

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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WHAT CAN I SAY

Other than **"WE DID IT"**

I nearly had a heart attack on Monday afternoon when I was partaking of a beverage and unwinding at the local hotel. When the Smart A*#^ publican told me that he had been asked by a visitor why we were celebrating our 100th birthday in 2014 when our town signs said 1915. His reply was that this weekend was only a practise run for next year. After he picked me up off the floor and I stopped seeing spots before my eyes I actually saw the funny side of his story. And for a few moments I even thought, why not - we could do this again, until my aching feet, legs, back, arms, head and everything in between reminded me just how tired I was.

Jokes aside – *What a wonderful weekend!!!!*

The weather was good, the crowd was unbelievable. After our unofficial counter did the rounds the estimation for Sunday was over 2500 people visiting our small village. To my knowledge we did not run out of food or drink and the stalls and businesses all had successful days. The train rides were a great success with many happy travellers. The caravan park in the showground was a sight never before seen in Quandi and as far as I know everyone enjoyed their stay.

"The First 100 Years" history book sold out and we only have ordered books available at the P.O. Please pick them up ASAP or they will be sold to someone on the waiting list. If you have found that you require another book please contact Sue P so that numbers can be determined for our next printing order, books will remain at the cost of \$50. The Fettleers and Settlers Wall was another success story and the next order of plaques has been started. If you would like to see your family name on the wall please contact Marlene Taylor.

We do have Centenary Mugs, Teatowels, Cookbooks, Magnets and Maps available if you missed out on the day. At the moment they can be purchased from the Post Office and Centenary Port from the Hotel. Today I received a

number of DVD's made by Ross Harmer of West Wyalong Movies called "Quandialla Heart of the Bland" and they are for sale for \$30 at the Post Office.

I am in the process of paying the accounts and balancing the books so at this moment I do not have any information on how financially successful the weekend was.

I would like to thank those who have emailed me, wrote or expressed their thoughts on what a wonderful job Quandi did in organising this Centenary. That everyone had such a great time made all of the Committee's hard work worthwhile.

Now on behalf of the Centenary Committee I would like to THANK EVERYONE including workers, stall holders, Quandialla residents and Visitors because without your support we would not have had such a FANTASTIC CELEBRATION.

CENTENARY ART SHOW – WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners:

Echidna Sculpture: Adult: 1 st - Kristen Davey	2 nd – Nathan McAlister
Pensioner: 1 st – Ross Causer	2 nd – Mary Deery
High School: 1 st – Melissa & Rachel Causer	2 nd – Sarah Penfold
Primary School: 1 st – Aleira Scott	2 nd – Lucas McAlister
Echidna Painting: 1 st – Judy McAlister	
Echidna Drawing: 1 st – Reuben Ryan	

Thank you to everyone who entered and helped to make the Art Show such a spectacular display for the weekend. Thank you also to our Judge – Abby McCulloch, who had a very hard job and special thanks to Christine Garner for sponsoring this event.

CENTENARY RAFFLE – WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners. If you have not already collected your prize, they are available at the Post Office.

1st Prize – Framed Painting by Jennifer Causer donated by Jennifer & Noel Causer – **Winner: Hugh Nowlan**
2nd Prize – Garden Art – Kangaroo donated by Ross Causer
– **Winner: Nicole Cook**
3rd Prize – Patchwork Quilt made from fabric donated by locals made by the Quilting Group – **Winner: Craig Forsyth**
4th Prize – Garden Art – Emu donated by Ross Causer
– **Winner: Joe & Sheila Manton**

5th Prize – Knife Block – donated by Judy Johnston
– **Winner: Sally Haythornthwaite**

6th Prize – Garden Art – Spider donated by Ross Causer
– **Winner: Matthew Fitzhenry**

7th Prize – 2015 Calendar designed and donated by Ruth Penfold
– **Winner: Betty Smith**

The Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting this fundraiser and a special thank you to those who generously donated the prizes.

CENTENARY EVENT – WINNERS

Echidna Scavenger Hunt – Winner: Hamish Troth

Centenary Find a Word – Winner: Bianca Scott

Pavlovas in the Dust – Winner: Quandialla Team consisting of Manager: Kathy Smith, Runners: Jillian Causer, David Dixon & Ben Causer, Decorator: Sue Priestley, Wheelbarrow Pusher: Steve Kelly.

Again the Committee would like to thank everyone for taking up the challenge and entering in the above events.

Special thanks go to David Armitage for his skills as Commentator and John Priestley for his duties as Clerk of the Course.

NOW

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY – The next General Meeting of the Hospital Auxiliary will be held on Tuesday 14th October at 9.30am in the Quandialla Health Centre. Agenda items will include the Melbourne Cup Luncheon.

All Welcome

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS – The Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$180 and the Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw will be \$550 as another very lucky Quandialla member took home the money last week.

QUANDIALLA CWA – Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 13th October at 7.30pm in the CWA Rest Rooms. ALL WELCOME

H.S.C EXAMS

On behalf of Idle Chatter readers I would like to wish our Year 12 students who will be taking their HSC Exams soon, the very best.

They have worked very hard towards this.

Good Luck - Shantelle Troy, Ben Kelly & Eliza Taylor

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

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AN APOLOGY – I must commence this issue with an apology to Miss Olive McNamara. She went to a lot of trouble last week to give me an item of news concerning the Country Party and a competition they were running for the school children. Alas I was unable to produce a sheet last week and now the news is too old. I'm very sorry that I could not help you, but maybe I can be of some use later.

WHO'S GOT IT? – It's only just a teeny weeny camp oven. Fred Armour loaned this oven to someone and for the life cannot remember who it was. He would now like it for his son Norman and he can only rely on the person who has it, returning same. If this oven is not returned it will be about the first time that an appeal from this sheet has been disregarded. So think hard and have a real good look amongst your camping gear. Thank you...

CITY GARBAGE – Mr Martin Keir has just handed to me a cutting from the Melbourne Sun Newspaper and here is what it says... "George Blaikie a journalist has been holidaying at Grenfell NSW the real old time Ben Hall bushranger country. George says a Cobb & Co coach passed through on its way to Melbourne. The locals thought it would be a marvellous idea to stage a bushranger-type holdup. Well, not only did it take two days to find four horses, but it took even longer to find four men who could ride... AS THIS COLUMN SAID YESTERDAY, THE COUNTRY'S GOING TO THE DOGS".... Poor old IC is not quite as big as the Melbourne Sun but it can print an open letter to Mr George Blaikie who poses as a journalist and here it is... Dear George, at least 40 men of this district will find 40 horses if only you will pay us a return visit. IC will supply all the ingredients to tar, feather you and see you on your 400 mile trip back to Melbourne riding astride a nice rough oak rail which would be a real bushranger type justice for the crime. However we do agree with your sentiment that the Country is going to the pack. It just cannot do anything else whilst comedians like you are at large.

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