR will be flown at half mast. All very tragic and it confirms just how fragile life can be.

Take care. Thinking of you all.
Paul (Viss)

THE IPA - WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

by Clint Libby

Since its foundation by Arthur Troop in 1950, the International Police Association has developed into the largest and most successful international police organisation of its kind in the world. Created to generate friendship, travel, accommodation, sport and leisure, plus activities for serving, retired and resigned members of police, both sworn and non-sworn, today it has in excess of 320,000 members in some 65 countries world wide.

Specifically the IPA undertakes to:

- Encourage personal contacts by arranging exchange visits by individuals and groups, organising group holidays and initiating pen-friendships.
- Promote a respect for law and order among the police services of all member sections.

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- Develop social and cultural activities and to encourage the exchange of professional experiences.
- Enhance the image of the police in countries of its member sections and help improve police relations with the general public.

Foster youth exchanges and international youth meetings with a view to promoting greater tolerance and understanding between people and their knowledge of police work.

Facilitate a regular exchange of publications between the national sections and to provide an information service for the National IPA publications containing news on all subjects of relevance to the Association.

Promote international publications and to help with the preparation of a bibliography of police work and wherever possible, of all works connected with the law and legal matters.

Facilitate international cooperation through friendly contacts between police officers of all continents and to contribute to a mutual understanding of professional problems.

Advantages the IPA provides to its members

- The ability to network with police officers from around the world.
- The ability to obtain contacts and information for study and research purposes.
- Opportunities for New Zealand members, their partners and families to be hosted (accommodation and sightseeing) when travelling overseas. (NZ IPA has travel secretaries to assist in facilitating these arrangements)
- Opportunities to host overseas police officers, their partners and families, when they travel to New Zealand. (There is a national coordinator and each region has a local coordinator for visitors)
- Contact opportunities for hobbies or special interests, both nationally and internationally.
- The ability to establish international pen pal links.
- Providing social and sporting activities.
- Fostering international youth exchanges & meetings to allow members' teenagers to attend gatherings hosted by police in countries around the world.
- Organising youth gatherings in New Zealand.
- Opportunities to attend International Friendship Weeks, where travel, entertainment and accommodations are arranged at reasonable cost by the host country.
- International photographic and essay competitions.
- Newsletters and magazines.
- Opportunities to serve the IPA with involvement in committee activities.

How to Join:

Visit the IPA website www.ipa.org.nz and download an application form. If you want to know more, ask around as there will be existing IPA members at your local police station, or just a phone call away.

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If you are reading this and you are not a member, you must be asking yourself why those who join the IPA tend to remain members for many decades.

Join us and find out why. It's not difficult.

The annual subscription is modest and the benefits can be huge, all you need to do is fill out the form on the last page.

Editor

Obituaries

With regret we acknowledge the loss of the following members and friends;

Graeme John Webster On 23 March 2009
Region 3

Carol Ann Stewart On 25 June 2009
Former Secretary Region 5

Anthony (Tony) Cooper On 24 July 2009
Former Secretary Region 5

Rex George Major On 30 July 2009
Former Committee Member Region 1

Senior Constable Leonard Snee
On 7 May 2009
in the lawful execution of his duty at Napier

The membership and executive of the IPA New Zealand Section extends their heartfelt sympathies to families, friends and colleagues.



Members Letters continues

LETTER OF THANKS FROM THE USA

from William Wieners
Stan,
Just a note of thanks for letting us connect with Roger (Carson) in Auckland. He certainly was an excellent guide and made our visit all the more enjoyable.

I am enclosing a copy of our National Reporter. You of course, have my permission to reprint any, or all, of my article.

Thank you again. Yours in friendship

Bill Wieners
President
United States Section – Region 15
Florida

I accepted Bill's kind offer and his article is reproduced within this edition in the visitors section. Editor.

Fast Facts

THE SOUTH AMERICAN DRUG WAR

Further to the article in our last edition, the drug war in Mexico continues. After the government sent 8,000 troops into the troubled city of Cuidad Juarez in an effort to slow the murder rate and counter local police corruption, the overall results have been mixed, but encouraging. This year the US backed Mexican Government offered rewards of US$2 million each for the top 24 cartel figures, whilst an increase in the number of police and army raids have resulted in more arrests and seizures.



ABOVE: A female member of the Beltran Leyva cartel was arrested in northern Senora in possession of an arsenal that included a .50 calibre machine gun capable of penetrating armour plate at a distance of 5000 feet.. The police are so nervous of retribution they keep their faces covered at all times. Photograph courtesy of the Telegraph and Reuters.

