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GREETINGS TO ALL MEMBERS

In April ANZAC services were held across the country to honour those who made the supreme sacrifice during World War 1. On Sunday the 17th April 2016 a special ANZAC Memorial Service was held at the South Australian Police Academy. The event was attended by representatives from the Army, Navy, Air-force, RSL clubs, the SAPOL Police Commissioner and IPA patron, Grant Stevens and many members of the South Australian Police. The occasion was also accompanied by the mounted cadre and the police band. I was delighted to represent IPA and to lay a wreath at the wall of remembrance in honour of the ANZACS.

I was joined at the Police Academy wall of remembrance by fellow IPA member, Mark Willing who also represented Police Legacy.

HOBBIES

I am pleased to advise that Matthew Hale of Coober Pedy in South Australia’s remote north, has been selected as our new National Hobbies Bureau Secretary, taking over from Bruce McKinnie. We thank Bruce for his dedication in implementing and developing this position. Matt joined SAPOL in 2013 after serving in the Scottish Police for approximately 10 years, where he joined IPA. Matt is a motivated member and I know he will continue to enhance interest and networks in this field. I encourage anyone who wants to know more about this area or get involved, to contact Matt via e-mail: hobbiessecretary@ipa-australiapolicenews.com.au

OCTOBER FRIENDSHIP DAYS

The Victorian Region has now finalised their Friendship Days scheduled for the 18th and 19th of October 2016 leading into our AGM weekend and also a wives and partners day on Saturday the 22nd of October. Further details are published in this edition of the PDU. The programme will be advertised internationally and it is anticipated many international members travelling to the New Zealand World Congress, will extend their travels to experience Victoria and other highlights of Australia. Thanks must go to Peter Ferguson and his Victorian Region team for their work in organising this significant event.

Servo per amikeco

Geoff Rodda
National President
G’DAY IPAers & FRIENDS:

I hope this edition of Police Down Under finds you well and you thought of your mother last month on Mother’s Day!

Melbourne will be the IPA site for the 2016 National Conference from 20th to 23rd October. This will follow New Zealand’s “Friendship Week”. The spinoff hopefully may see more overseas members attending our AGM.

I spoke to the Victorian Treasurer during April, who asked that members attending this conference ‘do not’ register their attendance via the IPA website. Please follow the instructions on the revised application form within this PDU.

Our article writing and photographic competition are going strong, but we have a problem. Previous judge Josie, has called it quits after looking after us for the past 3+ years and needs to attend to her own business of writing books.

I have asked President Geoff to ask around, but to date, he hasn’t found one or hasn’t got around to telling me he’s found a judge. If any member knows of someone who knows someone etc. Then please advise me on my official email nationaleditor@ipa-australiapolicel. I can then send that person all relevant information regarding the position. Note that an IPA member cannot be a judge in any of our competitions.

Talking about judges, Ita Buttrose is waiting in the wings to overview your photographic experiences with camera lenses. Get your snaps into Secretary General Andrew as this competition closes soon.

My wife and I are still on the ‘grey nomad’ trail going in and off dirt roads and tracks from the Landsborough, Capricorn and Peak Downs Highways just to name a few. Did you know that when you played golf (sometimes other sports) in these small country towns, they allow you to camp free overnight, with a shower included – great value!

Ended up in Yaraka, population 25 souls, west of Augathela, in the middle of nowhere, after many kms of dirt and gravel road where I met up with OIC Snr/Con Doug Anderson. Doug has been at Yaraka for the past 11 years and said, “This is God’s country and I wouldn’t swap it for the world”. Doug intends to retire there, for some obscure reason. Apart from the flies, which buzzed and landed on you in their thousands, the yellow belly with red and blue claw fishing was great in the dams and waterholes. Going back next year!

Until next time be well, and stay as safe as you can.

Ray Newman - National Editor
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China Macau
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DELEGATE’S REPORT

Pre Deployment

When applications were called for the upcoming China Macau Forum on Anti-Terrorism (CMF), I jumped at the chance of visiting a place I hadn’t been to for over seven years, as well as visiting Beijing for the first time. I also wanted to catch up with relatives and friends in nearby Hong Kong where I was born. A few days later, I was ecstatic to learn I was to be one of two Australian delegates, the other being Constable Richard MILES (South Australia Police).

Hong Kong

A few days before the CMF, Richard and I arrived separately in Hong Kong. Richard, an avid martial arts enthusiast, took the opportunity to do some training with a renowned Kung Fu master and to meet members of IPA Hong Kong at Police Headquarters.

I was able to meet with the Australian Federal Police members based at the Consulate and I attended a formal dinner at my alma mater, the University of Hong Kong, where the Faculty of Social Sciences was celebrating thirty years of the Master of Criminology programme. I had graduated from that programme in 2007 and it was good to catch up with old friends, many of whom were members of the Hong Kong Police Force.

Richard and I then made our way independently to Macau on 6 April.

Arrival in Macau

Making my way by high speed catamaran, I could tell when we were getting close to Macau as the waters turned a light brown, characteristic of the silty waters of the Pearl River Delta which flow past the former Portuguese colony.

Macau became a Portuguese colony in 1557 and then a Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China in 1999, following the same ‘One Country, Two Systems’ form of governance adopted in Hong Kong since 1997.

It is now known as the gambling capital of the world, with casino revenue an astonishing seven times that of Las Vegas.

I arrived in Macau relatively early, while Richard had a meeting with IPA Hong Kong and would arrive later in the afternoon. I shared a car to the hotel with someone a later learned was the Romanian Ambassador!

Approximately 200 people were attending the CMF. Countries represented included Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Cyprus, Greece, Hong Kong, Israel, Macau, Peru, the Philippines, Romania, South Africa, Sri Lanka and the United Kingdom. Richard and I were the only Australian representatives.

Several dignitaries were also attending including members of the diplomatic and business communities.

Delegates were accommodated at the Sheraton Cotai, part of a massive hotel and entertainment complex which was big enough to house the populations of several Australian towns. The hotel itself (one of three in the complex) was the largest Sheraton in the world at 4,000 rooms!

The welcome dinner was a lavish affair (a theme that would continue for the whole event), held in a ballroom the size of an aircraft hangar, and it gave attendees the opportunity to break the ice and introduce themselves to everyone else. Richard and I were glad to finally meet, and we had an enjoyable time getting to know the other delegates over a glass or two of fine Portuguese wine.

Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony was held the following morning in one of the several ballrooms at the Sheraton Cotai and was attended by about 300 people. The President of the Macau Section, Mr. Lei Hong Po, and the IPA Vice President, Ms Gal Sharon, gave welcoming addresses. His Excellency Vasile SORIN, the Ambassador of Romania in Armenia, and with whom I’d shared a ride from the ferry terminal, also gave a welcome speech.
Representing Australia

Richard Miles (SAPol), Francis Ho (Hong Kong Police Force), HE Ambasador Sorin, Damian Greenwood (AFP)

At the Ruins of St. Paul’s, Macau

Georgios Katsaropoulos (IPA International Secretary General), Gal Sharon (IPA International Vice President), Richard Miles, Christos Tsorias (Hellenic Police), Damian Greenwood

Delegates at the conference

Damian Greenwood (AFP), Richard Miles (SAPol)

Francis Ho, a local policewoman, Damian Greenwood, Richard Miles

The Austin Princess limousine used by the Governors of Macau
Several of the attendees wore their police uniforms, as did a number of supporters from the diplomatic community and the Order of Malta.

**The China Macau Forum on Anti-Terrorism**

The forum itself ran for two days and several speakers covered a range of topics including:

- His Excellency Vasile SORIN, the Ambassador of Romania in Armenia (welcome speech).
- His Excellency Dr. Mehdi FAKHERI, the Consul-General of Iran in Hong Kong (keynote speaker).
- Causes of Terrorism: Myths and Reality. Michel JUNEAU-KATSUYA, IPA Canada.
- The Role of Police Community Relations in the Prevention of Radicalization Towards Terrorism. Michel FUNICELLI, IPA Canada.
- The Importance of Community Policing – A Swedish Overview. May-Britt RINALDO, IPA Sweden and IPA Executive Board member.
- Community Policing in Israel. Dr. Eran ISRAEL, IPA Israel.
- Anti-terrorism in the UK. Roger GOMM, QPM, IPA UK
- Support of Community Policing in Regards to Anti-Terrorism Work. Jacques BRUNELLE, IPA Canada.
- The Relationship Between Hotel Security & Anti-Terrorism. Clive WOOD IPA, UK.
- Counterterrorism Challenges & International Cooperation: Need for Constructing a Global Counter-Narrative. Dr. Hassan ABBAS, PhD, National Defense University, Washington DC, USA.

**Friendship Days in Macau**

IPA Macau provided a tour of this historic and vibrant city that included several heritage sites and locations of interest. These included the historic centre of Macau, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Iconic structures included the Ruins of St. Paul’s and the Monte Fort. The church of St. Paul was built from 1602 to 1640 and was attached to a Jesuit college. It burned down in 1835 leaving only the magnificent façade which has since been preserved and forms part of a museum of Macau history. The nearby 32-gun Monte Fort was built between 1617 and 1626, and was instrumental in repelling a Dutch invasion in 1622. From 1810 to 1841 it housed the Prince Regent Battalion which acted as the local police force. It now houses the Museum of Macau.

Delegates were then treated to a banquet lunch at a local Chinese restaurant before walking to nearby Golden Lotus Square. Most then continued on to tour the Cotai Strip, a strip of reclaimed land between the islands of Taipa and Coloane, where some of the world’s largest casinos and entertainment complexes are located including the Venetian Macau and the City of Dreams.

The Australian delegates however decided to take a tour of the complex next to Golden Lotus Square which housed the Wine Museum and the Grand Prix Museum, both of which were thoroughly enjoyable. The Wine Museum featured exhibits of Portuguese and Chinese wine production and included tasting some choice ports. The Grand Prix Museum showcases the history of Macau’s Grand Prix, a series of street circuit races which has been run annually since 1954 and culminates in the Formula Three Grand Prix. Several cars were on display including the Austin Princess limousine used by the former Portuguese governors, and Formula Three cars used by Ayrton Senna and Michael Schumacher early in their careers.

The farewell dinner was held later that night and IPA Vice President Gal Sharon, IPA Macau President Lei Hong Po and Ambassador Sorin addressed the guests. The President of IPA Macau then personally presented a certificate to each of the delegates on stage.

Richard and I were able to build many friendships during the CMF as well as exchange many gifts and mementos, and (this being Asia) come away with a stack of business cards to ensure we kept in contact with those we met.

