

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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A Celebration of Rugby League in Quandialla

I'm sure you have all noticed the community notice in previous newsletters letting you know about a Rugby League Reunion to be held on Saturday 17th September. Robert has mentioned that it is 40 years since Quandialla won the 1976 Grand Final. That was certainly a big day, but Quandialla and the District has had a strong history of playing football. With saying that, I thought it might be a perfect opportunity to give a brief account of our football history, which I have taken from our History Book "The First 100 Years".

The first known mention of a rugby game in the district was July, 1902 where Bimbi played a side called Emu Creek, sadly Emu Creek won 9 – 8 (this game would have been played under the Rugby Union rules of the day). From the 1920's games played would have probably been under the rules of the new Rugby League game.

In 1924 Reverend Symes who played for Bimbi reported to his father that a match against Quandialla was not only a record crowd for the village but the roughest game he had ever played, with three players carried from the field and that the game is certainly for men of stamina. There was no organised competition until after World War II, prior to this matches were played for challenge cups or inter-town fixtures. Bimbi stopped fielding a team just before World War II and players drifted to Quandialla or other neighbouring teams.

During World War II a patriotic side was formed and occasional matches were played against nearby villages. These games were for boys under 21 or 10st 7lbs. All proceeds were sent to the district patriotic fund. With the returning soldiers came the advent of final series football. Quandialla played in the Group 9, 2nd Division, a competition between smaller villages and some secondary teams from larger centres. By the 1950's, Quandialla had a very strong team and in 1952 won every game but the grand-final. In 1953, they won every game including the grand-final at the end of the season. This side was captained and coached by John "Frosty" George a third generation Quandi-ite. The following year several players moved on and played for Barmedman in Group 9, while the Quandialla club continued playing until it went into recess in 1960.

In 1973 Kevin Moran rallied the troops and another Quandialla team was formed and entered the Group 9, 2nd Division competition. The first game at Bethungra in April 1973 saw an 11 all draw with Kevin sent off in the first 5 minutes. This was followed by almost 20 years of competition in the Woodbridge Cup (Group 9 2nd Division) with 4 Grand Final appearances in 1976, 1979, 1980 and in 1990.

In 1976 Joe Walsh coached Quandialla to the grand-final and won against Burrangong at Lawson Park Grenfell. Radio 2LF sent Cabbage McDonald to call the match and it was the first time a 2nd Division competition game had been broadcast.

In 1979 we won the grand-final against minor premiers Bendick Murrell at Alfred Oval in Young with Robert Walsh as Captain/Coach. During the season, after the Grenfell Goannas were defeated by Quandialla, an advertisement was placed in the Grenfell Record simply stating – “For Sale, 13 tame Goannas”, courtesy of Stephen Keir.

In 1980 a replay was required when Boorowa scored after the bell to tie the game at Alfred Oval in Young. The replay at Grenfell saw Quandialla leading at half time only to be reigned back in the second half to narrowly lose the game.

In 1990, Quandialla were pipped at the post by Grenfell at Alfred Oval in Young. Beau Cornwell was Captain/Coach.

Grenfell were great adversaries over the years and games both home and away attracted large crowds and were always great spectacles to watch. A home game would see the gate takings double, ground raffles, kiosk in operation, chook raffles at the hotel and a lot of fellowship. There were certainly some great Sundays spent at Quandialla during the football season.

Not bad for a small rural community!!! Many would have memories of trooping around to the footy field all rugged up for the cold blustery winds that roared across the field. Making a food run to the canteen at half time and going completely mad when there was a bad ref call while cheering our team on. The fellowship (I love that word) that followed after the game at the Hotel was enjoyed by all, supporters, players, sponsors from both sides and even the referees.

If you can remember the good ol' days that I have just mentioned, you would enjoy this reunion

Saturday 17th September 2016

This Reunion is for all Players, Supporters, Sponsors etc

Proposed Program

BBQ Lunch at 'Kevin Moran Sportsground' (weather permitting)

Afternoon Fellowship at the Quandialla Bowling Club

Late Afternoon - early Evening – Dinner at the Bland Hotel

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QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

GOOD NEWS with both Jackpots!!!

At the Bland Hotel the chance of picking the “Joker” card was grabbed by an eager young man with both hands. There was no hesitation and with a very confident choice of card, he hit the proverbable jackpot of \$900. It was a very happy win and a little birdie told me that it will be used when the family visit the theme parks in QLD next school holidays.

***This Friday you could win \$120 – a harder task this week,
as you have 53 cards to find that ‘Joker’ card.***

The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw is still very exciting as two draws are still on offer this Friday night.

Found out last week – The first draw will be the \$10,000

The second draw will be \$1000

*I’m still hoping this draw will come to Quandi
so make sure you are there in case your badge number is drawn.*

Good Luck!!!



QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE:

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla next on **7th & 21st September.**

Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment

MUSICA VIVA Performance in Quandialla:

The Quandialla Public School is hosting the Musica Viva in the Quandialla Memorial Hall on Monday September 5th at 9.30am. ***An invitation is extended to Members of the Community to attend and enjoy this free performance.***

ST MARKS ANGLICAN CHURCH service will be held on Sunday 4th Sept at 5pm.

ALL WELCOME

Having a Birthday in **AUGUST** and a member of the
Quandialla Bowling Club?

Then Fill out your Birthday Voucher, available at the Bar, and drop it in the barrel on Friday 26th (last Friday of the month) before 8.00pm, when the lucky winner will be drawn. You must be in attendance to collect your birthday win.

You could win \$50

BOOK FAIR & PARADE will be held on Wednesday 31st August at the Quandialla Public School. Members of the Community are invited to attend- a GREAT chance to purchase books locally. Ring the School for more info, time etc. Ph: 6347 1207

QUANDIALLA'S LOCAL PHONEBOOK is one step closer to the printers. It has been compiled and there are copies at the West Weddin Store and Post Office if you would like to confirm your details.

THE BENEFITS OF REGULAR EXERCISE
by Kim Broomby

Do you feel puffed and winded from doing low intensity activity such as grocery shopping or chasing down a sheep or child? Stuck on farm machinery for hours on end? Regular exercise can improve your muscle strength and increase your endurance. Exercise and physical activity pumps oxygen and nutrients through your tissues which helps your cardiovascular (heart) system work more efficiently. When heart and lungs work more efficiently – so do you!!!

Give exercise a go.....

Exercise and activity are for everyone: regardless of age, gender or experience.

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A Piece of Sound Advice

NEVER SING IN THE SHOWER
Singing leads to dancing,
Dancing leads to slipping and slipping leads
to paramedics seeing YOU NAKED
So REMEMBER Don't SING



BLAST FROM THE PAST Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Sorry – there will be no ‘Blast from the Past’ page this week.

Cheers **Sue Priestley**