

Recording Quorn's History while it's Being Made

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October Events in Quorn







The twins stayed in Quorn for the Team Penning after finishing filming for a *Travel Guides* episode





Alex O'Neil, Bill Willoughby, Georgia Anderson Junior Team penning winners Alex now has Pam Hombsch's horse

See inside for more of Rock the Ranges Team Penning and Bronco Branding

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Rock the Ranges

Another Rock the Ranges is done and dusted and this time in perfect weather. The impressive crowd gathered on the oval to enjoy an afternoon of rock and roll featuring the headline act Eskimo Joe, fresh from the AFL final. To say we were lucky to secure them is an understatement.

Chunky Custard were fantastic, it's amazing to think how long they have been playing to crowds and they still put on a great show. Jo Page, the up and coming performer from Port Lincoln, Critical Limit fronted by Caitlin Drew from Burra, Acoustic Juice and last but not least, Andy and the Rockits all great musicians with a bit of humour thrown in.

Many thanks to the local businesses and council, without their support events like this just don't happen. And a big thank you to everyone who came and supported the event. It is a joint effort by the whole community that makes an event great.

If I know John, next years event will be bigger and better. Looking forward to seeing everyone there again.

Lisa Simpson





Aunty Kae welcomes the crowd



Jo Page



Chunky custard



Acoustic Juli

Chat with a Quornie Penny Hooper



I was Born at Tatiara Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Bordertown. (Suffice to say, a long time ago). Family legend has it that Dad was in a paddock, picking stones, when he received the news of my arrival.

It was a different era. Husbands weren't

encouraged to support their wives at their child's birth. How awful that would be.

My carefree childhood was mostly spent outdoors riding ponies, with my best friend a kangaroo dog

I was an only child for quite a while, as my sister arrived seven years after me. I had no brothers, so I did jobs for Dad on the farm.

He'd set the throttle on the truck for me to steer, while he performed a 'ballet act' feeding out hay to stock.

Later, there were reports of a 'driverless vehicle'. When I drove the Datsun ute from my position underneath the steering wheel, I could just see over the dashboard.

A childhood highlight was competing in local shows, and at Melbourne Royal Show. Although it was at the expense of my formal education, I had fun.

I left home at 12, as did many country kids who went to Adelaide boarding schools. I came home only briefly. Leaving my family and kangaroo dog at home were among my saddest memories, but the friends I made at school have remained so today.

Ambition

My WISH was to be a wool classer, but I was told I should be a nurse, as wool classing was not then a common occupation for women. I didn't argue.

There were a number of nurses in the family, including a gold medallist. I was happy to follow in her footsteps.

I wasn't gold medal material, but I've never been out of work, and my income has benefitted our family.

My RN (Registered Nurse) training was in the hospital-based system at RAH (Royal Adelaide Hospital). I lived in the 'new' quarters, waking to the sounds of Adelaide Zoo—

roaring lions and trumpeting elephants.

Many of our tutors were ex-army, so discipline was the basis of our education. At our staff reunions, we agreed that it hadn't done us much harm.



Penny, aged three, with Sandy Cat, at the family farm—Kongal

Many humorous events occurred at the RAH, including one—a challenge for our male nurses—getting into Ayers House.

It was then an upmarket restaurant, opposite RAH. Nurses weren't suitable 'clientele', but in theatre scrubs and borrowed stethoscopes, the boys got in undetected. (In 1929 my great aunt completed her training at RAH, living at the nurses quarters at Ayers House).

Once we had a football match at Belair National Park—Bedpans v Stethoscope. I can't remember who won, but my best friend and I collided during the match. I famously said 'It'll be right when the pain goes'. But the pain remained, and Julie couldn't eat.

We teammates took her to Casualty, where a fractured jaw was confirmed. She decided it was my fault, so I had to tell her parents, and write her study notes, as she had to recuperate at home (on Eyre Peninsula). Mmmm.

'Post-reg' year was at RAH for graduates who were invited back. Or, you could apply, and if good enough, you'd be accepted. I was Miss Average, but applied, and was accepted.

I was also accepted for Midwifery training at Queen Victoria Hospital the following year. ('Queen Vic' was then opposite Victoria Park Racecourse, where a forebear had reapt a 20-bag wheat crop, in Adelaide's early years).

While I waited for the 'Mid' intake, I sought agency nursing in the country. The choice was Quorn or Kimba. It was a case of a pin in the map, and Quorn it was.

In 1977, when I drove into Quorn from Wilmington, I fell in love with the pretty little township nestled below.

Packsaddle Holiday

After three years training I needed a holiday, so planned a trip that would be different from my colleagues, who'd gone to exciting places, like a kibbutz in Israel.

I planned to take two packhorses and two riding horses from Quorn to Hawker, Wilpena, Blinman, Parachilna, Yappala, Partacoona, Buckaringa, Arden Vale, and back to Quorn.

I asked Lucy, a colleague I'd worked with at The RAH, to join me. She agreed, and brought her Anglo-Arab mare, and our food supplies. I sourced packsaddles, and arranged to have horse fodder dropped along the route.

One of our horses was a gelding, known as a 'rig' (as he was incompletely gelded). It made him very protective of the mares.

We took my chestnut thoroughbred pony

mare, who was in foal, and a small grey gelding that Dad wanted to make sure was quiet, before he sold him.

The grey reminded Mrs Elizabeth Hunt of a 'Thelwell* pony'. (George and Elizabeth Hunt owned *Wilpena Pound* station at the time).

The cost of new packs was prohibitive, but Kevin Fitzgerald's dad, Jim, offered a loan of his pack-saddles. Reggie Player, a local truck driver, agreed to drop feed along the way for the horses.

Mr Frank Roberts, was a hospital patient at the time. When he asked how I was going to carry drinking water, he was horrified to hear I was planning to use plastic bottles, and forbade me to leave town without 'neck bags'. I had no idea what a 'neck bag' was.

He said I should ring Ron Hooper, regarding our first camping stop. 'Mythology' has it that Dean (Ron's son) answered the phone, and wouldn't allow me to speak with Ron.

Dean asked what items I needed, and turned up at Quorn Hospital Nurses' Quarters (now Kanyaka Medical Centre) with a woolpack of gear including neck bags, and hobbles.

On our first night, I hadn't separated geldings and mares, and next morning, a mare had thrown a shoe. Dad had shown me how to tack one on, and as the hooves were still set up, I took my time and replaced it.

Neither Lucy nor I had packed a packsaddle before, and our food was all tinned (I had imagined dehydrated foods). The packs were unbalanced, and slipped three times before we passed the town speed limit sign. We soon learnt to pack them evenly.

Our first day's ride was about 34kms to Gordon, on Hooper's property. (Previously Murray Hilder's, and now Hilder's again). *Norman Thelwell drew cartoons of pony club girls on fat ponies, for *Punch* magazine.



Penny, Lucy and horses (note neckbags) leaving Hawker, 1977

We'd packed the two mares, who soon learned to flex sideways to avoid scraping their packs on the white posts.

At about 4kms from our day's destination, Lucy's mare decided it had gone far enough, and lay down with the packs on.

Coming from Adelaide, she'd probably never walked so far, and took a bit of convincing to go on. We couldn't stop laughing. It was the first of many funny incidents.

The day we left Hawker, we packed the grey pony gelding, and set off. Northeast of the town, a *Hi-Ab** was being used to erect ETSA's 240v power lines from Leigh Creek to Pt Augusta. Our grey pony looked up, saw the *Hi-Ab* going up the pole, and bolted.

We could only laugh, though contents of our packs were scattered for several kilometres. We stopped until the pony realised he was alone. Then we repacked all our gear, except Dean's knife set.

I've never lived it down—The Day Penny Lost Dean's Green River Knife Set.

After the ride, I returned the packsaddles to Mr Fitzgerald, who said they were in better order than when they'd left. High praise!

For some reason, Dean took an interest in our trip and met us in Hawker on Election Day, 1977. Very thoughtful of him!

Lucy and I stayed on in Quorn for a few days, and attended a local dance with Dean. He asked me to accompany him to the wedding of Tony and Margaret Mills early in 1978.

Dean and I discussed our futures, and we decided I should return to work in the region. I had to forego midwifery training, but, as they say, the rest is history.

Married Life

DEAN AND I were married on 24th November 1979, and returned to Gordon/Kanyaka to live, in the house that Lucy and I had camped in.

I worked briefly at Hawker Hospital, before joining him in the shearing team as rouseabout. Dean was a very good mentor, teaching me to shear. I shore at one shed, and decided nursing was easier money (though wool handling was great for physical fitness).

I completed Woolclassing theory, but didn't make it to the final shed to receive my P1 stencil. The School of Wool wouldn't allow me to *run the board* as I was pregnant!

