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Change of command

At this year's NTS former CPNZ Chairman, Robert Fowler, announced he would not be standing for re-election for chairperson, nor would Tubby Hopkins be standing again for deputy. With the completion of the new rules and procedures it was seen as the end of one strategic stage in the history of CPNZ and was time for the next phase, with a new chairperson at the helm.

Earlier this month elections were held at the National Council meeting. With a number of Trust board and National Council members standing there was a range of experience to choose from. Previously the Chairperson has been the chair of both the Trust Board and the National Council. With the growth of CPNZ and the professional era that it has entered into as a government-sponsored service provider the workload has increased, as well as the demands on the time and effort of a chairperson. This year as well as the National Council electing a new chairperson, the Trust board has also chosen to elect one too.

Bill Feather is the new chairperson of the National Council. Mr Feather was previously the district representative for the Southern district. By becoming the chairperson he vacates the role as a district representative and elections were to be held for a replacement. Earl Taylor, the district representative for the Eastern district, was elected deputy chairperson by the National Council. The Trust board elected trustee Chris Lawton as their chair.

Both Mr Fowler and Mr Hopkins remain trustees of CPNZ. Mr Fowler had held the role of Chairperson since 2008 and is one of the few remaining foundation members.

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CPNZ National Council at NTS 2012 in Lower Hutt

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NTS 2012 Lower Hutt

Another successful NTS was held in June with general comments being that it was one of the best ever. Hutt City Council was an impressive supporter of the event, providing free of charge the venues, and services of the iSite to manage the accommodation bookings. Mayor Ray Wallace is a **“strong supporter and believer in community patrols”** and has a long association with community patrols having once been a patroller himself.

The opening speakers spoke knowledgeably and supportively about community patrols. Both Mayor Wallace and local Member of Parliament Peter Dunne displayed a sound knowledge of what patrollers and CPNZ did and were humble in their thanks to all patrollers present. Assistant Commissioner Nick Perry spoke of how closely aligned community patrols and their work is with Police’s new Prevention First strategy. Police Association President Greg O’Connor delivered a positive message about how strengthening our identities as New Zealanders will work towards reducing crime. They both enjoyed regaling the audience with tales of National Operations Officer Dave Ross.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Assistant Commissioner Perry, Inspector Morris Cheer, Robert Fowler and Tubby Hopkins. This continues the close and mutually supportive relationship CPNZ and New Zealand Police have. The attending patrols voted to accept the new Rules and Procedures with minimum adjustment at the Special General Meeting on the Friday.

Informative workshops and inspiring speakers throughout the weekend, along with a very amusing MC made another worthwhile NTS.

NTS 2013 Tauranga

Tauranga South Community Patrol is proud to be the host of NTS 2013 in the beautiful city of Tauranga. As per standard NTS proceedings, members of the organising committee gave a presentation to attendees in Lower Hutt, giving people an idea of what they can expect next year. This was only slightly overshadowed by NTS 2012’s MC getting both NTS 2012 and 2013 committees to do the chicken dance, a sight to behold.

The organising committee is currently working on the program and called for workshop suggestions. There is a 31 August deadline for this feedback. Email secretary@nts2013.co.nz with your ideas.

Planning is going well with the venue and MC organised and the website set up. This will provide all the information necessary and will be the source for all NTS 2013 updates. www.nts2013.co.nz



Tauranga South’s new patrol vehicle, a Hyundai Tucson fully sign written with logos of sponsors and supporters

NTS 2014 Nelson

Garry Thompson, District Representative for Tasman is pleased to announce that the Nelson District have put their hands up to host NTS 2014, which has been approved by the National Council. Initial planning is well underway, and two venues have been booked to keep costs down and to provide for the needs of NTS. Watch this space!

Upcoming events

- 3-4 Aug 12 National Council meeting
- 3 Nov 12 National Council meeting
- 27-30 Jun 13 NTS 2013 in Tauranga

Email cpnznews@gmail.com to publicise events

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The West Coast – remote but not forgotten

Garry Thompson, District Representative for Tasman recounts a trip he undertook to the West Coast earlier this year.

I travelled from Nelson to Hokitika and attended a meeting of local patrol members. This was not only a chance to meet and greet but also a chance to appreciate some of the local issues (of which there weren't many). I brought the patrollers up-to-date regarding the national scene, stressing the ongoing importance of things like the QRF and statistics. I was impressed by their administration and positive attitudes towards patrolling on the whole. They also had the opportunity to raise their concerns around the current training modules and that there was a need to have a national training programme specific to CPNZ patrollers. I was able to help with some suggestions for recruitment and raising the patrol profile and in turn I was impressed with their version of patrol log.

