

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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This newsletter is an initiative of the Quandialla Progress Association

Sponsored by Rex & Margaret Penfold



*You are invited to attend
Quandialla's Anzac Day Commemorative Service
commencing*

*at 11.00 am at the Quandialla Soldiers Memorial Hall.
School and Ex-Service Personnel to be at Blamey Park by 10.45 am.*

*All school students are encouraged to participate in the
ANZAC Day March & Service and requested to wear full school uniform.
Descendants of Servicemen and Women may wear Service Medals.*

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

Bland Hotel Poker Jackpot Draw

Last week the Jackpot was not claimed so this week you have 4 chances to win a meat tray and a chance to choose the Joker Card and you can take home \$480.

Quandialla Bowling Club Draws

The Riverina Club Draw was not claimed, so, this week it will jackpot to \$1500. The Members Club Draw was claimed by David P, and it will start again at \$50 this Friday.

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 will be holding their next **General Meeting** on Monday 12th April at 7.30pm in the Quandialla CWA Rooms. All Welcome.

QUANDIALLA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th April at 9.30am at the Medical Centre. New members encouraged and welcome.

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Opening Hours: 9am – 2pm Four Days a Week

Walk In Clinic from 9am – 10am on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Appointment ONLY on Wednesday (Phone: 6347 1200)

The Health Clinic will be CLOSED on Friday.

BLAND HOTEL

OPENING – 12 midday

Monday – Saturday

Phone: 63471253

The Bistro is operating for Dine In or Take Away Meals from the normal Bistro's Menu

Lunch 12 midday to 2pm & Dinner 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Mon – Sat

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR MEALS when Dining IN

Pizza on Wednesday nights



PLUS Groceries

Fresh bread 3 x week – Papers – Hot coffee!!!!!!

Fruit / Veg & other necessities – Best meat pies (available frozen as well)

& Car and Truck Batteries & Oil

PILATES - Term 2, 2021

GRENFELL

Monday: 4.15pm & 5.15pm, Bowling Club

Tuesday: 10.30am, Bowling Club (suitable for the Mature)

Thursday: 6.15am & 8am at The Hub

Thursday: 9.30am, Bowling Club.



QUANDIALLA

Thursday: 4.15pm & 5.15pm, Quandialla Public School.

10 weeks beginning 19th of April until the 24th of June.

45 min class (inc stretch)

Require: Pilates Mat, bottle of water, active wear to move with you and a small pillow or towel.

Cost: \$150 adult, \$120 student, or Aged Pensioner to be paid upfront.

Mat work for strength, balance, co-ordination, and flexibility.

For enquiries or to book in with Kim, 0427472152, or @KB5Fitness on Instagram or Facebook.

REMINDER

Quandialla District Scholarships Applications
are DUE by the
12th April 2021

Please contact Secretary Narelle Gault on 6347 1294 with any enquiries.

Inland Rail - Stockinbingal to Parkes April Drop-in Sessions.....

Inland Rail is progressing the reference design for enhancement works on the Stockinbingal to Parkes project. This includes the options for the Lachlan River rail bridge and a number of horizontal clearance works between Forbes and Stockinbingal.

Visit our drop-in sessions and provide your feedback on the latest designs. We will also provide information about potential construction impacts when we begin works in 2022 on Wyndham Avenue Bridge and the new crossing loop at Daroobalgie.

Tuesday, 20 April 10:30am-12:30pm Milvale Community Hall, 1528 Milvale Road, Milvale

Tuesday, 20 April 4:00pm-6:00pm Bribbaree Bowling Club, 14 Railway Street Bribbaree

Wednesday, 21 April 10:30am-12:30pm Quandialla Memorial Hall, Second Street Quandialla

Wednesday, 21 April 4:00pm-6:00pm Golf Club, Mid-Western Highway Caragabal

Thursday, 22 April 11:00am-1:00pm Rankin Street Forbes

Friday, 23 April 4:00pm-6:00pm Wurrinya Hall, Wurrinya Road Wurrinya



STEP BACK IN TIME

Acknowledgement: The following story was obtained from

BIMBI AND DISTRICT ANZACS 'Cobber, remember to tell our story'.

Written and compiled by Mr Bruce Robinson and Margaret Nowlan-Jones in 2016.

ANZAC NURSES

There are no records of any Bimbi women enlisting for service abroad as army nurses in the 1914 – 1918 war, but two young women, Eileen and Kathleen McNamara, who were born on the Bland ten miles west of Quandialla, did enlist and serve. This is their story.

Their father Timothy McNamara was born at Morangarell in 1850 and married Honora Conlan on 1st January 1875. Timothy and his wife were listed on electoral rolls in 1881 and 1889 as living on East Bland. Fourteen children were born to them between 1876 and 1895, and their first two were registered as born at Young. The rest of their children were registered as born in Grenfell, at that time of the nearest registry.

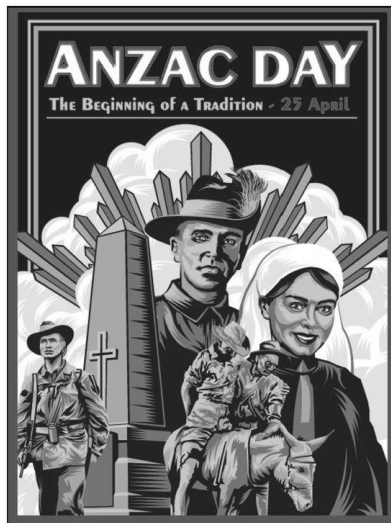
Three children died while the family was living on The Bland and their deaths were registered in Grenfell. One female baby was buried on East Bland, but the location of the grave is unknown. The family moved to a farming property near Tomingley in the early 1900s. Two daughters Eileen and Kathleen, trained as nurses at Maitland Hospital and both enlisted with three other nurses in the Australian Army Nursing Service in September 1917.

Eileen Lillian McNamara was 28yrs old when she enlisted, gave her birthplace as Grenfell, her occupation as trained nurse and next-of-kin as Timothy McNamara, Tomingley, NSW.

Her sister Kathleen was 26yrs 6mths old with similar attestation details. Both nurses were farewelled from Maitland Hospital and were presented with gold brooches by the Returned Soldiers Club at Maitland before embarking on *SS Wyreema* from Sydney on 14th October 1918.

Both nurses served at the New Zealand Stationary Hospital Salonika and returned to Australia on 5th January 1919. Eileen was mentioned in despatches in the London Gazette on 30th October 1919, no other details available. Kathleen married John McCann in 1929 and they have four children. She died in 1981 in Sydney aged ninety.

Two brothers, Leo and Ignatious (Nace) McNamara served in the army in WW1 and another brother Reginald (Ironman) became a world champion bike rider and has been inducted into the United States Bicycling Hall of Fame and the Madison Square Garden Hall of Fame.



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