

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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A WALK BACK IN TIME

As I have mentioned before, we gathered a lot of information about Quandialla from newspaper articles etc. Some of that information made our History Book but the rest gives a wonderful picture/insight of general life in Quandialla from 1917-1950's. This week I would like to share one of those articles.

Printed in the Forbes Times – Friday 28th November 1919 written by “Our Correspondent”

ANOTHER BUSINESS VENTURE:

District readers will no doubt have noticed an announcement in recent issues of the “Times”, intimating that it was the intentions of Mr Arthur Hughes of Forbes, to open a branch of his saddlery business at Quandialla. This gentleman came along at the last Show with the idea of estimating the prospects of a business of this nature, notwithstanding the many disadvantages that are now so much in evidence, due to the ravages of the appalling drought. Mr Hughes, who is a man with keen business abilities, combined with a thorough knowledge of his trade, decided that the venture was at least worth a trial. The result was that he arrived in Quandialla during the week together with one of his staff Mr Doyle, who will take charge of the local branch. Mr Hughes has already commenced business in Mr Gus McNamara's premises. I am pleased to see that he has already secured a fair quantity of business but as it is his intention only to keep this branch open just so long as he is assured of sufficient work to make the proposition a paying one, those desirous of having any repairs effected on the spot are advised to take advantage of the present opportunity and bring them along without delay. Mr Hughes is also carrying quite a large and varied stock of saddlery and harness. Collars made on his own premises at Forbes are a special feature of his display.

FIRST LOAD OF WHEAT:

Mr Ronald Douglas brought in the first load of new season's wheat on Thursday. It was taken delivery of by Mr Les Hoad the local representative for the Farmers and Graziers Co-operative Company. The wheat was of Federation variety and was of particularly good quality. It is not anticipated that more than 1000 bags will be delivered at the local railway yard this season.

RAILWAY ATTENDANT:

Mrs W Dougall has now taken up her duties as the local railway station attendant. Where parcels are sent along it will be necessary to secure them during the time the trains is in otherwise the key will have to be obtained at Mrs Dougall's house, as all articles now arriving and not taken delivery of will be placed under lock and key.

A PROPERTY SALE:

During the week the sale was effected of the residence and property of Mr C Sellen the purchaser being Mr D Gordon who as I have previously stated in my correspondence, recently started in a blacksmithing business here. I understand it is not the intention of Mr Sellen to leave this part of the district.

ON THE SICK LIST:

Mr T George, who has been indisposed now for some considerable time, left on Monday last for Sydney where I understand he intends to consult a specialist. I am pleased to be able to state that Mr W Larkin is progressing favourably, although he is still an inmate of Prince Alfred Hospital Sydney

A BURNING QUESTION:

A question that can be heard on every hand here is. “What is going to happen when the local railway tank gives out?” That day is not far distant, but in the meantime a good rainfall is hoped for. But while the Rev. Pocknell says there is “water, water, everywhere” the fear remains that there is scarcely enough for stock to get a drink.

TO SAVE MISUNDERSTANDING:

In the course of my correspondence the other day I pointed out that district residents by supporting local enterprises in the several new businesses recently undertaken, could add a milestone to the progress of our little centre, but I trust these sentiments will not be construed to apply to the latest line of business included here – that of Messrs Woodhouse and Thompson, Funeral Directors and Undertakers, Grenfell, who now have a local representative. Without intending to wish them any harm may their services in any of the homes of our district folk not be required for many a long day.

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS

You still have two chances at the Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw this week. Commiserations to a local resident whose badge number came out last Friday, unfortunately she was not there to claim her prize. This week the first draw will be for \$10,000 and the second draw will be for \$1,500. The Bland Hotel Joker Draw has jackpotted to \$140.00 this Friday

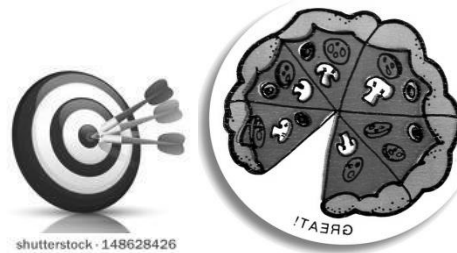
Good Luck Everyone!

BLAND HOTEL

Bistro Open - Lunch 12pm to 2pm

Dinner 6.30pm to 8.30pm

*Don't forget Pizza Night on Wednesday's
and then you might like to
enjoy a game of darts.....*



BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Congratulations to Mr John Curry who celebrated a very special birthday last week with family and friends. John turned 80 on Friday 7th August and on behalf of I.C. readers I would like to Wish John a very Happy 80th Birthday.

MORE BIRTHDAY WISHES:

This time on behalf of I.C. readers I would like to congratulate Sarah Ryan who turned 40 last week. Sarah was very quiet about this special birthday but I do believe Sarah will be enjoying her celebration at a later date.

Happy 40th Sarah

CHURCH SERVICE NOTICE:

Quandialla Community Church service will be held on the Sunday 16th August at 4.00pm. All Welcome

SAD NEWS: Deepest Sympathy is extended to Wendy Robinson and Family on the passing of Wendy's father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

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ON ITS WAY – Truck after truck is being deposited in the railway yard at the site of the new 500000 bushel bulkhead. It would appear that for once the GEB has told the truth and that work is to commence at an early date on the actual building..... Talking of building rumour has it that a new home is going up for Victor George and Carlie Harris..... Still talking about buildings – Don't forget the building in the Convent School yard which is still for sale and removal. I for one would very much like it but the problem of its removal is one not so easily solved. If you require further particulars of this proposed sale, just get in touch with Fred Marris. He will tell you all about the conditions.....

YOU DON'T POST 'EM – By what means and by whom I don't know, but someone "Mailed" a prescription together with some money. The Postmaster feeling that it could be urgent handed same over to Bill McDonald for attention. Bill obtained the medicine and paid for same with the cash supplied and there the matter ended. Now who wants some medicine and cash+. In an effort to trace the owner Bill opened the parcel in front of me but no indication of who it belongs to is apparent. There is a tube of cream and a bottle of what could be a cough elixir and of course the change from a two dollar bill. If it is yours please collect from Bill and don't do it again or else.....

CWA – At a meeting of the CWA held on July 7th thirteen members were in attendance. Mr Cliff Brown had pruned all the rose trees and the gratitude of the members was expressed at the meeting. The CWA also decided that they would enter a float in the "Back to Quandialla" day. Ten babies attended the clinic during the month of June which was somewhat curtailed by the Queen's Birthday.

Cheers everyone **Sue Priestley**