

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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QUANDIALLA SURVEY – PART 1

The following article is a part of a survey that students from the Quandialla Central School conducted in 1967.

“I think this covers most of your questionnaire. You may be able to sift the chaff from the grain and use it as you think fit. My memory goes back to 1901. I came into the area on my 14th birthday.”

N.H. Conn 10/4/1967 - “Rothesay”, Quandialla.

Question 1 – First Explorers, Early Settlement, First Pioneers of the District

First explorers - I have no idea of who they were.

Early settlement of the district, first pioneers. - I have always heard that the Caldwells' were the first to take up land. The original Caldwells' owned an immense area. It included “Greenbank”, “Balalba”, “Cairn Hill”, “Moonbucca” and “Eurabba”. These were all holdings of 20,000 acres or more. I have no knowledge of the size, but I feel originally they would be big. The Burrett family came into the district about the same time. They owned “Euroka”. In my day it was 21,000 acres, and I think was much bigger earlier.

Then there was “Curraburrama”. The Reagan family were the first owners. Mrs Sarah Musgrave was one of the family. I think she was our oldest living white woman at the time, and was the first born at Young. The next family would be the Chisholms of Goulburn,. They owned “East Bland” estate. This was very big, 64,000 acres. They held the country until the early 1900's when it was sold for closer settlement.

The F.F. Gibsons were very early occupiers and owned the Caragabal country. My memory seems to have this at 60,000 acres.

The Nowlan family acquired “Wentworth”. This they purchased from W.C. Wentworth, of Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth and of course still hold the area. With exception of the Nowlans I have not known any earlier owner of the foregoing estates. They were all known to me in the beginning of my memories. I used to hear my mother and my father discussing the owners and their land in the 1890's and my impressions are that they were the first and only owners of the various estates at the time.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

CENTENARY MEETING

Will be held on Wednesday 12th March 2014, 7.30pm

At the Bland Hotel

ALL WELCOME

NOW

QUANDIALLA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – 2014 SCHOLARSHIPS:

Applications are now open for the following Scholarships:

- * Year 10 Scholarship (for students going into Year 11)
 - * Quandialla District Further Studies Grant – TAFE Scholarship (Full time TAFE course)
 - * Quandialla District Further Studies Grant – TAFE Scholarship (Short term course)
 - * Quandialla District University Scholarship No 1 – First Year of study
 - * Quandialla District University Scholarship No 2 – Second Year of Study
- Due date for all Scholarship Applications – Monday 24th February 2014
Contact Secretary – N Gault (6347 1294 a.h.) for application forms

QUANDIALLA SWIMMING POOL NEWS: Morning Lap Swimming at the pool will finish for the season on Tuesday 25th February. **The Pool will NOT be opened on Saturday 1st March**, we apologies for any inconvenience. From the 2nd of March weekend opening hours will be 3.30pm – 7pm, all weekday opening remain as usual. The pool will close for the season on Sunday 16th March 7pm. **NEEDED URGENTLY** – Pool Committee Secretary, no experience necessary. Please consider helping out, the pool is an important part of our community and we need your help to keep it that way.

C.R.A.F.T. – “creating really awesome free things”: A free social group for men and women to enjoy each other’s company and have a cuppa and a chat. If you would like to bring along some knitting, craft, scrapbooking, leatherwork, a board game, poetry etc or just come for morning tea. Starting Wednesday 26th February 10 am to 12 noon at the CWA Rooms. Further dates are on a flyer on the P.O. notice board. Further information ring Rebecca Knight on 6343 1044. “ALL WELCOME”

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: The Quandialla Community will be celebrating World Day of Prayer on Monday 3rd March at 9.30am in St Marks Anglican Church. This year’s theme is “Streams in the Desert – Egypt” and our guest speaker will be Joan Smith. Morning tea will follow the service.

QUANDIALLA JACKPOTS: The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw was won last Friday night so this week the jackpot starts again at \$650.00. The Bland Hotel Joker Jackpot is the princely sum of \$900 BUT you must be there to win.

SEWING GROUP will be meeting this Saturday 22nd February at the Quandialla Central School starting at 10am. *Everyone welcome* – don’t forget, please bring your sewing project, sewing machine and lunch.

GOOD LUCK: Idle Chatter would like to take this opportunity to wish our young folk who are venturing off to University for their first year this weekend, “All the Best”. Don’t party “too” hard, but do enjoy yourself!!

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

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THURS FEB 6th 1958

TENNIS...There will be the Annual meeting of the Tennis club next Thursday night February 13th. Any member of the public whether he be a player or not, is cordially invited to be present. Officers for the ensuing season will be elected. In the opinion of many members it is thought that there should be a small committee elected to act as a kind of trustee of the ground etc. Come to the meeting and express YOUR opinion. Tennis in this town is attracting most younger type, and it is the duty of all of us whether we play the game or not, to encourage and help this club to grow bigger and better. Make it a date, Thursday February 13th

THIS AWAY....The good ship SS Holden, due to leave West Wyalong last Sunday night, had great difficulty in obtaining a full crew. However in the wee small hours of the morning she set out with Skipper Broben, First Mate Hazell and as Chief Engineer, Mick Timmins. Exhausted by the trying time they had had as representatives of Quandialla at the Wyalong Golf Club’s opening day, progress was slow and at times uncertain. Despite the darkness and the crew’s weariness, all was well until about 8 miles West of Quandialla. The Chief Engineer was at the wheel at the time and nothing could convince him that he was on the right course. Swinging the helm “hard about” he pointed the bows to the West. After proceeding for a while munity broke out, led by the Mate Hazell. The Mate was loud in his claim that he had sighted the Rodeo Yards on the starboard bow. Dire threats by the other members of a crew forced the Engineer to stop and he was eventually persuaded to return to the original course. Landfall was made without further incident but much disgust of the Engineer. The only cargo the Holden carried was a bunch of lilies, and by the looks of the crew the next morning, I thought they may have been of some use. Mick is enquiring about the price of a compass.....

Cheers.....*Sue Priestley*