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REMEMBRANCE IN QUANDIALLA

Supporting Our District Soldiers: In World War I – Most of the district soldiers enlisted from Bimbi, as Euroka Siding / Quandialla was still very much in the formative years, on their return every soldier was accorded a welcome home reception some at Bimbi or Morangorell and others in the new Quandialla Hall or in private homes.

These receptions were managed by a special “Welcome Home Committee” which was a subcommittee of the local Red Cross who had supported the men in so many ways both at home and abroad.

To endure the unimaginable horrors of the First World War and then return home to try and pick up the threads of their previous lives would have been a huge challenge for many returned men. The “Welcome Home” where the appreciation of their efforts by not only their family and friends waiting and hoping for their return but also as a community as a whole would have been an important step in this process.

RED CROSS: A group of willing workers came together and held a social dance and a euchre party in aid of the boys at the front. With the result of these two successful functions it was decided to form a branch of the Red Cross Society in Quandialla on 15th August 1917. At this first meeting it was reported that the Quandialla branch had 20 members with hopes of more to join and a very healthy treasurer’s balance of £15/1/6.

In 1918 this group’s membership had increased to 40 members and was reported that 150 articles had been made and most of them were sent to the Red Cross Depot in Sydney, those articles consisted of pyjamas, shirts, knitted socks, masks and blankets which the members had been working on during their meetings and at home.

Whenever the troop trains came through Quandialla and stopped the local branch would be there giving out food, drink, clothing, (mostly socks) and reading material, trying to make life a little better for the young men.

As the soldiers started to return home Welcome Home Functions were quickly organized and again the ladies would assist with the catering and the Quandialla Red Cross Branch would give each returned soldier a small donation of £5 from their funds to assist them in settling back into the community. Each returned soldier would make special thanks to the Red Cross Society because their support whether it was received when they were overseas or on their return meant so much to them. In September 1919 the last of the Quandialla’s branch funds was handed out to the last three soldiers to return home, Private Hugh McAlister, Lieutenant Penfold and Private S McDonald.

QUANDIALLA ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Wednesday 25th April 2018

at the Quandialla Memorial Hall,
commencing at 11 am.

School and Ex-Service Personnel to be at Blamey Park by 10.45am

Please Note: All school students are encouraged to participate in the ANZAC Day Service and are requested to wear full school uniform.

Descendants of Servicemen and Women may wear Service Medals

Thank You – Anzac Day Committee

QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE:

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla **on Wednesday 18th April 2018.**

Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS:

Both jackpots are still going!!!!

You could win \$180 this week at the Bland Hotel Joker Draw and the Quandialla Bowling Club Members Draw has jackpotted again to \$5000.

Good Luck Everyone!!!

QUANDIALLA CWA BRANCH will be holding their next General Meeting on Monday 9th April 2018 at 7.30pm at the CWA Rest Rooms. All Welcome

QUANDIALLA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY: The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 10th at 9.30am at the Medical Centre.

All Welcome

HALL CLEAN UP ready for the 2018

Quandialla ANZAC SERVICE & DEBUTANTE BALL

We will be cleaning the hall on Saturday 21st April 2018 at 9.30am.

With all the terrible winds and dusty days we have been having, the hall will definitely require a major clean-up of cobwebs and all that dust and of course the bathrooms will need cleaning.

If you can lend a hand, your efforts will be greatly appreciated as we want the hall to look its best for these two special occasions.

Thank You – Quandialla Hall Committee

**QUANDIALLA SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL
SCOTS DEBUTANTE BALL**

Saturday 28th April 2018
at the Quandialla Soldiers Memorial Hall
Debs to be presented at 8.00 pm



Ticket Sales & Table Bookings now available at Quandialla Post Office.
Tickets: \$30 per Adult & \$10 per Child

QUANDIALLA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - 2018 SCHOLARSHIPS:

Applications are now open for the following Scholarships:

- * Year 10 Scholarship (for students going into Year 11);
- * Quandialla District Further Studies Grant – TAFE Scholarship (Full time TAFE course);
- * Quandialla District Further Studies Grant – TAFE Scholarship (Short term course);
- * Quandialla District University Scholarship – No. 1
(Applicants must be commencing their first year of study at a recognised University) and
- * Quandialla District University Scholarship – No. 2
(Applicants must be commencing their second or further year of study at a University).

Due date for all Scholarship Applications: **Friday, 9th April 2018.**

Recipients of Scholarships will be announced: **20th April 2018.**

*Please contact the Secretary (Narelle Gault on 6347 1294 ah)
for application forms or for further information.*

Taking Expressions of Interest for the 2018 FLU INJECTIONS for over 65's

The Quandialla Community Health Centre will be giving Flu Injections sometime late April or early May (date to be decided). The Health Authorities have been advertising that it is best to have your injection a little later in the year because this gives you better protection against the dreaded flu.

The nurses at the health centre will be taking names of those who would like to receive this service in Quandialla. Don't miss out, please ring 63471212.

RALPH RICHARDS SEPTICS: Call for a Quote: Phone 0457 821965 or 0477 094193



2018 RAINFALL

March's rainfall recorded at the Quandialla Post Office was just 3mm on the 26th March.

Total for the year is 85.0mm over 11 days

*I hope everyone had a wonderful break away
or enjoyed a relaxing break at home this Easter.*

We did

ANOTHER EASTER PLANE Ride for the Priestleys

In 2016 John and I enjoyed our Easter break away with our son DJ while he was working in Mackay. This Easter we enjoyed a fabulous time in Coffs Harbour with our youngest daughter, son-in-law and of course our two gorgeous granddaughters.

A drive to and from Canberra, four plane rides, lots of sightseeing by car and foot, a visit and photo session with 'Max' the monkey and girls at the Big Banana, lots and lots of lovely seafood and did I mention John and I even went swimming and got dumped by a very big wave and lived to tell the tale. However, the highlight of our mini holiday was of course the special time we enjoyed with Stella and Macy, unfortunately it was over so quickly.

The drive home was fun too, thankfully not a lot of traffic but plenty of wildlife to keep an eye out for. We had one very close near miss with a very large roo on the road between Boorowa and Young, where we only saw one other car. This car was coming towards us and just before we passed each other, a suicidal roo hopped across between both cars, it certainly gave both of us a fright. That was our closest encounter and thankfully all the rest behaved themselves, mostly just standing on the side of the road. We did come face to face with a lovely family of roos on Hunters Lane, who I have since heard have become friendly with quite a few local drivers. We finally arrived back home and in bed by 2am on Tuesday morning.

Wonder where we can go next Easter!!!!



Cheers for another week **Sue Priestley**