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2021 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

*You are invited to kick the Festive Season off
with family and friends on
**Sunday 19th Dec at the Quandialla Bowling Club
starting at 6.30pm after the Children's Xmas Tree.***



CHRISTMAS MAILBOX & TOWN SCENE COMPETITION

*Turn your mailbox or front lawn into a Christmas Themed Display.
Judging will take place on Saturday 18th Dec. and our 2021 winners
will be announced during the Christmas Party.*



*Come along bring the family and have a drink and chat with friends.
Lucky Door Prizes and a Ham Raffle will be drawn during the evening.*

**Merry
Christmas**

EVERYONE WELCOME

Weddin Shire Council Local Government Elections:

There will be 14 candidates standing in the upcoming Weddin Shire Council Local Government Election to be held on Saturday 4th December 2021. It is compulsory to vote in this election where 9 candidates will be elected to Council.

Weddin Shire residents will be voting in this upcoming Local Government Election, and I have researched the following information on our standing candidates from newspaper articles and the NSW Electoral Ballot.

The candidates in ballot order are:

Craig Bembrick: I have been a councillor for five years. I have high moral beliefs and empathy towards others.

Geoff McClelland: I have represented the Weddin Shire being a past long term councillor. I have always had Grenfell and districts interests foremost and will continue to do so. If re-elected I will strive for the future betterment of the Weddin Shire with as before a common-sense approach.

Carly Brown: As a councillor I will have served a total of nine years and three months. I take my commitment to the role seriously and respect the Code of Conduct. I have a strong conviction towards further establishing future growth and prosperity in Weddin and our region.

Glenda Howell: Community minded person. Member of many community-based, groups / committees. Girl Guide Leader, NSW RFS volunteer and current staff member. I currently sit on the state council of the NSW Rural Fire Service Association.

Michelle Cook: Council is about the community, and I would like to keep the local in Local Government. I would like to represent Weddin, to listen to you and your concerns, to work with fellow councillors to get things done.

Warwick Frame: I run my own business and I am an active member in SES since moving into town in 2008. I want to help this town move forward and prosper in a sustainable way in the future.

Paul Best: Currently elected member of Weddin. Held current office for two terms now. Passionate about creating a better space for all the Weddin community.

Stuart McKellar: Farmer and a current councillor of Weddin Shire.

Jason Kenah: It is my objective to promote an improved open and transparent relationship between the citizens and Weddin Shire Council. If elected I will advocate for the creation of opportunities for the young people of Weddin Shire through technology and access to training, improved services for our elderly residents, as well as the promotion of our tourist attractions including the restoration of The Henry Lawson Festival.

Chad White: Youth Care Co-Ordinator

Mark Liebich: Business owner and Current Mayor.

Barry Hinde: Previously a councillor between 2000 and 2012. If re-elected, I would like to be part of a productive, transparent, forward thinking, and collective council. It is important as we move into the future that we have a key focus on building and supporting local business and promoting tourism to this great little part of regional NSW. We need to support all types of industries that creates local jobs which supports the ongoing growth of our community. We also need a continued focus on aged, child and health care to ensure our community is supported and has all the required services readily available to us.

Phillip Diprose: Local Councillor since 2016, banker for 25 years, treasurer Grenfell Men's Shed since 2013, Executive of Lachlan Landcare Inc, Council delegate to both Weddin Landcare Steering Committee Inc and the Central Western Zone of the NSW Public Libraries Association. Apolitical and vote independently on each matter on a case-by-case basis.

Jan Parlett: Weddin Shire Council - 9 years' experience. Council health representative for Weddin Health Council, Interagency, Centroc Health, Weddin Wellness Network and Suicide Prevention Working Party. Council delegate on art, tourism, heritage and The Henry Lawson Festival committees, business owner, building and restoration experience. Focusing on community issues, service, provision and aged care, tourism, population growth, youth opportunities, village promotion.

Why did I include the above information? The answer is simple - when I read that we had 14 candidates and read their names my first thought was - I don't know half of them and I would not be the only one thinking that. Needing to make the best decision that we can with the information we are given (which is not much), I did the above research. Hope it helps because we need some councillors that understand that the villages also require their attention.

