

The results of high achievers reach well beyond

Some of the AFP's high achievers were featured in the August edition of *AFP News*. In this edition of *Platypus* two of those stories of professional excellence are documented more fully. In the first, the results of personal commitment had their effects internationally, while in the second, a research project is set to benefit the work of crime scene investigators Australia-wide.

Federal Agents commended by Metropolitan Police

By Federal Agent Andy Hughes, AFP Liaison Officer in London.

Two AFP officers received a Certificate of Commendation recently from the Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police in London, the organisation's highest recognition for officers from an overseas police service.

Federal Agents Jeff Caldwell and Kevin McTavish assisted New Scotland Yard in apprehending and convicting a paedophile following the murder of a London boy.

They were presented with their certificates by Assistant Commissioner Anderson Dunn. The award is made only in exceptional circumstances.

AFP London received an inquiry in May 1995 from officers of New Scotland Yard investigating the kidnapping, indecent assault and paedophile murder of nine-year-old East London boy Daniel Handley.

A suspect in the investigation, Brett Tyler, a 30-year-old British citizen, was thought to have fled from England to the Philippines.

The UK police are not directly represented in Manila and aware of the AFP's presence there, they inquired if we would be prepared to assist in their investigation by locating Tyler.

AFP International in Canberra was briefed by our London office on the details of the request and the matter was referred to Federal Agents McTavish and Caldwell, attached to the Australian Embassy in Manila.

Tyler was located in a remote area of the Philippines following an extensive covert investigation co-ordinated by the AFP liaison officers. Once word of his whereabouts reached AFP London the UK officers were briefed.

Tyler was arrested and extradited from the Philippines to England by two of the investigating officers.

At the request of the Crown Prosecution Service, Jeff Caldwell travelled to London where he gave evidence in the trial at the Old Bailey. Tyler and his co-accused, Timothy Morss, were convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment with a recommendation that they never be released. The trial judge Mr Justice Curtis praised the work of Federal Agents McTavish and Caldwell.

Federal Agent Caldwell has since returned to Australia and is attached to Northern Region. During his posting in Manila, Caldwell and his wife Michelle, embarked on a personal mission to help the street kids, unaware that their work would play a major part in tracking down the British paedophile. Brisbane journalist Peter Hansen wrote of their experiences in the following article which appeared in the *Brisbane Sunday Mail* on June 23, and is reprinted with permission.

When Michelle Caldwell talked her husband Jeff into accompanying her when she went out helping the street kids of Manila, she had no idea her kind heart would help lead to the downfall of a monster.

A British paedophile, Brett Tyler, was hiding out in the Philippines after he and another paedophile, Timothy Morss, had raped and murdered a small boy they had abducted in London.

Jeff Caldwell, an Australian federal agent, helped Michelle rescue the pathetic street kids of Manila in his spare time. The trust he won from working in that sleazy underworld gave him the contacts that helped authorities track down Tyler.

The crime shocked the whole of Britain. And

their immediate jurisdictional locations



Federal Agent Jeff Caldwell receives an Assistant Commissioner's Certificate of Commendation from Assistant Commissioner Anderson Dunn of the Metropolitan Police for assistance in bringing two British paedophiles to justice. Pictured from left are Federal Agent Graham Gartside, Assistant Commissioner Anderson Dunn (London Metropolitan Police), Detective Chief Inspector Peter Wiles (London Metropolitan Police), Federal Agent Jeff Caldwell, and Federal Agent Andy Hughes.

British authorities were also shocked at how quickly Philippines authorities were able to lay hands on Tyler once the word was out he might be in the country.

Looking for a paedophile in that paradise for paedophiles was like looking for a needle in a haystack.

A big part of the key was the remarkable network of contacts that Caldwell had been able to build up through his out-of-hours work with Michelle.

Caldwell was one of the Federal Police liaison officers attached to the Australian Embassy. Liaison officers have no power to take on any active investigative role. But the British were so impressed with his behind-the-scenes role, that the Metropolitan Police honoured him with a commissioner's commendation.

Back in London, Tyler, 30, and Morss, 33, were both convicted in the Old Bailey for the murder of Daniel Handley, 9, and both were sentenced to life. The judge called them evil vultures and said they should never

be released. The court heard how the pair had lived out a sexual fantasy hatched while they were in a British prison together serving sentences for sex offences against young children.

They fantasised how when they got out, they would rape and then kill a young boy with blond hair and blue eyes. When released, Tyler would accompany Morss, who drove a minicab, cruising the streets looking for a victim.