*Hi-Ab—brand name of a truck-mounted crane for loading and unloading heavy objects. ETSA used it to lift equipment to the top of power poles



Wedding day. Dean and Penny in a horse-drawn vehicle, after their marriage at Victor Harbor, 1979

In 1982, Dean and I were on the grader patrol, working for Butterworth Earthmovers, when Megan was due. We'd decided I should head south before the (uncertain) due date. I couldn't see a problem in staying around Beltana a little longer, but a nervous local station manager didn't fancy delivering a baby.

There'd been significant rain, and my plan to head to Orroroo via Dean's parent's home was thwarted. I bogged the ute up to the axle, and was alone. I could see I was 'in a bit of a pickle'. (Later, when Dean visited the site he didn't know how I'd got out. Determination I think!

When I arrived at Orroroo Caravan Park where I had booked a cabin for a couple of weeks, I had just a very small 'window' in the muddy windscreen to see the road ahead.

Dean was in the vicinity of Lyndhurst on grader patrol until his break. He was 'on alert' should he need to head south for the birth.

After Megan was born, we returned to the Grader patrol for about eight months, before moving to Quorn. Dean was working on the construction of Northern Power Station (NPS).

Joshua was born in Orroroo in 1985. We were living in a shed on our 20-acre block, on the outskirts of Quorn.

Work at the Power Station was winding down when Dean gained employment at Leigh Creek coalfield, and we moved again.

A House at last

We had a home, and enjoyed life at Leigh Creek, but it wasn't practical for both of us to work shifts. I graduated as a Dental Assistant while I was working for dentists, Debbie Zint and Jenny Nicholls.

In 1989 Dean's family purchased a property at Waddikee, EP (Eyre Peninsula). These were some of the hardest, saddest and happiest years of our lives, but we had wonderful friends and neighbours amongst the fantastic Kimba, Cleve and Wudinna communities.

After I completed Re-entry into Nursing, I worked at Wudinna and Cleve Hospitals, and in spare time taught the children to ride. Josh didn't enjoy this as much as Megan, so we bought him a Go-Kart—well, *karting* had always looked like lots of fun to me.

At times I'd head off on a weekend, with a horse float and go-kart, dropping Megan at a horse event before going on to a *karting* event. We must have looked a sight!

We moved back to *Gum Glen* in 2000, when Dean's parents retired to Quorn. The Hooper family had farmed land on Willochra Plain since 1899.

Dean and I both had to work off property when we moved back, as times were lean. We appreciated the support of Ern Ash, and that of the Brown family and *Red* more recently.

Quorn and abroad

MEGAN STAYED BEHIND at St Joseph's School in Port Lincoln. I was once asked why, but Quorn to Lincoln is the same distance as Quorn to Adelaide, and she'd settled in. Leaving her there seemed the obvious choice

Josh attended QAS, leaving home early and returning late with me, as I was working at Flinders House. The next year, he boarded at Caritas College, Pt Augusta, where *Gum Glen* activities weren't such a 'distraction'.

I appreciated the great support Mary Francis gave me when I worked at Flinders House. We shared memories of wonderful years on EP.

Pt Augusta offered me other employment opportunities. I worked at Ramsay Village for Pt Augusta City Council for 17 years.

Megan was an exchange student in Latvia in 1997. In 2007, when Dean, Megan, Josh and I went on a six week holiday to Europe, our family stayed with them. They were a wonderful host family.

In all the time we were away, we only paid for two nights accommodation. The remainder were provided by overseas friends/WWOOF (Willing Workers on Organic Farms), and tourists we'd met over the years.

We were repaid tenfold for anything we'd ever done for them, and still maintain contact with these wonderful people.

Working at Ramsay Village sparked a passion in me for working with people living with dementia. After I left therere in 2018, I gained employment with Dementia Australia

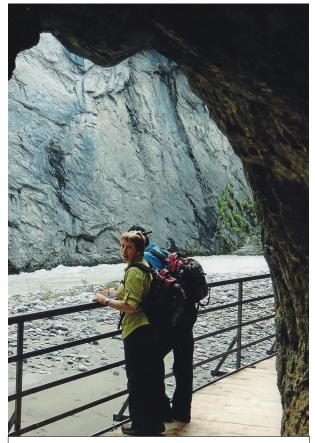
At first, I didn't realise how much I'd learned in 18 years work in aged care, and how my experience could help others.

I enjoy my work for Dementia Australia in the region. I provide information, education and facilitate support groups, which benefit those diagnosed with dementia, and carers. I'm part of an amazing state and national team.

Our children are happy in their chosen careers, and we love catching up with them, and our three beautiful grandchildren.

Dean and I enjoy our lifestyle on Willochra Plain; with the silhouetted hills and everchanging colours of the Plain.

Here's hoping that we can all remain safe in our communities.



Penny and Dean at Aareschlucht Gorge, near the Swiss towns of Meiringen and Innertkirchen, 2007

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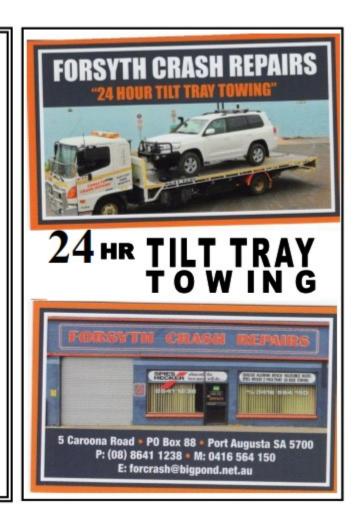
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Lament for History's Trees

MANY WILL HAVE noticed the Pepper Trees in the Quorn Railway Station Yard have been cut down. I've heard two reasons so far for doing this. One is that they've been declared noxious, and the other that they're not native.



Beautiful, shady Pepper Trees by the Information Bay near the Lion's Club. How many have parked their cars under *them?*

Whatever. *But!*...those trees were a major part of our Station's history, perhaps way back to its birth. Without them, it's not our old Railway Station any more. (To say they're 'not native' could be said about the buildings themselves!)

The last two letters in 'PRRPS' are 'Preservation Society', so why isn't our historical Railway Station being 'preserved' *as it used to look?*



How sad to see the shattered remnants of these magnificent trees. How sad to see Quorn's history being destroyed

Pepper Trees (*Schinus Molle*) were introduced to Australia from between Chile and Peru in the South American Andes. They were imported by many countries around the world, particularly by those with arid climates, where they could survive with scarcely any water at all.

So you can understand how hugely important they've been in *our* country, especially in such great deserts as we have. How many outback sheep and cattle stations planted them around

their homesteads, where they'd survive no matter how savage our droughts can get?

Another great advantage they have is how fast-growing they are. No wonder our early European settlers and our early outback towns seized on planting them with such joy.

Drought-resisting qualities have made the pepper-tree a favourite for dry dusty inland climates where few other shelter plants will succeed. *Austn Encyclopaedia* They're first recorded in Australia in 1868, but were apparently here even earlier than that.

If we're to get rid of anything not native, how would that affect people's household gardens? Should we also get rid of all people who came from Europe as not being 'native'? After all, Europeans have been here for only 0.2% as long as Indigenes have. And so indigenous 99.8% is vastly more native than white 0.2%—isn't it?



The latest victim. The death of the great pepper tree in the Station car park that was close to the Station toilet block

Saying something's 'not native' to excuse getting rid of it is one thing. Using the term to excuse the destruction of our history is another.

There was a sad experience in Quorn of such historical destruction some years ago. There were three date palms and a carob tree planted at the back of our War Memorial, *from seeds brought back from Palestine* by Roy Eley of the Austral Hotel. He'd fought there in the First World War. Now, can you get a greater historical memorial of that war than trees *seeded from it*?

(They were apparently removed in case louts tried to set fire to them. as happened elsewhere.)

Yet Council removed the date palms despite their history, and planted pines in their place.

Except for the carob tree—which at least deserves a memorial plaque to make sure that it survives any future historical vandalism!

—— Ray Wood; photos Modris Ozolins

Fellowship Outing





Stone has been collected and used for steps and dry stone walls



At the Hilltop garden

From left—Di George, Ken Fuller, Trish Kennedy, Leveena Hartmann,

Anne Collins, Pauline Zanet, Minette Gorecki





The ladies enjoyed chatting with Ken and exploring the plantings, constructions, and the view

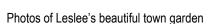
QUORN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ladies visited some local gardens on the evening of Wednesday October 20th.

Ken Fuller's stone work and plantings were admired at his dam, and also his hill top garden.

The group then enjoyed a variety of features and colour in Leslee Sharp's town garden. Supper was enjoyed under Leslee's pergola.

The next Fellowship gathering is planned for Wednesday 17th November and is to be a Scavenger/Amazing Race activity.

Details will appear on Quorn Out and About Facebook and in the Washhouse window.





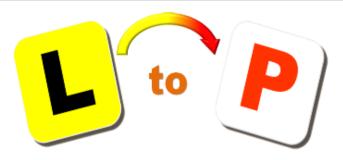












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About Remembrance Day

REMEMBRANCE DAY on 11th November is also known as 'Armistice Day'. Some countries have different names for it. There are two errors often made about the original day, 11th November 1918.

