

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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This newsletter is an initiative of the Quandialla Centenary Committee

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YOU ARE INVITED

*The Executive of the Centenary Committee extends an invitation
to **ALL** to attend*

“THE END OF CENTENARY CELEBRATION BBQ”

When: Saturday 6th December 2014

Time: 7.00 pm

Where: Bland Hotel

Cost: Purchase of your own refreshments

RSVP: Wednesday 3rd December (for catering purposes)

Special Request: Ladies please bring a Salad to share – The Centenary
Committee will supply meat etc for the evening.

President Robert, Secretary Marlene and Treasurer Sue hope that Members of the hard working Committee and Members of the Community and their families will join them and enjoy this BBQ. This function is a small way of thanking everyone for the wonderful job done by our energetic community on the long weekend.

I know that I was very busy along with most Quandialla –ites and didn't get to really enjoy what was on the programme. However this BBQ is for you and will be a great opportunity to chat to others, catch up on what happened and celebrate with a drink or two on a job well done.

For such a small community I am still amazed at what we pulled off in October. So when I received another inspiring letter, naturally I just had to include it for all to read.

Dear Chairman and Committee Members

Congratulations on a truly wonderful celebration of the centenary of the founding of Quandialla. It was a really great event, enjoyed we are sure, by all who participated.

The huge preparatory work undertaken by your Committee was evident throughout the weekend. The scheduled events 'worked', the coordination was excellent, as was the encouragement of individual and group contributions. The turn up was spectacular and 'The Great Pavlova Race' was amazing.

Of particular note was the energy, vision and constructive spirit of those who worked to 'make it all happen'. The improvements to the town over recent years, such as the swimming pool, a new store, trees near the Memorial Hall and in the streets, Blamey Park are notable. The sub-title of the Centenary book was a clear statement of intent that this event was not a 'last hurrah'

Again, congratulations on mounting a great event.

Yours sincerely

John Olsen (Former resident)

What a wonderful letter, it certainly makes me very proud to say that I live at Quandialla. Also it's very nice to hear that our efforts were very much appreciated and that people can see that we care about where we live. With earlier generations contributing to the area and the next generation maintaining the up-keep while also making improvements is certainly what Quandialla is all about.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that sent messages to the committee. Your kind words have certainly given everyone a sense of pride of their community.

See you at the BBQ

Hopefully harvest will be winding down by the 6th and we all can start thinking about relaxing.

Starting with our BBQ!

CONGRATULATIONS to proud grandparents Lance and Sue Gault. Congratulations must also go to Garth and Leanne who played a small part in the safe arrival of Alexander Paul Prince.

EXPRESSIONS of INTEREST: Calling for names of any young ladies wishing to make their Debut at the Quandialla Memorial Hall Scots Debutante Ball to be held April 2015. Phone Sue P: 6347 1305 or call in to the P.O.

QUANDIALLA JACKPOTS: Each Friday at the Bland Hotel you have a chance to win 2 meat trays, a \$20 Bistro Voucher and a chance to pick the "Joker". This week the jackpot is \$300. At the Quandialla Bowling Club the Draw will be \$1200, but you must be there to claim your prize. As per every Friday 10 meat trays will be available for you to win if you have the lucky numbers.

DON'T FORGET

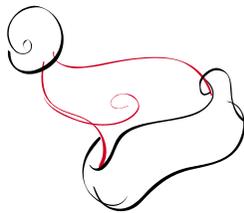
POST OFFICE CHRISTMAS MAILBOX & TOWN SCENE COMPETITION

Will be held again this year.....

John & Sue

Invite you to join in again and display those great ideas by turning your mailbox or front lawn into a Christmas Themed Display.

Judging will take place in the week prior to the Community Christmas Party in December where the winners will be announced.



CHRISTMAS IS ONLY 5 WEEKS AWAY

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet?

Centenary Memorabilia would make a great gift!!!

*Mugs - \$10 each *Tea Towels - \$12 each *Magnets - \$2 each

*Quandialla Maps - \$2 each *Calendars -\$25 & \$12

The above items can be purchased from the Café and the Post Office

*Centenary Cookbook - \$10.00 each *History Book - \$50.00 each

*Quandialla Heart of the Bland DVD - \$30 each

Books & DVD can be purchased from the Post Office

*Centenary Port - \$20 each *and can be purchased from the Bland Hotel*

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 208 THURS 8th NOV 1963

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY – The monthly meeting was held on the 25th. The members decided to hold a Fete in the hospital grounds on March 13th 1964 providing no other organisation has already chosen that date for some other function. If such is the case, will you please get in touch with the Hon Secretary Mrs W Dixon. The members of the Auxiliary wish to thank any person who helped in any way with their work at the Bland Rodeo. Mr Joe Martin gets a special pat on the back for the way he looked after the coppers. Not once was there a shortage of hot water. Each year there is a beautiful trophy called "The Honour Bell" awarded to the Auxiliary which raises the most money for the hospital to which it is attached. Mrs Doris Sellen who was in Sydney for the Annual Conference of Auxiliaries received the trophy on behalf of the Quandialla Branch. Should you be interested or proud enough, you may see it displayed at the Bland District Store. The gardens and the lawns at the hospital are most attractive and the members extend their thanks to Sister Ward and "Dot" for their splendid effort, and to any other person who may have helped. Although not eligible to join the Auxiliary (I hope) I would like to add my congratulations to those gardeners who are doing such a good job.....

CHARLIE NORTH – I am sure that the older residents of this district will remember Charlie. I never met him myself but I have read a chapter from a letter he sent to Mrs Sellen. In this he expressed his thanks for a copy of Idle Gossip as he called it and said that it gave him a lot of pleasure to hear about the Quandi folk. Well Charlie, I've heard a lot of people talk about you so I am sure that I will be doing the right thing if I sent to you their best wishes. Just one thing Charlie. The name of this sheet is Idle Chatter, that's right, Idle C-H-A-T-T-E-R. If you want Gossip please apply to Mrs Armour of Margaret Street. Just address your request to "The Gossip Shop" that will be sufficient.....

CAPITALS – A certain joker in town said to me once, "If ever I win at Bowls I'll expect to see it in capital letters. O.K. mate you've got em.

NORMAN G QUINE ably assisted by Mr Walter Anderson played superlative bowls to defeat Les Penfold and Martin Keir in the Pair's Championships...

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