

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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QUANDIALLA HAS AN ENTRY IN THE 2014 S#*T BOX RALLY

This Rally is an Annual Event that raises money for Cancer Research. Participants need to raise funds and must have a car worth less than \$1000 that can be driven across the outback of Australia.

Local Quandi-ite Bevan McAlister and daughter Danette will be participating in this years' event and both are very excited and looking forward to it. Ever since their entry was accepted they have been fundraising – Danette is now known as the “B.B.Q. Queen” of Canberra and Bevan has held a successful Battery Drive, to-date they have raised approx. \$9,000.

“Macca’s Mongrels” will be driving a 1993 Holden Apollo and leaving from Quandialla on the 24th May to drive to Perth where the rally will begin. Once they get there the fun really starts – On May 30th along with the other 250 cars in the rally, they will have 7 days to travel to Darwin via outback roads, travelling an average of 700km’s per day.

The Rally Schedule:

Day 1 – Perth to Meekatharra	Day 2 – Meekatharra to Marble
Day 3 – Marble to Broome	Day 4 – Broome to Fitzroy Crossing
Day 5 – Fitzroy Crossing to Mt Barnett Roadhouse	
Day 6 – Mt Barnett Roadhouse to Victoria River	
Day 7 – Victoria River to Darwin	

The McAlister Combo:- It is an interesting combination of Father and Daughter, Bevan the mechanic no doubt will keep the car going, and Danette the nurse, will keep Bevan going, who or what will keep Danette going is anyone’s guess, (maybe that cask of wine by the fire at night), but

knowing both father and daughter, they will not give up. I would really love to be a fly on the wall or should that be dashboard and watch the goings on between them. Knowing how important it is, I hope Danette can read a map like a man, for some reason they don’t understand when you turn the map upside down to read it. I reckon it would be good viewing, better than any of those reality shows they have on TV today.

However, jokes aside, I would like to take my hat off to them both for taking on such a challenge, getting out there and having a go. The experience alone, friendships that will be made, and the knowledge that you have supported a worthwhile cause will help to forget about the rough camping, dust, flies and sitting in a car for 7 or so hours at a time.

As previously mentioned, this rally is in aid of Cancer Research and the ultimate aim apart from having a lot of fun is to raise as much money as possible for this worthy cause. There is still time for you to show your support – Bevan and Danette have painted the Apollo wagon to look like a “mongrel dog” and are selling “fleas” in the form of stickers that can be purchased for \$10 each and which will be attached to the Apollo with your name on it. Money for a flea sticker or two can be left with Bevan, Dot or at the Post Office. All donations will eventually receive an official receipt from the Cancer Council. For more information visit – www.shitboxrally.com.au

On behalf of all I.C. readers I would like to take this opportunity to wish
Bevan and Danette the Very Best & Good Luck
GO “Macca’s Mongrels” - GO the Apollo!!!!

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

QUANDIALLA CENTENARY MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th May 2014
at 7.00 pm at the Bland Hotel (*please note: change of time*)

ALL WELCOME

NOW

SERVICE AT QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 18th May at 4.00pm

Theme: The Blessings We Enjoy

MASSAGE THERAPIST: Angela Armstrong, Massage Therapist will be practising in Quandialla on the 26th & 27th May. 1 hr - \$50, ½ hr - \$35
Angela has been practising in Orange for over 16 years. Health fund rebates are available. ATMS accredited: 7799. For appointments contact Angela on 0421 170 743 or Ruth Penfold on 6347 2130.

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: The Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$220 this Friday, a nice little amount to go shopping with if you are lucky enough to pick that "joker". The Bowling Club Members Draw is also growing. This Friday, whoever's badge number is drawn has the chance to win \$4200, but you must be there to claim it.

Don't forget..... 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

DON'T FORGET that Fox Baiting is still being carried out on the western side of Quandi until the end of May – Please watch your animals

ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH NOTICE: Services held 5pm, fourth Sunday of the month, during winter months. ALL WELCOME

Deepest Sympathy is extended to Sue Gault and Family on the passing of Sue's mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

SAD PASSING OF JOAN MCKENZIE: It is with regret that we have to note the passing of Mrs Joan McKenzie, formerly of "Pinegrove" Quandialla and recently of Young. Our condolences go to her family at this sad time.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 162 THURS. 24th FEB 1961

ONCE AGAIN. After the turmoil of the harvest time, I once again arise like a Phoenix from the ashes, or perhaps a better way to put it would be that I emerge from the Silos like a weevil to once again pester you with "IC". Before I go any further, I would like to award the annual "Oscar" for good wheat to Messrs, CE & KT Napier. With the exception of two loads, it was a pleasure to behold. It was not be thought that all the other wheat was poor, such was not the case. Some very fine individual samples were submitted including 66lb sample of Ford from Walter Troth, a very fine sample of Glenwarri although only weighing 63lb from Bill Mainwaring. A 67lb sample of Festival from Col Russell and a sample of what I believe to be Pinnacle from Nev Troth going 65½lb. From that, you can gather that the overall sample was not too bad. Tempers were fraying at the edges towards the end but no incident occurred which was worth remembering. For the absolute tops in good behaviour, I must thank Mr George Rhodes who was driving one of Len Trounson's trucks. Weighed off in the middle of a load because of inferior wheat prompted me to say "I'm sorry old chap" to which he replied "It's quite alright, it's a pleasure to meet someone who does the job he is paid to do". Clear thinking and a gentleman to boot. Thanks George. The prospects for next year seem bright enough and on that optimistic note we'll forget the silos for another eleven months.....

WHITE ROSE CAFÉ. As most of you know, this business has changed hands, as from next Monday, the 27th. Patty and "Frosty" George will be the new owners. By your forbearance help them to keep the business flourishing. Quandialla can ill afford to lose any more businesses. Jolly good luck also to Helen and Arthur Morris in their new venture.

CLAIMING THE DATE. Organising secretaries should note that the C of E Deb's ball will be held on the 14th April.

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