

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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QUANDIALLA STREETS

Hopefully everyone read the article last week where the Centenary Committee asked for your support in trying to get the footpaths in Second Street upgraded.

Over the weekend I came across the following article which was printed in The Grenfell Record - Thurs 29th April 1926.

QUANDIALLA STREETS

The correspondent of "Forbes Advocate" writes:- "Our boulevards: Our treatment by the Weddin Shire Council re: formation of streets in the town is very unsatisfactory. The Council promised to put the gang on to begin and complete this work now. But the gang has been sent elsewhere after the present elsewhere is finished, and our 'elsewhere' can go hang. This work should have been done five years ago, and is urgent. Another winter of wading will make us really wild, and the officers of the Council will only be safe under police protection if they visit here during the wet to come. We are fed up. The milder members of the community are considering the question of drawing up a petition to be presented to the Council fully stating our reasonable demands and grievances. 'Councillors AE Jones and WT Jones are not objects of our animosity; for they have done all that we could expect of them. But we expect them to make a big noise next Council meeting.'

Does this sound familiar?

Other articles I have read from the past are mostly about the poor conditions of roads and drainage in Quandialla and the district. Don't get me wrong things have certainly improved over the years BUT things do need to be maintained. I also know we are only a village in our Shire and a very small part of things. But we do pay our rates, the amount the shire has dictated, just like any resident in Grenfell, who expect the same facilities that we do but don't have! One of those facilities are decent footpaths in the main street of the village, level would be a start and not covered with rocks would be another request, and from the lofty footpath we would love not to have to jump puddles (I take that back) I mean lakes that are right around the village. So we need to let the Shire know how we feel about the facilities that they are providing. So.....

Please do your bit and put pen to paper and send a strongly worded message to our Council at PO Box 125 Grenfell 2810 or email your concerns to mail@weddin.nsw.gov.au or phone 6343 1212.

The bottom line – "our footpaths in the main part of our village are a disgrace" and we need to get off our butts and complain.

Press Release - Central Tablelands Water 2014/2015 Draft Operational Plans

On Wednesday 9 April 2014, the Council of Central Tablelands Water (CTW) met and considered the 2014/2015 budget estimates, including the Operational Plan, the 2014-2018 Delivery Plan and the Long Term Financial Plan, and resolved to approve these documents being placed on public display for a period of 28 days. Council will consider any community submissions at its meeting on 11 June 2014 prior to formally adopting the documents at that meeting.

CTW general manager Tony Perry said: "*Consumption charges are proposed to increase by 5%, \$2.15kL to \$2.25kL; however, as the annual availability is not proposed to increase, the average residential water bill using 191 kilolitres will only increase by 3.1% or \$19.10 over 12 months. Councillors are of the view that consumers have supported Council with an annual tariff increase of 8% since 2006/2007, which contributed to the capital works program, and it is now time to support them with what is considered a more manageable increase.*"

Further, Mr Perry said "*Council is proposing to drop the inclining block consumption tariff and introduce a straight line consumption tariff which means that residential and rural consumers will no longer be subject to a 50% tariff increase for water consumed over 450 kilolitres in the 12 month period.*"

Mr Perry stated that "*major capital works planned for 2014/2015 include an upgrade to the Blayney Filtration Plant estimated at \$700,000, construction of a new low level water storage reservoir at Carcoar Filtration Plant estimated at \$445,000, repairs to the plenum floor at Carcoar Filtration Plant estimated at \$200,000 and relocation of the trunk main over Gooloogong Bridge estimated at \$205,000.*"

Quandialla consumers should benefit from a proposal to bring their water charges in line with those applying in the rest of the supply area. The annual availability charge for a 20mm connection in Quandialla will reduce from \$464 to \$200 and the consumption tariff will change from an inclining block tariff (currently \$1.46kL for the first 200kL per quarter and \$2.42 after 200kL) to a straight line tariff of \$2.25.

Council's draft Plans, including proposed fees and charges for 2014/2015, are on public exhibition at Council's Blayney office and will be available on Council's website from Tuesday 22 April 2014.

Media contact: Mr Tony Perry – 6391 7200 or 0417 406 776 - General Manager

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TALL POPPIES GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Please Note Change of Date

Due to bad weather last week - Garden Club will be held this weekend, 'Mothers' Day' – Sunday 11th May at 2pm at Jenny and Michael Philpots garden on the Boorowa Road Young. The garden is full of beautiful autumn colour and is such a pleasure to see. Hope you can make it – Sarah Curry

FRIDAY MORNING STEADY STEPS - EXERCISE CLASSES:

9 – 10am Friday's at the Quandialla Memorial Hall. \$7 per class, please bring along - water bottle, comfy clothes and appropriate shoes.

Enquiries please phone: Kim 6347 2152

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw has jumped to \$3600 this week. The Bland Hotel Joker Draw is still going and will be \$200 this Friday. The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw will be \$3600 this week.

Put this Important Date on your Calendar:-

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Thursday 22nd May 2014 at 10am

"Kaloola" Quandialla (on the Wyalong Rd)

Home of Dorothy & Bryson Troy

Donation for a Cuppa – All proceeds to the Cancer Council

FOX BAITING

Fox baiting will be carried out on Maurie Payne's property

On the Western side of Quandialla

Starting on the 5th May until the 30th May 2014

Please watch your animals - C. Dixon

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 161

THURS. DEC 2nd 1960

NATURE STUDY. There are all kinds of bees as you are well aware, but the type about which I am going to write is the little brown bee. You know, the one that gives you a bee sting. The little bee. Now in every colony of bees there is always one that resembles Marilyn Monroe. All the other bees get their heads together and make her the Queen. As soon as she gets this job she does away with all the other bee women which leaves her with no opposition. When that state is reached she gives all the other silly bees the run around. I have called them silly bees because it matters not what she does they still swarm around her, and you can take it from me, she just loves that. This Queen bee is not so hot on the housework, actually I suppose she wouldn't have too much time for that, so there comes a time when it is a lot easier to shift the mob rather than have a clean up. Out go the spies until such times as they find a convenient spot where they can have a re-union. One particular lot of bee spies that I know of, found just such a spot in the wall of Armours shop. Back goes a two way radio cab for the girl friend and they all then pile in for a bit of a do between the wall and the lining of the shop. These Armour folk are determined that there isn't going to be any funny business in their shop so they bung up all the holes, they spray the bees but to no avail. The sign writer is coming on Monday and after that it will read, "Men's and Children's Wear and Fresh Honey.

TENNIS. I believe that night tennis is under way and that there is a competition in progress but no particulars are to hand.

CRICKET. Ditto

Len Trounson has been busy burning off the blocks around the town. The help that he is receiving is negligible. Let Captain Ian Reeves or Deputy Len Trounson know if you want any burning off around your property, but please give them a hand.

Cheers & Happy Mother's Day on the 11th - Sue Priestley