

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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WT# HAPPENED TO OUR POOL

And I don't mean Well That's Fantastic

Our involvement with the Quandialla Swimming Centre is minimal these days, but driving past and seeing that the pool has still not opened, we can't help but wonder, along with many others I'm sure, "What is going on?"

We know our Pool Committee and workers are doing all they can to get the pool up and running, but it takes two to tango as they say, and the other partner in this scenario is the Weddin Shire Council. With it being almost a month since the main problem was diagnosed and the doors still not open, "when is this going to happen" seems to be the \$64 question.

With our own experiences through the Progress Association, dealing with the Shire can be quite frustrating and at times it leaves you wondering that if this was happening in Grenfell the problem would be fixed ASAP, and that's how we are thinking about this particular situation.

It seems a shame that such a wonderful community asset which draws families from a wide area every Summer, and has done so for nearly 50 years, is just sitting there closed, when normally it is a hive of activity, while families and our local district schools now have to go elsewhere. Interesting to note that many of them are travelling to Grenfell which has given the new Aquatic Centre a handy boost in numbers, which is an added bonus for the new venue.

But, it's not just about somewhere to go for a swim. Our pool is a vital component of our small community and the spin off to other businesses in the town must also be taken into account, when the pool is open, or as it is now – not open.

We have heard that there is a possibility of the pool opening next week if the "numbers" are right with the water, and the current setup will be allowed to continue until it truly breaks down. Then the pool will be closed again, and we will be back to square one.

I don't think it is too much to ask that Council gives Quandialla more consideration and recognise the urgency to repair / replace or whatever it takes for Quandi to have its' pool back.

John & Sue Priestley

Where has 2017 Gone??

I hope I'm not the only one that thinks the days are just flying past.

My wonderful Mum always said, "before you know it (whatever I was waiting for would be here)" and "you only have to turn around twice and (whatever) will be here and gone" and as a young smarty pants I would roll my eyes. Now I know what she was talking about.

November and December are my Happy Months of the Year! I love Melbourne Cup time and everything that goes with it. Trying to come up with a new name for the Calcutta tickets, the actual Calcutta Auction and then watching the race with friends.

After the big race I usually start decorating the house, sometimes a little too much, but hey I really LOVE Christmas and even more so, now we have grandchildren.

But I think I have just met another soul mate who loves Christmas Time. A young man named Tristan came in today to post his letter to Santa and it was an absolute joy to watch this very excited little boy and talk to him about his letter.

Thank you, Tristan, it's wonderful to meet another Christmas Lover.

24 Days till Christmas



2017 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

*You are invited to kick the Festive Season off
with family and friends on*

*Sunday 17th Dec at the Quandialla Bowling Club
starting at 6.30pm.*

There will be Lucky Door Prizes.

The Mailbox & Town Scene winners will be announced.

Come along and enjoy a chance to catch up after another hectic year.

Ladies a plate to share please.

EVERYONE WELCOME

CHRISTMAS MAILBOX & TOWN SCENE COMPETITION

We realise that completing your 2017 harvest is every farmers priority at the moment, and putting up any Christmas decorations is the last thing you are thinking about. However, we do hope that you might find the time somewhere to think about turning your mailbox or front lawn into a Christmas Themed Display. Judging will take place prior to the Community Christmas Party on Sunday 17th December where the winners will be announced.



THANK YOU

A big thank you to the Quandialla Bowling Club for organising this year's Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon which was held last Sunday.

Past residents from Quandialla now living in Grenfell, Young, and Temora, plus local residents enjoyed a delicious meal with all the Christmas trimmings.

Thank you to all the helpers, President John was the MC for the day and kept proceedings moving, helping to serve meals, and conducting a meat draw and lucky door prize and Martina who manned the bar for the day. Sue P who organised the meal, Dot and Sue G who helped to serve the meals and Lance who helped the girls clean up.

We as seniors appreciate the Bowling Club for holding these events. We all love to get together and catch up with everyone and also meet new residents.

Thank you again and we hope to see everyone again next year.

On behalf of Quandi Seniors

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

Christmas is just around the corner, yes - I know I have already said that but with both jackpots still not collected, you do have a chance to win.....

Visit the Bland Hotel and then the Quandialla Bowling Club where you have the chance to win some extra cash.

The Bland Hotel Joker Draw is still going and has jackpotted to \$540 this week. The Club's Members Draw has jackpotted to \$4000 this Friday.

Good Luck Everyone!!!!

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE:

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla next on **14th December.**

Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment.

ST MARKS ANGLICAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Se rvices will be held this Sunday 3rd December 6pm with supper afterwards. Community all very welcome

QUANDIALLA BOWLING CLUB NEWS:

Christmas Ham Draw: A special draw of 3 half hams will be held on Friday 15th December. YOU must be there to win!!!!

Annual Christmas Tree for Members children will be held on Sunday 17th. Santa will be arriving at 6pm.





QUANDIALLA & DISTRICT LOCAL TELEPHONE BOOK

Local phone books are NOW on sale
Books can be purchased for \$7.00 each
at the Quandialla Post Office.

Christmas Letter to Santa

I would like to remind all those little people that NOW is a very good time to send your **Christmas Letter to Santa**. You can post your letter at the Quandialla Post Office. There is a special letter box to the North Pole where Santa and his helpers are waiting to read them.



NEED A TIDY UP BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Do you need help with **GARDENING, RUBBISH REMOVAL ETC.**

Ring Trevor Grenfell

“Round Hill” Bribbaree – **Phone: 63832353 after 4pm**

IN CASE YOU'VE MISSED IT

After 3 years of requests to local Council by Ralph Richards the signs outside his property have been changed. It is now legal to park on either side of the road.

Hours are:

- No Stopping
- 8am – 9.30am
- 2.30pm – 4pm
- School days

Thank you - Ralph

LATE NEWS

QUANDIALLA SWIMMING CENTRE

Thank you for your continuing support Quandi and surrounds
We are hoping to have some solid positive news early next week
Check Quandialla Swimming Centre FB page or the notice in local businesses
Thank you
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