

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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WHAT TO PUT ON THE FRONT PAGE THIS WEEK?????????

There is not a lot happening in Quandialla,
other than everyone quietly going about their everyday lives.....

*So, this week I will be having a bit of a chat hoping that some local news / advert
might come to light before it is time to print.*

First off, it was good to see the **COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Van** attend Quandialla at Blamey Park on Thursday 28th, they were providing the Pfizer vaccine for anyone that required their first or second jab. The clinic van also travelled to Caragabal first and then Greenthorpe after visiting Quandi.



Congratulations to Bridgette Penfold who has just finished 5 years of study to achieve a double degree of Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws. Bridgette's dedication to her studies, can only be emphasised by her academic success throughout her course.

On behalf of I.C. Readers, I would love to take this opportunity to Congratulate Bridgette on a job well done, your dedication and commitment to achieve this wonderful result will put you in great stead for the future.

Best Wishes for the next step in life.

Have you noticed the glorious display of red poppies that Narelle has grown at the Quandialla Public School front gates? It is a wonderful tribute to Remembrance Day coming up in November. Thank you, Narelle.



Melbourne Cup Calcutta Fundraiser: *Quandialla are on the last push to the Calcutta Auction on Monday evening. Tickets are selling well, but remember tickets are still available right up till the Calcutta Draw, so if you wish to support this fundraiser, tickets will still be available at the pub. Horses will be drawn on Saturday evening and the Auction on Monday night will be held in the Bland Hotel Beer Garden with a Sausage Sizzle Supper. Come along for a fun evening and show your support for the Quandialla Pool and Hall. Hope to see you there!!!!!!!!!!*

A Song About AJ: Most people in Quandialla would remember Allen Joseph Battenally known by everyone young and old as AJ and certainly a local identity. When AJ was not shearing or home with his family you would find him having a drink at the local or standing at the end of the bar of the bowlo. Didn't matter where AJ was enjoying a drink he was always on for a yarn.

Well known Bega singer/songwriter and main street busker Matt Preo has just released his third studio album. Unable to be on his favourite spot outside Bega's Commonwealth Bank during the COVID19

lockdown, Preo has enjoyed being able to still use the time productively and record 12 new tracks for his new album called "It's Amazing".

"The songs are all Australian and evocative, written about things I've seen, the places I've been and the people I've met along the way," he said. The new tracks also include *Quandialla Man* about "Quandialla legend" AJ, and *Come on Cobargo*, Preo's dedication to the Cobargo community. It's Amazing is a follow up to 2020's Hometown, which included the wonderful tribute track *The Firies*. You can listen to this song on YOUTUBE.COM – Quandialla Man.

Last Item I would like to chat about is the **Morangorell Road**: For everyone that has driven over the Morangorell Road lately I'm sure you will agree with me it is disgusting and dangerous and should never have gotten in the state it is currently in. Last Sunday the Weddin Shire Mayor visited the Quandialla Bowling Club socially with friends. While he was there, I had a little chat and mentioned the state of the road and that the locals and residents living out there were greatly concerned of the possibility of an accident and with harvest fast approaching it will only get worse. As Mark and friends were riding motorbikes, he mentioned that he would take a drive out that way. I hope he did and will look into having some repairs done – watch this space.

QUANDIALLA MELBOURNE CUP CALCUTTA DRAW & CALCUTTA AUCTION



Do you have your tickets yet?????????????

Tickets: \$2 each

**You can still buy tickets right up to the time of horses
being drawn on Saturday night.**

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 in the beer garden, and a sausage sizzle will be provided for supper.

By buying tickets and attending the auction you are supporting

The Quandialla Swimming Pool & Quandialla Soldiers Memorial Hall



ST MARKS ANGLICAN CHURCH

St Marks November
Service will be held on
Sunday 7th November at 6pm.

Everyone Welcome

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.

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 \$160, 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 not claimed last week, so this week it will jackpot to \$1000. (Sorry for the mistake last week the jackpot was really \$500) The Members Club Draw was claimed by Robert P and 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.

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

Friday 29th October opening at 6pm –

Don't forget our Friday Night Meat Raffle and the End of Month Meat Draw.

Having a Birthday in October and a member of the Club?

Fill out a Birthday Voucher, on Friday 29th (last Friday of the month) at 8.00pm the lucky winner will be drawn. You must be in attendance to collect your birthday win of \$50.

Sunday 31st October opening at 10 am & CLOSING for LUNCH at 2pm Opening again at 3pm

Sunday Papers available.

See you at our Local Club

HOW TIME FLIES

*Found the following article on the internet and thought this is my life.
We always seem to put things off until later and I'm always thinking
how fast the years are rushing by.*

*This article is my wake-up moment, don't be mistaken I'm very happy with my life but there are so
many things that we as a family still wish to do and after reading this article,
we are now going to start working on our Bucket "To Do" List.*

Barely the day starts and it's already late in the evening.

Barely Monday arrives and it's Friday again.

Another month is already over, then the year is almost gone.

Already 40, 50 or 60 years of our lives have passed, and we realize that we have lost parents and friends.

So, let's try, despite everything, to enjoy the remaining time.

Let's keep looking for activities that we like. Let's put some colour in our grey.

Let's smile at the little things in life that put joy in our hearts.

Despite everything, we must continue to enjoy with serenity this time we have left.

Let's try to eliminate the afters.

I'm doing it after, or I will think about it after.

We leave everything for later like "after" is ours.

Because what we don't understand is that: Afterwards, the coffee gets cold.

Afterwards, priorities change. Afterwards, the charm is broken. Afterwards, health passes.

Afterwards, the kids grow up. Afterwards parents get old. Afterwards, promises are forgotten.

Afterwards, the day becomes the night. Afterwards, life ends.

And then it's often too late.

So, let's leave nothing for later.

Because while you are still waiting to see later, we can lose the best moments, the best experiences, best friends, the best family.

The day is today. The moment is now.

We are no longer at the age where we can afford to postpone what you have dreamt about or needs to be done.

Life looks like an Eternity, but it's a Short Trip.

Start Today –

Enjoy Life by your terms with Family and Friends.

Cheers until next week
..... **Sue Priestle**

