

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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WHAT CAN I SAY - About

The Centenary Social Event held last Sunday

The "BUSH PICNIC AT REEVES' PROPERTY" was a marvellous success in so many ways, the weather was perfect, there was a good crowd throughout the day and everyone enjoyed themselves.

For family reasons John and I spent a big day in Wagga on Saturday and because we were away, all those pesky jobs had to be done on Sunday morning. So we missed the first walk but some happy trekkers were just wandering in when we arrived. One comment I heard was "that 2kms felt like 10kms and I need a good sit down and a cuppa".

We set up our chairs and esky and got right into chatting and relaxing, the spot for our picnic was the same spot where Emma was married and you could just imagine it being picture perfect for her day because it was fantastic for our event. Robert cooked the steak and snags for lunch, Lynell and some willing helpers prepared a salad and potatoes and there was not one dissatisfied customer in the group.

Now this is where I have to admit that I surprised myself, I went on the walk to see the largest Kurrajong Tree. It was a beautiful stroll and the group I was walking with were the "let's walk at a pace that is not going to kill me" group. When we finally got to the tree it was worth the trek, how many times do you look at a tree and think that's amazing, well multiply that by 10. I'm seriously stumped for words to describe it, naturally it was huge, the span of its branches was so huge, did I say huge again well you get the picture. It has so much character, showing battle scars where the weather has taken its toll over the years and lost limbs due to disease but it was still standing tall and did I mention it was HUGE.

We strolled back, got the nibbles and beverages out and sat back and watched Robert work on our camp oven dinner. Some tall stories were told and I would love to repeat a few but sadly space will not permit me to mention about a certain lady, ice-cream and a dentist. The crowd started to thin out late afternoon

but a hardy group stayed for dinner and I'm pleased to report Robert did a fabulous job. We all enjoyed roast beef and roast vegies, then syrup pudding with custard and a few drinks around the camp fire.

On behalf of all that attended I would like to thank Robert and Lynell for hosting this event, organising such wonderful weather and for going to so much effort to make our bush picnic experience a great one.

Now on behalf of the Centenary Committee I would like to thank all those happy picnickers who supported this fundraiser.

Hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as I did.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

CENTENARY PROGRAM

As reported in earlier I.C.'s we are hoping to organise our program at our up and coming meeting next Wednesday. Naturally it won't be the exact program for the day but it will be the basis for the celebration and then it will be fine tuned as we get closer to the time.

However we do need interested people to help with the activities that we are hoping to include in our program. And unless you have spoken to Robert or Marlene I haven't heard from one person that is willing to give an hour or two of their time in support of the biggest day in Quandialla's history.

So please give this request some much needed consideration -
because our small committee *Needs Your Help*

CENTENARY MEETING

Wednesday 25th September at 7.30pm at the Bland Hotel

AGENDA

Discussion: Program, Fettle's & Settlers Wall, Train Costs & Timetable.
Helpers required and other business

ALL WELCOME

NOW

D DAY: Last chance to have your families recipes included in the Centenary Cookbook - Friday 4th October is the cut-off date. My offsider has reminded me, time is slipping away and we need to start the printing side of things so we are ready for the Christmas Sales.

Please contact Kathy Smith or Sue Priestley with your recipes.

QUANDIALLA - MELBOURNE CUP CALCUTTA

Tickets: \$2.00 each or Books: \$20

Proceeds to –

Quandialla Cricket Club and Quandialla Centenary Committee

Calcutta Draw: Saturday 2nd November

Auction: Monday 4th November at the Bland Hotel

Tickets are now available at the Bland Hotel, Quandialla Café,
Post Office and Cricket Club Members

SEWING GROUP: Our next sewing group will be held on Saturday 28th September at the Quandialla Central School. Start at 10am and finish at 3.30pm. Come and join us and have a great day. Bring along a project, machine and lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Everyone welcome - M. Taylor

DON'T FORGET: Bland Creek Fire Brigade, truck familiarisation at the Quandialla fire shed on Friday 27th Sept at 3.30pm.

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: Bland Hotel Joker Jackpot will be \$460 and the Quandialla Bowling Club Badge Draw will be \$3900.

Must be there to have a chance of taking home the money.

PLEASE NOTE: EUCHRE at Bribbaree has gone into recess until February next year.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

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After two derailments in a week, one could expect a respite from this type of misfortune, but such is not the case. On Friday last, from what I can gather, a goods train was derailed at Milvale which of course completely blocked the line. As a result, there was no delivery of mail or perishable goods until late that night. There is an old saying that all troubles come in three so perhaps we have had our share now.

In the dark there is very little difference between the appearance of turpentine and bright green paint. Alec Mason one of the painters helping to give the Bland Hotel a face lift, discovered this the other night when he washed his hands carefully in the paint.

Hockey is proving popular and it is pleasing to note Don Penfold, Bryson Troy, Wal Smithers and Bryson Causer, just to mention a few, adapting themselves to a new game so well. New players are always welcome and enquiries can be made to Colin Ware. Saturday next a team from Quandialla is going to Young to play, and on the performance Quandialla put up against Grenfell's two teams recently a good afternoon's hockey is assured.

Definition of Idle Chatter taken from a Chinese dictionary edited by the renowned Chinese scholar Ah Pong, professor of Chinese language at Us Tink Too University. Idle Chatter is the raucous discordant cacophony of unintelligible gibberish usually associated with apes. This comes from that Pro Bono Publico bloke again and believe me I am hurt. It does prove however that I am running true to type. Look out Tarzan here I come.

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