

Securing the future Networked policing in New Zealand

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Howard Broad was appointed to the position of Commissioner of the New Zealand Police in April 2006 after completing eighteen months as Assistant Commissioner: Planning, Development and Deployment.

Commissioner Broad's career spans 31 years and encompasses a range of operational, policy and administrative posts. As a detective he rose to the rank of Detective Inspector in Christchurch. As the first national corporate planning officer under New Zealand's public sector reform (1989), and subsequently as Superintendent of national planning and policy, he was responsible for the development of many of the current corporate planning instruments used by Police.

In 1998 he was appointed District Commander of Auckland City. During a time of unprecedented demand for policing services, he oversaw a redesign of strategic and tactical intelligence processes, and developed more effective links with community organisations including the City Council. He re-developed the management of diversity issues, including a substantial revamp of appointments and processes relating to Maori and Pacific Island peoples in Auckland.

On an international level, he has presented ideas on policing in seminars throughout Australasia and North America, while from September 2003 until March 2004 he was seconded to the Police Standards Unit, Home Office, London.

Commissioner Broad holds the Diploma in New Zealand Policing and a Bachelor of Laws (Victoria University of Wellington). He is a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand. He holds certificates in Police Management from New Zealand, the United States and Canada. In 2002 he was the inaugural winner of the International Law Enforcement Award by the Society for the Policing of Cyberspace (Canada) for his work in developing a national multi-agency Internet Safety programme.

In his private life he has had an active sporting career, representing Otago B at cricket, and playing and coaching soccer to regional league level. He represented the New Zealand Police at both those sports. He also enjoys reading, fishing, the visual arts and home computing.

Abstract

As well as responding to complex criminal activity and threats to public safety, New Zealand Police has a growing involvement outside the justice sector, in cross-government activity, working with private and community sectors, and delivering services internationally. These remarks will describe the evolving place of Police in contemporary New Zealand society, some of the challenges faced by a modern-day Police Commissioner, and how New Zealand Police is being positioned to respond to the realities of networked policing.