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The September meeting was held at Ian and Tora Tarlington's home at Rainbow Ridge, Gayndah. As is customary it was an extended stay starting on Friday 9 September and the last to leave was on Tuesday 13 September. Tora in her inimitable style provided us all with meals equal to the Al Muntaha restaurant at the Burg Al Arab. Ian was the person behind the scenes making sure that all the vegetables were properly prepared and there were copious quantities of his wide selection of homemade liquors and ales. Unfortunately a number of members did not attend due to illness. Those that did attend enjoyed a weekend of hospitality and good fellowship.

To add a little variety to the weekend, the septic tank had to be pumped out. Ian went on a hunt for snakes with his 12 gauge shot gun after a sighting of one outside of the house. Tora and I went climbing over the roof checking for the source of a leak in the roof. Mary Cook demonstrated how strong a grip she has on Jim by rendering the back door knob of the house completely inoperable. There was a loss of power one night due to the cross arm of a power pole breaking free and to finish off I had a major electrical fault with my vehicle which necessitated the expertise of an Auto Electrician in Gayndah. After the repairs had been completed I found out that the electrician was the son of a cousin of Bill Osborn. It's a small world and you never know who is up who and who is paying the rent.

Next year it will be the October meeting that will be held at Ian and Tora's home, so hopefully it will be warmer spring weather. Therefore, I would urge

those of you that live at Boring on the Bay to break loose and play away next year.

Ross Dickson was lamenting that his pet bull and friend Yalan passed away in spite of veterinarian care (and a very big bill).

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 9 October 2011 at Dave and Chris Barrowcliffe's home at 16 Woodstock Street Maryborough. It will be a "Pot Luck" lunch now as I'm not to be trusted with the BBQ and with a beer in my hand. Will the ladies (or whoever is the culinary expert in the household) please contact Chris on 4123 2297 to discuss what they intend to bring to the lunch.

No doubt you have all heard about the riots and arson attacks in London and other places in the UK in early August and how the police resources were well and truly over extended. The Metropolitan Police put out a call for assistance from retired police officers. Below is an extract of a genuine email which I received.

“15.24hrs on Tuesday 9 August

Following the dreadful scenes that have played out over the last three days we have been contacted by many people offering to assist us. The Met is facing a significant challenge in responding to the unprecedented levels of violence we have seen on the streets of London.

If you are a MPS volunteer or a retired officer who wishes to come and assist us at this time please contact 0207 109 6526.

During the course of the next 24 hours the Met will have deployed 16,000 police officers. To free as many police officers up as possible to police the streets we are gratefully using those volunteers and retired officers to support us.”

It's rather flattering that after all this time I should be considered as being competent to be of assistance. Unfortunately I had to decline as the Met were unable to stretch their budget to include my return air fare.

As a consequence of the call for assistance by the Met this email was then sent around. It's good to know in a time of crisis that someone in the Met has time on their hands and a sense of humour to put this together.

Dear Colleague,

You will be aware that there have been serious outbreaks of disorder across the UK, resulting in widespread looting, arson, criminal damage, burglary etc.

In response HM Government has issued a decree that all retired Police Officers who have served in a UK police force will be required to report to the HQ of the force they previously served with.

Here they will be issued with appropriate uniform and equipment to enable them to join serving officers on the front line, dealing with the current situation. According to their physical condition they will be issued with specially designed Zimmer frames, walking sticks, walking frames, wheelchairs & mobility scooters. Where possible such items will be marked with Force insignia and black & white chequered tape.

In addition, mobility scooters will be fitted with blue lights and wailers. Airwave radios have been adapted to accept a connection to hearing aids. The Government accepts that there will be a need to provide additional specialist equipment, and incontinence pads will be available at a reasonable cost. There will not be sufficient time to issue new warrant cards, but bus passes will be accepted instead.

SAGA have agreed to provide specialist Public Order vans equipped with ramps and tail-lifts. These will be appropriately marked as "OAP Police Unit" (an abbreviation of 'Old And Past It') and they will be limited to 20mph so as not to alarm the passengers.

For those who are visually impaired, Guide Dogs will be accepted as Police Dogs.

Asthma inhalers can be used instead of CS spray.

Walking sticks are an acceptable alternative to batons.

In acknowledgement of the years of experience such a group will have, all OAP officers will automatically be given the rank that they retired with.

In recognition of the tremendous boost to the Police Service that your involvement will provide, your Pension will be increased by 40p per month during the current situation.

In order to comply with the Government Order, YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to report to New Scotland Yard at 9a.m on Friday 12th August 2011.

This is an intentional date, as of course you will be aware, it is the date known as the Glorious 12th.

*By Order
Theresa May, Home Secretary*

The Glorious 12th is the beginning of the red grouse shooting season legislated in the Game Act of 1831.

BIRTHDAYS:

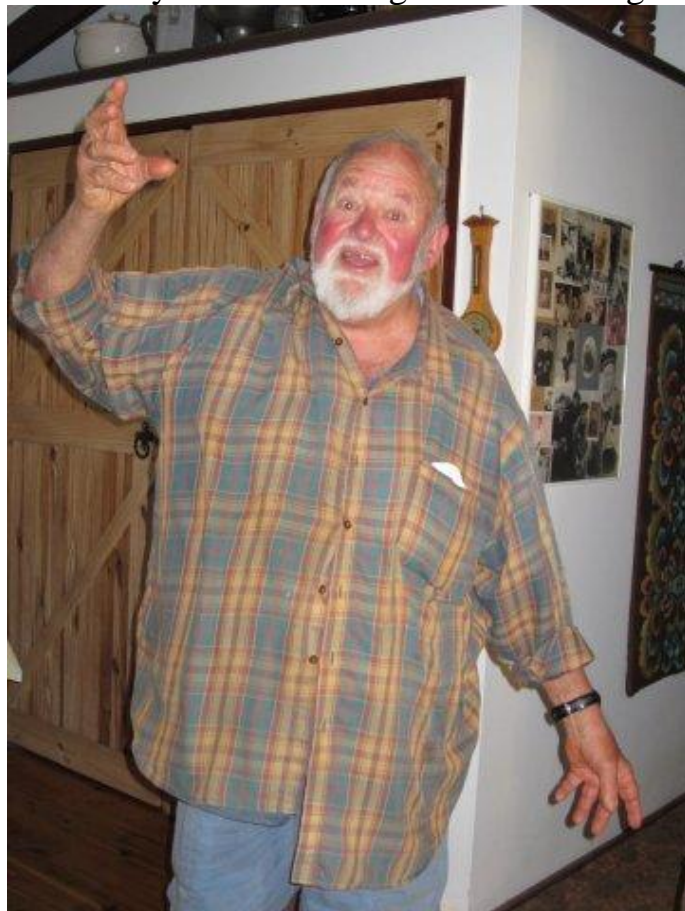
	OCTOBER		NOVEMBER
Date	Wanted new members with a birthday in October	Date	Wanted new members with a birthday in November



Saturday Lunch on the verandah



Mary & Val drinking and not driving



Ian knows how to button a shirt!!!!



Saturday night – dinner is served



Crème Caramel for dessert



Ross tall story telling



A drink for the ladies while Jim is lost in space



Sunday breakfast



Tora & Chris at breakfast



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