



SECURITY ALERT - JUNE 2008

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fortune favours the brave...well sometimes

I was rather hoping by this to have resurrected our hard copy in-house magazine the **Security View**. Not so obviously; the bloke, Neil McCormack, who was to pull it all together is off on his honeymoon in New Zealand. Inconsiderate of him, anyway when he gets back we will start the process of getting our former small modest publication off the ground.

Your Executive still continues to meet each month were we persist in tackling a range of issues, some of them serious some of them not. At the top end we are trying to sort out our Code of Conduct, lobbying Government to ensure there will be funds made available for the six compliance officers that will be required to make it all work, working towards having the Windows and Doors subcommittee re engage, keeping the wolf from the door and other less troublesome matters.

Over the past couple of years we have to not been able to attract any interest from the once all powerful **Windows and Doors** subcommittee. Past President, Jerry Lee Jones, has written to me expressing his concerns re this unfortunate turn of events.

Jerry Lee's letter, a little tongue in cheek, does nevertheless hit the mark in my opinion. His view, support by the Executive, is attached for your information. Jerry Lee has kindly offered to take up the challenge to see if he and a couple of others in our midst can generate some interest in getting this once powerful group re invigorated. If you are interested give him a call on 9427 0814.

On the 27th of May I was invited, representing SAIWA, to attend the Office of Crime Prevention's **Eyes on the Street** all day conference that was held at the Burswood complex. The Minister and the Police Commissioner attended along with a comprehensive range of speakers to address a large gathering of people from a extensive mix of government agencies and private organisations.

The Minister's Security Advisory Council has continued to meet each month and is gathering momentum; all be it slower than I would like but as they say all hast is vulgar; so what's a few more months after waiting 9 years or so?

In the early hours (0400) of Friday the 21st of March on Beechboro Rd. Beechboro Patrol officer John McDonald from Wilson Security noticed a motorcycle police officer having a full on punch up with two hoons from a car which he had pulled over.

One of these 'nice young men' had been pounding the police officer. Acting on pure reflex John made an urgent call for assistance, then without hesitation and oblivious of the dangers to himself went to assist the officer. He also helped in detaining the offenders until backup arrived.

I am pleased to report that at special ceremony at the East Metropolitan District Police Office, Superintendent Graeme Castlehow, presented John with a framed certificate of appreciation. The Traffic Patrol Officer who John assisted, Senior Constable Chris Thomason, was also present and thanked John personally. Many things in life can change at the blink of an eye and this one such occasion - the lesson being is to have the courage to do something when it happens. Well done John.

See you around the traps

Jim King AM

COMBINED BREAKFAST MEETING

A combined breakfast meeting was held on the 30th May last and hosted by ASIAL. Unfortunately the high cost for non members of our sister organisation of \$46.00 kept many away. Nevertheless Mike Dyer, Neil Hawkins, Jerry Lee Jones and I joined the merry throng at Northbridge Hotel.

The first speaker was Stephen Munroe, Senior Regulatory Officer from Regulated Entities, AUSTRAC, who prattled on about his offices role in the global fight against crime and money laundering. He also presented an update on compliance and requirements under the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006 (AML/CTF Act). Bloody hell that was hard going! Seems to me like a heap more paper work for small business in particular.

The second round of speakers and the reason we were there were Detective Superintendent Geoff Maloney APM, and Detective Inspector Dale Bell, Licensing Enforcement Division, Specialist Crime Portfolio.

With Geoff leading off they spoke at length and in detail concerning changes to the structure and operation of the Licence Enforcement Division and the amendments to the Security and Related Activities (Control) Act. Their presentation was open and candid with a follow up lively Q & A session.

Jim King AM

NEW MEMBERS

Carmelo Italiano – Echo Security

If there are any objections they need to be filed with the Secretary within 14 days.

22 May 2008

Jim King
President
Security Agents Institute of WA

Jim,

I refer to our discussions at the last SAIWA executive meeting held on 1 May 2008 regarding the 'resurrection' of the Window and Doors Security Committee. As you are aware the executive committee is keen to ensure that all members and persons in this sector of the industry have the opportunity to participate in a forum of "peers" to advance the mission of SAIWA, that being ...

To provide leadership in the provision of crime and loss prevention products and services by initiating, developing and promoting professionalism, ethics, standards, regulation and training through our network of membership, associations, industry representation and Community forums.

I have been a member of executive for 15 consecutive years now and have witnessed that the Window and Doors Security Committee have a history of periods when they are active and then long periods when they are inactive. This is usually because it is dependent on a committed SAIWA member to drive it. As happens these people (who are volunteers) serve in the best interest of SAIWA and the committee but for various reasons resign and leave the committee without leadership.

The only reason that all of the active SAIWA sub-committees thrive and succeed in achieving SAIWA objectives is because as an industry sector they have members who have the will to ensure professionalism, standards and ethics in providing services to the consumer, they take off their competitive "hats" and operate in a spirit of co-operation to achieve a common goal.

Quite often we hear from members, "SAIWA should be doing more for us".. to ensure that unlicensed, incompetent and unprofessional operators are identified and dealt with in accordance with legislation and the now *Police Licensing Enforcement Division*. SAIWA executive have always provided support to any of the industry sectors within the security industry to ensure proper representation to local, state and federal government as well as Standards Australia.

As the Doors and Windows Security Committee have been inactive for some time, appear to lack the will and fail to engage with each other, SAIWA executive in its dealings with various *stakeholders* can only **guess** what may be required.

I recommend that we make every effort to "resurrect" this committee as soon as possible and to ensure that this important sector of the industry knows that all Executive Members with the support of the Secretariat stand ready, will and able to assist. In this regard, having had previous experience and some knowledge of this sector, as well as many years ago attended several of the meetings as acting chair, I am willing to assist at least on an interim basis to convene and chair meetings. This will provide an opportunity to the members to have unbiased executive representation on their committee.

So, I guess the question is – do they have the will and the desire to move forward and join the rest of the industry in achieving SAIWA objectives? As our President and fearless leader, I will leave you to obtain the answer to that question.

Jerry Lee Jones
Executive Member SAIWA