

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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## **Weddin Shire Tourism Branding On-line Survey**

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December residents of Quandialla, Caragabal and Bimbi villages attended the Weddin Shire Tourism rebranding meeting at the Bland Hotel. This was a very informative presentation explaining how important it is to have the correct branding for any item, product, business or in our case promoting our Shire to the public that is interesting and engages people to visit our area.

Destination branding is about identifying the destination's strongest and most competitively appealing assets in the eyes of its prospective visitors, building a story from these that makes the destination stand out above its competitors, and running this narrative consistently through all marketing communications.

The brand will provide direction for destination marketing, tourism and events and articulate the unique offerings, experiences, and competitive advantages of the Weddin Shire.

For those people who were unable to attend the in-person session, you still can have your input by completing the online survey.

There is a link to the survey that you can get from Auburn Carr (her details are below) or you can use this QR code, BUT you must have the QR Code reader App on your phone to access it. I have tested it and it opened for me.

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## **Important Idle Chatter Notice**

Next week will be our last newsletter for 2021, we will be back mid-January 2022  
If you wish to advertise something, please contact me before Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

# **2021 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY**



*You are invited to kick the Festive Season off  
with family and friends on  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at the Quandialla Bowling Club  
starting at 6.30pm after the Children's Xmas Tree.***

## **CHRISTMAS MAILBOX & TOWN SCENE COMPETITION**

*Turn your mailbox or front lawn into a Christmas Themed Display.  
Judging will take place prior to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. and our 2021 winners  
will be announced during the Christmas Party.*

*Come along and leave the stress of 2021 behind and have a drink with friends.  
Lucky Door Prizes and a Ham Raffle will be drawn during the evening.  
**Ladies a plate to share please. EVERYONE WELCOME***

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## **QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:**

### **Bland Hotel Joker Jackpot Draw .....**

The Joker Jackpot was not claimed and this week the jackpot will be \$280, 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 and Members Draw came to Quandialla but was not claimed last week, Zac unfortunately was not there to claim the money. So this Friday the Riverina Jackpot will be \$3000 and the Members Club Draw will start again at \$50 because Tom Priestley's badge number was drawn and he was in attendance.

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*

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## **BLAND HOTEL**

Open: 12 Middy – 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.



## **QUANDIALLA CWA BRANCH**

**AGM – Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 10 o'clock  
in the Quandialla CWA REST ROOM Second Street, Quandialla.**



WHO IS TURNING 80 ???????

*It gives me much pleasure to report that  
Bevan McAlister  
will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.*

*On behalf of John and myself, friends from Quandi  
and IC Readers I would like to wish Bevan  
all the Very Best and Many Happy Returns  
on this Special Birthday.*

**HAPPY 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY BEVAN**

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## *Thank You from Quandialla Public School*



Quandialla Public School staff would like to thank everyone that has supported our school and students throughout 2021.

As we all know, it has been a very challenging year, and we sincerely thank the Quandialla Community and District for their support and understanding.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to invite our Community to our 2021 Presentation Day. Parents are allowed to attend, with a limit of two adults per household.

Quandialla Public School would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a lovely Christmas, and a safe and relaxing holiday break, and our school looks forward to being able to have Community members back in our school when restrictions are lifted.

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### **QUANDIALLA BOWLING CLUB NEWS**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December opening at 6pm – Friday Night Meat Raffle and the Members Draw.**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December opening at 10 am & CLOSING for LUNCH at 2pm Opening again at 3pm**  
Sunday Papers available.



#### **3 Christmas Ham Draws:**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> there will be an extra draw for a half ham, and at the Community Christmas Party on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> another half ham will be drawn. – YOU must be there to win!!!!

**Annual Christmas Tree** for Members children will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> prior to the Community Christmas Party. Santa will be arriving at 6pm.

**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.

*When you are reading this on Friday,*

*we are only 15 sleeps away from Celebrating Christmas with family and friends.*

*I'm sure everyone will be hoping for all the COVID restrictions to be gone and that life will start to feel a little more normal. Of course, we will still need to be careful but hopefully with most people being vaccinated we will learn to live with this virus.*

The Priestley's are going full steam ahead in preparing for our family Christmas, which will be held somewhere around the 4<sup>th</sup> January when our youngest daughter arrives with her family and we get to see our gorgeous granddaughters, Stella and Macy. Stella has just finished her 1<sup>st</sup> year at big school and Macy has just graduated from pre-school, black graduation gown and all.

It was only yesterday when they both were babies and now, they are my biggest supporters/critics regarding my Christmas madness. They are quick to say how great something looks but also not afraid to point out if something is not quite right. Last year I had a COVID tree, it was decorated with toilet rolls and masks, and they were not impressed, they couldn't understand what it was all about, it was not Christmassy. However, this year I am doing a Grinch tree, Stella does not like the Grinch, so it will be interesting to hear her comments. Especially as my grinch will be handmade by me, hope I pass the approval test.

We have also been working on our outside decorations and I requested a pallet tree this year. How far can a pallet go? That might seem like a weird question but hear me out. I asked Rich at Delta if he might have a pallet spare that I could have for this project and I thank him very much for his assistance with this matter and especially Emma who delivered it for us. The Man of the House dismantled it and I gave him some pictures of what I liked and asked him to make one, whichever one he felt he could handle best.

Well, he certainly surprised me!! He was gone for an hour or two, then he appeared with the chevron pattern tree you can see in the yard. I was impressed, he then disappeared and returned with another, that is also in the yard with painted white decorations on it. Both are beautiful, but he didn't stop there! He also made me 2 snowmen, also from the pallet, a gate from other wood, 2 smaller trees from lining boards from our house repairs, another one from skirting boards and a mini tree from off cuts. However, the icing on the cake is my really wonky tree that is an odd shape with branches going all over the place, and it is for the courtyard. And would you believe we still have a few pieces of pallet wood left. I obviously found something he liked doing. Next year I have asked for log reindeers, so watch out there might be no stopping him.

*Hopefully I will be finished all my decorating by early next week. I did say hopefully!!!!!!*

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**Until next week, Cheers ..... Sue Priestley**