

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Quandialla Progress Association received the following email on Monday 30th August 2021 from Amy Hadley, Trainee Engineer. Weddin Shire.

Caragabal, Quandialla and Greenethorpe residents and business houses are advised that street sweeping is scheduled in the coming weeks. Dates for the upcoming works are as follows:

- Thursday 2 September 2021, Caragabal town area
- **Thursday 9 September 2021, Quandialla town area**
- Thursday 16 September 2021, Greenethorpe town area

Please note that works will commence on these days as early as 7:30am.

Council asks that vehicle owners avoid parking on streets with kerb and gutter in advance so as to allow access for these works.

Council apologises for any inconvenience caused.

The above information of a street sweeper being available for the villages is great to hear. Plus, the advance notice is also appreciated as our past dealings with the shire and street sweepers have not been satisfactory with only hours or no notice at all.

Having the streets cleaned hopefully on a regular basis would be a plus for our village for various reasons. A tidy and clean village attracts travellers/visitors and even possible buyers, our drainage would work better if the dirt and mud that builds up over time is cleaned out.

A win-win situation for the villagers, we can look spick and span after the street sweeper has visited Quandialla on Thursday 9th September. But first we must make sure we have no cars parked in the streets as the street sweeper will go around them and from previous experience they do not return when that car has moved. In other words, they like to have a clear run, with nothing in their way.

So please..... if all residents of the village who live in streets with curb and guttering, remove your cars from outside your residence before the street sweeper starts working in Quandialla approx. at 7.30am. on Thursday 9th September. With your assistance in this matter, it will allow the street sweeper to do their job correctly for the benefit of our village.

Telstra Survey: Don't forget to fill in the Telstra Survey that you received last week with your newsletter. As was mentioned previously.....

This is our chance to let Telstra know of all the problems our community has had in the past. If you have misplaced your survey form or did not receive one, please call into the Post Office where we can give you one. Please return your survey to Marlene Taylor via Quandialla Post Office ASAP.

Scam Alert

Many Australians have been getting scam text messages, phone calls or voicemails, and Quandialla and District residents are no different.

Scammers are becoming a major problem and we all need to be vigilant so that we do not get caught in their scam and end up giving out our personal details etc.

Scammers use all kinds of sneaky approaches to steal your personal details. Once obtained, they can use your identity to commit fraudulent activities such as using your credit card or opening a bank account.

They also impersonate genuine charities and ask for donations or contact you claiming to collect money after natural disasters or major events, and prey on consumers and businesses that are buying or selling products and services. Unfortunately, not every transaction is legitimate.

Currently we are receiving scam phone calls from people who say they are from Telstra or NBN and are asking about your phone or internet, requesting information about your internet details or bank details. Even Australia Post has been hacked and someone is sending text messages saying your parcel has arrived and more postage is due before you can collect – this is definitely a scam.

The scams I have mentioned are only the tip of the iceberg. So, if someone contacts you - Trust your gut and if it feels suspicious, do not give them any information and hang up. If it is a legit call, they will contact you again and should give you identification, and remember you are entitled to ask for it.

Today Mary Deery rang me and told me her story about a couple of calls she received, and we both agreed, it wouldn't hurt to remind everyone to be careful.

Congratulations to Proud Great Grandparents

Congratulations are extended to very excited Great Grandparents

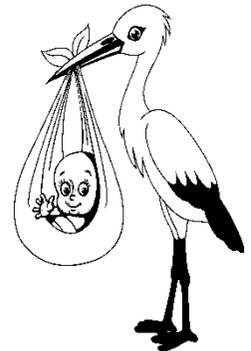
Colleen and Michael Avalos of Quandialla,

on the safe arrival of a beautiful great granddaughter

Amelia Jane Constance Avalos – Hale

born on Sunday 29th August 2021 at Wodonga Hospital.

Congratulations and Best Wishes are also extended to Mum and Dad,
Ebony Avalos and Brodie Hale.



QUANDIALLA SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE

Nominations for local community representatives for the 355 Quandialla Pool Committee have been extended until **Monday the 6th September**. This committee is a collaboration with the Weddin Shire Council to ensure we have a say in how our local facility is run and managed.