The next day I met with Maureen Pugh, Westland District Council mayor who had a very good understanding of community patrol activities; I had a meeting with the patrol administrator to discuss forms and procedures; a trip to see their patrol vehicle which has been supported by TrustPower and Plunket; and a meeting with the local Police Liaison Officer.

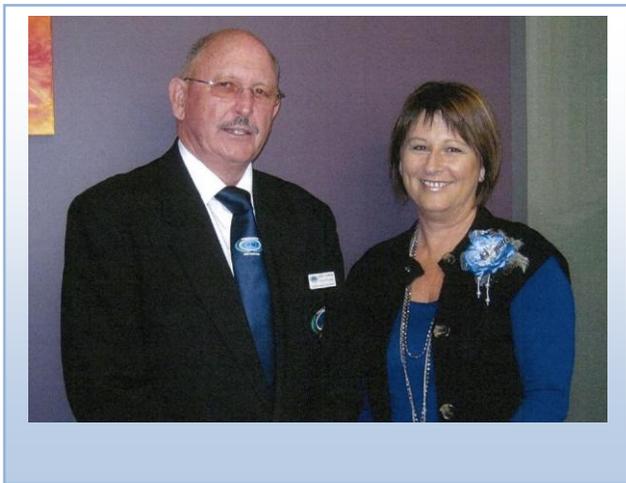
My travels continued to Greymouth to meet Inspector John Canning, Area Commander for the West Coast who is very supportive and expressed his satisfaction and appreciation of the work being done by the three patrols on the coast. On to Westport I met with the Buller District Mayor and the Police Liaison Officer which covered much the same topics as the other meetings. They were appreciative of the opportunity to meet with someone from the national body.

I spent that evening with the Westport Community Patrol who are very well organised with efficient administration and tons of enthusiasm. Other than the same matters discussed at other meetings, the patrol raised concerns over incomplete areas in the generic Health & Safety document on the CPNZ website. With both patrols I emphasised the advantages relating to overt patrolling and that we will never know just how many offences and/or acts of anti-social behavior we prevent just by being out there and being seen. The public in general react very positively to our presence and the reaction of potential offenders cannot be underestimated. I related an experience on the way to the Coast just north of Murchison. I was following a truck at about 85kph. There was no on-coming traffic and weather conditions were good. Coming to a long straight stretch of road I indicated and pulled out to pass. As I crossed the centre line, my wife pointed out a police car. I immediately ceased my manoeuvre. There was in fact a Police patrol facing us ahead and partially obscured by fencing. Why did I do that? I was making a safe and legal move yet I still reacted to the presence of the Police. I would like to think that

it was not a matter of having a guilty conscience but more of a habit in checking ones activity when in the presence of Police.

Unfortunately at the time there was no response from Greymouth to my request to meet with them, but since then I have received an invitation. This will be subject to time and available CPNZ finance.

It is true what they say about West Coast hospitality. I found all persons I met were friendly, open, honest and enthusiastic. They all expressed appreciation for my visit, the information I passed on and the assistance I provided. All in all a very worthwhile exercise and one which I hope to be able to repeat in the future.



Garry with Westland District Council Mayor Maureen Pugh

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From the National Council Chair

I am proud to have been elected to lead the National Council and grow Community Patrols of New Zealand's presence in communities with well resourced and trained patrol groups delivering uniform services in partnership with Police.

I have a strong sense of community with a passion for working together; each one of us brings to this organisation a skill and strength that helps mould our collective group into a credible and unique unit which is making a valuable contribution towards our community's wellbeing.

My Mission is to:

- Be an effective advocate on behalf of the National Council to central government agencies, members of parliament, our partners and wider community forums.
- Lead, co-ordinate and direct business and activities of the National Council within its specified terms of reference and delegated authorities.
- Provide guidance and direction.
- Engage in the decision making process with no bias, acting at all times with integrity and professionalism and ensuring that decisions are made on the basis of sound information and rationale.
- Be an effective interface between Council, District and affiliated Member Patrols.
- Partner and engage with communities recognising and respecting the autonomy of District and valuing the contributions made by their many volunteers.

