

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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## 1967 QUANDIALLA SURVEY – PART 3

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

Question – *Any interesting facts about the district and roads?*

The first road to this area would, I guess, begin in Young or Burrangong as it was then known. Young, of course, was Lambing Flat in those days. The road would be what is now the Young – Temora Road. The Bland country road branched off at eight miles from Young and carried traffic westward to Tubbul and Morangorell to Curraburrama to East Bland, Williams Crossing and on to Marsden. I think the road further westward was across Oakhurst Estate. There was no bridge across the Bland Creek until the 1920's. There was a hotel at Williams Crossing, owned by a family named Williams. It has long since disappeared. The "Crossing" was the only place the Bland Creek could be crossed for many miles, owing to almost perpendicular banks or sides. An interesting item from this area is a cemetery at East Bland. A great many of the inhabitants from the area were buried there, but I am not sure of this. Another road to the Bland country from Young branched off from what was then the Forbes-Young Road. It is now mainly from the seven-mile junction on the Young-Grenfell Road, but I am sure is started from Quamby, 10 miles out, to come past Thuddungra and Bimbi, and on to Williams Crossing. I think this would cover the first roads. Many have opened up since.

Question – *The vehicles used?*

I am sure, would mostly be bullock wagons and horse drawn wagonettes and spring carts and many horses and packhorses, and I should imagine, some two-wheeled horse drawn carts. I fancy the sulky as we know it was not in use in the very early days.

Question – *Changes in the district?*

The district has changed mainly to wheat growing, as far as change is concerned. It is still mainly pastoral, that is, land is used to carry stock, about three acres of stock to one of cereal crops, and is very successful for both industries. In the early settled days it was practically all stock. The wheat growers' opinion from Young and Grenfell used to be that wheat etc would not do well here. The varieties grown then did not do well, either. The Farrer wheats made all the difference to here as well as to many other districts. There is now a vast area of cleared land and many, many miles of fencing, some very good homes and a general appearance of development that was not thought of in my early days in the area. The reason for the change to wheat growers was the advent of the railway and the excellent results of the new wheats over the old ones. It took a lot of courage, or lack of common sense to grow wheat and cart it 30 or 40 miles for 2/6 or less per bushel. The wheat I grew in 1910 was carted from McNamara's to Grenfell, 34 miles and sold for 2/6 per bushel.

The electric power has been a tremendous boon to us all and to make everything much better still we now have bitumen roads. The lack of all-weather roads had been our chief handicap. It used to frighten people from coming into the area.

*This item completes the 1967 Survey that was compiled by students of Quandialla Central School.*

## THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

### QUANDIALLA CENTENARY MEETING

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

ALL WELCOME

## NOW

EXERCISE CLASSES: 9 – 10am Friday's at the Quandialla Memorial Hall. \$7 per class, please bring - water bottle, comfy clothes and appropriate shoes. Enquiries please phone: Kim 6347 2152

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: The Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$240 this week and the Bowling Club Members Draw was claimed last week so it will start again this Friday at \$600.

MASSAGE THERAPIST: Angela Armstrong, Massage Therapist will be practising in Quandialla on the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

PLEASE WATCH YOUR ANIMALS – Fox Baiting is still being carried out on the western side of Quandialla until the end of May.

### CHURCH NOTICES:

St Mark's Anglican Church services held 5pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month during winter months.

St Brigid's Catholic Church services – Mass 10.00am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and Liturgy 10.00am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Services held at St Mark's Anglican Church until further notice.

### ANY TIME YOU ARE HUNGRY

JUST HEAD TO THE BLAND HOTEL - From next Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May Counter Lunches will be served from 12-2 pm.

After 2 pm a selection of hot food will be available during the afternoon, you can call in and choose something from the bain-marie.

And then as per normal the Bistro will open for dinner 6-8 pm.

*No need to go hungry in Quandialla*

*One Last GOOD LUCK to Bevan & Danette  
GO "Macca's Mongrels – GO the Apollo!!!!!!*

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

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THURS. MAR 3<sup>rd</sup> 1961

*GRENFELL PLEASE. If there is a more stupid and anger provoking situation than attached to a simple telephone call to Grenfell, then I have yet to discover same. After tea you may call to your heart's content and receive the same answer....."Sorry the lines are engaged". The telephone people have admitted in a letter to the Bland Progress Association that the existing lines will not carry the traffic, and yet they do nothing to alleviate the present situation. The other night I heard a person make ten calls (incidentally he wanted a doctor) but with no success. Dam it all, can't the exchange take your number and give you a call when the line becomes vacant? In the letter it also stated that a time limit on calls would be imposed until the new line was installed. What a lot of hooey. My sympathy is with the local exchange girls. It is a wonder that they don't go crazy with the hundreds of calls which they must receive each night asking the same question....."Is Grenfell available yet?" I'll say this much, that if they don't go crazy some of the subscribers will....*

*MORE BULL. Strayed on to the property of Doug Troy, is a very nice young Poll Hereford bull. Will the owner please contact before he decides to make the Troy's place his permanent home.*

*DOROTHY DIX. I have received the following letter from "A worried reader". Dear Professor (blimey! I've been promoted) "I am thinking of buying a pair of Matador pants. I feel that they will improve my appearance and help me get a boyfriend. What do you say? Well now child, thinking over the matter very seriously I find that a Matador is a man trained to kill the bull after the bull fight. Now why on earth should a nice girl want to wear a pair of pants designed for such a sordid job? In any case if they go on killing the bull you'll have no I.C. I often think that the modern wardrobe should be fitted with mirrors which give you a view from the front and from the back. From the front, you may resemble a Matador, but from the rear dear -----no!!! Don't buy a pair.*

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Until next week - Cheers .....*Sue Priestley*