

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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### A MIRACLE HAPPENED IN QUANDIALLA

Early in October invitations to over a hundred people were posted for a SURPRISE 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party. About seventy five percent of those were to local people and this is where the miracle came about. Everyone was threatened with death or worse by being uninvited if the birthday boy found out. When I read our invitation I made the man of the house very aware of this condition and threatened him with some kind of torture if he was the one that let the cat out of the bag. I do believe there were some close calls. One that I can mention was someone at the bowling club put the function on the event calendar, yes that calendar disappeared before the cat was out of the bag and the ever so clever President (John P) unknowingly replaced it with a 2014 calendar. When asked about it, everyone had to play dumb.

I have also come to the conclusion that this family could work for the government in the spy business. Four women working together towards putting on this function while keeping secrets from one defenceless male - shame on you. But on the other side of the coin I must say I am very impressed by your sleuth techniques I had never heard of emails that self-destructed after being read.

However, the miracle of this story is that the unsuspecting birthday boy didn't twig that a surprise party was being organised and that so many people in our small village and family members could keep such a secret. Our birthday boy admits he had absolutely NO clue until he drove up to Quandi to have dinner at the pub and was told to call into the club.

John and I were very disappointed that we were unable to attend due to a prior commitment we would have loved to be there. But I'm happy to be able to wish this party animal a very happy birthday through Idle Chatter.

*BIRTHDAY WISHES go to Bruce Slade who celebrated early with family and friends last Saturday but the big day is the 5<sup>th</sup> November.*

*Many Happy Returns on your 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bruce!!!!*

*Congratulations must also go to Donna, Mellisa, Kellie & Tegan on a wonderful job*

## MELBOURNE CUP IN QUANDIALLA

*I hope everyone enjoyed the biggest race in Australia and what about that fairy tale finish for jockey Michelle Payne.*

Back at home Quandialla's Calcutta was supported by a small but enthusiastic crowd. Keen punters trying to get that horse for just the right price or in our case making sure we went home with the horses that we had been lucky to draw this year at any price. I must take this opportunity to thank those lovely friends who ran the bidding up for us – just remember I have a long memory.

Sorry, back to the auction – this event is always a fun night with lots of banter, laughter and sometimes there can be some frenzied bidding. I had a rush of blood and even had a bid against my husband but of course I told him I knew what I was doing. At the end of the night we went home proud owners of 5 horses and slightly poorer with the hope that one of them would be the winner. Sadly that was not to be - we managed 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> but on the other hand we did make a donation to the Cricket Club and Swimming Pool.

Congratulations must go to Ben Causer who with silent partners took out 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places and condolences to all the other punters who will now have to wait till next year to give it another go.

I'm sure the Cricket Club and the Swimming Pool Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the Calcutta so on behalf of them.....

Thank you for supporting this Annual Fundraising Event.

### **THANK YOU**

*The Hospital Auxiliary would like to "Thank" all who attended the Melbourne Cup Luncheon held at the Bowling Club. We are very grateful to the Club for allowing us to use their facility and also wish to thank David Piefke and Sue Gault for attending the Bar. We also appreciate the support of all who contributed the most enjoyable food for the lunch.*

*We were given a very informative talk by Ruth Penfold on Photography and the present day legalities as well as having some of her prize winning photos on display. Sarah Ryan also had some of her Quandialla Candles Co wares on display. We are very grateful to these ladies for accepting the request to come to the lunch as we enjoyed their displays. The raffle was won by Dennis Cook, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna Feuerstein and 3<sup>rd</sup> by Mabel Ryan.*

Thank you - M. Spratt

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: The Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$400 this Friday, plus 2 meat trays and a bistro voucher are also on offer. As John and I were away last Friday night I cannot say what this weeks' draw will be with confidence. So here is what it might be - The Bowling Club Members Draw will be worth \$500 or \$1000 this Friday night either amount would be worth winning.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November –

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>: Quandialla Community Church Service – All Welcome

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>: Dr Waili visit to Quandialla

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>: Quandialla Hall & Progress General Meeting at 7.30pm

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>: St Brigid's Catholic Church Service at 8am – All Welcome

RAINFALL FOR QUANDIALLA:

October rainfall recorded at the Quandi P.O. was 31.8mm over 6 days bringing our yearly total so far to 429.5mm.

Our November figures after just 5 days stand at 60.2mm. Hopefully the rain will disappear for a few weeks now, and that what we have had has only caused minimal damage to any crops. On our way back from Wagga last Sunday we kept pace with an ominous looking storm to our West, the edge of it catching up with us from time to time. Thankfully we were able to leave it behind once we hit the Mary Gilmore Way, but we hadn't been home long when it finally caught up with us good and proper and dumped 27mm in quick time.

IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR RATES AGAIN:

Did you know you could pay your Weddin Shire or Bland Shire rates at Quandialla Post Office? This service has been available at Quandi for many years and certainly saves time and stress to those who use it. Plus your patronage of your local Post Office helps to maintain this business in our small village. The Post Office like most things is a numbers game and when those numbers drop, services to the village can be affected. Paying your rates is just one of many things you can do at your local P.O.

PLEASE NOTE: Weddin Shire proposed Amalgamation

In your mail today you received a survey form from the Weddin Shire regarding amalgamation. Time is short so please complete this form and return to the Post Office or leave it in your mail box for collection by the mailman on or before next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**BLAST FROM THE PAST** Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER No: 265

THURS 30<sup>th</sup> August 1967

*JUST IN CASE – Just in case the heading worries you. I'm fed up, I'm not well and I'm far from home but I suppose with a bit of an effort I will be able to manage a sheet even if it is a shorter one. One thing I can be assured of is the support of the golfers. The publicity officers of both the men and the Associates are on the job with 100% efficiency and if that don't get me a kind smile from Mary Deighton and Fay Armour, the game's crook. ....*

*WALKERS & TALKERS – I can hardly believe my eyes this week. The first name that seemed to jump from the sheet of paper was the name of Janet Deighton. Reading a bit further notice the remarkable fact that she did well and truly beat the reigning champion of the 1967 beginners, Elva Ballard by a margin of three strokes. The complete scores are as follows. Janet Deighton first with a nett 83 and Elva next with 87. Third was Dot McAlister followed by Betty George, Imelda Harris, Beryl Hazell and Val McDonell. Every time I print that name someone is sure to ask "Who's she" It's no secret. Val is a very nice person from Curraburrama way and if she kids the "Old Man" to come and join the bowling club I will print something really nice, and that's a deal. The open competition was won by Elsie McAlister with a nett 71 followed by Mary Deighton 73. Pat Dawe was third with 79 and Beryl Nixon not far behind with 81. I believe it was a two club competition. Isn't it crazy! You yank a great big bag of clubs around with you and play like a hairy goat, and then you take two clubs (generally the wrong ones) and Lo and Behold you come in a winner. It's mad .....*

*WHACKO – He's tried and tried but without success to hit the top and at last Lady Luck has smiled on him and Jack Hanstock hit the top of Winchcombes stock sales report for the last week. He received \$11.95 for old lambs. Congratulations Jack, and may it occur more often.*

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Cheers until next week ..... **Sue Priestley**