

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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THROUGH SO MANY SETS OF HANDS

The following article recently found its way to me via Betty McCabe, via Faith, via Lynette and not sure who else - I knew straight away it was going to feature on the front page of Idle Chatter.

*It was written for the paper:
The Sydney Mail on Wednesday November 27th 1927.*

THE FAST – GROWING TOWNSHIP OF QUANDIALLA

Glimpses of Country Life

For a township depending solely on its farming and grazing industries Quandialla's rise in the past few years is remarkable. Confidence is shown by one local resident who is building a hotel to cost over 10,000 pounds, and a number of smaller buildings are in course of erection. The Railway Department have a number of works in hand or under construction, and wheat silos are to be built shortly. Plans are being prepared for a new public school and further building operations by Government departments and private enterprise are foreshadowed. Quandialla is the main township on the railway line between Forbes and Stockinbingal, and is situated in the centre of the following towns, which are from 30 to 40 miles distant:- Grenfell, Young, Cootamundra, Temora, Wyalong and Forbes.

Until the construction of the Forbes – Stockinbingal railway line – probably the wisest construction ever made by the Railway Commissioners – the wonderful Bland country of which Quandialla is the centre was an area which fed so many rabbits and kangaroos that its true pastoral worth was then not known; it is now realised that it will comfortably carry two sheep to the acre. Wheat yields during the past few years compare favourably with the picked wheat districts of the State, and the acreage is being increased each year. About one-half of the district is held in farms of from 500 to 800 acres, and the other half in larger estates. In some cases it is understood that subdivisions will shortly take place. With its wonderful district and its situation is it any wonder that Quandialla is going ahead? – C.Q.B.

I love reading these old articles.....

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

QUANDIALLA CENTENARY COOKBOOK

As earlier reported I have put my hand up to work on some ideas for a cookbook to help raise funds for our Centenary. Kathy Smith has volunteered to help me with this venture which is very much appreciated. Our main goal is to make this a community project so I'm asking for your favourite family recipes.

I have a few ideas on how to set it out – and one is having recipes from all the generations in your family, e.g. a favourite recipe from your mother or grandmother, one from yourself and maybe a favourite that your children or grandchildren like to cook.

So, do you have any recipes that you would like to see in print? If you do, please drop them into the Post Office. What Kathy and I are working on at the moment is a prototype for the committee to look at - plus we need to do all the costing to see if it is a worthwhile venture etc.

*If you can help with some recipes it would
be very much appreciated.*

NOW

SWIMMING LESSONS will be held at the Quandialla Swimming Pool on December 8th, 9th, 15th & 16th for more information call into the Pool or phone 63471304.

CHRISTMAS MAILBOX or TOWN SCENE COMPETITION: John & I started this competition in 2006. We hoped that it would bring a little Christmas Cheer to the place and I think it has, we had 13 mailboxes and 9 town scenes that year and each year the number has slowly grown.

I would like to thank our sponsors

Weddin Shire (1st \$100 - Town), Quandialla Fire Brigade (2nd \$50 - Town), Quandialla Post Office (1st \$100 - Mailbox) and the Quandialla Progress Association (2nd \$50 - Mailbox). Judging will be held after the 9th December soooooo why not try and win the sponsors money for some Christmas Cheer you could buy a lot of lollies or

Special Thank You – John & I would like to thank the Fire Brigade and Progress Assoc. for coming on board this year with sponsorship.

JACKPOT DRAWS IN QUANDIALLA: Things are getting very interesting in the big smoke this week, first off the Bland Hotel Poker Jackpot Draw is now up to \$1340 and anyone can win - you just have to be there holding the winning ticket to get the chance to pick the board, but you must pick the Joker of course to win the money, but a drink in this heat is still okay. The Bowling Club will have their 10 meat trays for raffle and the chance of winning a monthly prize as well. The members Club Draw is now \$4200 and it must come to Quandi soon but you must be in attendance when your badge number comes out.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

This same day in 1956

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 32

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BLAND PROGRESS ASSOCIATION. *Following an application for lighting facilities over the private letter boxes at the Quandialla Post Office, advice has been received that the application has been approved..... The campaign committee have been working tirelessly for the Association's candidate, Mr NORMAN PEARSE, for Bland Shire Elections. After coverage of the wide area of B Riding they feel very confident of his prospects of election. However your vote is needed, whether it be No. 1 or No. 2. His motto is.....PEARSE pugnaciously pursues perfect pavements NOT pre-historic perilous potholes. Election notice authorised by CD Brown Quandialla.*

A PUBLIC MEETING of district residents will be held in the CWA rooms on Monday December 10th at 8pm, to appoint a "Subsidised Doctor Committee" for the ensuing twelve months. This notice is authorised, and cordial invitation to attend the meeting is extended to YOU, by WS Dixon, Chairman of Subsidised Doctor Committee.

A freak head of wheat is in the possession of Neville Troth. The grain is in a fan formation and is nine wide. This bunching occurs about every half inch or so on alternate sides of the stem. It is most interesting.

The Church of Ascension with its blue roof and white walls looks a picture. The vivid contrast of John Hope's brilliant red roof adds further colour to our otherwise drably painted town. More power to these people who are not afraid of splashing brightness around.

I am willing to bet that Bryson Troy will be in the seat of the next tractor that he starts. This pressing the starter button while still on the ground is no good especially when the tractor (in gear) careers madly away from you. However all's well that ends well.

Cheers until next week. **Sue Priestley**