



WAIPAGRAM
Western Australian Section Newsletter
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At the February meeting, Chairman, Paul La Spina, welcomed members and guest's. Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman gave a presentation on the 'IPA Satisfaction Survey', its aims and results to date. The survey has been sent out to all serving members of the WAP and the AFP in WA. It was launched on the 15th February and, at the time of the presentation, 670 responses have been received. This was a pleasing result and a further presentation will be made once the survey has been completed.

SICK LIST

Our Vice Chairman Albert Finnegan has had surgery to repair his knees, so he will be out of action for a while.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Ken Ackerer

Greg Dowding

Gary Timms

Malcolm Lee

Kylie Form

Craig Tester

Kevin Jones

James Vickers

All are serving members of the Western Australia Police.

We extend a warm welcome to our new members and we hope to see them at our monthly meetings and Social functions.

IPA MEMBERSHIP YEAR BADGES

Congratulations to all the members who received their membership year badges at our February meeting. It was pleasing to see so many of our members (43) make the effort to attend the badge presentation and enjoy the fellowship and the beautiful refreshments provided. *Photographs of members receiving their Badge presentations will be published in the April Edition of Police Down under magazine.* You will note that some members received more than one badge. Recording in the past was difficult however, with the new Database Membership recording system, we will be up to date and organize annual presentations as members become due. If you feel you have missed out, please contact the Secretary Val Doherty.

40 Years

Rudi Steffens

Max Jones+20+30 year badge

Jim Nevin +20+30 year badge

30 years

V. Smith,

P. Skehan

J.Hansen+20 years

Bruce Thorne+20 year badge

L.Cvijic+ 20 year badge

Sandy Mitchell+20 year badge

Eric Thomas

20 years

J. Mann,

C.Burton,

A.Finnegan,

R. Hart,

VISITORS: Vic Smith advised that he was expecting an American visitor on the 18th May; he had arranged for a campervan and intended traveling down south. A member from Norway, who was here for six months when his wife was studying, had contacted our Chairman. Paul would arrange for him to visit the Gang Crime Squad.

SOCIAL NEWS – A number of venues that were being considered for future social outings have raised their prices and the cost of these events has rapidly increased and it is getting harder to find suitable venues that do not break the bank. The Karalee Tavern and Theatre nights would not be available on Monday nights as they have now changed it to a Tuesday. Members will have the option of the Karalee and the D'Tandor Indian Restaurant. A meeting of the Social Committee was held at the conclusion of February's meeting to arrange future Social Events

Movies by Burswood under the stars

Dinner / Mystery Movie Night will recommence in April

Combined IPA / RPOA Cheese / Wine tasting night

Fun Quiz night

Supa Golf

Tenpin Bowling

Train Trip to Mandurah / Lunch

July: Christmas in July Luncheon Venue (TBA)

September: WA Region AGM and Chairman's Luncheon

December: Christmas Social Function Venue (TBA)

Future Social events will be posted on the WA Region page on the IPA Web-site and in the PDU magazine www.ipa-australiapolice.com.au

HOBBIES BUREAU SECRETARY.

Mark KIBBLER has been appointed the new Australian Section Hobbies Bureau Secretary. His role is to assist members with their hobbies and interests and contacting members with similar interests. Mark is a keen collector of Police memorabilia himself. Mark will be developing a Web page for our site in due course and he is currently providing information on the hobbies Bureau via the IPA Australian Section Forum.

<http://forum.ipa-australiapolice.com.au/> Any members wishing further information or assistance please contact Mark. Email: hobbiessecretary@ipa-australiapolice.com.au

SOUVENIRS / SUPPLY OFFICER

Al Finnegan has a new collection of IPA Souvenirs for members that are great for collectors or swapping with fellow IPA members.

Members interested in purchasing Plastic Pocket badges inserts or any other items please contact Al. Email: alfinnegan@hotmail.com

TREASURERS NOTICE

Are you Financial? The 2011 membership fees are overdue

If you have not paid your fees or aren't sure, please contact our Treasurer **Pauline O'Meagher** Email: pomeagher1@bigpond.com

Western Australian Region

Monthly Meetings Are held on the 3rd Monday of every month (except January)

WA Police Union Building 639 Murray Street West Perth

Commencing at 7:30 pm and followed by a light supper

(Members attending have the chance to win the lucky door prize raffle)