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**Quandialla District Scholarship Committee**

## 2021 Scholarships

Quandialla District Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the 2021 recipients.

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold a small presentation evening to celebrate the achievements of our very deserving young members of our community, due to covid-19 restrictions.

Our committee would now like to congratulate the following recipients on their awards:

### **University Scholarship (No. 1 – first year of study) – Sarah Penfold**

Sarah is enrolled in a 4-year university course at Charles Sturt University, Bathurst, where she is undertaking a Bachelor of Education K-12. Sarah is inspired to become a teacher, as she understands the importance of empowering individuals through education as well as, having witnessed herself, the impact a passionate and relatable teacher can make in a young person's life.

Teaching others has become a passion for Sarah, and she sees that helping others will give her great satisfaction and happiness in being able to help someone achieve their goals in life, and also create a general interest and enjoyment in their learning. Sarah has a patient and understanding nature, and will no doubt make an inspiring teacher. Best wishes to Sarah as she commences this journey.

### **TAFE Scholarship (Long Term course) – Angus Kelly**

Angus is undertaking an Automotive Agriculture Mechanical Technology, Certificate 3 course at TAFE NSW. Angus commenced his apprenticeship course on a full-time basis in August last year, after completing a number of units in his school-based apprenticeship. Angus is now employed full time with Hutcheon & Pearce, Forbes, as an Automotive Agriculture Service Apprentice.

Angus's course is made up of 3 years of theory and practical lessons which is conducted in 6 weekly blocks throughout the year at the John Deere TAFE Facility in Wagga. Angus is also required to undertake approximately 4 years, full-time practical labour with his employer. Angus is enthusiastic and passionate about working in the Agriculture Industry and has a long-term vision to provide mechanical services to his local community, along with being an active member of his families farming business. It is great to have our younger members taking on apprenticeships and in time, returning back to our area to fulfil their dreams.

### **University Scholarship (No. 2 – second or further year of study) – Tiffany Penfold**

Tiffany is in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of her degree, studying Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Paramedicine at the Australian Catholic College in Canberra. Tiffany's course is for 4 years, where on her graduation, she will be qualified to work in a wide range of careers, such as: aged care nursing, community nursing, medical dispatcher, medical/surgical nursing and as a Paramedic.

In Tiffany's 3<sup>rd</sup> year, she has been fortunate to have the opportunity to complete a number of placements. She has been allocated 6 weeks full time placement at the Calvary Hospital for her nursing degree, which will include working in the mental health ward, the emergency department and on a medical ward.

Tiffany has also been allocated 80 hours for on road placement for paramedicine, along with 2 weeks in a maternity ward.

Tiffany received a Dean' Excellence award in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year of study, and has also be invited to join the Golden Key Club which is available through invitation only and only to students in the top 15% of their cohort. Tiffany has a love for the country, and a strong understanding of the shortage of health care professionals within rural and remote areas, and on the completion of her degree, she is hoping to return to work in a country town, where she also hopes to be to an advocate to obtain better health services for people living in rural and remote communities. Tiffany feels with appropriate funding for education and health care personnel, such disparities could, to some degree, be overcome in our rural areas.

#### **University Scholarship (No. 2 – second or further year of study) – Bridgette Penfold**

Bridgette is in her final year of study, of her double degree of Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws. In her arts component of her degree, she has majored in international studies and psychology. For her law degree, Bridgette has prescribed areas of knowledge for law students, commonly known as the Priestley 11 subjects. In addition to these subjects, Bridgette has also chosen law electives to allow her to specialise and tailor her studies.

Bridgette's dedication to her degree, can only be emphasised on her academic success throughout her course. In 2020, during semester one and semester two, Bridgette was awarded the Dean's Excellence Award, and has also received this award, in semester one this year. This award goes to students who achieve a GPA of 6.5 or higher. To be able to achieve this GPA, Bridgette received three high distinctions and one distinction in each semester. Also, in semester 2, 2020, Bridgette was awarded the Justice Richard Refshauge Prize for Criminal Justice. This prize is awarded to the student with the highest mark in Criminal Justice. Bridget has been invited to join the Golden Key Club, with this award only awarded by invitation, and only for students in the top 15% of their cohort.

Bridgette's original passion to study law stems back to her time at Quandialla Central School, where she was an active participant in Public Speaking and Debating. These experiences developed her interest in the study of law, which then further bloomed in later schooling, where she studied Legal Studies during her HSC. As Bridgette comes to her final year of 5 years of study, she must be congratulated on her dedication, perseverance and commitment to her degree, and the Quandialla District Scholarship Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the best for the future.

