

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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AUSTRALIA DAY NEWS

There were three nominations for the Weddin Shire Community Event/Organisation of the Year: The Grenfell Kart Club, The Quandialla Centenary Committee and the Weddin Community Native Nursery.

I am very pleased and proud to say that Quandialla was successful in winning the 2014 Community Event/Organisation of the Year.

President Robert was in attendance at the Grenfell Ceremony on Monday morning and accepted the award on Quandialla's behalf. He thanked everyone involved with the Australia Day proceedings and said that the Centenary Committee did co-ordinate this wonderful event but this award was for Quandialla and District and everyone who put their heart and soul into showcasing the community and its achievements over the past 100 years.

Fast forward to the Quandialla Australia Day BBQ and our village ceremony began with a delicious BBQ dinner, thank you ladies for the wonderful selection of salads. Then the 2014 Centenary Baby Certificates were handed out to all our new residents born in the Centenary Year. Robert then let everyone know of our wonderful achievement. Next on the agenda Councillor Niven presented the following local awards:

Congratulations go to Sarah Penfold who was awarded the Quandialla Central School Youth Award for her many achievements throughout her schooling at Quandialla, a very popular winner.

This year Community Achievement Awards were presented to Robert Reeves, Marlene Taylor and Sue Priestley for the work done on behalf of the Centenary. These awards were a surprise to us and we were all very humble to accept them. On behalf of my fellow conspirators I would like to say that as the executive group we had the best committee and so many willing workers who all helped to make such a successful day.

The Community Award will be on display at each business house in the village during the year, before taking up residence in the Hall.

So take a look at it because it was a real community effort.

DANIEL SMITH FUNDRAISER

On Saturday 21st February 2015 the Quandialla Community will be holding a Fundraising Event for local lad Daniel Smith who has had kidney health issues since he was a young boy.

Daniel was born and raised in Quandialla. Along with parents David and Kathy, and younger brother Christopher, the family has been a constant supportive unit for many causes in our community. Daniel and Christopher have since moved from Quandi for work opportunities but both boys return on a regular basis as they still call Quandialla home.

Daniel was fortunate to receive a kidney transplant when he was 17 and blessed with better health on and off until that kidney failed late last year. Daniel has since returned to dialysis treatment three times a week in Young and like everyone he has his good and bad days. Daniel's goal is to do everything he can to get his body ready so that he can re-register on the transplant list and hopefully obtain another kidney.

Daniel's fundraiser will be in the form of a Family Bowls Afternoon to be held at the Quandialla Bowling Club starting at 1pm. For the small green fee of \$5 you can have a fun game of bowls. Then stay for a meal which will be available for \$10 per adult, \$5 per child or \$30 per family. If you are not a bowler by all means still come along for a chat or arrive in time for dinner. The Bowling Club will be supplying the meat but we are asking that ladies attending could you please bring a salad. Before you go home the 'Monster Raffle' will be drawn. Tickets for this raffle are being printed and will hopefully be available for sale next week. Look out for the poster telling you what wonderful prizes have been donated for this worthwhile event. If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle or help in any way please contact Chris Causer - phone 63471365.

All money raised will be going to Daniel to assist with his on-going medical expenses.

QUANDIALLA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY NEWS: A general meeting of the Quandialla Hospital Auxiliary will be held at the Health Centre on Tuesday 10th February at 9.30am All Welcome - M Keir Hon Sec.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Quandialla Progress Association is going to continue running the

QUANDIALLA WEB PAGE – www.quandialla.com

Even though the Centenary is over it was felt that this site could still be used to advertise Quandialla and District.

Maribeth Keir is our Web Site Manager (for want of a title) and will continue to add Idle Chatter each week plus other items – eg advertising community events etc in our district.

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Donna Middleton (Women's Health Nurse) will be in attendance at the Quandialla Community Health Centre on Tuesday 3rd March 2015.

For an appointment please phone 63471200

ST MARKS ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES:

February Church Service will be held on the 8th (not the 1st) at 6pm. Then services will return to the 1st Sunday of the month at 6pm.

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw will jackpot to \$2300 this Friday evening and The Bland Hotel Joker Jackpot will be \$480. You must be in attendance to have a chance to win the money.

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES:

The Mass timetable for the Bribbaree/Quandialla Parish has changed. Mass will be celebrated every Sunday at 8.00am alternating monthly between Bribbaree and Quandialla for a trial period of six months. This new timetable commences in February with Masses at Bribbaree, in March at Quandialla, April in Bribbaree, May at Quandialla etc.

QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL & PROGRESS ASSOCIATION will be holding a General Meeting on Wednesday 25th February at 7.30pm.

SAD NEWS: *It is with regret that I must report the passing of Mrs Nell Battenally earlier this week at Temora. Nell was formerly a well-known resident of Talbot St Quandialla. Deepest Sympathy is extended to the Battenally Families and Friends.*

BLAST FROM THE PAST Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER No: 225

THURS May 2nd 1966

TWIST – To stop all you young fellows from twisting your necks and in answer to a query as yet unspoken, I'll tell you. She is the Grand-daughter of Mr & Mrs Martin Keir. Her name is Elaine and she is here on holiday. She is the eldest daughter of Eric and Mavis Keir who most of you will remember quite well. To you Elaine, may your visit to Quandialla be a very pleasant one and when the time comes, may you be just a wee bit sorry to leave us.....

TEMPTATION – A storekeeper in this town is literally flirting with death. Last week I drew your attention to the plight of that poor woman Mrs David Harris when she received 4 doz Bex instead of 4 doz pegs. This week the same lady has collected another 4 doz Bex, but this time they were sent as a joke by another storekeeper. If another earth tremor is experienced within the next few days, you will know that a certain person "Flew off the handle" and committed mayhem and ruddy murder. From the debris that follows, the mangled remains of a storekeeper may be found. That'll knock the grin from his face.....

THE PARK – Before the Council team of workmen, at present kerbing and guttering Third Street, leave Quandialla the park fence should be in position. The material is on order and as you know through the efforts of Councillors Russell and Simpson the Shire Council will do the job for us. With very little time left a bit of ploughing inside the fence will be needed in preparations for tree planting. Perhaps you would like to help + look out Olive McNamara, I believe you once said that you would assist with the tree planting. Get your gloves on.....

Cheers **Sue Priestley**