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From the Editor's Quill



Greetings,

On Monday 13 June 2011 we lost the immediate past President of IPA New Zealand Section, Stanley Raymond Henry Keith QSM. Stan was a former colleague and loyal friend. In my last editorial I made mention of the closing of the old Otahuhu police station and described some of the legends of policing that had served in that venerable old building over the years.

Stan Keith stood high on the list of those legends and his loss will be felt by many. Never an attention seeker, Stan was a quiet, persistent and professional investigator who missed little and achieved great results that also earned him a place in our history. In so called 'retirement' he kept busy working for the Police and the Department of Internal Affairs, in addition to taking on some of the demanding executive roles within the IPA. His work for the IPA was always conducted in the best interests of the Association for whom he had a great affection.

I was privileged to be given the opportunity by Stan's family to say a few words during the funeral service and then found myself placed in the Guard of Honour alongside our current President Paul Visser. You will be missed Stan. To his family and especially his wife Merle, also a keen IPA advocate, are extended my sincere sympathies and best wishes.



On a lighter note, I seized the opportunity at this sad occasion to catch up with Commissioner Peter Marshall and present him with a bottle of red (appropriately named "*Commissioner's Block*") in appreciation of his help in preparing a previous magazine item on his service in the Solomon Islands. I had hoped to put his picture on the cover of that edition, but the quality of the photograph was not good enough, so the bottle of wine was my way of making up for it. I trust the wine is a good one.

In April I attended the IPA AGM and National Executive meetings in Christchurch and whilst there was able to see at first hand some of the devastation and heartbreak experienced by that lovely city. Whilst the red zone and the worst affected suburbs receive justified media attention, there is a lot of residential damage that receives little mention. To our members affected by this tragic series of events, I extend my best wishes.



Meanwhile a part of my own history was being reduced to rubble, but this time deliberately. The old 1965 Otahuhu police station finally fell to the pressure of progress in readiness for construction of a new building. Those of us who worked there in its heyday will be a little saddened by its demise as we farewell the old lady and look forward to the next chapter when the new one opens in 2012.

Next, my personal thanks are extended to IPA members Stuart and Beverley Paul of Blenheim for their outstanding hospitality in accommodating me over the past Easter weekend. Readers will know I'm a self declared aircraft nut and the Omaka Classic Fighters air show there lived up to its reputation of being the best of its kind in the country. I could not have attended without their help. IPA friendship personified. Thanks guys.

Finally, I expect the issue of the Summer edition 2011 to be produced earlier than normal as I will be overseas for much of November. Could Regional Committees and members please forward their contributions to me no later than the first week in October to ensure you receive your copies before Christmas. Many thanks.

Servo per Amikeco

Ken Brewer
Editor

The editor would like to extend apologies to Phil Benge of IPA Region 4 for failing to acknowledge him as the contributor of the front cover photograph in the last edition of this magazine



The President's Report

INTRODUCING PAUL VISSER

National President International Police Association New Zealand

Discovering 95kg of cannabis in a living room or riding the beat on a bicycle is all part of a policing vocation spanning three and a half decades for newly-elected IPA president Paul Visser. He has been involved with the International Police Association New Zealand Section Inc. since 1988 and has served as the vice president for the past six years.

Now that he has reached the helm, his plans include leading an IPA membership push for more serving members to join and closer ties with the Australian association, "because I'm passionate about police, the association and friendships with IPA".

He would like to see serving police members reap the rewards of joining through cheap holiday housing worldwide, affordable rental cars, mingling with fellow officers from around the world and access to police memorabilia.

Currently IPA has been undergoing a website revamp with the server being updated and the site becoming more user-friendly which has pleased Paul.

On a more personal level, he has planned to keep the international friendships going he has already made in his role as hosting officer of section five with up to 100 people from all over the world staying at his home over the years.

In July, he and his family have booked a trip to Finland for his son's wedding and he will be using the opportunity to catch up with IPA friends in Norway, Sweden, Canada and the US.

Long term, Paul would like to seek an international position with the association.

Paul is a man that has been committed to his police career, "working with great people", which already spans 35 years. He has spent two decades as a sworn member then had two years as a firearms instructor and the last 13 years in the police's Christchurch based Southern Communications centre where he is a dispatch supervisor.

As a sworn police officer he served in Wellington, Gore, Reefton, Ashburton and Christchurch. He was in Search and Rescue teams for numerous years, team policing and also had time as an airport cop amongst his various posts.

In that time he has experienced plenty, and like all serving police officers, has faced the challenges too.

He knows what it is liked to be attacked in the line of duty – a topic which never seems far from the media now with multiple incidents involving police officers assaulted and, in some cases, paying the ultimate price with their lives.

In Paul's case, he was serving in Reefton in the late 1970s when he did a routine traffic stop of vehicle and ended up being set upon by two offenders leaving him with a dozen stitches in the top of his head and another 25 in his mouth.

It was also in Reefton that he made a massive cannabis seizure of 95.1kg from a house one day in 1979. The warrant on the address was only executed because walking through the local pub the night before he smelt cannabis and noticed a local man putting out a cigarette. As a small town cop, he already knew the man didn't smoke arousing his suspicions.

The next day, the warrant was executed and he discovered the whole of the man's lounge floor was covered in cannabis drying out.

Policing in Gore and Ashburton included doing patrols riding around town on a bicycle and when he was in southland there were car-less days due to petrol rationing.

When working as an airport plod in Christchurch, the Russian fishing boats changeovers were always eventful. It wasn't unusual for 240 passengers to come off a plane that only had 212 seats and on one occasion the pilot had to use his personal credit card to fill the plane with gas due to his airline having insufficient funds.

In more recent times, Paul had a six month deployment in the Solomon Islands in 2008, with our now Commissioner Peter Marshall, as an advisor at the Police Communications Centre there and he is currently involved in Christchurch earthquake work with an operations channel being managed by the southern communications centre.

Paul is married to Leigh, a customs officer, and is the father of four sons ranging in age from 35 to nine years old. His eldest son and foundry worker, Gerrard, lives in Surfers Paradise with his partner while son Bejay owns the "Aussie Bar" in Helsinki Finland.

His third child, Isaac, is an IPA member and currently works as a Navy physical training instructor at Burnham army camp in youth development. The youngest of his brood, Ben, is a pupil at West Melton School.

Paul, Leigh and Ben live on a 20 acre lifestyle block at West Melton amongst a menagerie and a walnut orchard which he describes as his superannuation fund and as president of the New Zealand Nut Growers Industry shows his commitment to that too. His walnuts are used for pastes, oil and chutney which is sold in New Zealand to factory "Cracker of a Nut" and export options are being investigated.

And that super fund will hopefully prosper so Paul can fulfill his dream of retiring on a houseboat travelling the canals of the United Kingdom and Europe. No doubt those plans include catching up with plenty of his IPA mates along the way.

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was with sadness that I recently attended the funeral of Stan Keith our Immediate Past President. Stan was a very active member of IPA NZ and was well respected as a member and as a Police Officer. This was highlighted by the comments and eulogy at Stan's funeral.



Taking over from Stan has left me with some big shoes to fill and I hope at the end of the day I can measure up. I am fortunate to have a very active and supportive Executive and the future of IPA NZ looks very promising.

Kerry our Web Administrator has been very busy behind the scenes and has finally got the new web site up and running. It went live on 6th July.

Please visit the site and give any feedback that you can. **www.ipa.org.nz**

Jill our new treasurer is getting her head around running the books and is getting systems in place that will benefit all members.

Coleen constantly has to answer questions from me on what to do and what is right and the constant support from Ross our Vice President is invaluable.

Each Region has been asked to be proactive in recruiting more members and it is surprising talking to people who thought IPA had finished in NZ. The profile of IPA is being lifted outside of the membership and this is seeing an increase in membership.

New membership cards will hopefully be introduced in the New Year and to this end Michael Lucas our Assistant Secretary General is coordinating the membership list and getting it up to date with current members. We don't envisage any problem and the cards will be printed by Australian IPA early 2012.

Coleen and I are attending the International Conference in Romania this year and NZ has been invited to attend the Australian IPA AGM and the Serving Police Offer day in Canberra in October. Myself and 3 Serving Police Officers will be attending.

Servo per Amikeco

Paul Visser
President

The Secretary General's Desk

Greetings to you all!

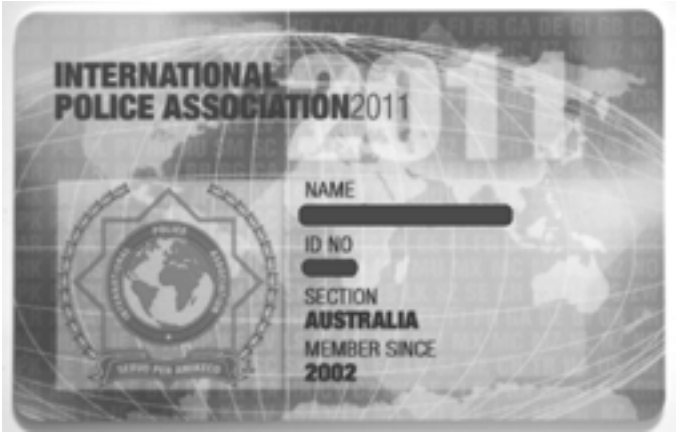
I guess at your place, like mine, winter has set in, heaters are on inside and coats are well buttoned up outside as we try to keep warm.

Many of you will be aware of the passing of our immediate past President, Stan Keith on the 13th of June 2011. What a warm send off he had, with many IPA members and Police colleagues present.

Many tributes were made to the life of Stan and his contribution to IPA will be missed. We continue to remember Merle and the family in friendship.

In April at the AGM held in Christchurch the new National Council Executive members were welcomed. Those that gathered for the AGM were privileged to have as a guest speaker Superintendent Dave Cliff, who gave an in depth insight into the work that is going on in regards to the Christchurch Earthquake. Also as a guest speaker was Vinnie Munroe who was a serving Police Member and is now a referee for Rugby. Vinnie spoke of the many likenesses that there are in refereeing rugby and policing, one being the impact that decisions made while running can have on people's lives not just now but in the future also.

We were pleased to welcome to the AGM and National Council meeting Paul Kelly, the Vice President from Australia who made a valuable contribution to the meetings. One of the outcomes of Paul's visit is that New Zealand IPA will be changing from the blue linen membership cards to the new credit card type of membership card.



ABOVE: An example of the current Australian IPA membership card that will be adopted by the New Zealand Section from January 2012. Illustration courtesy of the Australian IPA Vice President Paul Kelly.

Australia already has the printer [which was quite expensive to purchase] and so we are able to have our cards printed in Australia at the same time they do theirs and sent across to us for us to distribute. The sums were done very carefully and it is no more

The Secretary General's Desk



expensive to have the new cards. Paul informed the meeting that they have found one of the many benefits of the new card is that new membership has increased significantly as there is no photo required and this seemed to be a bit of a barrier

with the old linen cards. We have had communication just this week to say that Australia are putting things in place and getting ready for the new cards. Attached is what the back of the card will look like.



