

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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The Ravages of War – I mean WATER!!!!

This rain hanging over our heads and all the bl**dy water that is either rushing past or just laying around is a ruddy nuisance and will certainly end up costing our own farming community a lot of money. But to a lot of other poor farmers or people living in other flood areas it is becoming quite desperate.

Our district has been cut off from surrounding towns for a day or two at a time but thankfully no-one has had to be evacuated that I have heard. At the moment Forbes is in the limelight and viewing all the photos that have been shown on the TV or social media there is a lot and I mean a lot of water, and if it keeps raining it makes you wonder where it will end.

Sadly, there are also a lot of other towns and farming communities in rain affected areas that no-one knows about and they quietly get on with the job of cleaning up after each rain and keeping on going. The Sunrise Morning Show on TV on Monday 26th was very dramatic, but people knowing the area and how water flows etc. have commented on the poor standard of reporting. It is a shame that things are not always reported correctly, todays reporting of the news seems to be for the sensation effect not accuracy. Although not on the same scale Ungarie is obviously old news to them and even in our own community Bimbi has been flooded 3 times in 3 weeks!!

Flooding in farming regions affect the whole nation but unfortunately the true stories are never told. The loss of crops, stock, farming structures etc is devastating, after working so hard to lose some or all of that hard work can cause so much stress. A farmer today has to be so tough in every aspect and it's a shame that the everyday person who relies on the produce that the farming community supplies are not aware that conditions like flood, drought, fire and pests can make or break a season for the farmer. This year it is flooding!!!!!!!!!!

I didn't write this piece to make any farmer or resident in our district feel that there is nowhere to go from here. Being married to a retired farmer I know

for a fact it seems to be built into their DNA that they never give up. It is one thing I admire about our farming community.

We pick ourselves up and keep going..... Something to be very proud of!!!

WE'RE OK



JUST CHECKING THE RAIN GAUGE!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of Idle Chatter Readers I would like to Congratulate Bill and Mary Deery on reaching their 1st Anniversary of trading at the West Weddin Store this September. The following letter to I.C. is a perfect example of how much your efforts this past year are appreciated.



I would like to wish the West Weddin Store in Quandt
a Happy 1st Birthday.

Bill and Mary are always welcoming and will go out of their way to get items we order. The prices are comparable with other big stores in surrounding towns. Apart from groceries the store also has fruit and vegetables and meat. They also sell a lot of local produce such as eggs, pumpkins, honey, etc.,

I also go to the store and have a coffee and Mary's cake and a sit down outside the store. Mary's jams and chutneys are delicious. With all the roads flooded we don't have to go without, thanks to Bill and Mary.

Congratulations on the 1st year West Weddin Store and I hope you are here to stay because we need you.

Vesna Gregory

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw will be \$1650 this Friday night, plus it will be the End of Month Draw where three extra-large trays of meat will be on offer just waiting for your name to be drawn from the box. But you must be there to win.

At the Bland Hotel Joker Draw there are 4 draws, 2 meat trays, 1 bistro voucher, and this Friday you can win \$200 if you pick the joker card.

Good Luck Everyone!!!!

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE:

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla next on **5th & 19th October.**

Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment.

ST MARKS ANGLICAN CHURCH service will be held on Sunday 2nd October at 6pm.

ALL WELCOME

2016 NRL GRAND FINAL BBQ

The Bland Hotel are hosting a BBQ on Sunday evening starting at 6pm.

An invitation is extended to all to come along enjoy a delicious BBQ and watch the game while partaking a cold or hot beverage. Cost for the BBQ will be \$15.00 per person and contestants of this years' footy tipping comp will eat for free.

Come along and enjoy the fun atmosphere of the grand final game.

SHARKS V STORM

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY: Congratulations and Best Wishes go to **Maureen Piefke** who will be celebrating a very special birthday on Monday 3rd October. For such a special occasion, Maureen's children Brian, Rosemary, Gwenda, Robert, David, Heather and families have organised a family celebration. Then on Monday 3rd October between 2 – 4pm an invitation is extended for friends to join Maureen for afternoon tea at the Grenfell Uniting Church Hall.

On behalf of I.C. Readers and all your friends from Quandialla I would like to wish you Many Happy Returns on reaching this wonderful milestone.

Happy 90th Birthday Maureen.

DON'T FORGET

*Daylight Saving
Remember to change your clocks this weekend!!!*

KEIR'S CLEARING SALE – New Date

Just spreading the word to let people know that Keir's Clearing Sale will now be held on **Thursday 27th October** unfortunately it had to be postponed due to current flooding and impending rain.

Having a Birthday in **SEPTEMBER** and a member of the Quandialla Bowling Club?

Then Fill out your Birthday Voucher, available at the Bar, and drop it in the barrel on Friday 30th (last Friday of the month) before 8.00pm, when the lucky winner will be drawn. You must be in attendance to collect your birthday win.

You could win \$50

CWA SCHOLARSHIP – 2016 Phillip Group Scholarship

Eligibility: Primary – Years 3-6; Secondary -Years 7-12; First Year Tertiary

Application forms for the Phillip Group Scholarship are available from the Quandialla Post Office during office hours. Please call in for an application form and return completed to Sue Priestley Quandialla Branch Secretary by 3pm Monday 10th October 2016.

No late entries will be accepted – Thank You

THANK YOU: The Quandialla Sports & Events Committee would like to thank everyone that supported their Fundraiser last Friday evening. Weather conditions did not keep too many people away and over 80 meals were served and approx. \$1000.00 was raised to go towards the Committee's plans to build facilities for future horse events at the old Bland Rodeo Grounds.

QUANDIALLA CWA BRANCH will be holding their **Annual General Meeting** on Monday 10th October at 7.30pm in the Quandialla CWA Rooms. Members and interested new members are encouraged to attend.

QUANDIALLA BOWLING CLUB AGM:

On Wednesday 12th October 2016 the Quandialla Bowling Club will be holding the 2016 Annual General Meeting at the Club starting at 8pm. All Members Welcome



Until next week – Cheers **Sue Priestley**