

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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PART SEVEN continued

R.S. Grinter's Memories 1923 -1926

## THE TRACTOR RIDE – PART 2

Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1926, I got away from Caragabal about day break and travelled to within a few miles of Forbes, where I camped on the banks of the Lachlan River. I arrived about midnight and stopped the tractor in what looked like tall grass, but was really a dense crop of thistles, movement on foot was very restricted. I cannot remember now where I slept, being only 24 years of age at the time, I would have been pleased to settle down anywhere, after all day and half the night behind a steering wheel, I was very tired.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, I had the tractor tank filled with kerosene and an oil tin filled at a garage in Forbes where I also had the magneto points set. I left Forbes after a meal, about noon and travelled to about thirteen miles from the township of Gunningbland, here I brushed an old gate post where at one time there had been a fence across the road. I caught the self-steer mechanism on the plough and I had to improvise repairs to it before dark, so I stayed there until the next morning, not getting very far along the road that day. Over on my right was a fairly large homestead, but I did not find out whose it was.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February, I set off again this morning after feeding the "chooks". No eggs again this morning, but I suppose if there had been any, what with the rough roads they would have been pre-scrambled anyway, but still, they seemed to be enjoying the trip. I bought some eats at the store at Gunningbland, where the storekeeper offered me some

breakfast, which I thought was very good of him. And so on to Bogan Gate and Trundle, the latter I passed through about 9.00pm where I stayed for the night. I left my slow moving circus parked on a vacant block behind the Trundle Hotel, where I stayed the night, the thought of a proper meal and a soft bed was too much.

Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> February 1926, I left Trundle this morning and headed out along the Trundle-Fifield Road for 12 miles and arrived at "Tara Moira" at about 10 am. The family were pleased to welcome me.

## THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

### CAN ANYONE TELL ME?

In 1940 The Grenfell Hospital Board unveiled a plaque which was inscribed as follows "This hospital was established and maintained by the local CWA from 1929 – 1939." I assume this plaque was hung somewhere at the hospital. My question is - Does anyone know where it is today?.....

Can anyone tell me the Names of ALL or ANY of the "Small Schools" that popped up and some burnt down around the district?.....

I am gathering information about the telephone exchanges, so if you were a telephonist or know of someone who was could you please give me their name, where they worked and when?.....

Would anyone know when the "Younger Set" of the CWA started?.....

*All the above questions have come from me and your help with any information could help me finish some of the history pieces I am writing.*

*Many Thanks Sue P*

## NOW

QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL INC  
& PROGRESS ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING

Will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 7.30pm  
Please Note: This meeting will be held at the Bland Hotel

ALL WELCOME

*My apologies, that the above meeting has only just been advertised. August has slipped away and this meeting has snuck up on me. The change of venue is due to the cooler weather, the hall can be very cold this time of year.*

My ROVING REPORTER tells me that the Shire is presently working on the Driftway. Approx. 2 kilometres is being worked on at the moment, let's hope they will continue and finally get it all up to scratch.

*Friday Quandialla Jackpots: Bland Hotel - \$380 & Quandialla Bowling Club - \$1300*  
NSW Partners in Grain (PinG) will be running a Grain Marketing Forum for farmers at the Quandialla Bowling Club on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2013 from 2pm-6pm. A "must do" pre-harvest event, it will be hosted by Tim Glass, Director of Commodities & Business Markets at NAB who will provide a market/season outlook. There will also be an interactive panel session with local grain marketers – a great opportunity to ask questions. All attendees also go in the draw to win an Apple iPad courtesy of NAB Agribusiness. Cost is \$25 per person (includes afternoon tea) and bookings are essential. Please contact Tina Cooper at PinG on 0411 015 825 or visit the NSW page at [www.partnersingrain.org.au](http://www.partnersingrain.org.au) for more information or to register.

*WONDERING why all the Fire Trucks were in town last Saturday? The reason was a District RFS exercise involving all the surrounding brigades. A great day was had with much learnt by all from the hands on experience.*

DATES TO REMEMBER:

24<sup>th</sup> Aug – Sewing Group at QCS 10am – 3.30pm

7<sup>th</sup> Sept – Euchre at Bribbaree Bowling Club

9<sup>th</sup> Sept – CWA General Meeting – 7.30pm, CWA Rooms – All Welcome

25<sup>th</sup> Sept – Centenary Meeting – 7.30pm, Bland Hotel – All Welcome

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

 Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 39

THURS. JAN 24<sup>TH</sup> 1957

*SATURDAY was a nasty day of heat and wind and little surprise was caused when a fire call came from the Bland. It was first thought that it was on the property of Bert Troy but was later confirmed as being at Tony McNamara's. Lightning was the cause. Two units from Quandialla in charge of Len Trounson and Fred Dixon were on the scene smartly. However rain started to fall and very soon the fire was out with little damage the result. In the meantime a unit in charge of Col Russel arrived and also from Euroka with Vic and Dave Harris, just in time to answer a call from Bimbi. John Nowlan was the victim this time and from the same cause. The rain once again arrived in time to save what could have been a disastrous fire as far as Bimbi was concerned. The wisdom of having the trucks already loaded during danger periods was confirmed on Saturday. Units left within minutes instead of the usual costly delay.*

*HEN OF THE WALK. That expression doesn't sound right somehow, but I am assured there is a competition over at the Bowling green of that name. It is played by the ladies. Mrs Florrie Penfold challenged Mrs Armour and took the honour with a 31 / 28 victory. Talking of lady bowlers, Mrs Thora Reeves ran up to me on Sunday night wildly waving a card with somebody scoring 24. I presume by her attitude that she was the winner or at least on the winning side.*

*Church of England folk will be interested to learn that the Rev. John Davies will officially take up residence in the Thuddungra parish on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The first service at Quandialla will be at 8.30 am February 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

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Cheers for another week **Sue Priestley**