ABOVE: A representation of the reverse of the ID card.

Every year there will be a new card issued in a different colour and the colour is set by the International Body.

It was with regret that Region 1 accepted the resignation of their long standing Treasurer, Greg McManus. Greg held the position of both National Treasurer and Region 1 Treasurer for 21+ years. Greg is off on a cruise with Mona for a long deserved rest. We wish Greg and Mona well and trust that they will continue to enjoy the friendship of IPA. Paul Housley is the new Treasurer for Region 1 and comes to the position with a good knowledge of financial matters. Paul is a serving member of Police.

Still international travellers want to visit this fair land of ours and so both the Travel Secretary and Assistant Travel Secretary have been kept busy with the requests from overseas. Also coupled with this are a few visitors on 'Study Leave' with intentions of travelling through the country during their time here.

The 37th IEC [International Executive Council] will meet this year in September in Romania. Our President, Paul Visser and I will be representing New Zealand at this meeting.

The IYG for 2011 will be held in Ireland, and by the time this has gone to print two of our young people will have enjoyed the fellowship that goes with being a part of an IYG. Our two young people come from Region 5 and Region 2. IYG's are hosted annually by different sections, inviting 16-17 year old groups of around 50 participants. Sons, daughters, grandchildren of members enjoy a special theme, with activities to encourage an 'International spirit'. They are usually held around July each year, so why not think about sending someone from your family next year. It is to be held in the Czech Republic.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new members who have joined IPA recently:

Jeffery Matthews	Region 1
Jodi Browne	Region 1
Neil Blake	Region 5
Rachel Willemsen	Region 3
Richard Bird	Region 4
Ryan Singleton	Region 1

Finally I would ask all Regions to keep your changes of addresses and updates coming in as they occur and especially to notify us of the bereavement of members and their spouses, as your local news does not always seem to reach us at committee level. The loss of a member should never go without acknowledgement. If you can help in this small way it will permit the Assistant Secretary General and I to maintain up to date records of all our members and where appropriate include updates in this magazine.

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Coleen Meyers
Secretary General

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BUDGETING – EXPERIENCED ADVICE

By Steve Anderton, IPA Region One
Budget Adviser North Harbour Budgeting Service

How many times have you said to your children or your partner "We can't afford it!"

This might be the start of a budgeting problem or a belated attempt to budget. New Zealand, as with a lot of other countries experiences budget problems, even the government seems to want to "borrow" more than it earns so who can blame it's citizens when they go overboard with the "magic plastic" or take a trip when they can least afford it.

I answered an advert for "volunteer budget advisers" nearly two years ago, being retired and all that and wanting to "return something to the community." To cut a long story short I was accepted on interview and attended a 10 week training course on budgeting. I then officially started one year ago as a trained volunteer budget adviser.

Perhaps not surprisingly, a lot of what a budget adviser does relates to basic police work the key skills of budgeting includes

- being a good listener and communicator,
- having positive and a non-judgmental attitude,
- good organisational and administrative skills,
- committed to working within guidelines and
- an ability to maintain confidentiality.

I therefore found the job simply a stepping stone from my previous career. However I had to brush up on some new legislation and current policies of benefit funding from Work and Income, Inland Revenue Department and some other related organisations which provide help in a variety of situations such as accommodation costs, DPB, unemployment benefits, sickness, emergency payments, child support, disability or home help as well as tax relief in limited situations.

A budget adviser is "given" clients by a centralised co-ordinator who gives the briefest details of the background of the client. The budget adviser then has to "interview" the client and record a wealth of detail on to budget forms in order to examine where the real problem lies. The attitudinal and psychological ones then tend to surface.

So who are these "problem" budgeters? Are they rich business people, happily married couples, single males or females earning good money, police officers, priests, school teachers, screen stars, people with criminal records or mentally challenged individuals... Well, all of the above and I have met them all. They all have one thing in common - they can't save or balance their budget.

Some real cot cases have to be referred to other agencies or experts such as the Official Assignee for Insolvency or Bankruptcy action, a psychiatrist, a doctor or a lawyer. The indebtedness can be anything from a few thousand dollars to tens of thousands. I had one recently with over $150,000 in debt and a weekly deficit on earnings versus income of over $200. This of course compounds and continues crippling the situation even further.

My initial advice to anyone experiencing indebtedness is to first do a written analysis of exactly what their (a) weekly expenditure is and what it is being spent on and (b) their weekly income from all sources. The difference between the two is either a surplus (by which to pay off debt regularly) or (b) a deficit on which to concentrate savings and cuts. While this is a simple example of where to start, most people in debt don't appreciate that it has to be done.

We belong to the national Federation of Family Budgeting Services and are always looking for volunteers so if you are interested (like I was) or you are experiencing debt or budgeting problems then apply to your nearest Budget Service Centre. They are all in the yellow and white pages.

FUGITIVE FOUND IN JUDGES CAR

Courtesy United Press International

A 16-year-old inmate who escaped from a holding cell in the Macomb County Courthouse in Michigan was found an hour later hiding in a judge's car. After Macomb County Sheriff's deputies combed the downtown area of Mount Clemens for nearly an hour looking for the youth, he was found in the trunk of the Circuit Judge Peter Maceroni's 2002 Lincoln Continental after a county security officer saw something lying on the ground next to the judge's car, went for a closer look and became suspicious, the Macomb Daily reported.

"I've been around here for the past 18 years and have never locked my car because it's parked in a secured area," Judge Maceroni was quoted as saying. "I will lock it from now on." He said the youth must have entered his car and opened the trunk from an interior button and believes the youth would have stayed in the trunk until he left the courthouse. "When I parked the car he would have kicked open the trunk lid or removed the back seat to get out," Maceroni said. "Now all of the newer cars have an emergency device inside the trunk that you can push to open it."

IPA UK NEWS

Election of new UK Executive

National Elections for Section UK took place in May - Tom Crozier, a retired police superintendent from Fife Constabulary (Scotland), has been elected into office of National President; Edwin Sutton a police officer with the Metropolitan Police has been elected into office of National Secretary General and Fred Boyd a retired officer from the Police Service of Northern Ireland was re-elected into office of National Treasurer for a third term.

Ceremony of Keys, Tower of London

Please note that Section UK is unable to organise visits to the Ceremony of Keys, Tower of London, for the remainder of 2011. All dates through 2011 are fully booked.

Olympic Games 2012

The United Kingdom is hosting the Games in 2012 and IPA is starting to receive inquiries from members who have obtained tickets.

Contact the website: www.ipa-uk.org/Olympics-2012 for information helpful to visitors with their general travel inquiries and what is possible in terms of IPA assistance. Section UK will progressively update the website with information relating to what additional help is available from its members.

UK Police Memorial Map

The Police Memorial Map project is a website that marks where police officers fell whilst on duty. Established in 2010 the project began when the founder was researching the location where a relative was killed in the line of duty. Realising some publications had recorded locations wrongly he contacted various organisations and had them corrected. After that it was decided to plot the points officers had fallen and with the blessing of the Police Roll of Honour Trust the project began to expand.

To find out more visit:
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NEW BOOK BY IPA IRELAND MEMBER

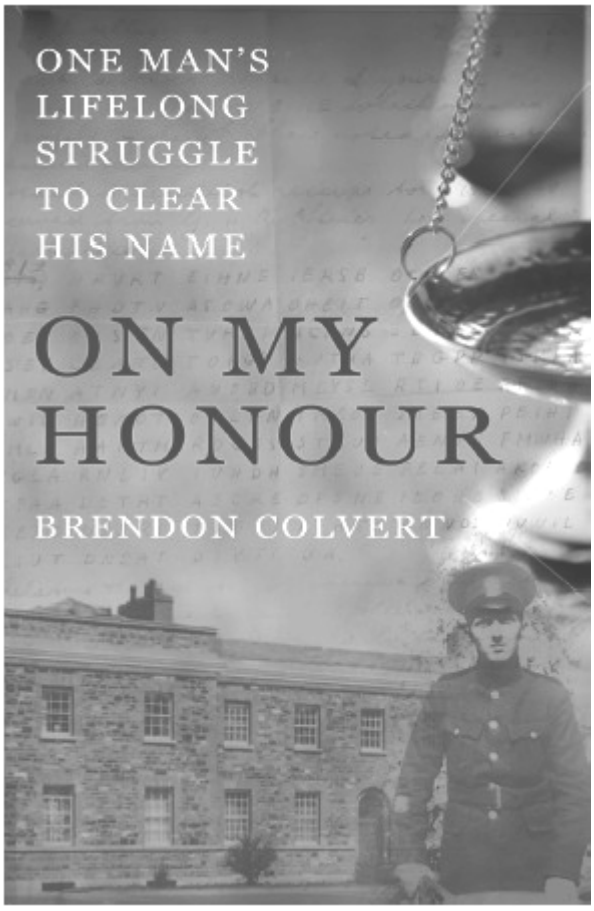
The retired Editor of Section Ireland, Brendon Colvert, has written a book which will be available from late June. On My Honour is the historical account of a grave injustice inflicted on an Irish policeman falsely accused of taking a bribe, his courage and persistence to have his good name restored over a period of 70 years and his final triumph. William Geary lived for 105 years, was the last man standing of the founder members of the Garda Síochána and was awarded a Knighthood of the Holy Sepulchre.

The book has received accolades from distinguished authors and commentators and will appeal to members of police, historians and all advocates of justice. Described as a – *"…. moving narrative of official cowardice and obfuscation, maintained over decades."*

Yet despite his experience William Geary's message is – *"..to wear the uniform with pride and serve with honour – guardians of the peace, unshakable pillars of justice – in a world often unaware of your great contribution to the well being of society."*

The publication is due out in June 2011 and consists of 160 pages in paperback, measuring198mm x 129mm.

The cost is 12.99 Euros/11.50 UK Pounds.



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RUSSIAN LANGUAGE INTERNET CLUB

The Russian Section of the IPA and the Institute of Jurisprudence and Administration, created by the Section, has developed the project of an "Internet-Club for officers who speak Russian, "Russian for you (R4U)". The Secretary General has asked for this information to be placed on websites of all IPA National Sections.

