

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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*The Centenary Committee hopes everyone
enjoyed their 2013 Christmas
and New Year Celebrations for 2014.*

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS YET?

I just saw some people being interviewed on one of the TV News segments telling the world what their New Year resolutions are. I use to write a list each year, read it once and promptly forget about them, they always ended up in the too hard basket or just too unrealistic to achieve.

Now I figure I'm too old to learn new tricks and I'm kinda happy with the way I am. But if I was asked "what was the one resolution that you wished you had achieved" I would have to admit that I have an addiction to chocolate as all my friends will confirm. I have been given some funny signs, fridge magnets, book marks etc stating this fact. So I do regret that I have never been able to achieve that goal to only eat a small portion at one time. But everything has a silver lining, my love of chocolate makes it so easy for family and friends at gift giving time, just ask the other half what did he give me for Christmas.

Just saw a great resolution on facebook that I will definitely go for
"Try and remember to write 2014 instead of 2013 when writing the date"
I think I can achieve that one by the middle of January.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

2014 already - still coming to terms with it.....

When we started this newsletter I stupidly thought 2014 was soooo far away, 75 newsletters later and we are now on the downhill slide towards our Centenary Celebrations. Now the hard work begins, all those plans we have on paper now need to become a reality on the big day.

Urgent Reminder: Please, please get your last minute family history to me A.S.A.P. our biggest job at the moment is our History Book and when we have got it to the printer we can concentrate on all the other projects.

CENTENARY MEETING

Wednesday 29th January 2014, 7.30pm at the Bland Hotel

ALL WELCOME

QUANDIALLA CENTENARY RECIPE BOOK

Thank you to all who have purchased a book or books and for those positive remarks that you have passed on to me.

I would like to say that Kathy and I worked very very hard putting it together but I must admit that the major part (99%) of the credit must go to Kathy and I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank her for her support and all the work she did behind the scenes.

We still have a supply of books for sale and they will be available from the Post Office and Café for \$10 each.

NOW

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS must go to Garry and Leanne Penfold's son Alex who celebrated his 18th Birthday on New Year's Eve with family and friends. On behalf of all IC readers I wish Alex All the Best on this special birthday.

SWIMMING LESSONS will be held at the Quandialla Swimming Pool for 5 days starting 13th Jan 2014. Lessons catering for all ages from 18 months & up. Names can be left at the pool or with Robyn Ph: 0427471356

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM QUANDI CAFÉ *We hope you have had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed your New Year celebrations.*

Quandi Café would like to advise customers who have newspapers delivered by the local mail, if you wish to continue having an account with the café and to ensure their newspaper delivery isn't disrupted, to please arrange to have their accounts updated with the new manager, Lily.

The café has undergone a new revamp, come in to see all the changes being made! - Regards Lily Cook, new Manager, Quandi Café

CONGRATULATIONS from all I.C. readers to Rodney Penfold and Martina Dykhoff on the safe arrival of a son born on the 19th December 2013, a new brother for Thomas, Lleiton, Jai and Tahnee.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS will be held again this year – so watch this space for more details of date, time, program etc.

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: Bland Hotel Joker Draw - \$760 and the Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw - \$2600.

A FAREWELL GATHERING for Ash & Katie Penfold and Tom & Kel Deery will be held at the Bland Hotel on Saturday 11th January starting at 7pm. If you haven't heard both young families will be leaving the district sometime late January.

Everyone is Welcome to attend and wish them all the Best in their new ventures.

NEWS ITEM JUST DELIVERED: Last Sunday the Annual Hostilities between Header Drivers and Truck Drivers came to a head. After simmering since early November, tensions were finally released on the Quandialla Bowling Green, with 4 teams from each camp squaring off. Someone said "IF it wasn't for the Header Drivers the Truckies wouldn't have a job". The reply was quick "See how long your job would last without a truck". Those honours being shared the bowls eventually resulted in a narrow win for the Header Drivers. Of the 4 games played 2 were won by the Header Boys, 1 by the Truckies and 1 game was a draw. Much fun was had both on and off the green with the sausage sizzle after providing enough sustenance for some to be able to bat on until late.

A great Annual Event and long may it continue

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

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THE REASON. There was no issue of Idle Chatter last week. The reason for the lapse can be blamed on what I choose to call "Back to Wyalong Day". Several members of the community have made a practise of visiting George Wheeler's of Wyalong for a day before Xmas. Stone cold sober as I was, I have only a very hazy memory of Beer, Garlic, Pickle onions, Lobster and believe it or not, PRUNES. A wonderful day, and the singing on the way home compared favourably with that of the Luton Girl's Choir.....

NEXT DAY. I regret to report that the publisher of Idle Chatter was indisposed. However he was inveigled into partaking of some pickle juice by his so-called mates which made him, if possible, more indisposed.....

XMAS DAY. What a day. For your information, the official temperature was 111 degrees. Despite copious drinks of cooling medicine, there was no noticeable improvement in the condition of Mitcho.....

BOXING DAY at the Bowling green caused further relapse and by the time IC should have been printed, words (for once) failed him.....

THIS I BELIEVE. I really believe that the fact of there being a modern hospital at Quandialla, saved a life. The young son of Mr & Mrs JW Causer partook of a t of kerosene and was desperately ill. It is almost certain that David could not have survived the trip to Grenfell, but with the facilities of the new hospital and by the unremitting efforts of the Doctor and Sister, David is now well. And so on the debit side of the ledger we have an outlay of some 10,000 pounds, and on the credit side, a life. This surely squares the account. For the month of December, about 15 patients were admitted and all had a word of praise for the hospital and the staff. I was one of the many folk that suggested that the new hospital would prove to be a white elephant. Indigestible though they may be, I am prepared to eat my words.

Cheers Everyone.....*Sue Priestley*