

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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## CENTENARY NEWSLETTER

*We are coming to the end of all our preparations and I'm absolutely positive we are going to have a fabulous 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.*

No doubt you have noticed by now that we have a larger than normal newsletter this week. That is because I wanted to get all the enclosed information out to you so you can organise your weekend – we don't want you to miss anything.

There will be an information tent that the Committee and hopefully some willing helpers will be running on Sunday. This tent will be the headquarters for the day. You will be able to purchase Centenary Memorabilia – History books, Cookbooks, Tea towels, Coffee Mugs, Maps, Magnets, Raffle Tickets etc. Pick up or buy train tickets, pick up a programme for the day and hopefully get any questions answered.

***You will find this tent on the block next door to the Post Office.***

### Saturday – 4<sup>th</sup> October

*The Railmotor will travel from Parkes and there will be 5 trips available from Quandialla. If you have a big day planned for Sunday you might like to take the opportunity to take your ride on Saturday.*

### CENTENARY RAILMOTOR TRAIN RIDES

Don't miss out on your ride with family and friends on the beautifully restored Railmotor, an experience not to be missed. Tickets are on sale now for \$10 per adult and \$2 per child (up to primary age).

The Committee is encouraging you to book your ride as we cannot guarantee that seats will be available for purchase on Saturday or Sunday at the

time you would like. Bookings can be made with Sue Priestley at the Post Office or ring Sue on 6347 1305.

Tickets will be marked with the time and number of your trip and cannot be transferred to another trip as there might not be a spare seat available. Tickets will be collected from passengers prior to boarding and you are encouraged to be on site 10-15 minutes before departure so that the train can leave on time. We want everyone to enjoy their experience and be safe. For this we need people to stay within designated areas on both days and follow the instructions of workers helping people on and off the train. People are also strongly discouraged, by NSW Rail from taking shortcuts across the line at any time as this is an active main line.

### RAILMOTOR TIMETABLE for The Quandialla Centenary Celebrations

#### SATURDAY – 4<sup>th</sup> October

- Trip 2: 10:35 am – Depart for Bribbaree and return at 11:25 am
- Trip 3: 11:45 am – Depart for Caragabal and return at 12:22 pm
- Trip 4: 12:55 pm – Depart for Bribbaree and return at 1:41 pm
- Trip 5: 2:05 pm – Depart for Caragabal and return at 2:56 pm
- Trip 6: 3:10 pm - Depart for Bribbaree and return at 4:21 pm

#### SUNDAY – 5<sup>th</sup> October

- Trip 7: 9:30 am – Depart for Caragabal and return at 10:06 am
- Trip 8: 10:20 am – Depart for Bribbaree and return at 11:06 am
- Trip 9: 11:30 am – Depart for Caragabal and return at 12:19 pm
- Trip 10: 12:38 pm – Depart for Bribbaree and return at 1.16pm
- Trip 11: 2:00 pm – Depart for Caragabal and return at 2:49 pm
- Trip 12: 3:00 pm – Depart for Bribbaree and return at 3:46 pm

***P.S. Due to activity on the lines during the day there will be some stopover time at each village during each trip, you will be required to stay on the train.***

The Railmotor will leave Quandialla at 5pm and travel to Cootamundra arriving at 7:01 pm. Of course any train enthusiasts can travel to Quandialla from Parkes on Saturday or to Coota on Sunday evening. Tickets can be purchased for each trip for the following rate: Adults - \$25, Children \$15 or Families \$75.

5pm – St Brigid's School Reunion at the Bland Hotel  
6.30 – 11 pm – Centenary Bush Dance

**Quandialla Centenary 1914 - 2014**

# **Bush Dance**

**NOVEMBER SHORN BUSH BAND**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

At the Quandialla Soldiers Memorial Hall

**Doors open 6.30pm**

**Action from 7.00pm – 11.00pm**

Entry \$10 school age and above, \$5 preschool age, \$40.00 family

Lucky Door Prize

Unveiling of Centenary Quilt

**BYO Drinks**

**Tea and coffee supplied**

**Please bring a plate for a shared supper at interval**

The band has over thirty years experience:

*"...participation from pre-schoolers to grandparents is a key ingredient of all our dances and the looks on their faces says it all"*

**Come and join all the fun and start the Centenary Weekend off**

**with a bang!!**

**Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> October**

*There is so much to enjoy on the main day of our Celebrations*

There will be a Thanksgiving Blessing at 10.30am on the Hall Park area followed by the Official Opening and Unveiling of the Fettle and Settlers Wall at 11am.