**Beijing Friendship Week – 10 to 15 April 2016**

Approximately 65 delegates continued with a Friendship Week to Beijing. Delegates were flown to Beijing from Macau and accommodated at the Legendale in central Beijing, another palatial hotel which was favoured by heads of state during the Beijing Olympics. An indication of the opulence of the
President IPA Macau Mr. Lei Hong Po presenting certificates to the Australian delegates

The Grand Prix Museum

Richard Miles, Damian Greenwood, Larry Yip (IPA Canada) at the Temple of Heaven

Tiananmen Square

The Ballroom at the Legendale, Beijing

The walls of the Forbidden City

Entrance lobby of the Legendale, Beijing

Inside one of the courtyards
place is provided by the fact that there was a Rolls-Royce showroom off the main lobby.

An intensive programme of touring and feasting followed for five days. Our first full day included a visit to the symbol of Beijing, the Temple of Heaven, followed by Tiananmen Square, the world’s largest civic square. Other historic structures surrounding the Square included the Great Hall of the People (China’s parliament building), the National Museum, the Gate of Heavenly Peace (Tiananmen) which forms the main entrance to the Forbidden City, the Monument to the Peoples’ Heroes, and the Mausoleum of Mao Zedong. Some frenzied shopping followed and then dinner at a restaurant specialising in Peking duck (what else?).

Day three was taken up by a visit to the Forbidden City, although we didn’t get to see much of the inside of the buildings as they were closed off for the state visit of the President of Nigeria. The Forbidden City is the former Imperial Palace of the emperors of China, in use from 1420 to 1912, and is the largest palace complex in the world. We did get a sense of its splendour as we were led through courtyards of ever increasing size, some of which are larger than most city squares. It was in these courtyards that the famous scenes from the 1987 film ‘The Last Emperor’ were filmed.

Lunch followed at a hot pot restaurant, and then a visit to a local business which manufactured police vehicles and equipment, including one monster truck with a plough that is my top pick in case of a zombie apocalypse. The official tour for the day was rounded off with an evening performance of ‘The Legend of Kung Fu’ at the Red Theatre which featured genuine Kung Fu practitioners performing feats of strength and agility that were astonishing.

That evening Richard and I were met by Richard’s friend PJ, who is part of the Australian diplomatic community in Beijing. PJ took us to the exotic food market at Wangfujing Street where you can sample all sorts of weird and wonderful delicacies such as silk worms, spiders, scorpions, star fish and assorted animal innards. We decided to play it relatively safe and sampled a skewer each of scorpions. They’d had their stingers removed and were very crunchy but had little taste - I could only taste the cumin spice they were cooked in. We manfully finished off our scorpion skewers and PJ filmed it for posterity (and as evidence if we ended up in hospital). PJ then took us to one of the historic hutongs, or local alleyways, lined with ancient courtyard residences and fashionable shops and eateries, followed by drinks at a local micro-brewery and midnight snacks at a famous dumpling restaurant.

We were glad to wake up the following morning as we visited the Great Wall at Juyongguan, a truly awe-inspiring experience. There is a saying in China that one cannot be a man until he has climbed ‘The Wall’, and we duly performed our duty for Australia. It was fairly hard going given the steep incline and uneven steps, and I found it hard to imagine ever having to defend such a massive length of wall. Recent surveys have put the wall’s length at a mind blowing 21,196km, (more than the distance from Sydney to Perth and back – twice) but we only had enough time to climb a near-vertical 400 metres or so. Richard’s mate Ted climbed with us, and even got his own certificate.

Lunch was at a restaurant atop a cloisonné factory. Cloisonne is a method of creating artistic designs using copper wires to trace out the design and then filling in the gaps with glass or enamel, a process that can take several coats of enamel being fired in a kiln. It was impressive to watch some of the artisans at work, painstakingly painting the patterns on each masterpiece, gradually building up the layers of enamel every time before it was placed in the kiln. Some of the pieces on display at the factory showroom were museum-quality and I sometimes confused the price tags for phone numbers.

After lunch we visited the Imperial Ming Tombs. Thirteen Ming dynasty Emperors are buried in a valley at the foot of the Jundu Mountains, about 42km north of Beijing. The tomb of Emperor Wanli, the 13th Ming Emperor (1563-1620), is open for viewing, although the body of the Emperor himself was destroyed after the tomb was ransacked during the Cultural Revolution. The tomb comprises a number of temples and an underground ‘palace’ where the Emperor and his two consorts were interred, along with priceless treasures.

The farewell dinner was held at the Imperial
A line-up of the Peoples’ Armed Police

In case of zombie apocalypse

At the Great Wall in our matching ‘I love Beijing’T-shirts

Cloisonné factory

The magnificent finished product

Inside the burial chamber of the tomb of the 13th Ming Emperor

Ceremonial pavilion at the tombs

At the Museum of Imperial Gastronomy
Gastronomy Museum which was unusual as we were able to see displays of food used in the Imperial court before eating them same kind of food in the ornate dining rooms upstairs! The dining rooms were apparently identical in size to the dining rooms of the Imperial Palace, and the dinner included dancing displays representing the different ethnic groups in China. IPA Vice President Gal Sharon, IPA Macau President Lei Hong Po, and Ambassador Sorin gave farewell speeches and exchanged gifts.

After dinner, we met PJ again and he took us to ‘The Place’, an upmarket shopping mall featuring the world’s largest TV screen. This was followed by some drinks at the Australian Embassy, and we had great joy in telling other delegates that we ‘went to Australia for a couple of drinks’ before returning to our hotel.

On the last day delegates visited the Olympic site including the Bird’s Nest Stadium and Water Cube Aquatic Centre, followed by the Beijing Police Museum. The Museum was very interesting and included the Police Memorial for fallen officers, displays of police equipment, weapons, medals, uniforms, and exhibits covering Chinese police history and famous cases worked by them. There was also an interesting display of gifts from police agencies around the world, including an officer’s peaked cap from the Australian Federal Police.

After visiting the museum, the Australian delegates decided to take advantage of the fine weather and visit Tiananmen Square again as it was quite close. We were pleasantly surprised to see Australian flags throughout the Square and lining the roads leading to it. Any delusions of grandeur on our part were dissipated by the explanation that Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull was in town on a state visit, and to emphasise the point his motorcade passed by as we walked back to the hotel!

The last evening in Beijing was taken up by frantic souvenir shopping at Wangfujing Street and sampling the local delicacies (no scorpions this time).

Richard and I left early the next morning, catching a taxi to Beijing Airport where we would fly separately to Hong Kong and then on to Australia.

When I arrived back in Hong Kong I was able to catch up with members from IPA Hong Kong including the President Francis Ho who had attended the CMF. The next day I flew back to Australia with many souvenirs and fond memories of an exceptional IPA event.

Conclusion

Richard and I feel extremely lucky to have been given the opportunity to attend this wonderful event. We have been able to learn more about anti-terrorism efforts in different countries and make many new friendships that span the world.

We wish to thank IPA Macau for such a warm welcome, their hard work in organising the whole event and the lavish entertainment provided, not least of which was a steady stream of sumptuous banquets throughout the ten days.

Thank you to IPA Hong Kong for their hospitality as Richard and I passed through Hong Kong to and from Macau.

We also wish to thank IPA Australia for selecting us out of many competitive applicants, for this we are truly grateful.

And finally we want to thank all those who attended the CMF for making it so welcoming, informative and memorable.

Damian Greenwood, Francis Ho, Stanley Chan at Police Headquarters, Hong Kong
His Imperial Majesty, Emperor Richard The Tall

Medals and other items belonging to fallen police officers

The memorial to fallen police

Malcolm Turnbull’s motorcade passing by

Richard and Damian in Tiananmen Square

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Police Down Under  June 2016
Hello, my name is Matt Hale and I am the newly appointed Hobbies Secretary for the International Police Association – Australian Section. I believe that hobbies and interests offer many positives to sworn, retired officers and their families. From my own experiences, I have found that sharing interests with others is a great way to reduce stress, improve well-being and explore commonalities that can often lead to making new and lasting friendships.

Just to tell you about myself, I am a serving South Australia Police officer and currently work on general patrol duties in Coober Pedy, which is in the far north of South Australia. Coober Pedy has a population of around 1,500 people with the main industry being tourism and opal mining. Over 90 percent of the world’s Opals are found here. Coober Pedy is one of the hottest places in Australia. Summertime temperatures can often reach the mid-40s. This is a bit of a change from where I used to police, where temperatures ranged from minus 15 in winter and struggle to get over 20 degrees Celsius in the summer.

My policing career started in 2003, when I joined Strathclyde Police in the west of Scotland. I was posted to Paisley - a busy town in K Division commonly referred to as ‘Crazy K’.

I carried out uniformed patrols and latter became a Community Police Officer, where I walked or cycled my beats of Seedhill and Foxbar. In 2007, I was part of the police response to the Glasgow Airport attack, which occurred just outside Paisley.

In 2009, I transferred to Strathclyde Police’s Firearms Unit in Glasgow where I undertook a number of roles including providing Close Protection to Royal and State dignitaries.

Some years later, I returned to some familiar streets and got back to beat policing on my pushbike in ‘Crazy K’. I finished my service in Scotland policing Johnstone, the birthplace of celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay.

It was great to have the opportunity to go full circle and finish my service where I had started many years ago.

In 2013, I immigrated to South Australia with my wife and then 3-year-old son and joined SAPOL. I was posted to Whyalla on the beautiful Eyre Peninsula, a great place to visit if you enjoy snapper fishing or getting up close to wild dolphins.

I have a particular interest in the hobbies section as a way to meet new people and share in the enjoyment of common interests. I feel that my enthusiasm and initiative can make a significant contribution to the IPA and its members.

I welcome any suggestions or contributions from our membership relating to hobbies and interests.
The following revised Information, Procedures and Application format are provided to assist members of the International Police Association (Australian Section) Inc. in applying for an International Grant which will assist towards their travel overseas to undertake police related studies. Any questions should be referred to either the National President or Secretary General.

Arthur Troop Scholarship

Ten Arthur Troop Scholarships are awarded annually, at least one for each continent in which we have member Sections - Africa, America, Australasia, Asia and Europe.

Each Scholarship consists of a bursary of not more than €2,500 Euros that is to be used for a seminar at the International Conference Centre ‘IBZ Schloss Gimborn’ or a comparable institution.

Applicants must have been a member of IPA for at least one year before applying and the scholarship must be taken between 1st January and 31st December following the grant of the scholarship (extensions not granted).

The study Scholarship may be awarded to IPA members in police service, but predominantly targeted at the younger member. The member must submit an application setting out their reasons to support their selection.

