

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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In last weeks' Grenfell Record the following letter was published and as soon as I read it, I knew I was going to include it in this I.C. for 2 reasons.

- 1. I wanted to show my support and*
- 2. Not a lot of people receive the Grenfell Record.*

Have our volunteers received the "kiss of death" by farcical requirements of Governments that flow on to local agencies and insurances giants?

The overbearing spectre of the insurance nightmare is to override all common-sense and appears now to diminish the significance of the volunteer who wishes to contribute to his community. Where the bl#dy hell are we headed in this world where we are being sculptured by stealth so as to be able to fit into a ground-breaking contemporary new order. We must never dull a person's initiative or free spirit; we must never throw doubt into a person's inner willingness to help communities or persons in need for the betterment of all. Too many of us are being suffocated by regulations and authority.

I very much fear we could possibly develop into a sterile country where we will be forever looking over our shoulder even if we pick up a garden fork or our thinking dulled by continuing fears of offending if we think or speak thoughts which may break from the strict confines of our present system which is drowning our free spirit and energy.

It may appear I have a chip on my shoulder, you are correct. After volunteering at the Quandialla pool and surrounding streets for over 51 years the authorities have forced me to hand over my key to the pool area. Yes, I am p***ed off. I guess we middle-aged octogenarians, in our 85th year, will have to sit back and accept life as we knew it could be.

P.S. A compromise was offered as I was departing, that I could travel from West Wyalong to Quandialla during the heat of the day to garden mid-afternoon when the pool would be open to the public for 1½ or 2½ hours. My normal times for those many years was a little after sunup when coolish and no distractions.

Rest assured at my age I have learnt not to retain any resentment against any person. But this has come as a total shock as I now feel my ties with the pool have now been severed after an unbroken interest since March 15, 1965.

Bryson Troy, West Wyalong

I would like to pass on my Congratulations to Bryson on his letter, it spoke volumes to me and I'm sure many of our readers would also feel the same. I agree whole heartedly with Bryson that common-sense has gone right out the window and it's very frustrating to have to think twice before you act or make a comment in case you offend someone as we are not allowed to have a personal opinion anymore.

But mainly I am so disappointed that Bryson has been treated like this and that his association with the Quandialla Pool for over 57 years has ended in this manner. The gardens at the pool are a testament to Bryson's dedication to the pool and to the village of Quandialla. When you drove into town you were treated to a lovely display especially at the corner and around the amenities block. Today it is a different story, the pool surrounds look unloved.

Over the past 108 years volunteers have made Quandialla the great little village it is today. When the residents of the district saw that we required a social and/or sporting group it was organised and ran by volunteers and that is the way of country life.

One of the village's biggest assets would not have been built or even still be available for our children today, if volunteers did not step up and put their heart and soul into raising funds, working bees, building, maintaining, and running our fabulous pool.

I do realise times have changed and assistance is now required from the Weddin Shire to help run the pool, but I do not understand the decision to not allow a willing volunteer worker in to do his magic on the grounds during an earlier time that would be more beneficial for him.

Almost 4.9 million people in NSW volunteer, contributing more than 1.5 billion hours which is valued at approximately \$127 billion. Volunteers provide an irreplaceable service. Volunteering benefits communities, the economy, and increases social cohesion.

However, if insurance or shire polices discourage our volunteers to put their hand up to help, small villages like Quandialla are going to be disadvantaged, because we rarely see council workers out here doing a tidy up or even simple maintenance work.

Written by Sue Priestley

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

Bland Hotel Joker Jackpot Draw

The Joker Jackpot was not claimed and this week the jackpot will be \$480, and you have 6 chances to win a meat tray and a chance to choose the Joker Card.



Quandialla Bowling Club Draws

The Riverina Club Draw and Members Draw were not claimed last week so this Friday the Riverina Jackpot will be \$3500, and the Members Club Draw will jackpot to \$175.

Remember if your badge number is drawn for any of the jackpots.
YOU MUST BE AT THE CLUB to claim your prize when it is announced.

Good Luck Everyone

QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL & PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd February at 7.30pm
at the Bland Hotel Dining Room.

All Welcome

BLAND HOTEL

Open: 12 Midday – Monday to Saturday

Meals available from the Bistro

Lunch 12 to 2pm & Dinner 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Dine In or Take Away & Don't Forget – Pizza Night on Wednesdays.



QUANDIALLA BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Friday 17th February opening at 6pm –

*Don't forget our Friday Night 12 Tray Meat Raffle and the Members Draw,
Riverina Jackpot - \$3500 & Members Draw - \$175*

Sunday 20th February opening at 10 am

& CLOSING for LUNCH at 2pm Opening again at 3pm

Sunday Papers available.



Sarah Penfold is participating in the event "Splash the Stigma" by Batyr Australia for youth mental health. This requires Sarah to swim a total of 10 kilometres, which she will be swimming on the 25th, 26th and 27th February to raise funds for this worthy cause.

If you would like to donate and support Sarah in this venture, you can go online to splashthestigma.com.au and type Sarah Penfold in the search individuals bar and make a donation. Sarah would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance as your donation will be helping batyr turn the tide on youth mental health.

GROCERIES AVAILABLE in QUANDIALLA at the BLAND HOTEL

Fresh bread 3 x week Papers – Hot coffee!!!!!! Fruit / Veg & other necessities.
Best meat pies (available frozen as well) & Car and Truck Batteries & Oil.



4 Weeks Active Farmers Group Classes Free
Beginning Monday 21st February for 4 weeks. All Active farmers Classes (Quandialla, Grenfell & Online) will be free!!
Also, we have a couple of group Challenges and access to a Nutrition Package designed by Nutrition Nation.
Contact Kim for more information 0427472152

Pilates Classes (Matwork)
At Quandialla on Thursday 4.15pm & 5.15pm
Held at the Purple Room at QPS
Commencing Thursday 24th February for 7 weeks
\$105 for the block or Casual \$20 per class.
Please contact Kim to book your spot. 0427472152

Don't Forget



Mahon Family Book Launch

An invitation is extended to I. C Readers who might be interested and would like to join the Mahon family at their book launch.

Where: *Bland Hotel*

When: *Saturday 19th February 2022 at 12 noon.*

If you would like to pop in and have a chat you would be most welcome.

Wedding Update from ME the Mother of the Bride

I'm a little biased but Tammie's wedding was picture perfect.

Covid was a major concern for both the bride and groom, and both families' goal was to stay one step ahead of the virus and not miss this wedding, and I'm pleased to report we all achieved that.

Tammie and Troy said their vows in front of an excited group of family and friends at the Tree Chapel at the Wagga Botanic Gardens on Saturday 12th February 2022. Tammie's sister Courtney was bridesmaid with Troy's brother Brett as best man, and of course Stella and Macy looked so gorgeous as flower girls. After photos, guests made their way to the Botanic Gardens restaurant where the reception was held.

Tammie and Troy's vision of what they wanted at their wedding all came together, with all their guests enjoying themselves. I've seen some lovely candid shots that family members snapped but I cannot wait to see what the official photographer achieved.

I love seeing all our children together, especially as a wedding is a special occasion.

I was certainly one very proud mother.

Cheers until next week **Sue Priestley**