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The November meeting was held on Sunday 13 November at the home of Graham and Joy Newman at Maryborough. Once more Maryborough showed that it could not only turn on the weather but the hospitality. Graham and Joy made sure that everything was well and truly organised and everyone was fed and watered with Graham in charge of the barbeque. It was remiss of me for not informing the members last month to bring their bathers for a swim in the pool. It was perfect weather for a swim however Joy drew the line on skinny dipping as she believed that such a spectacle would have been too much for some to bear (or should it be bare).

We had the pleasure and company of Warren Wrobel and his wife Kathy, IPA members from South Australia. Now that they know where Maryborough and Hervey Bay are, perhaps they will travel north more often, with their caravan, and spend winter here like others from down south of the border. It's interesting to note that Queenslanders do not have another name for South Australians like Cockroaches for people from New South Wales and Mexicans for Victorians.

To help make Warren and Kathy feel at home, Graham and Joy's tame and overfed pet magpie in Port Adelaide colours put in an appearance and was not in the slightest phased by all of the people. You can never keep a Port Adelaide magpie away from food and drink.

After the meeting, Chris and I took Warren and Kathy home for afternoon tea and then took a drive and walk around Maryborough to show them why we shot through from South Australia and decided to live in Maryborough.

Conspicuously absent from the meeting was our new temporary Treasurer, Sunday McKenzie, who has gone for a visit to the land of the Long White Cloud, and gale force winds in Wellington. The matter was raised to see whether another financial audit should be carried out.

Bob and Dot Summers joined us after some more of their travels and before they are off again down south. It raises the question of how we should refer to those that spend time away from home. Should they be referred to as grey nomads, itinerants, holiday makers or happy wanderers to be politically correct. People who used to travel around European Countries and the UK used to be referred to as Gypsies, Romani's (Romany's) or Didicoys. In the name of political correctness and to improve their nefarious image and conduct, the name has changed to "Travellers". The name change has not in anyway, shape or form changed their conduct. The honest term for the honest traveller has taken on a whole new meaning so I think that wanderer is a more appropriate term.

The December meeting will be the Christmas Party which is being held at the China World Restaurant at 402 Esplanade, corner of Tavistock Street Torquay, 11.30 am for 12 noon. Chop Sticks will be mandatory and large bibs will be provided.

I got all scrubbed up, polished, put my "cherry beret" on and attended the Maryborough Remembrance Day service held at the Maryborough War Memorial on 11 November. I wonder who knows what is most unusual about the Maryborough War Memorial? The other question is what is the difference between a War Memorial and a Cenotaph?

It is interesting to note that civilians in civilian dress are starting to emulate the American act of putting their right hand on their left breast at the playing of the national anthem or pausing after laying a wreath instead of the Australian way of standing to attention and bowing the head. What made the "hand on heart" or "checking for the wallet" act even more noticeable was the fact that our local member of state parliament, Chris Foley does the American salute the wrong way round. He places his left hand on the right side of his chest, which he has done on at least three occasions to my knowledge. It may well be a case of the right hand not knowing what the left hand is doing. That reminds me of an event many years ago in the UK.

In the UK there was a shore based Royal Navy training establishment named HMS Ganges, referred to as stone frigate, at Shotley, Suffolk. After a period of training of the naval ratings there is a passing out parade to which the parents of the sailors are invited. To many parents this is a time when they see their son transformed, in uniform and in an organised and orderly environment with a loss of individual identity. On one such occasion a lady from South London travelled to HMS Ganges to see her son's passing out parade. A lady neighbour accompanied her on the trip. When the parade march past was underway the neighbour said "they all look the same in uniform which one is your little Jimmy". The reply was "look, there he is, can't you see him, he is the only one in step."

The Admiralty closed down HMS Ganges in 1976 and later it was re-opened as The Police Training Centre, Shotley for police recruits from Thames Valley, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridge, Essex, Hertfordshire, and South Wales. In 2006 the centre was closed down after a major change in training police recruits was instigated by The Home Office.

On Sunday 27 November Chris and I took a boat cruise down the Mary River from Maryborough on the whale watching boat Spirit of Hervey Bay. When we left the mouth of the river we sailed across to Fraser Island and cruised close in shore up to Platypus Bay and back down round Great Woody Island and back to Urangan harbour. We then had a two course smorgasbord dinner at the Boat Club and were finally taken back to Maryborough by coach. Earlier in the day there was a cruise in reverse order from Urangan harbour and docking at Maryborough with lunch at the Carriers Arms . After lunch a coach took the people back to Urangan boat harbour.