It appears that money talks louder than government warnings and threats of imprisonment, for the cartels have hit back at the police and military, with over 1,000 police officers killed, causing many to resign out of fear for themselves and their families. In March a group of heavily armed men attacked police with assault rifles and grenades, killing five officers. When a large number of bound and decapitated bodies were discovered on a busy street in Chilpancingo, a message was found attached to a bag containing their severed heads stating, "For every one of mine you kill, I will kill ten." Once the bodies were identified, most were found to be soldiers and another was the local police chief.



ABOVE: This typical drug cartel arsenal seizure in 2009 includes police uniforms and bullet proof vests, grenades, automatic military style weapons and a large quantity of ammunition. Image courtesy of Daylife dot com.

In Zacatecas, suspected gunmen in a 17 vehicle convoy supported by a helicopter, attacked the Cieneguillas prison on 16 May 2009 and freed 53 drug cartel inmates without having to fire a shot. The prison governor has since been arrested and 40 guards suspended on suspicion of complicity.

In late May 2009, in Mochaocan the home state of President Filipe Calderon and the place from where he launched his campaign against the cartels, troops rounded up 27 public officials suspected of having corrupt links with the cartels. These included 10 mayors, 1 judge and a former police chief who acted as an aide to the state governor.



ABOVE: The arrest of Cedeno Gonzalez aka El Cede the head of the La Familia cartel based in Lazaro Cardenas in Michoacan State, along with some of his henchmen in April 2009. Photo courtesy of AFP/Getty and the Telegraph.

Figures released for 2008 show 200,000 kilos of cocaine, several thousand tons of marijuana and hundreds of weapons had been seized in addition to cars, trucks, jet aircraft, boats and even a submarine. Undeterred, the drug lords have tried to increase their influence and begun focussing their attention on the border town of Durango where murder figures have skyrocketed and corruption amongst local officials has soared to unprecedented levels.



ABOVE: Armed Mexican troops stand guard at the burning of thousands of tons of marijuana. Photo courtesy of The Telegraph.

In early June 2009 13 gangsters and 5 soldiers died in a shoot out between drug gangs and troops in the famous Pacific Ocean beach resort of Acapulco, delivering a further blow to the country's tourist industry already reeling from the Mexican Swine flu epidemic.

In late June 2009 Federal Police and soldiers raided a suspected drug gang safe house in Apaseo El Alto in the usually peaceful state of Guanajuato, when they were attacked with grenades and automatic gunfire. In the aftermath 12 lay dead and several were injured.

With more than 2,300 murders so far this year alone some commentators have suggested the drug war death toll is greater than the entire Iraqi war as the cartels battle for drug empires estimated at between US$18 to US$40 billion annually. US officials

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ABOVE: Police display ten members of a cartel hit squad to the media. Among those arrested are a teenager and two women. Laid out in front are the weapons, ammunition, bullet proof vests, drugs and cash seized with them. Photograph courtesy of Associated Press and the Wall Street Journal.

admitted American is not entirely blameless as it is their appetite for drugs that fuels the cartels, whilst a massive black market arms trade from the USA to South America provides the firepower behind the violence.



ABOVE: A selection of handguns seized from cartel members in one month. Photograph courtesy of the Tucson Citizen.

Meanwhile in Columbia, police captured their country's most wanted drug lord Daniel Rendon Herrara, known locally as "Don Mario" who earlier this year offered his gunmen nearly US$1,000 for every police officer they killed, as government authorities closed in on his network. A US$2 million reward had been offered for Herrara, whose style has been compared to that of Pablo Escobar, Columbia's most infamous cocaine baron who waged all out war against the state in the 1980s, until he was shot by security forces in 1993.



RIGHT: Columbian drug lord Daniel Rendon Herrara, known locally as "Don Mario." Courtesy of Depudabe Wordpress.

BELOW RIGHT: This Browning 9mm semi automatic pistol seized from a drug baron has solid gold trigger, hammer, sights, magazine release and pistol grips. The latter bears the initials of the owner studded with diamonds. Photo courtesy of the Mexican Federal Drug Museum.





ABOVE: Massive structures are being built on the US – Mexican border in an effort to stem the illegal drug and arms trades. With security patrols and electronic monitoring greatly intensified, the cartels are becoming increasingly desperate to maintain their income. Photo courtesy of Voyantes dot net.

Elsewhere on the continent, the Guatemalan Government recently passed legislation outlawing pillion passengers on motorcycles in an effort to curb the rise there of drive by shootings and robberies by youth gangs trying to emulate the drug cartels.

Whilst New Zealand mourns its own police losses and we all quietly consider the "What if's" of our personal police careers, the Mexican experience brings a tragic perspective to the perils of modern law enforcement. It also serves as a signal to our own lawmakers, Courts and Police administration to ensure this can never happen here.

Police warnings about the emerging "P" phenomenon were largely ignored by the government in New Zealand to all our cost. Now our police are warning of the growing organised crime gang situation. Put the two scenarios together and we potentially have a mini South American drug war waiting in the wings.

