

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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AUSTRALIA DAY IN QUANDIALLA

Quandialla residents enjoyed another Australia Day Celebration.

The weather was not too hot and thankfully the rain waited till late evening to fall. Activities at the pool were well supported with a quick head count of 60-70 enjoying the events that had been organised.

The Family BBQ was also well supported and it was felt the crowd was larger than last year. Unfortunately I was not feeling well and was unable to attend but John flew the flag for the Priestley Family and helped with cooking the BBQ.

At the Ceremony part of the evening, Progress President Robert Reeves welcomed everyone and with the Weddin Shire Deputy Mayor, Clr. John Niven presented 2 Youth Awards. The Senior Award was presented to Maryanne Wright and the Junior Award to Emily Amey.

On behalf of all IC Readers – I would like to Congratulate Maryanne and Emily and wish them both all the best for their future studies.

WATER DRAINAGE in QUANDIALLA

The water lying in the streets of Quandialla after rain has been a problem for many years one that seems might never be fixed completely. We all know that Quandialla's soil moves a great deal depending on the weather which does not help our kerb and guttering, plus there is the problem of when someone repairs, builds or changes something somewhere it seems to affect everyone down the line. In the past some water drainage problems have been fixed for the individual who could not get out of their driveway etc, but unfortunately the problem just moves to another spot in the street.

After many years of complaining about this problem a very expensive proposal was put to the Progress Assoc which was promptly returned with the remarks that there should be a much easier and cheaper solution. Back to the

drawing board – Clr John Niven has been working tirelessly for our community on this matter and he finally got the Mayor -Mark Liebich, Bill Twohill and Adrian ??? (I think he is the money man) to come out to Quandialla and look at the actual problem. This get-together happened on Tuesday 19th January at 8 am at Blamey Park. Marlene Taylor, Sue and John Priestley represented the Progress, Kim Broomby represented the Pool, the P&C rep put in an apology and Dan Marshall attended as a business owner.

As you can imagine there was much discussion about places we are having problems with at the moment. Since the construction of the recycling depot water cannot drain away in the lane behind the pool. Since the railway re-laid sleepers and raised the culvert, water now banks up and flows back into town near the park and blocks behind the hotel, making those areas a mess. The end of Talbot St near the football ground has excessive water pooling there now. But of course the major areas of concern are in front of the school, school residence, the causeway at the Anglican Church corner, in front of Blamey Park and other spots along Second Street. It was also mentioned that maintenance of drains downside of Quandialla West Wyalong Rd was desperately needed as they inhibit the flow of water. More grader work in other streets would also help to solve any problems those residents might have. With Second and Third St being our major thoroughfares we get a build-up of dirt, that turns into mud, which also does not help with water flow. There is certainly a need to have the gutters cleaned more frequently.

Because of the levels in Quandialla, water drainage is a major headache but the proposal of pumping the water away could be the answer. But the next question was where and how to start. Of course the cost of any proposal is an issue that Council has to consider. You would all know that we as a village get X amount per year so if we spend 10 years of allotted money on one thing we will never see any other improvements in Quandialla for a very long time.

It was also said that when considering spending over a \$100,000 to fix a problem without the real assurance that the problem will be fixed is a very hard decision to make. Hence the very long time we have had to wait trying to get the water drainage issue rectified. So with that thought in mind it was suggested to work on our problem in stages and evaluate effectiveness. The Council is now going to go back and cost the new proposed stage 1 which is Second Street and Third St, school problems. The proposal is to install a sump pit and pump at the end of Second St on the park side with power from the pool. There would be a pipe running westward from the pit down past the side of the pool. It was also mentioned that some kerb and guttering would need replacing at the cost of

approx. \$200 a lineal metre plus the cost of repairing the road way where required. (Nothing is cheap!!!)

Stage 2 would include the corner near the Anglican Church and in front of the school residence. The installation of a pit on the east side of Third St was discussed, with a 150-200mm pipe under the road connecting to a pit on the west side. The water would then be pumped westward via another pipeline.

Unfortunately I cannot give you a time table for any of this proposed work. First we will hear from Council when they have a total of the cost etc. and I suppose we will go from there. I would like to point out that dealing with the Weddin Shire Council can be okay on occasions but the majority of issues that the Progress have acted on or are still working on, on behalf of the village have been in the category of pushing sh#t uphill. Communication from various people working for the Shire leaves a lot to be desired, they don't work very fast when trying to make a decision and they certainly don't like to spend money. All those little annoying points make the Progress Executive look like they are not working on your behalf but let me assure you we are like a dog with a bone. We will not leave it alone until the issue is resolved either with the job being done or we receive a definite NO from Council. So please understand that your Progress Assoc is constantly working for the betterment of Quandialla but there are some very not so helpful people out there that we have to deal with.

P.S. Fixing our footpaths in Second St was also mentioned but there was no reaction from Council members other than the money man and the engineer looking like they were going to have a heart attack.

Looks like we are going to have another fight on our hands!!!!

QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL & PROGRESS ASSOCIATION will be holding their General Meeting on Wednesday 24th February at 7.30pm at the Bland Hotel Dining Room. All Welcome

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

Both draws are getting to that interesting amount, where you start thinking about what you could do with it. The Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$320 this Friday and the Bowling Club Members Draw will be \$7000 this week. Good Luck Everyone!!!

CLAIMING THE DATE:

The Quandialla Soldiers Memorial Hall Scots Debutante Ball will be held on

Saturday 23rd April 2016. Please put this date on your calendar.

CHURCH SERVICE NOTICE:

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

BLAST FROM THE PAST Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER No: 252

THURS 30th May 1967

BITS AND BOBS:

Well here I am with at least forty lines to go and not a single item of news that I can report.

Just glimpsed "Curly" Kerr who I believe has just come home from the hospital at Young where he has been subjected to some surgery. He appears to be recovering quite well.

I have to remind you once again that there will be a tennis tournament at the Bland Tennis Courts on the Queen's Birthday Holiday June 10th. It is to commence at 10.30 and lunch will be available. There will be trophies for the skilled players and also for the learners which is a darned good thing. So don't be shy, come along and enjoy a good game on good courts. If I tell you that all proceeds will go to the Swimming Pool Fund I'm sure that organisation can count on your support.

A very nice young lady walked up to me and said "I bet you don't know me". It was quite some time before I realised it was Valerie Anderson - Hughie's girl. I believe, but I'm not sure, that she is staying with Jack and Elsie McAlister. I'm sure that all will join me in saying 'Welcome to Valerie and to ask her on her return to give our regards of the Quandi Folk to Dad and Mum.

Twenty lines gone already - This is the time when I really miss the Gossip Shop. I was always assured of some item which generally fell into one of the following categories, Hatched, Matched or Dispatched.

And so for all my big talk about keeping Mrs Penfold from using IC as writing paper she for once has the laugh over me because I am unable to fill same. So here you are Mrs Penfold and should you find stains or marks on your copy this week you will know that Mitch cried bitterly and that his tears have fallen thick and fast on this week's copy. You know, that if I continue in that vein for a little more time I would succeed in filling the darned thing and then I could withdraw some of the cruel things I've said but it is obvious to most that I am getting to the end of my tether and so here is the big

*This space is reserved
for 'Rude Remarks'*

FULL STOP

*You may write in this
space Mrs Penfold*

Until next week - Cheers **Sue Priestley**