

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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This newsletter is an initiative of the Quandialla Centenary Committee

Sponsored by Graham & Margaret Spratt

“SPONSORSHIP THANK YOU”

On behalf of the Centenary Committee I would like to thank everyone who has given or promised me money to print this newsletter, your response has been marvellous. I am pleased to report that we have received enough funds to print 52 weeks, a full year. Now all I have to do is keep on typing.

For those who are still considering sponsoring, please do so as our goal is to put this newsletter out on a weekly basis until our Centenary in October 2014 (if not longer). If we receive new sponsors to add to the list now or later, the cost will certainly be shared throughout our community. Plus it certainly makes life easier if we know there are funds to help cover our expenses. As an alternative to a full sponsorship (\$25) there is a money box on the Post Office counter for any loose change you might like to donate.

I thought about putting a list out of all sponsors to let you know when I would be spending your donation on an ink cartridge but my evil twin has stepped in and you will just have to wait and see. This way you will have to keep reading Idle Chatter Mark II just to see your name in print and for those who wish to remain anonymous, well, what can I say, you will be joining Sylvester & Tweetie fame. ***So watch this page, it won't happen overnight but it will happen.*** However, I do need to make a special thank you to the Quandialla Bowling Club and Delta AgriBusiness for their generous donations, they will each be sponsoring 8 newsletters over the following months.

Once again, many thanks to everyone.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED HISTORY BOOK

GET TOGETHER WEEKEND IN OCTOBER – Sat 6th & Sun 7th Oct.

Val Noone who is a published local history writer, will travel from Victoria and visit Quandialla for the weekend, to lend a hand in our venture of recording our history for our Centenary.

It has been suggested that on the Saturday at 2 – 4 pm we will get together for a general discussion and to make some decisions on content and format of our History Book.

ie: List the stories which best reflect the 100 years of our district.

- eg:
- Pioneering families
 - Coming of the railway
 - Building of the village
 - Building of the community facilities
 - halls, churches, hospital, clubs, pool etc.
 - The big community gatherings
 - balls, the show, the rodeo, sports etc.

4.30 – 5.30pm: Plan timelines for our project and establish small groups to work on specific parts.

With Val's "know how" and guidance we can do this job and do it well. We will be doing all the hard work with Val assisting where needed. Also over the weekend Val will be available for informal discussion with anyone needing advice etc. or just has a good yarn to tell him.

If you are interested in helping or have any thoughts on content, format etc. or information/history think about keeping this weekend free. With everyone working together we hope to get this book up and running.

There will be more information at hand for next week's newsletter and then we should have the full programme for the weekend.

NOW

Don't forget the following meetings:

Quandialla Progress & Hall Meeting will be held on Wed 26th Sept at 7.30pm in the Hall. All Welcome

Quandialla Bowling Club – AGM Meeting at 8pm on 26th Sept at the Club.

I've Hit the Wall: I thought I would have trouble filling this newsletter at some stage but not this #%**+! soon, my bubble has burst and I'm a little depressed. Who would have thought, that nothing was happening in Quandialla at the moment (*that I can write about*), so now I will have to resort to waffling. Did you know Mr Mitchell used to ramble on and on in the first Idle Chatter, talking about anything and everything just to fill the newsletter so that Mrs R Penfold could not write a message in the space at the bottom of the back page. I know I don't need to fill this page to stop someone from using this as a letter but it just feels wrong to leave a blank space, so it's official since the start of this piece I am waffling. I'm pleased to report that your local Post Office has received, and it is in operation, a very new swanky looking and up to date pin pad for banking. We only went online on Wednesday and it has only crashed once and an IT person took control of my terminal from Sydney and fixed it (*spooky*). I have been assured all the bugs have been sorted. By the way, does anyone else wonder how faxes get to where you are sending them, just another one of those mysteries in life. Murray and Bev Anderson are back from their holiday at the seaside they both had a very relaxing time (lucky people). Did you see the hail in Quand on Tuesday? We had 10.2mls hope everyone was happy with what they got. Have had a brilliant idea, just the thing to get my mind off the lack of NOW news I am going to find a joke and end this page with a little bit of humour. John has produced a book and after much laughing, we chose the following. (*hope you have a laugh too*)

"Waste Not, Want Not"

During a time of drought, a small girl entered the store in a bush town and addressed the proprietor: 'Please mister, Mum wants to know if you'll swap these two toilet rolls for a tin of jam? Our visitors ain't comin' after all.'

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

The following extract is a response to the request Mrs R Penfold made that I reprinted last week

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THURS JUNE 28TH 1956

To assist those lazy letter writers please cross out the words in brackets which are not applicable and send to your friends.

Dear.....

I am (well, very well, fine) but I am feeling too (sick, tired, lazy) to write to you this week so I am sending you Idle Chatter. I think it (fine, awful, stinks). The weather here is (damp, wet, very wet). I will write again next (week, month, year).

Yours (faithfully, sincerely, with love)

.....(sign here)

X X X X (cross these out if married)

I'm good to you Mrs Penfold

This same day in 1956

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 22

THURS. SEPT 20TH 1956

Car THIEVING *must be a very skilled profession. The other night there was at least four men armed with the most modern gadgets trying to gain entrance to Jim Pollard's utility truck. Jim had left the engine running and the lights on while he made a call at the Post Office. While he was absent the "fairies" locked the door on him. Apart from a very extensive list of words the following tools were used in operation "Re-open". A steel fence post, a jemmy, a wood chisel, a screwdriver and a wool hook. For half an hour the truck was for sale at a very reduced price.*

CONGRATULATIONS *to Mr & Mrs R McNamara. A daughter BELIEVE IT OR NOT. The utility belonging to Charlie Broben was washed and polished. When it arrived in the street, local residents grabbed their sun glasses and in some cases had to partake of a restorative at this uncommon sight. It must have been a terrible shock to the poor old school bus, because it gave a sigh and dropped its petrol tank.*

Cheers until next week **Sue Priestley**