

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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The Devastation of Fire

No doubt all of you have been following the fire situation around the state. With the extreme weather changes and those b*^^#! winds, fire can be so unpredictable. Thankfully our area has been spared and hopefully, that will continue. I know everyone out there is prepared for all emergencies but please take care and keep a watchful eye on things.



Research from Mitchell Library - Sydney

This week I would like to share with you part of an article that Mr Noel Causer has written. The part I am printing today is what Mr Causer found when he was researching Quandialla.

In trying to research the beginning of the township of Quandialla, I spent many days at the Mitchell Library in Sydney in search of a confirmed date, but no luck. It appears, because the land on which Quandialla stands was made available by the Talbot Family (Euroka), no actual gazette date was lodged with the Authorities of the day. The earliest dates available come from the progress of the Railway line north to Forbes and Parkes.

The first settlers in what is now the village area would have been railway gangs working on the construction of the railway. This would have been approx. 1911 – 1913. A small school was erected mainly to cater for the workers families and was located directly opposite the Blacksmith shop.

(Today that school would have stood somewhere in the current school yard on the corner of Wyalong Rd and Third St). The settlement was known as Euroka Siding, later Bland Siding and then Quandialla.

The Causer Family (Colin) has in his possession the original sale poster of blocks of land (town blocks) being put up for auction on the 8th July 1914 by Auctioneers Miller and James, Temora. The details of 75 town blocks being sold and the buyers' names recorded along with the price paid. Official receipts are recorded in the Mitchell Library Sydney, to AJ Talbot of the sale price of each block. On retirement Mr Talbot sold the remaining property to the Government and it was split up into 13 farms for closer settlement.

As you can see from Noel Causer's research there were settlers here before 1914 but until the auction of the town blocks there was no real village structure. The Centenary Committee felt that the sale of those very important town blocks and the arrival of the railway was the starting point of our existence, hence our celebration in 2014.

Many Thanks, to Mr Noel Causer for his research.
Noel, born in Quandialla, is now living at Corrimal.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

Centenary Meeting

will be held on
Wednesday 30th January 2013 – 7.30pm
at the Bland Hotel

All Welcome

NOW

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

In the past years Quandialla has Celebrated Australia Day with a Family B.B.Q in Blamey Park. This has proved to be a very pleasant evening, catching up with friends.

The Weddin Shire Council has donated money to assist with the purchased of meat, bread, soft drinks etc. With the Progress Association paying for any expenses that the Shire's donation does not cover.

The general public are asked to bring a salad per family, chairs or blanket for your comfort and any other items that your family would like to have with their meal.
(don't forget the mozzie spray - could come in handy).

This is your invitation.....

You are invited to join family, friends and neighbours to celebrate 2013 Australia Day together.

BOWLING CLUB MEMBERS DRAW has jackpotted again this week. Before I can tell you the amount I must explain that my maths last week was not very good. The jackpot jumps by \$600 per week and the week before last the amount was \$7200 and last week I said it was \$7700, no I did not pocket the \$100 I just made a boo boo. So, last week should have been \$7800 and this week you could win \$8200 if your membership number comes out and you are in attendance at the time of the phone call. Good Luck everyone.

BLAND HOTEL POKER DRAW has jackpotted to \$160 this week. **BLAST**

FROM THE PAST

 Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

This same day in 1957

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 38

THURS. JAN 17TH 1957

I feel that the least I can do is to dedicate this issue to our less fortunate brethren. I want you all to imagine those poor unfortunate people who are away from our district. Just imagine the inconveniences they are putting up with. Cool breezes blowing on them which could so easily give them a nasty cold. That awful smell, which comes off the sea, and fancy having to catch those smelly fish and then eating them, Ugh! I honestly don't know how they can put up with such a life when they could be here in the hot sun with the beautiful dust swirling about adding that delicate gritty flavour to the food. Everything here is a beautiful golden colour, none of those cissy green stuff for us, and so that we don't get a chill we have fires going night and day to comfort us.....Talking about fires, and trying to be serious, the fire which started on "Clare Park" near Grenfell was a horrible affair and we are lucky that up to the time of writing human lives have been spared. The smoke spread miles and miles and rose to a terrific height. We all hope that the danger has passed locally, but the thought of the loss and suffering in other parts of the state makes one shudder. To you that are away I would like to say that the Quandialla boys did their share at the Grenfell fire. Milton Hunter, Mick Timmins, Stan McInerney, Hughie and Lawrence Russell were all representing Quandialla as was a complete unit supplied and manned by Viv Gault and company. Stan and Paul Nowlan with Max Waters were there for Bimbi and Vic Penfold was alerted to stand by in case trouble started nearer home. So you see folks, that your humble little contributions to the fire brigade fund becomes almost a duty. I make this last appeal to those of you who not as yet subscribed. Please send it along. I can promise you that it will not be wasted. Enough of that. You may wonder why this is all higgledy piggedly this week, but to be frank with you, I've had it. The hot weather is getting me down and I am rapidly running out of words. Don't think that I can't imagine your remarks to that last statement.

Life hasn't changed much since 1956 - Still hot and fires are everywhere.

Be safe everyone.....Cheers **Sue Priestley**