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From the Editor's Quill



Hi everyone

Hi everyone. I do hope as you read this you are all well. Winter is here and while it seems far too early, I've already had a dusting of snow on my lawn!

In this edition we have some great articles about what some of our members have been up to. Our lovely cover shot of Sue Burridge does bring back some fond memories for me of a time when I, as a young and somewhat naïve constable had a thought that I would like to be dog handler one day. I spent time on the night shift with the gruff and seasoned handlers and suffered the bruised and battered arms from proving I could wear the big sleeve and have a police dog attack me! However, I can still hear the words of a certain Senior Sergeant who quite clearly told me that while he was in the job there would be no women dog handlers.

So, I have huge admiration for Sue as I suspect the road to achieving her dream wasn't an easy one for a number of reasons.

In hindsight given I have trouble getting my fox terrier to do what I want, perhaps I wasn't well suited to that particular job!

Also in this edition we have some great travel articles which certainly opened my eyes to the attraction of a couple of places I hadn't thought about travelling to before. Bob, you have encouraged me to ensure I don't bypass Berlin on my next trip to Europe!

We also have a bit of a wrap-up from some of the Regions and touch on the recent AGM which was held in Napier.

I have had the pleasure of attending two of the AGM's now – one in Dunedin and the last one in Napier. Dunedin 2014 was a lot of fun getting to meet new people and was the start of a lovely road trip further south for myself and my sister.

This year, 2015, I didn't have to do too much encouraging to get my sister to come along to Napier for the AGM. And as with last year we weren't disappointed.

I can't speak highly enough of our wonderful hosts, Alan and Sally Monk, who kindly allowed my sister and I to stay at their holiday apartment.

It wasn't just the gorgeous location of the apartment on The Esplanade right opposite the water, or the very comfortable apartment with its lovely character and furnishings, or even the lovely home-cooked biscuits we were treated to on arrival. It was all of that but mostly it was the awesome hospitality shown by Alan and Sally, including the great conversations over dinner and a wine.

It's a reminder that being part of the police family allows one to connect with strangers through a shared bond and it's something one should never take for granted as it is a rarity outside of the job. We arrived in Napier strangers to Alan and Sally but feel we left as friends.

If you know anyone travelling to or through Napier I would highly recommend getting in touch with Alan and Sally. They can be found via www.holidayhouses.co.nz by putting the listing number 4688 in the keyword search.

As with Dunedin it was great to meet new members and those local members who organised the meetings and contributed to looking after the visitors and partners in Napier are to be congratulated. You have set the bar high for future AGM's.

Exciting times are ahead as we count down to 2016. Thank you to all those have contributed to the magazine this time round and please do drop me a line if you have something to share.

Servo per amikeco

Kathy Graham



The President's Report

Kia Ora,

The last six months have been extremely busy for the Executive and especially for the 2016 IEC Committee.

The 2016 Conference has all but consumed our time putting the program together and working out costings for the conference and also for the follow on Friendship Week.

The team have been to Northland to scope this part of New Zealand and also to Rotorua to check out things on offer to us.

I'm sure you'll agree, once the program is published, that the participants enjoying Friendship Week will be exposed to a great piece of New Zealand along with all the cultural activities that we have to offer.

We have submitted final costs to the IEB and await their approval to go ahead and enter into contracts with the various suppliers.

As members of the IPA you are all invited to attend Friendship Week or other programs on offer during the IEC Conference. I encourage Region One especially to come along to the opening ceremony and other activities that give them the chance to meet overseas members of IPA.

On a local note we have two participants heading to Spain to enjoy the International Youth Gathering. Gretchen KEER-KEER and Max O'HARA and we look forward to seeing their reports on their return. The National Executive wishes them safe travel and happy holiday.

Vice President Ross PINKHAM attended the Australian AGM on a cruise from Sydney and Emily SAVAGE from Region One attended also as Serving Police Officer Day. I was unable to attend due to other commitments and any questions on the AGM should be directed to Ross.

Australian IPA executives unfortunately did not attend this year's AGM due to unforeseen circumstances, however they have extended an invitation to myself and one other to attend their AGM in Perth in October.

Ross Pinkham and Billy Lawrence will be attending the IEC Conference in Cyprus this year with me. This will be our last chance to market IEC and Friendship Week. We will be actively engaging with Delegates and Observers there and will be doing a final presentation to encourage attendance at this. Billy is working closely with Auckland Tourism to produce promotional material for us to distribute and display in Cyprus.

Once again I pay tribute to several hard working members who manage to keep IPA going full steam ahead.

- Marlene MERRIMAN, Travel Secretary, works tirelessly behind the scenes making everyone who contacts her happy. I am constantly told we have the best Travel Secretary in the world and I certainly believe this;

- Kerry MORRELL, looking after the website, does an amazing job and this is shown in the Gold Award given to our website in Germany last year;

- Kathy GRAHAM produces some brilliant work in her work as Editor and I'm sure we all agree the standard of the magazine is second to none;

- Jill CRAIG puts in a huge effort with the finances and I know some days she is pulling her hair out trying to juggle things. We need to ensure her job is easier and that as members we show responsibility in the use of funds that are paid in by our membership;

- Michael LUCAS who works so hard on the membership list and cards along with maintaining the records for meetings.

To the regional committees, thank you for making IPA what it is today and all the hard work you put in, in your own time organising activities and keeping members happy.

To the 2016 Committee, Ross, Coleen, Billy, Jim and Keith, thank you for your unselfish commitment to 2016, all your hard work will be rewarded on October 17th 2016 when you wake with a clear head and the weight of all your hard work lifted

I would also like to thank Ross and Coleen for their wisdom and support over the last year.

And a thank you to Ross and his crew for organising this year's AGM in Napier.

Lastly, thank you to the membership.

Servo per amikeco

Paul VISSER
National President
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The Secretary General's Desk



Hi there everyone!

IPA both nationally and internationally has been a busy organisation.

o IEC GERMANY

Our International President addressed the delegates and Observers in Potsdam Germany at the 39th IEC which included an Extraordinary IPA World Congress to allow for voting for changes in the IPA to take place. These changes he considered to be essential for the future of our Association. He stressed that we should not touch the principles or the foundations of the IPA, but should however renovate the four columns of the IPA house, namely the structure, the documents, the communication and the working processes. In my last report I touched on the changes that had been voted upon and the results.

This year's World Congress is to be held in Cyprus and New Zealand will be represented by our National President Paul, Vice-President Ross and Region 1 Chairperson Billy Lawrence.

o World Congress 2016 is very much the heartbeat of our Section and over the last 6-8 months much has been done to pull this together. It's all looking good and we are now waiting to hear from the IEB for their approval and signing of contracts.

o I hope you are enjoying your magazine. Again our summer edition was well presented with lots of interesting articles in it. I know I say this every year but it's important not to forget this is your [as in members] magazine and it's a good avenue to let each other know what's going on in our Regions.

o IYG this year is in Spain. We have 2 young people going from New Zealand. Region 1 and Region 5 are the regions represented this year. Next year the IYG is in California, USA, so if you know of young people aged 16-17 within your regions, whose parents or grandparents are IPA members, tap them on the shoulder and see if they are interested. Information goes on the website as it comes to hand.

o I have been so encouraged again this year with the growth in our membership. We have had 32 new members join us during 2014. Increasing membership is something that each of us can be involved in at our Regional levels. New membership was a topic of conversation in Potsdam with the International Treasurer making the comment that it is only by increased new membership that we will be able to keep the levies both internationally and nationally down and that it was over to each Section to work at this. It was interesting to hear about the number of Sections struggling with the recruiting of new membership. So we're not alone in this. Thank you again to Ross Penguilly and now Lorenzo Ricato from Australia for their superb work in the producing or our membership cards for us and to our Asst. Secretary General, Michael for his work in the maintaining of the membership.

