

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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CONRATULATIONS to DANIEL MARSHALL and the BLAND HOTEL

Belated Congratulations go to Daniel Marshall the current licensee and owner of the iconic Bland Hotel. Dan purchased the hotel in February 2008 and has used his knowledge and business skills in hospitality and is now celebrating 10 years of successfully running a small-town hotel. Even though Dan owns the Bland Hotel, I'm sure he would agree with me, this majestic hotel also belongs to Quandialla & District, we all love it as our Pub.

We have another major milestone to report this year. Coinciding with Dan's 10th anniversary the Bland Hotel has registered its' 90th year of trading. On the 5th January 1928 the Bland Hotel opened its' doors to the public and has never looked back.

In 1926 a group of farmers/businessmen from the district decided to form a syndicate with the grand plan to build an establishment that would hopefully address the needs for accommodation and assist the social aspect of the community of Quandialla. The building was planned and designed well before its time, being the first and only two-storey brick building in the village and would be known as the Bland Hotel.

After successfully obtaining a Publicans License for Quandialla in 1927, preparations were then made in July 1927 for the foundations and cellar of the hotel and outbuildings to be started and by August 1927 it was reported that the hotel building was well advanced on the second storey of the brickwork and by December the hotel was nearing completion. Messrs W.T Jones and L Onley, Quandialla travelled to Sydney to select and purchase all requirements for the furnishings of the hotel.

The Bland Hotel was officially opened for business on the 5th January 1928. The following article appeared in the Grenfell Record

OPENING TO-DAY

"At the Licensing Court on Wednesday, the license of the Bland Hotel was transferred from Mr Gus McNamara to Mr W.T Jones – Cr W.T Jones of the Weddin Shire Council.

The "official opening" of the new hotel took place to-day, when the proprietor received many congratulations upon his enterprise, and upon the fine building erected.

The Bland Hotel is a brick building of two storeys, with back and front balconies. There are nineteen bedrooms and two dining rooms, with sitting rooms upstairs and on the ground floor; the saloon has a circular counter, the room space being 28 x 28. Electric light has been installed, and the management will make its own cordials and ice. Five bathrooms are provided and there are also locked garages and good stabling accommodation.

We wish the proprietor every success."

From records obtained from the Licencing Board it is very interesting to note the exact wording "Local Syndicate of Farmers" as the owners of the establishment between the years 1928 – 1961. Over the following 57 years The Bland Hotel had 7 owners and during the hotel's 90 years of operating there have been 39 licensees.

Each publican has tried various ventures to add value to their establishment, some were short lived, but most have been successful. This building is a fine example of workmanship especially in the era it was built. Even today, people comment on the wonderful structure of the Hotel and how well it has weathered over time. It is a testament to all Quandialla Publicans and Owners that they have not tried to over modernize the building but have kept with the style of a country pub while upgrading the facilities and maintaining a successful business which is the "Hub" of Quandialla & District.

Thank you Dan, for keeping up this tradition and congratulations to you and your family for loving and taking care of the wonderful asset the Hotel is to our Community.



QUANDIALLA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Invites SENIORS
To Celebrate **Seniors Week**
At a **FILM Morning**

A FILM Morning will be held on Thursday 22nd March followed by a Light Lunch at Quandialla Public School. This morning event will be free, starting at 10.00am.

The film showing will be "Victoria & Abdul".

Please RSVP by 20th March to Bev Kelly 63471297
or Margaret Spratt 63471110

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

Last Friday evening the Bland Hotel Joker Draw of \$780 went to a very lucky young lady from the Bland who was successful in choosing the joker card from the few left on the board. So, this Friday it will have to start again with the amount of \$100. But there is some good news - the Bowling Club Members Draw is still going and has jackpotted to \$3000 this week.
Good Luck Everyone!!!

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE:

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla next on Wednesday **21st March 2018**.
Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment

QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL & PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

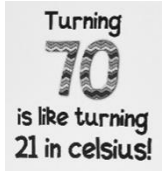
will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 28th March 2018 at 7.30pm
at the Dining Room at the Bland Hotel. All Welcome

ST MARKS ANGLICAN CHURCH: *For our APRIL Service we will be holding an Easter Service on SATURDAY 31st March at 5pm. ALL WELCOME*

HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY

WISHES are extended to **Mr Ken McAlister**, Ken thought he could move to Young and no one would know that on Thursday 8th March he would be having a very special birthday. Mind you, I did know the date of Ken's birthday, but another friend asked was it going to be a special one this year, so I just had to investigate and I'm glad I did.

Ken has celebrated turning 70 years young!!!!!!!
On behalf of I.C. readers I would like to wish Ken all the best and Many Happy Returns, and may you enjoy many more.....



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QUANDIALLA TIP MEETING

Sorry there is no update - still have not heard from the Weddin Shire

QUANDIALLA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - 2018 SCHOLARSHIPS:

Applications are now open for the following Scholarships:

- * Year 10 Scholarship (for students going into Year 11);
- * Quandialla District Further Studies Grant – TAFE Scholarship (Full time TAFE course);
- * Quandialla District Further Studies Grant – TAFE Scholarship (Short term course);
- * Quandialla District University Scholarship – No. 1
(Applicants must be commencing their first year of study at a recognised University) and
- * Quandialla District University Scholarship – No. 2
(Applicants must be commencing their second or further year of study at a University).

Due date for all Scholarship Applications: Friday, 9th April 2018.

Recipients of Scholarships will be announced: 20th April 2018.

*Please contact the Secretary (Narelle Gault on 6347 1294 ah)
for application forms or for further information.*

QUANDIALLA PRESCHOOL MAJOR FUNDRAISER – RAFFLE

Congratulations go to Dan Marshall who was the lucky winner of 2 x Ed Sheeran Tickets

GET WELL WISHES: *On behalf of everyone at Quandi I would like to send Colin Causer a Cheerio Call. Colin is spending time in Canberra receiving rehab. The good news is that things are slowly improving for Colin and we hope to see him home soon.*

Have you organised your tickets yet??????



MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY

WITH A FASHION PARADE OF VINTAGE CLOTHES

To be held at the **Bribbaree Hall on Saturday 17th March 2018 commencing at 11 am**
\$20.00 entry (includes Tea Party and Fashion Parade)

Tickets must be pre-purchased as numbers will be limited for this event.

You can purchase your ticket from: Jan Mooney 63833537, Shirley Jones 63833867,
Pat Potbury 63832329 or Di Piefke 63472157

If you had fun at last year's event (Decorate a Bra) organised by Ms Jan's Sewing Ladies, you are sure to enjoy this year's event with lots of fun and laughter with a little touch of the Irish to celebrate St Patricks' Day.



Competition and Display of:

Prettiest Tea Cosy's (fabric or yarn)

Prettiest Apron (not necessarily made by you, can be purchased)

Patchwork Quilt, (must be made in the last 12 months)

Please deliver your entries to one of the Ladies listed above prior to the day.

No entries will be taken on the day.

We have Excellent Prizes for the Competitions as well as a Monster Raffle.

The Fashion Parade will display Vintage Clothing and Accessories.

The designer and dressmaker Margaret Thornhill will also comper the parade, it will be a walk back in time and be appreciated by all.



Funds raised will go to CanAssist & Macey Yerbury

Cheers for another week **Sue Priestley**