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## **IMAGINE**

*What life was like before the COVID Pandemic.*

*Lets' go back to 1900*

In the early 1900's your grandparents might have been some of the many who had emigrated to Australia to make a new life. It would have been a hard life but those who made the commitment would have worked tirelessly to make a living and raise a family, without all the mod cons that we enjoy today.

Many would have fought in World War I, where 22 million people died, while family kept things going at home. They survived the Spanish Flu in 1919 which became a global pandemic and 50 million people died across the world.

In 1929 there was an economic crisis in America which led to inflation, unemployment, and famine worldwide. The Great Depression, thankfully your ancestors survived that.

Your grandparents are starting to make their way in life. Unfortunately, in 1939 Germany invaded Poland, and World War II began, ending in 1945. Sadly 60 million people died with 6 million Jews dying in the Holocaust. Again, many Australians fought in this war, and many did not return home.

Depending on when your parents were born, they would have witnessed a number of more conflicts across the world that Australia supported by sending troops, aid etc. The Korean War, Vietnam War, and many other conflicts, and all of these horrific events affected the world in some way. Unfortunately, in Australia there were families that had loved ones who did not return home.

Most people reading this newsletter will belong to the next generation (this is my era). I think they all will agree, this was a great time to be a kid. Becoming a responsible adult was a cultural shock, but like our parents we were up for the challenge. Some have represented Australia in oversea conflicts, most started working straight out of school which was usually a policy that parents liked to follow, you either stayed in school/Tafe or you found a job.

Our goal in life was to do the very best we could for our family while working, either for someone or operating a business either, on the land, retail. or industry etc. We needed to make sure our children received the best education so they could achieve their goals in life and contribute their knowledge and expertise in the world arena.

Our children have had to adapt to a fast and furious new world of technical knowledge, which has progressed at such a pace and in some cases leaving the older generation behind. Now our grandchildren are up for the challenge that presents itself.

From the year 1900 till today every generation has endured various issues, wars, floods, drought, bushfires, global warming, economic obstacles, work related problems, health issues,

personal tragedies, the list goes on. However, humanity, love and courage has survived across the world and Australians show these qualities every time they come up against hard times.

Today NSW and the rest of Australia is currently in the thick of the latest outbreak of the COVID 19 pandemic, sadly over 4.2 million people have already passed away worldwide.

During this pandemic, and just recently at that unruly protest rally in Sydney we saw a considerable number of people, young and old, who cannot agree to do the right things that are necessary to stop this deadly virus. They continue to complain and ignore the requirements to wear face masks, plus the need to register your whereabouts when we are out in public, to practise social distancing, and most importantly to follow the rules set out in lockdown.

Today we live in a new world full of comfort where you have power, mobile phones, plenty of food (and toilet paper), hot water and a safe roof over our heads. But remember none of that existed in previous times.

*This is where I hope we can look back at how our ancestors handled those tough times that presented themselves. They got through the Spanish Flu in 1919 and the many other hardships they had to face. If we rally together, we will beat this pandemic too. When the Government is able to make more vaccines available and ALL Australian Residents get with the program and receives their 2 jabs, we will hopefully have the pandemic under control and then life might feel normal again.*

**We can do this!!! But we need to work together!!!!**

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## **QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:**

### **Bland Hotel Poker Jackpot Draw .....**

Last week the Jackpot was not claimed so this week you have 6 chances to win a meat tray and a chance to choose the Joker Card and take home \$820.



### **Quandialla Bowling Club Draws .....**

The Riverina Club Draw was not claimed, so this Friday the draw will jackpot to \$1500. The Members Club Draw was not claimed and will jackpot this Friday to \$100.

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.

**Don't Forget Our Meat Draw Raffle – 12 Trays Each Week**

*Good Luck Everyone*

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## **QUANDIALLA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY - AGM**

The next General Meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am at the Medical Centre. The Annual Meeting will follow at 11am with the Election of Office Bearers.

A light lunch will be served after the Native Nursery from Grenfell has given advice and suggestions for planting in the Front Garden of the Centre.

**The above Annual Meeting will GO AHEAD – COVID Restrictions will apply**

### 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

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

**SUBS are NOW DUE**

*Remember you must be a Member to be in the running to win any of the Club Jackpots.*

*New Members Welcome.*



### 2021 RAINFALL

July's rainfall recorded at the Quandialla Post Office was 51mm over 16 days.

Total rainfall to the end of July is 445.6mm over 60 days.



**Protect yourself.  
Protect others.  
Get vaccinated.**

**John & I have had our second jab on Tuesday 3rd, so now we are fully vaccinated!!!!**

**No side effects which is a plus, however we are extremely happy that we have done everything possible to protect ourselves, our family, and friends.**

**Hopefully, when our fully vaccinated numbers increase,  
life will return to some form of normality soon.**

**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.

**Joss**  
Facility Management

# CLEANERS WANTED

Applicants need to be available to work  
Monday to Friday between the hours  
5:00am-7:00pm.

- Split shifts: 5:00am-9:00am and  
2:00pm-7:00pm
- Day shift available from 11:00am-3:00pm

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