**PLEASE - help us continue to support our pool
and have an input into maintaining the village vibe.**

The commitment required is a 1 hour meeting for 7 months of the year.

Any queries can be directed to Angela Sweeny, Kim Broomby, Bronwyn Morley or Francesca Taylor.

Nomination forms can be accessed via council's website:

http://www.weddin.nsw.gov.au/Media/WeddinShireCouncil/Council/Forms/1.1.2_CommitteeNomination_2021-2023.pdf

Bronwyn Morley

STAY AT HOME LOCKDOWN IN REGIONAL NSW EXTENDED

Until Friday 10th September.

BLAND HOTEL

The Bland Hotel will be OPEN for Take Away ONLY

Opening Hours: **12 midday to 2pm – 5pm to 8pm**

The Bistro will be operating for take away meals for lunch & dinner, Mon – Sat.

Jeremy's famous Pizza on Wednesdays

Plus, there will be pre-made meals available in the fridge that can be taken home and microwaved.

Bar facilities have naturally ceased but you can still purchase take away cartons, chips, smokes, etc.



Please Note: Take away cannot be consumed in or outside the hotel premise. *Give Dan & Jeremy a call on 63471253 and place your food orders, you will then receive an approx. time for pickup.*

QUANDIALLA POST OFFICE – Office Hours: 11am to 3pm

GROCERIES AVAILABLE in QUANDIALLA at the BLAND HOTEL

Fresh bread 3 x week Papers – Hot coffee!!!!!! Fruit / Veg & other necessities.

Best meat pies (available frozen as well) & Car and Truck Batteries & Oil.

DELTA AGRIBUSINESS: Quandialla Delta Staff would like to reassure everyone they are open for business and are expected to remain that way as essential providers to Agribusiness, and a critical part of the ag supply chain.

Thank you – Delta Agribusiness

QUANDIALLA BOWLING CLUB

Our Local Club will remain CLOSED due to the extended Lockdown.

Please Stay Safe – President & Committee Q.B.C.

**No need to travel during these times when you can pick up milk, bread etc.
Post your parcel or get your hardware & farm supplies locally.**

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

QUIET TIMES IN QUANDIALLA

Working and living in Second Street and operating our own business you notice things, which has prompted me to express my concerns. During this latest COVID lockdown I have noticed how quiet Quandialla has been and I thought it wouldn't hurt to explain how our local businesses are handling this latest situation.

We have 4 businesses normally operating in Quandialla. Delta and the Post Office are classed as essential businesses, so they are only slightly affected by this lockdown, mainly by lack of customers meaning reduced sales.

However, the Bland Hotel and our Local Club are a different kettle of fish due to their business being hospitality.

The Quandialla Bowling Club has not opened at all during lockdowns, apart from the casual staff being affected, the club has also learnt from the last lockdown it is very hard to get patrons back after such an extensive closure. Less patrons means less trade and since COVID has started this has certainly affected the Club and its viability.

The Bland Hotel - Did you know that they could have closed their doors until lockdown is over? But they didn't, being community minded they felt they should be open, to make groceries and takeaway available to the community. However, because of no one being around the first week they did make the hard decision to reduce their opening hours.

I am a business owner but also a resident and I have always felt that we need to support each other when possible. I would be extremely sad to see any business close their doors because they have not been able to bounce back from these slow times during lockdown. Both our hospitality businesses need your support. Although the club is currently closed, they will need you when they open again so please support them when they re-open, because if the club closes there will be a gaping hole in our community.

The same comment really goes for our local hotel, only this business could certainly do with your support now. Everyone needs basic groceries, and they are available at the Bland Hotel. Plus, you can have a night off from cooking and enjoy a takeaway meal occasionally while we are in lockdown and hopefully, we will be back to dining with friends soon at the Bland Hotel in Quandialla.

My Thoughts on these quiet times – Sue Priestley

SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2021

**Happy
Father's
Day**

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2021 RAINFALL



August's rainfall recorded at the Quandialla Post Office was 50mm for 13 days.

Total rainfall for the year is 495.6mm over 73 days.

**Have a Great Weekend
Cheers until next week
..... *Sue Priestley***