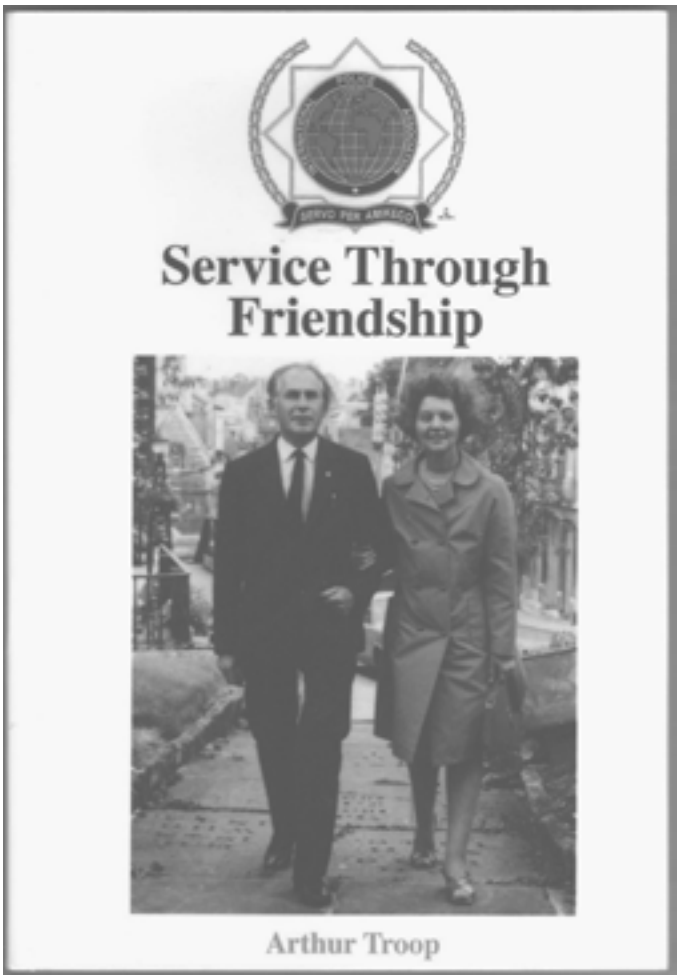
The Club activity involves interactive communication, more profound knowledge of Russian language, acquaintance with Russian history and culture, participation in international competitions and quizzes, visiting Russia as a part of tour groups or individually. Within the scope of the Internet-Club activity organization of paid training courses on conversational Russian and business Russian is presupposed. Tuition fees will not be burdensome for those who want to learn Russian.

Members of the IPA are invited to participate in the Internet-Club activity.

If you are interested E-mail:
R4U@izuvpa.ru
or for further information contacts the website:

www.rusipa-russian4you.izuvpa.ru

ARTHUR TROOP BOOK RELEASE



This very personal account by a very sensitive and creative man, describes the ups and downs encountered during the early days of the International Police Association that lead to the success it enjoys today. Cost (outside the UK) - 16 pounds sterling including postage.

Copies are available from the publisher –
K. T. Publications
16 Fane Close,
Stamford,
Lincolnshire, PE9 1HG,
England

When ordering the book reference is –
KT68 – ISBN – 0 907759 211

HUMOUR

TEACHER:

George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also he also admitted doing it. Now, Louis, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS:

Because George still had the axe in his hand....?

EARTHQUAKES IN NEW ZEALAND

The following extract from the UK IPA magazine "Police World" was written by Neil Hallam and appeared earlier this year. It is gratefully reproduced as evidence of the international bond between member nations.

Paul Visser is National Vice President (now President) of IPA New Zealand Section and Chair of the Canterbury Region, described the devastation he saw in the aftermath of the February 2011 earthquake.

Paul described walking around the central city on the night of the quake. He said he could hardly believe that it was the same city he had walked the previous day. Landmarks and buildings that he grew up with and taken for granted all his life had been damaged beyond repair. Large magnitude earthquakes had hit his city twice in the last six months, but he described the people of Canterbury as resilient and assured me they would bounce back. As he walked, Paul's thoughts were with those that perished and the survivors who lost family and friends. He knew that the police community had lost a female support staff member, so he prayed for her family.

In the days that followed Paul learned that a number of police colleagues (some 100) had lost their homes. He said, "The support and messages from around the world really showed us what IPA means and the friendship this brings".

International assistance also took a practical form as search and rescue teams from around the world arrived to work in Canterbury. In particular he described the support from the Australians as "Outstanding". Despite being New Zealand's greatest rivals on the sports field, they proved to be their greatest allies in time of need. Australian police officers were working long hours alongside Canterbury's own police keeping law and order. Paul described it as humbling to see officers determined to help others, while worry for their own families was always in their minds.

They worked from the Central Police Station that had no power, water or sewage and was badly damaged from the quake. They managed with makeshift resources and portable toilets. Keeping them supplied with basics like water and food was a major task. Yet he heard no one complain as these one time sporting rivals worked together for the common goal of restoring Christchurch to a safe place to live and work.

Wherever in the world members of the extended international police family find themselves it is easy to find similar stories and examples of friendship. When in crisis the special bond that exists in the police profession comes to the forefront. This bond certainly exists within the IPA.

Servo Per Amikeco!

Neil Hallam

IPA INTERNATIONAL EXPANDING

The IPA PEB Announce Section in Foundation Status.

The International Police Association Permanent Executive Board are pleased to announce that 'Section in Foundation' status was granted to Bosnia and Herzegovina at its February meeting.

Membership is increasing with 5 Regions established and the Statutes in order. Section Croatia is doing a splendid job as Sponsor Section, sending regular reports.

The PEB has also agreed that sponsorship be granted to Sections: Croatia for FYROM (Macedonia) and Russia for KAZAKHSTAN.

As Sponsor Section to ARMENIA Russia requested a Founding Meeting should take place. The PEB agreed this would occur between 16 and 19 June 2011.

The PEB are pleased with the progress being made in Section in Foundation MACAU. Sponsor Section Hong Kong inform us they now have 456 Foreign Associate Members in Macau.

Section Moldova also advises it has a new web address: www.ipa.md

HUMOUR

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER:

Now, how many of you say prayers before eating?

No response.

How about you Simon. Do you?

SIMON:

No Miss, I don't have to. My Mom is a good cook.

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Forthcoming Conferences

2011

Romania 37th IEC - 20/25 September Rin Hotel (20km from Bucharest International Airport) Participation Price: €615 pp for double room and €730 for single room. A social programme is included in this price but an additional optional excursion programme is available for Visitors, costing €53 per day.

2012

srael XX IPA WC 4/9 September Herods Hotel in Eliat. Participation Price: €650 pp

The next Mediterranean IPA Sections meeting will be held in Malta between 26-28 April 2012. For more information, please contact Malta IPA section.

2013

Denmark 38th IEC Copenhagen. Maximum participation price will be between €950 and €1000 but it is hoped these prices may be lowered.

2014

39th IEC Conference. No proposals had been received for 2014 but the Hellenic Section and Section Germany both expressed their intention to present proposals in 2011. Motions are therefore anticipated next year in Romania and delegates will decide.

2015

XXI IPA WC - voting gave unanimous approval 'in principle' to the Congress being held in Cyprus

IPA REGION 25 – WESTERN EXPERIENCE
PHOENIX, ARIZONA, USA
15 to 19 October 2011

All members and their friends are welcome to this event which begins at the Marriott Hotel in Phoenix with rooms at US$89 per night and moves on to the Grand Hotel at the Grand Canyon. It takes in a trip to Las Vegas and Grand Canyon sight seeing, plus a full wild west experience and western style banquet. Arrangements are also underway to negotiate special rates at Las Vegas casino hotels. Hotel room rates are guaranteed, but payable separately.

The registration fee is US$189 per person and details are available at::

www.ipa-usa-region25.org
or e-mail
iparegion25@aol.com

Short videos are available to view on the regions facebook page

FRANCE
18 September 2011

A ceremony will take place under the Arc de Triomphe in Paris to remember fallen colleagues and especially our Japanese colleagues. The event will also commemorate the 58th anniversary of the creation of the French Section (18th September 1953).

If you wish to take part, please contact:
ipacommunication@ipafrance.org.

XXXVIII IPA INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
Copenhagen, Denmark
2013

One of the world's top convention cities and the home of the Vikings, a mix of modern and historic settings ranked as the 2nd most peaceful country in the world.

For costs and further information contact
Email: kongres@woco.dk
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e-mail: variatie@btinternet.com

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www.thimblecottagesidmouth.co.uk

ST IVES, CORNWALL
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CAMPERVANS AVAILABLE IN NEW ZEALAND'S SOUTH ISLAND TO IPA MEMBERS

IPA Member David Ross based at Timaru in New Zealand's South Island advises he has 4 and 6 berth campervans available to fellow IPA members

For further details contact
David Ross at
djmaross@actrix.co.nz

ACCOMODATION AVAILABLE
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Near St. Andrews

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The apartment has 2 bedrooms (1 en-suite), sleeping up to 5 persons, with lounge, dining area, fully fitted kitchen and bathroom. Linen provided. Parking for 2 cars and a Garden with furniture and barbeque. No pets allowed.

The property is managed by Tom and Pauline Crozier, Filter House, Balmonth, Carnbee by Anstruther, Fife, KY10 2RU.

For further details contact them at:

Phone: +44 1333 310044
e-mail: pauline_crozier@hotmail.com
website: www.ipa-uk.org/IPA-Houses

IPA ACCOMMODATION
UK - Union Jack Club
London

The Union Jack Club (UJC) is a private members' club for serving and ex-serving military personnel and IPA members worldwide can stay at the UJC located adjacent to Waterloo East Station, London.

Single en suite including breakfast = £61.20 Double en suite = £112.40.

For more information about the UJC
visit: www.ujclub.co.uk

Please note, all bookings for IPA must be made through Matt Taylor, Marketing Director at
marketing@ujclub.co.uk
and copied to Steve Connor, IPA UK National President at
president@ipa-uk.org

THE 20TH IPA WORLD CONGRESS
Eilat, Israel

2nd to 7th September 2012

€650 per person at 5 star hotel

Plus
IPA FRIENDSHIP WEEK
Eilat, Israel
9 to 15 September 2012

€750 per person

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.

For details contact: www.ipa_israel.org.il

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ALASKAN CRUISE
Departing on 27 May 2012

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans Association is hosting an Alaskan Cruise to coincide with its national AGM. This is not an official IPA event but IPA members are invited to join the cruise.

For further details contact
the Secretary General at
secretary@ipa.ca

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IPA REGION 12 FRIENDSHIP CRUISE
Boston Massachusetts
1 - 8 October 2011

On the Royal Caribbean 'Jewel of the Seas' beginning and ending in Boston - visiting Portland, Bar Harbor, St. John and Halifax.

Staterooms - Inside US$800.34 pp – Outside US$940.34 pp – Balcony US$1250.34 pp.

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QUEEN'S 2012 DIAMOND JUBILEE

To mark 60 years of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth II a Diamond Jubilee celebration will take place in 2012 with celebrations centred on the extended weekend of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June 2012

The UK branches of IPA are currently considering their involvement with the occasion and these have yet to be formalised.

You can find more information about the events at:
www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/honours/diamondjubilee.aspx

65th ANNIVERSARY OF THE AIRBORNE WALK
OUSTERBEEK, NETHERLANDS
3rd September 2011

The anniversary of the Arnhem Landings is a 15 km walk that is held on 1st September each year. In 2011, the local IPA invites you to a special IPA members event two days later. Breaks will be provided with route marshals taking care of you.
For details contact:
www.ipa-nederland.nl
per the link
Airborne Wandeltocht 2011

2012 ROCKY MOUNTAIN TOUR
2 – 14 June 2012

A coach tour limited to the first 104 IPA guests will spend 8 days touring the 3 national parks and Rocky Mountains of Alberta plus another 4 days touring British Columbia concluding with a 3-night stay in Vancouver.

