

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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WHAT A SMALL WORLD WE LIVE IN

How many times have you answered the question of where you live with "in a small farming town named Quandialla" and that person then says "oh my aunt was born there" or they know someone that knows someone that has a connection with Quandialla!

This newsletter I would like to congratulate one couple that has a connection with Quandi. A little birdie told me that this couple was married 50 years ago in Quandialla at St Luke's Uniting Church. Their family has contributed to our history book as they used to farm on "Monteray" on the Bimbi Road, and hopefully they might be here on the long weekend.

Wendy and Trevor Sewell will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 22nd August. At the time of their wedding in 1964 Wendy nee Russell was a Nurse and Trevor was an Ag Teacher at Quandialla Central School. Today Wendy and Trevor live at Gorokan on the Central Coast.

On behalf of I.C. readers I would like to congratulate Wendy and Trevor on this wonderful occasion.

THE FUTURE – CENTENARY NEWS

My favourite saying at the moment is "We are now getting down to the pointy end of the stick" in Sue language that means the number of days between here and the weekend are on a countdown - 45 days to be exact.

One of the items on our agenda is putting out a programme for the day, and on this programme we are hoping to have a map with locations of stalls or organisations represented with their details of what they are doing, eg. The Hospital Auxiliary will be opening the Hospital between 2 – 4pm with a static display and afternoon tea available. So if you wish to be included on the programme please confirm your details, time etc with Sue Priestley ASAP.

Please use this offer as it is free advertising and this celebration is a once in a life time event and a wonderful chance to raise funds.

PLAQUES - Don't forget to order your family plaque with Marlene Taylor.

HISTORY BOOK – It is back from the printer and is being proof read and will be returned to the printer next Monday after I have addressed the typo mistakes. We will be having a Book Launch on Saturday 13th September – there will be further information on this event in a couple of weeks.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – The Centenary Committee will be looking for helpers on the day if you can spare some time to assist for an hour or two - please contact Sue or Marlene and let us know.

ADVERTISING – The Committee has started a round of advertising for the big event, but word of mouth is priceless so please keep spreading the word I'm sure there is one or two people out there who don't know that we will be turning 100.

DON'T FORGET our next meeting -

QUANDIALLA CENTENARY MEETING

Will be held on Wednesday 27th August 2014
at 7.00pm at the Bland Hotel.

ALL WELCOME

NOW

ST BRIGID'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES – 2014

Please Note: Quandialla and Bribbaree Masses will be held on the Second Sunday of each month alternatively as of July 2014.

Mass at Bribbaree 10.00 am September 14th and November 9th

Mass at Quandialla 10.00 am October 12th and December 14th

Liturgy at Quandialla 10.00 am 4th Sunday of each month

Quandialla Centenary Weekend: Fr Tony Hennessy will be celebrating Mass at Quandialla on Sunday 5th October 2014 commencing at 8.00 am

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS: Remember when I wrote you must be there to win!!! Well lightning struck twice in the same place, another lucky member from Quandialla won \$600 last Friday. This week it will start again at \$600 and maybe we can hit the trifecta!!!! The Bland Hotel Joker Draw is increasing each week and will be \$160 this Friday.

ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES: St Mark's services will be held on the first Sunday of the month at 5.00 pm or 6.00 pm daylight saving time. All Most Welcome

EXERCISE CLASSES: Classes are held 9 – 10am on Friday's at the Quandialla Memorial Hall. \$7 per class, please bring a water bottle, comfy clothing, and appropriate shoes. Enquiries please phone: Kim 6347 2152

FREE TO A GOOD HOME: One Electric Organ – in going condition, currently situated at St Brigid's Church. Please contact Lucy – mobile 0488 471 360

QUANDIALLA PRE-SCHOOL FUNDRAISER - MONTH LONG STEP-A-THON

\$15.00 Entry Fee – Receive a Pedometer

Register your steps every day for the Month of September.

1st Prize: \$100 cash 2nd Prize: ½ hr massage by Angela Armstrong

For further information contact Bronwyn Morley – Ph: 0429 031 780

GET WELL WISHES:

Must go to Tony Edgerton, Graeme Edgerton and Percy Pfeiffer

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER NO. 192

THURS. JULY 20th 1962

WELCOME. Sister Taylor has taken up her duties at the Quandialla hospital. It is to be hoped that Sister will throw out the anchor and stay with us for some time. Welcome to Quandialla Sister Taylor, and may your stay with us be a pleasant one. Some of the residents will remember Sister Taylor as the daughter of a Mr Taylor who conducted a chemist business in Grenfell some years ago.... Mr Taylor was also Mayor of Grenfell at one time.

BEST WISHES. A party attended by 30 or 40 district residents was held at the Bland Hotel on Thursday night to wish Rip Franklin very good wishes on the eve of marriage. I'm not suggesting of course that things are so bad that he needs them. The only time I saw his future bride I thought she was a most pleasant and charming girl at this stage I am going to wish you both all happiness on behalf of myself and the great number who have met you both. To carry on Norman Quine Mine Host of the Bland Hotel was in the chair and tributes to the character of Rip were paid by quite a few present. To quote a few, M Napier, A Battenally, I Reeves, and Frosty George, Ray Reeves on behalf of all present, presented Rip with an Electric Frypan and an envelope containing notes. The Luton Girls' choir rendered "For he's a jolly good fellow" and Rip expressed his thanks for the gift and the thought which prompted this gathering. There were many apologies and I can assure Rip he nearly got a telegram which would have read "Why Rip Franklin leave Moree to marry white girl" and it was going to be signed "Lulu". This of course is all in fun and the fact that we can joke with you is some measure of our respect for you.

MRS PENFOLD I don't begrudge you a little space which I leave you but when you get your mates to ask for a bit more space I think that's a shade over the odds. I know that it was nice for you to see Mrs Jack Martin who was accompanied by her Daughter and Husband for the week-end but to get them to ask for more space --- it simply isn't done. Best wishes to Mrs Martin and family. You know I'm going to prattle on to make sure that you are duly punished for your cheek in asking for more space, but when I read some of the rubbish I write – I don't really blame you. Now write on it Mrs Penfold.

Until next week – Cheers **Sue Priestley**