

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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“BILLY HAS DIED”

I was watching TV last week when I saw a list of names of Directors, Producers and Actors who had died during the last year. Among those names was Scott Burgess. Scott will be remembered, by some at Quandialla as the lovable larrikin Billy McKenzie in the ABC Drama “1915” filmed at Quandialla in the early eighties. He died in May 2016 in Sydney from a heart attack aged only 56.

Who can remember seeing him racing his horse against Colin Causer and others at the showground? Or riding up to Peter Walsh’s house and leaping over the fence to see his mother in the “Bindagundra Hospital” or getting hauled into the “Police Station” in the Main Street, Billy was the best friend of Walter Gilchrist and they enlisted in the Light Horse and were sent to Gallipoli in 1915, where Walter was killed and Billy was badly wounded.

Scott Burgess returned to Quandialla a year or so later with his girlfriend on a motor bike to have a look at the town where he had spent some happy times. He called in and had a cuppa with Bill and me and Thel Armour and enjoyed looking through my scrap books before strolling up Main Street and checking out the buildings now restored to what they were and finishing with a look in the hall where the ball was held at the end of the shoot. Quandialla was in the grip of drought by then and Scott couldn’t get over how dry and bare it was, especially at the showground where the races were held.

Scott will be remembered for many other TV and Movie rolls including “Water Rats”, “Underbelly” and “Dirtwater Dynasty”.

RIP Scott Burgess.

Contributed by Joan (McDonald) Smith – Grenfell



“The Silly Season is Here”

*With Christmas and New Year being celebrated
over the next two weeks I will be taking
a small break from Idle Chatter and will return with
Newsletter No: 227 on Thursday 12th January.*

Christmas Day is Almost Here!!!!

As you know we had an early Christmas last Saturday and I'm pleased to report, John and I had a fabulous weekend. All the children were in attendance and my Mum enjoyed herself catching up with everyone. On Sunday, I got to show off my gorgeous girls who had a wonderful time at the Club Christmas Tree. Mind you Stella was more interested in the 'super dooper' and making new friends than her present from Santa.

Now I'm counting down until the 25th.

I just love having two Christmas's – I get another present!!!!!!

I wish to share the following poem with I.C. readers – Thank You Vesna for sharing.

Christmas

For some people, Christmas is a special day
and for some, it's just another day.
Some people have Family and Friends,
and some only memories of once their own Family and Friends.
Some people have everything they ever wanted,
and some have none of the things they ever needed.
Some people have hope
and some think they are of no hope.
Some people can laugh and cry'
and some just want to curl up and die.
Some people can help themselves and others
and some don't even know how to help themselves, not the less the others.
Some people can give and take,
and some only take and take.
Some people think they know the meaning of life,
and some are just trying to figure out their own life.
For some people Christmas is the Birth of Christ
and for some, the death of someone special in their lives.
Whatever Christmas means to each one of us
Let us lift up our glasses and say
Cheers and God Bless to All of Us.



Composed by Vesna Gregory. 1992-93

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Christmas Eve Carols Service

Will be held on Saturday 24th December at 7.00 pm

Everyone Most Welcome to Attend

Sadly, this service will be the last service for the Quandialla Community Church

William Morrow 6343 1224

I would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know the winners of our 2016 Christmas Competition – Mailbox & Town Scene



The Quandialla Town Scene

1st - Sponsored by Weddin Shire

David & Kathy Smith

2nd - Sponsored by Quandialla Fire Brigade

Nick & Adrienne Wehlan

The Decorated Mailbox

1st - Sponsored by John & Sue Priestley

Graham & Angela Sweeny

2nd - Sponsored by Quandialla Progress Association

Allen & Bev Kelly

John and I would like to thank our judges and co-sponsors for their wonderful support and a special thank you to all those families who joined in with such enthusiasm.

The different ideas that you come up with each time not only amaze us but your displays give a lot of joy to all.

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

You still have a chance to win one or possibly both Quandialla draws – Good Luck!!!

At the Bland Hotel Joker Draw, you have the chance to win \$440 this Friday. While at the Bowling Club Members Draw has jackpotted again this week and will be \$3300.

QUANDIALLA BOWLING CLUB NEWS:

OPENING HOURS over the FESTIVE SEASON: The club will be closed on Sunday 25th due to it being Christmas Day. Open the following Friday 30th December for the End of Month Meat Draw. Open on New Years' Day, Sunday 1st January.

TANIA MOONEY will be cooking at the club on Friday 30th December. Keep this in mind if you feel like eating out before the birthday & monthly draws.

SUNDAY PAPERS - Please note: There will be NO Sunday papers on Christmas Day.

ANNUAL HEADER DRIVERS v TRUCKIES BOWLS CHALLENGE will be held on Tuesday 2nd Jan 2017 starting at 4pm. It's a fun afternoon for everyone - sausage sizzle will follow the 'bowls'. Bowls will be available, casual wear, bare feet, thongs or flat soled shoes please.



RALPH RICHARDS SEPTICS would like to Wish Each & Every Customer a Safe & Warm Merry Xmas & A Happy New Year for 2017.

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EARLY BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

As there will be no Idle Chatter over the
New Year - Congratulations must be extended now.

*Congratulations go to Alex Penfold who will be celebrating his 21st Birthday
on Saturday 31st - plus he has the added, celebrations of seeing in the New Year.
On behalf of Idle Chatter Readers I would like to wish
Alex Many Happy Returns and Best Wishes on his big day.
Happy 21st Alex!!!!!!*

A DATE TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDARS:

Australia Day BBQ in Quandialla – Thursday 26th January 2017

AUSTRALIA DAY VENUE: A request has been received, by the Progress Association from President Steve of the Pool Committee asking that the pool be considered as the venue for our 2017 Australia Day BBQ. Progress Executive will consider this request and advise in the next I.C. on 12th January 2017. In the meantime, if anybody wishes to have a comment on the possible change of venue please ring me on 6347 1211 (evenings)
Best Wishes to Everyone for the Festive Season – Robert Reeves (President)

If you are travelling over this break, please drive safely. Or if you are staying home and hosting lunch make every moment count and enjoy your time with family and friends.

*May you have the
Spirit of Christmas which is Peace,
The Gladness of Christmas
which is Hope,
and the heart of Christmas
which is Love.*

Merry Christmas Everyone



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT FOR THE NEW YEAR

2017

More fun. More adventures.
More sleep. More laughter.
Less negative. Less stress.
More creating. More love.
I'm ready!

Cheers until 2017
..... **Sue Priestley**