

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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2015 S#*TBOX RALLY CANBERRA to TOWNSVILLE

To refresh your memory - The S#*tbox Rally is not a race, rather a challenge to achieve the unthinkable to drive cars worth \$1000 across Australia via some of its most arduous roads, all in the name of charity.

Our Quandialla / Burra McAlister Combo of Father and Daughter have taken up the challenge again this year. Ready for the rough camping, dust, flies, rain, long queues for the amenities or whatever is thrown their way.

On Saturday May 9th, along with 250 other cars Bevan and Danette will head out on another exciting trip driving their 1993 Holden Apollo which never missed a beat last year. For the grand occasion it has been washed, had a paint touch up here and there and has been renamed – “Mongrel Rides Again”. The rally begins in Canberra and travels a little over 3,600 km to Townsville via the Birdsville Track and the Simpson Desert. This years’ route will be a tour de force of some of Australia’s most iconic pubs and landscapes over 7 days.

The 2015 Rally Schedule:

Day 1 - Saturday 9th May: Canberra to Hay

Day 2 - Sunday 10th May: Hay to Silverton

Day 3 - Monday 11th May: Silverton to Maree S.A.

Day 4 - Tuesday 12th May: Maree to Birdsville QLD via Birdsville Track

Day 5 - Wednesday 13th May: Birdsville to Boulia

Day 6 - Thursday 14th May: Boulia to Hughenden

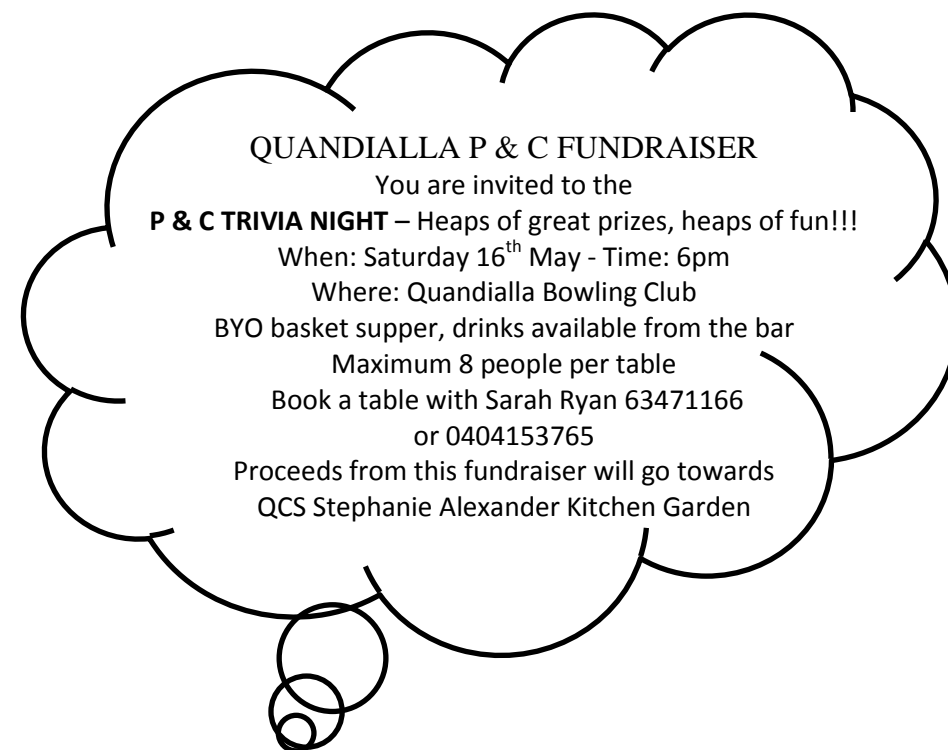
Day 7 - Friday 15th May: Hughenden to Townsville

As per last year Bevan and Danette needed to raise \$4000 before they could start the rally. So far Bevan has collected another round of batteries and

Danette has been barbecuing her way across Canberra and at the time of printing they have raised \$5301.94 for Cancer Research.

