



# THE KILLROOMER



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## VALE

It is with much sadness to inform you all that **Frank Hoeter** passed away on Monday 1 August 2011. Frank was a foundation member of the Hervey Bay sub-branch and an honorary life member of the Australian Section.

Franks funeral will be held at 10.30 am Wednesday 10 August 2011 at Hervey Bay Crematorium, 224 Urraween Road Hervey Bay. I urge all members, past and present of the IPA and the Queensland Police Service who knew him to attend and pay their final respects.

There are others who are far more qualified than I to comment on Frank's life and his activities, therefore I would ask members to either write comments or relay them to me at the next meeting so that I can include them in the next edition of the Killroomer.

The last meeting was held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at the home of Gary and Roz Jamison at Toogoom. We couldn't have asked for better weather and hospitality, with Italian cuisine being the speciality of the lunch. The surroundings were conducive to just relax and enjoy the fellowship. The local bird life is also attracted to the surroundings. Unfortunately that includes the bane of Gary's life the *Alectura lathami* better known as the Brush Turkey, Bush Turkey or Scrub Turkey. Gary has another name for them which I had better leave out just in case there is another complaint about my writing style.

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting which will be held in the Lakes Room at the Hervey Bay RSL on Sunday 14 August 2011 at 11am. Afterwards we will have lunch and socialise in the Bistro. All members are urged to attend this important meeting when officer bearers for the next 12 months will be elected.

After the meeting held at Sunday McKenzie's on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011 matelot Jim Cook was presented with his IPA 30 years badge and certificate from our Chairman Peter Goonan. Well done Jim.

I have now been given two cardboard boxes containing back issues of the Killroomer, photo albums and old correspondence of the happenings of Hervey Bay sub region. I am slowly but surely going through everything acquainting myself with the past happenings and trying to put all the pieces together in the jigsaw. One thing that has struck me was that the social life seems to have been far more active then than it is at present and the members are younger looking. As yet I haven't found out where some of the past members have gone but perhaps we can entice them back. Surely we are all far too young to be labelled a mob of boring old farts.

Back in the May edition I asked two questions -

1. Whose was the first Royal wedding in the UK to be televised?
2. The British Prime Minister's official residence is 10 Downing Street. What is different about the front door to number 10? It's been on the TV enough lately.

Mary Cook got the first one right and a near miss with the second. With your answers Peter Goonan should at least buy you a schooner instead of a pint. The answers were Princess Margaret's wedding and I know because I was on duty there that day. Mary said it didn't have a door handle. It does have a door knob in the centre of the door, however it does not have a key or key hole and is only able to be opened from the inside.

Another piece of trivia is that the British Prime Minister is not paid for being the Prime Minister but he is paid for being "The First Lord of the Treasury". Since my time having to do protection outside number 10 the door has been repainted and now has a brass plaque with the words "First Lord of The Treasury" on it.

In the last news letter I gave information on the passing of Joe Laskowski a former member of Hervey Bay sub region.

Joe was born in Vladivostok, Russia in May 1918 but officially recognised as being of Polish origin. In 1938 he joined the Shanghai (China), Municipal Police and in 1941 he was transferred to the Ward Road Shanghai Prison as a Warder. In 1942 he was arrested by the Shanghai Municipal Police and handed over to the Japanese Kempeitai (Military Police) on suspicion of spying. After being subjected to torture he was released in 1943. After regaining his health in Ward Road Prison he was allowed to return home. He then served in the Auxiliary Military Police Battalion rising to the rank of sergeant and was discharged in 1946 after guarding US Army installations in Shanghai.

In 1949 he migrated to Australia and worked for General Motors in Victoria for 36 years. He moved to Hervey Bay in 1990 and in the last few years he has returned to Victoria to be closer to his daughters and grand children.

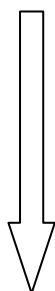
### **NEW IPA SHIRTS**

If anyone wishes to purchase an IPA shirt, Signature Uniforms, 9/17 Liuzzi Street, Pialba phone number 41240506 have some which normally sell for \$41 out for only \$15. They are surplus to a previous order. The sizes which are available are 2 small, 1 large, 1 extra large, 1 2xextra large and 3 3xextra large. Of course, the cost of the IPA logo is extra.

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

2 August Gary Cohen	2 September Bob Summers
8 August Denis Hanrahan	3 September Jan Robertson
12 August Ruth Hoeter	3 September Daryl Powell
22 August Ann Dickson	12 September Vic Young
25 August Joy Newman	19 September Terry Selwood

**Photos taken at Gary & Roz's below**







**30 Down 30 to go**

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