

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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THE SURVIVAL OF SMALL COMMUNITIES LIKE QUANDIALLA

At least once a year I find myself writing an article in Idle Chatter regarding the survival of our small community. I can't say it enough - Quandialla and District is a fantastic place to live, work and raise a family, especially in these trying times. The world is changing around us, we are forever busy, our districts population is slowly decreasing and then throw COVID into the mix and life changes again. However, lets' take COVID out of the discussion because we will get to the light at the end of the tunnel and life will go on. But in the meantime, we need to keep our community going by supporting our organisations and businesses that helped make Quandialla & District our home.

Every organisation needs people to support their group by becoming a member, attend meetings, put their hand up to help when needed, and then possibly taking on a job at an Annual Meeting to help that organisation to continue. Our Hall has a committee, our Swimming Pool needs their committee, our village has a Progress committee, our Primary School needs their P & C, our Health Centre has the Hospital Auxiliary, the Quandialla Lodge Units needs our local branch of CWA, the farming community and village needs the Rural Fire Services, and the Quandialla Bowling Club needs a committee, to name a few.

Businesses also need support from the community by your patronage when possible and as a business owner I thank you for that.

Today I would like to talk about the Quandialla Bowling Club.

In the 1940's a suggestion was made by Dr Blamey that the town could do with a Bowling Club, and others agreed. An enthusiastic group was formed, and the work began. Land was made available, extensive fundraising was done and with the help of volunteer workers, in 1947 the Quandialla Bowling Club became a reality. Over the years the Club became the social centre of the town for many of the district residents. Admittedly, this venue was sorely needed, as the population in our area was rapidly growing.

Over the years the club played its part in the further development and progress of the community: lending or donating money towards various causes including the construction of the Swimming Pool and the building of the CWA Units. It also lent funds to the Bribbaree Bowling Club after their clubhouse was destroyed by fire.

Today with the declining population, the relevance of the club to the community must never be understated nor its future taken for granted. When one thinks of how Quandialla might be without the club, a very diminished community would be the result.

Those wise men in the 1940s intended and hoped, that the club would remain a focal point for Quandialla and district for many years to come. Since 1947 with the ongoing support of

the community, the members and not least the successive committees that have voluntarily given their time to oversee the management and future of the club, their hopes were realised.

Our community is so lucky to have such a venue, but I'm very sad to say the current committee are on the verge of having to make some hard decisions, especially if we cannot get more support from the community.

Membership and patronage has declined over the years, and we need that situation to improve. Financial Members whether they are a social member or a bowling member, are an extremely important factor for any club, group, or organisation. Having more members will certainly help to make our club more viable.

However, the Club cannot function without a committee. This consists of 12 members who have stepped forward to help make decisions on the administration and running of the club and any improvements for the future.

Notice of 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Quandialla Bowling Club

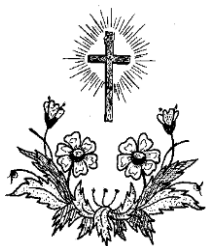
The Annual General Meeting of the Quandialla Bowling Club will be held on

Sunday 17th October at 5pm at the Bowling Club.

Current or New Financial Members are invited to attend and participate in the meeting.

The Club, if it is going to continue to serve the community, needs a strong, committed Committee of men and women. If you wish to see the Club continue as a place to gather socially, a meeting place for community events and small functions, a place for a quiet drink or a venue for a game of Bowls, you are urged to consider putting your hand up to be part of the committee. It does not take a lot of your time but the benefits to the community to have this fantastic venue continue to trade are immense.

SAD NEWS



It is with much sadness that I must report the passing of
Allan Cottome known as 'Bones'
on Friday 17th September.

Aged 70 years

Allan was a resident of Quandialla and resided at the
Quandialla CWA Lodge for 13 years.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Allan's family and friends
at this very sad time.

QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL & PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th September at 7.30pm
at the Bland Hotel Dining Room.

All Welcome

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 \$880.



Quandialla Bowling Club Draws

The Riverina Club Draw was not claimed last week and will jackpot to \$3000 this Friday. The Members Club Draw will jackpot to \$100 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



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.

QUANDIALLA BOWLING CLUB NEWS

The Quandialla Bowling Club will be OPEN again this weekend.

Friday 24th September opening at 5pm – you can enjoy the Friday Night Meat Draw.

Plus, this week the monthly Meat Draw and the Members Birthday Draw for August & September will be held and don't forget you have the chance of winning one of the Club's Jackpot Draws.

Sunday 26th 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.

Had a Birthday in **August** and/or Having a Birthday in **September**
and a Member of the **Quandialla Bowling Club?**

Then Fill out your Birthday Voucher, available at the Bar, and drop it in the barrel on Friday 24th (last Friday of the month) before 8.00pm, when the lucky winner will be drawn. You must be in attendance to collect your birthday win. **You could win \$50.**

DINNER at the CLUB

Apologies – Tania Mooney will NOT be cooking at the Club this month.



ACTIVE FARMERS

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6 week Challenge

EVERYONE WELCOME

Commencing Monday 4th October.

\$35 includes any Active Farmers Classes listed below, an Active Farmers Cap, a **FUN** weekly Challenge & a get together at the end of the 6 weeks - Active Farmers treat!!

Virtual sessions: In the comfort of your own home!!

Monday 6.15am

Wednesday 8.00am

Friday 6.15am

Quandialla: Pool Grounds

Wednesday 6.00am

Friday 9.00am

Grenfell: The Girl Guide Hall

Tuesday 6.15am

Tuesday 8.00am

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For more information, to book your spot, for Zoom link access and to pay for your 6 week Challenge please get in touch with Kim Broomby 0427472152.

Cheers until next week **Sue Priestley**