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Congratulations and best wishes to Maureen Finlay celebrating her 90th Birthday.
Family photo in Centrefold



Congratulations to Lyn French celebrating her 70th Birthday at Tickle Belly Hill
Group photo in Centrefold

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Quorn Women's Fellowship

THE FIRST GATHERING of the year for Women's Fellowship was a meal at the Golden Pearl Restaurant in Port Augusta on the 16th February.

Twenty women enjoyed the meal and also participated in some group activities.

Suggestions were also collected on some possible future activities. The group meets monthly, usually on the third Wednesday of the month and new members are always welcome.

Activities are advertised on Quorn Out and About Facebook page and notices in the Wash House or Newsagency.

Some of our past activities have included movie nights, meals, art experiences, visits to gardens or other places of interest, Amazing Race scavenger hunt and guest speakers.



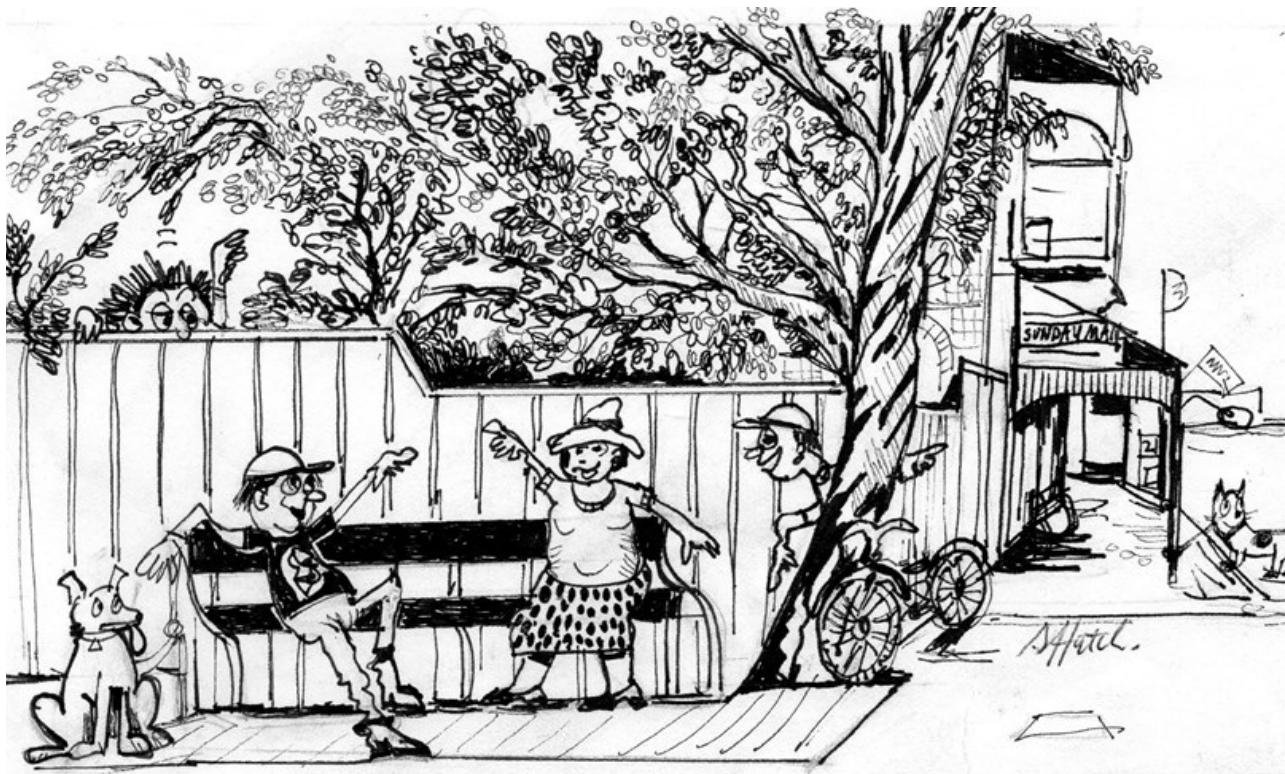
Women's Fellowship at Golden Pearl Restaurant in Port Augusta, around the table from left—Di George, Sarah Kruger, Pam Hunt, Kerry Uhlik, Shirley Carn, Yvonne Player, Heather Roberts, Mary Francis, Rita Britza, Pauline Hill, Loraine Pumpa, Minette Gorecki—also Anne Freebairn and Pam Rodgers attended



