

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break, we certainly did. We ate far too much as you do every Christmas and naturally a beverage or two was consumed, again as you do on these special occasions. Now we are making plans for the New Year Celebrations that are just around the corner. As a kid I use to hear the oldies say “I don’t know where this year has gone” and I would wonder what they were talking about, but now I know - I heard myself say the same thing the other day “Where has this year gone?” If anyone has the answer to this question I would be very pleased to hear it.

I’m writing this piece while watching the first day of the Boxing Day Cricket Test. In our house we are in cricket fever mode, with Tests being played overseas and in Australia, plus the KFC Big Bash there is someone on TV Land bowling and batting at all hours in our house. With all this cricket being played and our visit to the Quakka I’m starting to take an interest in the game. I’m still a little confused by some of the comments made by the commentators like “bowling around the wicket” “ripped the front of the glove” “square on the off side” ‘playing a false shot” and a hundred others that only someone that has either played or who lives and breathes the game would understand. Thankfully we get to watch the game as the commentator is rabbiting on, so we at least have a chance to work out what that comment meant. But listening to the game on the radio is so much more fun. The ABC commentators are the best, they paint a picture and your imagination does the rest.

Earlier, when going through our collection of old Idle Chatters, I found one where Jack Mitchell had written about this exact thing, and I

highlighted it in my journal, to include it in our newsletter when cricket was being played in Australia – and that day has come.

The following item is an extract from:

IDLE CHATTER No: 8

Thursday 14th June 1956

IT’S NOT CRICKET BY GAD

I’m in the grip of Test Fever, and listening to the radio I am amazed at the contortions which must take place. The commentator quite seriously announced that so and so “Leaned on the ball”. If he was tired, why didn’t he sit down? Then “he went half forward and half back”. Which half went where he did not say, but what a ghastly gory sight it must have been.

I heard that the bowler was “short of a length”

Wouldn’t you think they would supply these things?

And I suppose it was the rain which made the player “hang out his bat”. What a difference, in Quandialla he either misses the so and so or swipes it.

We really should be more polite.

After working on the “Blast from the Past” page each week

I often wish that I had known Mr Mitchell.

I just love his sense of humour.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM THE

QUANDIALLA CENTENARY COMMITTEE

NOW

QUANDIALLA MIGHTY DUCKS: Very pleased to report that I am not the jinx that I thought I might be, but sad to report that the Quandi Mighty Ducks only just lost to Aria Park last Saturday. I have been told that the game was very close and we had Aria Park very worried right up to the last ball. It has also been said this is the best start to the season that the Ducks have had for a long time, so from a very new supporter "keep up the good work". If you get to the final I'll make another pom pom and have a chant to go with them. (Home game only, of course).

JUST A BIT OF GOSS: David and Robyn Armitage plus family were amongst the 67,138 crowd in Melbourne on Boxing Day watching Australia play some great cricket against Sri Lanka. Hope you had good seats and were not sitting beside that very unattractive bride with the beer in his hand.

ONE JACKPOT DOWN: The Bland Hotel Poker Jackpot went off last Friday when a lucky Morangarell farmer received an early Xmas gift after he chose the joker card. Next week the draw starts from scratch with the pot of \$20.

THE QUANDIALLA BOWLING CLUB Members Draw did not go off last week and has jumped to \$6600.00. Surely the law of averages must favour Quandialla this week and come our way, you just have to be there to win it if your number is drawn.

GENERAL CHAT: I'm taking a leaf out of Mr Mitchell's newsletter this week and chat till the end of this page. As you would expect everyone has been very busy getting ready for Christmas, plus with the Christmas & Boxing Day holidays – Quandi has been very quiet, hence not a lot of things happening to report. I hope everyone got at least one gift that was on their Santa Wish List this Christmas – I did!!!!

2013 will arrive before our next newsletter so please take care on the roads if you are travelling and have a safe and enjoyable New Year Celebration.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

This same day in 1956

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 36

THURS. DEC 27TH 1956

OLD FATHER TIME is rapidly catching up with 1956 and within a few days we will see a brand spanking new year come to light. A year in which I hope all your dearest wishes come true. The part which intrigues me is, that at this time of the old year we become aware of most of our failings and with all the seriousness in the world we resolve to mend our ways. The frailties of human nature will be evident in 1957, because none of us will be one bit better, but I strongly hope not one bit worse. So whether it be drinking, swearing, smoking, playing bowls or robbing the kid's money box, don't waste your time making resolutions which you know you will not keep. THE GIANT STOCKING which was on view at J Orphanos's was disposed of in a novel manner. Tickets were given to his customers and a raffle was conducted on Xmas Eve. Stan McInerney and myself did the job, and ticket A3 was the winner. I had A4 and I hate to think what the crowd would have said had it come out. No Names were entered on the tickets so the owner of ticket A3 is asked to produce same and collect this wonderful gift with the best wishes of Jack and Helen Orphanos. Should it not be claimed within fourteen days, there will be a re-draw. So, whoever has ticket A3, hurry up.....or else.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr & Mrs "Skip" Armour – A daughter, and on Xmas morning at that.

FILL at any cost is my motto so here goes with some real Idle Chatter. The silo will open again on Wednesday next for a short time. Don't you dare forget the New Year Revel in the Memorial Hall. This is run in conjunction with the RSL and the Hall Committee so you will be helping two pretty good causes. Charlie Broben was decorated like a Xmas tree on Xmas Day he looked so sweet with flowers in his hair. I've never seen a man mix drinks like "Wee" Bob. Beer and milk, coffee and tea, no wonder he nearly flies. I conclude this issue with my very best wishes to you all for the coming year.

Cheers and All the Very Best for 2013 - **Sue Priestley**