o Don't forget to go the website, have a look around, lots of good things being regularly updated by our Webmaster. We received a Gold medal this year for our website, good work Kerry. Also you are able to update your personal details yourself on the web and I would encourage you to do this as it makes it easier to keep our Regional mailing lists up to date.

o GIMBORN – This is an avenue for our members to experience study in topics of interest to their work place. These can be found on their website www.ibz-gimborne.de

There is a new course which is only in English, Cybercrime – Crime using digital media, running from 31st August to 4th September 2015. Application forms are on the zGimborn website. This is not an Arthur Troop Scholarship course so can I encourage you to take this information back to your Regions and let your members know as I am sure there would be some interest in this.

o We have had another busy year with our international travellers and Marlene our Travel Secretary has again done a superb job over the year in organising and helping the many visitors to these our fair shores.

o In reading the reports from each of the Regions, there seems to be some good activities going on amongst our members and this is encouraging to read about. We are all about friendship and what better way to nurture this other than coming together.

o There are a number of IPA events on all round the world. These are on our website, for your perusal, so check them out.

Lastly, winter is about to set in, keep warm, keep well and continue to enjoy the world of opportunities through friendship.

Servo per Amikeco

C J Meyers

Coleen Meyers
Secretary General





Above: *National Executive Council Meeting - Napier*

Left: *Coleen during the 39th IEC in Potsdam, Germany*

Noticeboard

2016 IPANZ Motorcycle Tour

By the time this magazine is published the very successful 5th IPANZ motorcycle tour will be done and dusted.

However, the popularity of this event has prompted Bruce to issue a heads-up to members who may wish to participate in 2016.

"As a direct result of assisting a group of 4 German motorcyclists on their own tour of NZ in November 2014 I have already had three expressions of interest from Germany for a 2016 IPANZ tour. It looks like even at this very early stage an expression of interest may be appropriate to have a chance to participate.

The ride would be in Feb - Mar 2016 for about 4 weeks taking in both North and South Islands and start and end in Auckland. Riders are able to join along the way however the amount payable for accommodation would be the same as for the whole tour (about $500) as it is too hard to get involved with pro rata rates.

The 2015 has German, Welsh, English, Russian and Kiwis participating."

If anyone is keen on the 2016 tour drop me a line and I can put you in touch with Bruce – Editor.

IPA Sweden Hotels – offer to IPA members

IPA Sweden has negotiated a hotel agreement covering 2015 for all Scandic Hotels in Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Germany, Poland, the Netherlands and Belgium. This agreement is open to all IPA members and extended family worldwide who would like to book a room at a Scandic Hotel in any of the above counties, using the IPA code mentioned in the attached document.

Private bookings (1-9 rooms) www.scandichotels.com Group bookings (10-20 rooms) contact the hotel of choice.

International Youth Gathering, Los Angeles, USA - 2016

The US Sponsored International Youth Gathering is in Los Angeles, USA between July 16th to July 30th, 2016.

For further information on this amazing opportunity which will be available to two young persons from New Zealand to attend go to our website www.ipa.org.nz

Nominations close 31st December 2015

Where are they now?



We are keen to track down the following members who we do not have up-to-date contact details for.

If you do have any information on any of the following, please contact either the Assistant Secretary General, Michael Lucas (assistant-secretary-general@ipa.org.nz) your Regional Secretary or your Regional Treasurer.

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Barry Ware (was stationed Takapuna)

Region 3
Ian Chadburn (last known address in Levin)

Remember to log in to the website, www.ipa.org.nz and update your contact information so we can keep in touch with you.

Souvenirs

Don't forget there are a range of NZ IPA souvenirs available for purchase through the **www.ipa.org.nz** website.

You will need to log in and go to the IPA Shop to see all the details.





A reminder to allow plenty of time for delivery (at least 10 days) if you are intending to travel overseas and wish to take souvenirs with you.

Members Articles

Dogged detective's amazing years

Detective Carole Tipler only meant to join Police for a year – 42 years later, she has retired.

She joined in September 1972 and topped 53 Wing, where colleagues included future Commissioner Peter Marshall. Her plan was to serve a year then head to England, where she had previously lived.



In the beginning – Carole as a new recruit.

She served in Lower Hutt, Auckland and Henderson before transferring to her native Taranaki in 1992.

She also spent time as a Metropolitan Police officer during a stint in England.

Carole's roles included crime prevention officer, records, personnel, arms officer, CIS and traffic before she joined the CIB in 2003 – almost 25 years to the day after she graduated from her CIB induction course, her ambitions interrupted by the 1981 Springbok tour, then motherhood.

The highlight was working with Taranaki's Sexual and Child Abuse Team, particularly with victims of historic offending. "Watching them go through the healing process was amazing. It was a huge privilege to be able to guide them."

Her most memorable case saw paedophile Peter Jordan receive preventive detention in 2009 after decades of offending.

Carole coordinated the Mounted Section for the 1986 Police centenary celebrations and 1990 Commonwealth Games closing ceremony, with thoroughbred eventers standing in for Police horses.

However, her best-known work with animals is as an international dog judge and breeder of salukis.

Since her last shift Carole has spent two months in Nepal, working as a volunteer at a school in Gorkha District and at Kathmandu's Pashupati Temple, which provides care for elderly and helpless people.

"42 years is a lifetime really," she says. "They've been amazing years. It's been such a privilege."



Carole with fellow Wing 53 veterans - from left: *Sergeant Brian Kench (Canterbury), Senior Constable Graham Gough (Waitemata) and Dave Ross (Community Patrols NZ).*

Article courtesy of Ten One magazine 2014

Editor's Note: *As many of you will know Carole was a former Editor of this magazine – all the best in your 'retirement' years Carole – those of us that know you know there will be no slowing down for you!*

Letters to the Editor

New Year's Honour for Anna Jackson

IPA Region 2 member, Superintendent Anna Jackson, recognised in the 2014/15 New Year's Honours List.

NZ Police reported the following on December 31 2014:

Inspector Anna Jackson, ONZM: for services to NZ Police and the community. Currently the Acting National Manager, Police Professional Conduct, Inspector Jackson joined police in January 1984 and was the first woman officer to be promoted to the rank of Sergeant, Senior Sergeant and Inspector in Rotorua.



She's a former head of Rotorua's Road Policing Unit, has represented Police on community safety committees, and has been involved with equal opportunities issues and professional standards since 2005. Inspector Jackson is a long term member of the Bay of Plenty District Equity and Diversity Committee, represents her district on women's issues and has been in charge of the district's Professional Conduct team since 2009 and is a national advocate in ethics training. Inspector Jackson has been praised for her work on a United States funded deployment to Baguio City in the Philippines to train officers in community policing, ethics and human rights.

Outside police, Inspector Jackson has been actively involved in voluntary community service for a local early childhood centre, primary and secondary school, Kaharoa Community Association and Hall Committee, church and youth work.

I asked Anna, who joined IPA NZ in 1985, what receiving the award meant to her - Editor.

"I am obviously thrilled with this honour which was a real surprise. Working in police gives us many opportunities to help others, every day. The community committees and activities I have become involved in outside work have been a real pleasure. A wonderful consequence of this is the realisation that doing things for other people, makes you happy!"

Congratulations Anna – clearly well-deserved recognition. Editor

The following letter was received just a tad late to include in the last issue, but John was kind enough to approve its publication in this issue.

