

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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ANOTHER WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

I hope you enjoyed the earlier article by R.S. Grinter in IC No: 13. I thought it was wonderful reading about our farming community and how things were done in the 1920's. Mr Grinter recorded these memories approx. in 1986 he would have been 74 years of age.

Part 2

RANDOM RAMBLINGS ROUND QUANDIALLA 1923 – 1926

By R.S. Grinter

When I went onto the property known as “Daisy Meadows” I was very well equipped, I had nothing. But under the circumstances that I took on the property I was able to overcome that small detail by borrowing, especially from my uncle.

I had a team of twelve horses which were my Uncle Walters to start with, some of which I purchased from him at a later date. Some were pure Clydesdales and some were of a lighter variety. When I first started farming there, I worked them twelve abreast, then “shoulder bars” came in, but these were not a success as they favoured the lazy horse. Later roller chains were introduced which were very successful as you could have up to fourteen horses in a team without much trouble.

I had a loan of a five furrow McKay disc plough from Peter Coelli, when I came to return it he said I could have it for 50 pounds so I accepted this offer and became the proud owner of one plough which I used until 1946, when I gave up farming. The plough was fitted with an adjustable back furrow wheel which my father Albert William Grinter patented early in 1900, but only held a twelve month provisional patent on it and when that expired it was taken over by H.V. McKay.

My first header was a 1914 Massey Harris with an eight foot cut. This was owned by my Uncle Walter and it did me until 1926 when I bought an International with an adjustable nine or twelve foot cut. I hired a Woods binder, which incidentally tied a bow instead of a knot, from Albert Pfeiffer who had a farm a few miles away.

Look out for more of Mr Grinter's story in later editions.

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HISTORY BOOK

I have almost completed the History for the Quandialla CWA Branch and I thought I would explain how I went about it. First I read all the minute books at my disposal - you will be surprised what information you can get. Start at the beginning, how did your group form and when, by who and where. Explain why or the purpose of your group. Mention any outstanding members and their achievements. Plus, please include lists of your executives, people love to read names. If not used, we will at least have them for the archives. Don't forget to include some photos if you have them.

For a Family History I am going to start again at the beginning. Who settled in Quandi when, where & why? Include any family tales that have been handed down, branch out and mention the next generation and so forth for the older families of the district. Our family history won't be that big but we have 4 children all born and raised in Quandialla so they are a product of our community. So if you were thinking that you don't have anything to offer, think again, you are all part of our history. Don't forget you can include photos - they are worth a thousand words but there will be a limit of how many will be included and I suppose that will be decided on how much information we end up gathering.

So start putting pen to paper and jotting things down, you will be surprised how those points will start to flow together, and then you will have your story. At this moment, I still do not have the info on how we would like you to set your history out but I will get it out there as soon as I get it.

*I hope I have inspired you just a little, pick up that pen
and the rest will happen.*

NOW

QUANDIALLA CRICKET REPORT: Last Weeks' game Quandi V Ungarie resulted in a win to Quandi who were only able to field a side of 8 players, the result was 176 to 73. The win was highlighted by a fine knock of 60+ by Brett Causer and a wicket each to the father son combination of Dylan & Brendon McAlister. This week's game is against Burcher, come along and see the Mighty Ducks do battle at the Quakka, entry is free.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY: It has been reported to Idle Chatter by numerous people that they had a fabulous time at this years' Melbourne Cup Function hosted by the Hospital Auxiliary. It was well attended by the community, lots of dressing up (I saw some photos), lots of socializing (I think that is code for drinking), some shopping from the fashion parade and happy sweep winners. *A job well done Ladies.*

WELCOME HOME: Pleased to report Maureen Dixon is home from her hospital stay and Robyn Walsh is back at work after her accident.

R.S.A. COURSE: Responsible Service of Alcohol New Photo ID Course will be held at the Bland Hotel on Tuesday 11th Dec if they can get 10 or more interested people. Cost - \$160.00. Further info call in or phone Daniel 6347 1253. If you are interested names must be in by Thurs 22nd Nov.

CONGRATULATIONS to Vesna Gregory: Vesna will be travelling to Sydney to compete in the State finals of The Australian Poetry Slam which will be held on November 16th. Vesna won her spot at this years' Henry Lawson Festival. The Australian Poetry Slam is one of the biggest poetry competitions of its kind where you need original material, a quick tongue and a killer vocabulary.

Once again Congratulations Vesna and Quandialla wishes you All the Best.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE Quandialla village had a visit from a super dooper street sweeper on Monday. I've never seen one like it before, everyone had to move their cars so he could do his thing. I was very impressed thinking that Quandi had come up in the world, but that was short lived, the monster of a thing was afraid of any trees hanging over the footpath, he made a wide berth around them leaving the gutters still clogged and then ignored other areas in streets that have kerb & guttering.

Why do half a job?

CWA Meeting: Monday 12th Nov – 7.30pm, CWA Rooms – All Welcome

BLAST FROM THE PAST Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

This same day in 1956

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 29

THURS. NOV 8TH 1956

TENNIS COURTS. Members of the biggest working bee seen for many a long day worked like trojans to help build the new courts. I must give a pat on the back to Ross Reeves, Clive McAlister, P Harris, Keith Hope and Will Mainwaring who stayed in the sand pit all day and loaded 32 lorries. Six lorries were on the job driven by Ross Penfold, Ken Harris, Os Kelly, Jim McAlister, A Penfold and Wal Smithers. Working hard to unload and spread were Reg Penfold, Herb Goesch, W Troth, C Hazell, B Anderson and Bev McAlister. Bill Mainwaring was on the spot with his tractor and grader and together with Ian Reeves they never stopped. Martin Keir loaned a tractor and Len Trounson a loading ramp. It was a grand effort and reflects a lot of credit to the participants. There is to be another working bee next Wednesday, and believe it or not, they are hoping just a little teeny weeny shower will fall.

CAKE RAFFLE. The Quandialla Golf Association wish to thank all those people who helped them by taking a chance to win that beautiful iced cake. They would like to inform you that it was won by Barry Sinclair.

TENDERS. Tenders are invited and will be accepted until November 30th for a school bus service for the Quandialla-Bland route, a distance of 36 miles. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Further particulars from WO Mainwaring, Hon.Secretary, Bland Bus Committee.

Don't forget the variety concert which will be staged in the Memorial Hall on 28th November. This promises to be a good show and 50% of the proceeds will go to the Hospital Fund. Here is one way YOU can help.

Cheers for another week **Sue Priestley**