

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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I thought it might be time to remind people of a wonderful facility that we are very fortunate to have in our district.

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

I was going to start off by saying Quandialla has been very lucky with the Health Services that have been available to us during the past 90 years. While that comment is true it does not tell the true story of how we got to have doctors and a hospital in our district. Without going into a history lesson of who started what and when, we certainly need to thank the persistent group of individuals who would not take no for an answer. Over the years organisations have been formed to fundraise, canvass and everything in between to source doctors, our first hospital, nursing staff and finally our second hospital which today is now our Community Health Centre.

As per the building of the pool, once the goal was achieved it was then up to the next generation to continue fundraising etc and to keep things going. Sadly over time government departments took over the Health System and with the decline in our population it was decided by higher powers that our hospital close. However, our small community fought and won to have our Hospital building become a Health Centre for our district. This was quite a win for our small community then and now, considering how health facilities are closing across the country.

Over the years the task of working for the hospital and today's health centre has fallen on the shoulders of a very dedicated group of ladies called the **Quandialla Hospital Auxiliary** who work with the Health Department for our region. This band of ladies meet and campaign for our health centre while also fundraising for extra equipment, furnishings or maintenance that is not covered by the Health Dept. but would benefit our community.

Today's Community Health Centre is definitely a major asset for our district. It provides access to nursing staff at the 'Drop in Clinic' (see advert). A District Nurse can visit you at home if required. We have a Doctor who visits the centre every fortnight (see advert) lessening the need to travel to a larger town and special clinics are held for community members when available, for example the up and coming Women's Health Clinic (see advert), in the past there have been weight loss programmes, flu shots have been given, just to name a few off the top of my head.

So remember, you might be able to save yourself a trip to town by visiting the doctor here or more importantly you would most certainly benefit by having a qualified nurse dress a wound or access a health issue, instead of doing it yourself.

To find out the full range of services and facilities available - contact the Quandialla Community Health Centre

Community Health: Drop in Clinic

9am to 10.30am or by Appointment

All other services as usual. Phone: 6347 1200

WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC

Women's Health Nurse Donna Middleton will be having a clinic at the Quandialla Community Health Centre on Wednesday 24th February.

Please phone the Health Centre on 6347 1200 to make an appointment

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla on **Wednesday 23rd February** – morning session starting at 9am at the Quandialla Health Centre - For appointments please phone **West Wyalong Medical Centre – 69722866**

QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL & PROGRESS ASSOCIATION will be holding their General Meeting on Wednesday 24th February at 7.30pm at the Bland Hotel Dining Room. All Welcome

MEETING AGENDA
Hall Maintenance
Scot's Deb Ball
Anzac Day – Organisation & Hall Clean Up
Village Drainage Proposal
Tourist Brochure & Local Phonebook
Any other business

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

I will have to work on reading my gut feelings a little better than last week. I felt someone from Quandialla was going to be lucky. Unfortunately I was only half right, someone went home with the Riverina Club Jackpot but sadly they were not from Quandialla, however, the pub draw is still going.

This week the Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$360 and the Bowling Club Members Draw will start again at \$500. *Good Luck!!*

QUANDIALLA SPORTS & EVENTS COMMITTEE AGM will be held at 3pm on Sunday 28th Feb 2016 at the Quandialla Bowling Club. For enquiries please contact Ruth Penfold on 02 6347 2130. ALL WELCOME

MASSAGE THERAPIST: Angela Armstrong will be returning to Quandialla in 2016.

First visit will be on Friday 19th & Saturday 20th February.

1hr session - \$60, ½ hr session - \$40

Please Contact Angela to book appointments on 0421 170 743

CLAIMING the DATE:

The Quandialla Soldiers Memorial Hall Scots Debutante Ball will be held on **Saturday 23rd April 2016**. Please put this date on your calendar.

LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME: One Double Bed Mattress in very good condition – in former life was used as a spare mattress when all the family was home.

Free to a good home – please phone 6347 1305

BLAST FROM THE PAST Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER No: 250

THURS 15th May 1967

WHY – The first breath of winter wind brought to me a message. “Pull your head in Mitcho” it said and thereupon I tried to do just that only to find that everything else is joined to it. So here I sit in my little office about to inflict onto an unsuspecting public my own particular brand of torture. “Idle Chatter” it used to be called but since those days much water has flowed under the bridge. Please don't ring because I refuse to tell from where the water came. A great big takeover bid has been made at an astronomical figure and now incorporates “The Winchcombe Whisper”, “The Swimming Pool Gazette”, “The Bowling Club Blower” and the “Golf Miscount”. Furthermore, it is now registered for transmission by Mule Train, Astronauts and Sewerage Contractors. After reading that over for correction purposes, it is most obvious that I have dropped my silly ways and have become more serious in my outlook, which is a blessing you must admit.....

TAKE NOTICE - Strike a light, somebody must have got the oil that I was about to burst forth again, because the local stores have all got their windows plastered with notices. I suppose I must do the right thing and let you in on them. Firstly, the Methodist Birthday Party is to be held at 2.30pm on May 23rd. I don't know what the game is, but you are asked to take along a photograph of yourself when you were young. This must be one of those horror shows you hear about. Joking on one side, roll up and support the cause and if you really want to know what it is all about I suggest you ring up Mrs Marge Troy or Mrs Ella Hunter.....

There will be a street stall on June 2nd starting at 10.30am in aid of the Presbyterian Women's Association according to a notice signed by Mrs Melba Edgerton. Be there and leave some lemon butter for me.....

The Bland Tennis Club have organised a tournament for the Queen's Birthday holiday. This looks like being a good one, so enter early and assist the committee. This is un-official but I believe that proceeds will go to the Swimming Pool fund....

Cheers until next week **Sue Priestley**