There will be 6 train rides during the day (see timetable), Cobb & Co Coach running from 10am – 3pm. Helicopter flights are also scheduled during the day. A Blade Shearing Display will be held at the Bland Hotel 10am, 12pm & 2pm. The Grenfell Town Band will perform at 10am & 12pm for your enjoyment.

The Art Show, Quilt display and Best Echidna Competition will be held in the Quandialla Central School COLA.

There will be a shuttle bus running approx. every hour that can assist those who need a lift to the train or to another location – a gold coin donation.

The Quandialla Swimming Centre will be open with the Grounds and Kiosk available from 11am – 4pm. The Pool will be officially open for Swimming from 12 -3 pm. View the Swimming Pool and Club static displays and take a stroll around this wonderful facility that Quandialla is very proud of.

"Pavlovas in the Dust"- The Great Quandialla Pavlova Race will be held in Second Street at 3pm an event that you should not miss. Between races 1 & 2 prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Echidna Scavenger Hunt, Find a Word Competition and Best Echidna Competition. There are some wonderful prizes in the Centenary Raffle which will be drawn following race 2. Don't forget to get your tickets.

At various locations around the village you will find History Displays, Small Engines, Vintage Cars, Lawn Mowers, Bush Ranger memorabilia and the Centenary Quilt, something for everyone. There will be buskers performing for your enjoyment and a wonderful selection of stalls and shops open for you to browse and do some early Xmas shopping.

Food and/or drinks will be available from many locations – Quandialla Central School Cola finger food lunch, Bland Hotel, Quandi Café

and the Quandialla Bowling Club will be open all day. The Caragabal P&C and West Wyalong Lions Club will be operating an all-day BBQ and coffee carts will be located in the main street. There will be Devonshire Teas available from 2 – 4pm at the Quandialla Hospital.

Evening events include Food and Entertainment at the Bland Hotel and a Roast Dinner with Country Music at the Quandialla Bowling Club.

## **Monday – 6<sup>th</sup> October**

For family and friends a farewell breakfast of egg & bacon rolls, tea & coffee will be available for a small charge beside the Quandialla Memorial Hall from 9.30am.

### **COMPETITIONS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE**

On Sunday the Centenary Committee will be holding “**An Echidna Scavenger Hunt**” for pre-school to primary aged children. There will be a number of echidnas (not real ones) positioned in various places in Second & Third Streets for you to find and record their locations. Entry forms and rules can be obtained from the information tent. The little ones might require some assistance from Mum or Dad, so it can be fun for all the family.

For the older group a **Centenary “Find a Word”** Competition will run for all Secondary students. Further details and entry forms will also be available at the information tent.

Both Competitions will be open from 10am to 2pm on Sunday only.

Winners will be announced after 3pm in Second Street.

### **“PAVLOVAS IN THE DUST”**

The teams are sorted and all are in heavy training for this historic event that will be a test of their skill, stamina and above all their sense of humour.

Who will be the champions? How many pavs will bite the dust? Just two of the questions that will be answered on the day. You will have to be there to witness the Quandialla Great Pavlova Race and cheer on the brave souls who have volunteered to help make this race a reality.

Don't miss it Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in Second Street.

## **QUANDIALLA CENTENARY ART SHOW**

The Centenary Art Show will be held in the Quandialla Central School COLA on the 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of October. Local and ex-local artists will be exhibiting their paintings and drawings for your enjoyment.

The small band of workers who have put this show together have also organised an Echidna Sculpture Competition. They have obtained prize money from a very willing contributor who is looking forward to see those echidnas.

Judy and Lynell are still willing to accept entries, so to those people, who thought they had missed the closing date to enter your sculpture, please finish your echidna.

A few more entries will help make what is already a great art show into a fantastic art show, one that you cannot miss visiting over the weekend.

