

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS & HOW YOU OR YOUR ORGANISATION CAN MAKE SOME MONEY

I don't know if I am over excited and expecting too much but I feel that the Centenary Committee will be hosting a fabulous weekend. I think there will be about 1000 visitors attending, if not more. But I do know the committee will be working their tail off getting the word out there advertising and promoting the day using every media mode available, so that everyone has a successful day financially and socially.

Last week I mentioned that we only have one organisation that has put their hand up to hold a food stall together with some children's activities. Naturally we need more and we would like to give the Quandialla people the first bite of the cherry before we invite outside attractions / groups. We do have the established businesses of the town, the hotel, café and bowling club that will be providing refreshments on the day. However if we get the numbers we are hoping for, those businesses could be over extended.

Mind you, we are not looking for ten food stalls selling the same products. Think about the crowd that will be coming. The older generation would look for a place to sit down to eat and chat, so maybe you could do morning or afternoon tea at your hall or tent. Maybe just sell drinks or ice-creams, for the younger crowd maybe a lolly shop, lucky dips etc. Think outside the box and sell pancakes with a dollop of ice-cream and topping (I would be your first customer). Maybe get arty / crafty this will be a great opportunity to sell your goods. You could have a photo booth, pony rides, face painting, hot donut stall, make and sell fairy floss.

The committee is hoping that the stalls will be placed so that the crowd will move around easily and not have a bottle neck anywhere. Naturally we don't want one stall doing everything, the variety would ensure the crowd will stop and buy then move along to something else that catches their eye.

The committee also hopes that some of the organisations that have buildings etc. in town might take the opportunity to open their doors to the public. This is only an example I have thought of, but the hospital / health centre might open for a few hours, have a static display to be viewed and maybe sell some refreshments. This idea would take a small commitment, but add to the attractions to be seen while possibly raising money for the auxiliary. Hopefully all our attractions, times etc. can be advertised in a programme / map of the day to let our visitors know what is happening and when.

The opportunity of raising funds is endless and this is a once in a life- time celebration, so please make the most of it. Also when you have decided on what you would like to do please let the Committee know so they can make sure we don't have ten of the same thing, first in best dressed as the saying goes.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

Can You Help

What memories do you have of Charlie Broben and his shop?

What can you tell me about Liddy Harris?

I have been given a few stories about our blacksmith Dave Gordon, but I'm looking for some more.

What other interesting characters did we have in Quandialla?

NOW

MELBOURNE CUP CALCUTTA AUCTION will be held on Monday 4th November at the Bland Hotel. Tickets are now on sale at the Post Office, Bland Hotel, Café and from Cricket Club members for \$2 each. The horses will be drawn on Saturday 2nd November and if you have been lucky enough to win a horse you will be notified. Then you have the opportunity to buy or sell your horse at the auction and then it is in the lap of the gods as to which one will get across the line first. Don't worry if you didn't draw a horse, you can still buy. The auction is a great night and if you haven't been to one before you should go just for the experience and maybe bid on a horse or two while you are there. I have personally had the fun of bidding on many horses and have ended up owning one most years, plus I have had the added excitement of my horse actually winning the Melbourne Cup (many moons ago). Picking up that envelope with the 1st prize money was a fantastic feeling, maybe 2013 could be your year.

This years' Calcutta will be shared between the Cricket Club and the Centenary Committee, your support will be very much appreciated.

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: I am very excited to report that my ever so handsome husband won the Quandialla Bowling Club Badge Draw last Friday, my first reaction was b^**@r why didn't his number come out last week when the jackpot was much larger but that was only for a second. As you all know we have a wedding in the family in a few weeks so I have snaffled it already. This week the draw will start again at \$650, it has come to Quandi 2 weeks in a row before - so keep your fingers crossed. The Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$500 this Friday we will be there to see if we can build on the wedding fund.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: Things are very quiet at the moment, not a lot of news is coming my way. Hence the above waffling!!!!!! If you have a meeting to advertise etc. please get in touch. Oh! I have just remembered – Don't Forget the Hospital Auxiliary meeting on Tues 8th October at 9.30am. *I am pleased to report I survived the "Hens Night" not sure I learnt anything new other than drinking is a very expensive hobby. Thanks to my support troops- It was a great night - however it will take me another few days to get over it.*

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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COMPULSORY VOTING. Val Keir. Remember her? Well she is appearing on the 2 GB Amateur hour on June 28th. This is the third semi-finals which is worth 100 pounds. There has never been an Amateur hour victory associated with Quandialla, but there can always be a first time. So listen in and record your vote. We all wish you well Val.

GIVE AND TAKE. The school bus drivers are having a torrid time just now. So much so that they appealed to the Bus Committee for some assistance. The committee agreed that conditions were not normal, and granted the drivers extra money. Just like that. No threats and no abuse. Mr Dougherty and the Graziers organisations could well take a lesson from this and learn to appreciate the other man's view.

Jack Ophanos of the White Rose Café in conjunction with McVeighs the soft drink people of Young has presented four trophies for competition by the members of the Golf and Bowling clubs. A nice gesture and one appreciated by the folk concerned.

Congratulations to the following proud parents. To Mr & Mrs Fred McInerney – a daughter, Mr & Mrs Gordon Nixon – a daughter and to Mr & Mrs Jack Causer – a son.

The hockey team under the captaincy of Col Ware is in strict training for their first home match next Saturday. A very good team from Grenfell will test them to the full. "Bully off" is at 3pm. I do not wish to start an argument (much) but Col makes the assertion that Hockey is the fastest game played. Fight it out among yourselves.

Cheers until next week..... **Sue Priestley**