

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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MY TUESDAY

On Tuesday I regularly do two things - visit my Mother and have lunch with her, then come home and start our I.C. newsletter. Maybe I should explain where this is going.

For those who don't know my Mum, my parents purchased the Quandialla Post Office in 1969, eventually sold the business and moved across the road to the bank building. They then moved to Grenfell, and when Dad passed away, Mum moved into a Seniors Unit. After 12 years Mum's health started to deteriorate, and now at 87 years of age, resides at Grenfell Residential Aged Care which is known as Grenfell MPS.

Mum's condition is a very sad one, and it affects so many families. At first, she was just forgetful, misplacing things, not remembering those appointments even when we wrote them down for her on the calendar because she would forget to look. Then it was people's names. But during this time Mum knew all the family, her bank balance and could debate you on anything that was on the news and thankfully was still enjoying her patchwork and knitting. When Mum's health started to deteriorate after each hospital visit she seemed to lose a part of herself, and the most upsetting part was she knew that things were not right.

Thankfully, Mum and her partner were offered a room at the Grenfell MPS in August 2017 and they accepted. Now I know Mum is getting 24/7 care with Les watching over her, but Mum's health has slipped even further, and she is now reliving her childhood, she still knows John and myself most of the time, but she cannot relate to her grown grandchildren as she remembers them as much younger.

It's very sad and I often cry in the car on the way home from my visit, because that little lady sitting there is my mother and she is overwhelmed by so many emotions. Either cranky with me - or telling me about something she thinks she has done - to I want to go home, and she hates me because I won't take her. We go through so many emotions in such a short time and finding the right tone or response can be very hard. And then there are those occasions when we have a special moment when my Mum sees me and tells me she loves me.

This disease can affect anyone and I'm sure it has touched most people whether it is a family member, or you have a friend who is dealing with something like I am at the moment. Whether it is your Mother, Father, Wife, Husband, Brother, Sister I know you will agree with me it is a hard road to travel seeing your loved one so lost and confused when before they were always in control, or now cranky and aggressive when they had never before raised their voice or hand. Your loved one is for ever changing and it is always in the back of my mind that the next visit, Mum might not know me.

I came away from my lunch visit today with mixed feelings. Mum was reliving her past and telling me lots of stories. Not sure what was true, but they were real to her. I was very excited

when Mum told me that my sister was coming to visit, she even had the date and time, she has forgotten I am an only child. We had tears when her lunch arrived because she didn't know what was on her plate and it all tasted the same and then we had the anger because she wanted to go home because someone was stealing her belongings. But the best part that made me cry on the way home today was the biggest hug and kiss that I have received in a long time and she told me that she loves me and appreciates all that I do.

When I got home today I found the following poem on my facebook page and it hit me like a sledge hammer, and I cried again. This poem says it all, whether it's your Mum or another family member and I just had to share it with you. My Mother is still with me, but slowly slipping away from me, and there might come a time when Mum will not know me, but I will know her, and who she is, and love both.

Two Mothers Remembered

By Joann Snow Duncanson

*I had two Mothers – two Mothers I claim
Two different people, yet with the same name.
Two separate women, diverse by design,
But I love them both because they were mine.*

*The first was the Mother who carried me here
Gave birth and nurtured and launched my career.
She was the one whose features I bear,
Complete with the facial expressions I wear.*

*She gave her love, which follows me yet,
Along with the examples in life she set.
As I got older, she somehow younger grew,
And we'd laugh as just Mothers and daughters do.*

*But then came the time that her mind clouded so,
I sensed that the Mother I knew would soon go.
So quickly she changed and turned into the other,
A stranger who dressed in the clothes of my
Mother.*

*Oh, she looked the same, at least at arm's length,
But now she was the child and I was her strength.
We'd come full circle, we women three,
My Mother the first, the second and me.*

*And if my own children should come to a day,
When a new Mother comes and the old goes
away,
I'd ask of them nothing that I didn't do.
Love both of your Mothers as both loved you.*

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE:

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla **on 8th & 22nd August 2018.**

Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment

The QUANDIALLA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Invites

Members and the Community to attend their Annual General Meeting
on August 14th at 11am at the Medical Centre.