Applications must be processed through their National Sections, to the International Secretary General (IAC) (isg@ipa-iac.org) and must be supported by a written statement from their Section.

IBZ Gimborn Castle -
The IPA's Educational Establishment
Procedure for Arthur Troop Scholarship
INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL COMMISSION (IPC)

I. INTRODUCTION
a. In order to promote the International Police Association (IPA), the Arthur Troop Scholarship (ATS) has been established to support professional education and to complement advanced training.

b. The ATS may be awarded annually by the Permanent Executive Bureau (PEB) to IPA members.

c. The ATS shall preferably include at least one person/ applicant from each continent where IPA Sections are established.

d. The predominantly targeted are newer members of IPA.

e. For an institution / education faculty to be accepted by IPA, a recommendation should be forwarded to the IPC for consideration. Recommendations will be made by IPC to PEB who will make the final decision.

f. Each ATS may consist of a bursary up to a maximum of €2,500 and shall cover the seminar, conference, course or symposium fee, travel, travel insurance and accommodation expenses. They will not cover any unnecessary additional days before or after the actual participation of the course/seminar.

II. APPLICATION
a. The applicant must have been a member of the IPA for at least one year and permanently employed by their police force/agency of law enforcement.

b. The applicant must submit a fully completed application form with estimated expenses. The applicant will include the reasons why the IPA should grant the ATS.

c. The completed form will be verified by the national section.

d. The section shall forward the application with the attachments to the chairman of the IPC through the IAC (email: isg@ipa-iac.org).

III. TIME FRAME
a. The closing date for applications for the next calendar year to the IAC is the 31st July of the present running year. This date is final and no application or additional documents will be accepted afterwards.

b. The ATS must be used between the 1st January and the 31st December of the next calendar year following the grant of the scholarship. Extensions will only be granted under exceptional circumstances and decided on by the IPC.

c. Awardees who are unable to use their scholarship due to circumstances beyond their control, may have the bursary carried over once to the following year. The ATS will be paid out of the following year’s financial budget.

d. Awardees may include a short and appropriate visit to a police facility, where this is relevant to the theme of the seminar, conference, course or symposium.

IV. FINANCES AND EXPENSES
a. PEB can annually give out a maximum of €24,500. Within this budget the PEB shall award a number of Scholarships.

b. When applying for the ATS the applicant is to submit an estimated expenses plan. The form shall include estimated cost (budget plan) of preferred seminar, conference, course or symposium, travel, travel insurance and/or accommodation expenses.

c. Applicants must ensure they have read and understood the International Directive for Travel & Accommodation Expenses.

d. It is compulsory for the awardee to arrange a travel insurance that covers late cancelation.

e. Expenses for additional cost due to extended stay in the visited country or visit to a police facility will not be covered by the ATS.

f. Cost for beverages, Wi-Fi and telephone calls made whilst travelling or during the chosen seminar, conference, course or symposium, are not covered by the ATS.

g. Only in exceptional cases, on request, awardees can be reimbursed in advance of the awarded scholarship. This approval will be recommended by the IPC to the International Treasurer (IT).

h. Any advanced payment is to be repaid by the awardee, when the proposed and awarded course or seminar is not followed or completed as agreed, within time stated by the IT.

i. After completion of the ATS, the awardee shall submit all original receipts of the cost of the chosen seminar, conference, course or symposium and written summary upon the signed Reimbursement Form.

j. The reimbursement form and original receipts are to be forwarded to the IPC, as soon as possible after the ATS seminar, conference, course or symposium is completed.

k. The approved costs will be reimbursed from the International Treasury after the chairman of the IPC confirms that a report from the awardee has been sent in as requested in chapter V. under d.

V. SELECTION AND AWARDEING
a. Applicants will be pre-selected by the IPC for the ATS. The Chairman of the IPC will recommend the IPC selection to the PEB.

b. The decision of the PEB is final and no correspondence will or can be entered into.

c. The chairman of the IPC will then inform the awardees of their approved scholarship and inform the Sections at the IEC/WC. Publication of the awardees will then be published in an International Newsletter.

d. Within two months of the completion of the ATS, the awardee will write a report on the chosen seminar, conference, course or symposium and send it to the chairman of IPC via the IAC. They will allow that such report(s) may be published within IPA circles and social media.

e. The IPC can suggest a grant may be given to more than one member per section if there are an insufficient number of eligible applications.

VI. PRE SELECTION CRITERIA
a. For a good review and assessment of each application, forms need to be filled in completely. Unfortunately incomplete forms can be set aside and not taken into consideration.

b. ATS awardees are allowed to apply for a scholarship every 5 years.

c. The IPC is to administer the awarded ATS applicants for a period of five (5) years.

d. The ATS is not transferable to other members.

I hereby apply for the Arthur Troop Scholarship:

**Personal Information:**

Family Name: .................................................................
First Name: .................................................................
Male / Female: .........................................................
Date of Birth: .............................................................
Home Address: .........................................................
Phone Number: ...........................................................................................................................
Email Address: .............................................................................................................................
Languages Spoken: ............................................................................................................................

**IPA Information:**

IPA Section: .................................................................
IPA Membership Number: .............................................................................................................
Date of Joining IPA (Year): ...............................................................................................................

**Reason for application:**

(Please provide (on a separate paper) the reasons you are applying for the Arthur Troop Scholarship and the benefits you think it will bring to you. If you already know which seminar you would like to attend, please also provide details).

I confirm I have read the Procedure of Arthur Troop Scholarships Regulations and I agree to the terms and conditions contained therein.

Date: .................................................. Signature of Applicant: .............................................................

**For Completion by Applicant’s National Section:**

(Please provide (on a separate paper) your supporting statement).

We confirm the applicant is an IPA member and has been for at least one year. Our supporting statement is attached.

Date: ..................................................
Name: .................................................................
IPA Office (function): ..........................................................................................................................

The completed form must be sent to the IAC before 30th September, 2016.
Presidents Perpetual Trophy of Achievement

THIS AWARD IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION.

The aim of the award is to recognise the personal efforts of an individual member, or group of members, who achieve a HIGH STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE in any of the following fields:-

1. ANY IPA FIELD OF ACTIVITY
2. CULTURAL ACTIVITY
3. THE ARTS
4. SPORT
5. COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

The nomination of a person or group may be made by members in the singular or plural. Nominations for this award must be received by the Secretary General by October 31st of any given year.

THE RULES GOVERNING THE AWARD ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Nominations shall comprise a citation identifying it as a nomination for the Presidents Perpetual Trophy of Achievement, along with the category. It should be in the form of a short, concise description of the achievement and printed on A4 paper. The identity of the nominee/s should NOT be contained within the citation. The citation should be followed by the signature/s, full name and address, plus Region of the nominator/s.

2. Attached to the citation in a sealed envelope should be a copy of the citation with the name, address and Region of the nominee/s prominently printed on the sheet, following the details of the nominator/s.

3. The citation and the sealed envelope should be forwarded to the Secretary General, who shall place an identification mark on each entry. The citation and sealed envelope should be marked the same.

4. Following the closing date, the Secretary General should forward all citations and sealed envelopes to the President for consideration. The President may consult with members of the National Executive Bureau, if appropriate.

5. In the event of no nominations being received, the President may decide on a recipient.

6. The trophy should be presented to the successful person or group at the National Annual General Meeting preceding the closing date. The trophy shall be held until the next National Annual General Meeting.

7. Non-compliance with the conditions of the Rules governing the award will automatically disqualify the nomination.

8. Any person or group successful or unsuccessful are eligible to be re-nominated.

Geoff Rodda
National President

Police Down Under
June 2016
Victorian Region is honoured to be hosting the Australian Annual General Meeting, National Executive Committee, National Executive Bureau and Serving Police Officers Day in Melbourne from Thursday 20th - Saturday 22nd October 2016.

As the New Zealand Friendship Week concludes on 16th October 2016 the Victorian Region in conjunction with IPA Australia is hosting friendship days on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October and a Wives and Partners Day on Saturday 22nd October 2016 for interstate and international IPA members. Victorian Region IPA members are welcome to attend.*

The itinerary for the events is:

**Tuesday 18th October - Friendship Day & Casual Dinner**
- Ballarat Wildlife Park
- Eureka Stockade – Museum of Australian Democracy
- Sovereign Hill
- Casual dinner at venue TBA (pub or pizza/pasta)

**Wednesday 19th October - Friendship Day**
- Melbourne Cricket Ground Museum of Sport
- Shrine of Remembrance
- Royal Botanic Gardens
- National Gallery of Victoria

**Saturday 22nd October – Wives and Partners Day**
- Marysville
- Winery visit TBA
- Yarra Valley Chocolateire & Ice Creamery

Coach transport has been arranged for each day. Cost of Friendship Days is approximately Au $100pp. There will be no cost for Wives and Partners Day. All meals and refreshments on all days will be at attendees own cost and there are a range of options at many of the venues throughout each day.

* Priority access to the coach will be for overseas and interstate guests. If places remain available after registration, Victorian Region members are welcome to use same. Alternatively Victorian Region IPA members can organise their own transport. Cost will be the same regardless of mode of transport.

In order to assist with planning we request attendees register for the events and to book accommodation as soon as possible to avoid missing out on the arrangements and discounts which have been negotiated with the venue.

Please email the registration form to our Secretary and Chairperson and indicate the events being attended.

All accommodation bookings are to be made direct with the hotel via e-mail to the Manager Lyn Chepanidis. Quote IPA membership and attending AGM with room type requested. A credit card number will be required to complete reservation. Do not book via the website online.
REGISTRATION FORM

FAMILY NAME: ..............................................................................................................................................

FIRST NAMES: ................................................................................................................................................

PARTNER NAME: (If attending) ................................................................................................................................

ADDRESS: ........................................................................................................................................................

National Section: .............................................. Member Number: ............................................................

Telephone Number: ........................................................................................................................................

Email Address: ...............................................................................................................................................