One is that it was the end of the First World War. But it wasn't. This *Armistice* was arranged when both sides agreed to do nothing else but stop fighting on 11th November, while their leaders met to discuss how to end the war. Each side's leaders had already met several times many weeks before this, trying to arrange an armistice, but without success.



The crowd in Market Place, Sydney, celebrating the day, 11th November 1918, when the Armistice came into effect

The word 'armistice' means 'a temporary break in hostilities by agreement of the two parties, so as to discuss peace; a truce'. It does *not* mean a victory for either side. The fighting stops just for a while.

Fighting was meant to stop at 11am, but though it did in some places, it continued in others. There *were* places where it didn't stop until sunset that day.

The Armistice was arranged to last a few weeks. When those ended, it had to be hastily renewed more than once, until late in January 1919. Then the London Peace Conference began, where both sides finally started discussing how to end the war.

The discussion went on for five months, and the war ended on 28th June 1919, when a peace treaty was signed at Versailles in France. (Some countries like the US signed separately.) So *that* was when the First World War ended, *not* on Armistice Day!



Celebrating the signing of the 28th June 1919 Peace Treaty.

This was the Celebration on the Adelaide Oval

Unreliable references to the First World War date it 1914–1918. Reliable references date it 1914–1919.

The second error often made is about who won the First World War. So many ignorant people on our side say, 'We won it!' But that's not true, because neither side won it. It was a draw.

Strictly speaking it wasn't won until 1945, and strictly speaking we probably shouldn't speak about a First *and* a Second World War. This is because in 1939 both sides simply picked up the arms they'd agreed to lay down in 1919, and started fighting again. Of course, even more countries joined in, and some countries like Italy and Japan switched sides, but it was really the same war continuing.

(It may surprise you that when our Aussie soldiers were shipped from Australia to Egypt in the First World War, our troop ships were guarded not by Britain's Royal Navy, but by the Japanese Navy.)

In fact, people on our side who boast that *we* won the war, were one of the many reasons fighting resumed. You see, the German Army was so furious that our side claimed to have beaten them when we hadn't, that they were eager to start fighting again.

Back then Germany was proud of having the world's finest Army, just as the British were proud of having the world's finest Navy. That explains how angry and insulted the German Army felt.



Australian contingent in the Allied Troops March in London on 19th July 1919 to celebrate the signing of the Peace Treaty

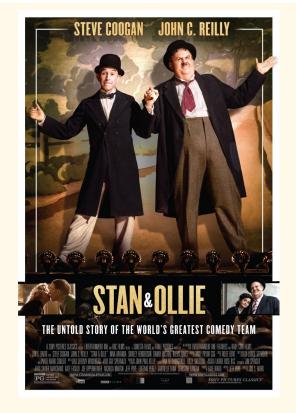
Historians argue about how long the First World War might have continued if the combatants had not agreed to stop fighting. One often-quoted figure is a further twelve months. Germany was still able to produce all the armaments she needed, though she was having serious problems feeding her people. But Germany would probably still have lost in the end.

One figure quoted for the number killed during that War is fifty million. So another ten million more might have been killed except for the Armistice, if the fighting had started again.



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Big Event For Stockyard Arena

THIS YEAR, the Quorn Stockyard Arena Association has been very fortunate to have the opportunity to host the 2021 National Bronco Branding Champion-ship. What a day it was! We were lucky enough to have the weather on our side, which was a welcome turn after the weather experienced earlier in the week.

This event brought us an abundant amount of support from locals and those who travelled to come and watch the event. Over 300 meals were sold at dinner on Saturday night. We had competitors come from all over—including teams from Mt Isa and Longreach (QLD) and plenty from South Australia.

Tony Williams (winner of the Doubles) alongside of David Hunter and ground crew (Cameron, Matt and Damien Williams) said the Championship was "The best run and organised Nationals he has ever been to".

The day finished off with Jackpot roping and thirty roping teams.

Sunday, we held our annual Pam Hombsch Memorial Team Penning, which was one of our biggest. There were almost fifty teams in total, seniors and juniors. The cows were willing to play and we saw some great results.

This year, Alex Smart was a part of the winning junior team and was mounted on Pam's horse, making it that little bit more special. Overall, the weekend was a huge success and once again would not be possible without our sponsors, riders, volunteers and the support of our local community.

Results for The Bronco Branding

Novice

1st Ringers from the Wrong End (SA)

2nd Nilpinna

3rd Seb Patterson (SA)

Open Singles

1st B41 (SA)

2nd Macumba (SA)

3rd Silver Leaf (QLD)

Doubles

1st Mt Barry (SA)

2nd Silver Camp (QLD)

3rd Northern Flinders (SA)

Team Penning Results:

Seniors

1st Tom Willoughby, Ally

2nd Bill Willoughby, Tom Willoughby & Lochie Johnson

3rd Vanessa Clancy, Jodie Wonham

Juniors

1st Alex O'Neil, Georgia Anderson & Bill Willoughby

2nd Amy Dyson, Brooke McKerlie, Tara Jermin

3rd Logan Williams, Pippa Reynolds, Jaquarra Chapman

The SAA Committee thanks all Volunteers, Sponsors, Cattle Supplier, Supporters and the Town of Quorn for all their generous support.



SAA Doubles Winners—Tony Williams & David Hunter on horseback— Cameron, Matt & Damian Williams on the ground

Quorn Health Services News

THE QUORN WOMEN'S AUXILIARY are a group of ladies that tirelessly donate their time and energy fund raising and supporting our local hospital and aged care home. Quorn Health Services have been really lucky to have had the support of the Auxiliary. They have been instrumental in providing many things for our day to day care.

Recently, with the help of the Lions Club, they donated 2 ceiling hoists that have been installed at Flinders House. These hoists take up less space in a room which enables people to have their room look more like a home than a hospital room, they are easier for staff to use and more comfortable for the resident. They are more reliable mechanically, help to prevent trip hazards, reduces the time that a resident is in the lifter and minimises the risk of injury to staff using them. Each of these hoists cost several thousand dollars and without the help from the Auxiliary, getting more of these would have been a long way off.

The Auxiliary play a very important role in all of our day to day activities. They have been paying for all the entertainment that comes in, craft supplies, music programs, bingo chocolate, Christmas presents, mother and father's day gifts, Easter eggs, Christmas parties and the list goes on!

Sometimes it takes very specialised cutlery or cups for people to be able to feed themselves independently and these are often very expensive. The Auxiliary have kindly donated these items as needed. They have also helped to stock a palliative care trolley that has enabled us to enhance the care of people in their last few days.

There is no way that I would be able to list everything that the Auxiliary does for the Quorn Health Services. Without their tireless efforts contributing to our service would be inconceivable.

Thank You!



Above and below: Ceiling hoists donated by the Quorn Women's Auxiliary





The residents enjoying some entertainment

Meet our new manager



Flinders House welcomed a new manager this week.

My name is Bonnie-Jo and I have relocated to Wilmington from Broken Hill, NSW. I have been travelling back and forth between the two communities for a few years now as my fiancé (Adrian) is a Wilmington boy.

I have 3 beautiful children Ewan (20), Maggie (18) and Fletcher (5), and I enjoy playing music (bagpipes, piano, saxophone) and cooking.

Being a Registered Nurse has allowed me to work in many areas throughout my career. My most recent position in Broken Hill was Director of Nursing with Southern Cross Care BH Ltd.

"Aged Care is a very special area of nursing, it's a privilege to play such a big part in a resident's life".

"When you are a nurse you know that every day you will touch a life, or a life will touch yours. This is the greatest part of my career, learning from those I have the privilege to care for."

I have enjoyed my first week at Flinders House, and really enjoy living in the Flinders. I am gradually meeting all of the friends and family that pop into Flinders House, but if you can't pop in and would like to let me know something please don't hesitate to call or email.

Bonnie-jo.tavian@sa.gov.au

Hope to meet you soon, Bonnie.

Christmas at Flinders House



After the positive feedback from last Christmas we will again be able to offer a special lunch for the residents if you would like to join them.

We decorate the round room and reserve it for you. The kitchen provides a 2 course Christmas dinner for you to share. This will be offered for any day in December. The kitchen have to order food and arrange menus so we will need this to be booked no later than the *Monday 22nd November*.

Please phone Bronwyn on 86487 888 or email <u>bronwyn.millington@sa.gov.au</u> for more information or to make a booking.



Quorn Show 2021 Results

Dear Quorn Community, Volunteers & Sponsors, and The Flinders Ranges Council.

We wish to thank you all for your support in helping to make the Quorn Show such a successful and enjoyable day. We were very pleased to see so many enjoy this wonderful community event in perfect weather.

We all work hard behind the scenes for 12 months but it is all of you that really makes our show such a great day.

With much appreciation from all of us,

Quorn Show Committee 2021.