Women's Fellowship at Golden Pearl Restaurant in Port Augusta. Around the table from back left—Heidi Rodgers, Penny Kelly, Kaye Freebairn, Di Williams, Meredith Heymink, Jenny Crisp, Di George, Sara Kruger, Pam Hunt, Kerry Uhlik.

Chat with a Quornie

Geoffrey Lyson



I ALWAYS THINK I'm more of a Hawker person than a Quornie.

Dad, Allan Lyson, was a builder-carpenter. He worked mainly for himself, until he became a foreman building inspector for public buildings in Pt Augusta.

He inspected and repaired police stations and schools, mainly in northern SA. He went to Cook, Marree, Ernabella and Nepabunna.

Dad was born in Yorktown in 1920. He grew up and was educated in Edithburgh.

Mum, Ilma, was born at Hawker in 1931.



Mum and Dad were married in Quorn Uniting Church

She was raised on the farm on Willow Plain, and was a good horsewoman. She went to Willow Plain School to Grade 7, and did first year high school through correspondence.

I was born at Pt Augusta, and baptised in South Arkaba Methodist church. My siblings—Wendy, Cheryl and Max were born in Hawker.

SCHOOLDAYS

WENDY AND I went to Willsden Primary and Pt Augusta High schools and passed Leaving Certificate. Cheryl and Max finished at Quorn.

When we were young, we had a holiday house at Venus Bay, where we had lovely school holidays, swimming and fishing. Dad taught me to fish. I now have my own boat.

When he wasn't building, Dad took us up to Beltana to operate the rabbit chiller. I became friendly with Peter, the son of Quorn couple, June and Len Roberts, who owned the Beltana store and PO. He was already at school.

Dad had come from a strict Scottish family. When he was home, he ruled the house with an iron fist. It was more fun with Mum when Dad was away. She was lovely.

I never had much of a relationship with Dad's parents. Grandma was not affectionate, very stern. Grandpa died when I was four.

When I was at school in Pt Augusta, I joined Boy Scouts. I went on a three day hike with 12 boys and two scoutmasters. We carried knapsacks containing pup tent, food, water, sleeping bag, and a change of clothes.

We walked through Alligator Gorge, Hidden Gorge, the Battery (Day 2 lunch on the highest point in the range), to Nectar Brook, finishing up at Miranda. (Geoff pictured below).



SIBLINGS

WENDY, MY SISTER lives at Kapunda. She's a grandma now, but has been blind for the last 15 years. I don't think the problem's macular degeneration, but specialists can't understand it—something to do with optical nerve failure.

Max lives at Stirling North with his wife, Carol. He worked in the Railways, but he also took early retirement. They have two boys.

Cheryl and husband, Gary Colman, recently vacated their house, and bought a caravan to tour Australia. Cheryl found good medical assistance for her arthritis at Albany, WA, so they plan to stay a while.

Mum's mother and father, Min and Gil Bennie, farmed on Willow Plain, east of Hawker. They sold to McInnis's in 1969.

Grandad Bennie was more of a father to me than my own father. He was very affectionate towards us children. Gran was also lovely.

In 1969, Grandad bought a house in Quorn (now Tony Moosha's). Mum and Dad had separated, so we moved to live with them, in Jan 1973. Luckily it was a big house.

After Grandma and Grandad's death, the Seventh St house had to be sold, so I moved into a house on South Tce.



50th wedding anniversary. From left—Illma, Grandad and Grandma Bennie and Alan Bennie at Quorn

Mum came to live with me before her death. For the last two years of her life she had dementia, and was in care. After 35 years, I'm still living in the same home.

