

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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SUMMER TIME

Summer means mostly a dry time with hot and sometimes windy weather. When you face a day like that we often opt to stay inside with the air conditioner.

However we do have a second option in Quandialla –

Make a visit to the Quandialla Swimming Pool.

Every time I walk or drive past our wonderful complex I wish I knew where my swimmers were. Not really - my swimming days are past me but I would like to say that I have been a keen supporter of the pool in my earlier years.

I can remember the opening of the pool, being there with everyone else in Quandialla and feeling very smart in my new cossie and even getting wet. When our family started to arrive, each child learnt to swim at the Quandi Pool, joined the swimming club, representing the club and school at various carnivals while enjoying the friendship and fun of all those great days at the pool. Good times were even had while working for the Pool Committee and in those days the Ladies Auxiliary and also spending many hours, time keeping or recording at carnivals.

One memory of our time at the Quandi Pool that always makes me smile was one of my boys (aged about 5) who will remain nameless wanted to go into the big pool. I said yes thinking he was going to the shallow end but he thought he would try the deep end, apparently those diving blocks were calling him. I never moved so fast but not fast enough - in he went and so did I fully clothed, including my shoes and very good watch, that wasn't water proof in those days. But the best part of that moment was when we came up and he asked "Can we do that again?" After that he became a good and confident swimmer along with his siblings all because the Quandialla Swimming Pool was available to him while he was growing up in Quandialla.

Over the years I have observed many changes at our pool complex, improvements of amenities blocks, kiosk, seating, shade and synthetic grass for club swimmers, BBQ facilities, shade over the baby pool, ground improvements, new club house and much more. Plus all those improvements that you can't see but are maintained by the very hard working committees, fathers and mothers, past and present of the Swimming Pool and Swimming Club.

Now I would like to jump to the present – John and I along with other Centenary Committee members were invited to the Pool for a looky-see of what the present Committee has been working on with the money that the Centenary, for want of a better word, donated to the Pool Committee. They have been working on beautifying the grounds hoping to make the pool a more enjoyable and inviting venue to bring the family not just for swimming club, but to relax with family and friends and have some fun. Maybe hold a function like a birthday or family gathering – just get in touch with a Committee member for more information. The improvements that have been made are more shade erected on the eastern side of the pool by way of some very up-to-date umbrellas, some large attractive garden pots, plus some very bright outdoor chairs that can be moved around the grounds. And I'm sure everyone has seen the new volleyball net that has been erected for your enjoyment. P.S. I did not think I would be able to get out of those new chairs but I can assure you they are very comfortable and yes easy to rise from unaided.

The Committee wanted to thank the Centenary Committee for their donation but I would like to put pen to paper and say that the Community of Quandialla worked very hard towards our big weekend and the monies donated to various organisations were well earned by everyone in Quandialla and were distributed to benefit the Community, hence the Quandialla Pool receiving funds as the Pool is one of our village's greatest asset.



Swimming Pool News:

We are just ripping through the season with loads of fun to be had. Have you had a chance to sit in our relaxing loungers under the shady umbrellas yet?

A Volleyball Casual Competition will be held each Sunday evening from 5 pm for the remainder of the season. If you don't have a team of 5 people, just come on down and we will find one for you. Of course, the volleyball equipment is available for public use during all pool opening hours.

Aqua Classes: Tuesdays 6:30pm, Fridays 9:00am & Sundays 8:30am
Men's Conditioning on Fridays 6:45pm (immediately after swimming club)
Be prepared for fun and great exercise – For more info phone Kim 0427472152

DON'T FORGET AUSTRALIA DAY

*Quandialla Swimming Pool will be open 3.30 – 8.30 pm - entry free
A fun afternoon is planned for your enjoyment
Family fun from 4.30 pm onwards,*

Including

- * A Regatta
- * Flipper Throwing
- * Belly Flop Contest
- * Aussie Flag Hunt
- * Volleyball Games
- * Aussie Rock Dance Off



*Join us for a relaxing time in or by the pool
and have loads of fun!! - Quandialla Pool Committee*

2016 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS IN QUANDIALLA

Tuesday 26th January

Yabbie Competition – Register, Weigh in – 6pm
for more information contact Bland Hotel or Geoff E.

3.30 pm - Quandialla Swimming Pool will be open- entry free (see above)

7pm - Ceremony & Family BBQ & Yabbie Races
at The Bland Hotel on the “back lawn”

No BYO – hotel facilities available.

Ladies please bring a salad to share. Meat etc for the meal will
be provided courtesy of Weddin Shire & Quandialla Progress Association

*Come along and enjoy a part or all of what is on offer in Quandialla
Celebrate Australia Day with Family & Friends*

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

The Bowling Club Members Draw will be \$6500 this week and the Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$300 this Friday. Here's hoping someone in Quandialla can be lucky this week – somewhere!!!! *Good Luck Everyone!!!*

BLAST FROM THE PAST Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER No: 253

THURS 7th June 1967

GOLF by HIT & MISS HOPE – Last Saturday's afternoon competition was not over supported but the event was enjoyed by those who did participate. Once again Milton Hunter was declared the winner with Max Penfold as the runner-up. Sunday's competition was for the Captain's Trophy and it is rather significant that the handicapper has been seen walking around with an axe. Alan Napier came in with the rather amazing score of a nett 50 which is 14 under the rating of the course. Ken Harris was the runner-up. E Heinjus and John Bishenden were also able to record a 57 each and a revision of handicaps seems necessary in fairness to what my correspondent classes as “the also rans”. Next Saturday's 9 hole comp will be mixed \$BBB versus Par to start at 2.30. An 18 hole stroke competition is to be played on Sunday for a club trophy. Please be on time.....

*THE POOL AUXILIARY – The Ladies Auxiliary of the Swimming Pool Committee is to hold a meeting on Friday June 9th at 2.30. The venue is the RSL Clubroom. I feel sure that YOU will make a special effort to attend.....
You will, won't YOU.....*

DON'T PAY – In some quarters there is a misunderstanding. I would like to make it quite clear that there is no charge for I.C. Some time I did make the suggestion that if you cared to put a cent into one of the Swimming Pool Collection boxes for your copy, it would be a nice gesture but that thing is entirely up to you as the reader. I gain some pleasure in writing the thing and I am amply repaid when you request a copy.....

It's free though.....

Please Note: Jack Mitchell wrote the above in 1967!

In 2016 I.C. is also free BUT your generous sponsorship of \$25 covers today's cost of printing. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors as your support is very much appreciated. A special Thank You must go to the Quandialla Bowling Club and Delta Agribusiness who sponsor 8 newsletters each, per year.

Cheers **Sue Priestley**