Memorial Hall Exhibitor Results 2021

Senior Section Junior Section

Rosita Scragg 1st – 103 points Petronella Brown 1st – 58 points

Brittany Popp 2nd – 102 points Maddison Foster 2nd – 53 points

Paula Roberts 3rd – 55 points Demi Shannon 3rd – 47 points

Rich Fruit Cake Semi-Final 2021

1st Louise O'Halloran 2nd Suphaluck Ongcharoen 3rd Emma Tiller

Poultry Results 2021

Best Heavy Breed Cock – Orpington, Buff – Ian Arthur Best Heavy Breed Hen – Sussex – David Ash

Champion Heavy Breed – Orpington, Buff Cock – Ian Arthur

Best Light Breed Cock – Leghorn, White – Ian Arthur Best Light Breed Hen – Silkie, White – David Ash Champion Light Breed – Silkie, White Hen – David Ash

Best Soft Feather Bantam Cock –
Rosecomb, Black – Marty Paynter
Best Soft Feather Bantam Hen –
Pekin, Black – David Ash
Champion Soft Feather Bantam –
Pekin, Black Hen – David Ash

Best Hard Feather Bantam Cock –
Duckwing – Mark Paynter
Best Hard Feather Bantam Hen –
Duckwing – Mark Paynter
Champion Hard Feather Bantam Duckwing Cock – Mark Paynter

Best Waterfowl Drake –
Mallard, Nina Paynter
Best Waterfowl Duck –
Mallard, Nina Paynter
Champion Waterfowl –
Mallard Drake, Nina Paynter

Best Game Breed Cock – NO ENTRIES
Best Game Breed Hen – NO ENTRIES
Champion Game Breed – No ENTRIES

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Champion Breeding Pen Trio –

Australorp Trio - Heavy Breed - Ian Arthur

Champion Backyard Bird –

Pekin Hen – Demi & Clancy Jackson

Junior Champion Bird of Show –

Pekin, Black Hen – Demi & Clancy Jackson

Junior Reserve Champion Bird of Show – Pekin, Brown Red Hen – Demi &

Clancy Jackson

Champion Bird of Show –

Duckwing Cock – Mark Paynter

Reserve Champion Bird of Show –

Orpington, Buff Cock – Ian Arthur

Section A Horses in Action:

The Shiralee Equestrienne:

Mikaela Semmens and *Rio Royale* Supreme Champion Ridden Exhibit:

Karen Pyman and *Blood Diamond* Supreme Breeds:

Nicole Afford and Silkwood Magician

Champion Show jumping Combination:

Zoe Brooks and Paddy

Champion Tiny Tots:

Maddison Pyman and Dalbrae Bellboy

Reserve Champion Tiny Tots:

Hugh Semmens and Greenvalley

Kraftsman

Champion Encourage Combination:

Tarah Jeromin and *BM Lil Bit a Gold* Reserve Champion Encourage Combination:

Izzy McCourt and Roxy

Champion Rider Ring 2:

Ella Holtham and *Arinlea Double Secrets* Reserve Champion Rider Ring 2:

Ashlyn Clift and DQ Opulence

Champion Rider Ring 3:

Nicole Afford and SE Razzmatazz

Champion SFDC Combination:

Amelia Greenfield and Freedom Flight

Reserve Champion SFDC Combination:

Chantelle Hunter and Placid Red

Champion Show Pony Ring 2:

Ella Holtham and Cantik Park Prince

Charming

Reserve Champion Show Pony Ring 2:

Nicole Afford and Silkwood Magician

Champion Show Pony Ring 3:

Nicole Afford and Silkwood Magician

Champion Show Hunter Pony Ring 2:

Karen Pyman and Dalbrae BellBoy

Reserve Champion Show Hunter Pony Ring 2: Sophie Page and *Rivington Catnip*

Champion Show Hunter Pony Ring 3:

Ella Holtham and Arinlea Double Secrets

Reserve Champion Show Hunter Pony Ring 3: Sophie Page and *Rivington Catnip*

Champion Show Galloway Ring 2:

Nicole Afford and SE Razzmatazz

Champion Show Galloway Ring 3:

Nicole Afford and SE Razzmatazz

Champion Show Hack Ring 2:

Chantelle Hunter and Placid Red

Champion Show Hack Ring 3:

Mikaela Semmens and Rio Royale

Champion Show Hunter Hack Ring 2:

Karen Pyman and Blood Diamond

Reserve Champion Show Hunter Hack Ring 2: Ashlyn Clift and *DO Opulence*

Champion Show Hunter Hack Ring 3:

Ashlyn Clift and DQ Opulence

Reserve Champion Show Hunter Hack Ring 2: Rebecca Struck and *Finale*

Kanyaka Prize Junior Champion:

Amy Searle and December Bay

Kanyaka Prize Senior Champion:

Naomi Friedrich and Spicy Salute

Fitter When Older, Part 4

WHEN I BEGAN this series, I thought it'd be one or two pages. It ended up four. Then people kept asking me to go further. So I did, saying it'd be 'definitely the last'. Now I've been asked for more still! Well, here's *truly*, *definitely* the last.



Keeping limber. Stretch your arms behind yourself, seeing how close you can get your hands to each other. Don't *force* it!

The Standard Reminders

REMEMBER, if you're not very fit, and are getting older, check exercises you plan to do with your Doctor and/or Physiotherapist!

Remember that getting fit does not mean pushing your body to extremes—that may do you harm. Start gently. Build up your set of exercises gradually, and carefully.

Remember, scientists say 6–7 hours a day is the *most* you should spend sitting down.

Remember, don't give up exercising after only a few days or weeks. Too many people do just that. But stick to it! Yes, stick to it!

Keeping Your Body Limber



Another arms exercise. Fold your arms across each other behind your head. Press your head back against them

'LIMBER' MEANS 'flexible', 'supple'. It's how easily you can bend your body as far as you can. Not forcing it too much, though! (Exercising your body to be stronger is different.) Look at the easy arm exercises in the two photos above.

Now how simple are those? And you don't even have to get up off your chair to do them. You can do them while watching TV, too.

I hope you've learned all through this series on fitness that there's no end to your inventing an immense range of exercises like these. All they need is your own imagination. Nor do you have to go to a gym to learn how to do them.

But this is what I'm trying to do, no more than show you how to dream up a myriad of simple exercises that you can do around your home. *And* that you can do quite often while doing other things, like watching your TV.

Exercising for strength is something else. That's more of the weight-lifting kind of thing. But keeping your body limber in the ways I'm illustrating will help you be a little stronger too.



Keeping your hands and fingers limber, but also keeping them and your wrists and arms stronger at the same time

For example, look at the pic above. Folding your fingers into your palms, and pressing down on your knuckles is a great way to not only exercise your fingers but also strengthen your wrists. And of course, you can do this on your knees if crouching like I am here is too hard to do.

So, start dreaming up little exercises like these. I'll bet you can invent dozens of them. I'm sure that once you set your imagination loose on thinking how to help every part of your body become more limber, you'll flood your head with them.

And *that's* something else too! How often do you exercise your imagination? It's well known that if, when you get old, you take up an entirely new hobby such as painting, or woodwork, or horse-riding, or—well, anything that exercises your brain in an entirely new way,—your health will benefit enormously. You'll kick-start your brain and life tremendously into new realms that you scarcely imagined you'd go visiting.

Tackling Weaknesses

MOST PEOPLE, especially when getting older, find they suffer from various bodily weaknesses. One of the best pieces of advice I ever got was from the Physiotherapist Tom Anthoney, who some of you might remember.

He told me that if there were something weak about my body, invent an exercise to deal with it. Well, when I'm hiking in the hills around Quorn, I've recently found I need to stop for a brief rest every km or so.

If there's a fallen tree or high-enough stone to sit on, well, that's fine. But if I have to sit right down on the ground, I find that I'm in serious trouble doing nothing more than struggling to stand all the way up again.

And so, now one of my daily exercises is to squat down on my heels, and do no more than stand up. Down and up. Down and up. Only a dozen times every day. So?...problem solved! I can now sit on the ground during my hikes.

Which reminds me. Think how little children spend so much of their lives squatting and sprawling and lying on floors. They 'live' in a different 'geographical' world than adults do. And how limber are they? Oh, *very!*



Strengthening your ankle barefooted on the edge of a table

So I often deliberately do things on the floor instead of on a table, such as stapling a heap of documents. I sort things out on the floor. To go hiking I pack my rucksack on the floor. If I have to go through a heap of books searching for

something, that's a task for the floor too. If it keeps children limber, why not me as well?

'Some Day' Never Comes

THERE ARE TWO things I say to people which elicit this response: 'I'll get on to it *some day*'. One is to caption all their old family photos. And the other is to exercise, or to go for a walk every day. Of course, you know that that 'some day' never comes. It most certainly does *not*.



Simple exercise stepping back and forth over some small obstacle to teach yourself to lift your feet higher when walking

The photos inevitably get chucked out after you've died, because your descendants have no idea what they are about.

