

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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## UPDATE ON QUANDIALLA'S "HUMP"

No doubt you noticed by our little poem and gripe in past Idle Chatters that John and I felt very strongly, that our famous "hump" had to go.

I don't know how many others wrote or rang the Shire regarding this matter, but I would like to thank those that did. John and I sent in a letter stating our disappointment at the job, concerns of safety and the question of how much money was wasted.

I'm pleased to report that we actually received a response from the Shire answering our concerns. I opened it with great trepidation thinking the Mayor and Councillors might have thought our letter was worded a little strongly. Imagine my surprise when after reading it twice to make sure I had it right the Council has agreed to fix the job.

The following is the response we received:-

Dear John & Sue

REFERENCE: SECOND STREET CULVERT

Following an inspection of the new culvert in Second Street, Quandialla, which replaced the dangerous broken culvert, it is agreed that it does not fit in with the streetscape.

Accordingly, Council will remove the pipes and replace them with box culverts similar to the original design. This work will be programmed once the culverts are received.

Thank you for your comments on the matter.

Signed by Mr W Twohill – Director Engineering

That letter was written on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 NOW we just have to wait, the operative wording being "will be programmed once the culverts are received".

*Hopefully it will be soon.*

## THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

### THE CENTENARY QUILT

This Quilt is the brain child of Judy McAlister and she has been very busy planning this project. The design, colour theme etc. has all been sorted and work will soon start.

But first we need fabric and lots of it, Judy would like to take this opportunity to ask all those sewers out there if you might have some bits and pieces you can spare from your hidden stash. There is a colour chart currently in the Post Office where you can see the colour palette that has been chosen. If you would like to donate to this cause you can leave your parcel with me at the P.O and I will pass it on to Judy.

*This quilt will depict Quandialla as it is today with some past memories included, and it is hoped that it will hang in the hall as a reminder of this wonderful celebration.*

### CENTENARY MEETING

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30pm at the Bland Hotel

All Welcome

## NOW

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: Things are very quiet in the old town, not a lot is happening which leaves me with a bit of a dilemma – what shall I write about or should I say waffle about. I know I can't gossip or can I?....Did you hear about the old bloke who played darts last week. He was at the pub for dinner and thought a game would be a bit of fun he even had a shady story ready of how he hadn't played darts for over 20 years and didn't know how he would go. Let me tell you he was a bit of a dark horse, a little slow at the beginning but then he got into his stride but just fell short at the post. (Of course he blamed the darts he borrowed). I heard later, from his brother that he was not a bad player when he was younger. Enough about Bevan - I played two games, sadly lost both, if only I could throw a double. A double anything would have been nice. I could hit the bulls eye but not a double, Robert Mc and Christian both put me out of my misery when they finally caught me they could get their double. Maybe I should do some secret practising like a certain cook I know. Speaking of Jeremy "the little beggar" has certainly improved, when we played the first week of darts he was lucky to hit the board and last week he won the night. So there is hope for me..... I would like to say – darts at the pub on Wednesday night is very casual, no stress and a lot of fun. Maybe you should pop in next week and have a go plus you can enjoy the 3<sup>rd</sup> Origin with others – Dan has a great fire going and hot finger food is provided. While I'm on my soap box I would like to throw a challenge out to Bevan to show up next week, play darts and we will have a bet on the origin for a bit of fun. Don't forget the Quandialla Jackpots this Friday night – The Bland Hotel is \$260 and the Bowling Club Draw will be \$1300, while you're at the Club you can enjoy the Centenary Xmas In July Dinner.

I'm just looking back at my page and I'm surprised at myself this waffling thing is easy – hope I haven't upset anyone with my verbal diarrhoea – just in case

I will apologise now for any slip of the tongue.

ON A SERIOUS NOTE – a news item has just come in.....

ATTENTION ALL SEWERS: We decided to have a sewing day once a month. The next sewing day will be held on Saturday the 20th of July at Quandialla Central School starting at 10am and finishing at 3.30pm. Those that attended last time had a very enjoyable and productive day so come and join us. Bring along a project, machine, coffee cup and some lunch.

IT IS WITH REGRET that I report the passing of Graeme George who passed away last week at the age of 62. Graeme and his family were former residents of the district, many would remember Graeme well.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

### This same day in 1957

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*WINDY SPASM. Mr Milton Hunter has already got the "C" grade championship won—according to him. With his customary modesty he has suggested that any golfer who competes against him is "nuts". What a great pity that this man did not take up music. With his capacity for blowing he could have become one of the leading trumpeters. I hope that I draw you as a partner. With your trumpet and my talking we should be a great combination.*

*CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Faye Keir who has won the State Junior Farmer award for her project "Better Grooming". I understand that she will receive a trophy donated by Colgate-Palmolive to the value of 10 pounds. I am sure that everyone will agree with me when I say – A very fine effort.*

*THIS'LL ROCK YOU.. You are all invited to a symposium. That's right a Symposium. Isn't it a lovely word, but if you are all like me (which heaven forbid) you make a dive for the dictionary. Where are we now. Oh yes, here it is. S-Y-M-P-O-S-I-U-M meaning drinking party. Surely that can't be right because the invitation is from Mr Warne, Headmaster of the Central School. Wait a minute until I read a bit further. ----Ah yes, this clears up the matter completely. It also means, according to Mr Webster "A conference at which a particular subject is discussed and opinions gathered, also a collection of opinions on a subject." Now this Symposium of Education will be on the night of August 7<sup>th</sup>. The guest speakers will be Mr KC Bradstock, District Inspector of schools, the Rev Mr J Davies and Mr Warne. Each will speak on a different aspect of education and then the meeting will be thrown open for discussion. As Mr Warne says "This should prove both stimulating and enlightening" and the invitation closes with the words "at the conclusion, supper will be served".....All Parents and seekers after knowledge should be there. Remember the date AUGUST SEVENTH. After that little outburst, I will retire to the Seat of Knowledge and have a Symposium. You beaut.....*

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Cheers for another week **Sue Priestley**