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QUANDIALLA CWA BRANCH  
will be turning 90 YEARS YOUNG on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018

The Country Women's Association of Australia was founded in August 1922 and is the largest women's organisation in Australia. It has 44,000 members across 1855 branches. The CWA was formed when country women were fighting isolation and a lack of health facilities. Within the first year, the Association was a unified, resourceful group that was going from strength to strength. The members worked tirelessly to set up baby health care centres, fund bush nurses, build and staff maternity wards, hospitals, schools, rest homes, seaside and mountain holiday cottages - and much more. The women of the CWA have been initiators, fighters and lobbyists. They have made localities into communities by providing social activities and educational, recreational and medical facilities.

*Each CWA Branch has projects/activities that reflect what their community requires. Over the years since the Quandialla Branch was formed in 1928 members have worked bringing Quandialla & District women together to assist with various projects. From 1928 to 1939 our branch worked tirelessly for the first Quandialla Hospital, running many types of functions to raise money for the purchase of the hospital building for £600, then adding a new wing, furnishings etc and in 1936 installing electric lights. In 1939 the administration of the hospital was taken over by the Grenfell Hospital.*

*During the war years our ladies made camouflage nets, fruit cakes and knitted socks, which were all sent to the soldiers along with air pillows and writing materials. They also raised funds for returned soldiers and their dependents by holding many social afternoons for parents, wives and families. Fundraising started in 1941 to build a meeting room and our branch was successful in officially opening a debt free Rest Room and Baby Health Clinic in 1953 which still stands today on the corner of Margaret & Second Street.*

*Another major accomplishment that our branch is very proud of is our four aged units now called the Quandialla CWA Lodge. With much local support, loans from the Quandialla Bowling Club and CWA Head Office, two units were opened in 1977, this was the first time a CWA branch had undertaken to build units without government funding. In 1980 government money was allocated on \$1 for \$1 grant which enabled two more units to be built with all loans for this venture of 4 units repaid in seven years.*

*Today our small branch continues to honour our past members by managing our four units and rest room to the best of our ability. Trying to stay on top of the hundred and one jobs that always require attention is made a lot easier with the help of our general handyman Brian and our go to carpenter, Geoff.*

We are also pleased when local students apply for and receive CWA scholarships that are available each year to assist with education, or the participation in the fields of drama, art, music, public speaking, cooking and floral art.

Another goal our branch has set, which I'm very passionate about is to give our members a social outlet by organising activities every second month. So far, we have enjoyed BBQ's, dinners, lunch outings, annual Xmas parties and bus trips, some with members only and others with partners and friends.

After checking through this article, I feel very proud of our branch members achievements over the past 90 years and hope that our small branch will thrive for another 90 years.

**On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm the Quandialla Branch will be holding a 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration - Afternoon Tea to celebrate this wonderful milestone. Interested members of the Community are invited to attend and you will certainly be most welcome.**

**Sue Priestley – Secretary Quandialla CWA**

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#### QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE:

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla **on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment

#### QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS

The Bland Hotel Joker Draw is still growing and this Friday you could win \$340. The Riverina Bowling Club Jackpot Draw was claimed by a very happy Ungarie Club member, so this week we start again with a jackpot of \$500. Don't forget the new **Quandialla Bowling Club Local Members Draw** it has jackpotted to \$100 this Friday night.

*Good Luck Everyone!!!*

#### ST MARKS ANGLICAN CHURCH:

**St Marks June Service will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 5pm.**

**ALL WELCOME**



#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Many Happy Returns go to Christine Garner nee: Causer, who celebrated her **60<sup>th</sup> Birthday** on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Christine was born and raised in Quandialla and is the eldest daughter of Colin and Maureen Causer.*

On behalf of John and myself and Idle Chatter Readers I would like to send Christine, Belated Birthday Wishes and hope you had a wonderful day.

QUANDIALLA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY: The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am at the Medical Centre.

All Welcome

QUANDIALLA CWA BRANCH will be holding their next General Meeting on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 12.30pm at the CWA Rest Rooms, prior to their 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Afternoon Tea at 2pm. All Welcome

**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

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**Don't Forget: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Sunday Arvo Social Bowls for everyone – 1.30 start.**

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**Angela Armstrong Therapist**

will be returning to Quandialla on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> June  
For appointments please call Angela on 0421 170 743  
Health Fund Rebates available & ATMS Accredited  
*Gift Vouchers Available*

*You're Invited!*

**HOST:** Bribbaree Community

**DATE:** Sunday 17th June 2018

**TIME:** 1.30pm

**WHERE:** Bribbaree Bowling Club

**DETAILS:** ALL WELCOME to Bring a Plate to Share & Bring a Friend 😊

***Raffles – Guessing Competition – Chocolate Wheel – Prizes.***

***All Money Raised Going to the Cancer Council***



**2018 RAINFALL**

May's rainfall recorded at the Quandialla Post Office was 27.4mm over 4 days.

Total for the year is 118.0mm over 16 days

# CARAGABAL

## CAMPOVEN COOKOFF



Gumboot Throwing Competition  
Tug-O-War  
Kids Billy Boiling Competition  
Gold Coin Entry  
Stalls  
Welcome  
Raffles  
Prizes to be won  
Music  
Wood Auction  
Hot Soup  
Drinks  
Chips  
Steak & Sausage Sandwiches  
**FREE CAMPING**  
BYO: Campoven Food, Chairs, Alcohol

**CAMPOVEN COOKOFF COMPETITION**  
(Entries MUST be cooked and plated for 5:30pm judging)

All proceeds on the day contribute to the maintenance of the Caragabal Memorial Hall

### Family FUN Day

Caragabal Sports Ground, Mid-Western Highway

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>, June Long Weekend, FROM 12:00 Midday

Any enquiries ph: Donna – 0410800855 OR Dixie – 0429448549

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Do you need help with GARDENING, RUBBISH REMOVAL ETC.

Ring Trevor Grenfell

“Round Hill” Bribbaree – Phone: 63832353 after 4pm

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Cheers for another week **Sue Priestley**