The Quandialla District Scholarship Committee is proud to be able to continue supporting our local students, and the Committee wishes to take this opportunity to congratulate Sarah, Angus, Tiffany and Bridgette, as they continue with their studies, and along with our community, we look forward to hearing of their future achievements and where their studies take them in life.

The Committee would also like to congratulate them for their dedication, patience and perseverance on continuing with their studies during such a difficult and challenging year and hoping that 2022 will be much easier for them to continue with their studies.

The Committee is especially grateful for the financial contributions from Cowal Gold Operations - Evolution (Cowal) Ltd., Daybreak Cropping, Central Tablelands Water and Delta Agribusiness.

The Quandialla District Scholarship Committee has five Scholarships available each year. Applications can be made for a Year 10 Scholarship, TAFE Scholarship (short term), TAFE Scholarship (Long term), University Scholarship (1<sup>st</sup> year of Study), and a University Scholarship (2<sup>nd</sup> and further year of study). Applications for 2022 Scholarships will be advertised in Idle Chatter, early in the new year. For further information in applying for Scholarships, or if you wish to donate to the Quandialla District Scholarship Committee, and in turn help our local students fulfil their dreams, please contact the Secretary, Narelle Gault on 6347 1294 ah

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## QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

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

Prior to the last lockdown 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 \$860.



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

The Riverina Club Draw has been suspended during the lockdown and this Friday the jackpot will be \$2500. The Members Club Draw jackpot will be \$75 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.

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

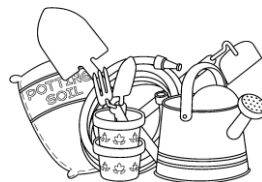
*Good Luck Everyone*

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## QUANDIALLA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY – WORKING BEE

A Working Bee will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 10 am to plant the front gardens at the Medical Centre with donated plants from the Grenfell Native Nursery.

If inclement weather, our working bee will be rescheduled – Ph: 63471110



### 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to COVID restriction of one person per 4 sqm rule inside venues -  
**BOOKINGS are essential for having a Drink and/or Dining as seating is limited.**  
*Call 63471253 and make your booking.*

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## QUANDIALLA BOWLING CLUB NEWS

The Quandialla Bowling Club will be OPENING their doors this weekend.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September opening at 5pm** – you can enjoy the Friday Night Meat Draw and also have the chance of winning one of the Club's Jackpot Draws.

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**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September opening at 10 am** – with Sunday Papers available again.

REMEMBER COVID Restrictions will be adhered to and Thank You for Your Understanding.

*See You at the Club*

### 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.

QUANDIALLA  
BOWLING CLUB

Subs are Now Due  
New Members Welcome

**AS Ag Contracting**

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Bobcat Hire – Rural Fencing – Stock Work –  
Mini Loader Hire  
Enquiries please phone:  
Adam Slater – 0418 272465



***They say a picture is worth a thousand words!***

Amazing to think this drawing was done by Australian artist May Gibbs a hundred years ago during the Spanish Flu.

May Gibbs, of “Snuggle Pot and Cuddlepie” fame, made this illustration for a Spanish Flu public health poster in 1919.

*I look at this lovely drawing and I see the importance of wearing a mask, avoiding large crowds and keeping your distance while being there for your friend.*

Since Covid has hit Australia, we have been on a roller coaster of highs and lows. Learning to combat this pandemic with lockdowns, restrictions, missing our families, getting vaccinated etc. while trying to stay one step ahead of catching the virus. So far so good but we have had some close calls along the way and today it was announced that Young is now on the Casual Contact Location List. Many IC Readers would have friends and family living in Young and most would visit Young for Doctors, shopping etc.

I'm realistic enough to know that it is only a matter of time that COVID might come to our region, but if we all follow the guidelines that the NSW Health has given us, hopefully numbers can be kept to a minimum. With the vaccination numbers increasing each day it gives you hope that there is an end to COVID dictating how we live and when we meet the magic number of double vaccinated, restrictions will be lifted. Finally, we will be able to interact with family and friends and travel again.

I'm very hopeful that Christmas this year will be a more joyful occasion and more family faces will be around the table in homes across the country. Speaking of Christmas did you know that it is only 100 days away? I'm excited!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*Have a Fantastic Weekend!*

*Wishing you all.....  
A weekend full of sunny smiles  
and happy thoughts!*

*Stay Safe*

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