EVENTS ATTENDING:

Friendship Day - Tuesday 18th ............................................................ YES / NO
Casual Dinner - Tuesday 18th .............................................................. YES / NO
Friendship Day - Wednesday 19th ....................................................... YES / NO
National Executive Bureau (members only) - Thursday 20th .............. YES / NO
Serving Police Officers Day (serving police only) - Friday 21st ............ YES / NO
Annual General Meeting - Friday 21st ................................................. YES / NO
Wives and Partners Day - Saturday 22nd ............................................. YES / NO
National Executive Council - Saturday 22nd ....................................... YES / NO
Formal Dinner - Saturday 22nd ........................................................... YES / NO

SENDING THE REGISTRATION FORM:

Email: secretary.vic@ipa-australia.com.au

ACCOMMODATION BOOKING:

Email: function@downtowner.com.au

All accommodation bookings are to be made direct with the hotel via above e-mail to the Manager Lyn Chepanidis. Quote IPA membership and attending AGM with room type requested. A credit card number will be required to complete reservation. Do not book via the website online. The following have been negotiated with the venue for IPA members:

- Standard King Room $164
- Spa King Room $184
- Executive Room $204
- Cooked breakfast $20 per person
- Continental breakfast $10 per person
- Car Parking $10 per day

View room types at: www.downtowner.com.au
Dodd Memorial Award

An IPA cash sponsorship award for a member’s children or grandchildren to travel and attend the annual International Youth Gathering (currently two people are selected yearly and awarded $1,500 each).

The lucky winners will travel overseas and have the opportunity to:

- Take part in supervised activities,
- Meet other young people from all over the world,
- Sightseeing and official tours; and
- Make lifelong friendships.

IYG Participants - Spain 2015

HOW DO YOUR CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN QUALIFY?

- They must be 16 or 17 years old at the commencement of the I.Y.G.
- Member nominating must be a financial member
- For full details see the IPA – Australia web page
  http://www/ipa-australiapolicemem.com.au

The 2016 I.Y.G. is being held in Los Angeles, California, USA from the 16th - 30th July

Applications for the 2017 Ray Dodd Memorial Award are now open and are available on our web page.

Applications close 30th September, 2016.

For more information please contact:
Jason BREWER

Email: vicepresident@ipa-australiapolicemem.com.au
Speaker for March Meeting - Phil Kleine

Phil gave an interesting talk on the functions of the South Coast Rescue. He showed us the area that the service covered and told us how they patrol their coastline.

He covered the extensive training schedule that was required of all the volunteers who operate the patrol boats. He told us about the boats themselves and their range and performance.

He described their equipment and how often it was used. He also covered the various methods of search that the Coxswains used when looking for vessels that had sent out a request for aid.

Communications and the use of GPS were covered. It was interesting to find out where their responsibilities ended and the Police and Navy took over.

It was quite an eye opener to all there to find out what was going on behind the scenes when we go and sit on the beach or go for a swim down the coast.

It certainly was a comfort for the small boat owners to know that there was a band of dedicated volunteers patrolling and ensuring their safety is there was a mishap. Something that very few people realise! Our thanks to Phil for a very interesting talk.

Speaker for April Meeting - Jenny Kuzek

Jenny Kuzek is a State Registered Nurse and Midwife and addressed the meeting on the subject of Basic Life Support commonly known as Resuscitation. It could be exercised where the patient has had a heart attack or even a drowning has occurred. Jenny brought along a dummy model for members to practice on and for her to demonstrate. We were told of the signs to look for in a patient prior to carrying out resuscitation. For those who are not aware artificial respiration has changed over the years.

We were glad to hear that breathing into the mouth has now ceased and only compression on the patient chest is used. Jenny explained that compression is a 100 beats per minute, which is fast, and more importantly is very tiring without assistance. She showed us where the hands must be placed and positioning of the elbows close together. She sought the assistance of the members to carry out the procedure on the dummy and there were a few groans as the older members knelt down to carry out the task. Secondly Jenny discussed defibrillators and their use. She informed us that most big department stores and shopping centres have these available for emergencies they are referred to as AED’s (Automated External Defibrillator). It has the same effect as paddles that are used to get the patient’s heart beating again in an emergency. We have all seen pictures of paddles being applied to the chest to resuscitate.

Everyone who attended the meeting praised the speaker and hopefully felt confident that if they were confronted by an emergency would certainly have a better idea of what they would do. Thank you Jenny for a most informative presentation.
Police Kangaroo Rescued After Abduction by a Wedge Tailed Eagle
by Joanna Prendergast - www.abc.net.au

An orphaned kangaroo adopted by a police officer in outback Western Australia has survived being abducted by a wedge-tailed eagle.

The six-month-old kangaroo was in a yard at the remote Burringurrah Community Police Station on Wednesday when the eagle swooped in, lifted him over the two-metre high fence and carried him away.

Constable Scott Mason with his adopted orphaned joey, Cuejo

Named Cuejo, the red kangaroo was adopted by Cue Police’s Constable Scott Mason after its mother was hit and killed by a truck in early March.

Constable Mason was on police duties at Burringurrah when he witnessed the eagle swoop.

“I ended up chasing after him and the eagle,” he said.

“A short distance away the eagle landed with Cuejo and another eagle, which was circling over as well, started pecking or having a go at Cuejo.

“I managed to scare the eagles away, and then Cuejo got up and obviously being frightened he started running away again,” Constable Mason said.

The eagles, who were circling above, saw Cuejo running away and began to chase him down again, putting Constable Mason in pursuit as well.

“I finally caught up with him a few hundred metres down the way and found out that he was bleeding quite heavily,” he said.

“He has a puncture wound to his chest and another puncture wound to his face, as well as heaps of fur pulled off the back of his neck.”

Constable Mason said he had to call upon his paramedic background to treat the injuries.

“Being out in Burringurrah there’s nothing available — no vets — so I went to the nursing post and got a whole lot of Betadine, sutures and everything that we could utilise,” he said.

“I made several phone calls to vets in Geraldton and back in Cue to the people that assist me in looking after Cuejo ... with their help and guidance we managed to stem the bleeding and now he seems to be slowly recovering.”

“He’s just started getting back up and is feeding, he hasn’t fully recovered.”

Cuejo is having a high-vis uniform made up for when he accompanies Constable Mason on police duties

Constable Mason said he would take Cuejo - who weighs nearly 4kgs - to Perth in the next few days for a veterinarian check-up.

Before the eagle incident, the kangaroo had settled into police station life and was often seen hopping along behind Constable Mason.

The kangaroo often accompanies him on police duties, and a high-vis uniform is being made for him.
FROM THE TREASURER
Thank you to those members who have finalised their 2016 membership dues - you should have your new membership cards by now.

For those who have not yet renewed their annual membership, your membership will be adjusted to “lapsed” at the start of the September quarter. This means you will be removed from the mailing list. Apart from no longer receiving the PDU magazine and diary, you will not get advance notice of any future IPA tours or our twice yearly social functions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ON ACHIEVING MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES IN 2016:

Ken FRENCH – 50 years;
Garth WOODCOCK – 40 years;
George MICHLIC – 40 years;
Len TURPIN – 30 years;
Brian SMITH – 30 years; and
William McINERNEY – 20 years

The above members all received a letter from the State Executive along with their specially engraved IPA lapel badge. We wish them all well for the future!

FROM THE TOUR DESK
Both our 2016 tours were an outstanding success - with everyone agreeing that the opportunity to meet up with our police colleagues in both Italy and the USA was a huge bonus.

Of special note was the invitation from the Colorado Springs PD for the USA group to attend the Fallen Officers Day, which commemorates those police who had died in the line of duty over the past year. The group was also “wined and dined” by the IPA in Colorado Springs at a very unique venue and the full story and photos will be in a forthcoming edition of the PDU.

Our Italy and Sicily group were guests at the Carabinieri training college in Rome and it was indeed an experience for the members to see who this para-military organisation trains and operates in a major city. Their story too, will also be told in the PDU – so stay tuned!

Arrangements are completed for our first tour of 2017 and that will be to Europe and the Dalmatian Riviera – from Croatia to Montenegro! Please see the full itinerary on the national website and simply follow the link. There has already been great interest in this tour, so if you are even remotely keen to take part, please email the tour co-ordinator at ipatours@ipa-australiapolice.com.au to register your interest.

NEW MEMBERS:
A warm welcome to our newest members:
Nathan WROE;
Frank RAMACCIA;
Tara WOOD;
Elizabeth COOPER;
Darryl CULGAN;
Denis BIRD;
Timothy SNOW;
Natalie GILBODY; and
Shelley JACKSON
VISITORS

A recent visitor to Sydney was former Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer Mark Bridges. For 13 years prior to his retirement, Mark was the Unit Commander of Federal Operations Division in New Brunswick Province. As such he oversaw marine policing operations, Fleet Management and led asset acquisitions.

He also had Intellectual Property Crime, Communications Piracy - and all sorts of other interesting (and some obscure) federal statutes. Marine was his ‘baby’ though, so in retirement he enjoys meeting marine guys and having a look at their platforms and operations. Mark spent 32 years in the RCMP.

NSW member Chief Inspector John Maricic and former Captain Joe LOBL of Coral Springs Police Department, Florida who visited Sydney City LAC recently.

Joe has been retired for some time and now travels the world, meeting up with IPA wherever possible.

He was presented with an IPA banner, SCLAC challenge coin and lapel pins, old and new NSWPF patches and 150 year pin.

**Mark Bridges on board a NSWPF Water Police Launch**

**Chief Inspector John Marcic & Joe Lobl**

**NSW Vice-Chair Winston Pisani with Mark Bridges and Marine Area Command staff**
China and Macau Trip
by Peter Batley, ACT Region

On Tuesday 27th October 2015, Vesna and I departed Sydney for Beijing on a three and half week holiday. Our former home stay student Song Ying and her husband Kyle Xu accompanied by Ying’s father were waiting for us at Beijing airport. After booking into our hotel, we all went for refreshments and meet Ying’s mother. That evening we were entertained in a private dining room at famous “Peking Duck” restaurant to try this Chinese specialty.

The following morning Ying and Kyle (our tour guide) arrived in a private chauffer driven limousine to show us “The Great Wall of China-Badalang” about 70 km outside Beijing. On the way-back we visited underground Ming Tombs and the Sacred Way. Next morning our chauffer took four of us for sightseeing at Tiananmen Square to pass under the famous portrait of Chairman Mao and stroll through his tomb. From the square, we continued through the treasure-filled ancient Forbidden City. Later we were taken to the “Olympic City” for a photo shoot under the “Bird’s nest” and “Water cube” stadiums. That evening we were taken to the office’s of Song’s uncle (our limo supplier) for a “business” dinner”. The next day our driver arrived early to take four of us on a day-tour of the World Heritage listed Summer Palace, one of Beijing’s finest landmarks dating back to 18th century. Saturday was a rest day until late in the afternoon when accompanied by Ying, her mum and friend we went to see Chinese Acrobatics Show, one of the oldest performing arts, a truly spectacular show.
Early Sunday morning Ying and her mum took us to explore Beijing’s unique Hutong area, mostly built during the Yuan, Ming and Qing dynasties. The narrow network of lanes created by closely built quadrangular homes and closed off courtyards with wooden gates that often have carved characters intended to bring good fortune to the house owner and his trade. After this we joined Ying’s father for a lunch at another famous Beijing restaurant. That afternoon we visited 15th century Temple of Heaven, one of the most perfect examples of Ming architecture, once used to bless good harvests and supported by wooden pillars without nails or cement.

