

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The 2016 Local Government Elections will be held this Saturday 10th September for those Councils that did not amalgamate.

So in our area there will be elections for the Weddin Shire and Bland Shire.

I read or heard somewhere weeks ago that local elections would be taking place and nominations were being called for. So naturally I was expecting to see lots of advertising of candidates, information of voting etc something like the federal election but on a smaller scale. Today (which is Wed 7th) we had our first candidate flyer to send out and I asked the ever handsome mailman to find out what was happening when he went to Grenfell. On his return he reported he had a couple of flyers for the Grenfell side but none for Quandi and that was about it.

Logic took over, surely there would have been some articles re the election in the Grenfell Record. So I rummaged through our recycling (thank heavens the man of the house is a bit slack) I found three weeks of papers but no real information. While talking to customers in the Post Office a very knowledgeable lady told me there was a write up on the 12th August with a list of candidate names. So back to the recycling and bingo - but a little disappointing. Not a lot of information other than if you are 18 years of age or over you have a legal obligation to vote or risk a \$55 fine. Where you can vote, no mention of our area but I did find out you can vote at Quandialla Public School.

Unfortunately, the Bland Shire voters in our area will have to travel to West Wyalong or Barmedman.

Weddin Shire residents will vote to elect 9 councillors in total, the order of candidates and how they will appear on the ballot paper is as follows going down the columns – Phil Diprose will be first on the ballot sheet and Stuart McKellar will be last.

DIPROSE Phillip
SIMPSON Maurice
BEST Paul
LIEBICH Mark
O'BYRNE Stephen

BEMBRICK Craig
NIVEN John
HUGHES Nevin
BRANDT Noelene
PARLETT Jan

BROWN Carly
GRIFFITHS Alan
TREGENZA Pauline
McKELLER Stuart

For further information, you can visit <http://www.votensw.info/> where you will find a list of candidates and their profiles, where to vote etc. As most candidates in either shire are unknown to most, this site will definitely help residents of both Shires. P.S. I apologise to the Bland Shire readers for not including a list of your candidates but I thought another list might cause some confusion.

Speaking of confusion - I'm going to go on record and say this election has been so low key, it's almost a secret. One small article on the front page of the Grenfell Record on the 12.08.16. All other mention of the election has been in the weekly Weddin Shire notes, that I'm sure is only read by 1 in every 10 readers, and I'm not that one. The other thing that I find laughable is that I thought if you were running for council you would get out there and introduce yourself and let voters know what you can do for them. Some candidates have sent out flyers (so far only one has got through to Quandii), some have used facebook and there are some adverts in today's (7.9.16) paper.

Am I the only one out there a little irritated on how this election has been advertised and how the candidates have or have not introduced themselves to the voters especially to the outlying villages.

I strongly feel that our local government representation is so important to us, even more important than State or Federal government because this is where we live. The elected Councillors are representing everyone in the Shire, the larger town and villages. Their decision making needs to reflect the issues of the whole shire not just the larger town, and they need to know what is happening right across their shire, unfortunately this sometimes does not happen. There have been occasions that I've actually wondered if they know where Quandialla is and what issues our village or the other villages have AND that is my biggest concern, when we are voting for someone we don't know anything about. We could be missing out on someone who would do a wonderful job for us but we don't know that. However, even with this lack of information, we still have to make a decision this Saturday –

So Don't Forget to Vote and Good Luck!!

THE AGFARM CARAGABAL SHEEP RACES

The Caragabal Sheep Races will be held again on this Saturday, 10th September. Gates at the Caragabal Golf Club will open at 11.30am, entry is \$10 per person and school aged children \$5. There will be canteen facilities with hot roast rolls, plus a BBQ and a full bar will be available. As in previous years the event is strictly NO BYO, and photo identification will be required for patrons attending the bar.

This event is always a really fun family day out for locals and visitors with plenty of entertainment so head to Caragabal this Saturday.

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw: Unfortunately, both draws went elsewhere last week and we now have to start again. ***So this Friday the members draw will be \$550.***

At the Bland Hotel ***you could win \$140 this Friday – only 51 cards left to find that ‘Joker’.***

Good Luck Everyone!!!

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE:

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla next on **Wednesday 21st September.** Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment



You are invited to Elleisha Piefke's
WEDDING SHOWER

A Wedding Shower is being held for Elleisha Piefke on Saturday the 24th of September commencing at 2pm at the Quandialla Bowling Club. Join the bride to be in helping her style her home with beautiful items from the Lorraine Lea Linen Collection. On the day your personal shopping will contribute towards the lovely items Elleisha can choose. There is no need to bring a gift, but you can choose to simply place a donation in the hope chest on the day and sign the card. You are asked to please bring a plate of goodies to share for afternoon tea and also RSVP by the 20th.

We hope you can come along and help wish Elleisha well as she prepares for her big day in October.

Please reply to marlenetaylor49@hotmail.com or send a text to 0421472160

BIMBI RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Annual / General Meeting

Will be held on Wednesday, 14th September, 2016,
commencing at 7.30 pm at the Bland Hotel, Quandialla.

All most welcome.

A CELEBRATION OF RUGBY LEAGUE IN QUANDIALLA

This Reunion is for all Players, Supporters, Sponsors etc

Proposed Programme for *Saturday 17th September 2016*

BBQ Lunch at 'Kevin Moran Sportsground' (weather permitting)

Afternoon Fellowship at the Quandialla Bowling Club

Late Afternoon early Evening – Dinner at the Bland Hotel

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BLAST FROM THE PAST Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER No: 222

THURS. 13th April 1966

DANCERS & PRANCERS:

I had no intention of producing a sheet this week but I find that I have stirred up a bit of a hornet's nest with my remarks of last week when I did quite bit of slinging off about not getting any news. A very irate Pat Dawes barges in this week with a list of results etc. from the St Brigid's tennis tournament held last Monday. The information was given to me with the remarks that I could look out for myself if it was not printed after her going to all that trouble etc. etc. and still more etc. You can imagine how she would sound without me going any further. So anything for a peaceful life even to the extent of punching the old typewriter for a few thousand words. They say that Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned and who am I to put these things to the test. Thirty-three players took part in the tournament and after an excellent day's tennis, Miss Mary Pollard took out the trophy for the best woman player whilst in the men's section Ken Harris was successful. For the juniors, Miss Mary Walsh won the girl's trophy and Geoff Keir the boys. A jolly good day and the opinion of most was that there should be more of them.

Not to be outdone in this renewed interest in I.C. along comes Margaret Marris with an item of the Annual Meeting of the St Brigid's Tennis Club. It will be held on Sunday next (that is on the 17th). Social tennis will be played commencing at 2pm and it is expected to hold the meeting around about 4 o'clock. So roll up and help to keep this active sporting body functioning smoothly.....

Cheers everyone **Sue Priestley**