### **CENTENARY PROGRAMME**

*A comprehensive programme of all Centenary events and where you can find everything will be available on Sunday from the information tent.*

You will also be able to find the programme on our webpage [www.quandialla](http://www.quandialla)

### **BEFORE WE GET TO ENJOY OUR CELEBRATIONS**

#### **WE NEED TO GET READY & WE NEED YOU.....**

**HALL CLEANUP:** CALLING ALL HELPERS...At 9.30am on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September we will be cleaning the hall in readiness for the Centenary and Bush Dance.

Remember many hands make light work (and make it more enjoyable). Bring along a cobweb broom, broom or any other cleaning items you feel may be useful. Let's try and set a new record for the average age of the cleaning team. See you all there...we do not discriminate so men are most welcome.

There are a hundred and one jobs to do and we will be addressing as many as possible - starting on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. If you have some spare time on Saturday, please consider lending a hand.

We are still looking for more helpers for our **roster for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>** on the information tent. Please call in the Post Office and see if there is a time that might suit your schedule.

I hate to be the bearer of bad news but please don't forget that we will have to clean up after our big event. I know we will be exhausted but it has to be done.

## GOOD NEWS

We have received word that Mr Angus Taylor MP will be attending our Centenary on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate that he is able to take time out of his busy schedule to celebrate this major event with us.

If you see Angus wandering around on the day, say hello or introduce yourself and have a chat.

## NOW

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: The Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$140 this Friday night. The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw will jump to \$2150 this week. Remember you must be there to win.

### CHURCH SERVICES for OCTOBER

ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH – **Please Note:** There will be **NO** Service at St Mark's in October, sorry for any inconvenience.

ST BRIGID'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – Quandialla Centenary Weekend: Fr Tony Hennessy will be celebrating Mass at Quandialla Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 8.00am. **Please Note:** There will be **NO** Mass at Quandialla on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct due to Fr Paul being on holidays.

CONGRATULATIONS to Michael and Bradley Murphy who played in their Grand Final with the Mallee Boys last Saturday. Last week we wished them all the best and this week we are congratulating them on their win. Well Done

*Deepest Sympathy is extended to Paul Mahon and Family,  
on the passing of his wife Sue. Paul is a descendant of the pioneering  
Mahon Family of "Lanark" Quandialla and is the proprietor of our local fuel  
supplier Temora Fuel Distributors.  
Our thoughts and prayers go to all at this sad time.*

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

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*DIGGERS BALL. The Digger's ball proved to be one of the best functions held in this district for quite some time. The door takings of approximately £180 should show a nice profit for the charities for which it was organised. There is not a shadow of doubt that the "Riverina R.J.'s" is a "pack em' in" band and others who are contemplating holding a ball should find food for thought in the splendid attendance figures. The catering was excellent and here again is sure fire draw card --- use the magic word "Poultry Supper". The "Belle" of the ball and I will leave it to the newspapers to describe how charming she looked. The "Matron" of the ball was judged to be Mrs Allan Bernard of Grenfell. Dancing continued until 3.15am. Proof positive of the popularity of this function.*

*SICK LIST Young David Causer is still in the Temora Hospital and is likely to be there for some time to come. He is suffering from an after effect of a fever. His condition I am informed, is improving which is good for you David...My old sparring partner, Tom Pollock, is still in hospital at Young. He has a dermatitis condition which is not responding to treatment. I believe he is taking a trip to Canberra to seek specialist advice. You had better hurry up and get well Tom. I've got nobody to fight with on Saturday mornings...Tiny Helen Causer was climbing in and out of coils of wire outside my place when a small metal label attached to a roll gashed her leg. Dr Boniecki inserted four stitches in the wound. She took a dim view of the needlework but is none the worse now.....Postmaster King's daughter is in Grenfell Hospital bemoaning the loss of her tonsils. Latest report states that Joanne is quite comfortable and will return to the fold shortly.*

*FOOTBALL Every year there is a football match played at Barmedman which is organised solely for the purpose of thanking the Quandialla folk for their solid support of the Barmedman Football club. A goodly portion of their players come from Quandialla and the district and by their effort and the support of the Barmedman people, the sum of £52 has been given to the Hospital Auxiliary despite the fact that it was advertised as being for the Hall. The football match was played last Sunday and resulted in a win for the local boys and the trophy is in the Café window to prove the fact.*

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