

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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*The following story caught my eye and I had a bit of a giggle so I thought I would share it with I.C. readers.*

### TOOK PET TO COURT BUSHMAN CLAIMS COMPENSATION JUDGE'S INTEREST

Printed in The Grenfell Record dated 26<sup>th</sup> November 1931

Who but a bushman from far-off Quandialla would dare to bring his pet opossum into a court of justice during the hearing of his case?

Every tradition of the Courts of Justice and a dozen statutes dating back to King John were broken by Kell Bert Jefferies, a horse breaker of Quandialla, when he appeared before the Workers' Compensation Commission carrying a baby opossum peeping out of his inner coat pocket.

Kell claimed £24 compensation from David Weir, a squatter, for injuries sustained to his finger by a horse he was breaking in rearing backwards and falling on him.

Told Story of Pet

The claim for compensation failed, the Commission holding that Jefferies was a contractor, and not a workman, but the court was keenly interested in the little marsupial.

Judge Perdriau asked the horse-breaker to pass up his pet for the Court's inspection, and was interested to hear from its owner the story of how its mother was burnt out of a log, and how he had brought it to Sydney together with a supply of gum-leaves, to prevent it fretting to death.

## THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

### “QUANDIALLA – THE FIRST 100 YEARS” - OUR HISTORY BOOK

Thank you to those I.C. readers who have pre-ordered their books already, those order numbers are going to help our committee have a better idea of what number we will need to have printed. Since last week's newsletter I've realised I should tell you a bit more about our proposed book so you know what you will be getting for \$50.

The printing of our book will be in the hands of JA Bradley & Sons, Temora. After conferring with them we have decided on the book being B5 size. Glossy cover with glossy pages and due to a cost factor photos in the book will be black and white. The number of pages is still a little up in the air as we are waiting on those last minute submissions to come in, but we will be somewhere around the 300 page mark.

As mentioned last week we have a name for our book which was decided at our last Centenary meeting, but the design of the book cover is still on the drawing board. At the moment we definitely have 65 family histories varying in size, hopefully another 10 or more will arrive in time to be included as we are counting on those to complete our story.

There will be another possible 50 (I could be over reaching with that number but I am quietly confident) articles giving you Quandialla's histories of schools, clubs, organisations, businesses, landmarks etc etc, plus photos.

Our volunteer ladies have started typing for the editors and hopefully if things go to plan, submissions will be sent back soon with any questions or alterations for your approval, a permission note for the committee to print will be included and will need to be signed and returned with any photos that you might like to include with your story.

I haven't read all the submissions but what I have read so far are good and when the editing has been completed we should have a very good book, something to be very proud of.

P.S. I do have a couple of history books that Bradley Printing loaned the committee, please call in to the Post Office if you need to view what our book will possibly look like. **Don't forget to pre-order your book**

## NOW

NEWS FROM THE QUANDIALLA CAFÉ & PET SUPPLIES: Please be advised that Quandi Café & Pet Supplies will be closing early on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 10am. Apologies for any inconvenience – Lily

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations go to proud grandparents Russell and Maureen Dixon of Quandi and Judy George of Temora on the safe arrival of a new grand-daughter on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Daughter Anna has called her new bundle of joy Ivy Peg.

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH SERVICES for 2014: Mass 10am – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Liturgy 10am – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Services will be held at St Mark's Anglican Church until further notice.

FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: This Friday The Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$860 and I'm embarrassed to say I can't count, I re-counted the remaining cards last Friday and it was less than 18 and now I'm very embarrassed because I cannot remember how many cards are left on the board - old age is catching up with me. The Bowling Club Member's Draw has jumped to \$5850 this week. I know where I will be this Friday trying to win something, bistro voucher, meat trays or the money?

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It is with a very heavy heart that I have to mention the tragic death of Nathan McAlister eldest son of Ken and Judy McAlister. Nathan suffered fatal burns in a fireworks accident on Monday and sadly passed away on Tuesday morning. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ken, Judy and families at this very sad time.

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It is also with regret that I note the passing of Terry Ellis husband of Daphne Ellis nee Wood formerly of Quandialla. Condolences are extended to Daphne and Family from Quandialla.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

 Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

There will be no "Blast from the Past" this week.

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### FUNERAL NOTICE

The relatives and friends of the late  
**SGT. NATHAN JAMES McALISTER** (38 years)  
Late of "Pineleigh" Quandialla  
are respectfully informed that a  
Funeral Service celebrating his life  
will be held in the  
Quandialla Soldiers Memorial Hall  
on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014 commencing at 2 pm.  
Followed by interment in Bimbi Cemetery

No flowers by request. Donations may be made to  
Southcare Helicopter Service

Temora & District Funeral Service

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It has been a very sad week for the community.

*Sue Priestley*