

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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This newsletter is an initiative of the Quandialla Progress Association

Sponsored by John & Jan Curry

Last Telstra Survey Reminder

Don't forget!!!!!!

To fill in the Telstra Survey that you received with your newsletter No 457.

On behalf of the Quandialla Progress Association our Secretary Marlene Taylor is going into bat for our community with this matter and is prepared to present all the responses received. But first, we need the information of your concerns and problems that you have experienced, to do that job.

I will be honest and say I'm surprised with the lack lustre response we have received so far. But saying that - I do wish to thank those who have returned their surveys. However, over 100 forms were distributed, and I would have thought that a realistic goal would be a 50% return.

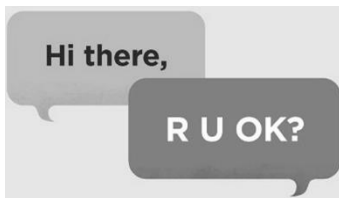
It is like everything in this world the more people saying the same thing, and in our case, the terrible service we are receiving in our district, we might have a better case to have something done about the matter. Therefore, the more information we can give to Telstra showing the issues that our community have experienced, would hopefully be beneficial.

Please Note: Marlene has particularly asked for information on extra equipment that individuals had to purchase in order to improve their service. Please include this in your survey info.

So, lets' take this opportunity, and have your say and submit your survey by Thursday 16th, so Marlene can compile the information and present it to Telstra on Quandialla and the District's behalf.

Once again

This is our chance to let Telstra know of all the problems our community has been having.



R U OK? Day is Thursday 9th September 2021

It's our National Day of Action –

When we remind Australian's that every day is the day to ask, "Are you OK?" and give support if needed.

Make time to reconnect, especially at this time in our lives of COVID and lockdowns etc. when people can be even more isolated and vulnerable, struggling with life's ups and downs.

Sometimes just a chat can help make you and others feel better about yourself and life.

LOCKDOWN ENDS FOR US in the Weddin & Bland Shire

We have been deemed low risk and due to our zero COVID status, we will emerge from lockdown at 12:01am Saturday 11th September.

This also applies to the following Shires (LGA's) around us:

Bland	Cowra	Hilltops
Cootamundra – Gundagai	Temora	Wagga Wagga
Coolamon	Junee	Narrandera

- We will continue to operate under restrictions as per NSW Health advice to ensure the safety of our regional communities.

The following freedoms will be available to ALL people in regional LGAs where stay-at-home orders have lifted (regardless of vaccination status):

Gatherings in the home and public spaces:

Up to five visitors will be allowed in a home (not including children 12 and under).

Up to 20 people can gather in outdoor settings.

Venues including hospitality, retail stores and gyms:

Hospitality venues can reopen subject to one person per 4sqm inside and one person per 2sqm outside, with standing while drinking permitted outside.

Retail stores can reopen under the one person per 4sqm rule.

Personal services such as hairdressers and nail salons can open with one person per 4sqm, capped at five clients per premises.

Gyms and indoor recreation facilities can open under the one person per 4sqm rule and can offer classes for up to 20 people.

Sporting facilities including swimming pools can reopen.

Schools will re-open with Level 3 COVIDSafe measures in place.

Stadiums, theatres and major outdoor recreation facilities:

Major recreation outdoor facilities including stadiums, racecourses, theme parks and zoos can reopen with one person per 4sqm, capped at 5,000 people.

Up to 500 people can attend ticketed and seated outdoor events.

Indoor entertainment and information facilities including cinemas, theatres, music halls, museums and galleries can reopen with one person per 4sqm or 75 per cent fixed seated capacity.

Weddings, funerals and places of worship:

Up to 50 guests can attend weddings, with dancing permitted and eating and drinking only while seated.

Up to 50 guests can attend funerals, with eating and drinking while seated.

Churches and places of worship to open subject to one person per 4sqm rule, with no singing.

Travel:

Caravan parks and camping grounds can open.

Carpooling will be permitted.

Masks:

Masks will remain mandatory for all indoor public venues, including public transport, front-of-house hospitality, retail and business premises, on planes and at airports.

Only hospitality staff will be required to wear a mask when outdoors.

Children aged under 12 will not need to wear a mask indoors.

Please Note: If a Shire gets a SINGLE positive case, that Shire (LGA) will return to lockdown for a minimum of 14 days.

The best way to avoid this is to:

- **GET VACCINATED ASAP**
- **Maintain good hygiene practices and remain vigilant.**
- **Minimise your movements, if possible, to lower the risk of spreading the virus from one community to another.**

Stay-at-home orders will remain in place in the following LGAs:

Bathurst	Dungog	Narrabri	Walgett
Bega	Eurobodalla	Narromine	Wingecarribee
Blayney	Forbes	Newcastle	
Bogan	Gilgandra	Orange	
Bourke	Goulburn Mulwarre	Parkes	
Brewarrina	Kiama	Port Stephens	
Broken Hill	Lake Macquarie	Queanbeyan-Palerang	
Cabonne	Lithgow	Shellharbour	
Central Coast	Maitland	Shoalhaven	
Central Darling	Mid-Coast	Singleton	
Cessnock	Mid-Western	Snowy Monaro	
Dubbo	Muswellbrook	Upper Hunter	



Engagement

On 16th August 2021, Priscilla Edgerton and Joshua Langfield announced their Engagement.

Along with Priscilla and Joshua's parents the Late Neale Edgerton & Penny Edgerton of Quandialla and Leigh & Brett Langfield and Scott & April Smithers, I.C. Reader's send their Best Wishes and Congratulations to the happy couple on announcing their Engagement.

WHAT IS HAPPENING AFTER LOCKDOWN starting Saturday 11th September

DELTA AGRIBUSINESS: Essential providers to Agribusiness and a critical part of the ag supply chain. The Quandialla Delta Store will be open for business for your farm supplies and hardware needs.

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

BLAND HOTEL

The Bland Hotel will be OPEN AGAIN on Saturday 11th September
Opening Hours: **12 midday to 2pm – Re-open at 5pm - Mon to Sat**

Meals available from the Bistro

Lunch 12 to 2pm & Dinner 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Dine In or Take Away & Don't Forget – Pizza Night on Wednesdays



**PLEASE NOTE: Due to COVID restriction of one person per 4 sqm rule inside venues -
BOOKINGS are essential for having a Drink and/or Dining as seating is limited.
Call on 63471253 and make your booking.**

Don't Forget: GROCERIES AVAILABLE 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.

QUANDIALLA BOWLING CLUB

Unfortunately, the Quandialla Bowling Club will remain CLOSED this Sunday –
DUE to the need to re-stock
ready to open their doors for next Friday 17th & Sunday 19th September.

Please Note: There will be no Papers available this Sunday.

See You Next Friday



*It's the little victories
that mean so much.*

Ladies.... Can you relate?

*How true it is – if you can match all the socks in the wash, it is a miracle, and I'm only talking about now, when there is only 2 in our house.
Back in the day when there was 6 with 2 feet each it was a nightmare and today, I have 2 sons that still wear odd socks because they thought that was the norm, as I would bundle those odd socks together just to get them out of the odd sock basket. Today we only wear black socks – it is not so noticeable if they don't match.*

**Cheers Everyone
until next week**

Sue Priestley