Subject to change, the price of the full tour is CAN$2400 per person double occupancy or you can do the Alberta portion only for CAN$1800.

For further information contact
Gerry Vercammen
www.promotiontours.ca
or the Secretary General at
secretary@ipa.ca

REGION ONE – AGM
Friday 16 September 2011

AGM at 1530 hrs at the private movie theatre at 177 Riversdale Road, Avondale
Followed at 1700 hrs by a movie and roast dinner cooked on a wood burner stove.
$20 per person
ADVANCE BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact Coleen Myers - Region One Secretary
Ph: 64 09 8187738 or Mobile: 027 338 1114
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or e-mail: elainecoop@hotmail.com

Obituaries

It is with great regret that we record the passing of the following IPA members:

Nancy Thompson – Region 4
On 28 July 2011

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Stanley Raymond Henry Keith QSM
On 13 June 2011 aged 71 years.
Immediate Past President NZ IPA



Our condolences are extended to their families, friends and colleagues.



Right: The New Zealand Police Huia feather official remembrance pin. Illustration courtesy of the NZ Police Association.

Born in Waitara, Taranaki in 1940, Stan Keith joined the New Zealand Police in 1963 and became a member of IPA in 1980. During his 30 years in the IPA he served as the Region 1 Secretary from 1993 to 2008 and Region 1 Treasurer from 1998 to 2002. He also served on the organising committee for the 1997 Friendship Week.

Between 2002 and 2003 he became the National Assistant Secretary General and took on the role of Secretary General from 2004 to 2008. In 2008 he became the President of the New Zealand Section and served in that role until April 2011. He represented New Zealand in several countries as President, Delegate and Observer at IPA World Congress and International Executive Conferences, in addition to attending several international Friendship Weeks.

His police career was a distinguished one which saw him reach the rank of Detective Inspector participating in several high profile investigations with distinction.

His funeral took place on Monday 20 June 2011 at Henderson amid a significant turnout of serving and former police staff. Commissioner Peter Marshall addressed the gathering as did IPA President Paul Visser and Editor Ken Brewer.



ABOVE: IPA President Paul Visser and Editor Ken Brewer (centre) formed part of the Guard of Honour. Bruce Hutton QSM, FPSNZ Photo.

Following the service there was a full Guard of Honour of uniformed and CIB police and a lone piper played the Lament.

MESSAGES OF CONDOLANCE

These are a few of the many messages of condolences received by the Editor and forwarded to Stan's family, beginning with a message to police staff from the Commissioner.

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Staff will be saddened to learn of the death of retired Detective Inspector Stan Keith. I have fond memories of working with Stan, as will many colleagues who knew him during his long career - 32 years as a Police officer and nearly 14 as a civilian employee - and through his service to the International Police Association.

Stan joined Police in 1963 and served mainly in the Auckland area. He played a leading role in many high-profile cases including the Crewe murders - the original investigation and the Royal Commission, his work for which earned him the Queen's Service Medal in 1982. His last major trial before retiring in 1995 saw the conviction of Warwick Bennett for the murder of his wife Yvonne 13 years earlier - a testament, a colleague said, to Stan's "solid, unrelenting resourcefulness".

Stan was back with Police in 1997, putting his CIB expertise to good use as a File Briefer until retiring again in February this year.

Peter Marshall
Commissioner
New Zealand Police

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I was shocked hearing the sad news. Stan was a great friend and a significant supporter of IPA both nationally and internationally. He will be missed by all of us.

Dear Merle on behalf of the PEB members and myself and all the IPA family please accept our sincere condolences for the great loss. Stan will be always with us.

Michael Odysseos
International President IPA

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It is with great sadness that my wife Dianne and I learnt of the death of Stan. He was a superb ambassador for the IPA and for New Zealand and he and Merle were always fine companions at meetings and friendship events.

Our thoughts are with Merle and the wider family and all our IPA friends in New Zealand.

May he rest in peace.

Stephen Crockard
Assistant International Secretary General
International Police Association
International Professional Commission Chairman

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I received the very sad news about Stanley. I knew both him and his wife. Please pass on the condolences of IPA Israel to his wife and to IPA section NZ.

Thank you!

Dr. Eran Israel
Secretary General
IPA Israel

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Please give our condolences to N.Z section and to Merle. I new Stanley and it is very sad.

Gal Sharon
3rd Vice International President IPA

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We were so sorry to hear the news today of Stan's death.

We have all spent some happy times together, including your visit to the IAC and chats at IPA annual meetings. He will be sadly missed by many friends throughout the world.

Our thoughts are with you and hopefully we will see you again Merle at a future IPA event.

Kindest Regards and take care
Wendy Donaghy
(also from Lesley who is currently on leave)
IPA International Administration Centre

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With great sadness I received your message of Stan having passed away. I acknowledge that you thought of informing me and I send over all my sympathy to you having been together with him for nearly 50 years.

I am pleased that you keep your visit to Gimborn in good memory.

Kindest regards
Klaus-Ulrich Nieder
Director Gimborn

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This is sad news indeed. It was a shock for me to read. He has been such a great ambassador for IPA, fulfilling his role as President so faithfully.

John O'Ferrall
Past President NZ IPA

LETTER OF THANKS

On behalf of Elspeth, Julie, Wendy, Antoinette and our extended family I would like to express my sincere thanks to all members of the IPA, both national and international, who have offered their support and forwarded their condolences to us in recent weeks. Stan's loss is a difficult burden to bear and he is greatly missed.

To his friends and colleagues who were able to attend his funeral, especially those who addressed the congregation that day, I thank you. The family always knew Stan was well respected among his peers and both your presence and your words confirmed it in no small way.

There were also many individuals and organisations that assisted our family in making Stan's farewell so special. Particular thanks are extended to Sylvia Freeman, Superintendent George Fraser, Detective Sergeant Jason McIntosh, Constable Victoria Kirichuk, the pall bearers, the serving and former members of the police who made up the Guard of Honour and of course the Piper.

Last but not least, the family would like to express a special thank you to Commissioner of Police Peter Marshall, who took time out of his hectic schedule to honour Stan with his presence.

Life goes on and IPA has shown once again that it's ideals of friendship are strongly held here in New Zealand and throughout the organisation.

Thank you all so very much for your support.

Merle Keith



ABOVE: During the funeral service, IPA member Bruce Hutton QSM FPSNZ, presented Stan's wife Merle with a framed photograph of their farm homestead as a token of appreciation for Stan's service as New Zealand IPA President. Bruce Hutton QSM FPSNZ photograph.

NATIONAL AGM CHRISTCHURCH

On Friday 8 April 2011 the Annual General Meeting of New Zealand IPA was held in the Cashmere Club in Christchurch. With the support of local members the event was extremely well organised and attendance was good.

Newly elected President Paul Visser took over the reins of the New Zealand Section from Stan Keith who was unfortunately unable to attend on medical advice.

The new Executive Members announced in the last edition were all present and the meeting was constructive and enjoyable amid the presence of a number of guests and interesting speakers.



ABOVE: The new Executive took office at the AGM on Friday 8 April 2011 and here conducting the meeting from L to R are Jill Craig National Treasurer, Paul Visser National President, Coleen Meyers Secretary General and Michael Lucas Assistant Secretary General. And a bonus point to the observant, yes the flag is hanging sideways.

Editors Note: Many thanks to the Christchurch committee and members who organised a successful weekend of meetings in spite of their many personal and local challenges and to the Cashmere Club who extended us all a very warm welcome. My personal thanks go also to Ron Pilbrough and Marlene Merriman for their generous help with transportation and providing me with an opportunity to witness a little of that fair city's tragedy at first hand.



ABOVE: On Friday 8 April 2011, after Ron Pilbrough (far left) opened the meeting on behalf of absent outgoing treasurer John Coomber, Superintendent Andy McGregor the officer in charge of the Christchurch earthquake recovery team addressed the AGM and described some of the challenges faced by the team and the city.





ABOVE LEFT: A highly informative and interesting speaker was Vinnie Munro, who recently resigned as a Senior Constable at Christchurch to take up the role of professional rugby referee. Watch out for him following his selection as a linesman in the pending rugby world cup series.

ABOVE RIGHT: New Zealand President Paul Visser receives a souvenir presentation from Australian IPA Vice President Paul Kelly who attended both the AGM and NEC meetings in Christchurch.

BELOW: The gathering of members present at the Cashmere Club on Friday 8 April 201 for the New Zealand Section IPA AGM.



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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING



ABOVE: The new National Council Committee members and Regional Delegates on Saturday 9 April 2011 at Christchurch. Front Row L to R– Jill Craig, Ross Pinkham, Paul Visser. Coleen Meyers and Marlene Merriman. Back Row L to R – Billy Lawrence Region 1, Brian Benn Region 6, Michael Lucas Region 2, Ron Pilbrough Region 5, Ken Brewer Editor, Kerry Morrell Website Administrator and Phillip Rowe Region 3.

On Saturday 9 April 2011, the National Executive meeting was held, also at the Cashmere Club and a great deal of business was successfully conducted during the full day.

One of the decisions made was to adopt a new style membership card which is covered in the Secretary General's Report earlier in this edition.







LEFT: Australian IPA Vice President Paul Kelly being presented with a Region 5 banner by New Zealand President Paul Visser on Saturday 9 April at the NEC held in Christchurch.

RIGHT TOP: The new National Council Executive from L to R, Vice President Ross Pinkham, National Treasurer Jill Craig, Secretary General Coleen Meyers and President Paul Visser.

RIGHT BOTTOM: The National Council committee meeting in progress at the Cashmere Club in Christchurch on Saturday 9 April 2011. One of the vacant seats was taken up by your editor who was of course behind the camera.



ABOVE: On 20 June, Commissioner Peter Marshall took the time to congratulate Constable Victoria Kirichuk of Region 1 on her selection by IPA New Zealand Section to attend the Young Officers Seminar in Amsterdam this August.

REGION ONE COMMITTEE CHANGE

The Region 1 Committee has experienced a change and the new committee consists of:

Billy Lawrence - Chairman
Coleen Meyers - Secretary
Paul Housley - Treasurer
Steve Anderton
Mourie Richards
Mark Stanton
Victoria Kirichuk
John Pegler

Friends

I would like to introduce myself as the new Treasurer Region 1, as part of the take over process I have identified a better way of all of us paying our subs. That is direct to National Office which ensures a speedy return of our share of the money and keeps not only everyone financial but will help ensure you receive your credit card style membership cards a lot faster.

Electronic banking is by far the best and an AP is easy to set up and allows you to forget about payments in the further as it's Automatic. Contact region 1 Secretary Coleen Myers for the bank account details. Please include your name and membership number when setting up your AP so your payment can be easily tracked as this has proved problematic in the past. If you currently pay to the National Account or through the credit union there is no need to change what you are doing.

Check out the details of Region 1's AGM on the Notice Board and I look forward to seeing you there.

