

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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A LETTER TO IDLE CHATTER READERS

Re: Men's Shed letter tabled at the Progress Meeting (24th Feb)
and published in Idle Chatter No: 183

Dear Idle Chatter Readers:

I wish Allan Brien all the best with the Quandialla Men's Shed, but I feel the sentence "I for one do not want our village to be recognised as a cemetery with the lights on" is an insult to our village.

The village is *ALIVE* with *alive* people living in it. We have a Primary School, Post Office, Bowling Club, Weddin Store, Swimming Pool, Bland Hotel, Quandialla Silos and Delta Store. These are major businesses that still survive today.

We also have a few home businesses like photography, candle making, fertiliser/mulch, homemade jams etc. There are post cards about our village. We have painters, needleworkers, farmers, agronomists, writers, poets, singers, music groups, musical instrument players, athletes, sports people involved in bowls, cricket, volley ball & aquatics in our village. We have babies born left, right and centre and a lot of little toddlers around and families are growing all the time.

We have a great swimming club with *alive* children swimming and *alive* parents. We have the CWA Branch, Health Centre, Churches, Meals on Wheels available, and a gathering for a "cup a tea" every two weeks. When we have the Deb Ball each year the place lights up and we all make an effort to put on our Sunday best on the night and have a good time. Our Australia Day Celebrations are always well attended. New Years' Eve is always celebrated at the Bland Hotel with dinner and a great community atmosphere. You look up a calendar and there is always something happening, Biggest Morning Tea, Melbourne Cup and whatever else you want to celebrate.

I know Allan has a lot of witty sayings but this one is not one of them and does not describe our Village – Sorry Allan.

Cheers – Vesna Gregory

I was very happy to include Vesna's letter this week as I'm sure there are other I.C. readers who would also agree with her thoughts regarding how alive Quandialla is, John and I certainly do.

We also wish Allan all the best with organising the Men's Shed for Quandialla and district. Now that the steering committee has completed all the paperwork required we can understand that Allan is disappointed and frustrated, that because there was not a lot of initial interest shown with new members joining at that time, there is now the need to hold another public meeting. Unfortunately we all know when organising a new group or even keeping one going, population numbers and interested parties are major factors. This problem is not only just in Quandialla, even larger towns struggle to fill committee positions or groups close because of lack of members.

*We **do hope** Allan's public meeting goes well, **but if** there is not enough interest in a men's shed at this time it is not a poor reflection on our village at all. It simply says that our men folk may not consider that they are up to that stage in their lives as they are still working or have other interests.*

Due to the changing times and even with the small population that we now have Quandialla is still very much ALIVE – as Vesna's letter reminds us.

ST MARKS ANGLICAN CHURCH service will be held on Sunday 6th March at 6pm
ALL WELCOME

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw has jackpotted again this week – if your badge number is drawn and you are at the club you will win \$2000 and the Bland Hotel Joker Draw has jackpotted to \$420 - all you have to do is pick the joker from the board if your number is drawn. *Good Luck Everyone!!!*

Farewell to Ken & Judy McAlister

Will be held at the Bland Hotel
on Wednesday Evening 9th March 2016 at 7pm

An invitation is extended to all to attend and wish Ken & Judy all the best.

A meal of BBQ Meat & Salad will be available for the cost of \$12 per head.

For catering purposes please RSVP to Jeremy on 6347 1253 by Monday 7th March.

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QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla on Wednesday 9th March
Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment

NEW LOCAL TELEPHONE BOOK

The Quandialla Progress Association has undertaken the job of putting together a new local telephone book. We are hoping to have it available for the public as soon as possible but of course there is quite a bit of research required before it will be completed.

If your particulars were not in the 2009 blue local book or they have changed please contact Marlene Taylor on 6347 2160 or Sue Priestley on 6347 1305 or in person at the Post Office. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Narraburra, Grogan & Morangarell Reunion

8th – 10th April 2016

A reunion weekend for past and present residents of
Narraburra, Grogan & Morangarell Districts,
with the launch of the area’s history book
‘Hills, Creeks and Plains’

Friday 8 th April	Welcome Drinks at Temora Bowling Club
Saturday 9 th April	Bus Tour of Narraburra, Grogan & Morangarell Districts departing Paleface Park at 10am
	Dinner and Book Launch at Temora Golf Club
Sunday 10 th April	Recovery / Farewell Breakfast at Narraburra Tennis Courts

To purchase your NGM History Book or event tickets
visit <http://www.trybooking.com/177542> or
book and pay by mail or in person at Temora Shire Council Offices.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES

On behalf of I.C. Readers it gives me great pleasure to send Birthday Wishes and Congratulations to Bridgette Penfold who will be celebrating her 18th Birthday on Monday 7th March.
Happy 18th Birthday Bridgette – enjoy your special day

BLAST FROM THE PAST Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER No: 246

THURS 15th Oct 1966

A DECADE – Ten years ago I reported my reluctance to publish I.C. due to the fact that the “Editor” was not feeling too well. This was the year when the Show was held on the Saturday and a big golf tournament on the Sunday. Not content with that they capped it by holding the Bland Rodeo on Monday. After all the activity I was no feeling too well, but Oh! Brother had I got a lot of mates. Everywhere you looked you could see signs of others having hit the high spots whilst some of our local Rodeo riders looked the opposite and that also was the end they had been hitting. Just a bunch of “Dead End: kids. When I wrote that I giggled and the effort of giggling made me ill again. I had heard all about a Lost Weekend and I would have dearly loved to have lost that one.

The Digger’s Ball was nearly washed out by rain. Insurance saved the day and a right royal time was had by those hardy souls who braved the elements. Mr Sims Reeves presented to the Hall Committee the new Honour Roll covering the 1914 – 18 War. Hughie Russell accepted same with thanks. Oh I nearly forgot. Faye Keir was adjudged “Belle” of the Ball.

The Rodeo was an unqualified success and grossed £500 which I presume would be chicken feed today. Blokes that rode a horse got a prize but the poor souls that had to traverse that nightmare of a road from Quandi to the Rodeo grounds got very sore about things.

Closing day at the Golf saw Max Penfold win the morning round playing brilliant golf. Noel George led the afternoon teams a merry dance to win the event. The Mixed Fours provided another win for Bess and Os Kelly. Jim and Frieda McAlister won on the handicap basis.

And so it went on and on

HERE YOU ARE KIDS – HAGENS CIRCUS. A one night stand of this entertainment unit is scheduled for Saturday the 15th. It will be located in the showground (I think). Notice is very short but I am sure that the kids from eight to eighty will be there to get the thrills of the circus. I have no means of judging the standard of this show but a circus is a circus and worthy of your support.

Cheers until next week **Sue Priestley**