

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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This newsletter is an initiative of the Quandialla Centenary Committee and this week is **Sponsored by Sylvester & Tweetie**

I'm starting to get the hang of this newsletter business.

Week 1 - I wrote the darn thing at least 4 different ways and ended up using the 1st draft but changed the style. So Week 2 was a lot easier as the format was already there and I just had to change the information. The printing was the fun part, my first trial resulted in upside down pages & pages not in order, you name it I did it, but I persisted and worked it out and was very happy with the result. Week 2 was so much easier I actually remembered what I had to do and I had them printed off in no time, it took me longer to fold them and I did that while I watched the Olympics coverage.

So now I feel much more confident about getting this out each week. I think my biggest hurdle (too much Olympics) will be filling it, especially the NOW page. So please help me out with a good news story or a meeting to advertise.

A Name for our Newsletter: We have received another 3 suggestions and they are "The Quill" - "The Weekly Chatter" & "The Echidna Gazette" Keep those ideas coming in we want to make it hard for the meeting to choose a name.

Newsletter Sponsors: From some of the very encouraging remarks I have received in regards to this newsletter I have hatched a plan. I hope that each month the Hall will sponsor the 1st week, a Quandi business the 2nd week, someone from the village the 3rd week and someone from the surrounding farms the 4th week, and I haven't forgot that 5th week that pops up every so often I'm hoping to approach an organisation to fill that spot. This way it would be very much a community newsletter.

So by now you have glanced back to see who has sponsored this week and are asking, who is Sylvester & Tweetie. They are residents of our small village, great supporters of whatever is happening in Quandi but they are camera shy and did not want their name in print, so with my warped sense of humour I had to give them a name. My lips are sealed so their identity will remain a secret unless the money is right.

Thank you very much to those who have either given or promised me money, but "please Sir I want some more" to make it to the end of the year.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

THANK YOU – I've had some feedback re: Station Masters and the general consensus is that Ray Neilson was the last station master but Harry Beasley relieved from Caragabal before the station closed. Another name has just come in Len Goodsell was thought to be the last one. Does that ring any bells?

REMEMBER THIS DATE: Wednesday 29th August, Centenary Meeting 7.30pm at the Bland Hotel – All Welcome.

PLEASE, PLEASE HELP ME: I have put my hand up to TRY and write a piece for our history about the Post Office. I thought it would be so easy Australia Post would have the information I needed. How wrong can you be, all my H/O had was the following "Quandialla Post Office was opened on 19th June 1916" and I already had that, they couldn't tell me who or where. She did mention I could go to Canberra and research the archives but I should take my holidays as it wouldn't be a 2 day job. As everybody would know we have run out of kids to work for us so we cannot have a holiday so I'm resorting to the next best thing and calling on Quandialla power to help. I need names of former Post Masters' and the locations of the Post Office back in the old days. You know where I live if you can help me.

NOW

BUSH DANCE – Celebrating “The Year of the Farmer” will be held on this Saturday, DON’T FORGET it should be a great family night, dancing and catching up with everyone. Admission is free - BYO nibbles & drinks.

GOLD MEDAL TALLY - QUANDIALLA - 1 Rest of Australia - 7
Congratulations must go to Mrs Dorothy Troy on receiving a Gold Medal for gaining first place in her event or can I say age race at the Melbourne Run to the G. Dorothy travelled down with Vicki and a group of friends who all had a fun time. My hat goes off to you ladies I would still be getting over the drive to Melbourne let alone running anywhere.

Once again on behalf of Quandi “Congratulations Dorothy”

THANK YOU – Deb & Lindsay Martin has asked our little newsletter to pass on a very special “Thank You” to everyone for such a warm welcome to the community, it has meant so much to them and it has made settling in so much easier.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – My spies have let me know that there has been some big “0” birthdays out there. Best Wishes go to Donna Feuerstien on turning 70, she travelled down to Sydney to celebrate with her family last weekend. A belated Happy Birthday must go to Kathy Smith & Christopher Causer on celebrating 50 years young, both enjoyed family celebrations. Plus Happy Birthday to anyone else that has had a big “0” birthday recently.

GET WELL SOON – Robyn Walsh has had an accident and has suffered some broken bones which needed surgery. Everyone in Quandi wishes you a speedy recovery and hope to see you soon.

DO YOU PLAY CRICKET OR WOULD LIKE TO – I have heard the Quandialla Cricket Club is looking for players. For further information ring David Armitage on 0428631843 or attend their meeting on Friday 31st August at 7.30pm at the Bland Hotel.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

 Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

The following 2 items show the toing and froing between two good friends.

NO: 5 TALLY HO. THE FOX.

Hughie Russell. How many times do you have to be told that you do not put on your good clothes to go fox hunting? Another thing, fancy wearing slip on shoes. It works in reverse sometimes. I feel that the posh company you were keeping may have had something to do with all this. It worried you no doubt to be with Neil Rogan and Rudy Ware who are both noted for their sartorial splendour. It was most unkind of Lawrence to move away in the ute when you were all pushing so hard. Don't you feel silly with your face flat in the mud?

NO: 6 IDIOTS CHATTER

Whatever you may be trying to do, there is nothing so sweet as that pat on the back. That little bit of encouragement which helps you on your way. I know, because I am simply thrilled by a letter which I have just received. It was addressed to the Editor of IDIOTS Chatter. The sentiments expressed range from “treading my face into the mud” to “losing my dictionary”. It was signed by “Bogged so long” your Chinese friend. Listen my dear friend I thank you for reading my sheet but believe me you have not been bogged half as long as you should have been

This same day in 1956

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The Bland Hotel has changed hands. A Mrs Dunn is the new licensee I am sure that we wish her the best of luck in her new venture.

Cheers for another week **Sue Priestley**