

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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THE EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD & IT'S HERE IN QUANDIALLA

Now you all know what a hump is, if I may be so bold
There's a camel hump and hump day, that's a Wednesday so I'm told
There's humpback whales and bison, and that bloke from Notre Dame
But Quandialla has a hump that puts them all to shame

The kids all want a skate park, someplace where they can meet
Now Quandi's sort of got one, but it's in the middle of the street!
We've never had a hill before, out here it's pretty flat
But the novelty has worn off fast, it needs fixing simple as that!

Now just how did we get it, this miracle of sorts
I'm sure you'd read about it in some Engineer's report
A slab broke on a culvert, just near the swimming pool
A simple thing to fix you'd think, but I must be a fool

Perhaps they didn't have a slab of the very same dimensions
But the solution they came up with grabbed all of our attention
I won't criticize the workmen, they were just doing their job
No doubt working to instructions from some higher Council bod

They ripped the b^**#y lot out and started right from scratch
Perhaps they should have seen that a pipe just wouldn't match
The bottom wasn't level with the drain that's supposed to feed it
And as for the top, I'm telling you, you just will not believe it

The pipe was too big for the hole and stuck up just a bit
Above the level of the road, the job had turned to
But anyway, they filled it in and rolled and squashed and squished it
And at the end we had "THE HUMP" and that is how they fixed it

Some puzzled looks and questions started floating around the town
"Nah, they'll shave the top and tar it once it all has settled down"
So we got used to driving over it, it wouldn't be there long
And the view from the top is worth it and the phone reception strong

But then Johnny Appleseed came along in the big white patching truck
And tarred the hump as is and we all cried "What the heck"
So the temporary fix is permanent and now Quandi has "The Hump"
We will complain of course, but will it come back "like or lump"

I really can't help imagining if it was down on Rygate Square
The outcry and the uproar and how long it would be there
I could go on and on and find myself in someone's sights
But the hump should be removed and the job be redone RIGHT!!!

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

CAN ANYONE TELL ME?

DRAUGHT HORSE WINS – REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE

At the Quandialla show last Wednesday a great performance was put up in the high jump. The competitors were a light horse and a draught horse, and both cleared the bar at 5ft. 6ins.

When the height was raised to 5ft 9ins, the light horse failed to get over, but the draught horse, owned by Mr N Carr, cleared the bar at the first attempt.

This article was in the Forbes Advocate on Tuesday 26th October 1920

Does anyone remember this or hearing about it?.....

Was Mr Carr from Quandi or a visitor to the show?.....

When I first read the article I thought it said Mr N Conn – was it a typo?

NOW

THANK YOU: Dorothy and Bryson Troy would like to thank everyone for the wonderful support for their "Biggest Morning Tea" on Friday 24th May.
Your support help raise \$375.00 – Once again "Thank You"

DATES TO REMEMBER

9th June – St Brigid's Mass at 10am – St Marks Anglican Church
9th June – Caragabal Memorial Hall Fundraiser – enquiries 63475230
11th June – Quandialla Swimming Club AGM – 7pm at the Bland Hotel
11th June – Darts Night at the Bland Hotel – 7.30 start
12th June – Wellbeing Program at the Hall – 9.30am, enquiries 63471200
13th June – Quandialla Scholarship Committee AGM, 7pm at Bland Hotel
23rd June – Men's Health Week BBQ & Bowls Day
26th June – Hall & Progress Meeting – 7.30pm at the Hall
27th July – Quandialla Central School Centenary Celebration

QUANDIALLA JACKPOTS: You can win \$7500 this Friday at the Club if your badge number is drawn BUT you must be there to win. The Man of the House had a pick for the Joker at the Hotel last week, and you guessed it – he enjoyed his pint instead - you can win \$160 this Friday – if you're lucky. CHEERIO CALL to Maureen Causer who has been transferred to Young from Wagga, hopefully it will not be long and we will see you at home soon.

I'M HAVING A GRIPE: That little, okay slightly long piece of verse regarding the Eighth Wonder of the World, came about by me having a whinge about that b^**#y speed hump we have been given by the Weddin Shire. For what purpose would be anyone's guess, but the bottom line is, it's unsightly, could be very dangerous and is definitely NOT doing the job of letting the water flow away from Second Street. I strongly URGE everyone that has driven over that unique piece of roadwork that the shire calls road maintenance to express your displeasure of the job that was done. It needs to be fixed NOW – we need to get off our butts and complain by phone or letter otherwise our silence will be seen as acceptance of the situation. I will make it easy for you the Weddin Shire phone number is 6347 1212, Address – P.O. Box 125 Grenfell 2810 Email – mail@weddin.nsw.gov.au

BLAST FROM THE PAST

 Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

This same day in 1957

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. Vol 2 No 7 THURS. 6th JUNE 1957
PETROL BUSINESS. Retailers of petrol are compelled to pay cash for their supplies and if this commodity is sold on credit, then sooner or later the seller is in desperate straits to meet the demands of the oil companies. Mr Stewart Hope, of Bland Motors and Mr Milton Hunter of Quandialla Motors are compelled therefore to sell petrol for CASH ONLY. This is not a hasty decision, but one made after careful thought and with the knowledge that all fair minded clients will see the justice and necessity for their action. Cash for gas becomes operative on June 8th.

BEWARE. Roaming at night time in the jungle country around the Bland, is a fox hunter. He is a regular "Davy Crockett" type and nothing is sacred when he gets it in the sights of his rifle. I issue this warning because murderous attempts have been made on various animals such as milking cows etc. To make matters worse the freedom of the "Press" has been violated. I am threatened with every type of bodily torture should I disclose the name of this tyrant of the night, and because I am a big sissy you'll have to guess his name. There is no prize for the correct answer. What a wonderful advertisement for the Bland. Foxes as big as cows. MANY HAPPY RETURNS to Ray Anderson who was 21 during the week and to Captain VG "Landy" Harris who was also 21, but not for the first time. STICKY BEAKS. What's the fellow doing in the Co-op? Hold on for a moment while I go over and ask.....His name is Mr CW Wigen and he represents the firm of Hungerford & Spooner of Sydney who are a well known firm of accountants. As soon as the Directors of the Society recommended to the shareholders the advisability of winding up there has to be an independent person elected to watch the interests of the creditors and shareholders alike. He virtually becomes the boss until the affairs of the business are wound up. Stock has to be taken and schedules prepared so that tenders may be called for all or part of the assets. Mr Wigen is a most approachable person and I am sure that he would answer any question which is in his power so to do.

Cheers for another week **Sue Priestley**