

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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BRYSON TROY

RETIRED FROM QUANDIALLA SWIMMING CLUB – 19.03.2017

At the Quandialla Swimming Club Presentation Evening held at the Quandialla Swimming Pool Bryson Troy retired after 43 years of dedicated swim coaching.

It began with Bryson telling the swimmers, parents, grandparents and many friends of the club a “story of a swim coach”. This became a beautiful reflection on his beginnings and times as a coach for all who were listening. Bryson recounted the unforgettable experience at Yanco Ag High School where he and another boy sat by the edge of the pool during a swim carnival to watch, as they were the only two students who couldn’t swim. That moment was when Bryson swore if he had children they would never be put in such an awful position.

After school Bryson spent many years farming, shearing, playing sport, hanging out with mates and going to the local dances. Swimming was a long way from his thoughts during that time. However, at the time when Bryson became a member of the Bland Rodeo Committee proceeds from the local rodeo were going to several district organisations, such as the Quandialla CWA, Memorial Hall, Hospital Auxiliary and the Bribbaree Bush Nursing Association. In 1964 thoughts began to turn to Quandialla building a swimming pool, and proceeds from the next Bland Rodeo went towards funding a pool.

Much voluntary work and funding by so many locals resulted in the Quandialla Swimming Pool being opened in March 1971 - for the kids to have a swim. It was then officially opened in November 1971.

John and Jan Curry along with Jim Charlesworth started up Sunday time trials. John and Bryson would quite often put a lane rope in during the week and ‘run some kids up and down the pool’. Bryson’s friend and mentor, John Stannard, who also happened to be the Vice President of NSW Swimming gave him pamphlets and encouraged Bryson to take up coaching. Buying books, meeting with other coaches (notably, Bill Webster and Frank Holman) became an obsession for Bryson.

The Quandialla Swimming Club officially formed on the 1st May 1978. The club joined the South West District soon after but withdrew after two years as only three families could get to carnivals; Curry’s, Troy’s and Nixon’s. The 27th April 1980 brought

about the beginnings of the Small Pools Association which were amazing years of swimming and mateship. Quandialla, Tullibigeal, Barmedman and Ungarie each held a carnival annually and this was to last for twenty years. We are still friends to this day with so many we met during that time of 'camaraderie, kids, BBQ's and beers'!!!

Bryson believes the club has remained strong to this day and will continue to do so. 'I feel so honoured and proud to stand in front of you all and look over all these wonderful young Australians'. He also congratulated the effort of all parents, and the outstanding swimmers Quandialla District has produced (natural talent apparently!!) Bryson reflected on the success that QSC swimmers have had as they moved on from Quandialla to other schools, both far and wide.

There will never be another coach who will put in 43 years of voluntary work to assist our children to swim as well as they can. The community thanks Bryson and appreciates all the effort and tireless work throughout the many seasons of swimming he has contributed. There are countless families through the past 43 years who know how much the children mean to Bryson.

THREE CHEERS & Congratulations.....



FAREWELL – *It is both with sadness and happiness that I bid
David and Kathy Smith farewell.*

Sad because they are both good friends and Quandialla will be losing another family from our small community.

But on the other hand, happiness because this move to Young has come at the right time, when both David and Kathy can benefit from living in a larger town at this stage in their lives.

David was born and raised in Quandialla, while Kathy was born and raised over the hill at Piney Range, making both very much locals and I know they will be taking great memories of Quandialla with them.

But, there always comes a time in every family when the decision to move or stay needs to be addressed and that time has come for the Smith Family. On behalf of friends, family and fellow I.C. readers I wish David and Kathy all the very best in this next chapter of their lives and hope to see you back in Quandialla when you visit.

DON'T FORGET

Daylight Saving will finish this coming weekend!!!!

Technically daylight saving finishes for 2017 at 2am on Sunday 2nd April. Last week I advertised the date as Saturday 1st April – Why, because there was one year, we jumped out of bed on the Sunday and later realised we were an hour ahead of ourselves. So, I'm never going to miss out again on that extra hour of sleep in, so the Priestley household changes their clocks before we go to bed on Saturday evening!!!!!!

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

Quandialla Jackpots – still up for grabs!

The Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw has jackpotted again this week and will be \$4400. Unfortunately, the Draw came to Quandialla last week but Badge No: ## was not in attendance due to work. However, they do say lightning can strike twice in the same place so maybe you should be in attendance this Friday night after you have tried your luck at the local establishment down the road, where I'm very excited to report that the Bland Hotel has also jackpotted and will be \$720 this week. *Good Luck Everyone!!!*

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE:

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla next on **Wednesday 5th & 19th April.**

Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment.

Quandialla Sports & Events Committee Inc.

Annual General Meeting

11am Sunday 2nd April 2017 – Quandialla Bowling Club

All Welcome

Contact – Ruth Penfold 6347 2130 for further information

ST MARKS ANGLICAN CHURCH service will be held on Sunday 2nd April at 5pm.

ALL WELCOME

QUANDIALLA SCOT'S DEBUTANTE BALL

Saturday 22nd April 2017

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

I have it on very good authority that a certain lady celebrated a very special birthday on Wednesday 29th March. On behalf of Idle Chatter readers' I would like to congratulate

Vesna Gregory on this special occasion.

Happy Birthday Vesna.....

Having a Birthday in **MARCH** 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 31st (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

Dinner at the Club

Tania Mooney will be cooking at the Club on Friday 31st March from 6.00pm.

Quandialla District Scholarship Committee – 2017 Scholarships

Applications are now open for the following scholarships:

- # Year 10 Scholarship (for students commencing Year 11)
- # Quandialla District Further Studies Grant – TAFE Scholarship (Full time & short term course)
- # Quandialla (District – University Scholarships (1st year of study & 2nd or further year of study)

Applications close: Monday, 10th April 2017

For further information or application forms,
please contact Narelle on 63471294 a.h. Narelle Gault – Hon. Secretary

FIRST AID CERTIFICATE

Thank you for those interested parties who put their name down for the First Aid Training scheduled for the 15th April. Unfortunately, we haven't received enough numbers to go ahead at this stage. However, it was felt we would give it another try for a later date, still to be held in Quandialla.

Provide First Aid – HLTAID003

Expressions of interest for mid to late June, Date will be confirmed.

**Please contact: - Lynne Pygram Ph: 02 69539650 or
email lynne.pygram@tafensw.edu.au – No Later than 30th April.**

BLAST FROM THE PAST Extracts from IDLE CHATTER

Extract from IDLE CHATTER No: 195

Thurs 31st July 1963

FIRE DANGER – Flannelette is a most combustible material and no risk can be taken with it near a naked flame. Poor young Allyson Hazell is proof of that. She suffered many burns to body and hands when her dressing gown ignited near an open fire. Dr Boniecki treated the child but she will be in pain for some considerable time. So please watch your children near the open fire Mum, or better still buy Wool is very much safer.

DUMPING - May I be allowed to warn folks that if dumping of rubbish on the roadside is continued, there could be some unpleasant repercussions. The Shire Council is considering taking action against those responsible. So, take the tip and wait until you can dump it in the right place

Cheers for another week **Sue Priestley**