


# Hunt for attackers

 British Transport Police are appealing for the public's help in identifying three men, believed to be South African, wanted for questioning over a serious assault earlier this year. Police hope previously unseen CCTV images released last week will provide a breakthrough in identifying those involved in the attack, which occurred at around 11pm on March 8.

According to Detective Constable Vanessa Cottington, the alleged attack took place after a passenger on a train between Dartford and Charing Cross approached the three men and asked to borrow a cigarette lighter.

"One of the offenders appears to have taken offence to the request and began shouting racial slurs against the man," said Cottington.

After approaching the men, the victim returned to his seat, but was chased and punched by one of the men. He then tried to escape when the train pulled into Sidcup station, but was pursued by the three men and repeatedly punched and kicked.

Following the attack, the victim was hospitalised and required 18 stitches on his face, and also suffered a chipped tooth.

"This was a vicious and unprovoked assault on a passenger and we're hopeful members of the public may be able to identify the men in the CCTV still," said Cottington.

All three suspects are described as white men with



Police are seeking three men, caught on CCTV, who allegedly assaulted a train passenger

South African accents. All are believed to be in their early thirties and have shaved heads.

■ Anyone with information is asked to call the Witness Appeal line on 020-7391 5275.

## Call to Kiwi expats to connect

 The Kiwi Expat Association (KEA) has launched an interactive online career service aimed at professional New Zealanders living abroad.

The Global Talent Centre (GTC) is a new initiative set up to allow Kiwis looking for jobs with salaries of at least NZ\$80,000 to connect with companies with links to New Zealand or other New Zealanders working abroad.

Andrew McLeod, general manager of the GTC, said the centre was not a ploy to get New Zealanders to return home, but was about ensuring Kiwis living overseas could play a role in New Zealand's future.

"New Zealand has the highest proportion — 24% — of its population residing offshore than any other developed country. To date, this extremely valuable group has been undervalued and under-utilised in our drive for prosperity as a nation," said McLeod.

"KEA and the GTC believe that whether you're leaving, coming home or staying overseas, there is a great opportunity to stay connected and ensure our top talent can contribute to New Zealand's future success."

The scheme is being supported by a number of New Zealand employers and recruiters, as well as the University of Canterbury.

■ To join, see [www.keagtc.com](http://www.keagtc.com).

## Push to enforce change to citizenship law

 The Australian Government's publication of its proposed amendments to the Australian Citizenship Bill has been welcomed by expats groups, who are urging the Government to push the new Bill through parliament as soon as possible.

The Southern Cross Group said the proposed amendments had not changed any of the key provisions relevant to expats, but that it had now been more than 27 months since the Government had made its pre-election promise to change the citizenship law, and that many expats were

anxiously awaiting the legislation being implemented.

Once the new Bill is in place, many children of Australian parents born abroad will be able to access citizenship, as will those who renounced their citizenship.

■ For more information, see [www.southern-cross-group.org](http://www.southern-cross-group.org).

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### October 24

The next Maori language course is starting tonight at New Zealand House, Haymarket, SW1. The course runs from 6.30pm to 8pm and goes for four weeks. To enrol, see [www.maori.org.uk](http://www.maori.org.uk).

### October 28-29

The Homecoming Revolution is holding a careers, business and property seminar for those interested in returning to South Africa. It's at Chelsea Football Club, Fulham Rd, SW6. For more information, see [www.wozaekhaya.co.za](http://www.wozaekhaya.co.za).

### November 4

The Britain-Australia Society are holding Bonfire Night Dinner on the Thames, including food, dancing and fireworks. For more information or to buy tickets, see [www.britain-australia.org.uk](http://www.britain-australia.org.uk).

### November 11

New Zealand's war memorial will be unveiled by Prime Minister Helen Clark and attended by various military personnel. Hyde Park, SW1. A limited number of tickets are available free to the public, see [www.londonmemorial.govt.nz](http://www.londonmemorial.govt.nz) for more.

### November 15

The Britain-Australia Society are holding another Australia Uncorked 2006 event, this time featuring the wines of Western Australia. It starts at 7pm at Australia House, Strand, WC2. For more, see [www.britain-australia.org.uk](http://www.britain-australia.org.uk).

### Until November 18

The October Gallery (24 Old Gloucester St, WC1) is holding a series of films made by or about indigenous Australian artists. For more detailed information, see [www.octobergallery.co.uk](http://www.octobergallery.co.uk).