

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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MARCH CENTENARY MEETING REPORT

A very good crowd was in attendance at the pre meeting to look at viable spots for the proposed Fettle & Settlers Wall. It was a good idea to actually look and walk around the block which made the decision making much easier, now the next hurdle is which design to go with. James who is a new member of the Committee, has offered to assist us with designs and costing etc. He will bring that information to the April meeting where hopefully we will be able to strike another blow and tick it off the list. (Then we add another job to that list – get the wall built, it never ends)

I must admit when we first started this exercise I felt we were floundering a bit, as no real decisions were being made, just lots of ideas of what we should do etc, but now we are on a roll and powering through.

Therefore, I can honestly say, things are moving along with our preparations, however.....there is still a lot to do and so little time.

We need to start locking Quandialla people into what they are actually doing on the Sunday or weekend as we need to get a programme out. For example the Hospital Auxiliary will be having a display and the hospital will be open to the public while serving “Afternoon Tea” between 2 – 4pm. If we can get everyone on board with this concept your stall / organisation will be advertised. But most importantly, our visitors will be informed of times etc that buildings will be open for viewing, where food is available and so on. We have to get this information out there so our day is a success, but we need you guys to let us know exactly what you are doing.

Another area of concern we need to address is accommodation, with the Aust. Karting Championships being held on the same weekend in Grenfell we have a slight dent in our accommodation possibilities in that

town. The Quandialla Showground will be available with most of the powered sites already booked, but lots of room for those travellers / campers that are self- sufficient. This is where you might help out, have you thought of renting out your shearing shed or do you have a spare block or area in the back yard and can offer to run a lead to a caravan that might need power. If you think you can help, please contact Maribeth Keir. At this point we are just trying to cover all bases and if we know we have some backup accommodation sites if needed, it would be very handy.

Advertising our big day is a major priority of the Centenary Committee and you would have already seen mentioned our Celebrations in the “Land”, “Telegraph” and other papers. Plus our Secretary has a programme / agenda of articles that will be placed in the coming months with hopefully some air time as well. *However or But* (there is always one of those with me) you the general public can help our Committee out. *Word of Mouth* is worth a million dollars - don’t ask “How are you?” next time you see someone outside the area ask “Are you coming to the Centenary?” So please give our Centenary a plug whenever you can, especially let any family or friends know and ask them to pass it on. This is a once in a life time celebration for most of us, so let’s make it the BEST weekend we can.

A quick report on our History Book – we are still working on it..... Some days I think we have reached the top of the hill and on the way to the finish line when another hurdle is placed in front of us but by hook or by crook we WILL get there. We have too, we have pre sold over 60 books, isn’t that great. Thank you to those who have ordered, your show of confidence is what will get this book ready for our Book Launch on Saturday 12th September 2014. Plus it will be a Great Read.

NOW

CATCH UP & COFFEE: Sunday 16th March – 10am at the Quandi Café
All Welcome

We had 15 at our first get-together. Let’s keep it going, and support our café.

DATE TO REMEMBER: Saturday 26th April 2014

Quandialla Scots Centenary Year Debutante Ball.

QUANDIALLA PROGRESS ASSOC & SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th March 2014, 7.30pm at the Hall. All Welcome. (My apologies that this meeting has not been advertised earlier – it has snuck up on me).

Sale O' Sale O' – For Sale – furniture and household goods.

Phil is retiring and everything must go – fridge (family size, as new); lounge suite; dining suite; coffee table; small utility table; 2 TV's with set top boxes; single bed (as new Sealy mattress); b/r drawers with book shelf; small bookcase, lamps. Curtains with tracks/rods; kitchen appliances; some cutlery/crockery. *Very realistic prices (or offers).*

Inspect at Residence on 8,9,10 April. Sale 9.am (or collect by) 11,12 April.

Contact Phil at school on 6347 1207

“MIGHTY DUCKS” The Quandialla Mighty Ducks had a loss last week, I have heard they fought a hard battle against Ariah Park, but things didn't go their way this time.

Congratulations Guys, you played well and did Quandialla proud.

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$960 this Friday and \$1950 will be on offer for the QBC Members Draw.

WONDERFUL NEWS: The Quandialla Swimming Pool Committee has a new Secretary. Congratulations go to Bronwyn Morley who has put her hand up for the position and the Quandialla Community Thank You.

We have a client wanting country to lease with the option to purchase in the Quandialla – Bribbaree area.
Forbes Livestock & Agency Co – 6852 2299
Tim Mackay – Mobile: 0428 116 631

I received the sad news this week of the passing of another Quandi –ite, Jean George nee Graham age 88 years, passed away in Capella Qld. last Saturday. Jean was the wife of the late Tom (Tommy) George.
Our condolences go to her family and friends.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

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SHOW CATERING. In the schedule issued for this year's show are the words "Hot Water available for picnic lunch". There is however, nothing to indicate to the general public that the ladies of the district are once again catering at very reasonable rates. Many visitors will no doubt get the impression that they must bring a picnic lunch. SUCH IS NOT THE CASE. We all know the excellent meals which the ladies of this district serve when they put their minds to it, and this year will be no exception. So leave your picnic baskets behind. YOU DON'T NEED THEM.

GETTING BETTER. The many friends of Tom Pollock will be pleased to learn that he is on the mend again after his recent illness. I shall have to speak very severely to Tom because as soon as shearing time or sowing or harvest time gets near, he manages to get sick. Bit of a fox I'm thinking. Cheers my friend, and get well quickly.

FOR SALE. Mr Bert Troy has two wool presses, one of which he would like to sell. They are both Koertz and in good condition. One is priced at £20 and the other at £30. So there you are, a well known brand of press at a fair price. Mr Ronald Warne has a piano for sale. This is a German job and Mr Claar of Wyalong placed a value on it at £120. Ronald of course will take less. To save time, will the interested folk please ring the owners.

GIFT EVENING. Please remember the gift evening to Sister Long which is on Monday night September 19th and for Miss Judith Causer on Friday night the 23rd. At both these functions will the ladies please bring a plate.

CRICKET MEETING. At the meeting held in the Bland Hotel on Thursday night, Mr Kev Johnson was re-elected President for the 60-61 season. Lawrence Russell will be the Secretary and that wizard of finance Mr Robert Haytor will act as treasurer. They will play in the Saturday competition organised by Grenfell.

Cheers everyone.....**Sue Priestley**