Guest Speaker – Kim Broomby

Kim will be speaking about the Active Farmers Organisation.

A Light Lunch will be served after the meeting.

**ST MARKS ANGLICAN CHURCH: St Marks June Service will be held
on Sunday 5th August at 5pm. ALL WELCOME**

Baby Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS and Best Wishes go to Sarah Nowlan and partner Steve Hooper on the safe arrival of their gorgeous daughter, Mariah on Sunday 22nd July. Both Mum and baby are well. Best Wishes are also extended to very proud and excited grandmother Robyn Nowlan.



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After an amazing evening celebrating Christmas, I would like to thank..... everyone who supported the event; even if you were not able to be there on Sunday night. Everyone who worked before, during and after the event, whether it be cooking, planning, decorating, cleaning, set-up, collecting donations, giving donations, deep frying, singing, chocolate wheeling MC'ing etc. I would especially like to thank David; who is always the quiet, behind the scenes rock getting things done.

This amazing effort raised just over \$3000 and will filter back through Quandialla, Caragabal, Grenfell and Wirrinya to benefit our farming communities. THANK YOU!! - Kim

ROAD TO REMEMBRANCE

IN MEMORY

Hubert Allan Gault
1890 – 1918

Killed in action on 3rd August 1918
at Villers – Brettoneux

Thank you for serving your Country,
and for giving us the freedom that we all enjoy today.

'Lest We Forget'

On behalf of the Gault Families in the Bimbi / Quandialla District

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS

The Bland Hotel Joker Draw is still going and this week you could win \$520.

The Riverina Bowling Club Jackpot Draw was not claimed last week and has jackpotted to \$4500 this Friday. The Quandialla Bowling Club Local Members Draw went to a lucky member T.P. who pocketed \$175. This Friday the draw will start again at \$50, remember you must be there to win.

Good Luck Everyone!!!

BLAND CREEK BUSH FIRE BRIGADE

The Bland Creek Bush Fire Brigade will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 9th August at 7.30pm at the Bland Hotel. ALL WELCOME

QUANDIALLA CWA BRANCH:

The next General Meeting will be held on Monday 13th August at the CWA Rest Rooms starting at 7.30pm. ALL WELCOME

CLAIMING THE DATE

P & C Music Trivia Night

Saturday 1st September 2018

Fundraiser for Quandialla Public School Excursion to Melbourne

QUANDIALLA BUSH FIRE BRIGADE AGM & AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Quandialla Bush Fire Brigade will be holding their AGM at 11am on Saturday 18th August 2018 at the Fire Shed.

A BBQ lunch will be provided at 1pm followed by the Presentation of Quandialla Members Awards. All Welcome.

PLEASE NOTE:

Quandialla Bowling Club Memberships are NOW OVERDUE for 2018 – 2019. New member numbers will apply from 1st August for the Riverina Jackpot Draw and Local Club Members Draw.

Just a reminder that you cannot be in these draws until your membership for 2018-19 is paid.

So, come on, get a wriggle on, your new number is waiting!!!!!!

BOWLS NEWS: The 2018 Pairs Championship Draw is on the board. The 1st & 2nd rounds are to be completed on or before 5th August, Play or Forfeit. Please check the board, contact your partner and opposition, and get those bowls rolling.



2018 RAINFALL

July's rainfall recorded at the Quandialla Post Office was 5.8mm over 5 days.

Total for the year is 161.4mm over 30 days

RALPH RICHARDS SEPTICS: Call for a Quote: Phone 0457 821965 or 0477 094193

Until next week – Cheers **Sue Priestley**