

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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ALL THE BEST

*Hope everyone enjoyed seeing 2013 in,
whether you snoozed through it or partied with friends.
Here's hoping for
"Lots of Good Times Ahead for All"*

QUANDIALLA WEATHER

I have just finished my end of month paperwork for the Bureau of Meteorology and it made me think about the early weather readings of the village. The weather has been recorded in Quandialla since 1925, I'm not sure about the early years (will stick my neck out) and assume the owner of the Post Office had this job then as they have had in the past. I do not know the earlier methods of recording – can anyone help me out?

When my folks arrived in Quandi in 1969 and took over the Post Office all weather information was recorded twice a day and entered into a book which was sent off each month. I also have memories of ringing through to the Bureau, some days you could make up to half a dozen calls before you got through and other days you could fluke it straight away, each call could take up to 5-15 minutes to relay your readings depending on how busy the bureau was at the time. I helped record the weather until the family sold the Post Office in 1973.

As the years went by the bureau moved with the times and upgraded their methods of data received. When John and I took over at the P.O. in 1995 there was a little black box that sent the rainfall through and then in 1998 we were given a bureau computer to enter all Quandialla readings. Over the years we have had 2 computer upgrades with new and

improved software. Unfortunately, last September through cost cutting, we lost the 3pm reading (no more Quandi on the 7 o'clock news!!) so we only read the weather at 9 am now.

The following information is from Data compiled by the Bureau – Climatological Extremes for Quandialla Post Office from 87 years of recording. I hope you find it interesting. (N.B: * my symbol for degrees)

1925 – 2012

Highest recorded temperature – 45* on 23.1.2001

Lowest Daily Maximum – 5* on 3.7.1984

Greatest number of days over 35* (in any one month) –

23 days in January 1981

Lowest recorded temperature – minus 6* on 30.6.1976

Highest Daily Minimum – 33* on 3.1.1973

Greatest number of days below 2.2* (in any one month) –

22 days in July 1976

Three Wettest Years – 1956 – 972.3mm

1950 – 956.9mm

2010 – 874.9mm

Highest Daily Rainfall – 112.3mm on 19.1.1962

Highest Monthly Rainfall – 297.2mm in January 1984

Highest number of rain days in any one month –

22 days in August 1990

Three Driest Years – 2006 – 187.4mm

1982 – 207.7mm

1944 – 212.8mm

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY

Next Centenary Meeting

will be held on

Wednesday 30th January 2013

at the Bland Hotel

NOW

THE ANNUAL TRUCK DRIVERS V HEADER DRIVERS BOWLS DAY will be held this Sunday 6th Jan. Starting at 3pm. Names in early would be appreciated. Ph: 6347 1209. Drivers, chaser bidders, gophers, silo workers, cooks, helpers of any kind and everyone else, all welcome. Come and have some post-harvest fun. Casual dress, flat sole footwear.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Mark this on your calendar and don't forget there will be a BBQ Tea held in Blamey Park (more information later)

Celebrate What's Great
Australia Day
26th January

THANK YOU from Marlene Taylor

Marlene wishes to send a Thank You to everyone for their well wishes for a speedy recovery.
"Thank You"

CONGRATULATIONS to Ken & Michelle Slade who are proud grandparents again - Second son for James & Erin Slade.

Shaun Robert Slade born 11.12.2012.

QUANDIALLA BOWLING CLUB Members Draw has jackpotted to \$7,200.

All I need is for my number to come out this week and I would be one happy girl.....You must be at the club to win.

BLAND HOTEL Poker Jackpot actually started at \$100 last week and has now jumped to \$120.

WOMENS HEALTH CLINIC: Desley Johnson, Women's Health Nurse will be attending the Quandialla Community Health Centre on Thursday 17th January 2013. Phone 6347 1200 for an appointment.

*Idle Chatter would be very pleased to advertise your meeting, function etc.
Please contact me at the Post Office or Ph: 6347 1305 or 6347 1255*

BLAST FROM THE PAST

 Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Because Mr Mitchell did not put an Idle Chatter out for this same date in 1957, I thought I would revisit some earlier Idle Chatters, this way I can keep up the same day extracts next week.

Still in 1956

Idle Chatter NO. 4

THURS. MAY 15TH 1956

WEDDING: I know that you will join me in wishing Mr & Mrs "Skip" Armour much happiness throughout their lives. They were married on Monday and have left for "destination unknown". Skip is as you know a very well liked member of our community, and his wife was nee Joy Halstead a popular teacher at Quandi school. Jolly good luck to you both.

It is with regret that I report the death in Sydney, of Mrs EM Caldwell, late of "Barshare" Quandialla.

Idle Chatter NO. 5

THURS. MAY 22ND 1956

It is with regret that I have to report the death on Sunday night of Mr HR McKinnon. Mr McKinnon was the licensee of the Bland Hotel. He collapsed while preparing for tea, and died before Dr Blamey arrived. Our sympathy goes to his Widow and family.

Idle Chatter NO. 6

THURS. MAY 29TH 1956

Have just said Ta-Ta to Don Pollock and Ken Harris. These two fellows are on their way to the Sydney Sheep Show with their exhibits. It will be a feather in the cap of these two if they can land a prize or two.

Idle Chatter NO. 8

THURS. JUNE 14TH 1956

WELLS WELL: Who should we see on the street again, looking quite chirpy, but Albert Wells. He has been very sick for many moons, Nice to see you about again Albert.

To Betty Dougall in Sydney. Many thanks for your kind message. I like writing it and am glad to know that it serves as a link between you and your friends in Quandialla.

GOOD BYE – EE: Mr Ken (Curl curl) Manly, teacher at the Quandialla school has been transferred to Harden. He left for his new post last Saturday and commenced his duties on Monday morning.

Cheers for another week **Sue Priestley**