

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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This week I would like to share a piece from the Moore's Australian Almanac – Country Directory & Tourist Guide – 1931

QUANDIALLA

County – Bland

Police District – Grenfell

Situated 320 miles South by rail. Mail town on Forbes-Stockinbingal railway line. Population: Town 350, District 1,500. Growing rapidly. The centre of the Bland, the famous stock fattening, excellent wool and wheat growing district.

Approximately 45,000 acres under wheat for 1930. Trains to and from Sydney daily, both South and West. Favourably situated between the following surrounding towns: Grenfell 29 miles, Wyalong 35 miles, Young 40 miles Temora 40 miles. Facilities include stock-trucking yards, grain elevators, public water places etc. "Euroka" Station, adjoining the township has recently been subdivided into 14 farms and a number of township blocks are available. Licensing District, Grenfell; Federal Electorate, Calare; State Electorate, Temora; Shire, Weddin.

MAGISTRATES: EWC Pryce, LC Onley, AS Dixon, WHH Pearse & PG Coelli
Acting C.P.S. Registrar Small Debts Court, Bailiff Etc.: Const. RT Wilson. Courts sit first Friday after third Monday in each month, the P.M from Cootamundra attending. Station Master: AB Clarke

Post Office & Telephone Exchange: D Terry P.M. – H Heller Assistant

Public School: WHH Pearse, Headmaster, Miss L Edger, Assistant

Banks: Govt Savings of NSW: LC Onley, Agent. Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney, Ltd. (with Receiving Office at Caragabal): EWC Pryce, Mgr; AG Edwards, Acct;

Commonwealth Savings Bank: D Terry, Postmaster, Agent.

PROFESSIONAL: Medical: Dr. R Perkins, Quandialla Public Hospital: Sister E Baker, Matron. Solicitor: VP Dwyer.

SOCIETIES, CLUBS Etc: Progress Assn: LC Onley - Sec. G.U.O.O.F: A Smith - Sec.

G.A.B.R.A.O.B: H Andrews - Sec. Agricultural Bureau: PG Coelli - Sec.

P.A.H. & I Soc: S Tomkins -Sec. Country Women's Assn: Mrs N Hanstock - Sec. Parents & Citizens' Assn: NHN Conn - Sec. R.S.S.I.L. of A: Quandialla Sub Branch: H Andrews - Sec. Cricket, Football, Tennis & Hockey Clubs.

COMMERCIAL: Hotel: AE Giddens' Bland Hotel. Baker: T Myers, Billiard Room & Hairdresser: HG Crick. Barber: W Dempsey. Builders: C Sellen, CH North, H Andrews. Contractor: JF Causer. Butchers: WT Jones, EJ Tomlin. Blacksmith: DC Gordon. Carriers: SJ Denson, CC Dilworth, JR Olsen. Dressmaker: Miss N McDonald. Machinery Depot: Massey-Harris Co; International Harvester Co; HV McKay. Oil Depot: Shell Co; Vacuum Co; Atlantic Union Co; Mail Contractors: RJ Anderson (Bland-Berendebba- Quandialla), HG Crick (Mahon's Quandialla), A King (Quandialla-Bimbi-Grenfell). Motor Garage: Quandialla Motors. Picture Show: Quandialla Motors. Newsagents: Bland Cash Stores, D Terry, T Myers, CG Samios. Plumber: WH Smith. Refreshment Rooms: CG Samios. Sawmills: A Aston, RC Robinson, PJ McGarry, Stonham & Son. Stock & Station Agents: GA McDonald, Martin Keir. Stores: AO Olsen, Bland Cash Stores. Skin Buyer: J Denson

WOW! 82 years ago who wouldn't want to live in Quand? Articles like this provide a perfect snapshot of Quandialla at the time. This particular Almanac belonged to my Dad - Len Hillier. If anyone else has something similar I would just love to share it with Idle Chatter readers and it would also help us to build our story down through the years.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

CAN ANYONE TELL ME? – Responses

No one has come forth re the Grinter Family yet.

I have 2 people who remember the Robinson Store and 1 of them was confident it was somewhere on the Hotel blocks.

MJ Conroy owned "Rothesay" and he sold it to Norman Conn. I have also heard he owned a hotel at Bimbi in the 1940's.

NOW

QUANDIALLA JACKPOTS: Well it happened!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The members draw at the club was won last Friday night. The \$10,000 went somewhere else but a lucky Quandi member won \$800. So on Friday we start again, with \$600. The Hotel Poker Jackpot will be \$260.

DID YOU KNOW: Stan and Teresa Armitage would like to let all their Quandi friends know they have moved to Forbes. They can be contacted at 20 Clarence St Forbes or by phone – 68515277.

Quandialla wishes you both all the best in your new home.

REMINDERS: History Book D-Day – 30th March 2013

World Day of Prayer – Friday 1st March @ 9.30am – Anglican Church

Centenary Cookbook – We need your recipes

Quandialla Progress & Hall Meeting – Wed 27th Feb @ 7.30pm – Hall

Tai Chi – Tuesday @ 3.30pm – Quandialla Central School

NEW LOCAL PHONE BOOK: The Quandialla Preschool are in the process of gathering information to compile a new local phone book. If you would like to be included or would like to update your details you can leave your information at the Quandialla Post Office. For more information phone Catia Nowlan 6347 1324.

ST BRIGID'S QUESTIONNAIRE: Margaret (Nowlan) & Bronnie (McNamara) are working on St Brigid's School History and they have put together a questionnaire which they hope some ex- students will take the time to fill in. I have some copies at the Post Office and I can also email one to you if you let me know. Please help these ladies with your input.

WOULD YOU LIKE A GAME OF EUCHRE? Then pop over to the Bribbaree Bowling Club on Saturday 2nd March commencing @ 6.30pm with a BBQ followed by cards. There will be Prizes, Lucky Door & Raffle.

ALL WELCOME - Euchre is held on the first Saturday of the month.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

This same day in 1957

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 43

THURS. FEB 21ST 1957

It has been suggested that the Quandialla Bush Fire Brigade should affiliate with the Central Group at Grenfell. This matter came up for discussion at a meeting held last Saturday. The Central Brigade have incurred a debt of 400 pounds for foodstuffs supplied at the big fire a few weeks past, and they have appealed for donations to assist them. The position as it now stands can best be summed up by the following resolution which was passed unanimously... "That in view of the financial difficulties of the Central Brigade, a donation of 10 pounds be sent, but as we see no useful purpose being served by such a Central Brigade, we must decline to affiliate"

The upward trend in wool prices is apparent in some of the local realizations. I was all set to quote Mr Norman Conn as being the best that I knew of (114 ¾) when up bobs Lionel Pearse with a telegram reading 119d. If anyone can beat these prices will you please let me know as I feel that items like that are of great interest to others.

The peace and quietness of this district will not be restored until the culprit has been found. Who dun it? Who cut Sam's fence? You blank blankety so and so.

CRICKET. Quandialla team visited Caragabal last Sunday. Caragabal won the toss and sent Quandi in to bat. It was rather a disastrous innings as Quandi were only able to get 59 runs against some excellent bowling by the Caragabal boys. Top scorer for Quandialla was once again Bill McDonald who managed 13. He was closely followed by Athol McCabe with 11. The bowlers between them got some very good figures. EB Maley 3/14, S Pratt 4/29 H Palferman 3/6. Caragabal replied with 126 runs with W Black top scoring with 26. Bowling for Quandialla W McDonald took 5 wickets for 52 runs, Athol McCabe 2 for 18 and David George 3 for 20 which are by no means poor figures.

Cheers for now..... **Sue Priestley**