

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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I'm going to let everyone into a little secret, I was very nervous sending out our first newsletter but after receiving positive feedback this past week I feel much better and thank you very much for those kind words.

Some of you may have wondered why I chose the items for the "Blast from the Past" page last week so please let me explain. The cow gall stone advert was a tribute to Mr Mitchell as he was the local stock & station agent and it showed his sense of humour. The "Booms" a daisy item was chosen because it was about some local residents plus I was hoping that hearing their names might jog some memories which could result in some more stories, so please let me know. The last item was about a land ballot which was how a lot of farms were allocated at that time and again I was hoping it would be a talking point, maybe your property or part of might have been a block allocated to someone after WW II. Again please let me know.

Our idea for the "Blast from the Past" page is to give you a walk down memory lane plus hopefully we will get everyone talking about days gone by. So please pop into the P.O. and tell me about anything you remember because I am VERY interested in Quandi's history. I will jot it down and give it to our History Committee, every tiny bit of information whether it is actual dates of events, owners of property, family history or a family tale that has been handed down from generations past, it could be very important, so please share it with me or a committee member.

A Name for our Newsletter: We will continue to use Idle Chatter Mark II until our next Centenary meeting later in the month where I will take all suggestions to the meeting and those attending can choose our name.

So far we have 2 suggestions - "Echidna Scratchings" & "Echidna Express" both very suitable as you all know Quandialla means Echidna. Also, quite a few readers have said they think Idle Chatter Mark II is very appropriate. Any more suggestions?

Newsletter Cost: Many have asked about a charge for this newsletter. The idea was for it to be free BUT – over a period of time it would cost more than I thought it would. Week 1 we printed 100 copies and used 1 ink cartridge costing \$25 + \$3 for paper. At the moment the Centenary is being funded by the Hall/Progress and as the treasurer I know we cannot finance the newsletter every week.

So.....I will be looking for all those generous minded people/businesses in Quandialla & District who would like to help with the cost of buying a cartridge each week. Acknowledgment of your sponsorship will be shown on the front page as a way of a thank you, please contact me if you would like to donate \$25 or a smaller amount. All donations will be gratefully accepted as it will all go towards printing.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

The Centenary Committee have already booked a train to be in Quandi on the Sunday for train rides plus the Cobb & Co Coach will be coming. Both should be very exciting for all ages. I'm looking forward to a ride on the coach first, then the train and then maybe another go on both if time allows. I've never ridden in a Cobb & Co Coach before. I have been on a motor rail once so now you understand why the coach will be first.

"Can anyone possibly tell me about" segment:

When I mentioned the train was coming it reminded me about a discussion I had with another committee member. We were discussing who "was the last Station Master in Quandialla". I thought it was Ray Nielsen but I think I am way off base, so I am throwing it out there for HELP.....Any information on any past station masters, families or stories please give me a call. I would like to know how bad or good my memory is.

NOW

BOWLS AT QUANDIALLA – 12th August 2012 – This Sunday the green will be full of bowlers. 28 bowlers representing our own South West District will take on the same number from our neighbours Southern Slopes. Quandialla has been selected as the venue for this important Annual Inter District clash, with bowlers from as far afield as Boorowa, Harden & Cootamundra battling it out morning and afternoon against the Temora, Wyalong & Barmedman boys. Come along and have a look, spectators are always welcome.

QUANDIALLA CWA will be holding their International Day & Luncheon on Thursday 16th August at the Quandialla Central School at 1pm. Cost is \$12, RSVP to Q.C.S. by Mon. 13th – All welcome.
Also the CWA Branch will be holding their general meeting on Monday 13th August 7.30pm in the CWA Rooms – Again all welcome

CONGRATULATIONS to Ray & Ruth Penfold on the safe arrival of their son Quade Gordon.

QUANDIALLA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY – General & AGM meetings will be held on Tuesday 14th August at 9.30am at the Quandialla Health Centre. Michelle Johnson will be a guest speaker and a finger food luncheon will be served following the meeting. All welcome

ROAD WORKS IN THE AREA - The ever so handsome mail run person (I'm being ever so nice to him so he will deliver this weeks' newsletter) just came in and said he had a newsie item for me. I was already for a who did what to who story and his great bit of news was that both shire councils Weddin & Bland are working on the roads. The unusual tit bit of this story is that they are doing it at the same time. Weddin is working on the Driftway and the Bland are in the East Bland area.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

No: 35 – OLYMPIC GAMES 1960. *I have been approached by the committee who want me to compete in a backward leap competition. No doubt their spies saw my magnificent effort when I opened my door to be confronted by a snake. It was dead alright, but I never stopped long enough to enquire. The finger of suspicion points to Peter Harris as being the person responsible for pushing the reptile in question through a hole in my door.* (While I was reading IC 35 I could hear the drone of the Olympic commentators on the TV and this item just jumped out at me crying out to be reprinted.)

No: 13 – LOVES LABOUR LOST. *Messrs Fuge, Brett, Nixon, Penfold and Troth, despairing of immediate aid with the bad patch of road nearby, decided that the only way was to do the job themselves. Load after load of gravel and stone, some from as far afield as Caragabal was tipped onto the road, broken and consolidated. Two whole days it took but they considered the result was worth the trouble taken. Then up drives our local butcher (Wayne Crompton) and on seeing the results of their labour immediately became suspicious, and in his wisdom decided that it was a trap for young players. So around it he tries to go. Result ----bogged for two hours, and the chortling of the amateur road menders could be heard miles away.* (When it was reported that repairs were being done on the roads today I thought of this little gem that shows the humorous side of life in 1956)

This same day in 1956

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 16

THURS. AUG 9TH 1956

A mannequin parade will be held on the 29th August, the proceeds of which will go to the Memorial Hall Committee. It should prove to be a most enjoyable evening, with dancing to follow the parade. The admission charge will be Adults 5/- and for school children 2/-..... Ladies a basket please.

Alas I have come to the end for this week. Cheers **Sue Priestley**