

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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This newsletter is an initiative of the Quandialla Progress Association

Sponsored by Russell & Maureen Dixon

QUANDIALLA MELBOURNE CUP CALCUTTA



Tickets: \$2 each

**Proceeds will benefit the
Quandialla Swimming Pool**

&

Quandialla Soldiers Memorial Hall

You can purchase tickets at the
Bland Hotel & Quandialla Post Office.

*So please support the Calcutta by buying a ticket or a book of tickets,
and if you would like to experience an auction you could attend and have a bid or two.
Your support in any way will be most appreciated.*



QUANDIALLA MELBOURNE CUP CALCUTTA DRAW & AUCTION

Saturday Evening – 30th October:

Horses will be drawn for the Calcutta at the Bland Hotel.

Monday Evening – 1st November

The Calcutta Auction will be held at the Bland Hotel.
This event is a great evening, come along, catch up with friends
while enjoying a drink or two.



**The Quandialla Swimming Pool
Will be OPENING on Monday the 1st November 2021.**



Normal Opening Hours will be:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 4:00pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday, Friday: 4:00pm – 5.30pm

Saturday, Sunday: 2:30pm – 7:30pm

Public Holidays: 2:30pm – 7:00pm

Christmas Day: CLOSED

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

Bland Hotel Joker Jackpot Draw

The Joker Jackpot was not claimed and this week the jackpot will be \$140, and you have 6 chances to win a meat tray and a chance to choose the Joker Card.

Quandialla Bowling Club Draws

The Riverina Club Draw was claimed last week, by the lovely bar person at Ungarie Club so this week the jackpot starts again at \$1000. The Members Club Draw was claimed by Bevan and next will start again at \$50 this Friday.

Remember if your badge number is drawn for any of the jackpots.
YOU MUST BE AT THE CLUB to claim your prize when it is announced.

Don't Forget Our Meat Draw Raffle – 12 Trays Each Week

Good Luck Everyone

BLAND HOTEL

Open: 12 Midday – Monday to Saturday

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 63471253 and make your booking.



QUANDIALLA BOWLING CLUB NEWS

The Quandialla Bowling Club will be OPEN.

Friday 22nd October opening at 6pm – you can enjoy the Friday Night Meat Draw.

Sunday 24th October opening at 10 am & CLOSED for LUNCH 2pm – 3pm

Sunday Papers available.

Reminder Membership is NOW Due & NEW MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS have been issued to all current financial members and those numbers commenced on Friday 1st October. If you have not renewed your membership yet, it's not too late, as soon as it is paid a number will be issued and you will be in the following weeks draw.

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.

2021 Higher School Certificate

This years' High School Certificate is just around the corner
and I. C. Readers would like to this opportunity to wish
Will Dixon, Zac Broomby and Jarred Lahay all the best in their HSC exams.

GOOD LUCK & BEST WISHES Will, Zac & Jared.

AS Ag Contracting

ABN – 73323 278018

Bobcat Hire – Rural Fencing
Stock Work – Mini Loader Hire

Enquiries please phone:
Adam Slater – 0418 272465

ITEM of INTEREST:

The Quandialla Bowling Club New Committee for 2021/2022

President: David Piefke

Vice-President: Geoff Edgerton

Secretary: Warrick Morley

Treasurer: Michael Kemp

Committee: Robert Piefke, Adam Slater, Chris Causer, Martina Dykhoff, Dominic Nowlan,
Michael Millar, Ben Causer, David Dixon, John Priestley, Sue Priestley.

What a great initiative & I hope you can support it!
If you want to help – then get your 'bags' organised and drop off to
Bunnings in November.



SHARE THE
Dignity

Share the Dignity – 'It's in the Bag' Event *It's In the Bag, will be on from 19 – 28 November 2021.*

"It's In the Bag" is Share the Dignity's Annual Event where everyday Australians are encouraged to donate a handbag to someone in need for Christmas. The bags are filled with essential items and are distributed to 3,000 Australian charities.

Choose a bag, fill it with items from the essentials list below (you will find that list and other details in IC 463) and possibly a luxury item or two, something that would make a woman feel special, pop in a thoughtful note or Christmas card and show her someone cares.

Bags should be large, brand new or pre-loved, like-new condition and ideally can close with zipping or clasp. Simply fill your bag with essential items for someone in need and take it to your local Bunnings Store in November. All stores are participating.

Share the Dignity workers will then distribute the bags directly to charities across the country to give them to those living in crisis. They're gifted to women experiencing homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and those doing it tough.

The Luckiest Cat Alive

In December 2017 the Man of the House found a very tiny ginger kitten which was small enough to fit in his hand. In January 2018 I shared our story with Idle Chatter readers and finished that tale by saying "Miss Ruby is one lucky cat to have found herself on our block".

It is now 2021 and Miss Ruby's tale continues. When Ruby was still a kitten, we didn't want her to roam the streets at night so we set up a cat cage with all the bells and whistles including a litter tray, various ledges for her to sleep on while in the sun or shade, scratching pole, toys hanging from ropes, everything a cat would want. This cage which was originally a bird aviary is attached to the house via a cat door where Ruby is able to come inside to sleep. By day Ruby loves to explore in our garden and house blocks, the Bland Hotel and Jeremy's horse block that we know about. Unfortunately, she has a strong hunting instinct, so each night Ruby is locked up for the safety of the local wildlife. We also did not want her to become a nuisance to our neighbours or possibly get caught in a cat trap.

Fast forward to March 2021 on John's 70th Birthday weekend Ruby came to us showing the effects of a snake bite. Naturally there was a rushed drive and a three-day visit to the Vet, and a \$1000 later Ruby came home. We had to keep her inside for a week which certainly stretched the friendship between her and the dogs and it wasn't pleasant for us either trying to keep a cat inside that was determined to get out.

Now, would you believe 4 weeks later, Ruby was bitten again. Apparently, she loves chasing baby snakes and is good at catching them, but she hasn't mastered the part of not getting bitten. This time I thought she was a goner but after another round with the vet and home confinement when she returned home and of course being lighter in the back pocket again, Miss Ruby is enjoying life.

But the Man of the House has been concerned that history is going to repeat itself again this Summer and the possibility that Ruby may not survive a third bite. With that in mind we have been organising a larger enclosure for the cat to enjoy her time outside and hopefully give us peace of mind. Designing this space is like designing a new house, where will we put cover for shade, what sort of fun climbing structures is going to be needed and on it goes. We are hoping not to spend any more money on vet bills for another snake bite but now we are building the Taj Mahal for a very spoilt cat.

So, back to why we are building a cat enclosure – the danger of snakes.

We all know as the weather warms up, we notice more wildlife appearing in our backyards, which might include snakes. They start looking for food or a nice warm place to rest and this will often find them in close contact with humans. I have been told it is rare for a snake to stay in the same spot for too long, unless the conditions are perfect.

With that in mind there are a few things we can all do to make our property less attractive to snakes. Remove any debris or woodpiles, cut back long grass and shrubbery, remove leaf litter, and block any holes around the outside of your house that may look like a safe spot to hide. Bird aviaries and chook pens can be very attractive to snakes. So, keep pests under control as rodents are a good food source. Unfortunately, our pets don't deter snakes. If possible, keep cats inside, and keep an eye on your dogs

If we can clean up our yards etc especially in town, it might deter snakes from stopping and hopefully they will just travel through, plus I'm sure your neighbours would appreciate it also.

*Enough chatting – back to putting up the cat netting on Ruby's Taj Mahal.
Hope she will like it because it is going to be her outdoor home for the summer.*

Cheers until next week **Sue Priestley**