



SECURITY ALERT – SEPTEMBER 2008

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**Due to the sad passing of Jim King AM
the Executive of the Institute
unanimously elected Michael Dyer
President up until the AGM to be held on
the 30th October, 2008**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a very sad and emotional 3 weeks since the sudden death of our President and to many, an exceptionally good mate.

Jim King has left an incredible legacy for the security industry of Western Australia and for those that didn't know it was Jim's suggestion when he was a first class constable that quote " you bastards should stop your bitching and get organised and form an association" that saw the creation of the SAIWA.

It is ironic that in 2008 almost 30 years later the only SAIWA president to pass away – sitting or past-should be the same Jim King.

The tributes and the funeral attendance were testament to the friendships and respect that he had achieved in the community, he was a hard bloke not to like and he got on with almost everyone.

Jim was also a great judge of character, if he didn't like you it was probably because you were a prick anyway.

Thankfully Jim King was very well organised.

He has left an exceptional documented trail of his activities as President of the SAIWA and involvement on other committees that were all to do with improving the security and policing services provided to our community.

As a result of this I am able, as newly elected President of SAIWA, to continue with the projects that we, the executive committee, were working on.

It was always Jim's intention to step down as President at the next AGM in October, but it is a credit to him to have left the state of the documentation as he did, where work can continue virtually uninterrupted.

The first continuing priority at hand is the Licensing Division (formally Commercial Agents) involvement or non involvement with our industry apart from taking the money.

It seems that since the transfer of Jock Robertson from this department there is no one available that really understands the needs of our industry or for that matter is particularly interested in finding out.

I always liked Jim's theory of '**let's turn of all the alarms for 48 hours and see how you pricks like it then**'.

The amount of hours in committee meetings, letters, emails and almost alienating himself from friends and colleagues in his endeavours to just get the basics out of this department beggars belief. He documented everything.

Jim knew and understood the importance of a partnership between WAPS and the security industry and was able to convince many disbelievers on both sides that a true partnership would be mutually beneficial.

It is my intention to continue to foster an amicably working relationship with the Licensing Division, but like Jim I am not prepared to put up with any crap or lip service that wastes our time.

It was no secret that Jim was able to open many doors and secure a meeting with media, ministers and commissioners, this was not just because he knew them; it was because he had their respect.

Jim had no self or vested interest in what he did for the security industry and largely his personal effort and sacrifice of time went un-applauded by the majority of those who were to benefit most;- you the members of SAIWA and the security industry in general.

If you want this work to continue and the security industry in Western Australia to continue to prosper then get involved, support the SAIWA at every opportunity.

It is my intention to revive regular meetings whether they are breakfast, lunch or evenings, we will sorted that out later, but either way your support is essential, don't let the unselfish and dedicated efforts of people like Jim King be for nothing.

I have attached Jim's President's Message of April 2007 because it is appropriate in more ways than one now that he has passed on, read and enjoy.

**Michael Dyer
President SAIWA**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – SECURITY ALERT APRIL 2007

“As long as I don't write about the government, religion, politics, and other institutions, I am free to print anything”

Quote by: Pierre-Augustin Beaumarchais
(1732-1799)

It would seem the above mentioned sentiment is very much alive and well today. As those of you who know me would be aware, I do not beat around the bush and tend to say it the way it is. Perhaps more so nowadays, being free of my public servant gag as a former police officer and at 65 there is not that much time left for me to be mincing my words. Though I have sometimes regretted my direct manner...never my silence!

Where is all this leading? Well for the first time in my life the editor of *Safety Matters* (which the SAIWA shares with the SIAWA) one John Feary (and his back room 'advisors') edited my last President's message.

I have been writing and speaking in the public arena on a wide range of topics and in all media formats for at least 35 years. Be that as it may, I have now been told, in no uncertain terms, that what I had written “was bordering on sedition under the new provisions of the *Federal Crimes Act and would not be printed*”.

Bloody hell - that came out of left field! All I was trying to do was take the mickey out of a few high ranking former WAP colleagues and a couple of pollies who, in my view, had not been doing their jobs properly. Silly old me! For all this time there I was I thinking they were fair game. Seems not to be the case in today's Oz!

In my opinion this country has become *too* politically correct!! If I took any notice of all this 'correctness' many of the expressions and words I learnt growing up in this wonderful country, I shouldn't be using. Yea right!

Another irony in all this absurdity is that many of the people making 'judgments' about what we say are not even native-born Aussies and therefore, again in my view, just adds insult to injury.

Anyway I have that off my chest, now down to business.

As mentioned in the last edition of *Safety Matters*, that being my *culled words which survived the editor's delete button*, was this will be my last year as your President and I would not be pussy-footing around with anyone, in particular (to be politically correct for once) police officers, public servants and our duly elected Local, State and Federal Government politicians.

It would seem this hard nosed approach, backed up with a couple of one-on-one chats with 'authorities' has already seen John Kobelke sign off on the long-awaited *Security Advisory Committee*. The Minister also has the moss covered amendments to our Act sitting on his desk also awaiting his signature.

I cannot take all the credit here, largely due to some very speedy and fancy footwork from the newly appointed Assistant Commissioner Crime, Wayne Gregson APM. Whilst I have known and worked with Wayne for more years than I care to recall, some of our members sat back and watched Wayne put a large high pressure fire hose through the *Police Alarms Response Working Party* when he was the Superintendent in charge of Communications a few years back. So he is a doer; just what we all need...at last!!!

There has also been floating around a couple of very serious and comprehensive documents that, if implemented, will affect our industry; both are being driven by the Attorney-General, Phillip Ruddock MP. However I hasten to add, you cannot blame him for pushing the issue (driven by the constant fear of terrorist act/s I strongly suspect) as he has been waiting for the Oz SI to get its act together and we haven't so...

One such document is titled '*Harmonisation of the Private Security Industry Regulation*' (77 pages) and is being prepared for him by a team of Consultants out of Canberra and the other by Standards Australia titled '*Security Standards and Support Systems Report*' (146 bloody pages long!). I don't think we are supposed to see this one but it appeared by magic via email to me last week.

These documents have been currently scrutinised under the mantle of the Joint Executive Team (JET) ie. all of the known and bone fide security Associations in WA so we, as a combined voice, can put our two bobs worth in before the t'othersiders stitch us up.

We are still trying to organise a joint JET breakfast meeting - that should fall into place soon and we will of course give you several weeks' notice.

See you around the traps

Jim King AM

AGM 2008

**The Security Agents Institute of
Western Australia's
Annual General Meeting will be
held on
Thursday, 30th October 2008.
at 44 Brisbane Street, Perth
commencing at 5.00 pm**

**Notice to follow in
the mail shortly.**

Please diarise!