Monday 2nd November our chauffeur arrived early at our hotel to take Ying, Kyle, Vesna and I to Beijing Railway station for a 4-hour “High-speed train” trip to Xi’an. After booking into our hotel we walked into the city for a stroll pass Bell tower and Great Wild Goose Pagoda.

In the evening, we walked again pass the Bell Tower and did some shopping in the city. Wednesday was a late morning walk to the city to see the performances at the Bell and Drum towers and a stroll through Muslim Quarters. Later that afternoon we visited Shaanxi Provincial Museum and Big Wild Goose Pagoda, built to house Buddhist scriptures. In the evening we watched a spectacular water show accompanied by classical music and colorful lights. Again, the next day we had a late morning start by taking a 10 km pushbike ride on 500 year old and the most complete World Heritage listed city wall that has survived in China. That afternoon we went back for a walk through city shopping mall and Night markets to taste local cosine.

Friday 6th November, four of us took an early morning flight to Shanghai. After booking into our hotel and a short break we spent the afternoon at Kyle’s family home. The next day accompanied by Ying and Kyle we went to explore old district of Shanghai and Yuyuan classic Chinese gardens dated back 400 years to the Ming Dynasty. We also visited Jade Buddha and City Temple of Shanghai in Huangpu area.
On Sunday we visited Peoples Square, did some shopping in the city walked along the Huangpu River in the Bund on the west bank with the views of the towering, flashy skyline across the river in Pudong or the “New Bund” the birthplace of Shanghai, very impressive.

For Monday we organized a day tour of Wuzhen, the best-preserved China’s 6 ancient water towns. UNESCO World Heritage-listed, Wuzhen still has over 80 percent of its buildings dating back to the 19th century or earlier. Along the way, we visited Yida Silk Store, Gem shops, the water market and Museum of Ancient Bridges and took a boat ride on the Grand Canal. Later that evening we took a Huangpu River Cruise, an ideal way to take in night views of the Bund. The next day joined by Kyle’s cousin, we had a late breakfast at a lavished hotel and then took a train to the Bund to take a view from the top of “Oriental Pearl Tower”.

Wednesday was a day of more shopping, walking the old parts of the city and having a well-deserved rest.

Thursday 12th of November, four of us took a morning flight for Taipei, Taiwan. That afternoon after a short break at our hotel, we took a train to visit night markets in the city to try local street cousin. Next morning, we travel by city train and short ride on local bus to the National Palace Museum, one of the top five museums in the world. The collection boasts more than 690,000 bronzes, jades, shell-and –bone writings, paintings and calligraphic works from Neolithic times through the end of the Qing Dynasty.

That afternoon we took city train to Taipei 101 building. We travel to the 89th floor Observatory on the high-speed elevator to enjoy a panoramic view of the city. The next day we went visiting Yangmingshan National Park, the mountains volcanic area north of Taipei City followed by soaking in a refreshing hot spring bath. In the evening we visited night markets near our hotel. On Sunday Vesna and I took a whole day tour of Taroko National Park, an exceptionally beautiful, narrow ravines cut deep into mountains of solid marble. The road through the park is carved into sheer walls of rock snaking between forested peaks. Our tour bus made stops at Evergreen Shrine, Swallow Grotto, Nine Turns of Tunnel, Marble Bridge and Jade Factory before taking return train trip back to Taipei.

On Monday we visited Chang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, an impressive structure surrounded by Chinese gardens. At the memorial, we watched colorful “Changing of the Guard” ceremony. In the afternoon, we found out that our schedule flight back to Shanghai was cancelled and had to spend additional night in Taipei hotel. The next day we flew back to Shanghai just in time to catch late afternoon flight back home to Australia.
IPA House - Gold Coast

To IPA Members residing on the Gold Coast regarding our Gold Coast House.

There are two IPA Houses in Australia, one in Melbourne and the other at the Grande Florida Resort, Redondo Drive, Miami on the Gold Coast. The GC House has been operating since late 2011 and since then has seen visitors from all over Australia, New Zealand and the world. Almost all of these visitors are IPA members and it is quite a lot of fun to meet with them and hear the stories of policing from other countries.

I have been performing the role of House Manager since it commenced. It really has been an enjoyable experience however now that I am retired and starting to travel more I feel that another member would enjoy the opportunity to fulfill this role. To do so entails taking the bookings through the IPA Home site, sending out the payment requests for the tariffs, managing the booking site, advising the cleaner of the dates that the unit needs to be refreshed after each tenant and attending to any requests from tenants (e.g. safe won’t open, have lost the keys, maintenance issues etc).

As long as I have a computer I can attend to almost every aspect of the House Manager role. However, if anything arises that requires physical attention such as a tenant losing keys, maintenance requests such as leaky taps or roller doors or anything that requires me to attend the unit or organise a contractor to attend then it will be difficult if I am away from the GC (or Australia). I have done bookings whilst on cruise boats, from the USA and Asia so that side of it isn’t a problem.

Access to the relevant websites is arranged and training provided on how to manage them.

What I am asking is if anyone is interested in taking over this role can they please contact me to discuss it. It is not an onerous task, but does take some time each week to ensure everything is in place. You don’t have to physically handle any monies as it is all done electronically. What it does need is someone to be available should anything unexpected arise at the unit. I am quite happy to keep assisting with the bookings side of it but feel that to have someone available on a more regular basis would be beneficial. The wife and I are hitting the road a lot more and will be absent from the GC a fair bit in the coming years.

George Makowski on the balcony of Greenmount surf club whilst having dinner with Geoff Palmer.
IPA HOUSE GOLD COAST: Your next holiday destination

The IPA House on the Gold Coast, one of only two such Houses in Australia, is located in the beautiful Grande Florida Resort at Miami. This is basically the middle of the GC and is so handy to shops, beaches, restaurants and public transport that it is a one-stop place to stay.

The GC House has been in operation since November 2011 and since then has been utilised by IPA members, police officers and their families from all over the world. Members from Europe who have utilised the IPA Houses in many countries all consider this one the BEST IN THE WORLD.

This year alone we have hosted guests from New Zealand, Canada, Mauritius, Queensland, NSW, Victoria and South Australia. In the past twelve months this has included Ireland, England, Greece and the USA.

The Resort is adjacent to Miami Beach (patrolled by surf life savers and Gold Coast Lifeguards), has great facilities for all the family and offers the opportunity to just veg out around the pools or catch the bus from just outside to the shops and theme parks. The two bedroom unit has tv, video, a/c, is fully self contained and can sleep up to six people.

Earlier this year I had the pleasure of meeting with Yagambrum Mardevan (Poovan for short). He is a Superintendent in the Mauritius Police Force and works in the Criminal Intelligence Unit. He and his family were holidaying with friends in Australia and stayed on the GC for a week. It was great to sit down and discuss police life on this small island off South Africa. It certainly is a different life with the police, military, fire brigade and ambulance services all working under the same auspices. After your initial training you choose which service you wish to go into.

In January of this year I also met up with a retired Canadian police officer George Makowski as he travelled through the Gold Coast. George has a passion....that of doing marathon motorcycle rides around the world. He has ridden from top to bottom of Europe, South America, Africa and many parts of Asia. He had come Down Under to circumnavigate our little island and spent a few days on the GC. We had dinner at my favourite surf club (Greenmount Beach) and we were lucky to get a table right at the front of the balcony just as the sun was setting. We had a great time talking about his travels and the many places he has visited and police officers he has met.

George Makowski on the balcony of Greenmount surf club whilst having dinner with Geoff Palmer

After dinner we went across the street to the road that is the actual border between Qld and NSW and got some photos of George straddling the State Lines. After the GC he was heading north to Townsville and Cairns.
George straddling the border between Qld and NSW with one leg in Coolangatta and one in Tweed Heads (just across from the Twin Towns RSL)

For those GC members who may remember him, I had a text recently from Sandro Parmiani who is an Inspector in the Carabinieri in Northern Italy. He wishes to be reminded to his friends on the GC and is waiting for us all to visit him. Sandro has previously been to Australia to study at Bond University and thoroughly enjoyed his time here and the hospitality.

Righto, back to the IPA House.......the new booking system now allows you to book up to two years ahead so if you want to get in early there is now an opportunity to do so and not miss out on a great venue.

So far this year all the school holiday periods are booked out but there are some dates for Easter next year available. The school holidays for next year are ALL available so don’t delay.

The low season tariff (1 March to 30 November) are $600 per week for IPA members and $720 for non-members. The high season (1 December to 28 February) is $780 for members and $900 for non members. These rates are basically half of what the Resort charges to guests in the other units so it really is great value for money.

For enquiries you can email the House Manager, Geoff Palmer at housemanager.qld@ipa-australiapolice.com.au or go to the IPA Australia home page and click on ‘Houses’ in the top right corner, then on ‘Gold Coast’.

This will give you all the information you need and has direct links for the calendar and bookings.

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Yanchep to Mandurah, W.A.
Our Japanese Odyssey - Part II
by Tim Beard - Queensland Region

My wife Natell and I left Takayama and were on the bus heading for the ancient farming village of Ogimachi in Shirakawa-go. It was only an hour’s drive from Takayama and was it like a movie set. The entire village dates back hundreds of years and features thatched rooved houses, rice paddies and Shinto temples. To enter the village, you traverse a narrow suspension bridge, unfortunately full of goggle-eyed, umbrella wielding tourists from every corner of the globe.

The roofs of the buildings are extremist A-frame, very steep so the heavy winter snow drops off easily. The village is socialism at its purest with the entire population getting together every April to re-thatch the roofs that need it. A roof apparently lasts 40 years, but the community working together can replace one in a day. It is rich farming country, but spread over a very small area, so housing has always been an issue. It is common to have dozens living in the one house. Traditionally, only the eldest son can marry and the other siblings remain in the parental home assisting with the farming. Interestingly, younger male siblings are permitted to form relationships with other younger daughters of other families. These women bear children to the males and they are raised by the girl’s extended family.

The village has become a tourist attraction and now souvenir shops infest the streets like solicitors at traffic accidents. We decided to check in first and it was soon apparent that our hostel/hotel was a tourist attraction in itself. It is a Unesco listed, 300 year old thatched rooved building with wonderful gardens and a stream surrounding it. Our host was an acidic female who resembled an amphetamine fuelled fire ant. She was the height of a jar of vegemite and as raw as a greyhound’s dinner. What she lacked in physical presence, she compensated with a startling hatred of humanity. Screeching at us to not only to take off our shoes, but to also take them off at the appointed station, she then demanded our full details, including our cat’s vet’s name. After being told that we were not to shower at any other time except between 5pm and 9pm, we fled to do some exploration.