Dear Kathy

I would not want you to think there has been no reaction from former (Founding) President John O'Ferrall.

I was touched to the heart by the cover of the Winter 2014 Journal. I can assure you that happy memories flooded back.

I was asked very recently if I could help an elderly man in England, who wanted to get in touch with Jim Stoddart. Sadly he had to be informed that Jim had died a few years ago.

The Astor Hotel is no more (Symonds St/Khyber Pass) but that meeting involved me reading out aloud, much of the constitution, resulting in me just about losing my voice—had to drink water, in a Pub !!

Frances, my wife, and I still keep in touch with Rosalyn Halpin. Her husband Ron was the Kiwi IPA member I was put in touch with in 1962 or 1963. I was then an Inspector in the Kenya Police, having been an IPA member for a couple of years. Ron Halpin was so very helpful to us. He gave us information about Police pay, conditions, housing, cost of Living and more.

Then in 1964 I flew to New Zealand and applied to join the NZ Police. Coming from the warm equator, to Trentham Police College in winter was tough !

To my amazement the PT/Phys Ed Instructor, was a man who taught Gymnastics at Stonyhurst College, Lancashire, England where I was a boarder. I served in the British Army for 3 years 1953-5 until at 21 I was old enough to join the Kenya Police.

The May Mau Emergency still continued then. It was after Kenya got Political Independence, that the political wind of change blew me to New Zealand.

Nora Crawford was one of the livewires. She was a Detective (Possibly D/Sgt later) and many IPA meetings were held at her home, quite near Eden Park.

We worked hard to get that "critical mass" before the International Executive agreed to accept NZ as a new Section of IPA.

I am amazed when I see how much it has grown.Just last weekend there were about 60 of us at the IPA Christmas luncheon. I was invited to attend the Committee meeting and AGM.

I am also involved in the planning for the big event in 2016 and hope to be around to see things unfold for that historic event.

Enough from me.
John O'Ferrall



President's Message

To All Members — Far and Near

This might bring some further memories back John - Editor
A wee snapshot of John from his President's message in Vol 1, No 1 IPA Magazine August 1967

Members Travel Tales

Sà-wàt-dee Thailand

Steve Anderton – Region 4

A lot of people have visited Thailand but if you haven't take the opportunity to tick this off your 'bucket list' ....you won't regret it, I promise.

Spending about a month there was perhaps a bit long but this time I had the chance to see things I didn't see before. Trying to pick up a few words in Thai was a "mission" but I promised I would do it. I can appreciate why the Thai people experience trauma over learning "Ingwish".

For those contemplating a visit, first some facts about the country. Thailand is a tourist haven with over 70 million people [10% of that living in Bangkok]. They are 6 hours behind New Zealand but probably light years ahead in public transport options....rail (above and below ground), air travel with two major airports near to Bangkok with two more international airports from a beach resort and further afield. Taxis as well as local buses and more luxurious coaches not to mention the tuk tuk, or the more leisurely horse and carriage for about $10 for half an hour.



Their currency is the 'baht' and at 25 to the New Zealand dollar we do pretty well. Lunch would cost you about $3 - $5 and dinner up to $10. Taking a taxi from the main international airport "su-wan-na-poom" in Bangkok to the CBD will cost you about $15. All taxis are metered so check the meter out first. If you know where you're going and what you are doing a bus could be a cheaper option.

Accommodation is generally graded between cheap, medium to expensive. A good quality hotel which includes breakfast would be between $35 and $50 a night [per room]. Most have a swimming pool as well. Prices are cheaper in smaller centres but not at or near tourist beaches.

Thailand is a country of contradictions, but Thais with a very complacent, laid back and kind and hospitable approach avoid confrontation or offence to others. The current political upheaval is a bit of an anathema to their culture and religion, speaking of which you can't but notice the preponderance of temples, palaces and monasteries that fill any background. These cultural icons are also very closely linked to the Thai monarchy and are in fact inseparable parts of the puzzle. Buddhists occupy 95% of Thailand's religious population with small numbers of Christians and Muslims. The Buddhist religion was adopted from India in the 6th century.



Health facilities in Thailand are very good to excellent and also very cheap to tourists and locals alike. Even the option of having your plastic surgery done in Thailand as opposed to New Zealand or any other country will save you thousands. The standard "tummy tuck" might set you back between $3K and $5K or a facial i.e. "blepharoplasty" around $1,500 (NZ).

Bangkok has a very good reputation as having some of the best hospitals in Asia. See waiting room for patients below.



Persons seeking surgery in Thailand however won't be covered by New Zealand health insurance so alternative arrangements may have to be made.

New Zealand citizens don't need a visa unless staying for longer than 30 days. Also your duty free liquor allowance is only 1 litre [wine or spirits]. Local grog is much cheaper but well known European brands are about the same as in New Zealand.

Your money should be exchanged only at reputable banks or money changers. There are also plenty of ATM's but at a cost of $6 per transaction.

Try the local food (again in reputable outlets), but use the rule that if the restaurant is well attended (even by locals) it should be okay. Thai food is renowned for its taste, colour, flamboyance, tons of local vegetables and spices and just sheer enjoyment. I never once felt over full having eaten a Thai meal. Be wary of eating or drinking at country cafes/restaurants; they may have fresh water problems, and always boil water regardless, drinking only reputable bottled water.



Fish Market



General Food Market



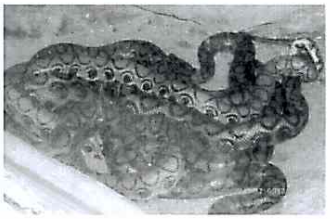
A Supermarket

'Must see' places are Bangkok (obviously), Ko Samui and Hua Hin beach resorts, the latter being the closest to Bangkok in the Gulf. Try a day trip to Katchanaburi where the "death railway" of the Bridge over the River Kwai fame is a regular scenic attraction to thousands. Or you could consider a longer trip to the elephant conservation park in Lampang (northern Thailand) or a flight from Bangkok to Phuket another and very popular beach resort. That 2 hour flight could set you back about $160 return.

I'd also like to introduce you to some of the native animal population who also have a right to be heard.



Just a Croc!



See "here's a snake"



Monty Python!



I remember you

Some useful phrases:

sà-wàt-dee - Hello/thanks/goodbye and a myriad of other greetings

sà-bai-dee-mài	How are you ?
chài	Yes
mài	No
kōrp-kun	Thank you
tōw-rai	How much is this ?

This leaves me to say sà-wàt-dee and best wishes from me to you.....



Members Travel Tales

Old and New Germany with France and Switzerland on the side

Bob Walker, Region 3

My wife and I have recently returned from a long holiday in Germany, with day visits to adjoining countries like Switzerland and France.

This holiday was a "holiday with a difference"; I will explain later what that difference was.

I learnt a long time ago never advertise the fact that you will be overseas otherwise some of our "bent citizens" may take advantage of your holiday. In my case I nearly had a roster of people looking after my property.

Just like the Rolling Stones this tour was my Last World Tour and after spending a combined time of 25 hours flying from Wanganui to Frankfurt in Germany, I can clearly say I doubt I will ever travel to Europe again. Even a short break in Singapore was not enough to break the boredom and physical and mental stress of such a long flight in "cattle class". My only relief came when it was "food time" and the Pilot announced over the intercom that "all electronic devices should be turned off for your personal safety until further notice!" I noticed we were flying over Kandahar in Afghanistan. The flurry of movement was very encouraging, Ukraine and other "tourist spots" were given a wide berth much to my relief also.

