



THE KILLROOMER



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The Killroomer will now be emailed to all those members of the IPA who live in the Fraser Coast area as well as the members of the Hervey Bay Sub-Region with the hope that they may well join in, in some of our social activities from time to time. That old adage, all work and no play makes Jack (and Jill to be politically correct) a dull boy and girl still holds true in the 21st Century. The minutes of the meetings will also be emailed to members of the Hervey Bay Sub-Region. Between the oldest and the youngest IPA member in the Fraser Coast area there is a difference of 54 years. How things have changed and many of us have no real knowledge and understanding of the evolution of police work in that time. The IPA is an ideal way of sharing those experiences which are never really recorded properly in official documentation. What information there is, is like looking at a skeleton instead of a real live person. Let us talk and socialise more with real live people.

Our last meeting on Sunday 10 April 2011 was held at Gary and Vicki Cohen's home and true to form everything went extremely well. Vicki's organisational prowess and Gary's furniture removal skills made sure that everything went according to plan and that should there have been a change in the weather, nothing would spoil the fellowship and hospitality. Gary was relieved that he only had to change the seating arrangements a few times and only had two rehearsals on the day before. There must also have been a few silent prayers as the rain held off and the sun came out.

It was good to see Dennis and Hazel Hanrahan on their return from their travels. It won't be long before they are off again to baby sit some *Lasiorhinus Krefftii*,(

my spell check didn't like those two words) Northern Hairy nosed wombats to you lot, which are an endangered species, now only found in Epping Forest National Park near Clermont.

To all those persons who are starters for the outing to Brieley Wines at Childers on 18 June and have not already paid, please be reminded that as previously agreed payment is to be made to Vicki or Gary by Sunday May 1., cash or cheque only, plastic not accepted.

An outing to Gympie and a train ride on "The Rattler" was discussed but no firm date was made. The cost would be \$39 for the return train trip to Imbil where we would stay for lunch. The cost of the small bus would be \$480 and it was considered that a party of 20 would make the trip financially viable. The coach would start from Hervey Bay transit station at 7.30am with a pickup at Maryborough at approximately 8.15am. More later on that trip.

The May meeting has been bought forward by a week so as not to clash with Mothers Day on Sunday 8 May. The meeting will be held at Ross and Ann Dickson's property at 79 Pallant Road Magnolia. As Ross and Ann live beyond the mud line, may I suggest that the members who live in the paved metropolis of Hervey Bay leave their designer clothes at home and come suitably dressed. It will start at 2pm on Saturday 30 April and will be an overnight affair which will finish after breakfast on Sunday 1 May. Ann is undertaking the catering at \$10 per head and it is B.Y.O drink because it's a long way to the nearest pub. Ann has requested that all those that intend to be at the meeting would they please let her know by Wednesday 27 April so that she can make the final arrangement for the catering. As Ross and Ann are away until Tuesday 26 April she has asked that people leave a message on their answering service. Ross has said that those who don't give notice by the 27th and then turn up, he will do an "Aunty Jack" on them.

One of the benefits of the overnight stay is that we can all relax more and not be so concerned about the beverage intake. To add some variety to the gathering I am endeavouring to get Jim Cook to give us all a demonstration on how to set up his new camper trailer. Ann Dickson will give a demonstration of cutting grass on a clapped out ride on mower and for the educational component Ross will give us a talk on the cultivation of hemp.

As Sunday is the 1st of May, a day that has been celebrated since pagan times and has now become a date on the religious, the political and the social calendar perhaps we should also celebrate the day. Anyone interested in Maypole dancing or Morris dancing?

No doubt you will have all received the latest copy of Police Down Under. I wonder how many of you picked up the three spelling mistakes in the Queensland section. For the first person to correctly identify the mistakes at the next meeting I will get our Chairman, Peter Goonan to buy you a drink.

I am trying to get all my lists and full details of all the members collated and up to date. I believe that in the past it has been the practice to recognise member's and member's partners birthdays in the Killroomer in the month preceding their birthday. I have the member's birth details but not the partners so I would ask that you let me know the details ASAP. Another thought is, do you wish for your wedding anniversaries to be acknowledged, (that's more of a women thing) again let me know of your thoughts.

Monday 25th April is Anzac Day, the day each year we remember that fateful day of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps at Gallipoli. We observe and pay tribute to the fallen, the wounded and the missing with no known grave, not only of that campaign but all subsequent conflicts and to all those that have or are serving in the armed forces. As a former regular and third generation soldier it's the most important date in my calendar. It has special meaning to me because of an association with the descendents of a British migrant, Sam Leech, who unbeknown to his family in England had volunteered to serve in the Australian Army in the 10th battalion. He was killed at the first landings and has no known grave. So on Monday I will be marching to the services in memory of him.

Photos from the last meeting



“The Worker”



“K 2 ¼”



“Conversations”



“Service”



“The Directors”



“Holding Court”



“Never short for words”



“We are back”

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