

IDLE CHATTER Mark II

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SECOND INSTALMENT OF BIMBI'S NEW INTERPRETATION BOARDS

With Thanks to Margaret Nowlan-Jones for the following Article

BIMBI PUBLIC SCHOOL 1899 -1947



Teacher Mr John Bath and Assistant Teacher Maggie Quinn
Photo taken by Thomas Bath CBE WA Parliamentarian

The Bimbi Public Provincial School was first established a few kilometres west of Bimbi and was built in July 1882 to April 1884

House to house school at Wentworth Gully Station and Causers at Berrendebba Station from March 1886 to July 1886

Provincial School July 1886 to March 1892

Public School 1892 to June 1947

The Provincial School first teacher was Mr Thomas Swan, the average school attendance was 14 children. He lodged at Pipers Inn or Welcome Woodbine Inn a few kilometres west of Bimbi.

It had a bark roof and wooden slab walls. In 1883 the building was destroyed by fire and again in 1884

After being burnt down twice they rebuilt in Bimbi in 1899 on the corner of Euroka and Arramagong Streets, and the average attendance was 42 students.

Mr James Morrow was the first teacher.

They had an orchard and a vegetable garden.

The school was built to accommodate 60 students.

1894 Sunday School was introduced.

In 1899 Measles, in 1913 Diphtheria and in 1934 Whooping Cough outbreak.

Unfortunately, the school building burnt down in 1931 after a candle was left burning in the school residence and a new school was rebuilt out of timber and an iron roof.

The children were schooled in the Bimbi Assembly Hall and the Bimbi Court House during its construction.

In 1934 Bimbi Flooded.

In 1940 bus services to Quandialla.

From Archival School records there were about 29 teachers and assistants that taught at the Bimbi school.

Sir John Ellis was one of the students taught there and later received an OBE for his legal contributions and Member of Parliament.

Bimbi Public School closed in 1947 and the school was moved to Quandialla Central School and the residence was moved to Thuddungra in 1947.



DON'T FORGET

BLAND SHIRE COMMUNITY FORUM - QUANDIALLA

Council has resolved to hold a Community Forum in the village of Quandialla and is scheduled for:-
Wednesday 6 March 2019

The forum will be held at the Bland Hotel commencing at 6.00pm

**Further information in relation to Community Forums is available by contacting Leanne Lewis on
(02) 6972 2266 or emailing council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au**

QUANDIALLA FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOTS

One Jackpot came to Quandialla!!!!!!

At the Quandialla Bowling Club, the larger Riverina Club Jackpot Draw of \$10,000 was not claimed, however the 2nd draw for \$1100 came to Quandialla and Rob Mc was the lucky badge number and he was there to claim the money, so this week this draw will start again at \$550. Our Local Members Draw was also not claimed so, now you have the chance to take home \$125.

At the Bland Hotel Poker Jackpot Draw you have 4 chances to win a meat tray and then there is the opportunity to choose the Joker Card and if successful you can take home \$260 this Friday.

Good Luck Everyone!!!



QUANDIALLA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE:

Dr Wail El Waili will be visiting Quandialla on Wednesday 6th & 20th March 2019.
Please phone West Wyalong Medical Centre 69722866 to make an appointment

SAD NEWS



*It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Mrs Ellen Myrl Reeves known as Myrl,
Late of Grenfell on Tuesday 26th February, aged 91 years.*

Myrl was a Quandialla girl born in 1927 to parents George and Molly McCabe, Myrl first lived on the Bland with her siblings, going to school at the Bland, then Quandialla Public until St Brigid's Convent School opened. Myrl's mother was the Manager / Post Mistress of the Bland Post Office where Myrl helped on the telephone exchange. When Myrl was 10 years old the McCabe family moved to Talbot Street, Quandialla, and on completion of her schooling Myrl went to work full-time in the Quandialla Co-Op Store, later she worked at the Quandialla Post Office, then at Forbes, finally becoming a relieving officer for the PMG based out of Parkes. Myrl loved her sport, she enjoyed playing tennis, hockey and horse riding with her friends.

Myrl married Trevor Reeves in 1953 and they set up their home on "Glenayr" where they raised their family. Myrl and Trevor retired to Grenfell in 1997 where Trevor passed away in 2006. Always supported by her loving family Myrl also maintained her connection with Quandialla and until just recently often attended functions and get togethers, with old friends and family in her old home town.



*Deepest Sympathy is extended to Myrl's children Robert & Lynell Reeves,
Mary Reeves (dec), Karen & Jeffery Hancock, Bruce & Donna Reeves,
Susan & Grant Fisher and Leanne & Peter Young and families,
14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.*

*Condolences are also extended to Myrl's siblings,
extended families and friends*

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you All



Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate Myrl's life on **Saturday 2nd March 2019 commencing at 10am**
at St Joseph's Catholic Church Grenfell.

Following the service, the cortege will proceed to the Grenfell Lawn Cemetery for interment.

ST MARKS ANGLICAN CHURCH:

St Marks October Service will be held on Sunday 3rd March at 6pm.
Everyone is welcome to join us



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Many Happy Returns are sent to Trevor Ryan who celebrated his 50th Birthday on Wednesday 26th February with family and friends.
On behalf of Idle Chatter Readers I would like to wish Trevor Many Happy Returns and hope he enjoyed his birthday.

BLAND HOTEL

Every Monday Night – \$15 Schnitzel & Steak Night

6.30 – 8.30pm

Every Wednesday Night - Pizza Night

6.30 – 8.30pm



CONGRATULATIONS go to Stephen and Jennifer Kelly who will be celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary this month.
On behalf of Idle Chatter Readers' I would like to send our Best Wishes on this milestone Silver Wedding Anniversary.

PLEASE NOTE:

COMMUNITY & FRIENDS.....

The Quandialla Swimming Centre will not be open from 10am -12 midday on the weekends throughout March.
All other opening hours will remain the same.

Friday March 22nd will be the last day of this season.

FOOTY TIPPING COMPS

It's that time of year again when all the footy fans can be part of our local Tipping Comps. **One at the Pub and one at the Club.**

Join in for a bit of fun at the weekends.

Your guess could be better than the 'experts' predictions, and who knows, at the end of the season you could be in the money.

First round gets underway on the 14th March so get your name in soon.

Cheers **Sue Priestley**