Touching down at Frankfurt was a blessing as we had booked into the Frankfurt Hilton Hotel which is within the Airport complex. I was the first into the shower and first into bed, bless me a proper bed and a short time later I was in Noddy Land!

Next morning after a nice but very different German breakfast it was jump on an ICE train (Inter City Express) to head south to Freiburg in the Schwarzwald (Black Forest). After a couple of hours of travelling up to 295/300KM per hour (which frankly does not seem fast until you cross another ICE train doing the same speed and going the other way) we arrived in Freiburg and we were greeted by my lifelong friend Karl and his wife Monika.



Modern township on the mountains behind Freiburg in the Black Forest, German – photo taken while on an old steam train

Karl and I were penfriends at a very young age and he's like a brother or family member. His two children have stopped with Lois and I here in Waverley and Wanganui plus they attended Wanganui High School. One is now a Doctor (training to become a Surgeon) and the other is finishing off a Law Degree and going to be a Lawyer. I credit New Zealand and Wanganui High School in playing an important role in their lives and I think Lisa and Michael would support me. Both are very vocal New Zealand supporters and both have clear intentions to come back to New Zealand.



The best form of Transport in Freiburg was the trams, running to most sites and 10 minutes apart between trams, so no waiting.

During my lifetime (which spans a number of years) I have been to Freiburg five times at Christmas time and every time it has snowed, so to be told that it looked like a "snow free" Christmas was something of a disappointment. I turned to a greater power and bingo on the 28th of December it snowed which was great. However Christmas and New Year functions were arranged "up a mountain" behind Freiburg so Lois and I would "get our White Christmas".

Travelling up to our Christmas venue at the Hotel or Guesthouse (Gasthaus Geiligenbrunnen) which is at Titisee-Neustadt first by train and then walking in a moderate snow storm certainly built up an appetite.

The atmosphere in the Guesthouse was "pure Christmas" with a large number of families sitting down to Christmas Dinner, snow falling outside and a couple of Bernese Mountain Dogs wandering around the dining area (yes dogs have free passage in a number of area's in Germany).

While I was busy taking photos of these dogs for a friend in Wanganui who is the owner of one these massive dogs, I had a friend telling German diners that I was taking photos of the dogs and not them eating their Christmas dinner.

Over the Christmas New Year period we travelled to a number of Christmas Markets in Germany and across the French border to ancient walled villages (all were former German villages in years gone by). This was in the Region of Alsace, one particular village called Riquewihr is just magic and was "born in the eleventh century" and declared a "City" in 1320AD. The village is totally intact and it's just like stepping back in time. It was our second visit to this beautiful town and region. Colmar is a similar town, but the whole region is famous for its wine and vineyards plus its rich history. Well worth visiting

We visited a relation in Basel in Switzerland where the temperature was -11C and walked through the snow visiting Roman ruins from the period of Emperor Augusta of which are dotted all though parts of Switzerland. The snow and road conditions stopped a planned trip to the Swiss Alps, but seeing wiper blades freezing to the

windows and electric side mirrors frozen solid plus feeling your car going sideways on roads treated with salt a couple of hours before brought reality into sharp focus. Watching TV that night and seeing that people died on roads going to the French Alps (before the French closed the roads) confirmed we had made the right decision.



Lost? No, just getting directions to our Christmas dinner venue in a snow storm. Freiburg. (Bob's wife, Lois on left)



History screams out at you in Riquewhir

A visit to Berlin perhaps brought to me personally one of the highlights of the tour, I was not that keen on going there. I thought it had been flattened in 1945 and would be like Nagasaki with 1950's architecture and buildings after a major "re build". But it was a detour and a visit to another old village, which I had only seen from a fast moving train a number of time while travelling down the Rhine (Rhein) River that was perhaps the major highlight of the tour. We did this major detour on our way to Berlin which was a 6 hour trip from Freiburg. We travelled up the side of the Rhine River to a small village called Bacharach, which was right on the edge of the mighty Rhine River. No waste of money on "stop banks" here. Clearly Bacharach had suffered a number of major floods, the Rhine is not "stop banked" like the Wanganui River, but that's another story. Bacharach was a hidden gem built mainly in 1200AD, but sadly like so many small towns in New Zealand it had lost its tourism appeal and was bypassed for more in favour things like the Swiss and French Alps and strangely Berlin (which is now the "in City" in Germany).

We stopped overnight in Bacharach at a local hotel and had a great evening meal and boosted the local coffers with a few Euros. Watching barges using the Rhine was like looking at a motorway and I thought back on the traffic and history Bacharach and other small townships must have seen in years gone by.

Next morning it was off to Berlin. Leaving sleepy Bacharach was a little sad as I knew this would be the last little German village I would ever see, but seeing this beautiful place was a dream come true. As I said I had seen it from a train, but to walk its streets and stay overnight in one of its old Hotels was something I will remember forever. So after a rushed breakfast we walked down the cobbled streets to catch the train that would take us to Berlin a number of hours away.



The Mighty Rhine, photographed from a beautiful old village call Bacharach, right on the edge of the river.

It was great following the Rhine River for a couple of hours and seeing little townships on the Rhine. They were not as old and beautiful as "my town Bacharach", but they had their own charm. The steep cliff type hills that rose up from the river that had grapes growing on every inch of the land made a fabulous picture.

Yes the Rhine Valley and in particular the "older traditional part" is now a former forgotten tourist attraction and that's sad. Great if you did what I did and that was to target old villages and townships and my German friends had done a great job in "meeting my wishes". I suspect that my friend Karl will be taking his wife to see Bacharach; he knew it was there but like so many places, he had not visited it.

I think this is a fault of most of us, we don't go off the main roads anymore, we travel from A to B and that's it. Dealing with my pending visit to Berlin, I did something I have never done before and that was "research a place I was about to visit". Like I said I was not that keen to visit Berlin, thinking it was flattened in 1945 and would be the same as Nagasaki (which I have visited a number of times). Changing countries a bit here, the only reason I have been to Nagasaki was to take tour groups of students to the Peace Park and the Nagasaki Atom Bomb Museum which is a chilling but powerful experience for anyone. You would certainly not go to Nagasaki to see their bland 1950's styled buildings.

Sure Berlin was not hit by one bomb but by thousands of tons of older conventional bombs. As a child I had seen movies, books and even later TV documentaries that showed the total devastation of Berlin. As a Christmas present my friends gave me a book on Berlin which started to change my views and thoughts on the place. But on page one it read ***"As a city, Berlin is completely destroyed. You drive for miles and miles without finding anything habitable. Berlin can never be rebuilt" (Quote from a British Air Marshall 1945).***

Yes I was right it would be like Nagasaki and not worth visiting in my view. In 1945/46 it was a lunar landscape, no man's land, deforestation with a vengeance, Germany's biggest field of rubble. I had read books about inhabitants cutting any surviving trees down to build "community fires" to keep warm. Near Brandenburg gate survivors planted rows of potatoes, lettuce for food and dead horses were another source of nourishment. Seventy percent of the City centre had been reduced to ashes.

My research into Berlin started on the computer. I went to famous historic sites to see what they looked like in 1945 and now in 2015. Long-held views started to change. First I checked out Hitler's Bunker and found out it does not exist, there is a Kindergarten there. Next Spandau Prison does not exist, there is a supermarket there and anything connected to the Nazi era is gone.

