

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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## “CAN ANYONE TELL ME” BOX

The “Can Anyone Tell Me” Box has only been in Idle Chatter for 2 weeks and the response has been fantastic.

I started it because there are a lot of holes in our information that I feel we need to fill if possible and there is also some conflicting information. As a lot of our history is not documented and is mostly memories my theory is if we can get people talking we might get closer to the correct answers.

An example of what I’m trying to say is the following:-

### Where was the Blacksmith’s shop?

I asked this question because I had two locations and I was looking for some clarification on the matter. Some older folk of the district said this shop was on the current fire brigade block as they remember the place being at the end of the street. But in my browsing I found that the fire shed block stands on what was once a stock route / reserve land in 1914. The other interesting point is that a WC Gordon purchased the block next door (where the old teachers units stand today) in the 1914 auction. Many folk have told me our blacksmith’s surname was Gordon, would this have been the same family.

Since asking the question in I.C. - I have had three parties feel it was on the fire brigade block, Mr Allan Muir rang me and said he was involved with the building of the teachers units and they had to deal with the blacksmith pit that had to be filled before they could build, Murray Napier emailed me and said he used to play in the old blacksmith building which was on the block next to the fire shed before the units were built. Max Penfold thought it was where the fire shed stands today but when I

mentioned the reserve land he thought about the matter and said that the unit block could also fit as he remembered the blacksmith shop across from the school but it was the last building in the street which made him think it was where the fire shed stands.

*So with the information available so far, I would say the Blacksmith shop was built on the block where the old teachers units stand today. Without documentation I feel the only way to fill the gaps is by working together and comparing notes and hopefully end up with the right answer.*

## THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

CAN ANYONE TELL ME? *Box will be back next week.....*

*I have something very important to address in the Future space this week.*

## THE QUANDIALLA CENTENARY COOKBOOK

The Centenary Committee has given me and my partner in crime Kathy Smith permission to go ahead with our idea of a cookbook to help raise funds to go towards financing the projects the committee have on the agenda for our big celebrations in 2014. We hope to get this book up and going ASAP so we can start selling to the public for Mother’s Day, Special Occasions and 2013 Christmas and of course at the October Weekend 2014.

So.....naturally to get started we NEED recipes – what we are looking for are family favourite recipes. With the Centenary in mind we are going to set out our cookbook in a “Generation Format” for an example “THE BLACK FAMILY” with your favourite recipes down through the generations from anyone in your family (past or present), three or four generations would be great. Your family might contribute 2 cake, 1 main & 1 sweet recipe - the type does not matter as there will be an index at the back for reference etc. At this stage the number of recipes per family is not limited unless heaven forbid we get too many then we will have to work something out.

*Our idea for this cookbook is to make a lasting collection of recipes from Families who have lived and/or are still living in Quandialla.*

Please Note: Advert for Cookbook on the NOW page

## NOW

THE CENTENARY COOKBOOK: *We need your favourite family recipes.*

You can leave your written recipes at the Post Office or with Kathy Smith or you can email them to [suepcentenary@gmail.com](mailto:suepcentenary@gmail.com).

We would like to include the name of the contributor with each recipe.

Eg. "Black Forest Cake" – Julie Black (nee White)

*Kathy and I would really appreciate those recipes as soon as possible as we are both itching to get started.*

THE MIGHTY DUCKS: I'm pleased to report that the "Ducks" had a win last weekend against Ungarie. The next game, this Saturday will be at Burcher players will be travelling by bus and spectators are welcome to join them.

FRIDAY NIGHT IN QUANDIALLA: The Bland Hotel offers delicious meals and The Poker Draw is \$220. Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw has jackpotted to \$10,000 this Friday night and there will also be the Friday Night Meat Raffle to enjoy.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY NEWS: The Quandialla Hospital Auxiliary's first meeting for 2013 will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am in the Quandialla Health Centre. ALL WELCOME

FRIENDLY REMINDER: 2 Day Mental Health First Aid Training Course. For more info refer to I.C. No 26 & 27. You need to register by the 12<sup>th</sup> Feb.

QUANDIALLA CWA GENERAL MEETING will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the CWA Rooms. ALL WELCOME

QUANDIALLA PROGRESS & SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL MEETING will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013. I will remind you again next week.

REMINDER OF THE DUE DATE FOR THE QUANDIALLA HISTORY BOOK  
Your family or club history is required by the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2013

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## BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

This same day in 1957

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 41

THURS. FEB 7<sup>TH</sup> 1957

*Everyone has been a little fire conscious this last week or so. Eyes have been turned to the horizon where imagination has played tricks on many an occasion. This fire scare came to a climax last Tuesday when the dreaded call, "Fire" was heard. The first intimation was that it was the Memorial Hall but as we raced to the scene it was obvious by the smoke that it was in one of the "Little houses" alongside. "Skip" Armour was first off the mark after grabbing a chemical fire extinguisher from Quandialla Motors. His sprint up the concrete path will probably never be equalled in time, and with a last despairing gasp he rounded the doorway with the extinguisher at the ready.....and what do you know?.....there sat Bill Graham calmly repairing a portion of the water tank belonging to the Memorial Hall, and the smoke was issuing from a fire bucket which he was using, How Bill escaped "Copping the lot" I'll never know.*

*The Dept of Education has informed me that the following students were successful candidates at the Intermediate Certificate examination for 1956... Enid Baker....Helen Hayden...Vivian Maley....Bevan McAlister....Mary Newberry....Wendy Russell and Marlene Sommerville. Congratulations to you all.*

*Near the old slaughter yards on the side of the road is a heap of empty tins, beer cartons (also empty) and sundry other items of rubbish. To a person with the least bit of civic pride, this is an eyesore and a disgrace. It is a poor advertisement for our town to a person approaching Quandi from the Wyalong side. How about it boys? Please don't add to this collection.*

*Congratulations to Garry Causer who is 21 this week. I better start calling him Mister. Many very happy returns Mr Causer.*

Golly gosh another week has gone by.....Cheers **Sue Priestley**