But why do people say they'll 'Go walking some day' yet never do? Is it just laziness? Or is it the fear that other people will laugh at them for doing something so

unusual for them? Why not be bold, and just do it?

Start by walking down your street to the corner, and back. After a week or two go a street further. Then gradually move up until you're walking right around your block. And keep on gradually increasing the distance, bit by bit.

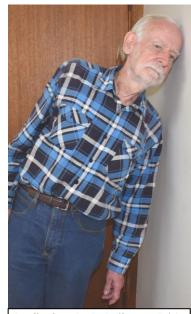
You don't have to walk in bad weather, but don't give in. It's been found that walking alone increases your life expectancy. So it's brutally simple: your choice is to walk...and live longer.

Be Positive, not Negative

THERE ARE far too many people always ready to sneer at you. I'm quite sure that if I fall dead tomorrow there'd be many saying, 'Look where all that exercise got him—he's dead!'

Why not say instead, 'Look how much longer he lived *because* he walked and exercised'?

——Ray Wood; photos M. Ozolins



I suffer from lordosis (from polio) in my neck. So I strengthen my neck!

Pictures — From the Past



THIS SPECTACULAR derailment of a freight train carrying coal happened on the salt lagoon between Stirling North and Port Augusta around the turn of the century (c 1900). It was caused by one steam locomotive's boiler exploding. Hundreds of sightseers came from Quorn and Port Augusta to gawp at the wreckage. The foremost part in the top photo looks like remains of one engine. You wonder if the engines' crews survived. From Reg Mayes, *Pictorial History of Port Augusta* (Rigby, 1974).



Happy the Dwarf

HAPPY THE DWARF came about due to the need for more foot traffic in the Quorn Native Flora Reserve.

The weeds along the path were growing at a rapid rate, faster than could be chipped out by one couple. Sandra and I repaired the path to some extent, redefining it in many places and cutting water drainage to stop erosional damage. We cleaned up the seating area and trimmed the pepper trees to make it look more inviting and cared for, now sadly the pepper trees are gone but will be replaced as with newly repaired seating.

We hide "Happy" in the undergrowth, somewhere along the route, no more than 10 paces from the path. Then it is up to the visitor walking the path to find him. For the wonderful experience of finding "Happy", then taking him into either Quandong Café or Teas on the Terrace, the rescuer can have a free "coffee and cake".

Sandra and I will place him back to work in the undergrowth, and the hunt starts again.

So far five people have found him and enjoyed the pleasure of a freebee. One kidnapper hid him from us and made "us" search for him. "Happy" needed counselling after that as did the kidnapper.

Do yourselves a favour and walk the trail for exercise and pleasure, with the bonus of helping to maintain our assets in Quorn.

We have had many positive feedback reports and hope to continue the program till the end of the year.



Happy hiding out at the Flora Reserve



Happy the dwarf at the Quandong Cafe

Also we would like to introduce "Doc" who will be doing a similar job at the "Bush Tucker Gardens" and "Powell Gardens". Watch out for "Doc" and score a Free coffee and cake.

Sponsored by Modris and Sandra Ozolins and Cindy Veen from "Flash As" with support from many others.!



Doc in position at the Bush Tucker Garden





Halloween house on McHugh St

Quorn Out and About

DENSEY'S FINLAY'S 21ST **BIRTHDAY** was celebrated at Argadells on Saturday 23rd October 2021. A two tiered cake decorated with pearls and fresh white roses was made and given to Densey by Bronwyn Rigden. The many family and friends who attended enjoyed a barbequed meal, and delicious cake to follow. A most enjoyable night was had by all.

Pictured below, The Finlay family—Paul and Raoni, Declan, Shelby, Densey and Meggan



Maddison Pyman on Dalbrae Bellboy with Karen Pyman at 2021 Quorn Show Winner of the Fancy Dress in the Toddler Encourage ring



The Adelaide Recumbent Riders group enjoyed riding the smooth path through the Quorn Bush Food garden. The Rider on the left is Ray Galvin from Rays Trikes, sponsor of the group

Sculpture Story



Tim Baulderstone intrigued visitors to the 2021 Quorn
Show with his Chainsaw Sculpture.
He began with a Red Gum log, and using a chainsaw
and angle grinder fashioned the sculpture you see today
in Quorn's Bush Food Garden.

BaCore Quorn fully sponsored Tim for travelling to Quorn and creating this masterpiece



THE QUORN AGRICULTURAL SHOW
Committee was pleased to donate a sculpture by
Tim Baulderstone to the Quorn Bush Food Garden.

The sculpture was created during a featured event by the Riverland artist over the course of Show day 2021. Many visitors witnessed the changes to the Red Gum log as Tim worked to produce the sculpture you see pictured below.

Wood was donated from the community for Tim to use. Mr Ken Fuller, a member of the Bush Food Garden group donated wood and with the Flinders Ranges Council, installed the sculpture, to be enjoyed by visitors to the Garden.

Bronwyn Filsell speaks for all with the comment, "A beautiful eagle donated for many to admire, and it was many who made this possible."







Quorn Cricket Club ANNUAL AUCTION 10am Sunday 14th of November 2021

Goods received from 7:00am to 9:30am on the morning of Sale.

Full Catering & Bar Available

Quorn Community Oval Park Terrace, Quorn

All items \$5 & under Donation to the Cricket Club.

We Can Sell Anything!!!

Covid Rules & Check in Applies.

For enquiries contact- <u>Broom Hilder 0427 486 865</u> or 0488 771 033.

Do YOU know how QUORN was settled?

In 1877 Quorn was established not as a town but as a camp site by the firm of Messrs. Barry, Brooks & Fraser. It was picked originally for the Chinese workers, that were hired from Victoria, to help build the rail line. This camp site is were the station buildings are now situated.

TENDERS. RAILWAY ENGINEERS TENDERS are invited by the Undersigned from thoroughly competent and experienced persons. until moon of the lat March, 1898, for a COM-PLETE SURVEY of a RAILWAY LINE from POST AUGUSTA TWO HUNDRED MILES NOBTH. The Tenders to be in one sum for the satisfac-tory carrying out and completion of the whole of the work, and the furnishing of working plans, d.c., in duplicate, within the specified time Specifications, printed Forms of Tender, and full particulars may be obtained on written application to the undersigned. The Tenderer whose offer may be accepted will have to enter into a construct in terms of the vpecification, and provide two approved scretics for its due fulfilment. No Tender entertained except from professional gentlemen furnishing at least two respectable references, and on the printed forms and in terms of the specification, Tenders to be addressed to the undersigned, endorsed on the left-hand corner "Tender for Survey of the Great Northern Railway Line." Tender for Neither the lowest nor any Tender necessarily J. ROUNSEVELL & COMPANY. North-terrace, Adelaide, Juniuary 13, 1868.

The first Advert for the tender of surveying the Railway from Port Augusta north

Appearing in the South Australian Register on January the $14^{\text{th}}\,1868$

It all began with a tender being called in September of 1877 for the construction of the line, the first section of the projected Transcontinental Railway. The firm of Messrs. Barry, Brooks & Fraser won the contract with their offer being some £78,000 below the next lowest tender, that of the Millar Brothers.

On January 18, 1878 His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Jervois, accompanied by members of both Houses of Parliament turned the first sod. From all that can be found evidently this was in Port Augusta. This

signalled that work had now commenced on the building of the line.

The main camp, with offices and workshops was at Woolshed Flat with large parties of men located at intervals extending over the first 25 miles from Port Augusta to where Quorn in now situated. To quote from the papers of the time "at which point Quorn is now situated, a township at that time little dreamt of, the site being then the camp selected by the firm for the Chinamen engaged for the works."



B11495 SLSA

Men working on a cutting in the Pichi Richi Pass

All the earthworks, concrete and masonry was pre-done and in June or July 1878 the first rail was laid. From there the works progressed fairly quickly until they got to the second bridge, the one that goes over the road



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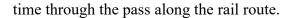
at Saltia creek. This bridge was delayed because the iron work from the English company, The Patent Shaft and Axletree Company, had not arrived, even though it had been ordered when the contract was won.



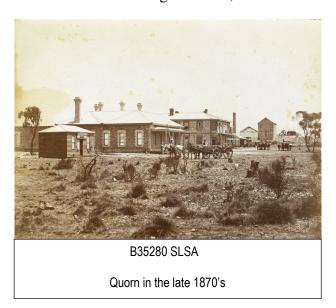
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Saltia township in the 1880's

Due to this delay, attention was turned to reclaiming of the foreshore of the station yard at Port Augusta. This entailed the excavation of about 100,000 cubic yards of rough stone facing. While this was happening the bridge steel arrived and was soon erected. There is a total of seven bridges in the first 11 miles of the line. The ballast for the first part of the line was obtained from where the old Stirling North station yard was situated and hauled by locomotive over a 1:60 gradient, this was because there were no suitable roads at the



At Saltia, which was then a township, at the first summit (being 1,332 feet above low water) a siding was established for the convenience of loading firewood, which



became a very large industry at the time.

