

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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## IDLE CHATTER Mark II is BACK for 2016

*I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas & New Year Celebrations.  
John and I enjoyed a 4 day saga free break away, didn't want to return home so soon but unfortunately we had to come back to work.  
Well, that's enough chit chat about us – I need to get back to keeping you all up to date with all the news of what is happening in Quandialla.*



**CELEBRATIONS IN QUANDIALLA**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Yabbie Competition – Get out early and secure your entrant in this years' competition.



*Quandialla Swimming Pool will be open 3.30 – 8.30 pm - entry free  
A fun afternoon is planned for your enjoyment*

Including .....



Family fun from 4.30 pm onwards,

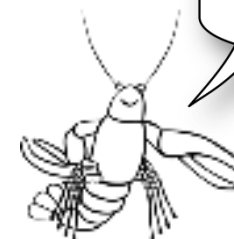
- \* A Regatta
- \* Aussie Flag Hunt
- \* Flipper Throwing
- \* Volleyball Games
- \* Belly Flop Contest
- \* Aussie Rock Dance Off



*Join us for a relaxing time in or by the pool with a dash of fun!!  
Quandialla Pool Committee*



Yabbie Comp at the Bland Hotel  
Register, Weigh in – 6 pm  
Races – 8 pm  
For more information contact  
Bland Hotel or Geoff Edgerton



I tell you Fred -  
2016 is my year  
to win!!!



Next on the festive agenda:

Family BBQ – 7 pm

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

courtesy of Weddin Shire & Quandialla Progress Assoc

*Come along and enjoy*

*part of or all of what is on offer*

*in Quandialla and*

*Celebrate Australia Day with Family & Friends*

FAREWELL: Before I include a message from Warren and Sue Lake I would like to express our sadness that the Lakes' have sold their home in Quandialla and will be moving to Grenfell.

On behalf of all I.C. readers I would like to wish Warren and Sue all the Best in the next chapter of their lives.



*Thank You Quandialla from Warren and Sue Lake:-*

We would like to thank the good people of Quandialla for welcoming us to the village 10 years ago. Unfortunately we are moving on but would like to wish Nick and Adrienne Whelan every happiness on their move to Quandialla.

**SWIMMING POOL NEWS - Please Note:**

This Sunday (17<sup>th</sup>), due to the Quandialla Swimming Club carnival there will be a special aqua class on at 6 pm instead of the usual 8.30 am class. Aqua times will then continue as usual.

**CHURCH SERVICE NOTICE:**

Mass will be held at Quandialla St Brigid's Catholic Church on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 8 am.

**QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:**

*The silly season has passed and I'm pleased to report that both JACKPOTS are still growing.*

The Bowling Club Members Draw will be \$6000 this week and the Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$280 this Friday. Either jackpot would be a welcome sum to take home if lucky enough to win. *Good Luck Everyone!!!*

**SAD NEWS:**

It is with much regret that I report the passing of Lionel Albert Pearse known to everyone as Bert. Our condolences go to Bert's niece Julie, nephew Michael, families and friends at this sad time.

The Pearse Family has had a long association with The Bland. Bert's grandfather Henry settled on 5000 acres at "Majors Point" and raised 4 sons. Bert's father Allan inherited land from his father and named his property "Rosedale" where Bert and his siblings were raised. Bert lived and farmed there all of his life and was always very proud to say The Bland was his home.

Sadly another chapter in our history has closed as Bert aged 87 years, was the last remaining Pearse on The Bland.

**BLAST FROM THE PAST** Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER No: 254

THURS 14<sup>th</sup> June 1967

*A DECADE – Ten years ago I reported.....*

*The 29<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the CWA - hundreds of pink chrysanthemums were used to decorate the rooms and over fifty gusts arrived. Mrs Col Russell made and decorated a beautiful cake and the honour of cutting same was bestowed on Mrs Penfold Snr, the oldest member of the club. Mrs N Conn as President was in charge of the proceedings.*

*Ray Anderson attained the ripe age of 21 that week and congratulations were tendered. Talking of birthdays, "Landy" Harris was also enjoying a birthday – but alas, not his 21<sup>st</sup>. By the way, competitions at the CWA birthday were won by Mesdames CD Brown and S McMillan. The RSL gave notice that their "Housie" nights were to end because of non-support. Warning was given of a modern Davey Crockett roaming the land in the dead of night. Fox hunting was the excuse for his nocturnal habits but even milking cows were not sacred to this marauder of the murk.*

*Bland Motors and Quandialla Motors issued a joint statement that cash would have to be paid for petrol from that date onwards. Oh yeah – Quandialla played Caragabal at football and notched up a victory of 9 to 5 despite some atrocious refereeing. The United Nations Security Council was called in to quieten Jack Orphanos and many other irate spectators. Ross Reeves scored a splendid try which was converted by Noel George.*

*Mr Wiggins of Hungerford and Spooner (Accountants of Sydney) was ensconced at the Co-Op Store which was in the process of being liquidated. A body blow for the locals. Poor old Doc Blamey made yet another public statement that he had given up smoking, which of course nobody believed. Temora had pinched our Show Date and by so doing so was forcing us to hold our show on a weekday – and so it went on and on.*

*P.S. I've just noticed on the second line, that "fifty gusts" arrived. Please remember it was a windy day. I got out of that one alright!!!!!!!!!!!!*

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Cheers until next week ..... **Sue Priestley**