

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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## A New Chapter for Quandialla

We are currently in Term 1 Week 1 of the 2016 School Year.

Quandialla Central School ended at the end of school in 2015 and is now known as Quandialla Public School. As we learnt from our Centenary, the years go by, and as they do changes happen, some bad, some good. It all depends on how we relate to them.

The latest change to our school has seen it downsized to a Public School which has been coming for a few years now as enrolments slowly declined. When things finally happened it was certainly a shock for the community but now we need to look to the future.

Quandialla Public School has a very bright year ahead with 18 excited students and a new principal, unfortunately we have less staff but they are very enthusiastic to assist all students to reach their potential.

On behalf of I.C. readers I would like to welcome our new principal Mrs Kate Johnson to our community and we hope that your stay at our small school will be an enjoyable one. Also welcome back to the current staff members, Mrs Harvey, Mrs Millar and Mrs Gault.

*We hope 2016 will be a good year for everyone, staff and students.*



## CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of I.C. Readers I would like to congratulate Megan Taylor youngest daughter of Trevor and Marlene Taylor of Quandialla. Megan graduated from The Charles Sturt University at Bathurst on Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 with a Masters in Organisational Communication, having previously completed a degree in Journalism and Communication. Megan completed her Masters whilst

working for the Daily Liberal in Dubbo and has since moved to Canberra where she is currently working in Media and Communications for the Department of Defence.

*Once again congratulations to Megan and her parents.*

*It is wonderful when I can report on the achievements of our local young people.*



## The world has officially gone mad!!!!

The ever placid mail-run person in our family got to open a letter today that was actually addressed to him (he doesn't get many and it looked too official for me). He read his letter once and then again before exploding. Everyone who knows my husband would be shaking their head because he hardly ever gets angry, but let me assure you he was one very, very irate person at 12.30pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Roxy, Bella and myself stayed a safe distance from the steam pouring from his ears while he kept muttering "apparently I don't exist" etc. etc.

For some reason when you are associated with the business we do, there is so much paperwork that you have to update on a regular basis, it verges on the ridiculous. Last round of identity checks were done a month or two ago, since they were dispatched we have had to redo one question with more paperwork required. Easy peasy, a few nerves frayed but the job was done or so we thought.

The piece of resistance arrived today, apparently the birth certificate John has used for the last 60 odd years is not acceptable. It is an original birth certificate old looking and a little tattered but it has been used and accepted every other time identification has been required, but not today.

Naturally he will be looking into this matter but I'm sure he will need to update his certificate. This certainly is a society of money hungry government offices that are simply revenue making. Every time someone renews their credentials it costs, all those work related cards we all carry around in our wallet or purse, don't come cheap. In some cases it is less painful but not in this case, there will be phonecalls, cost of new birth certificate, plus travel costs as he has to present it in person. The new one will have all the same information, will still have all the correct signatures etc, but with the added bonus of some fancy water mark that makes it acceptable. (I wonder if they would accept a coffee stain on it). Has anyone out there been told to update their original birth certificate? Poor old John was so proud that his certificate was an original but apparently it is not worth anything today.....

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY: The next General Meeting of the Quandialla Hospital Auxiliary will be held at the Health Centre on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 commencing at 9.30am. *ALL Welcome to attend*

ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH Service will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6pm. *All Welcome*

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

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

*I have a feeling, it could be wind but I do think someone from Quandialla is going to be lucky this week. The feeling is so strong we declined an invitation for dinner on Friday night just in case my gut feeling isn't just gas and one of our numbers is drawn.*

The Bowling Club Members Draw will be \$7500 and the Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$340 this Friday. *Good Luck - but you must be there to win!!!*

QUANDIALLA RAINFALL REPORT: We still record and submit Quandialla Rainfall to the Bureau of Meteorology as it happens. 2015 Rainfall at the Quandialla PO was 553.4mm over 89 days. January 2016 recordings totalled 60.2mm over 10 days. This time last year the January 2015 total was 55.0mm over 9 days.

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE  
WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC

Women's Health Nurse Donna Middleton will be having a clinic at the Quandialla Community Health Centre on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Please phone the Health Centre on 6347 1200 to make an appointment

A NEW FAMILY MEMBER for the DEERY FAMILY  
*Congratulations go to Kellie and Tom Deery on the safe arrival of a healthy baby girl, Erin Vivian born on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, a little sister for Liana and Jake. Congratulations must also go to proud grandparents Bill and Mary Deery.*

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER No: 251

THURS 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1967

*HARI KARI:*

*It's easy. You drive the hook into the bag of wheat, hoist the bag onto your shoulder, approach the fence, attempt to toss the bag over the fence, let your foot slip backward, refuse to let the bag go and hey presto there you are literally hanging on the fence. Make no bones about it, it can be very painful and you can ask Harry Gault if I'm not right. A steel post entered his side to quite a depth and medical attention was required. Harry is on the mend now but it did look at one time that it could be septic.*

*All the best Harry, glad to hear you are on the mend.*

*REFERENDUM:*

*It is your bounden duty to go to the poll on Saturday and register your vote for or against two vital changes in the constitution of your country. The first question you must answer is whether you are in favour of being able to increase the number in the House of Representatives without a pro-rata increase in the Senate. I will vote NO. I would not take out my car if I knew it had no brakes and I don't want my Country ruled by any body of persons that can't be pulled up with a jerk if it is necessary. I am also very dubious of any motion that is endorsed by all political parties. There is a slight odour somewhere. I wonder if you have worked it out. Your money pays the politicians and you are the people that would sit on a dirty backbreaking tractor for 55 days at 10 dollars a day to earn \$550. Imagine this against the mere pittance of \$7000 which poor MHR receives for his 55 days er – work. As you trudge home in the dark just think that if you had a gold pass you could ring for a plane or car to do the job. NO, we've got too many now. The other question dealing with the Aborigine is easy. They are human beings and should be counted as such. Vote YES. This has been a political announcement written by Mitch, spoken by Mitcho for the Quandialla Independent Party. Whacko!!!! ..... Don't forget – Vote NO and YES*

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