

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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Waffle time !!!!!!!

*Guess what! It's Thursday morning 7 am and I'm drawing a blank.....*

It's been one of those weeks, things are just getting back to a normal routine after Xmas, school holidays etc and there is very little news for me to report. It's very hard trying to get the enthusiasm up and going with the hot weather we are having, a mountain of paperwork for the office. Plus, the million jobs, renovations etc around the house that we have been working on since 1999, okay I have exaggerated slightly, but there is a lot and I hope I live long enough to see them completed.

As well as no news or ideas, it's been a bad week, the sort that every time you turn around you wonder who made up that new rule / regulation, or who employs all those rude aggressive telemarketers that won't take NO for an answer. Trying to speak to an electricity company or Telstra and get some satisfaction is like winning the lottery, a million to one. To get a job with those companies you must be able to know one hundred ways to pi## off the customer. You start off with a legitimate request or an enquiry but after waiting for half an hour to speak to a person and they give you the run around, you then end up angry and frustrated.

And now for a rant - my biggest pet peeve is watching the TV news and seeing so many people getting into trouble because of their stupidity or aggression. It seems good old 'Common Sense' has left the building.

**You might ask where has Common Sense gone?** I have pondered on this a lot lately because I seem to have lost my patience with the world, I just don't understand why we are selling Australia to overseas buyers, why we are not looking after our own children (schools), hospitals, farmers, senior citizens and the list could go on. So as a grandparent now I'm very concerned for our grandchildren and what life will be like in the future, what jobs will there be for our young people, as I have already said the list can go on and on. I understand the need to support underprivileged and war-torn countries etc but there must be a happy balance where our country comes first.

As to where 'Common Sense' has gone  
everything was explained when I saw the following obituary notice.

## Death of Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Mr Common Sense.

Mr Sense has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he is since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, life isn't always fair, and maybe it was my fault. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned, but overbearing, regulations were set in place.

Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teenagers suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they had themselves failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer paracetamol, sun lotion or band-aid to a pupil, but could not inform the parents when a pupil became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home, but the burglar could sue you for assault because you protected yourself and your own.

Common Sense finally passed away after a 7-year-old child was suspended from school for chewing a Pop Tart into the shape of a gun.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents; Truth and Trust, his wife; Discretion, his daughter; Responsibility and his son; Reason. He is survived by three stepbrothers; I Know My Rights, Someone Else is to Blame, and I'm A Victim.

Unfortunately, not many attended his funeral because so few realized that he was gone.

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That obituary says it all, maybe tongue in cheek but true.....

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## QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

The Bland Hotel Joker Draw is getting very interesting and if lucky enough you could take home \$720 this Friday.

The Bowling Club Members Draw will be \$1000 this week. I think it's about time the jackpot came our way, so I will see you at the club because you need to be in attendance if your badge number is drawn.

*Good Luck Everyone!!!*

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE:

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla next on Wednesday **21<sup>st</sup> February 2018**.  
Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment

QUANDIALLA CWA BRANCH will be holding their next General Meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm at the CWA Rest Rooms. All Welcome

QUANDIALLA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY: The General Meeting for the New Year will be held on Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am at the Medical Centre. Discussion of Seniors Week & Delegate for Area Conference. All Welcome

**ATTENTION:**

**2018 Debutantes, Flowergirls and Mothers**

*A meeting will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm at the Hall to discuss preparations for the 2018 Ball.*

**QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL & PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at the Bland Hotel Dining Room. All Welcome.

AGENDA:

Hall Maintenance – Scot's Deb Ball  
Anzac Day: Organisation & Clean Up  
Other Business

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**BABY CONGRATULATIONS**

*Congratulations go to first time Grandparents Chontelle Debritt & Graeme Penfold on the safe arrival of a grandson who has been named Diaz Paul.*

*Congratulations also must go to the proud parents Shannah and Luke.*

# **BLAST FROM THE PAST** Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER Vol. 2 No. 26

THURS. 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 1957

*WHEAT – I am a moral to be asked within the next week or so by the Silo Board to state the position as regards wheat in this district. Upon this information being given, they will no doubt decide whether the silos need to be opened. For your benefit then, will you be good enough to let me know if you anticipate having a surplus to your requirements. There has been some demand for seed and I thought that perhaps it would be of some help if those that had seed to sell would let me know, and those who wished to purchase same could register their requirements. It is just a suggestion which may of some help.....*

*BARLEY – A truck load of South Australian barley is in transit consigned to Fred Marris. The price of this has not yet been computed, but it will be round about the 14/- per bushel mark. If you are interested in any of this please get in touch with Fred and mention IC. It all helps.....*

*EARBASHERS – I have three special reporters working the Bland District. They are Messrs. Will Troth, Don Troth and “Snow” Sinclair. Now these three reporters have brought to my notice the amazing cricketing ability of three of the Bland players. They are Messrs. Will Troth, Don Troth and “Snow” Sinclair. They have also reported that three of the Bland team are disgusted that the results of their matches are not published in IC. They are Messrs. Will Troth, Don Troth and “Snow” Sinclair. In an effort to choose the best sportsmen of the week and acting on information received from Messrs. Will Troth, Don Troth and “Snow” Sinclair I have no hesitation in awarding the title to Messrs. Will Troth, Don Troth and “Snow” Sinclair. The modesty of these three gentlemen amaze me.....*

*WEATHER – It may be of some interest to learn that in the twelve months end – November 8<sup>th</sup> there has been recorded 1297 points of rain. 1096 of these since January 1<sup>st</sup> and 82 points this week.....*

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***IMPORTANT DATE to put on your calendar!!!!***

***Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Quandialla Scot’s Debutante Ball***

*Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 10pm – Today is a big day, the Man of the House and I have just celebrated our Wedding Anniversary with a lovely dinner and a bottle of red for him and a Moscato for me. I’m not a big drinker and having trouble focusing, so please excuse this message but I need to explain I still have to print 125 newsletters for tomorrow and if there are any mistakes please..... actually I don’t care.....*

***Cheers ‘hic’ until next week ..... Sue Priestley***