The 25 miles from Port Augusta to Quorn was completed in July 1879. The next 70 miles to Hawker was completed and open to traffic in June of the following year. Beltana was reached in 1881 and Farina in May of 1882.

On Wednesday the 17th of May 1879 two lines were officially opened in Quorn, the Quorn to Farina line and the Quorn to Terowie line. Quorn had, in this short space of time,



Pichi Richi in 1880's

B21959 SLSA

Railway Terrace Quorn in 1897

grown quite substantially, with building's valued at £200,000 (in todays money that would be approximately \$33,000,000). As a consequence it was found necessary to make a large station yard, with sidings into the mills of Dunn & Co. and Cowan & Co. In June of 1879 Cowan's Flour mill in Quorn sent by train, which was the first ever railed consignment, 300 bags of flour to Port Augusta for shipment to Adelaide. The return freight ran into a problem, the sharp bends and light track meant that loads had to be reduced and so in December of 1881 the South Australian Railways wanted all the main workshops at Port Augusta relocated to Quorn.



B 9330 SLSA

Quorn Railway Station opened on 15 December 1879 as the interim terminus of the Central Australian Railway from Port Augusta. In 1881 Quorn became a junction station with the opening of the Peterborough-Quorn railway line

Reports in the papers of the day were astonished at the rapid growth and importance of Quorn stating that a few months prior it was only the haunts of kangaroos and the local Aboriginal tribes.

Quorn was declared a town in the Government Gazette on Tuesday, May the 16th 1878. As you can see it took only about eight or nine months from the calling of the contract for Quorn to grow from just a



B14791 SLSA

View of Quorn in about 1910. The road in the foreground is the Quorn - Wilmington Road

workers camp along the proposed rail route to becoming a town. Quorn rapidly grew into one of the major townships of the state until around the 1950's when the full circle had been completed with most of the main workshops and all the infrastructure being relocated back to Port Augusta, thus setting in motion Quorn becoming just another small country town.



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Railway Terrace, Quorn. Quorn is a township and was a railhead in the Flinders Ranges. The railway line was opened in 1879 and later four hotels was established on Railway Terrace. Many other important buildings were situated along Railway Terrace namely The Flour Mill, ES&A Bank, National Bank, Town Hall, Post Office and Police Station

This photo was taken in about 1910

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LIBRARY NEWS











- Quorn Book Club Tuesday 2nd November by 7pm @ 'Vonhill' Groves Road QUORN. Enquiries please contact Jacky at 0407640 425 or Sam on 0456129870.
 Book is: A Guide to Berlin by Gail Jones
- UNAVAILABLE: Library Justice of Peace Currently we have no JP services. If you would like to volunteer to hold JP services in the library please call us.
- Storytime We're back! These are the following dates:
 Wednesdays 10th November, 24th November and the last one for
 the year 1st December. There will be NO shared food, and there
 will be individual activity packs. We ask that you complete the
 contact tracing register available upon arrival and exit. **Due to
 COVID restrictions: Please note, these dates may be subject to
 change at short notice**

ADVANCE NOTICE OPENING HOURS

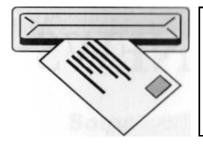
Quorn School Community Library will be closed from Wednesday, 22nd December 2021 @ 5:30 pm.

We will re-open on Tuesday, 11th January 2022 @ 1:00 pm.

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

SUNDAY CLOSED
MONDAY CLOSED
TUESDAY 1:00-5:30PM
WEDNESDAY 9:30 AM-5:30PM
THURSDAY 1:00- 5:30PM
FRIDAY 1:00- 5:30PM
SATURDAY 10:00AM-12:00PM

Letters to the Editor



Letters must be no longer than 200 words, or they will not be published

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Dear Editor

How fortunate we are in Quorn to have John and Lisa Simpson living here.

Not only did we enjoy a fantastic Rock The Ranges concert, but all the other events they have organized in the past, and continue to organise for the future in our area.

The Rock The Ranges concert they were responsible for organising and the bands they had chosen were great.

There was a variety of different food to choose from, and the bar was kept busy all day.

People came from all over the State, and that brought extra business into our community

Congratulations to John and Lisa Simpson and all others involved in organising such a wonderful event for Quorn.

Marie Williams

Dear Sir/Madam,

In March 2021 I wrote a letter asking about the WW1 memorial plaques, in the parklands at the east end of First Street. They'd been taken up the previous year, and at the time, a Council staff person said that they were to be cleaned.

I've noticed that they've recently been replaced, cleaned and polished, at the base of a well-grown tree. The timing couldn't have been better, as they are there for Remembrance Day, Nov 11th.

Unfortunately there's a sign saying that only authorised persons may enter, but it's interesting to wander along, and see the names of those whose descendants still live in Quorn.

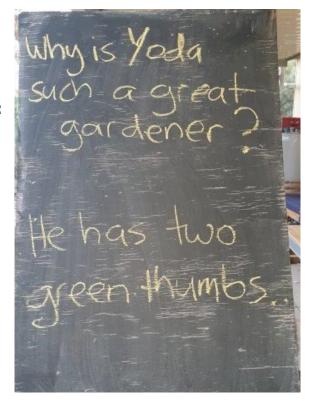
Yours sincerely

Imelda Coverdale

Quorn



Hackett Art



Do WE have a CHOICE?

The Council is doing a feasibility study for the *NORTH QUORN COMMUNITY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CWMS)*, why don't they call it what it really is, another grab for the increase of our rates.

If it goes ahead they will have to spend one hell of a lot of money to get this scheme up and running......where is this money going to coming from. They already give approx. \$86,000 plus to the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society Inc., this has already been shown in previous issues of the Mercury.

One of the savings, they state, for the rate payer is that it will eliminate frequent septic tank desludging (pump outs). Well I have only ever done this about every 10 years or so. If this costs, say, \$400 at a time there won't be any saving of money as you will not have to fork out \$400 every year, which is probably what the increase yearly will cost, on top of the rates, for them to run the scheme and there will be no doubt that will increase year by year along with the normal rates. My figures may not be accurate but do point out what the council is up to.

Another thing will be that all the roads and footpaths will be dug up to lay the pipe work. You the rate payer will have to fork out for the connection from your septic tank location to the connection point at the front of your house, another expense that most cannot afford and yes they may defer payment until you die or sell but it is still a payment (probably with interest). The devil is in the detail.

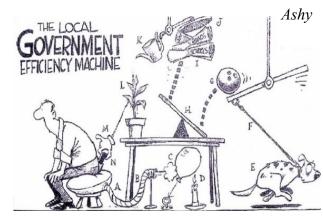
This council would be better off looking at savings or at least spreading the money to other Clubs and Societies in the town equally. Stop propping up the Pichi Richi, there is around \$143,104.00 saving just for starters or that could be redirected to help, say, the Show Society (which by the way is a Royal Show Society - a gripe for another day). There are probably other clubs and societies looking for help around the town also.

Look into the safety of the crossroad at

the swimming pool, making that safe for all....one idea would be to put the roundabout there as originally intended as caving into the trucking industry did not slow down the trucks as originally intended making it safer for the kids leaving and going to school. The current offset is confusing to nearly all motorists as you are required to put on your indicator to enter this crossing, who in the hell knows if the other vehicle is going through or doing a right turn?

Or maybe do something about the towns poor water pressure and quality. Grow some B@#*s and stand up to the State Government and the current Water supplier. Make some loud noises and get something constructive done regarding this poor situation. Have you ever noticed when Adelaide or any other major centre gets a water leak (that normally turns into a burst) they have massive fountains and/or holes but when we get one you are battling to see where the hell it is you just lose the little pressure you had. CFS members have to be very careful when using the stand pipes, they are so old they could rupture when turned on and off and maybe they will get enough pressure to fight your house fire especially in North Quorn. Our water infrastructure has had no major upgrades done to it in nearly 100 years.

There would other projects more suitable to a small country town that should be looked at. We are not the middle of Adelaide and a lot of rules and regulations that suit a city do not work or are wanted here in a small country town. Our draw card is that we are a COUNTRY TOWN.



I have been the Member for Giles since 2014 and was appointed Shadow Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development in 2018.

Giles is the largest South Australian state electorate and covers Whyalla, Quorn, Hawker, Kimba, Cowell, Roxby Downs, Coober Pedy and the APY Lands reaching all the way out to the Western Australian and Northern Territory borders.

Please contact my office if you require assistance with State Government-related matters.