RW Foster's

I STARTED WORK at RW Foster in Feb 1973. I wanted to do an electrical apprenticeship at ETSA or the Railways, so took the job at Foster's 'for a few months'. I applied for other jobs but, someone else was always selected, so I was there for 22 years.

I'd inherited a genetic disability—*Treacher Collins Syndrome**, which meant that doctors didn't pass me as fit to work. I was fit and healthy until I underwent cardiac surgery on the mitral valve in Jan 2010.

I worked in groceries, men's, hardware, footwear—all departments but Ladies. I was stock buyer after Kevin Rankin retired, buying from warehouses in Adelaide and interstate.

When I retired in 1995, Fosters was battling. Nance and Roy didn't have a family, and shortly afterwards sold out.

Nance's grandfather, Richard Witty (RW) Foster, had originally owned a farm out near the Dutchman. He was a minister as well as a politician, so was seldom home.

Mrs Foster was Miss Lee (Lee's had a store in Saltia), who started the shop in Quorn, and married RW. I believe she was related to Vic Lee, who had a Pt Augusta hardware shop.

Fosters burnt down in 1927. RW Foster travelled round US looking for ideas for a new store. In 1928 he rebuilt a very modern shop.

Nance's father, Billy Foster, collapsed and died at a race meeting at Quorn Racecourse. Mrs Foster moved in with Nance and Roy, and lived at the shop residence till she died.

*Treacher Collins Syndrome—a genetic disorder that affects growth and development of the head, causing facial anomalies and hearing loss.

When I started work, Ted Wells showed me the ropes. Other staff were—Phyllis (Hilder); her sister, Heather Oliffe, a lovely girl to work alongside. We all got on well.

Lorraine Hall (Pumpa), Lyn Wills, Gaylene Duhring were in the office. Vanessa Starr was there when the shop closed.

My neighbour, Frank Hancock worked there. Gary, Frank and Valda's son, was my great mate. He's recently come back from Thailand with his partner, and bought a house at Moonta, near where his mum still lives.

Val's a proud grandmother, because her daughter, Andrea's son, Alex Carey, is the Australian Cricket Test team's wicket keeper.

Old Billy Foster started a delivery service, with a utility and then a cheap van. Frank and I would make up orders for old people, and deliver them two or three days a week.

There was a goods train every Tuesday. Roy Deakin and I took one of the trucks from his Fuel Depot over to the Goods shed, loaded the freight, and brought it back to the shop.

Frank put a sliding board down into the cellar, (which was 75 degrees all year round). He slid cases of groceries down the board for me to lift off. Some of the boxes were heavy, especially tinned fruit. No OHS then!

After the railways left Quorn, goods were carried from Peterborough by truck. Later, Nance contracted Wayne Schutloffel to cart from Adelaide in his truck.



Ilma (Mum) and I celebrate her 70th birthday

The shop was freezing in winter—cold, dark and draughty. I turned on the lights to make it look more welcoming, but Nance came behind turning them off. We had many arguments.

I set up a heater behind the grocery counter, for the girls (In coats and gloves) to write dockets. Their hands were so frozen that they struggled to write or use the till.

When John Bailey and Barry Paynter left I had two jobs including all the physical work.

It wasn't a well paid job: I never got ahead. Mum and I couldn't buy Granddad's home, or even put a deposit on a house. So after my grandparents' death, we rented.

Treacher Collins Disorder

I swore an oath I'd never have children. I knew I'd pass on the gene as Mum did. She wore hearing aids most of her life, as I have.

One of my nephews was grossly deformed by the disorder, but after several operations by Dr David David, of the Facial-Cranial Unit, he's decided not to have any more procedures.

He lives in Adelaide, and has made the same decision as mine, not to have children. He endured ridicule all his schooldays.

Cheryl's daughter, Michelle had Treacher's. We lost her in a tragic accident, when she was 14. She was like a daughter to me.



