



# Hervey Bay Sub Region Killroomer

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Welcomes you to the JANUARY 2011 edition of the Killroomer

### THE DECEMBER 2010 MEETING

WE HAD A LOVELY TURN UP FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MEETING THIS YEAR, IT WAS HELD AT THE RESIDENCE OF GARY & VICKI COHEN. THANK YOU TO GARY & VICKI FOR THE WONDERFUL PRESENTATION OF A LOVELY CHRISTMAS LUNCH.

THANKS TO VICKI & ANN DICKSON FOR THE TIME & EFFORT PUT INTO THE PURCHASING OF CHRISTMAS HAMPERS.

WE BELIEVE IN CHRISTMAS NOT XMAS AND WE CELEBRATE OUR BELIEF IN OUR WAY OF LIFE IN THIS WONDERFUL COUNTRY. **SO MERRY CHRISTMAS** TO EACH & EVERY ONE OF YOU.

AS THE PICTURES SHOW EVERYONE WAS ENJOYING THEM SELVES ON THE DAY, INCLUDING OUR HOST VICKI WHO BROKE HER LITTLE TOE A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT. DESPITE THE ANAESTHETIC SHE WAS ADMINISTERING TO REDUCE THE PAIN SHE STILL MANAGED TO BUMP HER SORE TOE DURING THE DAY.



MANY GUESTS REQUESTED A PUP OUT OF ROSS'S SHORTS



VICKI'S SORE TOE



THE FUNCTION HALL

### **JUST SOME THOUGHTS AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR**

EVERY PERSON WITHIN IPA HAS A REASON FOR BEING INVOLVED. SO WHAT IS THE REASON WE WANT TO BE INVOLVED?

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF REASONS WE ARE INVOLVED. SOME OF US WANT TO BE INVOLVED BECAUSE THE IPA IS LIKE THE RSL WITHIN AUSTRALIA; IT IS A BADGE OF HONOUR. TO OTHERS IT IS THE SIMPLE MATTER OF KEEPING UP WITH MATES WHO SERVED WITHIN THE JOB [THE COPS] WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

TO OTHERS IT IS A FRIENDSHIP GROUP THAT GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE INVOLVED WITH OTHERS WHO SERVED TO PROTECT & SERVE SOCIETY.

TO OTHERS IT IS A LOT MORE, IT IS THE CONTACT BETWEEN POLICE OFFICERS WHO HAVE TAKEN THEIR BELIEF OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY INTO THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA, KOREA, CYPRUS, SOLOMON ISLANDS, AND EAST TIMOR.

I APPLAUD EVERYONE WHO HAS SERVED AS A POLICE OFFICER WITHIN WHAT EVER JURISDICTION BECAUSE THEIR BELIEF WAS FROM THE HEART & SOUL. WELL DONE!

OUR SMALL ENDEAVOUR WITH OUR LOCAL KILLROOMER IS TO PRESENT OUR COMMITMENT TO THE IDEALS OF IPA. WE ARE ALL GROWING OLD WITH TIME BUT OUR INNERMOST IDEALS BIND US TOGETHER. WE SEE JUSTICE, WE SEE TRUTH AND WE HAVE SEEN LIFE PRESENTED TO US, WE ARE NOT IGNORANT TO WHAT WE SEE. WE HOPE FOR WHAT IS TRUE JUSTICE.

I HAVE A COMMENT TO MAKE BASED UPON MY EXPERIENCE.

WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN WHAT IS POLITICALLY CORRECT; OUR IPA IS NON POLITICAL AND NON SECTARIAN. WE BELIEVE THAT EVERYBODY HAS A RIGHT TO RELIGIOUS BELIEF. IN AUSTRALIA WE DO NOT FORCE OUR VIEW OF POLITICAL BELIEF OR RELIGIOUS BELIEF ON ANYONE. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT NO-ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO FORCE THEIR BELIEFS UPON US.

IF YOU ARE A SERVING OR RETIRED POLICE OFFICER WITHIN A FREE SOCIETY: YOU ARE WELCOME WITHIN IPA.

THE WONDER OF IPA FROM MY POINT OF VIEW IS THAT I HAVE SEEN PERSONALLY THE FAMILY WITHIN THE WORLD THAT IPA IS.

HEATHER AND I HAVE STAYED AT THE FAMILY HOMES OF MEMBERS WITHIN NORWAY, SWITZERLAND, ITALY & SPAIN IN RECENT YEARS.

THE UNDERSTANDING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD OF WHAT A POLICE OFFICERS ROLE IS BECAME APPARENT WHEN WE LIVED WITH OUR HOST FAMILIES WHILST OVERSEAS. WE DID NOT KNOW SOME OF OUR HOST FAMILIES PERSONALLY, YET WE WERE ACCEPTED AS IMMEDIATE FAMILY. THERE WAS NO QUESTION AS TO WHO WE WERE; WE WERE OF THE POLICE FAMILY.

I CAN TELL YOU PERSONALLY THAT AS A SERVING POLICE OFFICER OR A RETIRED POLICE OFFICER; YOU HAVE RESPECT AND YOU HAVE FRIENDS WORLDWIDE AND YOU HAVE A FAMILY WAITING TO MEET YOU.

RECENT EVENTS INDICATE TO ME THAT WE MUST MAINTAIN FREE SPEECH.

IN IPA WE ARE NOT POLITICAL, OR RELIGIOUS BUT WE WILL NEVER BE DOWNTRODDEN OR SILENCESD. OUR EXPERIENCE AS SERVING OR FORMER POLICE OFFICERS GIVES US THAT RIGHT..

OUR KILLROOMER HAS MANY WAYS IN WHICH IT CAN GO. I AM OPEN TO ANY VIEW THAT WOULD PROMOTE OUR CAUSE OF IPA LOCALLY, NATIONALLY OR INTERNATIONALLY.

**ALL THE BEST FOR THE NEW YEAR**

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