My office can help you with

- Community or individual advocacy, engagement and consultation
- Provide advice and assistance on State Government matters relating to the Giles electorate and Primary Industries and Regional Development
- Refer you to the appropriate service provider or Government agency if we cannot provide the service
- Assist community organisations and sporting clubs with grant applications
- Provide advice on possible funding sources for community projects
- Assist with the preparation of petitions and table them in State Parliament
- Justice of the Peace Services



Quorn Mercury Revisited



10 Years Ago

International Netball

L—R Georgie Smith, Mackenzie Chapman,
 Kiera Pyman and Grace Smith at the Netball
 Australia Vs New Zealand match in Adelaide
 on Wed 26th October

Birthday at Bruce

Cooking the BBQ-Brenton Storey, Ian Rodgers, Geoff Voigt



L-R Jan Noden, Kevin and Joan Montgomerie, Roger and Cheryl Hilder

20 Years Ago

On Sunday 14th October 135 people gathered at the Bruce Hall to celebrate the districts 125th birthday. Bruce is located 23km SE of Quorn in the Hd Willochra which was proclaimed on 17th June 1875. Greg Osborn, chairman of the committee, said funds raised on the day would go towards replacing the doors and other necessary repairs to the hall.

Warm Welcome

Tony Gwynn Jones welcomed people on behalf of the organising committee. At the end of the day he reported that \$650 had been raised towards towards the renovations. The building had been reroofed in recent years. In the week prior to the celebration Peter Maloney had repainted the buildings exterior. Chris, Peter's brother returned to Bruce for the occasion.

Memories

Among other families who attended and have present and past ties with Bruce were Finlay, Hilder, Kelly, Pool,McColl,Rodgers, Searle,Storey, Voigt, Wells and Wright.

Quorn Area School Sports Day

QAS SPORTS DAY was held on Thursday the 23rd of September. Although we had to reschedule from the earlier date (due to windy conditions) we were very lucky with the weather and the day was certainly a success. We would like to thank the community for their flexibility with having to reschedule. We appreciate your efforts in having to rearrange your busy schedules, as safety is certainly our number one priority for our school.

I would like to thank the Parents and Friends Committee for their efforts and time in organising the BBQ, food and drinks stall. It was lovely to have the food stall out near the action so that the parents were able to watch their children participate. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the parents/guardians/grandparents and community members who volunteered their time with timing, scoring, and measuring of the track and field events on the day. Thanks to Peter Crisp who gave up his time in assisting Mark with the line marking – your knowledge and experience in this area is much appreciated.

Congratulations to the House Captains and Vice Captains for their outstanding efforts in the lead up to the event and on the day. They were always on their toes, ensuring that they were where they needed to be for their own events, as well as supporting their team members and organising relays.

I was so pleased to see so many students competing this year. The numbers in each age group increased from last year and I would like to congratulate all students for 'having a go' and gaining points for your team. I would also like to thank those students who volunteered their time by measuring and recording on the field events. Well done to all competitors – A special mention to those who won age group trophies and certificates, team spirit awards and those who broke records. An amazing team effort!

Sarah Bury

Team Scores Yarrah 1517.75 Kanyaka 1407.25



Record Breakers

Event	New Record	Time/Distance	Previous Holder
U12 Girls 400m	Ella Holtham	1.15.65	2001 Sally Fuller 1.15.75
U10 Girls 800m	Shelby Finlay	3.39.20	2013 Ashleigh McCallum 3.39.84
U12 Girls 800m	Ella Holtham	3.05.26	2020 Ella Holtham 3.10.62
U10 Boys Long Jump	Sam Finlay	3.66m	2004 Keenan Bury 3.42m
U12 Girls Long Jump	Ella Holtham	3.75m	2005 Kelsey Pyman 3.58m
U14 Girls Discus	Tyra Lander	19.68m	2005 Kolinda Schafer 19.49m
U14 Boys Discus	Joel Finlay	27.88m	2012 Keenan Saunders 26.40m
U16 Boys Discus	William Bennett	36.31m	2013 Jackson Wilson 35.23m
Open Girls Javelin	Emily Eckert	22.92m	2020 Shalaynee Brady 22.43m
U10 Boys Triple Jump	Sam Finlay	7.40m	New Event 2021
U10 Girls Triple Jump	Lani Kamin	5.23m	New Event 2021

Individual Championship Awards

Winner	Runner-Up
Shelby Finlay & Shyla Burk	Ellie Bury
Sam Finlay	Harry McAuley (HAS)
Ella Holtham	Gemma Peart
Ray Lander	Noah Kruger
Maia Tschirner	Mia Crisp
Joel Finlay	Kahlan Burke
Geri Tschirner	Mhatika Wilton
George Peart	William Bennett
Jayde Finlay	Emily Eckert
Lachlan Finlay	Austin Clancy
	Shelby Finlay & Shyla Burk Sam Finlay Ella Holtham Ray Lander Maia Tschirner Joel Finlay Geri Tschirner George Peart Jayde Finlay

House Captain Team Award

Kanyaka Mark Case Lachlan Holtham Yarrah Ebonie Werth Anton Thompson







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REPRESENTING THE QUORN COMMUNITY



Rowan Ramsey MP

Federal Member for Grey

My office can help with Federal issues including Centrelink, Immigration, Communications, Veterans Affairs and many others.

Please contact Rowan's office 1300 301 742 or 8633 1744 Email: rowan.ramsey.mp@aph.gov.au PO Box 296 PORT PIRIE SA 5540

PICHI RICHI • RAILWAY •





Welcome to the November edition for the Quorn Mercury with the latest news from Pichi Richi Railway

IT HAS BEEN all go at PRR the past few weeks, and with the running season about to end, we will be glad to catch our breath!

Thank you to all those who voted for us in the South Australian Tourism Awards. By the time you read this, we will know whether we won any of the categories, but if not we are still pleased to be a Finalist this year.



Dave Fisher, Sue [judge's partner], Renata Hackett, judge Andy Glen, and Barb Smythe on judging day for the 2021 South Australian Tourism Awards

The 830 class has finally arrived in Quorn after many weeks of edge of the seat waiting. The 846 came up from Port Lincoln on Saturday October 2nd, and the bogies that were in Thevenard arrived Tuesday 26th October. We are just waiting for 843 to come up from Adelaide. Then the restoration can begin.



PRR and Max Cranes crews with 846

Work on Culvert 0 is complete, following the newbies weekend in October. Anyone who is interested in joining the Newbies each month, should contact Hayden Hart on 0407 609 134.

Bronwyn Ingram is the contact person for general volunteering. 08 8641 1527.





Culvert 0 work nearing completion

The NM25 is back in action after a year in the loco shed having a major service. It was wonderful to hear those mellow toots of the old girl back on the main line.



Glen, Jarrod and John Smythe out with the NM25 for steam tests—all good!

And finally...

Travel Guides has just completed an extremely dusty day of filming at PRR with the episode airing in the first half of 2022. Railcar 106 will be famous! We hope it translates into lots of passengers on our Sundowner Services, which also use the Brill Railcar.

Scheduled Trains in November

Saturday 6th Sundowner – dep Quorn 1730, return Quorn 19:30

Saturday 13th Sundowner – dep Quorn 1730, return Quorn 19:30

Saturday 20th Sundowner – dep Quorn 1730, return Quorn 19:30

Saturday 27th Sundowner – dep Quorn 1730, return Quorn 19:30

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ALL WELCOME

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PH: 0429 977 015 Andy Smith (Chairman) PH: 0488 069 943 Terry Smith (Tres)

Email: quornmensshed@gmail.com



Trailer load of rubbish cleared for garden beds



Jeff bringing in garden bed



Garden beds set up ready for filling



Col & Jeff loading compost

Anyone can drop in for a cuppa and a chat on Thursdays, any time between 8.30am and 2pm Shed breakfasts at 0900hrs on 11th & 25th November.

Andy does Steak sandwiches for workers lunch, on 4th & 18th November, only \$4.

This is subject to COVID mandates.





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Jim constructing a miniature wire tree on a piece of dolomite



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Andy's corner

28/10/2021

Just a few notes to let members know what is happening around the traps.

The lean too on the side of the workshop is now a work in progress and plans and cost being drawn up and we will build as we go.

The tucker garden area can now be set up as we have the equipment ie garden beds and shade structure. Some beds are ready for seedlings the first crop at this stage will be Queensland blues.

Good weather now for most things, ideal for painting the container.

The electrical appliance testing has been started and is on going.

Anyone with appliances that require testing can bring them to the men's and we can arrange to have them tested to the AS3760 standard. We can even arrange some repairs if parts are still available for them.

Anyone is welcome to drop in with a DIY project have a chat and a cuppa.

Don't forget memberships are due now. Covid rules apply.

