

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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### *Valentines Day – 14<sup>th</sup> February*

*Did everyone enjoy their Valentines Day -  
I certainly struck gold with my romantic man of the house.*

I thought he had forgotten but when I produced some chocolates for him late in the afternoon, he was very quick (thinking on his feet) and parried with "I have a little surprise for you too, but you will have to wait". He had to nick down to the club to meet someone and when he returned I was given my surprise.

"Here you are darling something special for someone who has everything" he said, while handing me a furry friend chocolate. He certainly is a big spender but he hit the mark – he knows my weakness.

(Proof reader's Note: I bought her two!)

Valentines Day can be a little over-rated and is basically for young and single people, but at our age getting chocolate when you haven't asked is always worth some brownie points. Which brings me to this joke, I had earmarked it for one of our I.C.'s and I think it will slot in just nicely with this item.

### *Wedded Bliss*

*I'll never forget how happy I was when I saw my missus walking down the aisle towards me. My heart was beating fast and the excitement was unbearable. It seemed to take an age, but eventually, there she was, standing beside me.*

*I gave her a loving smile and said, "Get that trolley over here, Love. They're doing 3 cartons of beer for the price of 2!!"*

This Valentines' Day was also the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Decimal Currency being introduced to Australia. Did you know that the first idea for our currency was for it to be 'royal' orientated but this was met with outrage and a national back-lash that resulted in the decision to call the new money dollars and cents.

A competition was held to design the coins and six designers competed and Stuart Devlin's designs of native fauna was chosen, which has stood the test of time. The huge task of supplying banks for what was known as C-Day (Currency Day) was described as "the greatest movement of money in our history". Convoys of semi-trailers under armed guard criss-crossed the nation; it even had its own name — Operation Fastbuck.

Prior to the currencies introduction Australians were bombarded with an advertising campaign to prepare and educate everyone for the changeover. Centre-stage was the "Dollar Bill" cartoon character, who was everywhere, even on TV ads and radio. The lyrics were written (circa 1965) by Ted Roberts and sung to the tune of "Click go the Shears".

I have included the words for this famous jingle.

*In come the dollars and in come the cents  
to replace the pounds and the shillings and the pence.  
Be prepared folks when the coins begin to mix  
on the 14th of February 1966.*

*Clink go the cents folks  
clink, clink, clink. Changeover day is closer than you think.  
Learn the value of the coins and the way that they appear  
and things will be much smoother when the decimal point is here.*

*In come the dollars and in come the cents  
to replace the pounds and the shillings and the pence.  
Be prepared folks when the coins begin to mix  
on the 14th of February 1966.*

Bring back any memories? It doesn't feel like 50 years since I skipped down the hallway singing along to this very catchy jingle.

Quandialla Hospital Auxiliary would like to invite you to join us in  
***Celebrating the 90th Birthday of our Patron Melba Edgerton***  
at the Bland Hotel on Friday 4th March at 12 midday  
RSVP please by the 1st March  
to Bev Kelly Ph: 63471927 or Margaret Spratt Ph: 63471110

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

MEETING AGENDA

Hall Maintenance

Scot's Deb Ball

Anzac Day – Organisation & Hall Clean Up

Village Drainage Proposal

Tourist Brochure & Local Phonebook

Any other business

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw has jackpotted to \$1000 this Friday and the Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$380. If I could be lucky enough to win either jackpot, I would be a very happy lady. *Good Luck to everyone!!*

QUANDIALLA SPORTS & EVENTS COMMITTEE AGM will be held at 3pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016 at the Quandialla Bowling Club. For enquiries please contact Ruth Penfold on 02 6347 2130. ALL WELCOME

BOWLING CLUB NEWS:

Football Season is nearly upon us and the Club will once again be running a **NRL Tipping Competition**. Round 1 begins on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, so if you would like to be a part of it – entry is \$20 per person, paid at the bar before the season starts.

Also Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb will see the **new Sunday Opening Time** of 10.00am begin. Please note that the SUNDAY PAPERS will not be available before 10.30am.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February will be the first night of the **Members Birthday \$50 Cash Draw**. If your Birthday is in this month fill out a Birthday Voucher and place it in the barrel between 6 – 8pm. Only members with their birthday in the current month are eligible to enter. The draw will be done on the last Friday of each month at approx. 8pm.

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

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THURS 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 1966

*JET MAN SANTA – That poor old grey headed gentleman must soon lose some of the excess weight which he persists in carrying around with him. From the North Pole to Quandialla must be every bit of 9000 miles and yet he has made the trip at least twice this week and is scheduled to make yet another two trips this next week. Let's hope that his Reindeer driver, don't join the Quantas pilots' strike or else we will have a junior revolution on our hand with disastrous results. On Tuesday he made his first appearance at St Brigid's Convent School to one of the biggest crowds I have seen in Quandialla. After a hasty trip home for further supplies he just made it back in time to the Central School on Wednesday. He will be at the Bowling Club on Saturday and one more appearance at the RSL Club rooms on Tuesday. Bowling Club secretary Bill McDonald and RSL man Alan Battenally will be glad to tell you the time of Santa's arrival.....*

*SPLIT – Driving a large semi-trailer with two large wheat bins aboard is not such an easy matter as it seems. One of the Goesh boys can verify this. There are a dozen different versions as to how wheat got scattered over the countryside near Sellen's culvert on the Morangarell Road and since they all differ can only say that some sort of an accident was behind the thing. It is an ill wind that blows no-one any good and at least we will have some of the best fed fowls for miles around. I must ask Bill if the price of "Googs" are coming down.....*

*THE END – This first issue after a spell has really been hard work. Mistakes have been numerous and genuine items of news very scarce. As a matter of fact I could by right finish off the darned thing now, but that spiteful streak which prevents me from giving Mrs Penfold free writing paper. It is only a rumour of course, but I believe an effort is being made to get school children to take on the job of looking after a tree each in the park and the proposed swimming pool grounds. I also believe that a pretty good prize will be offered to the child that does the best job. I only have one request to make – don't ask me to judge.*

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