We wandered around and walked up to the “look-out,” a vicious unforgiving trek which was well worth it, overlooking the entire village with snow covered mountains crouched behind them like silent sentinels. I flirted outrageously with two jolly little tubs of fun at the ticket
Police Down Under

Ogimachi Accommodation, Shirakawa-go

booth for the local museum before spending 3 minutes inside. The Prado it wasn’t. On the way out, one of my new girlfriends invited me to try some locally brewed rice saki. I looked at the vat of thick, milky mass menacingly waiting for me. Never mind, I thought, they only give it to you in a shot glass. WRONG. With great ceremony, I was handed a dessert bowl full of the foul liquid. As it approached my lips, I heard the pair of them giggling like the vindictive shrews they were and I watched the lumps of God only knows what floating in the mass. Down the hatch it went and I swear I had to chew it on the way down. It hit my throat like a cheap Mumbai curry, combined with the taste of the chimpanzee’s tyre swing at Taronga Park Zoo. Fighting reflux and revulsion, I smiled at the femme fatales as the alcohol hit my veins, disintegrating my liver on the way to my heart. “It’s a bit strong,” I croaked to them in my finest Bryan Brown. Smiling like a Gorgon, one of them cheerfully informed me that “it only 35% Tim San.” I challenged her to a fight before telling her she was the most beautiful woman I had ever seen.

Ogimachi Village, Shirakawa-go

Our next stop was Kanazawa, home of the famous Kenrokuen Gardens, established hundreds of years ago by the ruling Maeda family. They are reputedly the best botanical gardens in Japan. As we both love Japanese gardens, the visit was a must. We weren’t disappointed. They are absolutely world class and beyond description, but I will try. Paths meander around pristine lakes, surrounded by flowering explosions of colour, with fountains, waterfalls and Japanese statues. You turn a corner and wander up bamboo fenced paths to thatched pergolas overlooking the city. There is a plum orchard and mysterious winding tracks leading to emerald moss covered gardens, encompassing manicured trees, creatively shaped to form artistic designs that complement the topiary. They have actually achieved bonsai in reverse. Massive trees have been trained, pruned and restrained by huge poles to limit and direct their growth. I have never seen anything like that. We wandered along a shaded path and found a traditional Japanese tea house. We went inside and were served with tea in traditional Japanese style. The tea house was minimalist and overlooked an Eden like pond with ducks and gardens, including a waterfall and ornate bridges. There was a spiritual and harmonic feel in the place that is hard to define.

Kenrokuen Gardens, Kanazawa
On the way up, we dodged and weaved through tourists’ shops and restaurants, incongruously set amongst traditional Japanese buildings and homes. Being a tourist attraction, there were crowds, but most of them were local, including school groups. Many of the young people were wearing traditional kimonos, which was wonderful to see.

Next stop was romantic Kyoto. My tour director Natell has visited Kyoto before and we embarked on what was to be a “walk and a look around.” Approximately 20 kilometres later, I staggered back to the hotel like a crippled victim of a wheelchair heist. We visited the Kiyomizu Temple which is situated on the top of hills overlooking Kyoto.

There seems to be a real effort being made in Japan to encourage its youth to preserve their culture. I am told that many young Japanese cannot even use chopsticks now. We arrived at the temple, a truly magnificent sight. Set amidst a dense forest on the mountains, it features towering red and gold spires and those marvellous Japanese roofs. It is endless and pathways lead through manicured gardens and water features to structures, carvings and artistic delights whilst also providing sweeping views of Kyoto. We even came across two traditional Geisha girls in full costume and make-up. These women train for years and years to achieve their status and are widely respected in Japanese society. Their presence caused quite a stir and they are truly elegant and stylish.
high pitched squeaking noise as you walk along. The reason for this was that they were constructed to do this deliberately so that any enemies or invaders could he heard coming. I don’t know how they did it, but I have never seen anything like it and it is amazing to think that this device is just as effective 400 hundred years later. You simply cannot sneak around there. As I wandered around, I thought of the Samurai warriors, close to the greatest fighting men in history. These guys spent their entire lives dedicated to warfare, fighting and serving their Shogun. It was a funny feeling walking on those same floorboards that these warriors tread 400 years ago.

*Geisha Girls in Kiyomizu Temple, Kyoto*

We visited the “Nishi Hongwanji,” a sprawling Shinto Shrine, just around the corner from our hotel. Once again, I was struck by the spirituality of these temples. They are very quiet with all visitors showing respect and there is this feeling of peace and serenity, enhanced by both the architecture and the gardens that surround them. You have to take off your shoes before you enter the buildings and it very calming and inspiring to take your time taking it all in.

*Nijo Castle, Kyoto*

The following morning, it was time to leave Kyoto, once again my train. The weather was wetter than Harold Holt’s bathing cap, so we broke our rule and decided to catch a cab to the station, rather than walk. The taxi arrived and I’ve never seen anything like it. The shining vehicle was a clean as a laundered dollar and the seats were covered in pressed, white, embroidered linen. The driver was wearing a tie and actually drove us to the station by the shortest, direct route. The fare was $6.00. Was I in a dream? And so concluded our wonderful time in Kyoto.

*Nishi Hongwanji, Kyoto*

Then it was another long walk to the Nijo Castle, which dates back to the 1600’s. I really got a kick out of this place. It is the former home of Shoguns and their Samurai. Once again, it is built with genius and artistry and we quietly walked through the buildings, admiring the art and timber work that has lasted 400 years. Huge floorboards make a very loud
Melbourne will be the IPA site for the 2016 National Conference from 20th to 23rd October. This will follow New Zealand’s “Friendship Week” the spinoff, hopefully may see more overseas members coming over to our National AGM. We need a wide range of volunteers to help make this a great success. Please contact Peter, Jason or Fiona as early as possible.

Most Visitors will arrive on the 20th October, a Thursday.

Friday 21st October is set aside to encourage non-executive Serving Police Officers (SPOD) to attend. Friday evening is Australia’s AGM followed by supper. Saturday 22nd will see the meeting of The National Executive Council. Non NEC members are having a day arranged for their entertainment. The AGM dinner will be held on Saturday evening. The full programme is still being developed with updates to be advised closer to October.

Victorian members are sought to assist in making our visitors stay with us enjoyable. Venue Quality Hotel Downtowner on Lygon

THE INTERNATIONAL AGM
Interest has been shown by members from other countries who are attending the International Congress and Friendship Week in New Zealand which runs from October 3rd to 15th. A social program is being arranged for those who may wish to include attendance at Australia’s AGM.

VICTORIAN FACEBOOK PAGE
Our Vice Chairperson, Jason DOYLE has set up a Victorian Facebook Page. For those in the know do what you got to do!

2016 MEMBERSHIP CARDS
2016 Membership Cards for financial members were despatched on 6th March. Our Sec. Fiona had them packed and despatched within a few days of receipt

Members are reminded that Annual fees should be paid by 31st December EACH YEAR (Not applicable to those joining after 30th September).

Preferred payment is via BankVic (former Police Credit Co-op) account number 90860351 or for other bank transfers use BSB 704-230 Acct: 100 243 913. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR FULL NAME IS INCLUDED.

Posted payments by cheque to, P.O. Box 166, Pascoe Vale South, Vic 3044. Payment can be made via the treasurer at our meetings using a sealed envelope bearing your name. It’s still only $20 so why wouldn’t you pay up? Our Treasurer believed he was doing the right thing by using members preferred name from the data base. Some members were not happy with this. Proper names will be used on our web page.

NEW MEMBERS

VICPOL Retired: Tim KENNEDY, Kaye MURPHY and Chris O’HARA
TASPOL Retired: Donald STANDEN and Phil COXAN.

Clive O’Hara and Chairperson, Peter Ferguson

NOTE: The Website is undergoing a major upgrade. Please check your detail, contact the National Web Master Ross PENGLILLY on webmaster@ipa-australiapolice.com.au if you have lost your password.

RECEPTION OFFICER

Ian HICKS Contact mobile 0456 990 473 for all visitors to Victoria.

Kathryn Harris from Liverpool, UK was home hosted over three weeks by Ian HICKS, Trevor O’SHANNASY and Graham GALLAGHER. Spike and Helen ELLIOTT, with friends Jackie MILLS and Donna PIERCE all from Cheshire, UK attended the Angela Taylor Memorial service on 24 March and had dinner that evening with Peter FERGUSON and Jason DOYLE. Jon and Charlotte SCHIVILI, Sweden 13-14 April found accommodation in Melbourne as IPA House was already booked. They were taken to dinner by Trevor O’SHANASSY and Ian HICKS.

IPA HOUSE BOOKING AND VISITORS REPORT by Trevor O’SHANASSY


FUTURE VISITORS will be George KROOGLIK, Albury 4 May and 5 June. Mark COURTNEY, Qld 28 Oct-7 Nov. John BURGESS, UK 24-30 Nov.

For availability, prices and bookings contact Trevor O’Shanassy: housemanager.vic@ipa-australiapolice.com.au

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SOCIAL REPORT

Peter FERGUSON, Pete HENRY, Clive SMITH and Geoff WOODMAN accepted the invitation to IPA to attend the Angela Taylor 30 year Memorial Ceremony on 24 March. Angela was killed as a result of the Russell Street bombing. It was a well attended, impressive and moving service. IPA visitors and friends from UK were also present and met for dinner later with Peter FERGUSON and Jason DOYLE.

WELFARE REPORT

Our Vice Chairperson Jason DOYLE had further total ankle reconstruction surgery. This and other injury had been caused by an on duty assault by five offenders last year. We wish Jason a speedy recovery. Members who are aware of other members who are not well Refer welfare matters to carfeusgson@bigpond.com

National Police Service Medal for retired members when first introduced members had to be still serving in October 2008. As a result of appeals by the Retired Police Association this date has been amended to 14th February 1974. Full detail and application forms available on www.gg.gov.au then use the pull down tab Australian Honours and Awards, select NPSM. Application have to be submitted via the applicant’s former Department.