But the history of Berlin shows many eras that have been "removed". Berlin has been a Capital six times: capital of Prussia, the German Reich, the Weimar Republic, the Third Reich, the GDR and now the Federal Republic of Germany. Each system tried in its time to eradicate its predecessor's symbolic places and areas. Tearing them down or building on top of them for example the Allies pulled down anything that was left of the National Socialists (Nazi's). The GDR (East Germans) took away any evidence of the Nazi dictatorship, but also relics of the Prussian Imperial period. It appears that bulldozers obliterated all traces of the medieval, Prussian, bourgeois and aristocratic past. Also at the same time Russians took down industrial plants as part of war reparations. End result was the economy suffered immensely as a consequence of this "dismantling policy". In the socialist capital, new bland and boring buildings went up; many had to be removed after the Wall fell in 1989.

So the history of Berlin in the 20th century was a cycle of destruction, annihilation, removal, demolishing, levelling, overhauling, construction/deconstruction, reconstruction, retro construction and now new construction. Does this make Berlin different, you bet it does, and you can still walk about Berlin and see bullet marks in pillars of buildings (I assume stone does not get borer?).

Berlin took on a "new look for me" and I was keen or more interested in spending valuable time away from my little ancient villages and towns that I came to Germany to see. Leaving the Rhine valley and "old Germany" we changed from a slower IC (Inter City Train) to the faster ICE (Inter City Express Train) and raced through Cities that in the 40's were major targets for the Allies like Koblenz, Bonn, Koln (Cologne) Wuppertal and many more.

On one of the few stations the ICE train stopped I noticed a new arrival in our carriage, a female in her mid-30s dressed in a long black coat, hair covered in a black scarf and clearly of some Arab descent carrying two bulky bags, one like a carpenters tool bag. She drank water constantly and frequently was talking on the phone fighting to stay awake but fell asleep also frequently.

What concerned me was that when she went to the WC she took her "carpenters bag with her". It was too big for a makeup bag, so did it contain an AK47 or was it a valuable roller skate board, maybe she was a carpenter anyway.

I took comfort from the fact that there was a blonde tough looking female commissioned officer (rank of Captain I think) sitting about four seats away from this suspicious Arab female. Also the Officer was wearing a side arm. On my trip to the little boy's room I walked past this Policewoman who to my surprise was reading a Training Manual that was in English. I saw one of the headings as a walked by slowly; it was headed Best use of Resources. Hell I thought, even the Germans, like the Kiwi Police, penny pinch.

For the next few hours I kept my eyes on our Arab friend, thinking all suspicious passengers would come under pretty strict surveillance by close-circuit monitors when we arrived in Berlin.



Three lonely protesters outside German Parliament, re Immigration into Germany. Berlin.

So eventually we arrived in Berlin at the big Central Train Station, built in 2006 after the Wall came down; just another modern building with some 300,000 people using it each day. Like Frankfurt, Airport/Rail Centre, Berlin would make a great terrorist target.

Getting on a bus to take us to the Hotel which was going to be home for the next four days my eyes popped open. I started to see the historic Berlin that I learnt about. We drove by the Brandenburg Gate (heaps smaller than I thought) but it is the true stature of a united Germany and since 1989 signified a symbol of peace. It was built in 1791 and I would guess it has seen more parades and events than the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, which is a lot bigger. How Napoleon, the Kaiser and Hitler managed to march troops and tanks in numbers through the archways I stood there and wondered.

I don't intend going into detail about the buildings we went into otherwise I would start a book! We went under the Brandenburg Gate, into the Reichstag (up into the dome), Federal Chancellery, walked around the Museum Island, Palace of the Republic, saw the Television Tower (1200 feet tall), walked around the Gendarmenmarkt, Checkpoint Charlie, Berlin Wall (what's left of it), Memorial Church and Victory Column.

I will mention a bit about this Column, which was built to celebrate the Prussian victory over Denmark, Austria and France between 1866 and 1871. After the Second World War France wanted it taken down, but Britain and American said no. Hitler had it moved and added an extra 1M in height.

There were a number of other historic buildings we saw or went into; in fact my wife and I were slightly overcome with by the beauty of the place, with parks and plenty of open spaces with canals. I guess the present Government had an open canvas after the fall of the GDR and the Wall. Look closely and you can still see some of the bland boring East German Apartments, but they are not in the centre of Berlin.

If you want to go to a great café while in Berlin, try the famous Cafe Einstein a short walk from the Brandenburg Gate. In fact eating out in Berlin is a special treat in itself, history, style, great food and top service. Without any doubt if you are going to Europe you must go to Berlin, little wonder it knocked Bacharach off the tourism charts.

Why was this trip different to all the others I had made to a number of countries in years gone by? One word "Terrorism" or to put a fine point on it "Radical Muslim Terrorism" and their threats to blow up Western sites of interest. Prior to departure National and International media quoted one particular Terrorist group saying European Capitals were on their "hit list" and they had cells ready to move into action and that meant Berlin where we planned to go. Sure it was a plan to scare citizens in the West and stuff tourism in countries that relied on that income but clearly they had the means to carry out those threats.

While travelling within Germany we heard about the French Cartoon Media being hit in Paris which only reinforced my view that you needed to stay aware. Once leaving the Aircraft at Frankfurt it is the first time ever that I have carried a knife, torch and matches in a backpack (of course to peel an apple, see where I was going at night and to light a fire if I got cold).

It is also the first time I have visually "screened" passengers or people close to me. Getting old and nervous, no getting wise and careful.

The other issue at the moment is the number of "Refugees" that are floating about in Europe, most are from poor Eastern EU Countries, and others are from War Zones (most held in Transit camps in Italy). Increasing numbers are resorting to crime and unsophisticated tourists are easy targets.

I have always flown with a certain airline that has "Air Marshalls" and tight security. In fact the country has a reputation of being "secured" so I have faith in their airport system and their aircraft. With International airports, international and large train stations being prime targets (Frankfurt Airport/Railway was hit by Terrorists a number of years ago) I suggest everyone needs to heighten their personal security. You don't have to carry an AK47 but be aware of your environment.



Friendly Policeman was part of a massive Police presence near the Brandenburg Gate (again re Immigration), Berlin.

From a Police point of view, they certainly had a high profile in Germany/France and Switzerland walking about in pairs, always armed and alert (even before the Paris incident). I spoke to a Policeman in Berlin who was preparing for a major demonstration and possible riot near the Brandenburg Gate. The demonstration was against Refugees coming into Germany.

I spoke to a number of Germans, and in fact, had an in- depth talk with a lovely waitress in Berlin who spoke perfect English. I started the conversation by saying Berlin is a lovely city and you have to keep it that way. Her reply did not surprise me but her honesty did. "We have big social problems here, Germany does not wish to be seen as anti-refugees due to our history, I'm sure you understand?" It's not genuine refugees that are the problem she said it's the major influx of Muslims that don't want to blend into German society and cause problems for everyone else. She said it has become worse in the last couple of years. Just across the border in Italy there is nearly ½ million from Africa and Syria. Turkey has millions while Lebanon had closed their camps due to overcrowding. She said that Germany had taken 375,000 "new people" in 2014 and in 2015 the Government had planned to bring in 500,000 more. I said goodbye and wondered what Berlin would be like in 10 years' time. Frankly I was happy I visited when I did.

Just as a matter of interest Germany has a population of 80.62 million and GDP is $26.268 USAD while New Zealand has about 4.5million and our GDP is $41.550. On trains and trams I noticed signs (in German of course) "Learn to speak German and get a job".

