



Today in History

September 5, 1698

▲ **Tsar Peter the Great of Russia imposed a tax on beards as part of an effort to modernise Russian society following western European models**

1969: The U.S. Army charged Lt. William L. Calley with the massacre of over 100 civilians in My Lai, Vietnam

1980: The 17km St Gotthard road tunnel, at the time the longest in the world, was opened in Switzerland

2002: President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan narrowly escaped an assassination attempt in Kandahar

2008: Quentin Bryce, 65, was sworn in as the Australia's first female Governor-General