With a direction that will focus on:

- Prudent Financial Management.
- Effective and efficient communication and co-ordination between National Council members and staff.
- Effective and efficient communication with Districts and the wider community on local issues and initiatives, and the processes, services and decisions of National Council.
- Identifying and deploying training best practice.
- Enhancing and growing our partnerships with Police, Local Body (Councils, Community Boards, Community Committees), Neighborhood Support and other community orientated organisations.
- To be proactive and to anticipate national strategies and policies that have impact on the way our patrols go about their business in a positive way.

The standards that we set are all important as we strive to make our community a better place in which to live.

I believe that together we can make a difference and look forward to working with you to realise our goals.

Bill Feather
Chair
CPNZ National Council



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The wonderful world of statistics

Thank you to all those patrols who have responded to my requests to update their statistics. Your efforts are appreciated and, at the end of the day, it does make a real difference. To maintain efficient, timely and accurate communication it is essential that all patrols check their QRF (Quick Reference Form) on a regular basis and update as required. As I stated at NTS Lower Hutt, ***"I am passionate about statistics. Not about the numbers, but about the end results!"***

The results arising from our statistics gathering process will enable us to move forward as a valued volunteer community organisation, meet the requirements of our stakeholders and above all else, strengthen and maintain our credibility. I have been given many reasons why Patrol statistics have not been submitted to CPNZ and I relate the top five with my responses to them:

1. *"You must realise, I am just a volunteer"*
Response: "Hello! CPNZ has only two paid employees and I am not either of them"
2. *"I have a full time job and I can only do this when I have time"*
Response: "Like the majority of our members, I too work for a living"
3. *"I have a family and my time is very valuable"*
Response: "True, but most people doing voluntary work also have families and many are involved in other community organisations outside of CPNZ. Good time management (and a supportive spouse!) is critical if we are able to cope satisfactorily with all the commitments and responsibilities in our life." If you find that you are having difficulty in coping, for whatever reasons, to the required standard, please arrange for another member to take on the responsibility.
4. *"I am new to this job and nobody has told me anything."*
Response: "If there is nobody in the patrol with previous experience in this area, or has an understanding of the Statistics requirements, contact your District Representative (email contact available on the CPNZ website), or myself (contact also available via the website)."
5. *"I have not received any information or instructions regarding new requirements relating to Statistics".*
Response: "Unfortunately, a number of patrols have what can be called 'gate keepers', that is to say, those people who receive information but do not, for whatever reason, pass it on to the relevant member/s. Under the Rules of Affiliation, patrols are required to supply two email contacts and keep their QRF (Quick Reference Form) up to date with a new form being submitted as necessary. This then becomes the official and only contact address that we have with patrols. It is therefore essential for your own benefit that the details on your QRF are complete and kept up to date.

Please remember that from 1 July 2012, all patrols are required to submit their patrol statistics online monthly. If you have any queries or issues in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Lastly, a request and a suggestion: When sending emails to me, would you please include the name of your patrol in the 'Subject Heading'. This will allow for greater efficiency in replying and action.

Please do not take all the required administrative patrol duties on yourself. I understand how busy most of you are and it is often more effective to have a designated member of your patrol to take sole responsibility for the gathering and submitting of statistics.

Garry Thompson, National Statistics Coordinator CPNZ

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Patrol statistics

STATISTICS 2012		Jan to Mar		Apr to Jun		July		August		September		October		November	
DISTRICTS	Patrols	Submitted	percentage	Submitted	percentage	Submitted	percentage	Submitted	percentage	Submitted	percentage	Submitted	percentage	Submitted	percentage
Northland	6	1	16.7%	2	33.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Waitemata	8	5	62.5%	5	62.5%	3	37.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Auckland	5	3	60.0%	2	40.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Counties Manukau	10	9	90.0%	9	90.0%	3	30.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Waikato	14	13	92.9%	9	64.3%	4	28.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Bay of Plenty	16	12	75.0%	8	50.0%	4	25.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Eastern	10	6	60.0%	6	60.0%	2	20.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Central	17	10	58.8%	9	52.9%	2	11.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Wellington	22	15	68.2%	11	50.0%	4	18.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Tasman	7	7	100.0%	6	85.7%	1	14.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Canterbury	16	8	50.0%	7	43.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Southern	6	4	66.7%	2	33.3%	1	16.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

As at the beginning of August 2012

CPNZ Shield the Nation

Thirty-three patrols were given shields at NTS to place in their areas. Before putting these up, patrols must ensure they contact their local council to get permission.

After the shields are in place CPNZ would be keen to see photos of them.