Warmest Regards

Paul Housley - Region 1 Treasurer

FBI INVESTIGATORS VISIT NZ



ABOVE: Recently a group of FBI Investigators were spotted at Wellington's Central Police Station during a visit to New Zealand. L to R - Detective Mike Fischer, Suzanne Drumm, Marion O'Donnell, Tom O'Donnell and Tom Drum. The two Tom's were FBI investigators, both now retired. Photo courtesy of Kerry Morrell.

NEW REGION FIVE COMMITTEE



ABOVE: This photograph of Region Five's Committee was kindly sent in by Ron Pilbrough. Front Row L to R – Kerry Pettet, Paul Visser Chairman, Laurie Leatham and Paula Stevens. Back Row L to R – Chris Cole, Garry Holden, John Coomber, Ron Pilbrough and Alex de Kort.

HUMOUR



What budget cuts? We've been using these for years mate!

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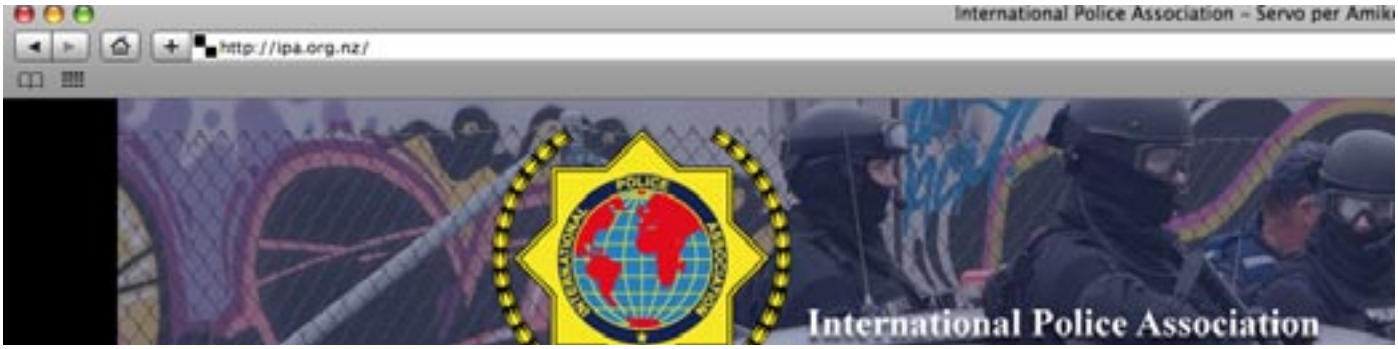
NEW WEBSITE FOR IPA NEW ZEALAND

BY Kerry Morrell
Website Administrator for IPA NZ



www.ipa.org.nz

The new International Police Association New Zealand Section website is now up and running and the design is much more in keeping with today's standards, where the content flows and items of interest are easier to locate.

This is only the first stage of the website construction process and in the coming months more functionality will be added, a lot of which will be in the background on the administration site. Eventually there will be a "Members Only" area added where the Logon will be way of email address and a Member ID pass code for security.

In the interim, for all those members wanting to update their email addresses please notify Assistant Secretary General Michael Lucas and he will update his records. Unfortunately no email address will mean you will have no access to this restricted area.

The site will give members a chance to read the latest IPA magazine, news letters from the different Regions and also items from the Administration.

Any members wishing to have content added to the site can do so by emailing their respective IPA Regional Secretaries who will then pass this information onto the Website Administrator.

In time a regular news letter will be generated by the Administration and emailed to each member so it is important to regularly update your e-mail contact details. A form to update this can be located at: **www.ipa.org/forms**

The completed form can then be emailed to: **assistant-secretary-general@ipa.org.nz**

The IPA would like to thank Rainbow Creative, Steve Lovell, Luke Howison and Richard Goode for their design and creative work also the generosity of Rainbow Creative for hosting the IPA website gratis. Many thanks.

Please take the time to explore the website and check back regularly for updates on content. If you discover any errors or non working links needing correction, please email me at: **website-administrator@ipa.org.nz**

I will be taking a much needed break until the end of August so in the event of major issues our Vice President Ross Pinkham can be contacted in my absence. His contact details are at the front of this magazine.

BRAZILIAN POLICE TEST 'ROBO COP' GLASSES

Courtesy the Huffington Post and AOL News by Lauren Fraver

Imagine if police could stand back from a raucous crowd and scan it for criminals, without ever having to question a suspect or put staff in harm's way. That is exactly what Brazilian police are hoping to do with new eyeglasses equipped with stealthy crime-fighting properties. Dubbed "RoboCop" glasses after the 1987 action film, the glasses are fitted with a tiny camera allegedly capable of scanning up to 400 faces per second. It cross-checks those images against a database of criminals and terrorists, then flashes a small red light inside the glasses if a match comes up. Then the officer knows who to home in on and who to leave alone.



ABOVE: Brazilian police and troops battling drug gangs in Rio de Janeiro last November. Photo courtesy of Pedro Kirilos of Globo via Getty Images.

"It is discreet because you do not have to question the person or ask for documents. The computer does it." Major Leandro Pavani Agostini, chief of military police in the Brazilian city of Sao Paolo, told reporters.

On its optimal settings, the camera can scan 400 faces a second at a distance of up to 50 yards away. But the settings can be changed to recognize faces at a slower pace, at considerable distance. Agostini said the camera and database compare 46,000 biometric points on a person's face, so the chances of mistaken identity are slim. "To the naked eye, two people may appear identical, but with so many individual points compared, the data will not be beaten," he said.

Police in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paolo have received training with the glasses and they're expected to try them out in real situations at soccer games and concerts in the coming weeks. The goal is to practice with the glasses in time to use them widely at the next soccer World Cup to be held in Brazil in 2014. The existence of the new high-tech glasses was first reported by Brazilian newspaper O Estado de Sao Paolo.

Editor's Note: More than forty scientific and electronic research centres around the world are working to perfect systems of facial recognition. If the Brazilian experiment is successful it could pave the way to changing the way police and security bodies work worldwide.

SPY PEN

One of the smallest spy cameras in the world is now available on public internet sale. It is capable of recording 1.3MP still pictures as well as up to 16 hours of high resolution (640x480 dpi) colour video with full audio without anyone knowing, because it looks and writes like an ordinary pen.



Activated by a push button on the top, it has a micro lens just above the clip to permit a good field of view whilst the pen is in the top pocket of your jacket or shirt.

It is powered by a rechargeable lithium-ion battery, recharged by plugging it's USB into your computer and providing up to two hours of continuous operation.

It can serve as an extra USB flash disk to take files with you on the go, or used to store sensitive material you don't want anyone else to find. It comes in 2, 4 or 8Mb memory sizes starting at US$39.95 from hiddencamerapen.com.

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HUMOUR

The only reason I exercise at my age, is when I want to hear the sound of heavy breathing again.

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MEXICAN DRUG WAR UPDATE

New York Times

Part 1 - A Change in Strategy

Mexico has been a producer and transit route for illegal drugs for generations, resulting in the country finding itself in a pitched battle with powerful and well-financed drug cartels. The government says more than 34,600 have been killed in the four years since President Felipe Calderón took office and threw the federal police and military at the cartels, with the toll in 2010, 15,237, the heaviest yet.

Mexican and American officials, crediting American training of the military and what they consider to be an increasingly professional federal police force, point out that more than half of the 37 most wanted crime bosses announced last year have been captured or killed. The government also maintains that the last quarter of 2010 showed a decline in the pace of killings.

But the public does not seem to believe it. A poll released Jan. 11 by Mexico's national statistics institute found that more than 70 percent of respondents believed the country's security had worsened since 2009. To many Mexicans, the rising count of gruesome drug-related murders is evidence that the government's strategy has failed.

Both Mexican and American officials, who say the two countries have never worked closer in fighting crime, are facing growing pressure to prove that their strategy is working. With Republicans now in control of the House, the Obama administration will face renewed scrutiny to account for the $1.4 billion, multiyear Merida Initiative, the cornerstone of American aid in Mexico's drug fight.

In October 2010, the government announced that it was preparing a plan to radically alter the nation's police forces, hoping not only to instill a trust the public has never had in them but also to choke off a critical source of manpower for organized crime. It would all but do away with the nation's 2,200 local police departments and place their duties under a "unified command."

In February 2011, the Pentagon began flying high-altitude, unarmed drones over Mexican skies in hopes of collecting information to turn over to Mexican law enforcement agencies. A Homeland Security drone was said to have helped Mexican authorities find several suspects linked to the Feb. 15 killing of Jaime Zapata, a United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Immigration agent.

While Mr. Calderon dismisses suggestions that Mexico is a failed state, he and his aides have spoken frankly of the cartels' attempts to set up a state within a state, levying taxes, throwing up roadblocks and enforcing their own perverse codes of behavior. The Mexican government has identified 233 "zones of impunity" across the country, where crime is largely uncontrolled, a figure that is down from 2,204 zones a year ago.

Responding to a growing sense that Mexico's military-led fight against drug traffickers is not gaining ground, the United States and Mexico set their counternarcotics strategy on a new course in March 2010 by refocusing their efforts on strengthening civilian law enforcement institutions and rebuilding communities crippled by poverty and crime.

The $331 million plan was at the center of a visit to Mexico in March by several senior Obama administration officials, including Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton; Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

Under the new strategy, officials said, American and Mexican agencies would work together to refocus border enforcement efforts away from building a better wall to creating systems that would allow goods and people to be screened before they reach the crossing points. The plan would also provide support for Mexican programs intended to strengthen communities where socio-economic hardships force many young people into crime.



ABOVE: Soldiers and police build a small mountain of 134 tons of assorted drugs on a military base in Tijuana, Mexico prior to setting it on fire. Francisco Vega of Agence France-Presse and Getty Images.

The most striking difference between the old and the new strategy is the shift away from military assistance. More than half of the $1.3 billion spent was used to buy aircraft, inspection equipment and information technology for the Mexican military and police, whilst ext year's foreign aid budget provides for civilian police training. Military-to-military cooperation was expected to continue, officials said, despite reports by human rights groups of an increase in human rights violations by Mexican soldiers.

This revised strategy, officials said, would first go into effect in Tijuana and Ciudad Juárez, the largest cities on Mexico's border with the United States. Ciudad Juárez, a city of 1.7 million, has become a symbol of the Mexican government's failed attempts to rein in the drug gangs.

The Obama administration delayed the release of a critical report in an apparent effort to minimize diplomatic turbulence with the Mexican government. The report, obtained by The New York Times, is from the National Drug Intelligence Center of the Justice Department. It portrays drug cartels as easily able to circumvent the Mexican government's restrictions on the importing of chemicals used to manufacture meth, which has reached its highest purity and lowest price in the United States since 2005.

In Mexico's drug wars, it is hard to pinpoint new lows as the atrocities and frustrations mount. But Ciudad Juárez belongs in its own category, with thousands killed each year, the exodus of tens of thousands of residents and the ever-present fear of random death. Many question whether anyone there will dare to continue documenting the turmoil in Ciudad Juárez, a smuggling crossroads across from El Paso that is battled over by at least two major criminal organizations.