Out of 14 Candidates ONLY one travelled out to Quandialla to introduce herself.

Michelle Cook popped into the P.O and we had a good half hour discussion, where I offered to include the following article introducing herself. Michelle had been hoping to see as many people as she could but during COVID we have all been staying home a little more than usual. Michelle also attended the Quandialla Hall & Progress Meeting held last night on Wednesday 24th November and was interested to hear our concerns/thoughts regarding council projects in our area.

Michelle Cook Profile

The Weddin Shire Local Council Elections are coming up on 4th December 2021. As a Candidate I would like to take the time to introduce myself, thank you for the opportunity.

I came to Grenfell to support my partner who grew up in Caragabal and went to Henry Lawson High. Moving back to Grenfell has given us the gift of time. I realised I could make a difference. I could be the change I wanted to see. Be the person to represent the everyday ordinary person just like me.

I have a Bachelor of Business, Diploma in Accounting and studied an MBA. Tick the education box. My working life started at Qantas Airways. Flight operations is quite a job for someone so young (then) and 1 of only 8 women in Australia, briefing pilots from around the world. In the last 20 years I then worked in management accounting and consulting. My role was to come into an organisation, work out issues and key drivers to implement changes. More recently I have worked behind the scenes with advocates for parliamentary inquiries. Background skills and knowledge ticked.

So that just leaves my passion. I want to shine a spotlight on the local issues. Ignite discussion. Ask questions. When you focus on possibilities, you have more opportunities. Remember Einstein's definition of Insanity, doing the same thing over & over and expecting different results. Election to council should not just be a popularity contest. The job is about consistency merit and delivery for the community. No institution should operate outside of the people it is supposed to serve. For me, being elected to local govt is about accountability, transparency, representation of the people the council is here to serve.

2016 census statistics show there are 197 people in Quandialla, 48 families, 119 dwellings. The median age is 55-59 (+5 to 2021). Most are married but 27% are single 9% widowed. 70% of people live in their own home and 23% rent. 83% of those homes are 3/4 bedroom, which does not reflect the proportion of single person households. The number of unoccupied dwellings at 36% also seems high. 76% work more than 40 hours a week, 30% or 47 people in the village volunteer time. A quarter of the younger generation leave school in Year 10, and no one attends tertiary or university education according to the census.

How are policies designed to reflect the makeup of Quandialla, and how is this interpreted into the Weddin shire strategic plans? This is your opportunity to vote for candidates that will support a cooperative collaborative process, responsive to the causes the community care about. Voting is on Sat 4th December.

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

Bland Hotel Joker Jackpot Draw

The Joker Jackpot was not claimed and this week the jackpot will be \$240, 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 jackpot will be \$2000. The Members Club Draw was not claimed and will jackpot to \$100 this week.

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



ST MARKS ANGLICAN CHURCH **CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

2021 Christmas Service will be held on
Sunday 5th December at 6pm.

Everyone Welcome

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 2 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

Friday 26th November opening at 6pm –

Don't forget our Friday Night Meat Raffle and the Members Draw, Plus the Monthly Meat Draw.

Sunday 28th November opening at 10 am

& CLOSING for LUNCH at 2pm Opening again at 3pm

Sunday Papers available.

Having a Birthday in **NOVEMBER**
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 26th (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**

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.

DONT FORGET.....

Village Community Consultation for the Weddin Shire Tourism Rebrand

9.30 - 10.30am Tuesday 7th December 2021

Bland Hotel 4 Second St, Quandialla NSW 2721

Residents from all Weddin Shire villages are invited to attend a community consultation session to have input into the rebrand of Weddin Shire as a tourism destination.

Destination branding is about identifying the destination's strongest and most competitively appealing assets in the eyes of its prospective visitors, building a story from these that makes the destination stand out above its competitors, and running this narrative consistently through all marketing communications.

The brand will provide direction for destination marketing, tourism and events and articulate the unique offerings, experiences, and competitive advantages of the Weddin Shire.

For people unable to attend the in-person session, an online survey will also be developed to ensure all residents can have input and be heard.

For any enquiries, please contact Auburn Carr 0263432855 or edo@grenfell.org.au

Cheers until next week **Sue Priestley**