

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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## WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE.....

*I came across this article in a book of newspaper clippings from the G.R. that has been loaned to the History Book Committee by Mrs Joan Smith (nee Bloomfield). I didn't remember this event at first not until I read my name in the article and the memories came flooding back.*

*P.S. I still don't like handling live chickens and broken eggs!*

### *"CHICKEN FLYING CONTEST"*

The first ever Chicken Flying Contest was held at Quandialla on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 1981. It was a great success and the organisers are already thinking about the next one to be held probably sometime next year.

The day was very hot and the chickens were inexperienced, and a little over weight, but they did their best and one even finished with a complete tumble to add to the fun. One cocky red rooster, after completing his flight, came back with a gleam in his eye and lay in wait for "Henrietta" who was being prepared to be launched onto the next up-draft. The event was finally won with a magnificent flight of 22' 7" by "Wilma Deering" owned and trained by Mark Troth. Little "Fresh" won the light weight section with a flight of 11' 8", and would have done better if she had kept her mind on the job and not "Fred the Fastest". "Fresh" was entered by Beryl Nicholas and trained at Bimbi.

The "Egg Catching Contest" was the next major event and proved very entertaining. 23 teams demonstrated their skill, led by Coral & Alan Drady from Grenfell. Alan & Peter McDonald were holding the record with a distance of 18m until Russell Dixon & Neil Kilby struck out at 19m. A

challenge was issued and the McDonald brothers went to 22m, but were defeated by Kilby & Dixon with 23m. A fine display of egg catching was given by Sue Smith & Judy Dixon who went to 14m. They later issued a challenge to Dixon & Kilby but failed to break the record. The Junior Egg Throwing title was awarded to Daryl Troy & Mark Troth.

In the "Pillow Toss" Marlene McAlister won the Ladies section with a mighty throw and Neil Kilby took out the Men's section with 25m. The "Egg & Spoon Race" for ladies was won by Wilma Penfold and the gents' race was won by Barry Johnston. The ladies "Three Legged Race" was won by Cathy Johnston & Wilma Penfold who took off at a gallop. The men's hop, skip and trip race was won by N Kilby & R Dixon.

Thank you to the following: Donations – Donnelly & Druce Hatcheries, Coralee Florist, Charlie Broben, Bland Hotel, Max Waters, Bland Store, Slavins, Cups - Cathy Johnston and Thel Armour who organised the dinner. A special thank you to the starters for the day Allan Battenally and Russell Dixon.

*After going through the Progress books I found that this day was held to raise funds for the amenities block in Blamey Park, a successful day both financially and socially was held but for some reason, it was never repeated.*

## THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

### QUANDIALLA CENTENARY MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014  
at 7.00 pm at the Bland Hotel.

ALL WELCOME

HISTORY BOOK: We are still taking orders and it's going to be a great read, even if I do say so myself, so don't miss out.....

## NOW

You are Invited to a  
*Wine & Cheese Tasting Evening*  
*And Local Art Exhibition*

Hosted by the Quandialla Centenary Committee

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2014 - 7:00pm

Quandialla Bowling Club

Entry: \$15

Showcasing works from local artists as well as food & wine from

**Lockwood Vineyard, Grove Estate Wines, Pitstone Olives**

**Hunter Belle Cheese**

*The evening will also include presentations of the*

*2014 Quandialla District Scholarship*

QUANDIALLA RECYCLING DEPOT: I'm pleased to report that Quandialla residents are respecting our new facility and doing the right thing. However, at the last Progress Meeting it was discussed that I should remind everyone via IC that care should be taken with items that include personal information.

FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: There was no news regarding the Bowling Club Members Draw last Friday so it's a mystery prize again this week, could be \$3000 or \$600. Speaking of Members – membership is now due at your local club. The Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$360 this Friday, plus the usual meat raffle.

BIRTHDAY WISHES – I have something delicate to report.

Because I razz everyone when they celebrate their big "0" I feel it is only fair that I put it out there – so when you read this.....

Yours truly will be 60 – but a very young 60!

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. Vol 175

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*THIS WEEK'S issue will be in marked contrast to that of last week. Last week, I rambled on and on with the result that a lot of rubbish was written. At the time of writing same I thought it was quite good, but now that I have shown it to Doug Troy I am not so sure. I have always taken Doug to be a good friend of mine but after reading the sheet he turned to me with a queer look in his eyes. Of course it could have been conjunctivitis but I really think it was pity and he said "Well there's no doubt about it Mitcho, you MUST be potty". And so I compile this week's issue with sadness in my heart and firmly resolved to not fiddle around so much and above all, not to get on the wrong side of folks by hurting their feelings. SPORTS. Last week I told you how St Brigid's tennis visited the Town courts and administered, to use my own words, a sound thrashing to the Town players, I am informed that there was mixed feelings about my choice of words. This is very hard to believe but in case that it is true I suppose I must try to vindicate myself. Len Goodsell gave me the bare score and apart from saying that it was a good game, passed no other comment. I have yet to find how a score of 23 to 9 can be described as anything but a "beating", and a sound one at that. Websters give alternate words to "Beat" the following "Conquer, Baste, Belabour, Pound, Pummel, Buffet and Trash". However the position is this, if I have hurt the feelings of any person I can only say "I'm sorry". That's right – I'm sorry that there is any person silly enough to let my hogwash affect them in any way.*

*LOCK YOUR CAR. Any person who owns a motor vehicle which remotely resembles that of Mr Ian Reeves is warned to take all precautions against getting it pinched, or at least borrowed. Ian wanders out of the club and with no "beg your pardon" calmly enters a car belonging to the President, starts it up and proceeds on his way. Another member seeing the whole show decided to give chase but was hopelessly left behind. Only when about to enter the gate to the Great Kinnard Estate did he realise that he had got a "Wrong 'un" and so all the way back. There must be something in the old adage that you should look before you leap.*

*THANK YOU. I have been meaning to do this for the last week or so, but got side tracked. I would like to thank the various mailmen who are concerned in distribution of IC. To Mak Kelly and his wife Jessie who do the Bland, to Bill McDonald who looks after the Bimbi end, and to Mr & Mrs Hartwig who see to the Temora side of town. It means extra work for them and yet not one of them has suggested (out loud at least) that it is a bit of a nuisance. Many thanks to you all, and I am sure there are many others would like to say Thank you also.....*

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