Can we really afford to sit back and say yet again that, "It won't happen to us?" You represent the voting public in New Zealand, you be the judge.

Ken Brewer



ABOVE: Cash finds such as this are commonplace. Photo courtesy of Global TV.

RIGHT:
Huge quantities of drugs are seized each year, in this case several tons of marijuana are guarded by heavily armed police and troops. Photo courtesy of the Minnesota Post.



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Fanore, County Clare, IRELAND

Accommodation:

A 10% discount is offered to IPA members by a retired police officer for his 3 Bedroom modern holiday home, built in 2003. Accommodation consists of one bedroom ensuite-king size, one double bedroom and one twin room. Can accommodate 6 persons. Kitchen, utility room and living/sitting room, central heating and open fire. Excellent sea views.

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For Your Diary

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Crotona, Italy

16th to 20th September 2009

Application deadline expires on 29 May 2009.

Gianfranco De Carlo, President

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IPA WORLD GOLF TOURNAMENT REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

30 August to 5 September 2009

Staying at the Castleknock Hotel and Country Club, with use of pool, fitness & Leisure club.

www.castleknockhotel.com

Playing at the Stackstown, Castlenock and Westmanstown Golf Clubs near Dublin, plus a tour of the City of Dublin

For details please contact Coleen Meyers the New Zealand IPA General Secretary

or e-mail **ipaworldgolf@gmail.com**

Bookings and deposits by 1 April 2009

Balance by 1 June 2009

Our President Stan Keith advises the local IPA organizers will be keeping some positions available for their New Zealand friends.

AGM - REGION 1 – AUCKLAND Henderson Police Station

4.00pm Wednesday 9th September 2009

An Election of Officers is to take place and volunteers are sought from members in the Region to put their names forward for nomination

Interested parties are invited to contact

Region 1 Secretary Tony Miller at

Tel: **(09) 835 0529**

or e-mail: **tonynzp@hotmail.com**

Refreshments available following the meeting

THE 2009 NATIONAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

IPA Region 57, ILLINOIS, USA.

Sunday 25 to Thursday 30 October 2009

For details contact the website at **www.ipa-usa.org**

Region 57 covers the Southern 34 Counties of Illinois, USA.

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IPA XIX WORLD CONGRESS
Maritim Pine Beach Resort
Antalya, TURKEY

6 to 11 October 2009

For details contact Coleen Meyers, the NZ Secretary General, or the website

www.ipa2009.org

or e-mail ipa2009@figur.net

740 Euros per person – Double room

900 Euros per person – Single room

plus 35 Euros per person for bus transfers from Istanbul to Antalya

There is a tour for those not attending the conference itself

A separate IPA Friendship Week follows the Congress and commences on

11 October 2009

The booking deadline is 30 April 2009

Banking details are available from the Secretary General

Note there are no refunds for cancellations received after 15 June 2009

******* VISA's *******

The organisers advise that New Zealand passport holders are exempt from a visa requirement for up to 90 days stay.

United Kingdom passport holders require a visa and those living outside the UK must obtain a visa in advance.

UK passport holders resident in the UK can get them at the border

Australian passport holders require a visa and can obtain a visa for up to three months at the border.

50th ANNIVERSARY IPA LIMBURG-ZUID GERMANY

9th – 11th October 2009

Participation to be registered before

1 August 2009

For further details regarding accommodation, registrations and event participation costs

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For details contact

Marc Joos

Responsible coordinator of the event

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Jaworzno, POLAND

21st - 25th April 2010

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English speakers contact

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NEW ZEALAND SECTION

Annual General Meeting
Friday 23rd April 2010

Commencing 1600 hours at the
Silverdale RSA clubrooms
Whangaparaoa, Auckland

Followed by
National Council Meeting
Saturday 24th April 2010

Commencing at **0900 hours** at the
Silverdale RSA clubrooms
Whangaparaoa, Auckland

For further details contact
Secretary General Coleen Meyers

NZ SECTION – TREASURER VARIATION

Dated Wednesday 3rd June 2009

I wish to advise that as a result of a telephone conversation with the National Treasurer John Coomber, followed by a discussion with the Secretary General Coleen Meyers, an executive majority decision was agreed upon. Unfortunately Paul Visser [the fourth executive member] was overseas but I am sure he will endorse the decision which is outlined as follows:

As from today's date [3rd June 2009] the Treasury functions will be carried out as indicated below:

1. NATIONAL TREASURER

John Coomber will continue the National Treasurer duties in respect of - Credit Union quarterly disbursements - All overseas inwards and outwards expenditures i.e. IYG, NEC/WC, Membership card/sticker purchases, Friendship week, Gimborn and Charity donations

2. SECRETARY GENERAL

Coleen Meyers will commence treasurer functions in respect of - All New Zealand inward and outward expenditures i.e. Travel, AGM/NC meetings, plus miscellaneous accounts including Magazine and Webmaster costs

Therefore, as from today all the above mentioned accounts are to be forwarded to the Secretary General at P O Box 21061, Henderson, 0650, Auckland for payment, not to the National Treasurer John Coomber.