All along the border, news organizations have silenced themselves out of fear and intimidation from drug trafficking organizations, but El Diario had a reputation for carrying on. One of its editorials called for a truce between crime groups and the media — noting that "even in war there are rules" that "safeguard the integrity of the journalists who cover them" — the paper insisted that it would not back down. It paid the price. One of its reporters was gunned down.



ABOVE: Drug smugglers placed scouts for days at a time on mountainsides to monitor the Border Patrol. Meanwhile, the Border Patrol has its own spotters and trucks fitted with computers to access hidden infrared video surveillance cameras.

Acts against news organizations included the kidnapping of four journalists, who were released after one station broadcast videos as demanded by that their abductors, and a car bomb detonating in August outside a regional office of Televisa, the leading national network.

Part 2 - The Real Cost

by Bernd Debusmann, Jr. Drug War Chronicle

In the past four years, as many police and soldiers have died in Mexico alone as in Iraq and Afghanistan together.

Mexican drug trafficking organizations make billions each year smuggling drugs into the United States, profiting enormously from the prohibitionist drug policies of the US government. Since Mexican president Felipe Calderon took office in December 2006 and called the armed forces into the fight against the so-called cartels, prohibition-related violence has killed more than 36,000 people, including more than 15,000 last year alone. The increasing militarisation of the drug war and the arrest or killing of dozens of high-profile drug traffickers has failed to stem the flow of drugs -- or the violence -- whatsoever. The US driven Merida initiative, which provides US$1.4 billion over three years to assist the Mexican government with training, equipment and intelligence, has so far failed to make a difference.

Even as the Pentagon struggles with how best to help the Mexican government, US drug users are funding the cartels, senior US commanders told the Senate Armed Services Committee, enabling narcotics gangs to build mini-submarines that they use to transport millions of dollars worth of drugs with every trip. American consumers of narcotics drive the drug trade, and US weapons arm the narco-criminals, says Andres Martinez, a fellow with the New America Foundation think tank.

US drug users contribute roughly US$40 billion a year to Latin American cartels, Admiral James Winnefeld, head of the US Northern Command in charge of US homeland security, added in testimony. The amount of US money that goes to Mexican cartels is so considerable that "if you ranked it among the world's militaries, it would come into the top ten."

On the other side of the fight the US spends about US$6 billion per year on interdiction and international efforts, but that's only a small part of the actual cost Winnefeld noted. "The annual direct cost for treatment, prevention, interdiction, and local law enforcement of drug abuse exceeds US$52 billion," he explained. Indirect costs, including lost productivity and the impact on the criminal justice system reach "nearly US$181 billion annually."

Transnational criminal organisations "Conduct illicit trafficking with near-impunity and are causing unprecedented levels of violence," said General Douglas Fraser head of US Southern Command, which has responsibility for US military partnerships in Latin American and the Caribbean. The so-called Northern Triangle of Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras, "Is the deadliest area in the world outside of active war zones." Fraser added.

Part 3 - Monster Drug Trucks on the Road

New York Times/Associated Press



ABOVE: One of the two armored trucks seized in Camargo being built by drug cartels. Photo courtesy of Sedena, via Associated Press as published in the New York Times 8 June 2011.

No one can agree on what to call the armored monster vehicles that Mexican criminal groups have been welding together in recent months, but this much is clear — they are building more of them. Early in June 2011 Mexican authorities found two more of these makeshift road warriors in Tamaulipas, the same northern border state where the first armored vehicle appeared in April after a battle between the Gulf Cartel and the Zetas gang. In the latest case, the Mexican Defense Department said the armored trucks were found in a metalworking shop in Camargo, which also held at least two other partly modified monsters and 23 additional trucks.

The completed versions were bigger than those found before. Built on three-axle truck beds, they had room for 20 armed men, one official said. They were covered with inch-thick steel, which could withstand 50-caliber gunfire and each had been equipped with insulation.

HUMOUR

A friend talked me into joining a Gym, so I went through the phone book to pick one and it cost me a fortune. Two months later I realised it was a waste of money. I'd put on three kilo's and couldn't button up my jacket.

Then my friend put me right.

Apparently you actually have to 'go' there!

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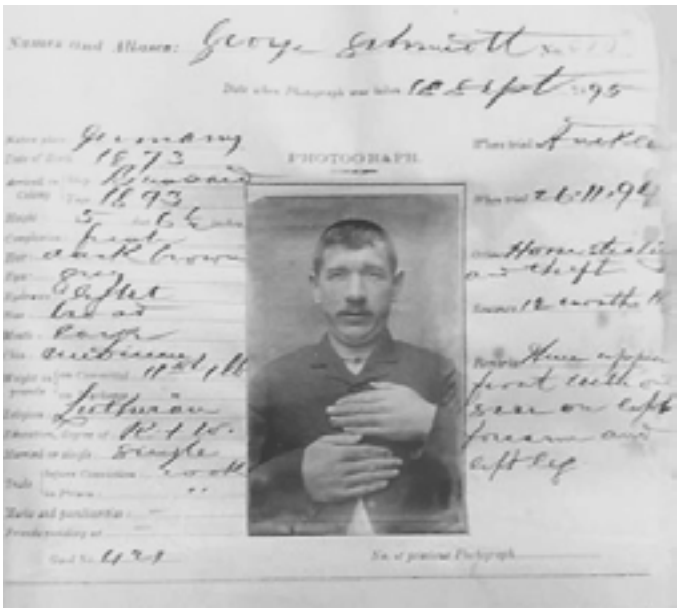
FINGERPRINTING – A HISTORY

By Ken Brewer

The use of fingerprints for identification purposes has been known of since Egyptian times and fingerprints have been found on wads of clay used for business transactions in ancient Babylon. China has also been aware of fingerprinting for thousands of years. Even the Bible makes two references to it. In chapter 16, verse 8, Job states, "And thou hast filled me with wrinkles which is a witness against me and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face." As if to prove this is no fluke misunderstanding he also states in chapter 37, verse 7, "He sealeth up the hand of every man that all men may know his work."

Whilst knowledge of fingerprints have existed for thousands of years, the missing key to using fingerprints for identification lay in devising a method of itemising the distinguishing features inherent in each print to create a method of recording and cataloguing that could be quickly referenced, something that was not achieved until the mid 19th century. In the interim the only reliable method of recording an individual's physical identity used basic colour of hair, eyes and skin, height and build, plus disfigurements such as scars or amputations.



ABOVE: An Auckland charge sheet dated 18 September 1895 bears a typical photograph of that time intended to display disfigurement of hands or fingers which was common among seamen. Ken Brewer photo

In 1870 it was Alphonse Bertillon, a clerk in the Paris Prefecture of Police who turned this simplistic method into a reliable science by intricately measuring the body using a system known as Anthropometry, or Bertillonage as it became popularly known. This when linked with the old methods, created a reliable identification system for the first time and it was introduced into France in 1882, then eagerly adopted world wide.

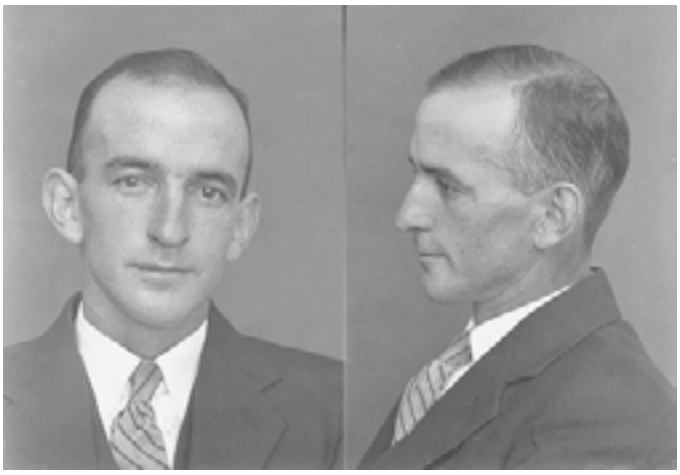
Bertillon holds an honoured place in international police history for in addition to this, he also organised a standardised system of police photography by developing the "Portrait Parle," or double photographs of full face and side profile recording still used today and was also one of the first to study handwriting identification.



ABOVE: Alphonse Bertillon.

As the use of photography evolved some agencies, including New Zealand, still relied a great deal on the physical characteristics of the individual and this is displayed in the early official "mug" shots taken of prisoners here. Many of these individuals were seamen and in the days of rope and tackle rigging it was common for some to have lost one or more fingers, so their hands were displayed across their chests in each photo.

The Bertillon system was generally accepted for thirty years, but it never recovered from the events of 1903 when a man named Will West was sentenced to the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. It was discovered that there was already a prisoner at the penitentiary at the time whose name was William West and the two men who looked exactly alike. Their Bertillon measurements were close enough to identify them as the same person and a fingerprint comparison quickly and correctly identified them as two different people. It was later discovered the West men were apparently identical twin brothers and it led to fingerprinting gaining favour.



ABOVE: A portrait parle of 1933 double murderer William Bayley.

Studies into the science of fingerprinting were being conducted by many people around the world. In India, Sir William Herschel was able to prove that over a 28 year period the impressions of a man's hand did not alter. Others found devising systems of cataloguing took years to prefect and many failed in the process. The development of a powder fine enough to be used to locate fingerprint traces at crime scenes was also slow and delayed the introduction of forensic science.





ABOVE LEFT: Sir William Herschel.
ABOVE RIGHT: Juan Vuletich

Born in Croatia in 1858, Juan Vuletich emigrated to the Americas in 1884 and at the age of 26 became the head of the Statistical Bureau of Police in Argentina in 1891. Within a year he succeeded in creating a simplistic method of numerically cataloguing the individual characteristics of each fingerprint. As a result of his work, in 1894 the Argentine Police became the first to officially adopt such a system. In fact it was so successful that the government subsequently decided to fingerprint their entire population, but the political furore that resulted saw the idea and the system scrapped in 1917. For his immense contribution to crime fighting, Vuletich was honoured by a number of overseas nations in 1913. He died of cancer and tuberculosis in 1925.

Meanwhile in England the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police in London, Edward Henry (later knighted), had been working with renowned criminologist Francis Gorton to develop their own method of cataloguing and coding fingerprints. It was their system that was introduced into the English police and used by Scotland Yard. It was also ultimately adopted by the New Zealand Police although we were rather slow on the uptake.

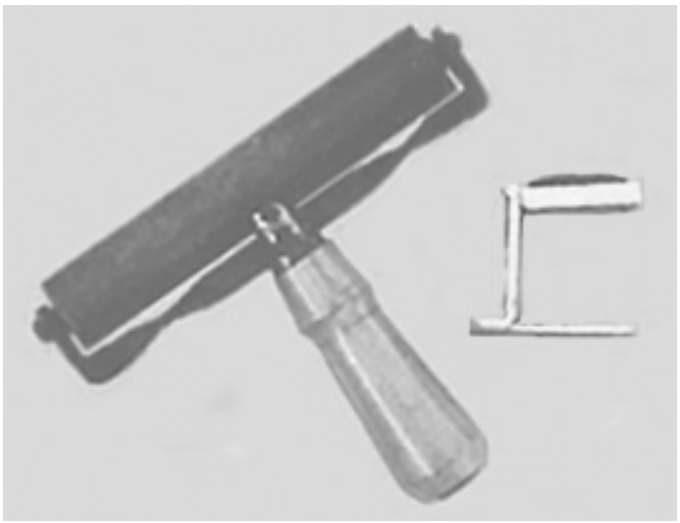




ABOVE LEFT: Sir Edward Henry of the Metropolitan Police.
ABOVE RIGHT: Detective Garrett Fitzgerald of the New Zealand Police. Ken Brewer.

