

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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ANZAC DAY - 25th April 1915 - 2015

*This Saturday we commemorate the Centenary of Anzac,
a very important and special occasion in Australia's history.*

**You are invited to attend Quandialla's Anzac Day Commemorative Service
Commencing at 11.00 am at the Quandialla Soldiers Memorial Hall
School and Ex-Service Personnel to be at Blamey Park by 10.45 am
All school students are encouraged to participate in the ANZAC Day March &
Service and requested to wear full school uniform.
Descendants of Servicemen and Women may wear Service Medals.**

In the weeks leading up to this special Anzac Day, there have been some wonderful documentaries / shows on the television giving us an insight into the conditions, hardships, courage, losses and extraordinary deeds that were achieved by our young men in the First World War.

Even though we are a small community, we have been touched by war. Local young men have enlisted from our district and have fought in various campaigns over the past 100 years, sadly some did not return. This Saturday is our chance to celebrate and acknowledge their achievements and sacrifices at our local service and then in true Aussie tradition raise a glass in appreciation of their efforts on behalf of all Australians.

While you are in town you must stop and view the wonderful "Anzac" window display that has been put together in the Delta Store window by two very talented ladies. Their display honours those young men who fought in the First World War.

*I would like to thank Narelle and Bev for their efforts,
your display brings the spirit of Anzac a little closer to our small community.*

*We have another poem for you this week, again recognising the sacrifices made.
This poem was written by Ken & Judy McAlister's grand-daughter.*

Unrecognised

If they were to deny they would receive a feather,
They all thought that they would come back but many never.
We who did not go just don't understand, and therefore today we are
unrecognised.

We do not know the life they could have had,
And therefore the true price they gave.
I watch the movies and read the books,
But what really happened is far beyond my looks.
And therefore cannot be truly recognised.
Sometimes I imagine the ghastly sounds.
I picture the shells and bullets all around.
But I do not know what exactly they went through,
And it is unlikely I ever will. But I will try,
My hardest not to let their lives pass, unrecognised.

By Aleira Scott – 2014

Other Memorial Services in the District:

Bimbi at 2.00pm, Bribbaree at 4.00pm and Caragabal at 4.00pm

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw came to Quandialla again last week and unfortunately that member was not in attendance, so this Friday the jackpot will be \$4500. The joker card is being very elusive at The Bland Hotel Joker Draw and is still in hiding and has jackpotted to \$720 this Friday.

CHURCH SERVICE NOTICES: St Brigid's Catholic Church: Mass will be celebrated at Bribbaree every Sunday during April at 8.00am

BLAND HOTEL:

*Every Monday - \$12 Steak & Schnitzel Nights - *Every Wednesday - Pizza Nights

CLAIM THE DATE:

Quandialla P&C Trivia Night – Saturday 16th May, more info to follow
Caragabal Hall Fundraiser – Xmas in July Saturday 18th July

DON'T FORGET: **Caragabal Trash & Treasure & Craft Markets**
Sunday 3rd May – 9am at the Caragabal Memorial Hall

QUANDIALLA SCOTS DEBUTANTE BALL

Another wonderful Debutante Ball was held last Saturday with 3 lovely Debs, their partners and 4 gorgeous flower girls making a very special presentation that was enjoyed by all that attended.

Our Debs for the evening were Darcy Broomby partnered by Sam Broomby, Bailie Pursehouse partnered by Brayden Stead and Sarah LeBrocque partnered by Cameron McKellar, plus 4 lovely flower girls, Scarlett Nowlan, Amanda Penfold, Tilly Morley and Matilda Penfold.

The 2015 Deb Party Presentation was naturally a major highlight of the evening. When the foyer doors opened we started with an introduction piece to the music "The Best Day of My Life" each member performed a set routine with wonderful youthful enthusiasm encouraged by family and friends. This was then followed by the formal part of the Presentation ending with Debs and partners dancing the Swing Waltz. Our young party completed the evening with a "Happy" dance routine, with family and friends joining them on the dance floor.

Special thanks to Mrs Jan Curry who was Matron of Honour for the evening. Mr Ken McAlister who received the Debs, Sarah Ryan our M.C, Bev Kelly for making our flower arrangements and decorating the cake, Kathy Smith for making the Deb cake and Judy McAlister who painted two extraordinary paintings to be used as decorations.

Marlene Taylor and I would like to thank everyone that helped with the setting up, cleaning of the hall before and after the ball, without your support these functions would not happen. We hope everyone had a fabulous evening and thank you to those who attended or made donations. Ticket sales and donations at the time of printing were \$4687.00 and expenses approx. \$2100.00. Money raised from the evening is approx. \$2587.00 which will go towards insurance and hall maintenance. Once again thank you for your support.

PRESCHOOL EASTER RAFFLE RESULTS: - 1st - Ruth Penfold, 2nd - Chris Dixon, 3rd - Serenity McAlister, 4th - Jodie Vonthein, 5th - Quade Penfold, 6th - Reggie Ray

FOR SALE: Arrow Leaf Clover, Graded - \$2.75 per KG inc GST
Contact Michael Murphy ph: 6347 2136 or 0427311748

RAINFALL REPORT: We have enjoyed some welcome rain this week. The following was recorded at the Quandialla Post Office at 9.00 am each morning:

Fri 17th - 7.4mm, Sat 18th - 4.2mm, Sun 19th - 1.0mm, Mon 20th - 7.8mm,
Tues 21st - 9.4mm, Wed 22nd - 1.2mm = 31.0mm - Making 87.8mm for April

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER No: 240

Thurs. 23rd August 1966

A CLAP & SLAP – A clap of the hands to Olive McNamara, Fred Marris, Dave Graham, Bill Mainwaring and Fred Dougall who came to the Park on Sunday morning to help prepare for the tree planting, and a slap (real hard) on the back to Jack Mitchell who publicised a Progress meeting for last Friday night and then promptly forgot about the darned thing.....

AN APOLOGY – I have an apology to make to Hughie Russell. Last week, as you know I inferred that he was seeing things a little bit cock-eyed when he reported seagulls flying around his place. This week they were in town and not one bit abashed at finding themselves so far away from their natural haunts. The "Seat of Knowledge" experts predict some mighty rough weather so beware.....

VISITORS – Hotel customers have this week been attended to by Bruce Quine who with his wife Betty and daughter Vicki are visiting Quandialla. This is part of their Annual Holiday and they made the trip to allow Dad and Mum to get away for a day or so. I am sure that the break will be appreciated. The boarders got along very well also. Thank you very much.....

THE GARDEN – In reports from CWA meetings etc., I have often seen the name Ellice Harris. This has generally been in regard to some job she has done for some public body or other. Now I would like to add my congratulations for the spick and span garden in front of the CWA rooms. It is a credit to the lady in question and a shining example of what can be accomplished in dry dusty Quandialla if you have the inclination. Well done, Ellice Harris.....

Cheers everyone **Sue Priestley**