

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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## **1957 RODEO REPORT** (as promised)

Written by Jack Mitchell for QUANDI TOWN TOPICS – Oct 1957

I cannot hope to compete with a professional reporters' description of the Bland Rodeo, so if you don't mind I will just ramble on in my own style. There is an air of expectancy at a rodeo which is peculiar to that form of entertainment. Dust and thrills can be got anywhere but this battle of Man against horse is as old as history itself and apparently the issue has never been settled – hence, rodeos...In an undertaking as big as the Bland Rodeo, it would be foolish of me to name any one person for the part played. The riders, the pickup boys, bartenders, timekeepers, stewards, hot dog merchants, the ambulance men, commentators and the ladies faced with a huge task of feeding the hungry horde, are all an integral part of a vast machine, built and held together by the inspiration and leadership of the President Mr Bill Richards. I know that Milton Hunter is a really good Secretary and that Bill has a wonderful keen committee, but given the opportunity, I know that they would endorse my remarks. Bill, on the other hand modestly gives credit to the many who helped in any way. In fact I have a letter from him asking me to thank you on his behalf.

A lot of interest was centred on the ride of our local boy, Bernie Minogue. From my own observation, and from listening to those who understand the game better than I do, Bernie would have gone very close to a win if he had been lucky enough to have drawn a horse in any ways helpful. For those of you that don't know, a maximum of 50 points can be given to the rider and 50 for the horse, so you can see how the draw can affect the rider's chance. Anyway Bernie, you put on a very good ride.

Milton Hunter had worked very hard welding together a very stylish looking chariot to which a bull was harnessed. Unfortunately the bull appeared to be whipped out of the chute which caused it to run straight. Usually the bull will turn and charge the chariot and a good laugh is the result. I must give a pat on the

back to the pick-up boys. Their work to my mind is hard but nearly as good a spectacle as the competitors.

It was announced that the gate takings were over 240 pounds which gives some indication of the number of people attending and when you take into consideration that most of them had lunch and morning and afternoon tea, you get some idea of the splendid work accomplished by the voluntary efforts of the ladies of the District. The new layout is an improvement, and the lack of side-shows made little difference. The organisation was good and the incident of a collision between competing pony riders and a bullock was not deserved. Mr Russell McKenzie appeared to be the worst affected and he was taken to hospital on Wednesday for observation of a shoulder injury. Cheers to you Rus, you did a splendid job on the big day.

You will be pleased to hear that the gross takings of the Rodeo was approx. 850 pounds, and that, in these tough time is SOME effort.....

## **THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS**

### **A Memory of “Thel Armours’ Shop”**

I hope Bab's doesn't mind me repeating this.....

Babs McNamara, a young mother at the time, went to Thel Armour's Shop looking for some fabric for a christening gown, she found what she was looking for and Mrs Armour then made a gown for her.

It was perfect with just the right amount of lace, little puff sleeves and a lovely skirt. That christening gown was worn for the first time by her baby daughter, Bronwyn.

Since that special day the gown has been worn many times whenever there was a christening in the family.

*What a lovely tradition - Hopefully we will have this  
Christening Gown on display at the Centenary Celebrations.*

*Thank you to those who have told me some stories / memories, they all  
help to paint a picture of our History.*

## NOW

QUANDIALLA HALL & PROGRESS GENERAL MEETING will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at the Hall at 7.30pm. All Welcome

PETITION: The Country Women's Association of NSW has initiated a petition which is at present on the counter of the Post Office. Quandialla CWA Branch are asking for your support to "ask the House to legislate to ban the sale of energy drinks to children under the age of 18 with proof of age required for purchase". This petition will be available for you to pop in and sign for another week.

QUANDIALLA JACKPOTS: No sleeping on the job this week, I paid special attention and I can confidently say that neither jackpot was won. The Bland Hotel Joker Jackpot will be \$540 on Friday and the Quandialla Bowling Club Badge Draw has jumped to \$1950.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: There will be celebrations for the "Murphy Boys". Bradley turned 18 and Michael has reached the grand old age of 21. On behalf of Idle Chatter readers I would like to wish you both all the Very Best on reaching these two milestones and hope you have a great get together with family and friends.

TO ALL OUR YEAR 12 STUDENTS: I'm a little late as exams started this week but on behalf of I.C. readers I would like to wish you all the very best in your HSC Exams and hopefully you will achieve the results you have been working so hard for.

OCTOBERFEST – TWILIGHT FETE: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at The Quandialla Memorial Hall – 4pm to 8pm. Come and join the Quandialla Pre-school families for an evening full of fun.

CONGRATULATIONS: John and I will be travelling to Wagga for the wedding on Saturday of our youngest daughter Courtney Leigh Priestley (had to write Priestley as it will be for the last time) to Damien Atkins. I know everyone will be wishing them both the very best on this special day.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from QUANDI TOWN TOPICS

THURS. OCT 10<sup>th</sup> 1957

*HILL BILLY DANCE. This dance held in conjunction with the Rodeo attracted a large crowd which appro 87 pounds for admittance. It was a free and easy affair and everyone enjoyed it to the full. The prize for the most suitably dressed set in the square dance was decided by hillbilly singer Gordon Parsons. It was Miss D Penfold partnered by Bryson Troy, Miss N Penfold and Johnie Hunter, Miss J Caser and Maurie Caldwell and Miss N Sommerville partnered by Laurie Anderson.....*

*TENNIS PLAYERS. Please note that you are asked to attend a working bee at the Town courts next Wednesday afternoon. One good effort and the job will be done. How about it folks?.....*

REMEMBER THE SCHOOL FETE on SATURDAY OCT 12<sup>th</sup>.

DON'T FORGET THE C of E FLOWER SHOW – OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup>

BOWLS. Attendance at the Bowling Green was fairly good over the long weekend. A mixed game on Saturday resulted as follows: Mrs A Penfold and Fred Armour 22 d Mrs T Armour and Les Penfold 19. Kerry Sinclair 42 gave Bob Hamilton a hiding 19..... Os Kelly, Kerry Sinclair and Bob Hamilton played a consistency game which resulted in 53 for Os, 36 for Kerry and 31 for Bob. – Sunday's results, W Harris and S Ballard 31 d K Robertson and M Keir 19..... C Edgerton, R Hamilton and L Penfold 33 d C Wood, L Trounson and A Penfold 22.....H Anderson, W Graham and V Connelly were just about crushed by V McKenzie, V Harris and R Penfold 9 to 40.....K Sinclair and M Maley 19 d J Maley and T Parsons 6.....There was only one ladies match played and that was G Anderson, M Harris and P Penfold 12 d M Graham, A Edgerton and E Trounson 9.....

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Cheers for another week **Sue Priestley**