

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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ANZAC DAY – Monday 25th April 2016

Australia's national day of remembrance is a time to stop and reflect on the sacrifices made in the name of freedom and peace which we all enjoy today.

ANZAC Day is one of the best ways we can honour the memory of our military's men and women, from all wars and conflicts, whose efforts have secured the future of this country. As we continue to recognise the Centenary of ANZAC, you are urged to attend a dawn service, commemoration service or march to show your support and keep the ANZAC Spirit alive.

You are invited to attend Quandialla's Anzac Day Commemorative Service commencing at 11.00 am at the Quandialla Soldiers Memorial Hall.

School and Ex-Service Personnel to be at Blamey Park by 10.45 am

All school students are encouraged to participate in the ANZAC Day March & Service and requested to wear full school uniform.

Descendants of Servicemen and Women may wear Service Medals.

1916 was the halfway point in World War I. The Battle of the Somme inflicted huge casualties on all sides. Commonwealth casualties from this fighting totalled 420,000 and the French lost 204,000. Combined with the German losses, there were more than a million battle casualties on the Somme.

Other significant battles in Australia's Military History in 1916 include:-

The Battle of Fromelles which was the first major operation for Australian troops on the Western Front. This battle has been called the most tragic event in Australian history. At 6pm on 19th July Australian and British soldiers attacked and were cut down by heavy machine-gun fire. 5,533 Australians were casualties, almost 2000 of them were killed in action or died of wounds and some 400 were captured. The British casualties numbered 1547 – the attackers suffered more than 7,000 killed or wounded. By 8am on 20th July the battle was over, this attack was intended primarily as a diversion to draw German troops away from the Somme offensive, unfortunately it was a disastrous failure.

The Battle of Pozieres was a two-week struggle starting on 23rd July 1916 for the small French village of Pozieres in the Somme Valley, the highest point in the area. They held the village and ridge at enormous cost.

These two battles resulted in 23,000 Australian casualties.



Other Memorial Services in the District:

Bimbi at 2.00pm, Bribbaree at 4.00pm & Caragabal a 4.00pm

THANK YOU SO MUCH

First off, we would like to thank Paul Harris for taking the time to spray the Hall to help eliminate our major spider problem.

Now we would like to say a very big 'Thank You' to all those that came along to the Hall clean-up last Saturday. With the marvellous job that everyone did the Hall has been given a new lease of life and looks perfect for this coming weekend.

Once again - on behalf of the Hall Committee

'A Very Big Thank You to all who helped'

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw was not claimed last week and has jackpotted to \$1100 this Friday. The Bland Hotel Joker Draw has jackpotted again this week and you could win \$560. *Good Luck Everyone!!!*

It's that time of year again!!

The Quandialla Soldiers Memorial Hall will be holding the 2016 Debutante Ball on this Saturday the 23rd.

We have four lovely young ladies, partners and four very cute flower girls to make this event a very special occasion.

QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL

SCOTS DEBUTANTE BALL

This Saturday – 23rd April 2016

Doors open at 7.00pm

Debs to be presented at 8.00pm

Band: 'The Young Ones'

Tickets can be purchased at the Door: \$25 each

Dress: Semi Formal - BYOG & Basket Supper

So come along and support our lovely Debs and the Memorial Hall with your attendance.

This Ball is the Hall's only major fundraiser for the year and all proceeds raised will go towards the 2016 Hall Insurance.

Hope to see you there

ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH service will be held on Sunday 1st May at 5pm

Don't forget: - TAI CHI CLASSES starting next week.....

Helen Denovan will be running a Tai Chi Class at the Quandialla Health Centre for an hour on Thursday fortnightly at 9.30am starting on the 28th April 2016. Cost is a gold coin, bring a drink and wear comfortable clothing. For any enquiries please call Helen Denovan, on 02 6349 1777 Mon-Wed. All welcome.

UPDATE on LOST DOG: A Maltese cross dog was found running up the Bimbi Road near Edgerton's driveway last Friday. A concerned resident picked the little guy up and brought him into Quandi. I ended up with him because I mistook him for a friend's dog. John and I wandered the streets on Friday evening trying to find his home, with no luck. He stayed with us for the next 2 days, getting out of the yard on Sunday afternoon, he was seen having a play in the park before returning to us overnight. On Monday I rang the pound and on Tuesday he was tested and thankfully he was microchipped. Allison took him back to Grenfell and hopefully he will be returned to his owner soon.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER No: 241

THURS 30th August 1966

ODDS AND ENDS – With the problem before me filling a further 32 lines, it looks as though I will be digging deep..... Somewhere along the line Mary Deighton gave me a result of a golf match played for the “Moran” Cup. All I can remember is the fact that Quandialla won but beyond that I fear that my mind is blank (once again)..... I believe that the President of the Women's Bowling Club had a birthday this week, to you Mrs Trounson, Many Happy Returns.....

In last week's issue an item of mine in the “Odds and Ends” portion has caused some anguish in certain quarters. Now I, being just an ordinary mortal with all the frailties of such, could be in error. It would not be the first, and I doubt very much if it will be the last time, that I betray my ignorance. According to the bush telegraph which operates wherever humans congregate, I have “Blotted my copybook”. If such is the case I wish to reiterate a statement of mine made in Idle Chatter. “If I hurt or misquote you or lie about something, then write to me and I will print your letter in full down to the very last full stop”. May I coin a slogan ---- Don't bite, just write.....

Now I make a special appeal to you all to give this year's Annual Show your full support. Look around and I am sure that you will find something worthy of entering as an exhibit. Don't let the Show die out, we are losing too many things to the bigger towns..... Congratulations to Mr “Mickey” George who will wed a very nice Queensland lass over the weekend and I believe a daughter of Mal Kelly (Ex Bimbi) will also marry on Saturday.....

And so with only eight lines left I throw in the towel and begrudgingly leave to Mrs Penfold the remaining space.

Cheers until next week **Sue Priestley**

CLAIMING THE DATE: Quandialla & District Men's Shed
CAR BOOT SALE Sunday May 15th 10.00am
Sellers needed - Contact Allan Brien 0447346933 for bookings