

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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## MELBOURNE CUP FEVER

Not long until this years' Melbourne Cup -Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Even in Quandialla we follow this major event with as much enthusiasm as any true blue "Aussie" punter.

Each year Quandialla holds a Calcutta that supports two local organisations in our district. This year your support will help the Quandialla Cricket Club (funds are needed to pay the higher salary caps to hold their older and more experienced players for another year) and the Centenary Committee (funds will help print our cook book). Tickets are on sale at the Hotel, Café, Post Office and Cricket Members. Horses will be drawn on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. at the Bland Hotel and then the Calcutta Auction will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. As I have reported earlier it is a great night and should be experienced at least once in your lifetime and 2013 sounds like a good year to tick it off your bucket list.

On the actual race day the Quandialla Hospital Auxiliary will be hosting "A Vintage Afternoon with Devonshire Tea" at the Quandialla Bowling Club starting at 1pm. Lisa Causer will be presenting the latest Veducci Clothing and Accessories. Guests are invited to come dressed in fashion from their favourite era, bring your friends and enjoy a great day.

You would probably think with all the hype I am giving the Melbourne Cup that I follow the horses, far from the truth - all I know is you feed one end and whatever !!!! comes out the other. As the saying goes this is the race that stops a nation - it is the only race I have a punt on and my expertise runs to "whether I like the name of the horse or the jockey colours". So if you haven't guessed by now I am just getting into my "Cup Mojo" and I hope you all have as much fun as I intend to. *To help you get into the spirit for the big race I have included the following. It's an absolute gem written by a past local, unfortunately not with us anymore. I think it's a great read and I hope you enjoy it.*

## MELBOURNE CUP – 1929 – 2002

After a long cold NIGHTMARCH it was found PHAR LAP had a WHITE NOSE and so too did PETER PAN. This later became their HALLMARK. However, PETER PAN ventured to the village of MARABOU and asked big chief WOTAN who was THE TRUMP (according to the CATALOGUE he had) was it true that his squaw RIVETTE had eloped with OLD ROWLEY from SKIPTON town. This the chief denied.

Then COLONUS, looking suave in DARK FELT and really SIRIUS, confessed that he was in love with the chief's daughter, RAINBIRD who had only recently escaped from RUSSIA with the assistance of Major General HIRAJI who always carried a RIMFIRE pistol since serving in the Red FOXAMI. It was claimed there was a COMIC COURT on the DELTA with young DALRAY and the chief's youngest daughter WODALLA. They were told that the river was RISING FAST and advised to head to TOPAROA before the EVENING PEAL then take the STRAIGHT DRAW to BAYSTONE to see Rev. MACDOUGAL. Everyone knew there would be some HI JINX when LORD FURY realised that he could get EVEN STEVENS in the township of GATUM GATUM with the POLO PRINCE who was known to have LIGHT FINGERS. In fact, in the city of GALILEE, he was caught RED HANDED by an agent with the cover name of RAIN LOVER. RAIN LOVER sent a BAGHDAD NOTE to a SILVER KNIGHT (who was taking a stroll across PIPING LANE to a GALA SUPREME) telling him to THINK BIG, really THINK BIG.

He was told to watch for VAN DER HUM who would be dressed in GOLD AND BLACK. Also a Chinese person named ARWON. He was then to escort HYPERNO, a son of Helious to the BELDALE BALL. After that he was to take JUST A DASH down GURNER'S LANE. Unfortunately he ran into a KIWI in the BLACK KNIGHT and said "WHAT A NUISANCE now I am at the home of AT TALAQ and KENSEI under whose rule an EMPIRE ROSE which was TAWRRIFIC according to KINGSTON RULE".

So LETS ELOPE. The temperature is SUBZERO, and the VINTAGE CROP is ruined according to Messrs. JEUNE and DOREMUS who claim to be SAINTLY, but lack the MIGHT AND POWER of JEZABEEL and of course ROGAN JOSH. So let's have a BREW and toast the 2001 winner ETHEREAL.

Now this story in 2002 becomes a real MEDIA PUZZLE.

**Written by A.J. Battenally, Quandialla. 1/12/2002**

## THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS



### QUANDIALLA CENTENARY MEETING

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at the Bland Hotel  
ALL WELCOME

*“Only 11 months left to prepare for our Celebration”*

## NOW

### QUANDIALLA SWIMMING CLUB – GO SWIM MONTH

*Quandialla Swimming Club would like to invite you to their GO Swim Day to celebrate everything great about swimming.*

Date: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2013

Time: 10am -2pm

Location: Quandialla Swimming Pool

Contact: Martina 0427431999

Visit: [goswim.org.au](http://goswim.org.au) for more details

*Our GO Swim Day will include: Parent information sessions, skills clinic, novelty races and a BBQ lunch.*

QUANDIALLA JACKPOTS: The Bland Hotel Joker Jackpot is starting to get interesting it has jumped to \$580 this Friday. The Quandialla Bowling Club Member’s Draw was not collected last week and will be \$3250. But you must be there to win if your badge number comes out.

*Condolences and Deepest Sympathy to the Family and Friends on the passing of John Rae formerly of “Rosewood” Quandialla.*

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

 Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

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THURS. JULY 5<sup>th</sup> 1956

*BLAND RODEO. The folk that are interested in the Bland Rodeo have formed an association with an annual fee of 5/-. This fee enables you to take an active interest in the Rodeo and to vote at the meetings. If you are interested see Milton Hunter he is the Secretary. On August 25<sup>th</sup> these same people are going to hold a “White elephant” sale. With all this feed about this will no doubt fetch a good price. Imagine the trouble you will be in if this animal develops foot rot. This notice also finishes with the words “see Milton Hunter”. Now why must we all see Milton? I went along and had a good look at him, but apart from his dark curly locks, I could see nothing out of the ordinary. I think a lot of people are getting a bit mixed up with the “Hunter wonder race”. He only makes them. He’s not one of them.*

*HO HO. I think that perhaps one of the funniest things to happen recently was the cancellation by the Bland Shire Councillors of their proposed trip to inspect the roads? this side of the Bland Creek. The reason.....they could not use the so called main roads to get there. If anything supports the complaints of the Bland ratepayers, this does. You can bet your sweet life that had it been humanly possible they would have made the trip if only to be able to say “We got through, what are YOU grumbling about” How about a song? all together boys.....You take the high road and we’ll take the low road and we’ll be in .....that’s enough, you’ll be bogged like everyone else. Doctor tells me that posts, wire and all materials will be on hand shortly for the completion of the park. Some playground equipment is also on the way. These will be set in concrete, but with such a huge programme ahead of the council employees he feels that local residents will gladly arrange a working bee and leave the council men to the more important job of repairing the roads. Children or no children surely we can all help do this job. It all goes to improve the town and for that reason I think the townspeople should take this on. We call on the farmers a bit too much.*

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Best of Luck in choosing a winner in the big race!!! Cheers - **Sue Priestley**