

It is with excitement that I congratulate the new executive as we take up our roles for a 3 - year term.

My thanks go to the previous executive for their commitment to IPA.

The new executive will introduce themselves separately, however members will note each individual brings experience and strength to their role.

As your new President let me introduce myself; my 20 year Policing career commenced in Northern Ireland in the late 70s and early 80s. Policing in a border area during the period known as 'The Troubles' was challenging. Many colleagues paid the ultimate sacrifice to 'Protect and Serve'.

My New Zealand Police Service commenced in Region 3 over 5 years. The contrast could not have been more different from my earlier policing days, taking the opportunity to walk the beat, unarmed and engage with the public. Upon moving to Region 4 as a General Duties Constable prior to a move to Diplomatic Protection Squad (Protection Services) which gave an opportunity to rub shoulders with Internationally Protected Persons.

After 10 years in uniform I moved to the Criminal Investigation Branch working serious and organised crime, not long after gaining my detective qualification I took up promotion as Sergeant in Region 4 in both General Duties and Traffic Safety. My career then took me out of the Police to another Government Department as a Senior Investigator in the Gambling Compliance Sector. my work was across New Zealand with many former Police colleagues investigating serious criminal offending in a two billion dollar industry.

Moving to another Government Department I continue to work in Region 4 as a Senior Investigator. The primary role is one of Police Liaison and engagement across New Zealand and International; dealing with Police and former Police, with a focus on Regional Security and Safety.

Married to a Kiwi for the last 34 years, with 5 grown children and 3 grandchildren. Daughter is a Detective in Region 4 married to a Police Officer, another daughter is a Coordinator for an NGO working alongside the

Police's Safer Whanau Team in Region 3, with another in Health Care as a Nurse and a son in the RNZAF.

I have been a member of IPA since 1987 and actively involved on local committees as Regional Chair. Was Official Observer at IPA World Congress in New Zealand in 2016 including assisting at Friendship Week.

My vision is to see IPA New Zealand grow to be an organisation that represents every member, serving and retired, from recruit at RNZPC to our members who have supported IPA NZ during its 50+ years. This will be achieved through the many tools available including; personal engagement, use of social media and an executive committee focused on the most important factor in IPA - YOU the Member.

Like many members of IPA I have benefited much more than the financial contributions made. From IPA friendships across the world to visitors arriving in New Zealand. As the world battles the Covid19 pandemic I look forward to once again reconnecting face to face with IPA colleagues we all share so much in common with.