## IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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# Grace Kelly crowned Charity Queen of the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Henry Lawson Festival

On behalf of everyone in Quandialla and district I would like to congratulate Grace on being rewarded with the great honour of being crowned Charity Queen at this years' Henry Lawson Festival. Grace represented the Grenfell Lions Club and on Saturday evening of the June long weekend was presented with her crown and sash by the Festivals' Official Guest Ms Tara Moss at the Festival Awards Presentation Reception. Well Done Grace!



I found this beautiful photo of Grace and her princess Adelaide Nowlan on the Lions Club Float during Saturday's street parade.

It was among the photos on the Grenfell Henry Lawson Festival of Arts facebook page.

# DON'T FORGET The Quandialla Preschool Fundraiser

If you find you can support this function but have not RSVP not a problem

The Preschool Ladies assure me they will have extra food available

## **QUANDIALLA PRESCHOOL**

### ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER



<u>Where:</u> Quandialla Bowling Club <u>When:</u> 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017 <u>Time:</u> 6pm – 8pm

<u>Cost:</u> \$20 per person or \$5 per child (10 years & under)



#### Menu

Main: Lasagne or Chicken Schnitzel with vegetables & chips
Dessert: A selection of homemade treats. Ice cream & topping for the kids

The Preschool Raffle will be drawn after the Club's Friday Night Meat Draws.

Lucky Door prize on the night

## Come along and support the Quandialla Preschool

#### QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE:

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla next on Wednesday **28**<sup>th</sup> **June**. Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment.

#### QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

Neither Jackpot was won last week and have jackpotted again for this week......

The Bland Hotel Joker Draw jackpot has jackpotted again and you could win \$940 this Friday and the Quandialla Bowling Club's Members Draw, has also jackpotted to \$2100 this week.

Good Luck Everyone!!!

#### SEWING:

The next sewing day will be Saturday the 24th commencing at 10am at Quandialla Public School. Come along and join us for fun day. Bring your lunch, coffee cup and a project, it doesn't have to be sewing. If you're just learning or want to learn, there are people whom are more than willing to help you get started.

Everyone is welcome.

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#### THE DREAM OF A BOWLER

As you may or may not know many, many years ago, I married a farmer who was also a mad keen bowler, that keen that we had to delay leaving for our honeymoon so he could play Pennants. Over the next thirty years we have organised our lives around friggin' pennants and I can honestly say he would have only missed 2 or 3 games over those years, that's how serious he is about bowls.

Back when I came on the scene my keen bowler was one of the young brigade in the club and amazingly that young brigade is still pretty much intact today. Of course, they are all old blokes now but each year they saddle up again and with the help of a few newer and not so old bowlers endeavour to keep the dream alive and win glory for their club in the Annual Pennants Competition, which is played against other clubs.

I can imagine some wives and a mother or two shaking their heads and saying to themselves "BI##dy Pennants, I don't know why they bother". Now I'm not suggesting that they aren't very good, because they are, and have had their share of success over the years, winning quite a few District Titles as well as a number of the "next step up" Zone Titles and even made it to a State Semi-final on one occasion. Not too bad for a small bowling club.

The quest for a District Pennant in recent times has sadly been unsuccessful. But the good news is......

This year Quandialla has won the South West District No: 5's Pennant.

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The next step takes place this weekend at the Zone Playoff in Albury, a knockout competition played over Saturday and Sunday. Thirteen bowlers, including a manager / reserve and a number of 'ever supportive' wives (cheer squad, complete with pom-poms ----- just kidding) will be heading off to Albury on Saturday morning to take on the winners from the other 5 Districts that make up the zone.

So, the "dream of glory" is alive and kicking for all those poor old farts who might not get too many more chances and I know that everyone will join me in wishing them good bowling and good luck for the weekend.

Dare I say it, but if they do win, the State Playoffs are in the Port Stephens area and I have heard it can be quite nice up there in August.

## **BLAST FROM THE PAST** Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

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THE BEST TALKERS - Women of course.

It was pleasing to hear over the radio, that Miss Anne "Jackie" Fahey had taken the honours for public speaking at the field day held by the Junior Farmer Clubs last Saturday at Thuddungra. It was also a great day for the Quandialla debating team because they also were victors. It does seem a shame that a district which can supply the members capable of accomplishing these things, cannot boast of a much larger membership. Youngsters and those who are not so young, why not give the matter some thought and then join this organisation. Of course you will admit no doubt, that just joining and not attending the meetings would not do much good. So all in and help to make a name for the Ouandialla club.

BITS AND BOBS – If some secretaries don't come to light with some news I'll have to fall back on writing some tripe and that would never do, so now would it? By the way I hear that Mr & Mrs Hughie Troy are going to call the new daughter Armanda Joan. I may have spelt that wrongly but I hope not, Hughie is too big for me.

I notice that the Boss cockie (I'm too cunning to say which one that is) of the Bland Hotel has installed wall heaters for the comfort of the patrons. Very welcome and appreciated I'm sure. For the likes of me, the fire in the "Hen pen" will do fine Thank you.

This is important – There will be a meeting of the Agricultural Bureau on Thursday night the  $10^{th}$  at 7.30pm. The guest speaker will be Mr John Douglas on "Civil Defence".

Cheers everyone ...... Sue Priestley

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