Michelle's 13th birthday, with Uncle Geoff. Quorn 1994

Days on the farm

GRANDPA TAUGHT ME to drive his old A-model Ford utility when I was a boy holidaying on the farm. It had a canvas hood, and the brakes only worked on one wheel.

My aunt, Uncle Alan, and cousins were over from Sydney, so we had a picnic close to the *Worumba* boundary. Grandad and I drove ahead of the others in the A-model Ford.

A tourist had stopped on the road in the creek, when Grandad and I tore down the hill.



Cheryl and Michelle at Mayo's Gorge, Wonoka, 1994

I tried braking to slow the car down enough to change the gears, while the tourists (whose car was looming up in front of us), wandered along the creek unaware.

The gears were stuck in neutral. I was stamping on the brake, but the car was going too fast to change to bottom gear.

Grandpa was yelling. I swung the wheel, missing the other car by inches, shot towards a gum tree, and stopped suddenly. My front wheels had dropped into a leaf patch.

Grandpa and I just sat still, shocked, for a while. The passengers in the Consul were stunned too. We got out, and I told the tourists off loudly, for leaving their car on the road.

I didn't think I'd be allowed to drive again and sulked for two days. But Grandpa sat quiet while everyone had their say. Three days later, he told me we'd do a water run.

He got into the passenger seat of the A-Model. I climbed in the driver's seat and asked what Uncle Alan would say. Grandpa grunted 'Don't worry about him, I'm his father'.

Nowadays, I go back to *Willow Waters* and *Wonoka* to help, to look after the place when McInnis's are away, or to get firewood, .

Grandad Bennie and Mr McInnis, Ron and Peter's father, were cousins, but more like brothers. And they were neighbours. The old McInnis homestead is still in the family.

I have fond memories of things that happened there, when I was young.

One day Grandad and I were counting the sheep running through the yard. We were leaning over the yard rails after we let them go, when Grandad took out his pipe and tapped it on the top rail. He forgot about the



Grandad Bennie and I counting sheep at Willow Plain, Hawker, 1965

little charcoal dottle down in the pipe to stop all the dead tobacco going up the stem.

It fell down inside the rail, and Grandad asked me to pick it up, and he put what I gave him in his pipe. He lit it, and all of a sudden started to choke and cough.

When I started laughing, Grandad realised what I'd put in his pipe. I was in terrible trouble for ruining his pipe. And, breaking in a new pipe is a big job.

Grandpa always teased me, so I loved teasing him, but I wouldn't have done it if I'd known how much trouble I caused him every time he wanted to smoke his pipe. He was the kindest person to me.

I'm lucky to have four nephews, four great-nephews, and one great-niece. All of them are healthy, with normal hearing.

Our family came to Quorn in 1973. In 2023, I'll have lived in Quorn for 50 years.

So, am I a Quornie or not? ■



Mum's 70th. From left—Geoff, Cheryl, Mum (Ilma), Wendy and Max, at home in Quorn. July 30th 2001

Quorn Show 2022

Quorn Agricultural Show Society

Committee Meeting FRC Council Chambers

7:00pm

Wednesday the 24th of March



From our President:

THE SHOW SOCIETY held it's A.G.M and I am pleased to say that a Committee was formed and we will be able to bring the 2022 Show to you. Thank you to the new faces that attended.

We still have a vacancy for Trade Space Coordinator, if you feel that this is a position that you could fill please get in contact with us. As always we are only too happy for anyone to lend a hand to make our show great ■

Amanda O'Loughlin

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Trade Spaces:- Still to be appointed

Quorn Footpath Works



THANKS TO THE Australian Government, funding through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program the footpaths in and around the central business area of Quorn are being upgraded to the same pavers as previously laid on Railway Terrace.

Work has commenced on First Street and will be rolled out over a period of up to 16 weeks (see map below for order of the rollout, a larger map is available for viewing on the Council noticeboard).

