

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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LIVES ARE PRECIOUS

During 1934, 356 persons were killed and 6,069 injured in road accidents in New South Wales. Over 80% of the fatal accidents were due to avoidable causes. By observing a few common-sense rules, drivers and owners can help materially to reduce the toll of the road.

BETWEEN HASTE AND SAFETY, CHOOSE SAFETY

Excessive speed was a contributory cause of 75 deaths and 705 injuries during 1934.

WATCH THE ROAD

Careless and inattentive driving was responsible for 25 deaths and 316 injuries.

CUTTING IN IS DANGEROUS AS WELL AS DISCOURTEOUS

It was the cause of 17 deaths and 362 injuries in 1934.

CROSS INTERSECTIONS CAREFULLY

There were 16 deaths and 543 injuries caused by the failure of drivers to exercise care at intersections.

KEEP TO THE LEFT

This is the rule of the road, but 8 deaths and 378 injuries were caused by failure to observe it and driving too far from the left-hand kerb.

KEEP YOUR VEHICLE WELL MAINTAINED

Inefficient brakes, steering failure, badly focussed headlights, and other defective mechanism on vehicles caused 49 deaths and 407 injuries.

LOOK OUT FOR PEDESTRIANS

There were 140 pedestrians killed and 2,138 injuries in 1934, many of them young children. Watch particularly for pedestrians stepping from behind or in front of other vehicles. A blast on the warning signal is not sufficient – always moderate speed.

**ACCIDENTS DON'T JUST HAPPEN,
THERE IS ALWAYS A CAUSE DON'T LET IT BE YOU!**

The item on the front page was in an envelope of goodies given to me by Mick Mahon and I believe it is from the back of a 1935 calendar or something similar. Even though it is not related to Quandialla District or people I included it in this week's newsletter because I couldn't get over how something that was written 79 years ago was still basically relevant to today. It just goes to show then as now - a bit of common sense goes a long way.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

CENTENARY MEETING

Wednesday 29th January 2014, 7.30pm at the Bland Hotel.

ALL WELCOME

A VISIT TO THE PRINTER

I took the morning off work on Tuesday (thank you to my other half for filling in) and took a trip to the printer and I can tell you that it was an experience - a good experience. These last couple of months I have been thinking about how we were going to put this book together - by that I mean how we had to have it prepared for the printer to do his job. As you would all realise the less the printer has to do the cheaper the cost. So with that in mind I had worked out a plan of attack and had a list of questions.

Got into his office and saw his super dooper computer which he used to explain a few things and felt pure panic as I'm only working on a laptop and using the dreaded Word Programme that apparently the people in the trade dislike intensely. However to cut a long story short he was very patient and answered every question and I'm pleased to say I learnt a few new things to assist with the job and best of all – I was on the right track.

Now I can confidently say this book is really going to happen. ☺

NOW

2014 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS IN QUANDIALLA

Sunday 26th January

Yabbie Competition – Register, Weigh in & Races
for more information contact Bland Hotel or Geoff E.

2.00 pm - Quandialla Swimming Pool will be open

3.00 pm - Social Bowls & Novelty Bowls at Bowling Club

All ages – flat sole shoes or bare feet – bowls available

6.30pm - Ceremony & Family BBQ & Yabbie Races
at The Bland Hotel on the “back lawn”

No BYO – hotel facilities available.

Ladies please bring a salad to share. Meat etc for the meal will
be provided at no cost.

Come a long and enjoy a part or all of what is on offer to celebrate Australia Day
with Family & Friends.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rhonda Bennison who received the wonderful news of the
safe arrival of grand-daughter Madeline Grace.

MIGHTY DUCKS played last weekend at Quandi and unfortunately they lost to
Tallimba, better luck next time.

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: The Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$820
this week the number of cards left to choose from have dwindled so the odds are
getting better. The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw has jumped to \$4550
this Friday, very exciting if it could come to Quandi this Friday. However you must
be at the club or pub for the chance to win.

BOWLS NEWS: The 29th Annual Bowls Clash for the “Bland Trophy” between
Quandialla and Barmedman was held last Sunday at Quandialla with the
Barmedman boys getting home by a comfortable margin 71 to 54. The Tri-town
Pennant Trial between Quandialla, Caragabal and Grenfell will be held on
Thursday 6th Feb, 5.00pm start at Quandialla

I REGRET to pass on the sad news of the passing of John Hope formerly of
Quandialla. John was the son of Stuart and Alma Hope and husband to Vera nee
Sweeny. IC readers send their condolences to Vera, Family and Friends.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER Vol.2 No. 34 THURS. JAN 30TH 1958

In January 1958 there was a 2 week break of Idle Chatter, Mr Mitchell must
have had a holiday as in this weeks' newsletter he moans about having no
news after his respite.

*PROGRESS ASSOCIATION...There was a poorly attended meeting of the
Progress Association on Tuesday night. A reply was received to a request
for traffic domes and a speed limit in the town area. The Officer in charge
of the Quandialla Police Station was present, and after he had presented
the facts to the members present, it was more or less agreed upon that
domes could cause accidents rather than prevent them. In view of this, it
was decided to press for the speed limit of 15 miles an hour.....Letters are
to be sent to Doug Dickson, Freddy Cahill, The Justices Department and to
the Shire Clerk, pressing for the erection of a new Court House and Police
Station. If you are interested enough, I would advise you to get permission
from the officer in charge and make an inspection of the present
Courthouse. It is a disgrace to the Department concerned and an insult to
the visiting magistrate and local JP's to be asked to dispense justice in such
surroundings.....Plans are at hand for the proposed unloading ramp at the
trucking yards. As you are aware, this is to be built by voluntary labour with
materials supplied by the Railway Department. As this matter is of interest
to a fair number of people, it was felt that the matter would be better dealt
with at a public meeting. This has been set down on Saturday afternoon
February 8th. The offer of the materials is not open for an indefinite time
and therefore it is advisable to make as early a start as is possible.*

*GIFT EVENING. For those of you that get this sheet early enough, please do
not forget the gift evening in honour of Miss Lorraine Hope. Lorraine has
been an active member of the Younger Set and of the Junior Farmer Club
and a tower of strength to her parents both in the home and at the “Bland
Motors”. Try to get along tonight (Friday) to the CWA rooms.....*

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