It was run by a National German Polytech and even gave the cost of such a course. So clearly some people in Germany are trying to come to grips with the problem. While I was in Berlin distrust and hatred boiled over in Dresden with a massive demonstration and riots involving 18,000 protesters against "refugees". In Berlin I saw numerous signs with Hitler's name on them. I asked my friend what the signs said. He replied "Don't let Hitler's dream come true" (He wanted a pure German race, non-Germans were sub-humans). These signs were put up by pro-refugee groups, so it seems the battle lines have been drawn up within Germany already.

So in summary "Random Acts of Violence from Terrorists" (Lone Wolf Attacks) on tourist centres and increased numbers of aimless refugees have altered the concept of international travel for me. Will I continue to travel, sure will! Would I recommend Germany, Switzerland and France as tourist destinations, yes? Maybe try and avoid heavily populated tourist sites in Germany and France. The Middle East and a number of other countries have "been off my radar for years". New Zealand seems a great choice right now!



Sad point of tour, had to leave this new Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG behind, but did manage to buy a scale model on my card though!

Around the Regions

2015 IPA NZ AGM - Napier

Alongside the serious side of the AGM and NEC meetings held in Napier in April 2015 there was also time for some get-togethers and sightseeing.

Thanks to the members who worked hard to organise the weekend, and while there will be more than those mentioned here, I would particularly like to thank Viv Pinkham for taking the time to give us a very interesting walkabout tour taking in the history and sights of Art-Deco Napier and those that provided the partners' tour while the NEC meeting was taking place.



Above: *Hearing about Napier's shaky history and art-deco development from Viv Pinkham*

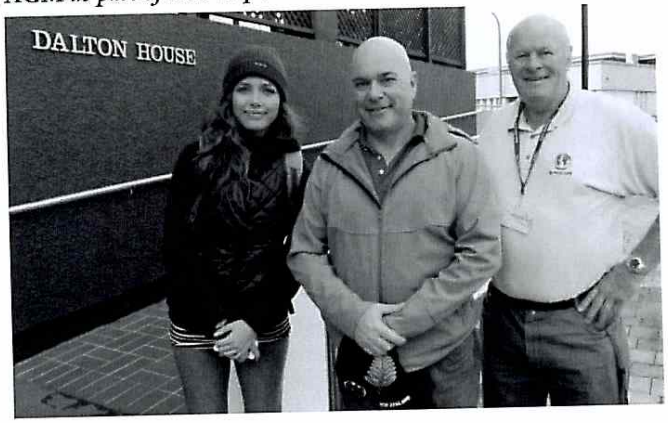


A happy looking tour group



Some of the locals!

Below: *Ontario IPA member Rejean Boutin with his daughter Marie-Kim, pictured with Ross Pinkham were able to attend the AGM as part of their trip around New Zealand*





A Māori legend tells how Pania left the sea people to marry Karitoki, a chieftain whose whare (house) was sited in an area now known as Sturm's Gully on Napier's Bluff Hill.After Karitoki departed to fight in a long tribal war, Pania's original family called to her at sunset and at dawn. Unable, finally, to resist their siren voices, she swam out to meet them. When she attempted to return to the shore, however, she was drawn down to the caverns of the sea. Angered by her divided loyalties, Moana-nui-a-kiwa, lord of the sea, transformed her into a rocky shelf. Lying off the Napier breakwater, the beautiful sea creature is immortalised as Pania's Reef. The statue of Pania of the Reef was presented to the city in 1954 by the Thirty Thousand Club. Vic Wallis, a member for almost 40 years, and Horace Cottrell, another member and enthusiastic supporter, conceived the idea of perpetuating the Māori legend after hearing the story from F A Bennett, the first Bishop of Aotearoa (New Zealand), when he was on a tour of Napier. The Thirty Thousand Club was formed in 1913, and its members pledged to support the Napier community until its population reached 30,000. After 62 years, when it was nearing 50,000, the club was wound up. Source: www.napier.govt.nz

REGION 2
Pre-Christmas Lunch & More

All ages were catered for in the IPA, from 8 Years to a member, who will soon be celebrating his 80th Birthday. This was at Region 2's Pre-Christmas Lunch, held on Sunday 30th November 2014, at the Vilagrad Winery, Ngahinapouri, which is situated south west of Hamilton. Apart from a very enjoyable buffet lunch, members were also able to re-stock their wine cellars for Christmas.

The occasion certainly endorsed the fact that the International Police Association is a Friendship Organisation. It was good to chat to both old friends and some new faces.

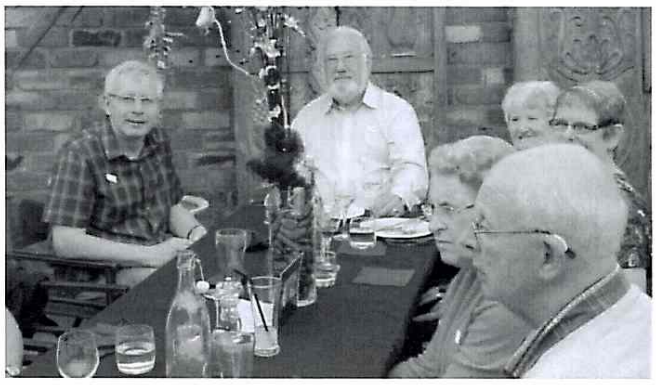


Amongst those who attended, were the grandchildren of two Region 2 members, Lauren Hancock, the granddaughter of Grant Middlemiss and Timothy Husband-Dravitzki, the grandson of Brian Husband, who represented the IPA New Zealand Section at the International Youth Gathering (IYG) in France from Saturday 19th July to Saturday 2nd August 2014.
Both Lauren & Timothy spoke very highly of their experiences and would be willing to share their experiences with anyone else who was thinking of applying to attend an IYG in the future.



Following very popular demand, Region 2's next social function will be a return visit to the Cambridge Raceway in Cambridge to watch the harness racing and greyhound racing, late February / early March.

If you are a Region 2 member and did not hear about the Pre-Christmas Lunch, maybe you need to update your contact details? You can do this by either logging onto 'Members Only' site on the IPA website (www.ipa.org.nz) and amending your own record or send your details to the Assistant Secretary General, Michael Lucas (assistant-secretary-general@ipa.org.nz) and he will update your record for you. This will then keep you up to date with all that happening in the IPA, including the New Zealand Section hosting the International Friendship Week in October 2016.
With the Region 2 Patron, Superintendent Glenn Dunbier, being transferred to Police National Headquarters in Wellington, on promotion. The Region welcomes Superintendent Andy McGregor, District Commander of the Bay of Plenty as their new Patron. The Region 2 Committee would like to wish Glenn Dunbier all the very



best in his new role and thank him for his support.

Finally, this could be for you. If you are an operational police officer and a member of the IPA you may wish to consider applying for the Arthur Troop Scholarship, details of the Scholarship can be found on the IPA website.

Michael Lucas.
Region 2 Editor

Region 1

280 years of combined service!

Region 1 held a small ceremony in early March to award long service fidelity awards to seven members at the North Shore Policing Centre.

The awards were presented by Region 1 Chairman Billy Lawrence.

IPA Service awards were presented to:



Dorothy Waymouth – 50 years



Gary Lambert – 50 years

The periods of service for which they were recognised – amounted to a combined total of 280 years of service!

A special cake was also made for the event.



