

# IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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## THE NEED TO FUNDRAISE

Since Quandialla has not been able to hold a Deb Ball since 2018 due to lack of young ladies, fundraising for the Hall has become an issue. Then factor in COVID and the Hall renovations dragging on we have hit a wall by not being able to raise funds to help cover our yearly costs of insurance, maintenance and every day running costs like electricity, water, and rates. In the past when holding a ball our goal was to raise enough funds to cover our insurance expenses, some years we did and some we would fall short, thankfully we had a small reserve in our account to continue covering all our expenses.

In 2019 we held a music event called Big Merino and for 2020 & 2021 we put our hand up for part of the Melbourne Cup Calcutta. From those three events the hall receipted \$3065.00, for which we were most thankful.

Our insurance for the Hall consists of 3 policies, Public Liability, Volunteer Coverage and Building & Contents. Unfortunately, our expenses were much higher than our income during that period. Insurance costs alone totalled \$9524.00 for those 3 years, and we have just paid this years' insurance which was \$3210.00. As you can see, we are running at a loss, but thankfully we have had some money in reserve from the Centenary donation which we reluctantly had to use.

Now that we are learning to live with COVID, we need to start fundraising again because we have just had firsthand experience on how funds can be depleted due to unforeseen circumstances.

So, the Quandialla Soldiers Memorial Hall Committee have decided to dip their toes in the fundraising waters and host a Prawns or Chicken Luncheon at the Quandialla Bowling Club on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

We are still sourcing our prawns and hopefully we will be able to start advertising cost etc next week. Naturally due to the cost of seafood we will require tickets to be purchased before the event.

We hope you will consider supporting this function for two reasons:

- 1.** The Hall is a major asset of our community, and your support for this and future fundraisers will ensure it continues to stand for the next generation.
- 2.** It's time to start socialising again. Since COVID, it is far too easy to stay at home. We have all looked after each other during the past few years but now we need to remember what a wonderful community Quandialla has been in the past and still is today, and to do that we need to reconnect and become that community again.

*There is no place like this place, anywhere. So, this must be the place.*

*With  
Deepest  
Sympathy*

## **The Passing of a Past Resident.**

*John Olsen was born in Quandialla in 1937  
and passed away on  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 aged 85 years.*

*John and I had corresponded while researching family information for our history book and John was very enthusiastic about attending Quandialla's Centenary (which he did) and to also have the Olsen Family History included as he was very proud of his family and the Olsen name. John also received Idle Chatter by email every week since it started in 2012 and we often chatted about something that caught his eye, especially from the Blast from the Past items.*

Some would remember the Olsen name and the Olsen Family as they were a significant part of Quandialla's history from 1916 to 1954. I would like to take this opportunity to share some of John's family memories with you.

John's grandparents Arent and Alice Olsen arrived in Quandialla in 1916 with 4 children, Chris, Bill, Jack and Thelma and opened a general store called The Model Store in Second Street and in 1920 the family welcomed another daughter, Phyllis. Tragedy struck in 1923 when their eldest son Chris aged 17 was killed in a fire that destroyed a major part of Olsen's Store and home. The family rebuilt and that building still stands today as the current Post Office and the Priestley home.

John's father Jack went into business as a carrier and during 1932 – 34, operated two International trucks carting gravel, and an International tractor for getting and loading gravel, road ploughing, grading etc. Two of his projects were the Morangorell to Bribbaree Road and the Bimbi to Quandialla Road. During this time Jack also built two houses in Glasson Street after he purchased a saw bench and learnt how to saw timber. In 1936 Jack married Gertrude Goesch of Temora and lived in one of the houses that he had built and in 1937 John was born. Due to lack of work Jack and his family moved away ending up in Scone where Jack set up a sawmill and then in 1942 Jack and his cousins built another sawmill at Young Wallsend (now Gendale) near Newcastle. They worked together until 1944 when Jack was seriously injured at the sawmill and could no longer do heavy physical work. Late 1944 saw Jack and his family return to Quandialla, where he purchased the Model Store from his parents allowing them to retire to Sydney. Plagued by drought and dust Jack implemented a number of other money ventures of becoming sub agents for Grenfell Sutton Motors and Deutz Tractors and he continued to use his building skills around the district to supplement his family's income. In 1954 the Olsen's sold the family store to Clive Hazel ending nearly 50 years of an Olsen family member working in the store or in the district, making a living while helping to build Quandialla into a vibrant country village.

Young John attended the local school in Quandialla and in 1949 he welcomed his sister Dianne who the family adopted. By 1951 John had completed the Intermediate Certificate at QCS and then went to Young High School to complete his schooling. In 1954 John was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship at Sydney University to study Science with the view to a career as an Industrial Chemist.

John married Shirley Brown from Young in 1966 and the happy couple made their home in Melbourne where they raised their family.

*Deepest Sympathy is extended to John's wife Shirley and family at this very sad time.  
Condolences are also extended to John's families and friends.*



CONGRATULATIONS  
ON YOUR WEDDING DAY

## Congratulations

go to  
*Matthew Thain of Quandialla  
and Brittney Trudgett of Young  
who were married on  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Young.*

*Best Wishes to the Happy Couple.*

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### QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

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

The Joker Jackpot was not claimed and this week the jackpot will be \$740, 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 was not claimed last week so this Friday the Riverina Jackpot will jackpot to \$1000. The Members Club Draw was claimed by Sue G, so 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



### **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.

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### **QUANDIALLA BOWLING CLUB NEWS**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May opening at 6pm –**

*Don't forget our Friday Night 12 Tray Meat Raffle, Also, the Riverina Jackpot & Members Draw.*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – opening times: 10am – 2pm & open again at 4pm ....** Sunday Papers available

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**Invite to Ross Causer's 90th Birthday on the 15<sup>th</sup> June.**

*His family will be hosting a continuous cuppa from 10 am until 3.30pm  
at Ross & Dimity's home – 13 Henry Place, Young.*

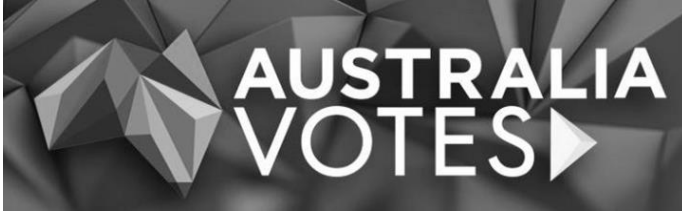
*Call in, to wish him well and share a laugh and a story, stay an hour or all day.*

**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.

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**DON'T FORGET**



The 2022 Australian Federal Election will be held this Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022.  
You can vote at the Quandialla Public School from 8am – 6pm

**CWA BBQ on Election Day**

Sausage & Steak Sandwiches, cold drinks for Sale during the day.

**Live every moment,  
Love everyday, because  
before you know it, your  
precious time slips  
away...**



Cheers  
until  
next week

***Sue Priestley***