Born in County Kerry, Ireland in 1865, Garrett Fitzgerald was sworn into the New Zealand Police on 8 September 1885 and apart from a brief period at Wellington, served in the South Island until retiring medically unfit in 1909, as a result of injuries received during multiple arrests of violent offenders during his service as one of this countries most effective detectives. Whilst serving his second term at Timaru he was granted special leave early in 1901 by the Commissioner to recover from injuries received in the line of duty and he used that time to visit his homeland of Ireland.

Whilst in London on his return journey home he met Detective Inspector Kane of the Metropolitan Police who told Fitzgerald about the new science of fingerprinting. At his invitation he began studying the system under Detective Chief Inspector Stedman and prior to leaving, was supplied with all the basic equipment necessary to operate the system. This included a folding magnifying glass, an ink roller, pad and special ink.





ABOVE: The ink roller and folding magnifying glass given to Garrett Fitzgerald by the Metropolitan Police in 1900 that he brought back to New Zealand. It is held in the New Zealand police Museum. Ken brewer photograph.

During the voyage home he practiced on his fellow passengers and on arrival in New Zealand he demonstrated the system to Commissioner Tunbridge who unfortunately was markedly reluctant to introduce fingerprinting into this country. Meanwhile news of the system reached the ears of the New South Wales police and they dispatched an Inspector to London to investigate it. On his return the system was immediately introduced there.

It was not until 1903 that Walter Dinnie became Commissioner that Fitzgerald was invited to introduce the system here, but by this time he was in ill health and was forced to decline the offer. Instead the Commissioner enlisted his son Edmund Dinnie to establish the Criminal Registration Branch (CRB) and gave him the rank of detective senior sergeant. As a result the Henry and Gorton system of Fingerprinting was first introduced into New Zealand's prisons in March 1903, when all convicted prisoners were fingerprinted and the records passed over to the CRB. In July that year the role was taken over by the Police and prisoners began to be finger printed at the time of their arrest. In the first year some 3,500 prints were taken and recorded by Dinnie and his team of two clerks.

A major test of the system came at Auckland in 1920 following the robbery of the Ponsonby post office and the murder of its postmaster Augustus Edward Braithwaite. Senior Sergeant Dinnie examined a cash box found at the scene and located a palm print and a fingerprint,

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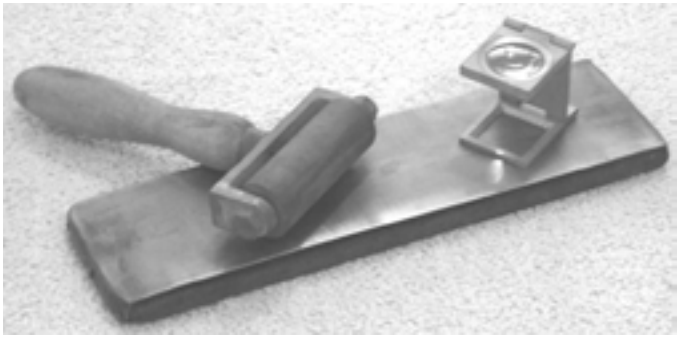
which when checked against the records system, matched fingerprints taken from a suspect gaoled for an offence under the WWII Military Services Act. This identified Dennis Gunn.



ABOVE: A copper covered ink pad, roller and folding magnifying glass used at the Otahuhu Police Station during the 1970s. Ken Brewer Photograph.

Inspector Ian Fowler an expert from the New South Wales Police was invited to assist and he located a partial print on a .38 calibre pistol, believed to be the murder weapon. This print also matched Gunn and he was arrested and charged with murder. During Gunn's trial Fowler came under intense scrutiny from defence counsel and in the witness box was given the partial print then handed 100 complete sets of anonymous finger prints, one of which was Gunn's and he was asked to match them. In less than two hours he did so. Dinnie was tested in a similar manner and as a result of their efforts, Dennis Gunn became the first in the Commonwealth to be convicted and executed on the basis of fingerprint evidence.

Fingerprints increase the frictional ability of the skin and consist of raised areas called ridges and when they come into contact with another surface, the ridges have sweat gland openings on their apex that leave an impression called a fingerprint. Fingerprints today are a common tool used in the identification of individuals and in solving of crime. This evidence can be used to identify people present crime scenes, corroborate a person's story, confirm the actions of an offender or victim and used to identify bodies and find the correct identity of arrested persons. In all evidential cases no less than twelve separate, individual matching points must be identified to achieve an acceptable match.

As science evolves and new technology is developed, police and security agencies around the world look towards facial recognition as a possible next step and there are a multitude of international research facilities actively working in that direction. As with early fingerprint development, the secret of success lays in the ability to break down and catalogue the many measurable features and filter them out for ease of access to quickly make accurate identification possible. In conjunction with modern CCTV systems this recognition would necessitate only milliseconds to scan electronic files to make an identification of a subject. Evolved around the development of military software that permits computers to identify and lock on to multiple targets simultaneously, the technology creeps ever closer to becoming reality when crowds can be electronically scanned remotely and the system then automatically lock on to a wanted subject.

First generation facial recognitions systems were used by the Metropolitan Police following the London bus and underground railway bombings in the hunt for the multiple suspects, but its success was limited. Disguises and the inability of cameras to reference onto a full facial view are problematic, but the system is steadily resolving those issues and will inevitably find itself in general use.



ABOVE: An electronic, computerised unit used for scanning the fingerprints of arrested suspects, recording them, then matching them with prints held on file. Clean and ink free it is a great leap forward in technology. Ken brewer photograph.

The only foreseeable delay in implementation in this country will be cost and those who put the rights of criminals ahead of the victim. Law enforcement agencies world wide are looking forward to the day when wanted criminals will never again be able to venture out in public without detection.

IPANZ 2011 (Individuals Passing Around New Zealand)

by Bruce Revell

"MANOPAUSE" so I have been lead to believe is a desire to obtain any or all of the following. A blonde, red head or brunette - Preferably 30 years your junior, coupled with the impediment of a convertible sports car usually red in colour.

I have taken the alternative option which presented itself in the guise of a BMW RT1150 Motorcycle. Not red but silver to match the colour of my hair which, these days that is more often sprouting more from my nostrils and ears rather than where it once flourished.

Having taken this giant leap back to a time long since past I started thinking "Wild Hog" and set about organising a little road trip. I won't bore you with the intricate details of the planning suffice to say I went ahead and planned it.

As a result seven of us set off from Auckland and another two came from Whitianga to meet up with us at Tirau, then as a group we continued to Taupo for a brief break to top up the caffeine levels then on to Turangi for our first stopover. Dinner at the lodge was good value and the staff very pleasant.

We stopped at the Waiouru Army museum for lunch on the way south and were surprised to learn that the former agreement of police members being considered services for entry to the museum is apparently no longer in place. I saved about $15 by thinking if I want to see old stuff I can look in the mirror for free.

The next morning saw us heading off to Mana where a motel had taken the place of our intended but cancelled booking at Camp Run Amuck (aka the RNZP college). The Christchurch earthquake being held responsible for said cancellation.

The Mana motel is run by a former member. We were up early and had an uneventful run into Wellington to the ferry terminal for the 8:25 am sailing for Picton. Cook Strait was like a mill pond but the day was overcast so did not resemble the any of the joyous and bright advertisements shown on television. However it did lighten up as we entered the sound.

Having fed and watered on board, we were off to Hanmer our next stopover point via the Kaikoura coast stopping to view the seal colony where a bad case of fish breath is evident but well worth stopping for a look.

From Hanmer we moved on to Akaroa. The road in is great for bikes and every corner opens to another great view. Dinner at the pub was lamb shanks and done very nicely. Also bumped into an Auckland colleague in Akaroa! It really is a small world after all!

Away next morning headed for Tekapo the weather was fine but the wind had gotten up and we found ourselves at times about 30 degrees off vertical as a result. Not far from Tekapo I overtook a tour coach on a long sweeping right hander and was held out there by the wind. Could have been one of those "bugger" moments, I but managed to slowly work the bike back over the centre line to the relative safety of my side of the road. Next came the incessant attacks by swarms of kamikaze insects. At least I had the protection of the screen to fend them off, or more accurately to stockpile their splattered fuselages on. The guys with no screens wore them literally.

Next stop was Wanaka with several of the group opting to do the run straight thru to Dunedin instead to catch up with mates living there before moving on to Invercargill whilst another rider split and went to Te Anau The rest of us did the Dunedin via Bluff thing from Wanaka, a long ride but I had to get the photograph. Our heart felt condolences go out to the rider who on seeing the small lighthouse a few hundred metres short of the end of the road and the sign post, stopped, photographed the lighthouse and then merrily rode on to Dunedin in a delusional state of believing he had in fact reached the Bluff. Now that really was a bugger moment when on seeing our photographs he asked, "Where was that?"

Never one to be put off he says he will see it next time and for now he has declined our offer to photo shop him into the signpost picture.

From Dunedin we were off again to Tekapo. Three of us on Beamers took a secondary road coming out at a place called Cave. This was again a brilliant motorcycle run. The others lagged behind a little, missed the turn off and continued on the main road.

BELOW: Riders take a breather. Photo courtesy of Bruce Revell.



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ABOVE: At Bluff Bruce Revell (right) shakes hands with 72 year old Ron Connell from Whitianga who rode his 1000cc BMW K100 on the trip. Another chap also from Whitianga, also on a K100, celebrated his 75th birthday on the trip.

I have been informed by them that riding a Harley Davidson was not the reason for their tardiness, but perhaps there is something there for the Tui billboard me thinks!

The next run took us thru Arthur's Pass and onto the Greymouth Police home in Lake Brunner. Not a lot there to be honest, but a nice place to rest up. We took a ride into Greymouth and checked out the bar. No! I mean the one at the river mouth! I can understand why people prefer to do their boating on the Lake. I thought it looked pretty horrendous but it was apparently just another normal day. Sod that.

Below: Bruce Revell at Arthur's Pass.



We had a damp ride the following day as we travelled up to Westport. Four of us located a place that had just started serving the roast of the day at 11am. The meal was fairly priced, hot and tasty and hit the right spot. Then the rain stopped and we had another good run into Nelson. The Buller gorge was just another great view. The South Island is well endowed with magnificent scenery throughout .and is something I urge all to see at sometime.

From Nelson we went to Picton and caught the 1.10pm sailing to arrive in Wellington at 4.20pm. This time brilliant sunshine and flat calm sea really did resemble the advertisements. We rode on to Taupo with one of the bikes having its headlight play up, then the following day the forecast was for very heavy rain on the way so we cut and run for home.

