

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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*A Very Special Thank You to everyone
that braved last Saturdays' cold afternoon for
Quandialla Progress Assoc. Biggest Morning Tea Event.*

Marlene Taylor, with help from Margaret Spratt dressed the tables in a sea of pink while Narelle Gault decorated with flowers from the club garden. There was a lovely selection of goodies to tempt everyone – I thought I would be smart and only select one goodie at a time, hoping I would not over indulge and look like Miss Piggy. But that plan didn't work, there was so many yummy things that I just kept going back till I had tried everything, we have some great cooks in Quandialla.

I would like to pass on a big thank you to the Quandialla Bowling Club for making the club available to us, hosting an event at the club is made so much easier with the wonderful facilities they offer.

I'm very pleased to report that we will be sending The Cancer Council \$420.25 which was the total of donations collected. Our Quilt Raffle was also generously supported, and we raised \$146.00, this raffle will continue and will be drawn at our next Cancer Council event in October.

Once again, thank you for your wonderful support.

QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL & PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th July at 7.30pm
at the Bland Hotel Dining Room.

All Welcome

WHERE HAVE THE COUNCIL REPS or WORKERS GONE??

The month of July marks 12 months since Mr Raju Ranjit -Shire Engineer and Mr Jim Montgomery – Works Overseer/Foreman attended our July Progress Meeting and promised us there would be changes.

I'm sorry to report that was and still is B.S. – we are still waiting for the drainage to be finished, for the general grading that was promised to help any water move away from the village, fire breaks, not to mention the street sweeper. It has all been a massive joke, if you weren't made cranky by the situation you could probably have a good laugh about it. The main street footpaths are the biggest joke of all – this little article is from the Priestley view point and I'm sure there would be other businesses and Second St residents agreeing with me.

As earlier stated plans were drawn up and we were told the costing of the paths and how far that costing would go and how the path edges were going to be finished which was asphalt spraying. The Progress queried that type of finish because it sounded very messy. Also, negotiations were made to leave the grass in front of the park and continue the path past the Hall to the corner, which was not in the original plans. Work started on the 12th April, not exactly how the Shire explained the process of the job, but what we have at the moment looks great, however, there was concern from both parties on the finished article and another kerb side meeting was held.

This is where things get interesting, The West Weddin Store were on the ball and organised their entrance into their business very early in the piece and had it sorted and laid straight away and it looks good. Right at the beginning we were told that all businesses could have path access into their buildings but of course we would have to pay. Measurements were taken, and we asked for quotes to be sent, emails were given, and we are still waiting to receive that email. John and I wanted to get the ball rolling, so we drew up a mud map of what we wanted, worked out the costing etc and John took it in to the council but of course Mr Raju was not there. Not wanting to leave it and it being lost he returned the next mail day and handed our paperwork to Raju who said he would get onto it. We thought it was all sorted, we were happy with what we had decided on and we were prepared to pay. But imagine our surprise when a council worker arrived with paperwork that he wanted us to sign so he could return it straight away. When I opened it, I was certainly astounded! It contained a very proper footpath drawing with our proposed extra cement additions (tick). A letter with an estimate only costing (X) which was almost double what we thought it would be and not a quote of the actual cost and those idiots wanted us to sign it and possibly leaving ourselves open to paying even more at the end of the day. That might be Councils' way of doing business but it certainly is not ours.

Naturally John visited Raju to see where they got this figure from and apparently there were hidden costs that were never mentioned, but he thought he had told us about. My husband is a gentleman and he politely said we would not be having any extra pathways thank you. All I can say is Raju is very lucky I hadn't gone to see him, because you cannot say one figure for the costing of extra cement and then double it at the last moment and expect people to be happy about it. We

were not the only ones to politely tell them to forget about it, so all that time of trying to receive a quote for extra work had been wasted.

But the biggest concern to residents and businesses is the finishing on either side of the path. Council has finally acknowledged that the asphalt edges were going to be a mess and Raju told John they were going to leave it as is but of course pack it down. John was unhappy with that, concerned that any clay content on the edges would be a disaster when wet and suggested crushed granite like they have in front of the school and of course Raju said he would look into it and that is the last we have heard.

I am astounded how the Shire runs things and how money is wasted. If they were a company and the residents of the Shire the shareholders, I'm sure they would be needing new directors/employees about now as dividends would be very poor. I think what really annoys me more is that Grenfell is going ahead, new pool, medical centre going ahead leaps and bounds and a proposed new street makeover, while the villages just make do.

I have been told by Shire workers more than once that Grenfell residents have to pay for a footpath to be installed and we should feel lucky that the Shire is paying for our main street footpaths, but we already have sealed footpaths, terrible as they are, so what we are now getting is an upgrade/maintenance but down the middle only and if the residents and businesses want that upgrade to be wider they have to pay for it. Not sure that is fair as we are going from a kerb to building footpath to a strip (nice strip) down the middle with dirt on either side.

Should we be thankful for a half-baked job? We do pay our rates, which Council expects to be paid on time so why is it so hard for them to realise that we would like to see a job completed and general maintenance done around the village on a regular basis. Don't they realise that all the villages reflect on the Shire and doing what a council is expected to do could make the villages more enticing for new residents if they know that the Council looks after the whole Shire.

So, the \$64 question remains:

When are our footpaths and all our other uncompleted projects going to be finished?

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS

The Bland Hotel Joker Draw is still growing and this week you could win \$440.

The Riverina Bowling Club Jackpot Draw was not claimed last week and has jackpotted to \$2500 this Friday. The Quandialla Bowling Club Local Members Draw was also not claimed and will be \$100 this week, remember you must be there to win it.

Good Luck Everyone!!!

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE:

Dr Wail El Wailli will be visiting Quandialla **on 11th & 25th July 2018.**

Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment



2018 RAINFALL

June's rainfall recorded at the Quandialla Post Office

Was 37.6mm over 9 days.

Total for the year is 155.6mm over 25 days

Interest Only Fact for June 2017 rainfall recorded at Quandialla Post Office was 2mm over 2 days – total for the year 188.8mm over 25 days.

RALPH RICHARDS SEPTICS: Call for a Quote: Phone 0457 821965 or 0477 094193

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.....

A NEW BUSINESS VENTURE IN THE VILLAGE

QUANDIALLA POP-UP-SHOP

Lots of items for sale: New & Pre-loved

Come in and have a look!!!!!!!!!!!!

Opening Hours: Wednesday 12 – 2pm
Thursday 12 – 2pm
Saturday 12 – 1pm



Do you want to bring things to sell – you are most welcome to.....
Call or text Vesna 0458278284



activefarmers@quandialla

are holding a Christmas in July
to raise funds for

Active Farmers- a Not for Profit Health Promotion Charity.
Quandialla Bowling Club on Sunday 29th July 2018 at 6pm

Nibbles, Christmas Roast & Dessert – \$30 per adult \$15 per child.
Plus, there will be a Raffle & Chocolate Wheel.

BUILD STRONGER AND MORE RESILIENT RURAL COMMUNITIES.
RSVP 23.07.2018 to Kim Broomby 0427472152

PLEASE NOTE:

Quandialla Bowling Club Memberships are NOW DUE for 2018 – 2019

Cheers for another week **Sue Priestley**