

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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1967 QUANDIALLA SURVEY – PART 2

The following article is more from the 1967 school survey that Mr N Conn took part in.

Question – *How did the early settlers arrive in the district?*

One can only guess. There are three ways they could have got here, horsepower, bullock drays and “shanks” (that is, walked). There were no other means of transport until well into the 1900’s, not even trains.

Question – *What kind of houses did the settlers build?*

Mostly of a temporary nature. Timber was very plentiful and good slabs could be split and bark made serviceable roofing. Those who wanted to be more permanent split shingles and as time went on galvanised corrugated iron replaced the shingles. Some very early houses were made of pise walls, but not very many in this area. I do not know one that was a settlement home, but a good many were built in the hill country, and some around our villages. The soil here was not suitable for pise. The fireplaces were invariably of mud and timber. The chimney was made of small round poles and covered with bark and a ground floor. Building was difficult. There were many of these buildings about when I was a small boy, but, of course, they have long disappeared.

Question – *What did the land look like?*

I have known the country for 70 years, and the timber on the stock routes about would be the same on all country before it was ringbarked and cleared. The road from Bland to Bimbi has not changed since I first saw it in 1901, that is, the timber on either side of the cleared road. Of course, it is not so thickly timbered, but it has not changed much, and one can imagine

a paddock of any area with the same timber, which would give a good idea of how it looked.

Question – *Why did the pioneers want to settle here?*

One of nature’s mysteries. It would, I am sure, be most forbidding if only for the work involved in getting the land ready to earn some money. Of course, the plains farther west were always free of timber, and grew wonderful grass and that would be a help in some areas, but not around Quandialla to any extent.

More recollections of Mr Conn’s from the school survey at a later date.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

I have made a “boo boo” - one reader pointed out that I had the date wrong for our book launch and I do apologise. How did it happen? My only excuse is that I cannot read those miniature calendars that you keep in your purse, all that well. The following is the correct date for the book launch of

“QUANDIALLA – THE FIRST 100 YEARS” – Our History Book
Saturday 13th September 2014

(time, venue etc will be sorted at a later date)

NOW

LOST: One of our residents has lost her purse, containing a small amount of cash, but more importantly some family photos of great sentimental value as well as her NRMA card etc etc. All credit cards have been cancelled. The purse is red in colour, if anyone has found it she would love to have it back. It can be left in the mail slot at the Post Office or on the Café steps. She is willing to lose the cash but is desperate for the rest to be returned.

Please keep an eye out for it.....Thank you

QUANDIALLA PROGRESS ASSOC & SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th March 2014 at 7.30 pm at the Hall. All Welcome.

PUNTERS CLUB: Anyone interested in forming a Punters Club, please see Dan or Jeremy at the Bland Hotel.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES will be Celebrating Senior's Week - A FREE Senior's Week BBQ at Taylor Park Grenfell will be held on Wednesday 26th March 2014 – 12 noon. Free Bus Transport can be arranged – Please call Michelle on 6343-2388. R.S.V.P. by Friday 21.3.14

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

MASSAGE THERAPIST. Angela Armstrong will be practising in Quandialla on 31st March and 1st April 2104. 1 hour - \$50.00 or ½ hour - \$35.00.

Health Fund rebates available – ATMS Accredited.

Please contact Angela on 0421 170 743 or Ruth Penfold on 6343 2130

QUANDIALLA CAFÉ & PET SUPPLIES

Advises that it will be closed early EVERY Wednesday at 12pm.

Trading hours are Mon – Thurs 8.30am to 5pm, Fri 8.30am to 6.30pm

Sat 9am to 6.30pm Sun 9am to 1pm.

N.B. Closed Daily between 2pm-2.30pm.

Customers can fax (02) 6347 1219 or SMS 0437 765 535 for orders.

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw has jackpotted to \$2600 this week. The Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$980 this Friday.

It is sad to see another family leave the district, but it must be exciting for David & Robyn Armitage and family who have relocated to Temora and will be missed at Quandi. I.C. readers wish David and Robyn the very best and hopefully will see them back in Quandi visiting family and friends in the near future.

BLAST FROM THE PAST Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

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A GOOD TRY. Last Saturday afternoon, the Quandialla members of the Barmedman football team picked up a scratch team and returned to do battle with their team mates. Barmedman was however too well seasoned and ran off the winners by 27 points to 11. As a gesture of appreciation for the very fine work which the Quandialla members do for the team, the gate proceeds were donated to the Hospital Auxiliary at Quandialla. I think that you will agree that it was a very thoughtful action by the Barmedman Club, and thanks are due to its members. During the play, Noel George was adjudged the "Best and Fairest Player". This is no novelty to him of course, since he holds that coveted honour for the season just concluded with the Barmedman team. The match is expected to become an annual affair as a trophy has been donated for this purpose. The sum of £26 was handed to the Auxiliary.

DON'T GET BITTEN. Constable Reeves has asked me to remind all dog owners that their animals have to be registered. I believe you have until the end of this month to do the job. He did not ask me to print what follows.... but it is on the card that a Blitz will be ordered this year. Don't get caught for 2/9. Registration may be done through the C.P.S. Office at Grenfell. A blasted nuisance I know, but its' got to done. Talking of the C.P.S. Office, can any sane person tell me why they closed the one at Quandialla? If you don't make a squeal soon you may even lose your motor registry office as well. If a few more things are lost to the town there will be only one thing for Quandialla to do.....lie down and die.

YER CAN'T 'ELP LARFIN. Screaming tyres, flying mud and sundry naughty words were just a prelude to the bogging of the Police Department's Land Rover last Monday afternoon. During the constable's holiday, someone --- it's alright Mrs Kelly I won't let on --- someone had a big hole dug just where the limb of the law normally turns his vehicle. It would have not looked quite so suspicious if the hole had not been carefully covered with weeds. What do you know? the excuse the lady gave to the irate officer was, that she intended at some future date to bury some cats!!!!!!

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