John O'Ferrall – 50 years



Michael Lopdell – 25 years



Noel Plumer – 40 years



Peter Burridge – 40 years



Above: *The Cake!*

Below: *Ken Brewer – 25 years*



Photos Supplied by Ken Brewer



Region 1 Chairman Billy & Lawrence & Paul Housley

Awards

At the recent NZ IPA AGM held in Napier, President Paul Visser invited the Eastern District Commander, Superintendent Sandra Venables to present badges & certificates to the following recipients:

IPA 40 Year Badge & Certificate
IPA No. 2545 Michael Lucas
(Region 2) Joined 01/01/1975



IPA 50 Year Badge & Certificate
IPA No. 0024 Graeme Birch
(Region 2) Joined 13/02/1965



IPA 50 Year Badge & Certificate
IPA No. 0001 Basil Johnson
(Region 2) Joined 13/02/1965



Certificate of Appreciation
IPA No. 0763 Brian Husband
(Region 2)



Visitors from Belgium

For Roger and Lisette Vanwelsenaere this would be their 6th visit to New Zealand since 1992 and they certainly love the place.

We also had the pleasure of meeting, greeting and dining them in Paraparaumu this time round prior to their travels north through New Plymouth, Taupo, Rotorua, finally departing Auckland on 24 April. Their favourite spot is, however, the Bay of Islands.

Their first connection with our country was in 1992 when they met friends from Gisborne who were visiting Indonesia where Lisette was working for her business obtaining moulds for hair wigs to sell back in Belgium.

So when they were encouraged to visit New Zealand they ran into Judy and John Pegler [IPA members] from Auckland on a bus. They formed a close friendship with the Pegler's who consistently hosted them both when they returned many times.



Here they are enjoying a rather blustery day but with a fine view of Kapiti Island from Paraparaumu Beach followed by a welcome Thai meal in Paraparaumu village.



The Vanwelsenaere's are resident in Antwerp, Belgium where Roger was a police officer for some 38 years, mostly as a patrol officer in a suburb of Antwerp, Belgium's largest city and Europe's 2nd largest port with a population of 2 million.

A small country geographically some 952 people share each a square mile of its territory. Belgium is renowned for both its chocolates as well as its diamond market. Antwerp was targeted by both Germany and the Americans during both WW1 and WW2 receiving the brunt of Hitler's V1 and V2 rockets into the bargain.

Belgium has a population of over 11 million and borders with France, Luxembourg, Germany, the Netherlands as well as the North Sea. Needless to say it shares the languages of French, Dutch and German. Belgium is a Federal Monarchy and has both a Federal and some 196 regional police forces answerable to a local Mayor or Community Board. Brussels, the capital plays host to the headquarters for both the European Union as well as Nato (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation).

Whilst prior to 2002 the currency was the Belgium franc it now uses the euro the same as 18 other European countries. Its location makes it not only vulnerable to diamond smugglers but the more dangerous terrorist cells and therefore relies heavily on its close European partners for intelligence and assistance in this area of increasing tension.

Bon Voyage and we wish Roger and Lisette well in their travels and welcome them back here anytime as regular visitors.

Steve Anderton - Secretary IPA - Region 4

A Touch of History

The Ponsonby Post Office Robbery – A History Making Investigation

By Ken Brewer

On 14 March 1920 Mr. Donovan the Commissioner of Police in Wellington received the following telegram from Superintendent Wright of Auckland:

"Dastardly murder took place here last night. Augustus Edward Braithwaite, Postmaster at Ponsonby aged 59 years, was shot at his residence in Shelley Beach Road at about 7.45pm. The keys to the Post Office taken from his pocket and the Post Office ransacked. Amount missing not yet ascertained. His wife arrived home at about 8.00pm and found him dead. He was shot in the breast and neck and died almost instantaneously. Two reports were heard by neighbours, but no notice taken of them. Matter not reported to police until 10.00pm. So far no clue as to offender."

So, began a remarkable investigation led by Detective Sergeant James Cummings culminating in the first conviction and execution for murder in the Commonwealth involving fingerprint evidence.

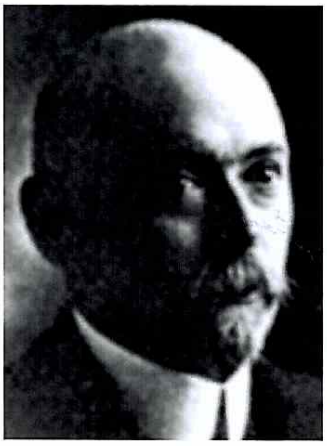


Having followed Mr. Braithwaite to his home and fatally shot him by firing twice in rapid succession, the offender had taken the keys and a leather bag then gone directly to the Post Office where despite having the means for an easy entry, he forced entry through a side window using a jemmy bar. Using the keys to the strong room he removed one of the cash boxes which he carried to the telegraph room to open.

A passing lady having a need to send a telegram saw the lights on and knocked on the door disturbing the offender who fled with £59 from the box, but leaving a much greater amount behind in an untouched box. An area search the following morning quickly located the leather bag across the road from the murder scene.

The police issued a £100 reward for information leading to the arrest of the offender and on 13 March the Commissioner issued a directive that all permits issued to allow persons to leave New Zealand, were to be submitted to the police for investigation prior to that person being permitted to depart the country.

As a result of the reward offer, several people approached the police to give statements identifying Dennis Gunn as being seen in the vicinity of the post office on the day of the murder



Above: *Augustus Edward Braithwaite. Courtesy the Western Leader*



Above: *Detective Sergeant James Cummings went on to become the Commissioner of Police. His success with serious criminal investigations earned him the nick name of "The Sherlock Holmes of New Zealand." Photograph courtesy of the NZ Police Museum*

Meanwhile following a post mortem, two .38 calibre pistol bullets were removed from Mr. Braithwaite's body. One was damaged, the other in good condition. Sergeant Edmund W. Dinnie of the Fingerprint Branch then located fingerprint traces of a right little finger and a palm print on the lid of the cash box and these were identified as being those of known criminal Dennis Gunn, bringing him directly into the sights of Detective Sergeant Cummings.

Gunn was arrested on 17 March for the robbery and a search of his home located three unmarked postal memorandum forms, but no firearms. Gunn declared his innocence and claimed the forms were old ones, but police files were examined and it was determined that following an earlier robbery of the New Lynn Post Office, Gunn's house had been searched in September 1918 and no such forms had been located at that time casting doubt upon their origin.

When Gunn's photograph appeared in the newspaper, several more witnesses came forward with evidence placing him opposite the Ponsonby Post Office between 6.55pm and 7.10pm on the night of the murder.

A partial fingerprint was located on one of the revolvers before all three were sent off to firearms expert Professor Worley for ballistics testing. He found that two had not been fired for some time and he judged both to be incapable of firing off two rapid shots.

The third revolver however had been recently fired and poorly cleaned. It was of .38 calibre and test firings showed the barrel rifling to have an imperfection that left markings on the bullet which perfectly matched those on the intact bullet recovered from the deceased's body. The evidence against Gunn was already compelling, but it was necessary that he be directly and positively linked to the murder weapon to successfully convict him of murder.

Senior Sergeant Dinnie had already confirmed the cash box fingerprint traces to be those of Gunn, but whilst they were clear, they only linked him to the robbery. The partial print on the revolver was much more difficult to positively identify and whilst Dinnie had managed to do this and also verified it to be Dennis Gunn's, a decision was made to bring in a second expert opinion in order to eliminate doubt in any subsequent prosecution.

As a consequence Inspector Ian Fowler of the New South Wales Fingerprint Branch was brought over from Australia and following his examination of the partial print on the revolver, he declared it to be a match with those on record of Dennis Gunn.

Despite his denials Gunn was charged with the murder and robbery and brought to trial at Auckland before Mr. Justice Chapman. During the hearing both Dinnie and Fowler faced some difficult cross examination by the Defence Counsel. Provided with copies of the lifted scene prints, they were each given 100 numbered sets of unnamed fingerprints, including those of Dennis Gunn and asked to match them. Taking some two hours, each man did so.





