

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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## 2018 Rally Schedule

START: Day 1 – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Brisbane to Mitchell

Day 2 – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May: Mitchell to Yaraka

Day 3 – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Yaraka to Middleton

Day 4 – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Middleton to Camooweal

Day 5 – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Camooweal to Cape Crawford

Day 6 – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May: Cape Crawford to Mataranka Homestead

Day 7 – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May: Mataranka Homestead to Darwin – FINISH

The Shitbox Rally is an annual event dedicated to raising much needed funds to support cancer research. This Rally is not a race, rather a challenge to achieve the unthinkable... To drive cars worth just \$1,000 across Australia via some of its most formidable roads, all in the name of charity. The 2018 teams are driving their bombs 3800km from Brisbane to Darwin starting on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May and arriving in Darwin on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Quandialla-ite Bevan McAlister has entered his 1993 Holden Apollo again this year, the same car he drove in the 2014 & 2015 Rallies with his daughter Danette. However, this year Bevan has a new co-driver/offsider, Russell Dixon, friend and fellow Quandi – ite and they are calling their entry “Quandi’s Mongrel”.

For the past weeks Bevan has been getting the car road worthy, it is now washed and sparkling like a new pin or as much as it can when the car looks like a dog, balls and all. I must say, Bevan is very proud of this car, he drives it everywhere, so he has great faith in it to make the trip without too much trouble.

I’m not sure Russell knows what he has let himself in for but knowing him he will roll with the punches and enjoy every moment. One of Russell’s jobs was to organise a tent for them to sleep in, last I heard he had one and had tried to erect it by following the directions. But like all the new fandangled things today it is written, in another language, (to us old folks) so he was going to

call his oldest granddaughter Catlin to show him what he was missing. I hope he worked it out because they left on Wednesday morning at 8am to get to Brisbane in time for the start of the rally.

The Quandialla Combo of Bevan and Russell is an interesting one. Two old blokes with the attitude "let's see what happens". Bevan's job of keeping the car on the road is covered, it helps when he is a mechanic and Russell will just have to assist wherever he is needed. I did comment to them both one day, don't get lost. Russell's response was we just have to follow the dust and besides we can't leave the country we will hit the ocean sooner or later.

All jokes aside, I would like to congratulate Bevan and Russell on taking up this challenge and with that easy going outlook I'm sure they are going to have a wow of a time while raising money for a very worthy cause, Cancer Research. If you would like to support Quandi's Mongrel and the Cancer Council, you will find more information on [www.shitboxrally.com.au](http://www.shitboxrally.com.au)

*On behalf of all I.C. readers I would like to wish Bevan & Russell  
all the Very Best & Good Luck.  
GO "QUANDI'S MONGREL" – GO the Apollo!!!!  
Have a great trip GUYS.....*

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## **P.S –**

I went looking to see if I could find a photo of the 'Quandi's Mongrel' - I did find one but when printed, it was very dark and you cannot make out the two good looking old farts in front of their car, so I have elected to leave it out.

What I did find was Bevan and Russell's story and I thought I would include it in I.C. for everyone to read. You can find this on the Shitbox Rally site under the teams' name.

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## **Our Story .....**

We are really pleased to announce that we're taking part in Shitbox Rally in 2018!! Shitbox Rally is the largest community lead fundraiser for the Cancer Council's in Australia and is now in its 9th year. Part of the participation is that all teams have to raise a minimum of \$4,000 but most teams raise well above this amount as you can see with the \$1,400,000 target. These funds go to the Cancer Council and we are extremely proud to be doing our part to support such a worthy charity. The fundraising is the hard part, so any donation you can give is greatly appreciated. Please make sure to follow our progress via this page and the blog post below.

Shitbox Rally is the adventure of a lifetime challenging participants and their cars, worth no more than \$1,000, over a 7 day across Australia endeavour to raise money for cancer research.

The rally is not a race – it's a fun, colourful, unpredictable adventure with participants travelling at their own pace in smaller groups. Vehicles often break down but "we never leave anyone behind" and each night is spent camping beneath the stars and celebrating the day's achievements. It all adds up to an incredible opportunity to see Australia's vast and beautiful countryside and make lifelong friends, many brought together after experiencing cancer themselves or seeing cancer impact family and friends.

Since its inception the rally has been the largest fundraiser for the Cancer Council nationally.

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QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE:

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla **on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**

Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS

***Both Jackpots Still going!!!!***

The Bland Hotel Joker Draw is still growing and this Friday you could win \$300. The Riverina Bowling Club Jackpot Draw came to Quandialla last Friday, sadly for that club member they were not in attendance. Lets' hope the draw can come to Quandialla again this week and someone will have the chance to take home \$8000.

*Good Luck Everyone!!!*

**QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL & PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm  
at the Bland Hotel Dining Room.

All Welcome

**Musica Viva “Makukuhan” in Quandialla  
on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018,  
at the Quandialla Memorial Hall, commencing at 10.00am**

Musica Viva has been bringing premium quality live music to Australian schools for over 35 years. They specialise in presenting the best small ensembles Australia has to offer – with this year's music coming from Indonesia.

An invitation is extended to Quandialla - Community members, parents and younger siblings are most welcome to attend the performance at no charge.



**NEW AT THE CLUB**

In addition to the Riverina Bowling Club Jackpot Draw, starting this Friday at the club is **Quandialla Bowling Club Local Members Draw**, where only members of our club can win. Starting at \$50 this week it will jackpot \$25 each week if unclaimed. You must be in attendance to win and the draw will be done immediately after the Meat Raffle.

*So now you have 2 chances each Friday to be “in the money”.*

*Good Luck Everyone.*

## **BOWLS NEWS:**

The draw for the 2018 Singles Championship is on the noticeboard. Please play your games ASAP as we need to have the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> rounds completed on or before 17<sup>th</sup> June.  
Play or forfeit will apply

### **Dinner at the Club**

*Tania Mooney will be cooking at the Club on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 6.00pm.*

### Having a Birthday in **MAY** 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 25<sup>th</sup> (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**

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## **GRENFELL RODEO** at the Grenfell Showground

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018 10am – late Main performance from 5pm



**Tickets:** \$15.00

Family - \$40.00

Concession - \$10.00

12 to 17 - \$10.00

Under 12 free

Strictly NO BYO - Food & Bar Stall available

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Cheers for another week.....**Sue Priestley**