

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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AUSTRALIA DAY IN QUANDIALLA

*When you read this, Australia Day will be over for another year –
I do hope everyone enjoyed their Celebrations,
whether you went out to an organised function or stayed home and relaxed.*

Unfortunately, we missed this years' celebrations in Quandi as the Man of the House and I took the opportunity to have a three day break away. On our drive down to Albury we witnessed quite a few ways to celebrate Australia Day. We were too late for the breakfast celebrations in Wagga but I did talk the driver into stopping at their Aust. Day Apex Park Markets, where I purchased some plants, with some grumbling from you know who. Uranquinty, The Rock, Henty, Yerong Creek and Culcairn all had BBQ's organised either at breakfast, lunch or evening. We arrived in Albury and drove down to Noreuil Park on the Murray River, which was obviously the place to be on Aust. Day.

We thought we might stop and have a late lunch, but we found parking space was very scarce and if we had got out of the car we would have been slightly, no I take that back, very over dressed, as everyone from babies to 90 year old's were all in various types of swim wear. I know it was very hot and I'm not a prude but let me say there was certainly a lot of skin on show, and there was nothing left for you to imagine, I certainly had my eyes opened.

We just had to move on before the driver had a heart attack, and over the next few days had a lovely long weekend getaway, we did the tourist thing and visited quite a lot of the attractions, enjoyed eating out and when needed we stepped inside to cool off with a cold beverage.

But concerning the actual Australia Day Celebrations in the smaller villages having BBQ's, I feel the BBQ in the evening like Quandialla - is the way to go. You get to have a sleep in if you want, have a lazy day doing whatever you wish and then join family and friends, hopefully at the cooler part of the day, for a nice meal and a few drinks on Dan's gorgeous lawn (I am soooo jealous). Secretary Marlene informs me there were over 60 diners and a lovely evening was had by all. We were sorry we missed Quandialla's Celebrations but in our line of business when a long weekend presents itself, if possible, you take the opportunity to have a break.

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE:

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla next on Wednesday 7th & 21st February 2018. Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment
Please Note: Sorry for any inconvenience but last week the dates printed for Dr's next visits were incorrect. No excuse - but I need to get used to this new calendar.

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

The Bowling Club Members Draw will be a mystery amount this week. It could be \$3000 or \$500, I would be happy with either amount. The Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$700 this Friday. Either jackpot would be a welcome sum to take home if lucky enough to win.
Good Luck Everyone!!!

Did you have a Birthday in JANUARY and a member of the
Quandialla Bowling Club?

Then Fill out your Birthday Voucher, available at the Bar, and drop it in the barrel on Friday 2nd February (due to club being closed for Aust. Day) before 8.00pm, when the lucky winner will be drawn. You must be in attendance to collect your birthday win.

You could win \$50

PLEASE NOTE

Dinner at the Club

*Due to illness Tania Mooney will **NOT** be cooking at the Club
until **Friday 23rd February***

QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL & PROGRESS ASSOCIATION will be holding their next General Meeting on Wednesday 28th February at 7.30pm at the Bland Hotel Dining Room.
All most Welcome to attend.

LOST & FOUND: Found a pair of binoculars – can be claimed at the Quandi Post Office.

ST MARKS ANGLICAN CHURCH service will be held on Sunday 3rd Feb at 6pm.
ALL WELCOME

WANTED – SPONSORSHIP

You can still sponsor this newsletter for the small amount of \$25.00.
Your support will help continue Idle Chatter Mark II and will be gratefully accepted by yours truly at the Quandialla P.O.

CLAIMING THE DATE: Quandialla Scots Debutante Ball – Sat 28th April 2018.



QUANDIALLA CWA BRANCH will be holding their next General Meeting on Monday 12th February 2018 at 7.30pm at the CWA Rest Rooms. All Welcome

QUANDIALLA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY: The General Meeting for the New Year will be held on Tuesday February 13th at 9.30am at the Medical Centre. Discussion of Seniors Week & Delegate for Area Conference. All Welcome

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

I know it is a common thing when things seem to be not quite right, to reminisce and talk about the 'good old days'. And I'm sure that everyone when they stop and think for a bit has to admit that there is really no such thing as 'the good old days' and that if we all had to step back 30 years there would be so many things to confirm that. The cars we drive, the home appliances, mobile phones, GPS, Auto steer, the list of things that we would suddenly miss would be endless.

However, there is one thing that I would gladly step back 30 years for, a reliable electricity supply. Sure, we had a blackout now and then, but somewhere between those days and now somebody got it wrong BIGTIME and we now have a service that is simply not up to scratch, and one that we have the privilege of paying an arm and a leg for.

Go solar, but unless you have a battery setup you will still enjoy a blackout with everyone else. Buy a generator, yes that is some help, but one can't help thinking – didn't everyone have a generator before 'the power' arrived back in the 1950's?

Wow that was 60 years ago, back in the 'good old days'.....



2018 RAINFALL

January's rainfall recorded at the Quandialla Post Office was 52.4mm over 8 days.

RALPH RICHARDS SEPTICS: Call for a Quote: Phone 0457 821965 or 0477 094193

BLAST FROM THE PAST Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER Vol. 2 No. 27

THURS. 14th NOV 1957

SILOS – I have been informed that my services will not be required at the Silo this season. It is the intention of the board to accept surplus wheat at an advertised time using their own permanent staff. As soon as the date is known I will give it publicity in IC

SIDE SWIPED – Mr Sim Reeves proceeding along Parramatta Road Sydney was involved in an accident which caused extensive damage to his "Fordamatic". Reports indicate that he was side swiped by a milk lorry which was turning into Parramatta Road. The lorry took the corner too wide and crashed into the rear portion of the car. No one was hurt.

*AN APOLOGY – Mrs Richards has asked me to publicize the following
"I wish to apologise to Mrs Bill Dixon for a very serious omission from my speech at the opening of the Quandialla Hospital. With the best intention in the world when I stood up, I quite forgot to give her the credit due, for her very hard work in the cause of the Hospital. I may have made other mistakes, but for this one I am sincerely sorry"
Signed – Margaret Richards.*

RADIO – Tune in on Monday next to the ABC at 8.15am for the Quandialla Hospital session conducted by Russ Tyson. It will be easy for me to get the programme but I fear that many of my readers will have to make a special effort and rise a bit earlier on Monday.... I bet that gets a bite.....

YOU can get it in LITTLE checks, BIGGER checks or even BROKEN checks. What am I spouting about? Why Gingham of course from Armours. I am sure that at 4/6 a yard you will be wanting some. When you are in the shop, have a look at the Xmas novelties in prices ranging from 1/11. Whether it is Armours or Farmers, you can't beat these.....

*Dear Dorothy Dix – Do you think you could make the trip to Quandialla to help four bewildered young men? We know little of life and are seekers after knowledge. We have asked the editor of IC but as you can well imagine his answers are as silly as a "Two-bob watch". Dear Dorothy, please come to our aid....
Signed "The lovelorn four" Messers. Behan, Mallyon, Skinner and Caldwell.*

Cheers for another week
Sue Priestley