

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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This newsletter is an initiative of the Quandialla Centenary Committee

Sponsored by Tom & Kellie Deery

AT LAST!!!!!!!

After a lot of toing and froing between the Progress Association, concerned Quandialla individuals, Shire Councillors and the Weddin Shire we finally have action being taken on the 2 burnt out blocks in the village. Work started on Tuesday in Glasson Street and moved to Margaret Street that afternoon and finished on Wednesday. Both blocks have been cleared of the debris which has been an eyesore for so long.

The situation was a grey area of responsibility, and when there was no one to take ownership of the mess it was quite a problem to solve. But I am pleased to say that the Weddin Shire has stepped up and helped Quandialla with this matter.

We have 3 reasons to be thankful that these blocks have been cleaned up. Mainly for health reasons re: asbestos, vermin etc. Another being they were such an eyesore, not exactly the quaint village for visitors or prospective buyers to view. And another reason that is high on the list is our upcoming Centenary Celebrations.

I know the Centenary is not till October 2014 and that it seems forever until then, but if 2014 goes as quickly as 2013 has, we will all need to start thinking now about any little jobs that might need doing on your property before the big day.

Now that the Shire has done such a good job we can all get inspired to spruce up the village starting with our own blocks.

It's like that advert on TV trying to get you to make a fire plan before the fire not after. With this thought in mind my ever so willing husband and I have made our plan and have decided to give the place a coat of paint and do some running repairs. I have even pencilled these jobs

on the calendar, so we know when we have to start. On paper we have plenty of time, so with our plan and my organisational skills (John calls it bossy) my ever so handyman should be finished in time for the big day.

On behalf of all the residents of Quandialla village & The Progress Assoc

I would like to take this opportunity and thank the Weddin Shire

"your efforts are greatly appreciated".

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

CENTENARY RECIPE BOOK

Will be available for sale from Monday 9th December – **In time for Xmas**

Where: Quandialla Post Office & Quandialla Café

Cost: \$10.00 each

Phone or email orders can be taken

Cost: \$10.00 plus \$4.50 P&H per book.

Postage would be negotiable for multiple orders

Phone: 63471305 or email suepcentenary@gmail.com

All orders will be dispatched ASAP (I know someone that works for Post)

Money raised from book sales will support the Centenary Celebrations

CENTENARY XMAS GUESSING COMPETITION

Tickets are now on sale for the last fundraiser for 2013.

If you are looking for that special gift purchase some tickets.

You could win a copy of

"The Old Bailey To Bimbi"

The Story of an Australian Family written by Bruce Robinson.

Tickets are available for \$2 per ticket from the Post Office & Café or members of the Centenary Committee, and will be drawn at the Quandialla Community Christmas Party on Sunday 15th December.

Thank you to Dennis and Kaye Burns who generously donated this prize.

NOW

QUANDIALLA CENTRAL SCHOOL – SCHOOL PRESENTATION EVENING

Tuesday, 17th December, 2013

Commencing at 5.30pm at the Quandialla Memorial Hall.

All Most Welcome.

A Buffet Dinner will be held after the Presentation.

If you would like to attend please R.S.V.P. by 6th Dec for catering purposes

Quandialla Central School - Phone: 63471207.

Those attending – a salad or sweet to share would be appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS to proud grandparents Tom and Margaret Priestley. Congratulations must also go to Thomas and Meg who played a small part in the safe arrival of Thomas Jack on November 2nd.

EXCITING NEWS for Barry, Maribeth and Keir Family.

Daughter Emily has announced her engagement to Jeremy Lieschke.

On behalf of IC readers I would like to congratulate Emily and Jeremy and wish them the very best for a happy future.

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY: Will be held on Sunday 15th December at the Quandialla Bowling Club starting at 6pm. Join family and friends for some Christmas Cheer and a wind down after harvest.

Ladies a small plate of goodies would be appreciated.

All Welcome

QUANDIALLA JACKPOTS: The Bland Hotel Joker Draw has jumped to \$660 this Friday. Tickets go on sale at 7pm, drawn at 7.30pm. The Bowling Club Members Draw will be \$1950 this week plus the end of month – monthly meat draw, you must be there to win. Also mark the Members Xmas Tree on the calendar this will be held on Sunday 15th Dec at 5pm.

I have a little space left to fill so while I am in “Christmas Mode” I would like to remind everyone about our “Mailbox” and “Town Scene” Comp.

Winners will be announced at the Community Xmas Party
another reason to attend.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

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THURS. JAN 24TH 1957

CRICKET. Quandialla V Bribbaree. Bribbaree won the toss and sent Quandi in to bat. They made 80 runs with W McDonald top scoring with 28 and W Bloomfield with 18. Bowling for Bribbaree E Jarrott took 2/5, I Sharrock 2/11, P Colledge 2/21 and D Sharrock 1/18. Bribbaree in reply to Quandi's score made 102 runs for the loss of 7 wickets. Bowling for Quandialla was W McDonald 3/33 and W Slavin 4/27. I did hear that “Doc” Hope playing for another team, made 21 runs. Does Ripley know of this amazing fact?

FOR SALE one Acme rubber wringer. This is full size and in an excellent condition. If you are interested it may be seen at the Police Station.

SHEEP and how to count them – You count them in twos, threes and maybe fours according to the experts. I'm very curious as to who are going to get to tell the sheep to pass through the gate in twos, threes or fours as the case may be. I cannot imagine myself getting the little dears together and asking them to sit down on their crutchings while I give them a pep talk on going through the gate in a nice orderly manner. No sir. Did I ever tell you the largest number of sheep counted at the one time? 23,678 and I would have still been counting them if somebody had not closed the gate behind me and stopped the little so and sos from going round and round. I remember dropping a stone for every hundred. It took the boys two days to demolish the wall I built around myself. Now I bet you think that is silly, but it is not half as silly as some of the horse stories Bill Causer, George McCabe and Vic Harris were cracking on the seat of knowledge the other day. It got that ridiculous at the finish that they had horses pulling impossible weights with their feet off the ground.

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 1st. The first service at Quandialla will be at 8.30 AM February 3rd.

Cheers everyone - **Sue Priestley**