

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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2012- Our First Christmas Edition

This week Idle Chatters' front page naturally has to be about Christmas.

Anyone that knows me well knows I am a Christmas Nutcase – *I just love Christmas* – I have our home decorated just a tad more than the average family and if John sat still long enough he would be wearing tinsel and ornaments. Thankfully he doesn't mind my weird behaviour and helps me unpack my bits and pieces each year and helps again to pack them away.

My obsession with Christmas must have rubbed off onto the ever so handsome mailman (hoping for a really expensive gift) because when we saw a decorated mailbox on the way to Wagga in 2005 his exact words were "let's have a competition in Quandi next year" and that's what we did.

This year I am pleased to report we have had a great response from the residents of the district and judging has been extremely difficult. At one point we thought our husband and wife judging team was going to come to blows but we worked through it – it was like counselling children on how to play well together.

Photos have been taken of all entries and are on display at the Quandialla Post Office but even though my husband has taken some very good photos they DO NOT do them justice and it is well worth a Sunday drive.

A presentation to the winners will be held at the Bowling Club this Friday evening, join us for the presentation and some festive cheer. I believe the club is having an impromptu Christmas Party so come along and have a drink on the President.

The winners for 2012 are as follows:

The Quandialla Town Scene

1st Sponsored by Weddin Shire

Dot & Bevan McAlister

2nd Sponsored by Quandialla Fire Brigade

Causer Family

The Decorated Mailbox

1st Sponsored by John & Sue Priestley

Graham & Angela Sweeny

2nd Sponsored by the Quandialla Progress Association

Bruce & Donna Slade

John & I would like to take this opportunity to thank our co-sponsors for their support and a special thank you to all those families who got out and joined in – there is a lot of Christmas Spirit out there.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

The Quandialla Centenary Committee

*Wishes all Idle Chatter Readers
A Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*

NOW

QUANDIALLA SWIMMING POOL NEWS:

The Quandialla Swimming Pool will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Opening hours will remain as normal for the rest of the holiday period, including Mondays from the 31st December. Swimming Lessons will be held from 7th Jan to 11th Jan. Names can be left at the Pool Kiosk. Aqua Exercises are held on Friday mornings at 9am.

All Welcome

QUANDIALLA MIGHTY DUCKS: The one and only time I went to cheer the boys on - "they lost" so I have decided to stay away this weekend. Yes you guessed it the DUCKS won last Saturday against Tallimba. So I'm going to test my theory out (I would hate to jinx them) however you could still go and support the Quandi Team, they will be playing Ariah Park at the Quandialla Showground this Saturday.

JACKPOT DRAWS: Bland Hotel Poker Jackpot - \$1420.00 & The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw - \$6000.00. I'm not leaving town until someone wins the money.

COMMUNITY NEWS: If you haven't heard, the Quandialla Central School newsletter will only be available to school children and their families as from next year, and will only be a school newsletter, no community news. However, Idle Chatter will endeavour to continue to let you know what is happening in our district. If secretaries of the various clubs & organisations can keep me informed of meetings, events etc., I will be happy to include it in the NOW Page.

BIRTHDAY WISHES: It has come to my attention that a former well known resident of our village will be turning 80 this weekend. Quandialla wishes Norma Graham Many Happy Returns on such a wonderful milestone. And if I can I would like to also wish another former resident Mr Russell McKenzie a Belated Happy Birthday. He also turned 80 earlier in the month.

Only 4 more sleeps until Santa is here.....

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

This same day in 1956

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 35

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IDLE CHATTER

J.T. MITCHELL. STOCK & STATION AGENT

QUANDIALLA.

This paper complete with the printed heading has been given to me by the Gestetner Company by courtesy of Harold Williams of Albury. It is only fair that I should say "Thank you" but do you see what he has done with my initials? Nevertheless Harold I appreciate the gesture and what the "L" is an "L" between friends?

A much travelled copy of IC is one that is sent by Mrs Penfold Senior to "Gwen" whoever that lady may be, and from there to Heather Kelly who sends it on to Stan Smith and finally reaches "Pud" Hutchinson and wife in a battered condition. That bit of news comes in a letter from Ad Kelly. Ad and his wife are very well and wish to be remembered to you all, and I am sure that you will join me in wishing them all the best up Tamworth way.

Here comes that horrible hotch potch which happens when I want to fill up the sheet.....Well the silos were open on Wednesday and closed again on Thursday. What a harvest!! The quality of the wheat received was only fair. The Quandialla Cricketers played yet another draw against Caragabal Colts last Sunday at Quandialla. The bowlers visited Coota last Sunday, and judging by the ominous silence I gather they must have got a hiding. Week after week I have a little dig at Mrs Penfold about the space left on this sheet. As it is Xmas the only thing I can do is to wish all the Mrs Penfolds a very merry Xmas and a very happy New Year, and I would imagine, that takes in a fair slice of the population. And to all my readers whether you be friend or foe, my very best wishes.

Merry Christmas to all - **Sue Priestley**