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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The time has come the Walrus said...

They say all good things come to those who wait...well wait we certainly did that! You should have heard by now that the amendments to Security and Related Activities (Control) Amendment Bill 2007 have finally gone through our antiquated, snail paced political system.

The Regulations that sit along side the Act are being brought up to speed and they should be locked in within three months or at the most in six months' time.

Much will depend on how quickly the Police can pull the previously neglected licensing area into the 21st Century. This is currently being done at break neck speed under the ever watchful eye of Detective Superintendent Geoff Maloney. Geoff has overall charge of the entirely revamped area now to be known as the *Licensing Enforcement Division*. In my opinion the most critical part of us all moving forward together will be the employment of the 'compliance officers' stipulated in Section 71 of the Act. Mention has been made by the CAU that five of these specialised people will be employed to carry out these duties.

The Act reads the Commissioner is to appoint compliance officers but with no mention of how many. What if Karl decides, because of financial limitations, only to employ one or two?

If Geoff and his 'troops' do not have access to these long promised unsworn compliance officers with their specialised skill sets, we will stay stuck in the slow lane.

Following my rather scathing assault on the Commercial Agents Unit in my last editorial comment I received an immediate angry response from Geoff Maloney. This was a deliberate ploy which saw us quickly sitting eye ball to eye ball with him.

I invited Kerran Campbell, representing ASIS and Mal Evans representing the Private Investigators to join me. We had an hour together, where the cards were laid on the table and a candid, open dialogue followed. It would now seem there had/had been a break down in communications with the 'changing of the guard' so to speak and Geoff trying to get his office space and staff up to speed.

Most of us have been into the building housing the CAU in Hay Street for one reason or another over the years. In recent months the *Licensing Enforcement Division* has taken over most of this building which will, when fully staffed and the extensive renovations are finally completed, provide a one stop shop for people requiring a licence for a wide range of activities regulated by the WAP, eg firearms, pawn brokers and our industry.

Another important change at this location will be the appointment of senior unsworn people (civvies) who, unlike the sworn officers (coppers), will stay in position and allow for the first time a continuity of tenure.

On to other matters: I have made mention on several occasions the virtual shut down of Community Policing by Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan APM. The Commissioner needs all the uniforms he can gather to keep his *Front Line First* policy alive. We do not have a problem with that - after all it's their core business to be out on our streets protecting life and property.

This change has left a gap a gap we have been asked to fill. The Office of Crime Prevention, who have just taken over the responsibility of managing Neighbourhood Watch, have approached the SAIWA for assistance to carry out security appraisals and offer up unbiased advice to our senior citizens. Your executive team are currently negotiating how best we can do this.

We are also looking to gather all the associations together for an early morning breakfast meeting and invite Geoff Maloney along to let us all know what has happened and what is going to happen.

In the meantime the Alarm Response Working Party (ARWP), co-chaired by Superintendent Alf Fordham and Deputy President SAIWA Mike Dyer, has been working away quietly in the background. The recent introduction of protocols dealing with duress activations has brought immediate positive result. During the first three months following this new directive there has been a reduction of 37%. South Australia has picked up the policy with the NT seeking details. The ARWP are working towards an Australia wide acceptance of their leading edge initiative. Well done, yet another WA first.

See you around the traps

Jim King AM

President

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