

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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QUANDIALLA SCOTS DEBUTANTE BALL

If you missed the 2016 Debutante Ball because you were otherwise engaged you are excused, but if you just didn't feel like it, let me tell you – You should kick yourself because you missed out on a ripper of a night.

Four lovely Debs, partners and four gorgeous flower girls strutted their stuff and wowed the crowd.

Our Debs for the evening were Grace Kelly partnered by Mitchell Stevens, Caitlin Dixon partnered by Sebastian Holtz, Shea Broomby partnered by Sam Broomby and Rachel Causer partnered by Selwyn White, plus 4 lovely flower girls Serenity McAlister, Makenzi Dixon, Catherine Curry and Adelaide Nowlan.

The 2016 Presentation started with the hall going dark and the throaty roar of a Harley Davidson, the foyer doors were then slid open to the delight of a very large crowd of family and friends. The foyer was decorated with a 'Rock & Roll' theme – there was a milk bar in one corner with 4 cute flower girls standing at a table enjoying strawberry milkshakes. Each Deb waited to be presented in a pink convertible and their partners enjoyed the thrill of sitting on the real thing – a very impressive gleaming red Harley Davidson.

Special thanks to Mrs Donna Slade who was this year's Matron of Honour, Mr Eric Toole who received the Debs, Sarah Ryan our M.C, Kathy Smith for making the best chocolate mud cake, Bev Kelly for the lovely flower bouquets and decorating the 'Cake' and Mr Eric Barass for the loan of his motorbike.

After the formal presentation the Deb Party then surprised the crowd with a slightly not so traditional dance. This is where I must say I was sooo proud. This group worked very hard to learn to twirl, dip and swing waltz to Bill Haley's "Rock-a-beatin Boogie" which they knocked out of the park with all the attitude

that we had been asking for and then continued with more attitude when they completed the evenings presentation with their fun dance "Hand Jive".

Marlene Taylor and I would like to thank **everyone who helped in any way**, without your support these functions would not happen. We would also like to give a BIG 'Thank You' to Donna Slade for her enthusiasm and wonderful ideas. We hope everyone had a fabulous evening and thank you to those who attended or made donations. Ticket sales, viewing & donations at the time of printing were \$6030.00 and expenses will be approx. \$2500.00.

Bronwyn Morley was the lucky winner of our Mothers' Day Raffle – daughters Tilly and Heidi will both be very happy as they both wanted one of the extraordinary paintings that were painted by Judy McAlister. The raffle raised \$283.00 and will be added to our ball profit which will cover this year's hall insurance costs.

Once again **Thank You** to everyone for your support.



ANZAC DAY in Quandialla

With Ken McAlister retiring to Young earlier this year the Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee joined forces with the Quandialla Public School P&C to organise this years' formalities. With Ken & Judy's guidance another successful ANZAC Day Service was held in Quandialla.

Mr Jock Burns was our guest speaker and everyone that attended enjoyed his insight into what he thought it would have been like 100 years ago for our local lads to leave home and travel to the other side of the world to fight in a war while trying to survive where many didn't. He also spoke about what it was like for the families to lose a son or brother and then what it was like to come home after years away to find that so much had changed.

Mr John Drum, President of the Young Division of the R.S.L. made a very special presentation to Ken McAlister who was awarded Life Membership for his dedication and commitment to the local R.S.L. which included many years assisting the local villages with their ANZAC services. Judy was also awarded a letter of appreciation for all the support she has given her husband Ken. Both awards were well deserved and it was an honour to be there to witness the event.

The service concluded with the laying of the wreaths, the last post and the raising of the flag, a very moving moment.

ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH service will be held on Sunday 1st May at 5pm

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw will be \$1650 this Friday but you must be there to win. If you get the chance to choose a card and you find the joker you could win \$580 this Friday at the Bland Hotel. *Good Luck Everyone!!!*

CAR BOOT SALE:

Quandialla & District Mens Shed will be holding a Car Boot Sale on Sunday May 15th at 10.00am Sellers needed - Contact Allan Brien 0447346933 for bookings

LAW WEEK: To mark Law Week Grenfell Public Library is presenting a FREE thirty minute information session on Family Life and the Law on Wednesday, 18th May, at 2.30 pm in the Community Hub Conference Room to be followed by afternoon tea. Topics to be covered include laws around children and marriage, domestic violence and speaking with police and there will be an opportunity for Q and A afterwards. The presenter is a senior out-of-town solicitor. These are issues you hope you won't have to face but unfortunately many do at some stage. Please consider attending and encourage others for whom such information may be timely to come as well.

QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL & PROGRESS ASSOC

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm at the Bland Hotel Dining Room. All Welcome

CARAGABAL HALL MARKET DAY: Caragabal will be holding a Market Day on Sunday 15th from 8am. There will be stalls, drinks and hot food available for those keen shoppers. More information contact Donna 63475230 or Dixie 63475341

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla on **Wednesday 4th & 18th May**
Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment

Having a Birthday in APRIL and A member of the Quandialla Bowling Club?
Then Fill out your Birthday Voucher, available at the Bar, and drop it in the barrel on Friday 29th (last Friday of the month) before 8.00pm, when the lucky winner will be drawn. You must be in attendance to collect your birthday win.

You could win \$50

BLAST FROM THE PAST Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER No: 240

THURS 23rd August 1966

A DECADE

Ten years ago Idle Chatter was a real sporting sheet in as much that it contained in full the President's report of the Quandialla Bowling Club's activities for the year, and a full report of the Golf Open Tournament. Considering the size of the type which I was using in those days, this left little room for other items.....

The Committee elected for the bowls that year may be of some interest. President, R Penfold: Vice Presidents, V Harris and V Penfold; Treasurer, L Trounson; Secretary, M Keir and the remainder, Messrs, V McKenzie, W Harris, S Ward, L Penfold, W Bailey, A Maley, C Broben, V Connelly and S Ballard.....

At the Golf a jubilant Os Kelly beat his old rival Keith Hope by one stroke for the Tournament honours. The best 9 holes went to Athol McCabe and Jack McAlister won the Ex- Serviceman's Trophy. Keith Hope was early for the first time in his life.....

Fred McInerney was presented with a going away gift. He was leaving to take up his block at Weelong.....

Constable McInerney who was always blowing his horn about the roadworthiness of his Volkswagen was found at Morangarell bogged to the floorboards. Was his face red!!!!.....

Jimmy Reid was a patient in Quandialla Hospital.....

New people at the Bland Hotel are doing fine. They have strawberry jam on the table, Whacko!.....

Weddin Shire gave its support to the proposal to have to the Wyalong Bimbi road declared a main road.....

Show people in desperate straits due to no caterers offering.....

Bland Rodeo supported by gifts of sahes from C Broben, JE McDonald & Co, Bland Butchery, Co-op Store, Allan Eames, Stewart Hope and Clive Hazell.....

Cheers everyone **Sue Priestley**