They pounced on blue-eyed, fair-haired Daniel Handley near his home in Beckton, East London, on October 2, 1994.

They took him to a flat where they filmed each other raping Daniel. Then they drove him to an off-road rest area near Bristol where Morss strangled him with a knotted rope.

The jury in Tyler's trial heard how the terrified boy's last words were: "Are you going to kill me?" They assured the child they were not, and then Morss killed him.

His body was buried on wasteland near a golf course at Bradley Stoke.

It was discovered six months later.

When Daniel's remains were found, Tyler and Morss flew out of Britain to the Philippines. Both had been there before to buy sex from poverty-stricken boys for as little as \$1. They also had paedophile contacts to keep them safely hidden.

Morss returned to Britain after falling out with Tyler over another homosexual lover, and Morss was arrested.

But his passport told British police he had been to the Philippines and the investigation turned towards there in the hunt for Tyler.

Within a couple of days Caldwell had information that a white man was living in a house with a dozen children in a remote village called Gordon Heights, about five hours' drive from Manila.

Despite its name, Gordon Heights was a small, impoverished village almost entirely populated by Filipino and tribal people.

Among Caldwell's contacts through his charity work with the

street kids was an Irish priest, Father Shey Cullen, who was involved with the Preda Foundation which had been trying to rescue and rehabilitate street kids in Olongapo City, once notorious for its bars and brothels that used to cater for the US base of Subic Bay before the Americans departed.

Caldwell quickly contacted Father Cullen, who recruited a couple of his Filipino assistants to check out the strange white man at Gordon Heights.

The Filipino social workers posed as layabouts, playing pool and drinking beer at a pool hall the white man sometimes frequented.

They were able to secretly take photographs and within a couple of days the pictures were in London, where amazed police found themselves staring at Britain's most wanted fugitive – the paedophile Tyler.

Two Scotland Yard detectives were quickly flown to Manila and they and Caldwell were on hand when Filipino police from the National Bureau of Immigration knocked on Tyler's door.

Inside the house police found two double beds lashed together. Videos found in the house depicted Tyler engaged in sexual acts with as many as 10 boys on the beds at a time.

Caldwell recalled his role with Tyler before he left Manila for his date with the Old Bailey.

"We found that he had 'adopted' two children at Gordon Heights, a girl about three years old whose parents were both killed when the volcano Mount Pinatubo erupted and wiped out a tribal village in 1992. The other child was a boy about five he called Brett Tyler junior.

"There's not much doubt he bought them for sex.

"Among things that came into police possession was a note he had written to a homosexual associate while he was away from home. The letter ended with a 'P.S. Kill the children for me'. Pretty sick.

"I remember vividly the trip with him back to Manila. We stopped and fed him at this McDonald's. It was a weird place to find one – in the middle of nowhere on the verge of a jungle.

"At one stage he burst into tears. He said he kept seeing the boy's face.

"He confessed to the killing while we stopped at Olongapo and he made a longer confession at Manila.

"He said he wanted to tell all. He wanted to get it all out.

"But I think he was thinking more of himself.

"I had my video gear in the car so the local police asked me to do the videotaping while he confessed.

"The immigration jail where he was kept is a pretty tough place.

"Britain had no extradition treaty with the Philippines. He agreed to voluntary deportation because he feared the other prisoners would kill him if he stayed in Manila.

"I remember a night we saved his life.

"We [the two British detectives and Caldwell] would check on him every day. Over there prisoners had to rely on relatives and friends to feed them. So we had to give him money for food.

"I remember it was late at night on my birthday when we checked on him and he was having an asthma attack.

"They wouldn't let him out of the cell and we had trouble being allowed to go into the cell to help him.

After all that, he changed his story at his trial. He admitted to kidnapping and raping the boy, but would not admit helping to murder him.

"I had to use Michelle's ventilator on him.

"He was also into self-mutilation and he had slashed his arms and legs with a broken Coke bottle.

"I vividly remember us being in the middle of Chinatown, which is a very dodgy place for a foreigner to be at 1am, trying to buy antiseptic and butterfly clips from this drug store which was just a counter set up on the footpath.

"Our job was to get him to court.

"After all that, he changed his story at his trial. He admitted to kidnapping and raping the boy, but would not admit helping to murder him.

"So I went to Britain for his trial so the video I took could be produced as evidence."

The judge said the confession Caldwell captured on his video camera, as well as other videos showing the killers' abuse of children in the Philippines, should be kept for all time. Anyone who might consider releasing them in the future should know of their evil and distorted minds.

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