

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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QUANDIALLA SWIMMING CLUBHOUSE UNVEILING

On Friday evening 15th March 2013 a very large gathering of present and past swimming club members and families, plus a number of South West Region Reps from Young and Coota were present at the Quandialla Swimming Pool to honour a very special man, Mr Bryson Troy.

John Nixon addressed the crowd and spoke of his time spent as a member of the swimming club. One special memory was the introduction of the Bryson Troy Relay Trophy – where a boy and girl from each age group swam in a club team, this trophy was strongly contested for each year.

Marlene Taylor also addressed the gathering and I have included extracts from her speech which basically says it all.

“I was thrilled when I was asked to speak tonight about a man which I know we all hold in high esteem – Bryson Troy. What to say about this man! Perhaps to understand what drives Bryson we should go back to when the pool was built.

None of us have the same degree of connection with swimming club that Bryson has. He has been here since day one. Bryson is one of the reasons why Quandialla has this pool. He along with many other dedicated community members was instrumental in getting this pool built.

Bryson always looked for opportunities for our swimmers to shine. I remember the old days of the Small Pools Competition and swimming at the Tully bathtub to the more recent changes with carnivals all in 50m pools. There has never been a time that Bryson hasn't been proud of his swimmers achievements and constantly looked for ways to help them to

be more competitive. The fact that our swimmers trained in a 25m pool simply made Bryson more determined to help his swimmers to be the best they could be. Even with the success of swimmers heading to regional carnivals and Sydney, Bryson wanted to ensure that they enjoyed themselves – after all it has always been about the kids.

I felt very privileged to be able to assist Bryson in getting his Coaches Green Ticket. Finally Bryson has official recognition of his extensive knowledge about swim coaching. This piece of paper acknowledged in some small way all the reading, research, courses and phone calls – namely all the hours Bryson dedicated to coaching the swimmers of Quandialla Swimming Club.

What Bryson has achieved at our club was not motivated by money or because he wanted praise but simply because he is a good bloke and is proud to call Quandialla home. For me Bryson leads by example he is softly spoken with a huge heart and his focus has always been about giving. Thank you doesn't seem enough Bryson for all your effort”

A presentation to Bryson was made, a certificate from NSW Swimming was awarded and then the ribbon was cut and the sign for the *Bryson Troy Swimming Clubhouse* was unveiled. Bryson thanked everyone for their kind words and thanked the executive of Quandialla Swimming Club both past and present for all their support over the years.

Everyone then enjoyed dinner, followed by the Club's Presentations.

The above article was an absolute must to be printed in our little newsletter as it is exactly what Quandialla is all about. It's a wonderful example of the "spirit" of the people and community in improving our facilities and way of life and then to continue to maintain it.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

I apologise that the above article took up this page.

More Future / Centenary News next week.

NOW

RURAL FIRE SERVICE 50 YEARS MEDALLION and Certificate was presented to Mr Stan Armitage last Friday morning at his home in Forbes. Bevan McAlister, Ged Nowlan, John Sweeny and Russell Dixon were present for this event and the Rural Fire Service Representative was Mr Troy Porter. Stan has been a member of the Quandialla Fire Brigade since 1963 and held various positions over the years and is a valued member and well deserving of this honour.

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: Bowling Club's Member's Draw is \$1800 this week and the Bland Hotel Poker Draw is \$360 this Friday.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5th April – School Market Day at Q.C.S. starting at 12.30pm
- 6th April - Euchre at Bribbaree at 6.30pm BBQ followed by cards.
- 8th April - CWA General Meeting at 7.30pm in CWA Rooms
- 9th April - Progress Meeting with Weddin Shire Rural Works Committee
- 13th April - Tall Poppies Garden Club - "Glenesk" Bimbi at 9.30am
- 24th April - Hall & Progress Annual General Meeting
- 25th April - Anzac Day Service at the Soldier's Memorial Hall
- 27th April - Soldiers Memorial Scots Debutante Ball

QUANDIALLA BOWLING CLUB NEWS: Quandi remains in contention for the 2013 Pennant after a solid 5-1 win over the front runners Coota Ex Services last Sunday. They will travel to Binalong after the Easter break to hopefully continue their run. The Club will be open on Good Friday with the usual Meat Raffle being held along with the end of month draw.

GET WELL WISHES are sent to Mrs Melba Edgerton from everyone in Quandialla. At the time of printing Melba is having a brief stay in hospital and we hope to see her home soon.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

This same day in 1957

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 48

THURS. 28TH MAR 1957

A well attended meeting of the Quandialla and District Progress Association welcomed Councillor VG Harris as a new member. A letter from the Weddin Shire Council pointed out that in 1952 a grant was obtained so that Second Street could be tarred and certain kerbing and guttering done. Great difficulty was experienced in obtaining the services of contractors for the kerbing job, and so, in view of the sad state of Third Street it has been decided to allot the money towards the sheeting of that Street. A further grant will be applied for to complete the job. This really a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul but as long as something is being done somewhere, then it can be called progress and will be for the common good. The Weddin Shire will be asked to attend to the culvert at the Driftway- Bimbi Road intersection and also the approaches to the culvert at the entrance to Second Street. I would like to point out that the Electrical Engineer has asked for all those persons who applied for electricity on the Berrendebba-Quandialla-Round Hill circuit, to make a fresh application. A larger subsidy has been granted and the price in a lot of cases will be less than formerly quoted. DON'T DELAY. It was also decided that the Town water supply project to be the subject of every effort to bring it to fruition. Why don't YOU join this Association and help in the good work. The President Mr Hughie Russell is as pleased as Punch at the increase interest which is being shown by the townspeople. Remember, the last Tuesday in every month is Progress night.

You don't have to win the lottery to be made happy. Ces Penfold has been told that the bones in his ankle have knitted well whilst being in plaster and in the opinion of the doctor no operation will be necessary. However there will be another test made in three months. Let's hope that the run of bad luck which Ces has had for the past three years is now at an end.

Happy Easter – Hope you get lots of Chocolate – *Sue Priestley*