We started the outing at the Carriers Arms at 11.40am and were taken by coach down to the jetty at Wharf Street and arrived back at the Carriers Arms at 9pm. It was a very enjoyable day for only \$40 per person all inclusive and was extremely well organised. It was an opportunity to see what the Mary River from Maryborough to the sea is really like. It is our intention to do the reverse trip at a later date

This was only the second time such a cruise has happened. The first one earlier this year was sold out within two days and this time the word got out, all tickets were sold within 24hours.

The cruise is to be done again on Sunday 12 February 2012 We will still be away but perhaps Peter or someone could get their arse in to gear and think about getting a party together and doing it. I can promise you, you will not be disappointed. A word of warning you should make firm arrangements before the tickets go on sale. There is no such thing as paying on the day or changing your mind. As soon as the cruise is advertised in the Fraser Coast Chronicle someone will have to be responsible for paying and collecting the tickets.

This is giving Ross due warning to save up for the cruise after depleting his cash reserves by having to buy two new batteries for his tractor, much to the relief of Ann who is fed up with pulling the plough.

I don't know who within IPA is responsible for organising the publishing of the "Police Executive Dairy" but perhaps in future years they should include a calendar for the preceding year and one for the following year. In the 2011 diary they have calendars for two preceding years, 2009 and 2010 but not one for 2012. The calendars are on pages 1, 2 and 3 but 2012 Forward Planner (which is not a calendar) is inconveniently on page 31.

BIRTHDAYS:

	DECEMBER		JANUARY
9 th	Richard Coreless	1 st	Sunday Mackenzie

10 th	Dot Summers	5 th 5 th 11 th 14 th	Mary Braun Graham Newman Dave Barrowcliffe Ross Dickson
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Committee at work



Graham cooking BBQ



Time for a chat



Dave dobs John In



Warren & Kathleen visit from S. Australia

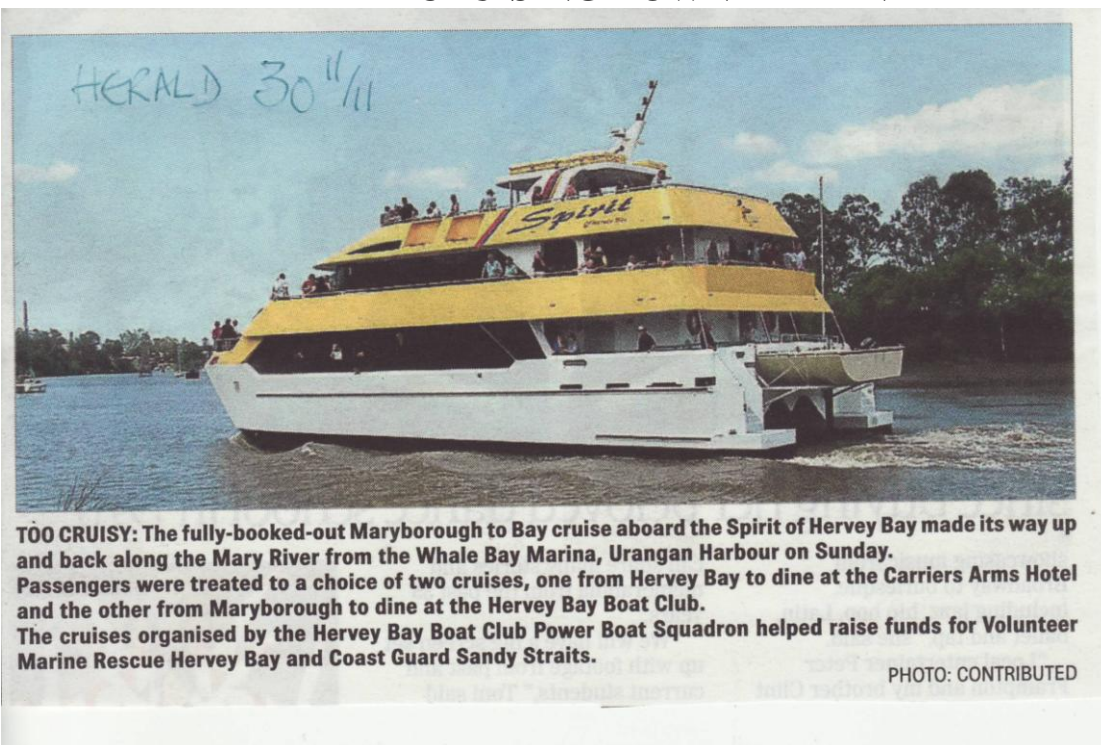


The food is good



Good to see Bob & Dot

CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER



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