

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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Another Been There Done That Moment

It has finally happened - someone has called me out on something that I have said/written in I.C. Silly me – I made the smart comment about supporting the Mighty Ducks with pom poms and a short skirt. It all happened at the Melbourne Cup Calcutta, David Armitage announced that I would be at the next game – you guessed it with my short skirt and pom poms. Of course I went along with it and said the appropriate things like yea sure thing. Went home and thought, my golly gosh (code for all those swear words), but the bottom line - I did say it and I have been called on the matter - so now I have to put up or shut up, put my money where my mouth is etc. etc.

So..... last Friday I was very busy trying to make a pom pom that actually looked like a pom pom. It's surprising what you can make from a paper tablecloth. Pom pom ticked off list - now the short skirt - this was a bigger problem as I haven't shown my lovely knees to the public for many years and I wasn't going to start now. Once I found a short skirt in the back of the wardrobe I had to decide what to do with it and I elected to put it on a pole and wave it – I didn't say I would be wearing it.

So with that all organised I asked my other half if he wanted to come with me and his reaction was like I had asked him to go to the tip for a romantic dinner - but he thought about it and said okay. Saturday rolled around and it was a brilliant day, filled the esky with drinks & food (learnt from footy experience), organised folding chairs, got dressed and wrote on a very good white shirt "Go the Ducks", even took the dog "Roxy the Foxy" as a mascot. I was taking this challenge to the max, armed with my pom pom and short skirt we were off to the Quakka.

The queues were short – nil, the crowd was small – five, when the Quandialla Mighty Ducks took on Burcher. After someone won the toss Quandialla found themselves bowling – there was much toing & froing – runs scored, wickets taken, but they just couldn't get the bloke in the red shorts out who ended up scoring 85 not out. Our car was used for target practice by one of the Burcher boys - for a minute there I thought I was going to have to attack him with my short skirt (stick). I would like to say that the Quandi lads worked very hard in the field, Brendon even put his ankle on the line to stop a ball and Trevor threw his whole body in front of the ball and got his whites dirty. I have a new respect for the bowlers, they are a very crafty lot and David who was directing his troops around the field. I thought he was snoozing while standing under the shade of the tree but really nothing got past him, all his troops played well. With the run chase set at 178 our openers strode out, determination on their faces, then one strode back soon after with another kind of look. He was not to be alone in his disappointment as the rest of the team was dismissed. Trevor & Brett how do you say it – put a fine knock together and showed those Burcher boys the boundary line a number of times, Brendon found the centre of a roly poly thingy which made it hard for the opposition looking for the ball – is the game a draw if the ball is lost in the scrub. Alas we only made 100 runs when we ran out of batters, one young spectator (the crowd had doubled) declared as only a pre-schooler can "Hooray, somebody won", but it wasn't the Ducks turn this day.

I have to be honest and say that we thought we would only go for an hour tops, I even took the paper to read, thinking that it would not be all that interesting. Well, let me tell you we had a GREAT afternoon, I enjoyed every minute and we were there to clap the team off the field. BUT I must say it never failed, whenever I dropped a chip or was getting a drink I missed that very important wicket being taken - where's the replay when you need it (I didn't miss all the dismissals only a few). Drinks at the members bar after the game rounded off a very enjoyable afternoon - I would recommend a visit to the Quakka next time the Ducks are playing. I hope me showing up didn't put the guys off their game. P.S. My pom pom & short skirt was in the car for those who missed them, but I did yell out "Go the Mighty Ducks" a couple of times.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

I apologise that my very important item on the Mighty Ducks took up this page.

More Future / Centenary News next week.

NOW

REMINDER R.S.A COURSE: The new Photo ID Course will be held at the Bland Hotel on Tuesday 11th Dec. Cost \$160.00 - for further information phone Daniel 6347 1253. 10 or more people are needed to hold this course if you are interested names must be in by Thurs. 22nd Nov.

QUANDIALLA PROGRESS & MEMORIAL HALL GENERAL MEETING: will be held on Wed. 28th Nov. at 7.30pm at the Hall. All Welcome.

ANOTHER PETITION: There is another worthwhile petition that needs your signature at the Post Office & Café. This petition is for **Doctors 4 the Bush**. It is calling for the Federal & NSW Govt to back Charles Sturt University's plan to establish a Health & Medical Education Precinct in rural NSW and commit to providing \$98 million in funding and 80 medical students to make this a reality.

QUANDIALLA MIGHTY DUCKS: Have just found out that the Mighty Ducks are on a three week Harvest break starting this week. Will keep you posted when they start playing again.

Have you seen the new thingy machine that the Bland Hotel is now using for the Friday Poker Jackpot Draw which is an all time high of \$1200. Talking about draws I must mention that the Bowling Club Members draw is now \$3000. Either amount would certainly help the back pocket. Yes you have guessed it things are very quiet around town and I have resorted to waffling, I just have to fill in another 3 lines. Harvest has started for some, that busy time of the year is here – only 2 more lines.

Claiming the date – The Quandialla Scots Debutante Ball will be held on Saturday 27th April 2013 – jot that down in your diaries. (I did it)

BLAST FROM THE PAST Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

This same day in 1956

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 30

THURS. NOV 15TH 1956

HOSPITAL. *Quite a few readers may have missed the news which came over the air the other day, to the effect that tenders are being called for the new hospital which is to cost 15000 pounds-----that's right fifteen thousand. The Hospital Auxiliary are having their meeting on Saturday afternoon and they hope for a bumper attendance in view of the heartening news. At this meeting I am told that the method of collecting the 1500 pounds from the district will be decided. It will assist the collectors if you give the matter serious thought and make up your mind just how much you can give to this appeal. There will be no badgering from the collectors, theirs is a thankless job without having to help you make up your mind. Work it out for yourself and let your contribution be one that you do not begrudge.*

The Bland Progress Association's last meeting was well attended, and a five man committee was appointed to campaign for the election of Mr Norman Pearse at the forthcoming Bland Shire election. The committee is as follows Messrs. AJ McNamara, WS Dixon, RI Penfold, S Reeves and LN Penfold with the president Mr CD Brown as an ex officio member. Another resolution passed was "That the residents of this district petition through the Association for the restoration of the tri-weekly mail service between Quandialla and Berrendebba-Bland.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr & Mrs Jack McAlister.....A daughter.

The Morangorell residents will be pleased to learn that the mail service will be resumed as and from Monday November 19th by Max Kelly. This run will operate each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from Quandialla.

Where has this year gone? Christmas is just around the corner - with that thought ringing in your ears I will say Cheerio **Sue Priestley**