Andy Smith





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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Provide advocacy, development and networking opportunities to the Quorn and District Business community
- Support sustainable business growth and make it easier to do business.
- Share information on what is happening in the community i.e., events, activities, visiting groups.
- · Current information on training, funding, and grant opportunities
- Information evenings with expert guest speakers
- Network with other local business owners

Quorn Business Group Executive Committee

President - Kevin Woolford

Secretary - Sharon Hooper

Treasurer - Stuart Hackett

Committee Members - Pat Gilbert, Mel Bowden, Hamish Gibson, Eric Brown

Next General Meeting - 6 December 2021

See Quorn Out and About for venue



The Catholic Communities of the Flinders Ranges

PO Box 119 Quorn SA 5433 Email: immaculateconception@pp.catholic.org.au Telephone 86486185

NOVEMBER 2021 Blessing of the Graves

Quorn Cemetery: 20 November 8 am — Mass & Blessing of the Graves

Carrieton Cemetery: 20 November 6 pm — Mass & Blessing of the Graves

Hawker Church / Cemetery: 21 November 10:30 am — Mass then proceed to the Cemetery

Hammond Cemetery: 21 November 5 pm — Mass & Blessing of the Graves

CHRISTMAS 2021 Mass Times

Leigh Creek: Sun 19th December 5pm

Christmas Eve Masses (24th December):

Hawker — 4:45 pm Christmas Carols then 5 pm Mass

Quorn — 9:30 pm Christmas Carols then 9:45 pm Mass

**Carrieton to join Orroroo for Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day Mass (25th December):

Quorn — 9:00 am Christmas Carols then 9:15 am Mass

Women's Masters Singles played in Quorn—30.9.2021

TWELVE LADIES played in the Women's Pennants Masters Singles.

Barb Flower, Kath Altmann, and Sue Kelly represented Quorn.

Nine other ladies came from Whyalla Golf, Port Augusta and ETSA Bowling Clubs.

Each player had three games overall. The Shield was presented by Barb Griffin.

Winners:

1st Kay Reynolds. Pt Augusta Town

2nd Sue Brady Pt Augusta Town



Winner—Kay Reynolds accepts the shield from Barb Griffin



Sue Brady & Kay Reynolds, Port Augusta Town



The twelve participants from the four participating clubs—the Quorn participants were Sue Kelly on left, Kath Altmann, 4th from left and Barb Flower, 2nd from right

Fire Danger Season



The Flinders Ranges Council

Council wishes to remind residents and businesses to start preparing for the fire season which commenced on 1 November 2021 for the Flinders District.

Now is the time to prepare yourselves, properties and families and ensure you have a Bushfire Survival Plan that is practiced and ready.

Downloading the Alert SA App is a great way to stay up to date with any incidents in your target area.

Council also wishes to remind residents and businesses that they should be clearing / slashing house and vacant blocks and clearing up any rubbish / materials that may help to fuel fires. All flammable or potentially flammable grass and undergrowth must be at a height of 100mm (4") or less to comply.



On high-risk days, the right conditions at the wrong time can cause a significant bushfire. Don't get caught out.

CFS Deputy Chief Officer Rob Sandford





CHRISTMAS CLOSURES – ADVANCE NOTICE

Please note the temporary closure of the following Council facilities over the Christmas period: **Quorn Principal Office:** - close at 12:00 pm Friday 24th December 2021 and reopen at 9:00 am Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Quorn and Hawker Depots: – close at 12:00 pm Thursday 16^{th} December 2021 and reopen at 7:00 am Tuesday 4^{th} January 2022.

Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre – closed 25th December 2021 and 1st January 2022 only.

Quorn and Hawker Swimming Pools – closed 25th December 2021 only.

Any changes to existing kerbside waste collection schedules and transfer station opening hours will be communicated as soon as the information is received.



Rainfall 2021

Jan	10.2mm
Feb	1.4mm
March	5.2mm
April	Nil
May	26.8mm
June	36.2mm
July	100.4mm
August	13.0mm
September	6.2mm
October	15.8mm
YTD	215.2mm

Meals on Wheels

Volunteers Lunch at Transcontinental Hotel on Monday November 8th at 12.30pm Meal and drink supplied.

Contact:

Anne Freebairn phone 0429 486 586

Kath Altmann phone 8648 6058 by Friday November 5th if attending.

THE QUORN LIONS CLUB

We need more members.

You don't have to attend all meetings, or help at every function.

The \$50 Annual membership dues will be waived until July 2022.

Meetings are held at 7pm in the old power-house clubroom on the 2nd Wednesday of the month

Come along to a couple of meetings and see what Lions do.



Murray's Musings

November 2021

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist

Diabetes Education

Dietitian

Physiotherapist

Occupational Therapist

Speech Pathologist

Social Worker

Country Health Connect 8668 7706



November 2021

Anglican Church of St Matthews

3rd Sunday of month 10am Contact Number Ph: 0407 640 425

Catholic Church Flinders Ranges Catholic Parish

Parish Priest: Father Harold Camonias
Mass Times:

Weekdays: Tuesday— Fridays 9am Quorn.

Friday 11am Hawker

Saturday Carrieton 4pm

Sunday Quorn 8.30am Hawker 10.30am Leigh Creek 5pm 1st Sunday of the Month

Flinders Christian Fellowship

Sunday Church 10am Monday and Thursday lunch 12pm Tuesday Bible Study 12pm

Uniting Church

Sunday Services 10am

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Must be paid for when submitted.

Guidelines for Submissions:

- **Text** on white A4 with 2cm margins all sides, Times New Roman black type 12pt min 11-pt
- Photos jpg. w. caption info giving peoples' first and last names, what's happening, where & when (where relevant). Nicknames may be included
- **Submissions** must include separately: author's name, with address or phone number

Contacts

- Coming Events—Jillian Wilson, Visitors Information Centre, 8620 0510
- News in Brief—Peter Sandles, 8648 6768 or mercury@frc.sa.gov.au

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Quom-Hanker-Gradock Events November 2021

Regular Events

Quorn

Quorn Book Club

Phone Sam Nester for info 0456 129 870

Women's Fellowship—

3rd Wednesdays see poster in Laundromat window or Facebook for details.

Quorn Men's shed

Thursdays 8.30am - 2.00pm

Quorn Play Group

Mondays 10-12 at the Quorn Kindy. Gold Coin Donation.

Probus

1st Tuesday of the month 10am

Line dancing

Tuesday nights, 7pm, Town Hall. Cost \$10

Quorn Business Group

Meetings are quarterly See Quorn Out and About for details

Flinders Flicks 26/11/21 Stan & Ollie

Hawker

Community Group—Tuesday fortnightly

Yoga with Polly at the

Hawker Gym

Development Board—

2nd Monday of the Month

Friendship Group—

3rd Wednesday

Hawker Community Singers -

welcomes everyone to sing Friday 3.30pm to 5.00pm Hawker Hospital Community

Quilting Group—Friday

fortnightly

Events

Check out Timetable Pichi Richi Railway

Sundowner – A half day trip from Quorn to Woolshed Flat and return. Departing the Quorn Railway Station at 5.30pm returning at 8.00pm.

For the 2022 timetable and more information on Pichi Richi Railway go to the website www.pichirichirailway.org.au

Quorn Silo Light Show

Free projection every night, projecting onto the Quorn Silo. Viewing times are on the website or call and get a brochure from the visitor centre.

Quorn Product and Craft Market

Homemade goods, fresh local produce, handmade knits, crafts, cards and so much more!

28th Nov at the Town Hall 8:30am – 2:30pm.

Quorn Archives at the Courthouse

Opening 11am to 2pm 13th & 27th Nov

Looking to the month of December

Quorn Christmas Pageant

5th from 4.30pm

Quorn Archives at the Courthouse

11th Dec from 11am to 2pm

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Laughter is inner jogging

Norman Cousins

Regular Events

Quorn

Hannifitt

Thursdays from 6.30pm at School Gym

Boot Camp

Tuesday & Fridays 6.30am Quorn Oval

Yoga

Thursday nights 6.30pm Uniting Church Hall

Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group

1st and 3rd Friday of the month at the Lions Club Rooms.

Everyone welcome

Quorn Bowling Club

Interested in playing social bowls?
Tuesday 1:00pm
Saturday 1:00pm
Everyone is welcome to join in the fun

Pilates

Wednesday mornings at 9am and Wednesday evenings at 7pm at the Quorn Town Hall. \$15 per session \$10 concession

Suzanne's Dancers Quorn Tuesday at Quorn Parish Hall for children

Austral Inn Hotel

Sunday Pizza, Tuesday Seafood and Wednesday Schnitzel Night

Transcontinental Hotel

Tuesday Night Schnitzel Night

Wellbeing through Meditation

Held every Tuesday at the Catholic Church Hall on Railway Tce. 6:30 – 7:30pm. Cost is by donation

Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society

Wednesdays from 9am at the Lions Park Everyone welcome

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Orchidaceae Thelymitre pauciflora—Slender sun orchid

This collection of native flowers at Devils Peak was recently photographed by Tim Webb of Quorn.

Liliaceae Wurmbia centralis— Early Nancy



Visitors to Quorn residence of Greg Bannon & Janet Thomas.

Above—A frill neck lizard sunbaking 2 metres high **Below**—A snoopy goanna inspecting some of the pot plants.

