



# INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION

## TASMANIAN BRANCH

Victoria Region

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Launceston Police Headquarters on *Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2011*.

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**Chair:** F SMITH

**Present:** A AYERS, P LEGGETT, G WOODMAN (Vic Region), B CATTERALL, A BRAIN, R ORR, F SMITH, C RILEY, L LEAVER, L.NEGRI, J HARDING, G SMITH, C HARWOOD

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### AGM Commenced: 1937hrs

1. **APOLOGIES:** M BARBER, R MARTIN, B EDMONDS, V PLANE, C LUCAS, J ENTHWHISTLE, H VAN CAUWEABERG, D RAWLINGS, M HARRIS, T GORDON

2. **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:**

CHAIRPERSON	F SMITH
VICE CHAIRPERSON	C RILEY
SECRETARY	L NEGRI
TREASURER	R ORR

3. **ANNUAL TREASURERS REPORT – TABLED**

4. **CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

- Reference made to a few gatherings this year – Chairperson stated that others can also arrange events or submit ideas for events;
- Proposal by the National Executive Board to hold a meeting in Tasmania in May 2012 – details to be confirmed;
- Still on-going effort for Tasmania to become its own region.
- Congratulations and thanks to Peter Leggett and Adrian Ayers for their efforts over the past several years with the IPA. Both are stepping down from their roles;
- Tasmania has hosted a few international visitors during the past year. This coming week a Federal Agent from the US will be visiting Tasmania and will be greeted by the chairperson and given a tour of the North-West part of the state.
- Earlier this year Herman Van Cauwenberg was presented with his 40 year badge;
- Chairperson actively seeking to have Ron MARTIN nominated for life membership. If so, Ron will be the first in Tasmania to be awarded life membership;

- Chairperson stated that it would be good to have more Tasmanian representation in the Down Under Magazine. Anyone wishing to submit articles are welcomed and encouraged to do so;
- Fiona looks forward to another year in the chair;
- Refer to annexure A (*Chairpersons Report*)

## 5. GENERAL BUSINESS

### - Address by Geoff WOODMAN from Victoria

- Discussed the role of the treasurer;
- Discussed benefits of IPA membership;
- Discussed the new IPA house which is being established on the Gold Coast;
- Discussed the benefits of hosting and operating presentations for members
- Discussed the IPA house in Melbourne – close proximity to the city, tram stop outside, used as a meeting place for IPA members.

- **Ron MARTIN** – application put forward for life membership for Ron MARTIN (IPA member # 104). Rob joined the IPA on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 1964 and he has been pivotal to the creation and success of the Tasmanian branch. Since this time Ron has fulfilled all of the different officer bearer roles during his 47 years as a member. Motion put forward by J HARDING, seconded by C HARWOOD and all attending members were in favor of the motion. Arrangements to be made by F SMITH in liaison with the Victoria region.

- **Presentation of 40 year badge to John HARDING.** Members congratulated John. Photograph taken of Fiona presenting John with his 40 year membership badge.

6. **NEXT MEETING: C RILEY circulated a notice for the next meeting.** The next meeting is to be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011 from 6pm to 8pm in the Tasmania Police Major Incident Room located at Hobart followed by dinner from 8pm to 10pm. Presentations have been planned, which at this stage include:

**CONSTABLE P LEGGETT** – highlights of traveling under the IPA banner;  
**SERGEANT G DUTTON** – Presenting expert evidence (firearms) in a recent New Zealand murder case;

**COMMANDER G SMITH** – Presentation on his experience when working with the NYPD

**CHAIRPERSON F SMITH** – discussion of the issues that were raised at the 2011 National IPA AGM.

7. **AGM CLOSED: 2015hrs**



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### **CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

This year has been a relatively quiet one. Our membership has greatly increased to almost 30 members, and we hope for a further increase in the coming years and to retain the members we have.

We have had a couple of gatherings this year in both Hobart and Launceston but attendance has been poor. Remember - I'm not the only person who can arrange events, so please, if you have any ideas or would like to coordinate an event, do so, don't stand back and whinge that nothing is being done.

We now have a couple of dates set for the coming few months, including a proposal by the National Executive Board to hold a meeting in Tasmania in May. The date of this is to be advised and it would be a great opportunity to host these members and hold a general meeting, a presentation or two and social event afterwards. There won't be much work involved for us.

Victoria IPA had hoped that we would be established enough to become our own region, but we are not in a position to do that at the moment and will remain a sub branch of Victoria. All membership applications will be processed by Victoria.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter Leggett for all of his hard work as Treasurer – Peter has chosen to stand down this year. Adrian Ayers has also chosen to stand down this year (he was railroaded into the position of Secretary anyway!)

Earlier in the year I presented Herman Van Cauwenberg with his 40 year badge. I'm also in the process of nominating Ron Martin for Life Membership. Tasmania has not had any members who have been awarded Life Membership, so hopefully Ron will be our first.

We have hosted a few international visitors this year with many more to come. I'll be meeting up with a Federal Agent (International Arms Trafficking) who has recently transferred from Alaska to Seattle on Monday and heading to Cradle Mountain. I would encourage members to continue to support and meet and greet and host visitors – it is a wonderful networking and learning

opportunity and you may decide to call in on them one day and your hospitality will be reciprocated.

It would be good to have more Tasmanian representation in Down Under magazine – if you want to write an article yourself, or know of anyone who would, that would be fantastic.

Hopefully the coming year will be a good one for IPA Tasmania. We need to work on some fundraising ideas to get some cash in our account for incidental expenses for hosting visitors, gifts etc.

In summary – I guess you only get out of IPA what you put into it. Please get involved and try and keep Tasmania Section plodding along.

I look forward to another year in the chair.

Fiona Smith