Message from National to all IPA members 86% of our Australian members have not registered on the IPA Website. The bi monthly magazine and other points of interested are posted on this Web-site. The following instruction may assist members having difficulties with logging on:-

1. Open the Website www.ipa-australiapolice.com.au
2. Left Click on Login link at the top of the page
3. This opens a Login page. Please read before progressing
4. Select option 1 to register for the first time only.
5. Make up your own user name preferably using letters and numbers you can remember. Stay away from symbols as they may clash with formulas.
6. Fill in details required, make sure you use your first name as this is on your database
Record e.g. William not Bill etc. Plus your email address as this is also on your Database. Click Submit

7. The Website will verify your membership with the Database and will send via email your password reset link.

8. Select your new password and you are underway

9. If your search engine you use e.g. Mozilla or Google Chrome gives you the option to save your password select “Yes” it will save you having to enter details every time.

Any problems then contact the Webmaster for assistance. webmaster@ipa-australiapolic.com.au

GENERAL

The Committee has filled vacancies for the 2016 year, appointing Dave Pickford as Assistant Secretary and Geoff Burnnard as a Social Coordinator. All other appointees remain as for 2015.

All regions and National have several types of souvenirs available for sale. Check them out on the Web Site. IPA Identity wallets, a new shipment has arrived with flat badges, similar size to VicPol I/D are available at $30 plus postage.

GUEST SPEAKERS

16th MARCH Asst. Commissioner Dean McWHIRTER - Vic Pol’s new Family Violence Commander. Dean’s responsibilities include not only women but also children who have been assaulted. This is the first time a new department has been created covering all such matters in Victoria. There is no other State or Federal Police Force having such an appointment. It is a crime to assault women and children but there have been no concerted effort by Police to do other than advise Legal assistance or refer to already overloaded civilian authorities. The figures he referred to were staggering and such offences occur in all levels of society. One in three women has experienced violence from aged fifteen. Of these only 20%, or one in five, report the matter to Police. From 2014 to 2015 Police received 70906 reports, 194 per day. 44,000 of these assaults were witnessed by children. Not included were other forms of abuse, financial, mental, and sexual to name a few. Since being appointed Assistant Commissioner, McWHIRTER has studied reports, attended witnesses and victims, enquiries, etc to come up with his first attempt to give VicPol a code of conduct to suit all circumstances but it is too complex. A form 17 was devised with boxes to be completed which did not satisfy every situation met. Being a new department, Dean had no precedence to follow, no trained staff, vehicles or front line representation other than existing members. A huge job to take on by a man who is also feeling his way into a rank he has never held before.

Peter Ferguson thanking Dean McWhirter

20th April the Chairperson introduced Inspector Roger SCHRANZ, who provided a brief service background prior to addressing his talk on Police Legacy. Although seemingly a recent innovation to Victoria Police, his search of records showed that in 1890, Victoria Police supported a Widows and Child Support Fund. An interesting talk sprinkled with amusing anecdotes, provided an insight into the funding, scope and limitations of assistance, provided to those eligible for support. Clearly something that all serving police should willingly support!
Russell Street Bombing - 30th Anniversary Memorial Service  
by Pete Henry - Victoria Region Treasurer

At 1pm on March 27th 1986 a car bomb exploded in Russell Street outside the then Police Headquarters and across the road from the then Magistrates Court building. It is a miracle that there was not massive loss of life. Serious injuries were sustained by three people. Ian West a Magistrate and two police members Angela Taylor and Carl Donadio. Angela Rose Taylor Victoria Police Constable 24274 died on April 20th as a result of severe burns sustained due to her close proximity of the explosion.

To mark the 30th anniversary of the Bombing, the Blue Ribbon Foundation held a Memorial Service to honour the memory of Angela Taylor. This was held on Thursday March 24th, the day before Good Friday. This venue was across the road from the bomb site at the “old Police Garage” which was originally the exercise yard for the old Melbourne Goal. The roof has been removed and the area made into an open plaza and is now in the hands of the National Trust.

The Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation was established 1988 to perpetuate the memory of members killed in the line of duty. In partnership with the community, funds are raised and directed to establish living memorials to honour fallen members primarily in Victoria’s public hospitals.

On the day of the bombing, Angela Taylor was rushed to the Royal Melbourne Hospital where she was treated in the intensive care unit. Previously the BRF have provided equipment in her name. This year a cheque for $150,000 was presented to assist with equipment for the new ICU at the hospital.

The Rose Society budded and cultivated a rose exclusively for Blue Ribbon Foundation. Just like its namesake the Angela Taylor Rose is vibrant, feminine and distinctive. A photograph of the rose was used on the front cover of the program for the memorial service. Members of the Taylor family were in attendance and spoke of their appreciation of the support they have received from Police members of all ranks over many years. A Gold Plated rose was presented to the Taylor Family by Carl Donadio.

Two previous Chief Commissioners, both former IPA members, S.I. (Mick) Miller and Kel Glare IPA attended with the aid of walking sticks. IPA was formally represented by our Chairman Insp. Peter Ferguson, supported by Clive Smith, Geoff Woodman, Pete Henry and Daryl Anderson who was on security duty. Another recently joined IPA member was Constable Lauren Koehler who made a beautiful speech during the ceremony. She like Angela had been the dux of her recruit squad. For this Lauren received the Angela Taylor Academic Highest Achiever Award.

Angela Taylor was only 21 when she died. She was the first and thankfully the only policewomen in Australia to be murdered in the line of duty.
CFA DONATION

In April 2016, Victorian Region Chairperson, Peter Ferguson presented Chief Fire Officer, Joe Buffone of the Victorian Country Fire Authority with a cheque for $2,500.

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An Indian Summer - Part II
by Paul Oates, Queensland Region

We arrived early at the Delhi railway station to catch the train to Amritsar, the capital of the Punjab Province. Railways in India have a long history that dates from 1853 when the first tracks connected Bombay to Thane. By 1867, it was possible to travel by rail from Bombay to Calcutta (Kolkata) and this apparently gave author Jules Verne the inspiration to write 'Around the World in 80 Days'.

Indian trains have many different classes of travel with the class advertised on the exterior of the carriage. There is even a carriage reserved for the disabled. Although it was early in the day, the temperature was over 40 degrees centigrade and the facilities on the train platform were of a minimalist variety. We were therefore very happy when our train did arrive and to find our seats and get moving.

Our train stopped at many stations and sometimes not at any station. At one such stop we looked out or window and saw a man apparently picking the tops of the local shrubs and rolling the leaves vigorously between his palms. Our guide explained he was ‘processing’ the wild Indian Hemp by crushing the growing tips between his hands and collecting the resin so released to be absorbed into the pad he had in the palm of his hand. While we watched, he saw us watching and departed to presumably use what he had collected.

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**Minimal facilities**

Train travel in India is a broadening, educational experience. As we travelled through the countryside we observed how any hole in a wall also doubles as a garbage disposal unit. When rubbish is thrown through the hole in the wall it instantly becomes someone else’s problem. Plastic in all its forms just sits there and accumulates.

**Pot Rolling**

It is the practice for some house owners who can afford it, to place on top of their homes some form of decoration. The first example of this practice we saw had installed two sacred cows on top of the house. One can buy various statues and ornaments and we saw at least one house with a fair size effigy of a jet plane placed on the roof.

**House Decoration**

Arriving at Amritsar, we were taken to our accommodation. The hotel doorman was dressed in some very decorative slippers that seemed to be straight out of a tale in the ‘Arabian Nights’. 
While we circumnavigated the pool and awaited our turn to visit the Temple, at each corner of the concourse are huge blue screens with the text of the prayers being broadcast in three languages over loudspeakers. Many of the marble slabs we walked over had memorials etched into them. Photography is prohibited inside the Temple.

We were then taken to see yet another amazing sight. The Temple feeds up to 10,000 people every day and on special days has been known to feed up to 40,000. We were allowed to inspect the kitchens and food processing areas and saw thousands of the faithful being fed chapattis, curry, vegetables and given a drink of tea. The washing up facilities were truly a marvel to behold and we were impressed at the overall organisation of the whole operation.

‘Amritsar’, is a magical name that translates in Punjabi as, ‘Nectar Water’. Bathing in the pool around the Golden Temple is reputedly able to heal many disabilities and illnesses. The city was very clean and sparkled after a fresh rain shower. Walking to the temple, you gradually build up a level of expectation that something special is about to happen. To enter the temple grounds however, you must remove your footwear and cover your head as a mark of respect. Armed temple guards holding long metal tipped spears maintain security. As you pass through the entrance, you wash your feet in the warm water before descending the temple stairs. There before you opens up the vista of the sacred pool with the Golden Temple residing in the middle. We were told that it took four tons of gold bullion to cover the Golden Temple. Many of those attending were availing themselves of the opportunity to bath in the ‘Nectar Water’.

While we waited to visit the Golden Temple, holy men circulated offering blessings to the faithful.

The Indian traffic road rules are a matter of registering your intention via a horn or clear movement and then taking the initiative. Leaving the temple grounds one of our group was involved in a traffic accident. The lady went to cross the busy road but then, became
apprehensive and hesitated. She was hit by a small three wheeled taxi (tuc tuc) as its driver expected her to continue and not stop. Fortunately she was only bruised.

Exiting the temple grounds and recovering our shoes, we next were taken to the place were in 1919 a British General ordered his troops to fire on innocent civilians and caused nearly 400 dead and 1,500 wounded. The bullet marks on the walls are still there.

As we approached the border the increase in defence facilities and personnel were clearly obvious. Signs told everyone to ‘Beware of Anti-National Elements’ and other signs claimed the Border Security Force was the largest in the world. That didn’t seem to faze those attending the ceremony however and we joined the long queues waiting to go through the extensive security procedures. Passports were inspected, and then there was the gamut of a full body scan and metal detector, sniffer dogs and mirrors under all vehicles before we were permitted to find some seating near the gate.

Clearly there was a festive atmosphere being encouraged on both sides of the border. As our side was encouraged to yell, ‘Hindustani’, we could here an echo on the other side yelling ‘Pakistani’. Women ran up and down with national flags and a large variety of Indian Defence and Police personnel in various uniforms were very conspicuous.

The ceremony was clearly choreographed by both sides and is really a must to see. Indian Border Guards maintain threatening stances and displays in front of Pakistani Rangers that are performing the same antics for their own people.

Drums beats, high goose stepping soldiers and colourful uniforms provide great theatre. When the flags of both nations are taken down and gates are closed it can be quite moving. You have to be lucky however to get a good view from the special stands provided for visitors. If you ever do visit therefore, get there early and take a seat near the gate that can’t be obscured by other people. Also take sunscreen and a sun shade and after the ceremony, leave early if you can.
to be somewhat less interesting but such was not the case.

Driving along we noticed herds of buffalo out foraging on what were clearly extensive stands of Indian Hemp along the road sides. Passing a small buffalo diary some wondered what the milk might possibly contain. India claim to be the world’s largest milk producer.