Above: *Dennis Gunn. Ken Brewer Collection.*

Left: *Senior Sergeant Edmund W. Dinnie in 1921. NZ Herald photograph.*

During the trial there was considerable public speculation that Gunn had not acted alone, a belief maintained by his family, but not supported by the evidence and throughout this period Judge Chapman began receiving letters from an individual calling himself "The Ringleader" threatening his life. This resulted in his being protected by police wherever he went.

At the conclusion of the trial Dennis Gunn was convicted of murder and sentenced to death. Just prior to his execution by hanging on 22 June 1920, he made a statement at Mount Eden prison in which he continued to deny the killing of Mr. Braithwaite, claiming that two other unnamed men had been involved and one had committed the murder.

Meanwhile investigations into the threats against the judge resulted in firm evidence that the perpetrator was Dennis Gunn's brother Thomas Gunn, known as "Tommygun." Several sightings of him were made as he attempted to follow Judge Chapman around the country but he was not apprehended.

On 17 May 1921 Commissioner Donovan sent a letter to Judge Chapman in which he stated:

"Dear sir, I have just learnt that Thomas Gunn (brother of Dennis Gunn) was arrested in Sydney about a fortnight ago for complicity in a safe robbery when an explosive was used. He escaped from the cells and, in bolting away – police in pursuit – by a strange coincidence he ran into the hands of Inspector Fowler who just happened to come around the corner of the street at that moment. He was recaptured. Felling that you would be interested in knowing where he is, I venture to pass this information on to you."

On 1 June 1920 following the conclusion of the trial Justice Chapman saw fit to write a letter to the Minister of Justice in Wellington in which, whilst he felt reluctant to single out individual members of the police involved in the investigation and trial of Dennis Gunn, he commended the manner in which Detective Sergeant Cummings had conducted the investigation and prepared the prosecution. He said his fairness towards the suspected man was as conspicuous as his activity in the interests of justice.

He also made mention of the skill of Senior Sergeant Edmund Dinnie and Inspector Ian Fowler, indicating the police had made the correct decision in bringing in a second expert witness from overseas.

On 2 September 1920 the Commissioner sent a report to Superintendent Wright, the Auckland District Commander, outlining rewards to be paid to police and members of the public.

Detective Sergeant J. Cummings (1282) was to receive £50, Detective J.B. Young (1611) £15, Chief Detective P.T. McMahon (635) £10, Detective Sergeant A. Hammond (706) £7 and Detective Sergeant R.J. Issell (1080) £5.

Sergeant P.A. Waterman (801), Constable P. O'Sullivan (1897) and Constable J.M. Deveraux (1637) were each to receive £3.

Constables P.J. O'Brien (1653), N. Waterman (1755), L.H. Lane (1831), C.C. Watkins (2044) and Temporary Constable W. Baker, were all to receive £2 each.

The Commissioner added that the rewards to Cummings and Young were to be recorded in the district Merit Sheets, but not the others.

Members of the public Owen W. Hughes and William Dodd were each to receive £5, however Mr. Hughes an Insurance Canvasser later had his reward increased by two payments of £10, bringing his total reward up to £25.

On 24 August 1920, just weeks after the conclusion of the Dennis Gunn trial, Cummings was dispatched with Sergeant John Fox in Superintendent Wright's Huptmobile police car to Pukekawa, near Tuakau south of Auckland to lead the investigation into the murder of Samuel Seymour Eyre, thus becoming the first New Zealand police to attend the scene of a crime in a police car.

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13	Hong Kong	1961
14	Canada	1961
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20	Brazil	1962
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58	Andorra	2007
59	Serbia	2007
60	Moldova	2010
61	Macau	2011
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64	Kazakhstan	2014
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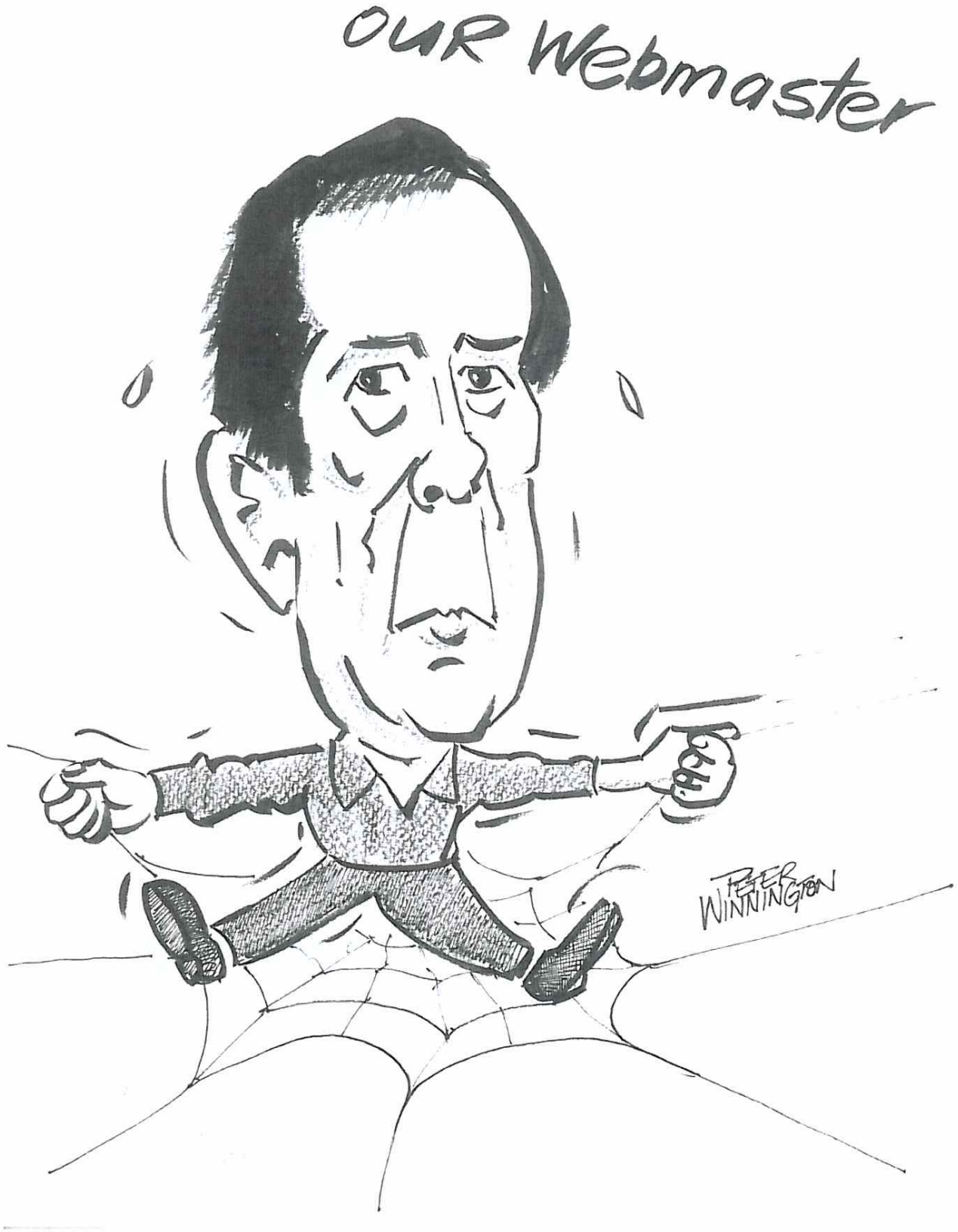


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