

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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THE BLAND FORD

Down on the Bland, not far from Quandialla town,
Where roads are such that make the drivers frown,
There lives a man, from Penfold's place not far,
Whose one delight it is to drive you in his car.

Now,...be it fine or wet as wet can be,
With real Bland mud, you only there will see,
The roads impassable, being covered with grey slush,
This old car of his, will take you with a rush.

It splutters, roars, it sways and rocks, it belches flame and smoke,
It totters, bumps, it leaps and bounds, but ne'er apart is broke,
The body, though of ancient make, its springs you sit upon,
But one precaution you must take is grimly hanging on.

This song of fame I must end,
Let's shout with one accord,
"Long may it live, it's work attend,
Good Pearse's Lane's old Ford".

"Poeter"

Kay Burns showed me this poem as it was originally written and asked would I be interested in having a copy that a family member had typed, naturally I jumped at the offer. I suggested she have the poem framed

because the penmanship was just marvellous. It was written by someone way back in the time when everyone had that lovely handwriting that puts our scribble of today to shame. Whoever "Poeter" was they also had a wonderful sense of humour, whose car do you think he/she was writing about?

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

"CHRISTMAS IN JULY" DINNER REPORT

The meal was pretty good even if I do say so myself, but all the credit goes to Marlene Taylor who organised everyone within an inch of their lives, without her – well I would hate to imagine.

Thanks must go to the Quandialla Bowling Club for the use of their facilities and donation towards the evening. Also thank you to the workers, who cooked, washed up, decorated tables & room, door person, donors of the lucky door prizes and of course EVERYONE that attended and supported our evening. And just a little special thankyou to those wonderful young ladies who snapped to attention whenever they were needed, delivering meals & bread rolls and washing up, your help was very much appreciated.

The breakdown of money raised – Profit from the meal – 573.00

Donation – QBC 100.00

Lucky Door 86.00

759.00

ONCE AGAIN MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

CENTENARY MEETING

Wednesday 31st July at 7.30pm at the Bland Hotel

ALL WELCOME

NOW

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Quandialla Catholic Community's recent fundraiser. Congratulations to Maureen Dixon who was the winner of the box trailer load of wood.

QUANDIALLA GARDEN CLUB: The next meeting will be held on Saturday 3rd August - 10.30am at Bronwyn & Neil Simpsons' Garden – Sims Rd Kikiamah
Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

Please Note: This garden will not be suitable for children during this meeting

KANGAROO: Next time you are in the Post Office, check out the Kangaroo! Mr Ross Causer has generously made and donated this wonderful piece of metal GARDEN ART that he whipped up for a fundraising venture for the Centenary Committee.

This large guy would look great in anyone's yard.

QUANDIALLA JACKPOTS: This Friday night the Quandialla Bowling Club Draw will be \$1950 and the Bland Hotel Poker Jackpot will be \$280.00

BLAND CREEK FIRE BRIGADE AGM will be held on Thursday 1st August, 7pm at the Bland Hotel. All Welcome

IDLE CHATTER

Next week will be Newsletter No: 52 (who would have believed it). Your response last year with funds to help with the cost was fantastic and that money has covered the printing for those 52 weeks. Some eager readers that missed last years' collection have already given me some funds which will cover the next few months. But I did tell people that I would put the call out via the IC when funds were required.

So if you would like to assist and sponsor Idle Chatter again so I can keep waffling for another year, a \$25.00 donation would be gratefully received by moi at the Post Office or wherever you might see me.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

This same day in 1957

Extract from IDLE CHATTER VOL 2 NO. 12

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WHAT HAPPENED. He stepped off a train and brought twenty-four hours of terror and mystery to a guilty town. Who was this stranger.....and what was his mission? See "Bad Day at Black Rock" and see this suspense drama unfold with Spencer Tracy and Robert Ryan as just two of the stars. Technicolor and Cinemascope. Debbie Reynolds in "The Affairs of Dobie Gillis" and for me and my mates, a "Tom and Jerry" will provide an excellent programme.

BOWLERS. Don't forget your Annual Meeting THIS FRIDAY NIGHT July 19th.

FOUND. A pair of spectacles in a light fawn case. These were left in the White Rose Café, and may be obtained on application to Jack or Helen Orphanas.

OATS. NOT WILD OATS. 200 bags of good quality Belar oats are available. Price on application. Local delivery.

DARTS. The first games for the Orphanos-McVeigh trophy resulted in a win for Bimbi who beat the RSL 2 – 1 and for the Golf who beat the Town by the same margin. The next games will be Golf v RSL and Town v Bimbi.

TWO DATES TO REMEMBER. Tuesday 23rd for the picture night in the Memorial Hall organised by the Hall Management Committee and Friday July 26th for the Y.A.'s Annual Ball. Encourage the younger people by your presence.

FLOWER SHOW. The Church of England Flower Show will be held on October 19th. More about it next week.

Cheers.....**Sue Priestley**