



# THE KILLROOMER



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Fortune smiled and the good weather returned on Sunday 9th October for the monthly meeting at Dave and Chris Barrowcliffe's home in Maryborough. It was good to see that members from Boring on the Bay ventured out and not only did they cross the Susan River, they even crossed Salt Water Creek, a rare experience for some.

It was pleasing to note that the deck passed its first live loading test of so many persons all at the same time. Obviously well built and engineered over and above the requirements of the Building Code of Australia and AS 1684, Timber Framing Code. I have an apology and a big thank you to the ladies who stepped in and took over the expected duties of the failed Miele dishwasher. The good news is that the saga has now been resolved with Miele providing at no cost a brand new dishwasher. Never underestimate the power of the lost art of the judicious use of the written language. It is still far more effective than just ticking the boxes.

The big surprise at the meeting was the announcement that Gary and Vicki Cohen have succumbed to the lure of the night life and flesh spots of Sydney and are returning from whence they came. Gary and Vicki have been very active members of the Hervey Bay Sub branch and they will be sorely missed. Gary has had to relinquish his position of Treasurer so Sunday McKenzie as Assistant Treasurer is taking on the duties at this time. A quick audit has found the books were in order and all monies were accounted for, therefore the IPA were not funding Gary and Vicki's relocation expenses.

Whilst on the subject of matters financial. Membership fees for 2012 are now due and payable. For those members who were not at the meeting and have not paid would you please pay as soon as possible. The fees remain unchanged at \$20. The sooner all the fees are paid the less chance there is of Lorenzo Ricato jumping up and down.

Eight of our members attended the National Police Remembrance Day service at the Uniting Church at Hervey Bay. The church was filled to capacity and it was pleasing to see both serving members and former members in attendance. Not only is it a time to remember those that have lost their lives but also a time for quiet reflection to be thankful that we served and survived.

The November meeting will be held at Graham and Joy Newman's home at 238 Queen Street Maryborough on Sunday 13 November 2011. It will be a BBQ, so ladies will you please contact Joy on 41231983 to advise what you will be bringing.

Please note that I have changed my email address to [dave.barrowcliffe597@gmail.com](mailto:dave.barrowcliffe597@gmail.com) . This came about because my Internet Security provider, Trend Micro, were trying to sort out an update installation problem and had control of my computer. In so doing they had removed my internet security. Whilst I had no internet security for 2 hours, unbeknown to me someone was able to steal my address book and spammed it. I have had Trend Micro Internet security for more than 11 years and have never had a security issue before. The problem had nothing to do with internet providers and highlights the fact that everyone should have proper internet security installed on their computer, to protect their computer from viruses, spyware and web attacks etc. I apologise for those that received spam under my email address.

On 26 October 2011 at 10.15pm The British House of Lords finally passed legislation to allow members of the British Armed Forces to wear the foreign military medal the Pingat Jasa Malaysia medal (PJM). This medal was awarded to all British and Commonwealth troops who had served in Malaysia for 90 days between 31 August 1957 and 31 December 1966. For those who also served in Singapore the cut off date was 9 August 1965.

Australia has allowed the Australian armed forces to wear the medal since 30 January 2006. Obviously the off springs were quicker to act than mother in this instance.

Jim Cook, who formally served in the Royal Navy is now eligible to wear the PJM. The Royal Navy is in the habit of staying longer than necessary in port to round up the lost souls on shore leave. The very strong rumour is that Jim

overstayed his time ( thus getting his 90 days in) in the Britannia Club and the Bugis Street area of Singapore. He was enjoying the nocturnal activities of the local ladies and guy's in premises of ill repute and performing “The dance of the Flaming A\*\*\*\*\*s”, “The death of Nelson”, “This old cap of mine” and other well known naval routines. The story that Jim may tell you is that he was on a hill top in the Borneo jungle in 1965 amongst Iban head hunters manning radio communications. No doubt tuned into Radio Luxembourg and Radio Caroline.

Whatever the truth may be Jim, you should join me on parade on 11 November at the War Memorial in Maryborough proudly wearing your PJM with the clasp “Bugis Street”. I'll even buy you a pint in the RSL after the service.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

	<b>November</b>		<b>December</b>
	Wanted a new member with a birthday in November.	9 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Corliss Dot Summers

**Photos from last meeting**



The ladies on the Deck



The Meeting



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Kitchen Duties



In Conversation

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