

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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PETER CAUSER FUNDRAISER

On Saturday 6th August a special fundraiser has been organised for local lad/man Peter Causer who was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease last year.

Long-time locals Colin and Maureen Causer welcomed their second child Peter in 1960. Peter along with his siblings Christine, Helen and brother, Chris were all raised in Quandialla, and were very much a part of the district.

Peter attended the Quandialla Central School until 1976. When he left school Peter worked for Sims & John Reeves before he started shearing in 1978. Peter played rugby league and polocrosse for the Quandialla Clubs and loved to play golf. Peter married Lisa Noakes from Thuddungra in 1989 and made their home in Glasson Street, Quandialla where they raised their two young boys Jessie (b.1994) and Jacob (b.1996). In 2001 the family moved to a 5 acre property on the outskirts of Young. Peter continued to shear for various contractors, play golf, raise fat lambs and look after his awesome vegetable garden.

Because Peter worked in many shearing sheds in the Caragabal area and played golf at the Caragabal Golf Club he is a well-known identity in the district. Those friends from Caragabal in conjunction with Peter's brother Chris have put together a fundraiser and monster raffle where Quandialla can lend their support to this worthy cause.

You can attend the afternoon event, and for \$30 play 9 holes of golf or 15 ends of bowls or even have a social game of tennis plus enjoy a BBQ dinner. If you do not wish to play any of the sports on offer you can just have a social outing.

YOU can show your support for Peter and MND Research by attending the afternoon fundraiser, buy raffle tickets or make a donation. Peter might currently live in Young but he is still a 'Quandialla-ite' born and bred.

PETER CAUSER

Family Fun Afternoon – MONSTER RAFFLE

Wonderful Prizes have been generously donated for this worthy cause

Tickets: \$2.00 ea. Books: \$20

Tickets can be purchased before the 6th August from
The Bland Hotel, West Weddin Store & Quandi Post Office
All monies raised will go towards Peter's ongoing expenses and MND Research
Raffle will be drawn on Saturday 6th August

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE:

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla next on **Wednesday 27th July**.
Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment

ST BRIGID'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass will be held at Quandialla on Sunday 31st July at 8am.

QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL & PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th July at 7.30pm at the Bland Hotel Dining Room. All Welcome

AGENDA: Quandialla Website
 Drainage & Footpaths
 Any Other Business

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

The Bland Hotel "Joker" Jackpot will be **\$800** and the Bowling Club Members Draw will be **\$7700** this week.

Good Luck Everyone!!!

*I am predicting both jackpots will be won this week!!
I have consulted the stars, moon and universe settings and they all look good plus
I have an itchy palm - that has to mean something!!!!*

I would like to take the opportunity to rectify a misunderstanding.

As most would know our mail delivery was unable to reach Quandialla last Friday due to local flash flooding. Explanations were given to all who arrived to collect their mail but sadly unbeknown to me one customer was not happy and rang Temora Post Office, spoke to the Manager and our local mail contractor and made her displeasure felt without really understanding the situation.

This unhappy customer complained that not receiving a delivery was unacceptable especially as she knew of others who had travelled to Temora during the day. It was even suggested that the mail should have been delivered via Young.

All mail contractors are contracted to deliver mail along designated routes, plus some contractors also carry mail to small towns like Quandialla. The Temora contractor's job is - travel to Quandialla via Trungley Hall, deliver mail along the way, plus deliver mail to Quandialla P.O, wait for the mail to be sorted, collect the districts outgoing mail plus more roadside mail, deliver all the way back to Temora and most importantly get back in time to meet the mail truck leaving Temora, while following a timetable. Each contractor is responsible for whatever mail they are carrying and they are also required to follow their OH&S guidelines for the possibility of accidents, flooding, fire etc.

Our Temora contractor started her run and was over a third of the way to Quandialla, but was stopped at the causeway just before the crossroads at Trungley Hall with deep fast moving water rushing across the road. At the time of arrival the water level did not look like it was going to recede soon, she did try another detour that would not take her to far off her run but that was blocked by the same fast moving water. She then returned to the original flooded cause way to find that it had not receded. Phone calls were made and the decision to turn back was not made by the contractor but by Mail Management in Wagga mainly for safety reasons and also to eliminate the possibility of her being stranded.

In the 22 years of being PM at Quandialla I can count on one hand how many times the Temora mail has not got through, all due to weather conditions – not a bad record.

Everyone that lives in the country knows just how unpredictable rain and local rising water can be – Up one minute and down the next and vice versa.

ON A SAD NOTE: I received the following email that I share with you this week.

It is with regret that I let the long-time residents know of the passing of Bill George, born and raised in Quandialla until he moved to Goulburn in 1971. Bill passed away on the 7th July, peacefully at Waminda Nursing Home age 90 years surrounded by his wife Betty (nee Jefferies) daughter Fay and other much loved family members. Bill and Betty had 3 daughters, Dianne, Fay and Margaret they lived at "Springfield" for many years until their move to Goulburn. – Leanne Bush

On behalf of I.C. Readers I extend sincere sympathy to Bill's family and friends at this sad time.

BLAST FROM THE PAST Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER No: 228

THURS 24th May 1966

NOTE WELL – The Annual meeting of the United Farmers and Wheat Growers Association will be held in the Memorial Hall at 8.00pm on Friday the 27th. You are asked to make a special effort to attend. There are many matters to be discussed and the election of officers for the ensuing year is to be conducted.

WORDS OF WISDOM – Jim Field (Field Officer for Merke Sharp and Dhome) informs me that coming into Quandialla along the Morangarell Road he noticed two mobs of sheep scouring rather badly. He suggested that it would be wise to drench those sheep - in fact he said ALL sheep. He explained that the correct time to drench is NOW before winter is upon us. No particular drench was mentioned by Jim but I know that he will be disappointed if you don't us THIBENZOLE..... So will I - It's in stock.....

ROCKETS & NUTS – As I write this, the radio informs me that everything is in readiness for the launching of the Euroka from Woomera. As it passes overhead keep a sharp lookout for Vic and Carly Harris. I always guessed that "Landy" Harris had something up his sleeve little dreaming that it would go off with such a bang..... Well, what do you know – they just explained that the Euroka is a rocket and not as I thought, Vic Harris's farm. Ah well!!! It serves the dual purpose of filling up this sheet and to confirm to the sceptics that I really am "Nuts".

Cheers everyone **Sue Priestley**



I feel like I should clean the house, so I am going to read until the feeling passes.
