

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

HISTORY BOOK

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This newsletter is an initiative of the Quandialla Centenary Committee

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THE CENTENARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

If I've said this once I have said it ten times so I will say it again.

We are now on the downhill run to our Centenary Celebrations.

And we need some assistance from YOU for 2 items.

QUANDIALLA & DISTRICT DVD

We have the opportunity to have a DVD made of highlights of Quandialla & District to be sold on our big day. Have you seen the West Wyalong Historical Movies that Ross Harmer has put together? His slogan "Bringing Local History to Life" captures the essence of local history from Australian country towns. His DVDs are from old film footage, photos etc that he has collected or borrowed. Ross Causer has been speaking to him and President Robert rang and confirmed that he would like to do something for our Centenary.

This is where you can help:- We need photos, old 8mm film or slides of functions, sporting activities, farming activities, major celebrations, past & present local identities and so on. If you can identify the occasion and give a date that would be most helpful. Not sure how Mr Harmer does it, so I will call it scanning.

If you can leave your items at the Post Office by 30th April I will take them across to Mr Harmer on the 1st May and he will scan and return those items to me and I will return them to you. Mr Harmer has already got some material of our district eg. local rodeo & some photos, but with your help we can have a marvellous DVD to look back on in later years.

Please start thinking about what you might have in your collection and please consider lending them to the Committee for a short time.

"THINGS PEOPLE DID, MEMORABLE OR ICONIC MOMENTS"

The Editors are planning to include a chapter along the above theme.

While there will be many family anecdotes scattered throughout the book, we feel a separate chapter containing a few lines or paragraph or two about a special event or local character would be an important inclusion, especially seen through your eyes.

Just to give you some ideas the following are some examples that could be included.

We have heard about the local farmers purchasing tractors in Sydney or Melbourne and then driving them home in convoy back to Quandi. Did your father or grandfather drive home a new tractor? Charlie George and Jim McAlister's commitment to the shearing industry over many decades could be mentioned.

The "Back to Quandialla" event in 1967 a fundraising spectacular, a more recent fundraiser that comes to mind is "Cockies in Frockies" and there must be more in previous times.

I'm sure we could fill a chapter easily if everyone casts their minds back. So much has happened in our district and there were so many character's, it all deserves a paragraph, as it is all indeed our history.

The water finally coming to Quandi, droughts, boggy roads, dust storms, rabbit drives, floods and fires. Chum, Corny and AJ just 3 more characters no longer with us but still part of the fabric of Quandialla.

This is where the History Book Committee is asking you to think about the above article and jot down a paragraph or a few lines about something or someone you remember. You can leave them at the Post

Office or email them to suepcentenary@gmail.com

Please give the editors a story or two otherwise they may never be told and a few words is all that is needed.

Please consider helping with our proposed DVD and new chapter.

NOW

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY: The next General Meeting of the Hospital Auxiliary will be held on Tuesday 8th April at 9.30am at the Health Centre.

All Welcome

QUANDIALLA JACKPOTS: It is with mixed feelings that I must inform IC readers that both jackpots were claimed last Friday. The Bland Hotel Joker draw was won by a lucky lady from Bribbaree and will start again at \$120 this week. The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw was also claimed - and what can I say it was won by "moi" and yes that is sort of French for me, me, ME!!! It doesn't feel real yet, but I'm sure it will when I get the cheque. This week the draw will be \$650.

Last Friday proved dreams do come true but you must be there to win.

EXERCISE CLASSES: 9.00 – 10.00 am Friday's at the Quandialla Memorial Hall. \$7 per class, please bring water bottle, comfy clothing and appropriate shoes. Enquiries please phone: Kim 6347 2152

DATES to REMEMBER:

9th April – Flu Injections at Health Centre (over 65 & must have appointment)

10th April – Angus Taylor MP – 11am at the Quandialla Bowling Club

14th April – CWA General Meeting – 7.30pm at the CWA Rest Rooms

17th April – Scholarship Committee AGM – 7pm at the Bland Hotel

ST BRIGID'S COMMUNITY NEWS:

April Services - The only local service during April will be our

Liturgy at St Marks on Sunday 27th April.

Masses over Easter at Grenfell and Young

DON'T FORGET

QUANDIALLA CENTENARY YEAR 2014 SCOTS DEBUTANTE BALL

Saturday 26th April 2014

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 155

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CONGRATULATIONS: Good wishes are in order to Mr & Mrs Murray Caldwell. Mrs Caldwell of course was Judy Causer and they were married on Saturday at Quandialla. Also to Miss Beryl Warner of West Wyalong and Robert Connelly who were also wed on Saturday at West Wyalong. The few readers of IC who were not present at one or the other of the functions, join with me in wishing both couples a long and happy married life.

TENNIS: Mrs Goodsell asks me to inform those folks that are interested, that there will be a game on Sunday at the St Brigid's courts. Just an informal knock for the dancers and prancers.

KITCHEN TEA: The Younger Set are tendering a kitchen tea for Miss Dorothy Penfold this Friday night, Oct 7th. This notice is driving things a bit fine, but I am sure you will do your level best to attend. Once again I have to make the request, "ladies, a plate please".

BUS RUNS: A deputation consisting of Messrs. W Dixon, C Russell, Jock Burns & N Pearse left here on Thursday morning to approach the education authority at Bathurst. The object of the visit was to see if they could get the Bland and Morangorell runs lengthened. I believe that it is intended, if possible, to go as far as the Bland Creek one way and through Graham's Lane to Morangorell the other. They reported on Thursday night at the P & C meeting that they had great hopes of getting the necessary permission providing the number of children warranted same.

GIRLS: If you want to keep the wolf from the door, kiss him good-night in the car. For the boys – a girl likes a man to stand on his own two feet, especially if he is dancing with her.

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