

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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## **Sh#\*box Rally Update**

*It's not a race, it's a wonderful Australian experience driving a shi\*\*y car across the outback and raising money for a very worthwhile cause – The Cancer Council.*

*The 2014 rally will be the 5<sup>th</sup> rally held.*

This Rally is the largest community organised fundraiser for the Cancer Council nationally. The rallies have raised \$2.95 million since 2010 with \$1.24 million from the 2013 rally alone.

### DAY 1 – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Perth to Meekatharra

The Sh#\*box journey began this morning at Kings Park, Perth with Weekend Sunrise weather crosses. 250 sh#\*boxes and 18 support vehicles began the journey, driving 771 kms to Meekatharra with the last teams arriving into camp at 8.30pm. In true sh#\*box style breakdowns a plenty, 1 clutch, 1 head gasket, 1 transmission, 1 engine removed and repaired and the list goes on.....

The Caltex Roadhouse at Wubin 300km up the highway from Perth is normally a quiet bacon & egg roll and meat pie sort of place, But then, about 100 people dressed as zombies, convicts, bees, ballroom dancers and Hawaiian surfers dropped by for a few skinny lattes and soy caps. Two minutes later the coffee machine broke down and it was instant from the urn with one sugar or nothing, and they ran out of snags. Meeka Rotary put on a big night for the rally members at the showground. There was country music, snags and porta loos. Of course no one thought to mention that after dark the temperature can drop to -50C.

### DAY 2 – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Meekatharra to Marble

Left Meekatharra, driving on dirt road, which was like driving through London pea-soup fog. The dust seeps into everything in and out of the car. The rally group enjoyed the experience of the first ever Sh#\*box Wedding. A couple had met on last years' rally, got engaged, married and re-enacted the big night at The Ironclad Hotel complete with monks and 150 sh#\*boxers.

### DAY 3 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Marble to Broome

“Where’s Wally Day” – everyone donned their beanies and glasses. It was quite a sight to see everyone walking up the hill towards the morning briefing, it was like a swarm. Only a few minor incidents and some boring driving on the northern highway. Arrived into Broome campsite, where everyone was greeted with a cold can of Matso’s ginger beer which went down really well, Broome hospitality was outstanding. At this point the 2014 Sh#\*boxers’ has broken the back of the rally with a third day of 700 plus kilometres.

### DAY 4 – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Broome to Fitzroy Crossing

There is a wonderful photo on the Sh#\*tbox facebook page of part of the group on a beach during their travels on day 4, plus lots of other great photos, jump on and have a look. Also on that page it was stated that the 2014 Rally has hit the \$1.4 million mark.

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The above report is from my research of the rally on the internet and has been taken from various newspaper articles etc. I have only reported to Day 4 as this article was written on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Our “Macca’s Mongrels”, Bevan & Danette arrived safely in Perth on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> giving them 2 days to regroup, recharge the batteries and plot a plan of attack. Word from Dot is that they are still driving and having a wonderful time. Day 5 could be testing as they have some river crossings but Bevan has a “PLAN” and hopefully it will work. I’m sure they will have some great stories to tell when they get home.

## **THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS**

*Don't forget that we are looking for that perfect photo for the front and back cover of our history book.*

*You have until the 20<sup>th</sup> June.*

## NOW

CONGRATULATIONS to Simon and Clare Nowlan on the safe arrival of a beautiful baby girl. Proud parents chose the lovely name Georgina Margaret for their precious bundle.

SERVICE AT QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00pm  
Theme: Of Weeds and Seeds and Other Things

QUANDIALLA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY: The General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30 am in the Quandialla Health Centre.  
All Welcome

ST BRIGID'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES:

Please Note: *Services will resume at St Brigid's Catholic Church on the 8<sup>th</sup> June.* Mass 10.00am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month  
Liturgy 10.00am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

RECYCLING UPDATE: Quandialla has been given more bins – so keep up the good work and do the right thing.

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$280 this Friday and the Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw will be \$600 as some lucky person from somewhere claimed the money. I didn't catch who or where David P must have been mumbling. (only kidding – I tuned out when I heard the money was won).

LOST KEY: Have you misplaced a single key, one was left on the counter of the Post Office.

DON'T Forget: Wednesday Night Darts at the Pub. Come along for a bit of fun 7.30 for 8 o'clock start. \$5 entry light supper included. – Good Prizes

QUANDIALLA CWA GENERAL MEETING will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the CWA Rest Rooms. All Welcome

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

 Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

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*GIFT EVENING...One of the best attended functions of this type was held last Friday in honour of Miss Lorraine Hope, prior to her marriage to Mr Peter Powderly. The CWA room was filled to capacity, and that fact in itself proves the esteem in which the people of the town and district, hold Lorraine. The proceedings were conducted under the able chairmanship of Mr W Dixon, and a grand time was had by all who attended. To all the good wishes expressed at the function, I would like to add those of many folk who could not attend and of course, my own. All the happiness in the world to you, Lorraine and Peter.....*

*UNLOADING RAMP...There will be a meeting of all interested people at 3 PM on Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the building of the unloading ramp for stock at the trucking yards. All those who bring stock to the rail-yards by truck should be present as should all agents.....Plans and specifications are available for your inspection.....*

*SCHOOL BULLETIN...I have just received a copy of Warnes Wonder Words, and must admit (although it hurts) that the sheet is well laid out and so terribly terribly correct. So much so, that I am almost afraid to submit my humble effort. I notice at the end it says "Not like another member of this fair community I do not have enough room etc etc" Now why doesn't somebody tell the silly man that he only had to turn the sheet over and use the other side? or has he got some motive in keeping one side clear of ink...*

*Passing Thought.....All men are born free and equal. It's their fault if they get married*

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