

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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## WEDDIN SHIRE MEETING REPORT FROM 1930

The following is an extract from the Weddin Shire Monthly Meeting which was printed in the Grenfell Record dated Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 1930

Engineer's Report: Crossing at Euroka was inspected in company with Crs. Jones and Carr and the owner. I recommend constructing bank on the road to carry traffic with 12in. pipe for carriage of water placed near bottom of bank at the cost of £50.

## DEPUTATION FROM QUANDIALLA – Crossing at “Euroka”

Messrs. Dixon, George and Harris were present. Mr Dixon put the case for Euroka settlers. It was due to Mr Harris' courtesy that they were able to go through his place. Mr Harris had not been treated too well, as people left his gates open and he did not think it fair to Mr Harris for the general public to travel through his property. They condemned the suggestion of the Engineer, and advocated a bridge. The Engineer had said a bridge suitable would cost £500. Mr Causer was prepared to build a bridge to carry 16 tons at a cost of £200. The Euroka Settler's Association and Quandialla Progress Association had condemned the suggestion by the Engineer to build a bank with a foot pipe through it.

After further discussion the deputation withdrew, Mr Dixon thanking the Council for the courteous hearing.

Cr Butler moved that they call tenders for the work as specified by the Engineer. Seconded by Cr A Jones. Carried

*I read that article and thought crikey weren't the councillors listening and a few other choice comments. However, after our Centenary meeting on Wednesday evening and previous meetings I can appreciate how hard it is making decisions on behalf of the community and trying to keep in budget.*

## THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

### CENTENARY MEETING REPORT

A well attended meeting was held last night. The “Fettlers & Settlers Wall” was discussed again in great length and we now have an idea of structure and format for wall & plaques. Marlene will obtain quotes etc for our next meeting, however it was felt by the meeting that the block beside the hall was the best spot - so it was decided to meet 15 minutes prior to our next meeting and visualise where, how etc.

Our “History Book” was also discussed – 1<sup>st</sup> item of news is we have a name for our book. **“Quandialla – The First 100 Years”**. Next item discussed was the selling price. The prices we have for printing is not a firm quote as yet due to not knowing the number of pages. However we do have a guideline of costs and this was discussed and moved that our History Book will be sold for \$50 each. BUT, this price is subject to our print order being 300 books. With that in mind we are asking that those people keen to have a copy at that price please pre-order with Sue Priestley (N.B. pre-orders will require payment). As a later printing of a lesser number of copies will increase the cost of the book, get in early and pre-order!!!!

The organisation of stalls etc was discussed and a plan of locations for said stalls needs to be organised and co-ordinated. We went around the room for volunteers and I am now the Stall Co-ordinator, so watch this space, I will have further information when I work out what is happening.

Centenary souvenirs was also discussed – on the big day the Centenary Committee will have a tent which will act as the information station for programmes, sale of train tickets, history books, recipe books, centenary port, centenary glasses, tea towels and possibly a couple of other small items the committee is working on.

*After re-reading the above and thinking about the work load still ahead of us, a swear word popped into my head, but we do have a good committee and with your help we will have a great 100 years celebration.*

## NOW

AUSTRALIA DAY IN QUANDIALLA: The Quandialla Australia Day Celebration BBQ was a casual but enjoyable occasion. A good crowd was in attendance and the yabbie races were a lot of fun. Congratulations to Emma Dixon who received The Youth Citizens Award. Emma was nominated by Quandialla Central School for her excellence in citizenship and leadership as well as sporting and academic achievements. Emma's grandmother Margaret Priestley accepted this award on Emma's behalf.

*Once again congratulations Emma*

QUANDIALLA CRICKET REPORT: Last Saturday saw the Quandi Ducks challenge the Burcher CC, a win by Quandialla which saw Simon Nowlan and Christian McAlister amongst the runs. The Quandi total (160) was cleverly defended with accurate bowling by Christian, Paul Schubert and the Causer boys Brett and Jason, David Armitage bowled some right arm rubbish and was fortunate to snare some wickets. Stu Taylor was named best on the ground mainly for his stellar performance on the bus trip home. This game registered the last game for George Stephenson (England's best performed batsman) and first games for Gareth Slade (nee Brose) and Paul Schubert. Thanks extended to Tom Priestley for driving the bus. A bye for this weekend followed by a return game against Burcher the following weekend. Dates to remember 1<sup>st</sup> March pink stumps day in West Wyalong proceeds to Breast Cancer. (contributed by D.A)

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: Both jackpots are still going strong. The Bland Hotel Joker Draw jumps to \$840 and last week I counted - only 18 cards left to choose the "Joker" from. The Members Badge Draw at the Bowling Club will be \$5200 this Friday and it will also be the last Friday of the month meaning the "end of month draw" will be held.

You must be in attendance during the draw at the pub or club to win.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY: The next General Meeting of the Hospital Auxiliary will be held on Tuesday 4th February at 9.30am in the Quandialla Health Centre. All Welcome

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

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*CHALK TALK.....The peaceful serenity of the Bland Hotel has been shattered with the return of Messrs. Behan and Mallyon, but a softening influence is already being witnessed. Miss Nancy Kind, from Carcoar, and Miss Isobel Craig, from Albury have been transferred to the teaching staff at the Quandialla School and are, at present, in residence at the Hotel. A very noticeable improvement is apparent in the dress, speech and general deportment of Messrs. Skinner, Mallyon, Behan and Heckenberg. All jokes aside IC readers bid welcome to these two young ladies, and hope that their stay with the Quandialla folk will be a pleasant one.....Mr & Mrs Warne returned to Quandi last week-end. The "Woodpecker: looked disgustingly healthy which he claims is due to the fact that he has finished with smoking, and like so many reformed characters, is very superior about the matter. With Mr & Mrs Warne came Mr Ray Salmon, and to you Sir we also extend a welcome.....*

*IT'S GOOD.....A sample of water from the well on Mr Sellen's property was sent to the Bread research Institute for a report as to its suitability for bread making. The reply stated that the water was equal if not a little better than Sydney water and that it would be ideal for bread making. That, I think is most interesting to the folk who are trying hard to get a water supply for the town. I have to thank Alan Eames for this information.*

*ACME THEATRE....In cinema scope and colour, Doris Day and James Cagney in "Love Me Or Leave Me" and Mickey Rooney, Eddie Bracken and Elaine Stewart in "A Slight Case Of Larceny"*

*FOUND on the Bimbi-Wyalong Road, a wheel and tyre. Loser can have same by describing it to Mr Ross Causer.*

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Cheers for another week **Sue Priestley**