If your patrol has not received its allocation of shields please contact the CPNZ National Office.



CPNZ shield in Upper Hutt

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Tawa Community Patrol scoops supreme award

The Tawa Community Patrol scooped the supreme award in its category – Health & Wellbeing – at the Tawa Civic Awards in June. Her Worship, the Mayor of Wellington, Celia Wade-Brown presented a framed certificate and petrol voucher to Trustee, Brett Gillies. There were 17 nominations in the category, all worthy in their own right.

To top the evening off, Michael Johnson, won the Youth category award for his voluntary work with the Community Patrol and Tawa Bowling Club. Trustees Robert Tredger, Brett Gillies and Peter Lockery also received individual recognition for their various voluntary activities in the Tawa community.

Over 150 residents of Tawa were present at the Community Centre on the occasion and three applications to join the Tawa Community Patrol were received on the night. Their increasing profile is raising interest in what they do. Local newspapers featured the event and congratulatory letters were received from Katrina Shanks, National MP and the local Police Area Commander, Inspector John Price.

Peter Lockery, Chairman of Tawa Community Patrol



From left: Robert Tredger (Trustee), Peter Lockery (Chairman), Celia Wade-Brown (Mayor), Brett Gillies (Trustee), Michael Johnson (Patroller)



Tawa Community Patrol covers the Wellington city suburbs of Tawa, Linden and Grenada North, but sits in the Kapi-Mana policing area.

Passing of a great supporter

Tauranga South Community Patrol recently lost a very good supporter of their group when Mrs Aileen Wright passed away. Mrs Wright was an honorary member of the patrol and had showed her support by donating over \$3,000 from her pension. This truly reflected Mrs Wright's commitment to the group, and to the work they were doing for the community and their assistance to Police.

Mrs Wright was two months short of her 100th birthday.

Farewell

This is my last issue editing the newsletter as I move on to other ventures. I will keep in touch with CPNZ through the many great friends I have made over the last 5 years. I have enjoyed setting up Tawa CP & being on the National Council, and I wish you all well!

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CPNZ National Council members

Trustees: Chris Lawton (Chairman), Carol Dickson, Robert Fowler, Tubby Hopkins, Dave Merrall, Alan Simpson

National Council Chairman: Bill Feather

National Council Deputy Chair: Earl Taylor

Secretary: Dave Merrall

Treasurer: Alan Simpson

Legal Advisor: Murray Smith

District Representatives: Garry Miller (Auckland), Charles Harrison (Bay of Plenty), Ann Smith (Canterbury), Warwick Laws (Central), Earl Taylor (Eastern), Garry Thompson (Tasman), Teena Cornes (Waikato), Julia Wharton (Waitemata), Ross McKinnon (Wellington)

Police: Inspector Morris Cheer, Inspector Ian Harris, Senior Constable Brent Roycroft

National Operations Officer: Dave Ross

National Office Administrator: Cathy Cameron

National Statistics Coordinator: Garry Thompson

CPNZ National Office

The National Office has recently reorganised their systems and resources to increase their efficiency and effectiveness.

To contact the National Office via email they request that you now address the following matters to the appropriate email address:

cpnz.database@clear.net.nz

- National Database
- Quick Reference Forms (QRFs)
- Patrol member lists
- Security clearances/vetting
- CPNZ national identity card

cpnz.office@clear.net.nz

- National Council contact list
- Accounts
- Administration
- Enquiries
- Requests & and other non-database issues

The National Office is staffed by Dave Ross, the National Operations Officer, and Cathy Cameron, the National Office Administrator. They are now the sole point of contact for the national identity cards.

To contact them by phone: 04 8170228

For the newsletter email cpnznews@gmail.com

Prevention First in the Waitemata district

Patrols in the Waitemata district have recently been involved in a crime prevention campaign where Police and patrollers had a high visibility presence handing out crime prevention flyers. This brought about the positive results of a considerable reduction in burglaries, and great feedback from Police.

Waitemata Police also hosted a Prevention First meeting for Police partners, the first of its kind in New Zealand. It was an opportunity for Police to present the Prevention First strategy and get feedback from partners as to what this might mean if objectives were achieved. This was a well attended event and a great initiative. Attendees included community patrol members, Neighbourhood Support, various iwi providers, cultural advisors, Auckland council staff, and members of local boards. Attendees split off to workshop different sets of questions and then reported back to the meeting. This was a great way to get a different perspective on things.