Hopefully we have advised everyone of these changes, however it is requested that this information be dispersed at your next meetings or personally to anyone whom we have missed. I am sure that this system will relieve John of some of his workload work pressures.

Stan Keith QSM
National President IPA NZ Section

NEW ZEALAND - ADVANCE NOTICE

Early stage planning has commenced
to celebrate

An IPA Friendship Week in
New Zealand
Provisionally scheduled for 2011

Details yet to be finalised, but keep an eye on this magazine and the following website if you are interested

www.ipa.org.nz

THE 20TH IPA WORLD CONGRESS
Eilat, Israel
2 to 7 September 2012

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IPA FRIENDSHIP WEEK
Eilat, Israel
9 to 15 September 2012
750 Euros per person
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The Friendship week follows the Congress and begins in Eilat. From there you will travel through the desert savanna and visit the Timna Mines and historic sites, before moving on to Massada and the Dead Sea, 400 metres below sea level. A visit to 3,000 year old Jerusalem, Nazareth and Tiberia, beautiful national parks, culminating in Tel Aviv with a gala evening.

IPA FRIENDSHIP WEEK

Tokyo, Japan
8th to 14th April 2010

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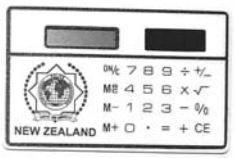
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WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION?

The International Police Association (IPA) is the largest police organisation in existence and one of the most unique and interesting social organisations in the world. It was formed on 1 January 1950 by founder Sergeant Arthur Troop from Lincolnshire in England as a non-profit, world-wide fraternal organisation whose membership consists solely of serving and retired police service personnel. The IPA is committed to the principles set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as adopted by the United Nations in 1948 and membership presently exceeds 320,000 of all ranks from over 60 countries.

The purpose of our organisation is strictly cultural, social and recreational. At no time does the IPA take part in any matter of departmental policy, discipline or unionism.

In 1986 a permanent administrative centre was created, followed in 1987 by the establishment of a permanent headquarters in Nottingham, England opposite the Trent Bridge cricket ground. Member countries are divided into Regions for administrative purposes and each member country is controlled by a National Council, which in turn is answerable to the International Executive Council.

In New Zealand there are six regions largely based on NZ Police District boundaries, each with an elected committee and a nominated representative serving on the National Council, but there is no permanent headquarters here. Officers on the National Executive are elected every three years, with all administrative matters being handled by the Secretary-General.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP?

Opportunities exist for members to travel overseas to further their study. The Arthur Troop Scholarship is awarded annually to ten IPA members to attend a seminar at the International Conference Centre 'IBZ Schloss Gimborn', or at comparable institutions around the world. Many members have taken advantage of these amazing opportunities to further their careers or personal interests.

The IPA creates opportunities for cultural exchange and contacts on a local, national and international level allowing members and their families to travel anywhere in the world, with access to affordable IPA houses, homes and accommodation. Travellers find police officers around the world have much in common, and love to share their thoughts and experiences with fellow officers. Often special opportunities arise to view local police operations first hand.

Members can host visitors in their homes and act as guides in your local areas. Many lasting friendships develop this way and exchange visits often eventuate.

Local social committees arrange social activities within their own region and the possibilities for these are endless.

International Youth Gatherings (IYG) are held annually in one of the IPA member countries and nominations are open to the children, or grandchildren of current IPA members, who are aged between 16 and 17 years at the commencement date of the gathering they wish to attend. The event in 2009 this will take place in Israel.

Nominations close 26 March 2009 - see the website www.ipa-israel.org.il

International Police Association New Zealand Section

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family name | first / christian names

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Country of Birth

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New Zealand station

duties performed

rank

registration no. (QID)

other Police service

retirement date (if applicable)

Other related service

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   Authority for Credit Union deduction of $1.50 per pay period
3. Passport sized photograph

Send completed form to

The Secretary-General
IPA New Zealand
PO Box 21061
Henderson
Auckland 0605
NEW ZEALAND

Declaration

I declare that I now apply for ordinary membership of the New Zealand Section of the International Police Association (IPA NZ) and that I agree with the aims and objectives of the Association as laid down in the Constitution and Rules. I shall conform to such rules as may be made by IPA NZ and will further the work of the Association by paying my annual subscription of $39.00 as required.

Signed ..... **Date** .....

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