

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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While looking through articles about the building of our Halls I was reminded of the fact that neither would have eventuated without huge community involvement. With that in mind and our Annual Deb Ball just around the corner I would like to include the following article:-

QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL & THE QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Every small or large town needs a meeting place and Quandialla is no different. The first Public Hall was a weatherboard building some 50ft long by 30ft wide and erected in 1918 at a cost of something like 450 pounds. Approximately 200 pounds was raised by various social efforts and by direct donations from community members, the balance of funds required was secured by a guarantee given by the Hall Trustees. That little hall would have witnessed some wonderful times, weddings, dances, balls, fetes, meetings, school concerts, pictures and so much more.

The first hall was damaged by fire in 1954, with the remains of the building purchased and removed for another life as a shearing shed. It was time for a new hall and again the community rallied with volunteer labour, donations, fundraising, whatever it took.

On the 5th October 1955 people gathered to celebrate the completion of the new Soldiers Memorial Hall. So much community effort went into building the hall that today stands at the end of Second Street. Now that we had such a fine building the work though, still needed to be continued - to maintain what our family and friends from the past had built. It was time for the next generation to step up and I'm pleased to say that happened.

The hall has had a couple of face lifts over the last 30 odd years, new tables and chairs and general maintenance as required, but this all needs funds. Today as everyone knows Insurance is a major requirement for any organisation to be able to run and our hall is not exempt. We were lucky enough to receive a grant recently which enabled us to make the "old girl" look young again but each year we must raise funds to pay for the Insurance.

For the last 13 years the Hall Committee's major fundraiser has been the Scots Debutante Ball and this year like other years we need to have a successful function. So.....This is where I ask you to support your Hall by either attending the Ball on Saturday 27th April and have a wonderful night of dancing and socialising or show your support by buying a ticket/donation. I do realise balls are not everyone's cup of tea and making a donation might not be on the cards at the moment but you might like to show your support at a working bee or at a meeting - you would be most welcome.

If only those walls could talk, many happy functions have been held, celebrating weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, balls, school concerts, presentations, pictures etc., plus 1000's of functions to raise funds for various worthwhile projects and also some sad occasions to say farewell to a friend.

The Quandialla Soldiers Memorial Hall is the Heart and Soul of Quandialla and we need that "Quandialla Community Spirit" to shine through again to help keep our wonderful building standing for the next generations.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

CENTENARY LOGO

You only have until the 24th April to submit your entry for the Centenary Logo. Details of the Committee's requirements are in IC No 36 or on the Quandialla Web Page.

Please email your design to suepcentenary@gmail.com or post/deliver to the Post Office.

NOW

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 19th April – “Mighty Ducks” Presentation at the Bland Hotel
22nd April – Scholarship Applications Close – Ph: Narelle 6347 2152
25th April – Anzac Day Service, 11am at the Soldiers Memorial Hall
26th April – “Belvedere” Armitage Clearing Sale starting at 11 am.
27th April – Scots Debutante Ball – Doors open at 8.30pm
28th April – St Brigid’s Liturgy at 10am – St Marks Anglican Church
28th April – St Marks Anglican Church Service at 5pm.

QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL & PROGRESS ASSOCIATION will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm at the Hall. All Welcome

HALL CLEAN UP: A working bee will be held on Tuesday 23rd starting at 9.30am. The hall needs a dust and wipe down so she is looking her best for Anzac Day and our Debutante Ball. Many hands will make the job so much easier so please if you can spare an hour of your time it would be very much appreciated.

QUANDIALLA JACKPOTS THIS WEEK: Bland Hotel Poker Jackpot - \$140
Bowling Club Members Draw - \$3600

QUANDIALLA BOWLS NEWS: Quandialla won their game against Young last week but the team that had to fall over did not fall as far as Quandi would have liked and just won their game. So at the end of the 6 weeks Quandialla and Coota Ex both finished on 20 pts. Alas, the required count back was in Coota’s favour. But still, Well Done Quandi and better luck next year.

QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL SCOTS DEBUTANTE BALL

Saturday 27th April 2013

Doors open at 8.30pm – Debs presented at 9.00pm

Tickets: \$25 each – BYOG & Basket Supper

Hope to see you there

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

This same day in 1957

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 51

THURS. APR 18TH 1957

QUANDIALLA FOOTBALL CLUB. Members of this club made the journey to Caragabal for a trial match. They were beaten it is true, but this was no disgrace as they were only able to field eight men. Local constable Neil Rogan is doing a fair effort of imitating Hopalong Cassidy. He looks really unhappy. The burning question is, who trod on him?

BIMBI DANCE. As stated last week Mrs Vic Perkins & Co are staging a ballerina dance at Bimbi on April 26th. What I didn’t say was, that since the event is being organised to assist the Quandialla Hospital, the ladies of the Hospital Auxiliary are asked to donate a cake towards the catering effort. If you are unable to attend the dance, will you please leave the cake with Charlie Broben no later than lunch time on the Friday. It will be taken from there by the Bimbi Postmaster and delivered free.

RIPLEY. Believe it or not Mr Ripley, but someone has just arrived and is busily pegging out the site for the new hospital. What a lot of people thought was just another fairy story is at last coming true.

CONGRATULATIONS. To Mr & Mrs Allen Battenally...A son 10lb 5ozs

TENNIS. The new tennis courts are surely but very slowly taking shape. On Wednesday last a working bee comprised two people, Peter and Ken Harris. Surely the sport you like so well is worth a bit of your time. Why not make one concerted effort and get them finished. When this job is done there will be three very healthy sporting bodies operating. I will venture to say that few, if any, small towns like Quandi can boast of better facilities for playing your favourite sport.

WHO. Who is the irate “Digger” who on April 18th demanded to know who had postponed the Memorial Service. The funny part is, that he is nearly always late for anything else. In this case he was a week early.

Until next week.....Cheers **Sue Priestley**