If you would like to support this venture there is still time, give the McAlister household a call or see Dot with your donation, who will pass it on to Danette for banking. Your support would be very much appreciated. For further information on this years’ rally visit – www.shitbox.com.au

*On behalf of all I.C. readers I would like to take this opportunity to wish
Bevan and Danette the Very Best & Good Luck
GO “MONGREL RIDES AGAIN” – GO the Apollo!!!!
Have a great time GUYS*



QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL & PROGRESS ASSOCIATION – General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th May at 7.30pm at the Hall – All Welcome

MOTHERS DAY WINDOW DISPLAY: Our talented ladies Narelle and Bev have been at it again and you can view a wonderful display at Delta depicting ‘Mothers’ Day’. Looking forward to your next window display – maybe my birthday in July ☺

CHURCH SERVICE NOTICES:

St Brigid's Catholic Church: Mass will be celebrated at **Quandialla** every Sunday during May at 8.00am

St Marks Anglican Church: **Please Note:** There will be NO service during May. Sorry for any inconvenience

Quandialla Community Church: Services will be held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday in May at 4.00pm. All Welcome

RALPH RICHARDS SEPTICS

Call for a Quote – Phone – 0457 821965 or 0477 094193 or 0429 423853

THANK YOU: *I would like to thank everyone for coming to our hour of need when Russell got sick. It was overwhelming to see so many people from neighbouring farms and other towns take time from their own work to jump in and help us. Thank you to all the people who called with offers to help and enquired about our wellbeing. Thank you to all the friends who supported and encouraged. We cherish everyone's help, phone call, texts of support and encouragement. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and at the end of sowing we will organise a get together to thank everyone properly.*

We sincerely thank you – Vesna Gregory

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Wednesday 27th May 2015 at 10am

"Kaloola" Quandialla (on the Wyalong Rd)

Home of Dorothy & Bryson Troy

Donation for a Cuppa – All proceeds to the Cancer Council



GOOD NEWS: I'm very pleased to report that Ged Nowlan is feeling much better and has returned home after his spell in hospital in Sydney.

Welcome home Ged.

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

The Bland Hotel Joker Draw has jackpotted to \$760 this Friday and the Bowling Club Members Draw will be \$5500 this week.

GET WELL WISHES:

On behalf of I.C. readers Get Well Wishes are extended to Barry Keir who is currently in hospital in Sydney after suffering a stroke.

BLAST FROM THE PAST Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER No: 243

THURS 13th Sept 1966

GREEN FINGERS – "Gardens and how to make 'em'" by Gay McNamara. This may well be the title of a book and if it was, you can bet the book would contain some very valuable information. Once again, against formidable opposition and in the midst of a drought, this lady has won the coveted "Sydney Morning Herald" award for her effort. The judge is quoted as saying that the alterations carried out by Mrs McNamara amazed him and left him without words to describe the effect. The advice of this gardener could be used to advantage in the laying out of quite a few things in this town. The Swimming Pool, Blamey Park, the Memorial Hall surrounds are just a few cases of land waiting to be utilised for the ultimate beautification of this district. By kind permission of Mr & Mrs A.J. McNamara, "Saratoga" will be open to the public on the afternoon of Saturday October 8th when you can view the garden at your leisure. Afternoon tea will be served. A small charge will be made which will be donated to some worthy charity I have no doubt.....

I WAS WRONG – I have been guilty in the past of declaring that the younger people did not appear to get behind things with the enthusiasm of their Fathers. How wrong I have been was demonstrated in no uncertain manner last Sunday when the Swimming Pool Committee staged a working bee to clear the site of the proposed pool. They were there alright, they were there in force and full of beans. They enthusiastically proceeded to pull down trees, level the ground, plough strips ready for tree planting and successfully plunge the town into the throes of a total blackout. The blackout project for the improvement of the District has been commenced and I am sure that it will be carried to a most successful conclusion by this vigorous body of younger people. To Hell with the fact that it won't be used by everybody, to Hell with the fact that it may not pay its way. Just because we live in Quandialla does not mean we can't enjoy some of the amenities available to children and their parents in other centres. Grab me that soapbox somebody, I'm feeling fit.....

Cheers **Sue Priestley**