

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

JULY CENTENARY MEETING REPORT

HELD WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY 2013

This meeting was well attended and the following items were discussed.

As previously reported the Motor Rail Train has been booked, the operators asked if our committee had thought about selling tickets to travel from Coota to Quandi and return, plus suggestions for proposed rides on the day. This was discussed and it was decided to work on the timeline for the day rides, price etc. and a resounding yes to filling the train with happy train buffs to travel out to Quandialla for the day's activities.

Rhona West nee Causer handed the committee a wonderful oil painting of a scene looking over to the Quandialla Silos which was painted by Jennifer Causer (Lindsay Causer's daughter). This painting has been generously donated to our committee to help raise funds for the Centenary. Do you remember the "Garden Art Kangaroo" that I mentioned in a previous IC that Ross Causer donated? Well it was decided we will have the Oil Painting as 1st prize, Kangaroo as 2nd and hopefully another prize or two for a guessing competition to be finalised on the Sunday of the Celebrations. Tickets will be printed so watch this space for further advertising.

At a previous meeting it had been discussed about having an echidna shape board / cutout with the Centenary dates etc. on it positioned on the Quandialla signs coming into the village. Ross Causer has taken up this challenge and showed the meeting 2 templates he had made

out of steel. He has done a wonderful job and hopefully you will see them and others around the district soon advertising the 2014 Centenary.

A programme for the Centenary Celebrations was discussed and it was decided that all ideas be brought back to the September meeting and a programme will be sorted. The Fettle & Settlers Wall was also discussed, pricing for this, ideas of structure etc to be also brought back to our September meeting and decisions will be made on this matter.

The History Book was discussed, concern was expressed that time was getting away and we need to get our butts into gear. Marlene is compiling the publisher's prices, requirements etc. for the editors. And I'm pleased to report that the Editors have had a meeting since and will be meeting each week until the job is completed or we kill each other, whichever comes first - Only Kidding!!!!

It was reported that there still is going to be a Cookbook and Kathy and I feel that they will make lovely Xmas Gifts so we are working towards that. Again watch this space for more details of when and how you can purchase one or six for pressies.

This was not discussed at the meeting but the Executive feel that when we organise our programme at the September meeting we are going to need those volunteers to come out of the woodwork and put their hand up for a job. As reported we are hoping to have a street parade, I think we have someone lined up for that job but he is going to need some helpers. We need someone to organise stalls for the Sunday, we need a committee for the Bush Dance on Saturday night. Organisations need to think about having static displays, we need catering groups, plus a hundred other little jobs will require someone's attention. We realise October 2014 is over 12 months away and not many people plan that far ahead but we need to know that we are going to have the man power before we can commit to having things on the programme, so if you know you are going to be attending and can spare some time to help please get in touch with one of the Executive or better still come along to the September meeting which will be held on the 25th September. Please keep in mind: If you can volunteer an hour or two of your time to one of the projects / events it will spread the work load and allow everyone to enjoy the celebrations.

Pres: Robert Reeves, Sec: Marlene Taylor, Treas: Sue Priestley

NOW

IDLE CHATTER SPONSORSHIP: I have enough sponsorship to print the newsletter until the 7th November 2013. I need a tad more to get to October 2014. All donations gratefully received.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 12th Aug – CWA General Meeting – 7.30pm, CWA Rooms, ALL WELCOME
13th Aug – Hospital Auxiliary General Meeting 9.30am, AGM at 11am at the Quandialla Health Centre. Guest Speaker Robyn Nowlan
14th Aug – Darts at the Bland Hotel – 7.30pm start

FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: The Bland Hotel Poker Jackpot will be \$340 this Friday while you could win \$3900 at the Quandialla Bowling Club if your badge number is drawn.

SERVICES at HACC CENTRE in Grenfell: The following services are available to the Quandialla Community – Homecare Service: Ph. 6343 1218, Meals on Wheels Service: Ph. 6343 2233, Community Transport: Ph. 6343 2388, Neighbour Aid Service: Ph. 6343 2128, Grenfell Outreach: 6343 1044. There is a copy of the HACC Newsletter on the P.O. counter for further info

I have run out of news for the NOW page so now I am going to have to waffle, something I'm good at, so I've been told. What do you make of what used to be the "Hump", not sure it is going to move the water away but I will agree the hump is gone, a big improvement on what was there. Remember this time last year I reported on the Quandialla Fire Brigade meeting well that time was here again on Monday night and another exciting meeting was held. I hate meetings and one that is full of men talking about equipment and stuff that I don't understand is not something I class as fun or on my to do list. Pleased to report but not a surprise to anyone, Bevan McAlister is the Quandialla Captain again. I must say in his great wisdom Bevan organised to do some fire hazard burning this Thursday because it wasn't going to rain.

Hope he didn't get the new fire truck bogged.

Please Support your local brigade.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

From this date on I do not have a newsletter for every week, not sure what happened, but there was some weeks, even months that Mr Mitchell did not put out a newsletter, plus I'm sure Dad (Len Hillier) was not able to collect every newsletter printed, even if he did ask everyone in the district. So please check the date above each article, to know when it happened.

Extracts from No: 37

10th JAN 1957

Wholly as a shot in the dark and without confirmation, I report the engagement of Mr Norman Penfold to Miss Dorothy Froude of Sydney. Here's wishing you both all the best of luck.

Mrs Rae, who has been an inmate of the Quandialla hospital for some time has been taken to Sacred Heart Hospital at Young, and Mrs Val Slavin is in the Temora Hospital recovering from an operation. According to Bill she is progressing favourably.

This is an appeal to reason. Do not remove any of the fire fighting plant without the consent of the Captain. It could be serious if precious time was lost whilst various tanks etc. were located and collected. When permission is granted, the brigade members do at least know where to look. While on the fire business it is with regret that I cannot report a very good result of two appeals for your subscriptions. The service which the brigade is prepared to give is not governed by the fact of whether you have paid or not, but imagine how you would feel if you ever have to call on a body which you have not supported. How about it fellows? It is not a great amount. 4/- per 100 acres with a minimum of 2 pounds and for the town dwellers 10/-. I have got a nice receipt book handy, and it comes off your tax.

The Acme Theatre programme for Saturday is Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur and Van Heflin in "Shane" this is a technicolour film. Supporting picture is "Alaskan Patrol" starring Richard Travis

Cheers for another week **Sue Priestley**