

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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This newsletter is an initiative of the Quandialla Progress Association

Sponsored by John & Margaret Jones

Quandialla Swimming Centre

A Golden 50th
anniversary celebration

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO HELP
THE QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY
CELEBRATE OUR 50TH SWIMMING SEASON

Sunday 20th March
from 10.30am

A LIGHT BRUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
WITH A SHORT FORMAL CEREMONY AROUND
NOON.

COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE WILL BE
FOR SALE ON THE DAY

Fifty years ago, after the culmination of 6 years of fundraising, hard yakka, worry and dedication by the then Pool Committee, Ladies Auxiliary, and the people of Quandialla. It was a proud day for the community when the pool was officially opened in 1971.

John and I would like to take this opportunity to Thank all the many workers, volunteers, committee members & executives, lifesavers, parents & swimmers who have worked tirelessly and supported the pool over the last 50 years. Your help with fundraising, building the pool at the beginning, maintaining and manning the Quandialla Swimming Pool till now has given our community a wonderful legacy that we now know as the Quandialla Swimming Centre.

See you at the Golden 50th Anniversary Celebration.....

Quandialla Swimming Pool Commemorative Merchandise

*Merchandise will be available for pre-purchase and for sale
on the event day, Sunday 20th March 2022.*

50 Year Commemorative Drink Bottle - \$20 Duffle Bag - \$25 Cap - \$20

Stock is limited. So, to ensure you are not disappointed, we encourage you to pre-order by sending an email to QUANDIALLAPOOL@OUTLOOK.COM All orders will be delivered free of charge to the event. Or postage can be organised at an additional cost of \$10.

My apologies to the Swimming Pool Committee as I was unable to download your original merchandise flyer. To prospective buyers you can go on the Quandialla Swimming Centre Facebook page and view the merchandise photos and order form or contact Bronwyn Morley.

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

Bland Hotel Joker Jackpot Draw

The Joker Jackpot was not claimed and this week the jackpot will be \$520, 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 was not claimed last week so this Friday the Riverina Jackpot will be \$1000. The Members Club Draw will jackpot to \$75.

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



ST MARKS ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICE

Next Service will be held on Sunday 6th March at 6pm.

Everyone Welcome

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Walk In Clinic

Opening Hours: 9am – 10am Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

CLOSED Tuesday & Fridays.

We will re-open on a fortnightly basis on Tuesday in the coming months.

If it is an emergency dial 000 or alternatively ring the health centre on 63471200 and leave a message with your name and contact number.

*Or call/text 0427 410 086 (please leave your name and contact number)
and we will get back to you.*

Sorry for the inconvenience - Thank you, Elle and Catia

Thank You!

On behalf of the Mahon Family, I would like to pass on our thanks to the Quandialla Community for helping make the Mahon Family book launch a successful weekend. Special thanks to Dan and staff at the Bland Hotel who made everyone feel welcome. Thank you to IC and Sue for your help in advertising our book launch, Robert Reeves, John Nowlan & Neva Phillips in helping with information that we had been searching for, plus thanks to the locals, who popped in and caught up with myself and family members. Thank You – Mick Mahon

Hello to Yvonne Allen nee: Troth

I've heard Yvonne and daughter Maree are visiting Quandialla, where they will be catching up with family Hazell and Penny. Yvonne will also be able to enjoy long awaited visits from her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Hope you have a wonderful time catching up with family and friends and have a safe journey home.



QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL & PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Hall and Progress will be held on Wednesday 30th March 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.

FOOTY TIPPING COMP at the BLAND HOTEL

It's that time of year again – join our local Tipping Comp.

First round gets underway next week on the Thursday evening 10th March.

So, get your name in soon.



2022 RAINFALL

February's rainfall recorded at the Quandialla Post Office was 7.2mm over 3 days. Total rainfall for the year is 177.2mm over 15 days.

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

QUANDIALLA BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Friday 4th March opening at 6pm –

Don't forget our Friday Night 12 Tray Meat Raffle and the Members Draw, Riverina Jackpot - \$1000 & Members Draw - \$75

Sunday 6th March at 10 am

Sunday Papers Available.

2022 Devastating Floods

Watching the devastating floods unfold in Queensland and South Wales is heartbreaking and hard to comprehend but Mother Nature is unpredictable and answers to no-one.

The loss of human life, towns disappearing under raging water, homes and memories being lost. The impact on businesses and primary production, the loss is unfathomable.

As this disaster unfolds there will be many stories of tragedy, loss and total devastation. However, this is where Australians show how we unite and bring hope to those who have been impacted by the floods in whatever capacity we can, either donations of food, goods, cash or your time. I had seen the following poem during the last flood in Queensland and I went searching for it because I remembered it said it all – “uniting and supporting each other”.

HOPE

When your day is at its darkest,
And you wonder how you'll cope,
The waters coming in the door,
And all that's left is hope.

You watched your life's work washed away,
It's hard to make a stand,
When Mother Nature goes berserk,
And water roars across the land.

You wonder if you will make it,
As the water takes your home,
And you pray your family's safe,
While you stand there all alone.

So, when you think all is lost,
And it's hard to see the light,
Help is on its way right now,
Australia all unite.

'Cause our friends are in trouble,
Hell's coming through the gate,
Australia's at their best my friend,
When helping out a mate.

So, be it time or goods or cash,
We're here to lend a hand,
To all those people hurting,
From the flood that's hit our land.

We can't replace the memories lost,
But we can help ease your pain,
When Australians work together mate,
We'll help you start again.

LANCE ELLIS
Townsville, QLD

Cheers until next week **Sue Priestley**

Of course, that poem wasn't where I thought it would be on the internet, but after a day searching for it, finally finding it, typing it up, it has now popped up on my Facebook page today. It made me think - the government doesn't need to monitor us; they just have to go to the internet. It knows where I am, what I am doing or interested in. There is no real privacy today.