

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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This newsletter is an initiative of the Quandialla Progress Association

**Sponsored by Quandialla Bowling Club**

## *THANK YOU*

*A huge thank you to everyone who wished me all the best for a speedy recovery after my accident. Your best wishes, phone calls and cards were a wonderful help to me, and I'm now back on my feet, with still a way to go, but travelling not too bad.*

*Thank you also to all those wonderful people who helped do farm work when needed and to everyone who kindly offered to help out, along with the amazing support given to Narelle. It has certainly reinforced to Narelle and myself, just how lucky we are to live in such a caring and supportive community, where offers of help and support have been overwhelming.*

*With sincere appreciation from myself and Narelle.  
Harry Gault*

**Put This Date on Your Calendar  
because you are invited  
to the .....**

***Quandialla Swimming Centre's Golden 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.***

## **Betty McCabe's Family have put a book together of Betty's notes and memories.**

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

*Betty was born in Quandialla in 1941 to parents Douglass and Hazell Dougall. Betty's grandfather William Millroy Dougall and son, Betty's father Douglass aged 10 arrived in Quandialla when William was appointed the first ganger for the railway in 1912. After working as a jockey and farm hand Douglass followed in his father's footsteps and commenced work on the railway at Quandialla in 1944.*

*Betty and her 5 younger siblings were all raised in Quandialla, went to local schools and later worked in the district, before eventually moving from the area, with a few not moving too far.*

*Betty married a local lad Athol McCabe in 1962 and purchased a property called "Waterloo" at Barmedman where they raised their family of 3 sons and 1 daughter. Athol and Betty eventually moved to Temora with Athol passing in 2020 and Betty passed away in September 2021.*

I had known Betty for many years and during the Centenary preparations I was in constant contact with Betty and Athol. They were a mine of information regarding past locals, past events and so much more, they were both a great help to me. I would like to take this opportunity to Congratulate Betty's children for completing Betty's work and having it printed.



### **You are invited to the Book Launch**

**Where: Temora Railway Precinct**

**When: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 11.00am**

Betty and Athol were always prepared when they travelled by taking a chair, thermos and food. With this tradition in mind the family invite you to bring your own chair and a thermos to enjoy while at the park. After the launch you are invited to join the family who will be moving to the Temora Bowling Club for lunch (at your own cost). For further information please phone Peter McCabe on 0458 554 868

## **QUANDIALLA SWIMMING CENTRE END OF SEASON**

**Will close 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

## **QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:**

### **Bland Hotel Joker Jackpot Draw .....**

The Joker Jackpot was not claimed and this week the jackpot will be \$540, 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 \$1500. The Members Club Draw was claimed by me, it was my lucky night so next week the jackpot will start again at \$50.

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 CWA Branch**

The next General Meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March in the CWA Rest Room at 10 o'clock.

#### AGENDA

Branch and Unit Business

All Welcome.

President: Penny Edgerton



### **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.

### **BIMBI PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

The next General Meeting of the Bimbi Progress will be held  
on Monday 21st March at 11.00am.

Followed by a cuppa and light lunch. All interested persons welcome

## **QUANDIALLA BOWLING CLUB NEWS**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March opening at 6pm –**

*Don't forget our Friday Night 12 Tray Meat Raffle and the Members Draw,  
Riverina Jackpot - \$1500 & Members Draw - \$50*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March opening at 10 am**

Sunday Papers available.

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**QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL & PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

The Annual General Meeting of the Hall and Progress will be held  
on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm  
at the Bland Hotel Dining Room. All Welcome

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Enquires please phone:  
Adam Slater – 0418 272465

**GROCERIES AVAILABLE  
in QUANDIALLA at the BLAND HOTEL**

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

**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

I was going to say "this sign says it all" but I think there is worse to come!



Cheers until next week ..... **Sue Priestley**