Ten days and over 4000 kilometres plus a great bunch of guys ranging in age from a 40year old sprog thru to one who turned 75 on the trip. Will we do it again? Too right!!

Next years event has already been planned and booked, this time being a bit longer at 20 nights from 4th March to the 24th and with a few more stops. We have three Aussies flying over and bringing their bikes to join us on the 2012 run and three places left to fill.

I am now looking at forming a motorcycle chapter within the New Zealand IPA and would like to hear from any members with bikes to collate a register of riders.

The Aussies are also considering this idea of forming a motorcycle chapter. I have had some initial talks with them on this matter and hope the idea develops into something tangible

In view of the very successful first run I am confident that this could become either an annual or bi-annual event. If I was to be asked if I had any regrets I would answer honestly that I would have preferred the onset of 'manopause' to have occurred earlier.

All I can say in this forum is that you will not get a cheaper opportunity to do this. Anyone interested should contact me at nzlatru1@xtra.co.nz or at bruce.revell@police.govt.co.nz

LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Marlene (Merriman),

Just a short note to say, "Thank You" for your assistance in helping us get the maximum enjoyment during the period of our recent visit to and cruise around the lands beneath the Southern Cross.

We were met by IPA members almost everywhere we went and were treated like instant friends or relatives, taken on tours, taken to members' homes for meals, presented with all sorts of memorabilia, all of which made us wish that we could have stayed there for a few months rather than a few weeks.

The Police are the world's best fraternity and the IPA is the best of that.

We kept mentioning to our new friends that it was great to come half way around the world, to a different hemisphere and meet people who look just like us, speak almost like us, and have the same basic heritage (British, Irish, Scottish).

Tom and Sue Drumm
IPA Region 18
Richmond, VA

POLICE COLLECTION

by Graham Morrell

I have been collecting since 1979 and I've been in the NZP since 1975 and I've gathered together about 4500 items (about 50/50 patches and badges). I still prefer the old fashioned "trading" rather than Ebay or Trade Me, etc. In my opinion, selling on the net has killed off the hobby aspect of collecting.

(I do admit I have had to purchase a few badges over the years, mainly UK helmet plates or cap badges - through a British collecting group when I belonged to that organisation - to fill those annoying gaps on what is my most impressive collection).



From the current 43 "Home Office" Forces in the UK, I have a Helmet Plate and Cap Badges (either Standard, "All Ranks" or Senior Officers or both) from ALL of them.

I have a number of items displayed in my office, and also in the Canteen at Napier Station. And I am fortunate to have a room at home in which I can display most of my Police hats, as well as shelves for my displays of patches/badges from various countries or units like Air Support etc.



Even though I have about 100 hats, I don't "actively" collect them! However, something 'unusual' comes along now and then and I can't resist! But now the new hat has to replace an existing one, since I will run out of room otherwise. The Italian feathered "Lucerna" shown in front of me here is a good example of the "unique" hat category. You will see that I have a good representation of NZ Police hats, but always happy to add to it.



Sergeant Ted Moriarty is one of my special displays. Moriarty was my son Ian's teddy. Ian died in 1996 and a few years later I got my sister to make up the uniform for Ted - not an easy task because he is a jointed bear and so his hips don't conform to "normal" shapes! Anyhow, he spends a lot of time in my office at work when he's not at our place. He looks pretty cool wearing Ian's sunnies and he has his own name badge, Police ID card, and Police Long Service and Good Conduct medal. His QID number 2681 is actually Ian's date of birth (2 June 81).

Treasurer of Region One Retires

Our good friend and loyal member [Alexander] Greg McManus of Whangaparaoa, Auckland has decided to retire from the position of Treasurer Region One due to ill health. Greg has been the National, as well as Region One, Treasurer and has served with honesty, dedication and professionalism in both in these and other positions for over 25 years.

When no one else was prepared to do it, it was Greg that was repeatedly prevailed upon to serve and it is therefore with heartfelt thanks that we applaud Greg for his outstanding efforts on our behalf. We of region One and the National Executive, on behalf of all members of the New Zealand Section wish Greg and his wife Mona the very best for the future, with a fervent hope that Greg's health improves.

Servo per Amikeco.

Chairman and members of Region One IPA

Hosting Experience: Ian and Nola Goldsmith

By Les Sharp
Illustrations courtesy of Ian and Nola Goldsmith.

Sue and I had previously billeted delegates who were in New Plymouth for AGM's but hadn't hosted any overseas guests. When Marlene Merriman asked if we could host Ian and Nola Goldsmith from Adelaide for a couple of nights, we accepted the challenge.

We communicated with Ian and Nola before they left and Ian provided plenty of information about themselves and promised to take it easy on us as 'virgin hosts'. Our house isn't easy to find and I had given them basic directions, however Ian had total confidence in locating us with his GPS. We expected them to arrive late afternoon on the 17th March and we duly got the half-expected phone call when the GPS failed to put them on the right side of the Huatoki Stream. Huatoki St is quite convoluted and while modern technology is marvellous, GPS wont do any better than the quality of the installed maps.



ABOVE: Left to Right - Sue & Les Sharp, Marlene & Alan Merriman and Ian Goldsmith.

They arrived a couple of minutes later and we got them settled in. One question I had asked was if they had any special dietary requirements, and I don't know that Ian realised, but in reply, he advised us that they had no dietary requirements. However, I seem to recall that we fed them.

The weather wasn't the best at that time so our plans to show them around on Friday the 18th were fluid until the day arrived. In the morning we started at the Te Rewa Rewa Bridge on the coastal walkway near the mouth of the Waiwhakaiho River. This bridge is reasonably new and recently won an international award for its design. It has been carefully aligned so that when one is crossing towards the city, Mt Taranaki is framed by the structure. On the way from there to the city we called at one of the surf beaches that form the coastline on the eastern side of the city centre. In the city we parked near the Wind Wand, took a look at that part of the walkway then strolled through Pukeariki Landing and the Huatoki Plaza to the centre of the city. Returning to the car, we went to the West of the city where there is a view of the coast from the Back Beach car park. The weather was too doubtful to climb Paritutu Rock, so we took them to the top of Mt Moturoa and Churchill Heights for views over the city. Next stop was the kiosk in Pukekura Park for lunch followed by a visit to the fernery. While we were having lunch, there were brief glimpses of the summit of Mt Taranaki as clouds wafted across, and Nola was seated strategically trying to capture a photo.



ABOVE: Les relaxing in the fernery, Pukekura Park.

Having recharged our batteries we set off heading Southwest on SH45 (Surf Highway) and drove to Oaonui where we visited the information centre at the Maui Production Station. It was clear enough to see the 'Maui A' platform which is 26km from the coast. Next stop was Opunake with its interesting murals and the statue of Peter Snell. From there we drove by some country roads more or less following the most direct route to Dawson Falls (this trip proved that Les's navigation wasn't quite as good as Ian's GPS).



ABOVE: The New Plymouth Port from Churchill Heights.

After visiting the lookout behind the visitor centre and the falls lookout it was time to head home for a brief recovery prior to joining Alan and Marlene Merriman at Stumble Inn tavern in Merrilands for dinner. After dinner it was back to our place for a cuppa of choice, and for those who dared a sample of Swiss Schnapps (genuine Apple Schnapps from a farm in the Oberthal region). The following morning we farewelled them as they set out on their way to Wellington.

We thoroughly enjoyed hosting Ian and Nola; we now look forward to taking them up on their offer to visit them in Adelaide, as well as the opportunity to host other IPA members who visit Taranaki.

Nola and Ian would like sincerely thank Sue & Les Sharp for their hospitality in looking after us during our time in New Plymouth. It shows the true spirit of IPA where you start as strangers but become lifelong friends. We are indebted to them and look forward to their visit to Adelaide in the future where we will offer our IPA camaraderie.

Ian and Nola Goldsmith
Australia IPA No 499

Editor's note: One photograph taken by Ian and Nola Goldsmith and submitted through Les Sharp is not included here in this item. Instead it adorns the front cover. Many thanks for your contributions and the permission to use it.

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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 established 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 volunteer to 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 committees arrange social activities within their own regions 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 16 or 17 years at the commencement of the gathering they wish to attend.

Membership application forms are available on the IPA website – www.ipa.org.nz

International Police Association New Zealand Section

Application for Membership

Name

family name | first / christian names

Date of birth

/ / (day month year)

Country of Birth

Home address

street number and name

suburb

town / city | post code

Postal address (if different)

box number

suburb

town / city | post code

Email address

Phone

home | work | mobile

Police service

New Zealand station | registration no. (QID)

duties performed | other Police service

rank | / / retirement date (if applicable)

Other related service

Languages (written or spoken)

Are you prepared to offer accommodation to visiting members?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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If yes, what type of accommodation?

Interests

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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 $44.00 as required.

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Date	/ / .....

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THE ARTHUR TROOP SCHOLARSHIP - Regulations

1. In order to support professional education and to complement advanced training, ten 'Arthur Troop Scholarships' may be awarded annually by the PEB, preferably including at least one from each continent.
2. Each scholarship shall consist of a bursary of up to 3,000 Swiss Francs that is to be used for a seminar at the International Conference Centre 'IBZ Schloss Gimborn,' or a comparable institution and shall included travel and accommodation expenses.
3. The scholarship shall be awarded to IPA members in police service, but is predominantly targeted at the younger, lower ranking member, who is not generally in the position to avail of police service funded courses.
4. The applicant must have been a member of the IPA for at least one year.
5. The member must submit a completed application, giving reasons why IPA should grant the scholarship. The completed application must be processed through their National Section, who must give a written supporting statement and forward the application with the attachments to the International Secretary General (IAC).
6. The closing date for receipt of applications by the IAC is the 30th of September.
7. The scholarship must be taken between the 1st January and the 31st December of the year following the grant of the scholarship. Extensions will only be granted under exceptional circumstances.
8. Applicants will be pre-selected by the International Professional Commission (IPC) for the scholarship. The IPC Chairman will submit up to ten (10) suggestions to the PEB.
9. The decision of the PEB is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
10. The International Secretary General will inform, in writing, the successful candidates and their Sections. This will also be circulated in the International Newsletter and the IAC homepage. If selected, the applicant agrees to their details being published within IPA circles.
11. On being awarded the scholarship, the scholar shall submit an estimate of the costing (budget plan) of the preferred course/seminar, including travel and accommodation, in compliance with the Travel and Accommodation Directive. The budget plan must be approved by the International Treasurer. After completion of the chosen course/seminar the approved costs will be reimbursed from the International Treasury upon written application.
12. The selected scholarship winners will write a report to the PEB on completion of the chosen courses/seminars and agree that such report(s) may be published within IPA circles.
13. Each Section is allowed to submit applications each year. If there are an insufficient number of eligible candidates the IPC can suggest a grant may be given to more than one member per Section.
14. Scholarship awardees shall be disqualified from making a further application for a period of five years.

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 300,000 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.
- 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 accommodation 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.

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