The Punjab is a very rich agricultural Provence and our final destination was a grain market where farmers bring their grain in to the market be sold. The grain is brought in by the sack load but then tipped onto the ground to be inspected by the buyers. Stiff bargaining then takes place before the grain is then re bagged and taken away to be used. We noticed some grain being threshed with the threshing machine being energetically turned by a woman. Not an easy job.

As we exited the grain market an enterprising young man was busily shaving ice blocks by hand in the heat and selling the shaved ice in cups covered with a choice of favours and the odd fly or three. For some reason he didn’t seem to be too keen to be photographed.

Hindu and Sikh soldiers could be identified by their different style of turban. Female Indian Army officers were dressed in both ceremonial and camouflaged uniforms and were observed to have painted henna patterns on their hands and arms. Unfortunately they don’t do the high goose step apparently.

After all that colour and theatre, the rest of our visit to Punjab might well have been expected
The competition will run from December to August each year with the annual winner(s) being announced at the National AGM each year.

The requirements are simple – send in a photo that will have all readers spellbound. Well, perhaps that is a little over the top but, they will need to be good photos.

This year, as we are already half way through the period for entries, we will commence the competition in our June magazine. There will be one prize awarded for an overall category however, from the December magazine there will be a first prize of $250 in each of two categories –

1. IPA or Police related photos and,
2. General Open photos (can include travel, hobbies or interests etc.)

Before we set out the rules, here are some basic common sense guidelines. In selecting a photo for entry, make sure it is the ‘best of the bunch’. Don’t send in ten photos for us to select the best photo please, you can only send in one in each category for each edition of the magazine. Make sure the image is crisp and clear and within the rules of the competition.

There are two categories for entries into the photo competition –

Category 1: IPA or Police related photos. Photos in this category should centre around distinct IPA activities or functions (not just the monthly BBQ at a member’s home) or, an interesting photo of Police undertaking their duties.

Category 2: Open photographs. Includes photos on any topic including travel, hobby or interest activities.

RULES:
1. The competition is open to financial members of the International Police Association Australian Section.
2. Members are permitted to enter one photograph per category for each edition of the Police Down Under magazine.
3. Photographs entered must be non offensive, non security compromising, non inflammatory. No panoramic or portrait photos will be accepted.
4. All images must be submitted as digital files in JPEG format.
5. Digital images are to be submitted by email as an attachment and be at least 1MB and no more than 5MB in size. No postal entries will be accepted.
6. Images must be original and not enhanced or compressed (Photoshop is not acceptable).
7. Images entered into the competition must have been taken by the applicant.
8. Copyright of all images submitted for the competition must be owned by the member submitting the image(s). When the image is entered into the competition the owner grants the International Police Association permission to feature the image in any promotional material connected to this competition and in any International publication relating to the International Police Association.
9. No fee will be paid to entrants.
10. Images entered into the competition will firstly be viewed by the National President and shortlisted for publishing in each edition of the Police Down Under magazine.
11. Closing date for the annual completion will be the last Sunday in August. The finalists for the year will be selected and presented to the National Judge for selection of the winner in each category.
12. The decision by the judge is final
13. Winners will be announced at the National AGM in October each year.
14. The Rules and conditions of the competition may be changed or the competition terminated by the International Police Association Australian Section at any time as required.

PLEASE REMEMBER – All images entered must have a timeline advising information such as: photo taken by... location photo taken (e.g. holiday in Paris) ... date (can be approximate)....

All entries are to be sent to the Secretary General, Andrew Smith  Closing Date: 31st August secretarigestralipa-australiapolic.com.au

Andrew Smith - Secretary General
Greetings All,

I would like to say thank you to all of the Western Australian members in their commitment to friendship in the IPA. The WA executive team are doing a fantastic job in assisting me “the Chair” in running the region.

I would also like to congratulate Ross McDonald as the newly appointed assistant secretary for the Western Australian region. Also all the other members that assist us with visitors and enquiries.

Which leads me to the beginning of the year, Julie, the Associate Secretary for France informed the Western Australian region that the daughter of a French IPA member would be coming to Australia to improve her English.

The young lady’s name is Margaux GNECCHI, travelling with her boyfriend, Guillaume. While she was here the in Perth, they both were invited to come over and have dinner at the Brewer’s home, which they did.

It was an excellent night with French and English or as we call it “Freenglish”.

Standing: Jason & Isabelle Brewer
Seated; Catherine Brewer, Margaux Gnecchi, Jessica Brewer & Guillaume

Congratulations to Kevan Barret (UK HLM) who on the 21st of March whilst attending our monthly meeting realised that he had been an IPA member for 57 years to the day. Kevan is a great model for the IPA. He is always prepared to give assistance to both the UK and Western Australian Section whenever he can.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS
Teagan HENRY, Anthea DEVRIES, Nathan DEVENISH, Paul GARNETT and Ross McDONALD

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

VISITORS
Kathryn Harris from Merseyside IPA (UK) visiting friends in Western Australia and Attended our Italian Social Dinner at La Vella Restaurant in Scarborough.
Doug Lapham (Ex WAPS 4556) paid a visit to WA from Victoria and attended the March meeting.

Clif Hardy (Victorian Member) and Barbara Hardy had a stopover for a few hours in Perth, on their Asian Cruise.

We had a few other overseas members visit Perth who did not send their travel documents through the appropriate channels.

MARCH LUCKY DOOR PRIZE WINNER
Colleen CHIPPER (pictured)

SOCIAL NEWS

On the 14th of April the WA region held an Italian Dinner at the La Vella Restaurant in Scarborough. I would like to thank those members who attended and it was unfortunate for those members who could not make it for health reasons, we hope you all get well soon so we can enjoy and see your smiling faces again.

The meal was a set three course which was coupled by good quality and quantity the staff were very helpful which topped the night off.

Check your Social Calendar for our next Social Functions, any member who has not received their calendar please check the IPA website or Email me (Ed) so I can send you a copy.

JUNE 20th at our Monthly Meeting we will be holding a quick “FUN QUIZZ NIGHT”. There will be prizes to the lucky or unlucky ones depending on the answers received.

JULY 28th our CHRISTMAS IN JULY Social Dinner will be held at the Esplanade in Fremantle. This Dinner will commence at 6.30 pm sharp.

Members will be advised via the WAIPAGRAM for the cut-off date for RSVP’s for the Christmas in July Dinner. Seating is restricted.
Forthcoming Events

2016

SPAIN
IPA Madrid Summer Camp 2016
4th July - 17th July, 2016

ESTONIA
Estonian Summer Days - Witches Rendezvous
15th July - 17th July, 2016

USA
International Youth Gathering, Los Angeles
16th July - 30th July, 2016

GERMANY
60th Anniversary, IPA Bork Branch
22nd July - 31st July, 2016

BOSNIA & HERZ.
WISPA Sarajevo 2016
21st August - 28th August, 2016

NETHERLANDS
70th Airborne March, Oosterbeek
3rd September, 2016

HUNGARY
25th Anniversary Friendship Event, Budapest
5th September - 10th September, 2016

ITALY
IPA Centenary Motorcycle Rally, Lignano Sabbiadoro
8th September - 11th September, 2016

USA
American Rail Trip, New England
29th September - 8th October, 2016

ITALY
54th Anniversary, Sardinia & 18th National Congress, Alghero
19th October - 24th October, 2016

CYPRUS
International Friendship Week
23rd October - 30th October, 2016

SPAIN
16th International Trader Show, Barcelona
26th November, 2016

GERMANY
IEB Meeting, Gimborn
30th November - 3rd December, 2016
INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION
SOUTH AFRICA

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

The 2017 IYG is being held in South Africa
29 JULY to 13 AUGUST 2017

HOW DO YOUR CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN QUALIFY?
• They must be aged 16 or 17 years by 1st July in the year of the event.
• The member nominating must be a financial member.

Remember - applications for the Ray DODD memorial award are available on our web page and must be received by the 30th September 2016. Please read all the instructions.

DETAILS OF THE EVENT AS FARMS:

General Program
29 July Arrive OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg (3 nights)
  • Gold Reef City, Cradle of Human Kind, Union Buildings, Voortrekker Monument
1 August Durban (3 nights)
  • Shaka World, Soccer Stadium, Zulu tradition
4 August Coffee Bay (1 overnight)
  • Xhosa tradition
5 August Addo Elephant National Park (2 nights)
7 August Garden Route (2 nights)
  • Zip lining, Knysna elephants, Adventure,
9 August Cape Town (4 nights)
  • Table Mountain, Robben Island, V&A Waterfront, Community involvement
13 August Depart from Cape Town International Airport

Accommodation
  • Backpackers / Dorm Style
  • 5 Nights camping. All equipment for camping provided

Meals
  • 3 Meals a day will be provided

Participants
  • 50 (maximum 54)

Cost
  • 1000 Euro minimum (this is just a very rough estimate)

Distance
  • + 2400km

Community Outreach
  • One day in Cape Town is set aside for a community outreach program 2 Culture
  The various diverse cultures of our country will be explored during the whole trip through South Africa. The approach towards cultural information will be provided in the form of different kinds of adventure trips.

Weather
  • Winter, cold and Western Cape wet as well.
  As this aspect is to be taken to the International World Congress, it was put to the Organising Committee that their final plans and program is to be concluded by 31 July 2016.

For full details see the IPA Australia web page

This year’s representative at the INTERNATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING in Los Angeles, California, USA from 16th to 30th July will be Jordan CAMERON.
Join us at the 70th Jubilee Edition of the world's largest one day march on September 3, 2016 at Oosterbeek in The Netherlands.

The International Airborne March is the only commemorative march held in remembrance of the Battle of Arnhem in September 1944.

Every year over 30,000 participants from all over the world join us. Not only to commemorate those who gave their lives for our freedom, but also to enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the Oosterbeek area, where a major part of the battle took place.
Every year on the first Saturday in September the Battle of Arnhem is remembered during the international Airborne March at Oosterbeek in The Netherlands. Many IPA members attended over the last decades as individual or as a team. IPA Netherlands celebrated their Diamond Jubilee Baton anniversary in 2010 with us.

Join the 70th Jubilee Edition in 2016 and take part in the largest one day march of the world. Upon returning from the march you will receive a great home-coming-welcome under the famous arch and you will be entertained on the premises with music and drinks or you can visit the world famous Airborne Museum.

Tickets will be available via our website as of April 1st, 2016.

Group-applications are available as well. Groups receive a commemorative trophée together with their medals.

Join us and be there!

see you in September!

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