

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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QUANDIALLA TIP MEETING

A good crowd attended the meeting with Weddin Shire representatives on Tuesday 20th March at the Quandialla Hall regarding the use and ongoing issues with our local tip. Shire representatives Brendan Hayes, Director Environmental Services and Isobel Holmes chaired the meeting and opened with some suggestions and then asked for local feedback. Thank you to Cr Carly Brown and Cr John Niven who also attended and shared their thoughts with the meeting.

The following is a brief outline of the meeting.

Our options: Do we need a tip, should we enlarge it and/or additional services, or close it?

Issues we have with our current type of facility:

The condition of the tip and how to control it. Outside individuals utilizing tip, this promotes illegal dumping and additional cost for council. Longevity of tip under the current system. EPA require country tips to be sustainable and we need to be seen as being proactive. It is also on the cards that the EPA are moving towards either setting up transfer stations or closing country tips.

Possible Solutions:

Manning the tip. This would incur considerable costs and would not be cost effective. Only open the tip during the week. This could penalise a majority of residents. Locking the tip and residents have a key-card. Introduce a residential collection.

Discussion was had on the above points.

Mr Hayes told the meeting that the majority of solutions eg. manning the tip and residential collection could all incur considerable costs. He then spoke about the proposal of locking the tip and residents having a key-card. The shire has looked into this and found that Alectown has a system that he feels could work at the Quandialla Tip. New fencing would be required, and surveillance cameras with light sensors would be installed, along with the appropriate gate and key-card system, photo examples can be viewed at the P.O.

The tip would be open to key-card holders 24/7 with access through a swipe card that will record your usage, eg. time, date and whom. All ratepayers/residents of the Weddin Shire in the Quandialla area will receive a key-card free of charge but if they are

lost you will need to purchase another. Quandialla is in the unique situation of being close to the border of another shire and those families still call Quandialla their hometown. With this in mind, it was suggested that any residents outside of the Shire but in the 2721 postcode will be able to purchase a key-card and use the Quandialla tip.

Outcome of the Meeting: It was very obvious that everyone who attended the meeting wanted to keep our tip but to have more control over who was using it. Brendan Hayes is going to recommend the key-card system to be started as soon as possible (3-4 months) and this was very welcomed by the meeting. Brendan will also be looking into other options of residential collection and how we can make the Quandialla Tip work for everyone.

When this key-card system gets up and running hopefully this will stop outside users from dumping rubbish, with the result of a much tidier tip area. However, we, as the tip users will be responsible for the overall condition of the tip. All users will need to deposit their rubbish in the appropriate place "in the trench" not on the side, this is where we get into a mess. The other thing we all need to do is to be observant about who we see using the tip. If someone is out there and you know they shouldn't be dropping their rubbish in our tip, take their rego number and the Shire has asked that you let them know and they will look into the matter.

The bottom line is that it is up to us as Quandialla residents to look after our tip. When the Shire gets this new system set up we can start from scratch and we need to manage our tip responsibly.



*Chefs Toolbox Cooking Class
Hosted by Kacie Cattle
at the Quandialla Bowling Club
this Sunday 25th March 2018 at 11am.*

We will be cooking lunch and enjoying a social day, so come along and enjoy the following menu. (no obligation to buy)

- Sundried Tomato & Cashew Dip.
- Moroccan Chicken Tagine.
- Golden Syrup Dumplings.

*All welcome including kids! Hope to see you there.
For further information please contact Ruth Penfold 0408 381 380.*

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

The Bland Hotel Joker Draw will be \$140 this Friday evening.

Last week I asked can lightning strike twice in the same place – guess what – it did!!!

Last Friday evening the Bowling Club Members' Draw came to Quandialla again, but unfortunately that member was not in attendance, please remember you must be at the club to claim the jackpot. I think we could be pushing the hope of lightning to strike again so I'm going with all good things happen in three's or third time lucky. So be at the club next Friday because the jackpot is now \$4000.

Good Luck Everyone!!!

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

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE:

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla next on Wednesday **4th & 18th April 2018**.

Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment

Dinner at the Club on Good Friday

Tania Mooney will be cooking at the Club on Good Friday 30th March from 6.00pm.

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 30th (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

QUANDIALLA SCOT'S DEBUTANTE BALL

Saturday 28th April 2018 – Debs presented at 8pm

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.*

Do you need help with GARDENING, RUBBISH REMOVAL ETC.

Ring Trevor Grenfell

"Round Hill" Bribbaree – Phone: 63832353 after 4pm

DON'T FORGET
Daylight Saving will finish
on Sunday 1st April

Cheers for another week
Sue Priestley