All efforts are being made to have as little impact on the community as possible, however Council appreciates your patience during this time. ■



Registrations are now open for the 40th Pichi Richi Marathon being held on Sunday 26 June 2022.

TO CELEBRATE THE 40th milestone a dedicated group of event supporters and participants have worked hard to secure Stephen (Steve) Moneghetti, AM, to be an event day ambassador.

Greg Flint, Mayor of The Flinders Ranges Council said that it is a huge honour to have someone with Steve's history and credibility in the sport there on the day to support and promote the event.

"I am thrilled to have Steve Moneghetti on board as Event Ambassador for the 40th Pichi Richi Marathon. The event has truly cemented its place on the national marathon calendar, and we plan on making the 2022 event a bigger and better event, of which Steve's support will assist in us doing just that."

"We are very lucky to have a team of dedicated regular participants and supporters who have worked hard behind the scenes to secure Steve's support for the event. Steve has a long successful history in the sport with many

achievements from his early teens up to now, including four Commonwealth Games appearances, and is the only male to have won the Sydney City to Surf four times in succession."

Steve was nominated for an Order of Australia medal in 2014 for significant service to athletics as a marathon runner, administrator and mentor to young athletes, and was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 2021.

The 40th anniversary event is expected to attract over 500 competitors. "The organisers are working hard behind the scenes to ensure this event truly celebrates the anniversary occasion."

For more information go to www.pichirichimarathon.org.au



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Flinders Firewood

New yard coming soon!

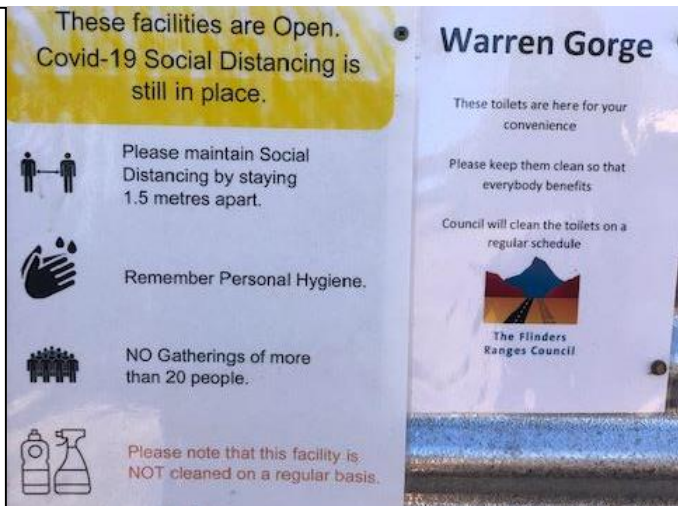
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Some Very Amusing Signs



If you don't know your road signs, which do you choose here? 85k or 100k? These are a little before Warren Gorge

Would you believe these two signs out at Warren Gorge? Should you have to toss a coin between 'NOT cleaned on a regular basis' or 'Cleaned on a regular schedule'?



The Quorn Church of the Immaculate Conception has a most un-immaculate sign—indeed, it looks to be fading right away into nothingness

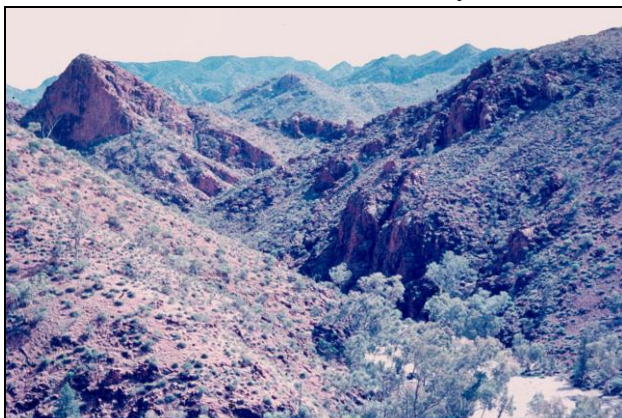
One of our old wooden street signs (replaced with the present more easily vandalised metal ones) on 9th Street, pointing to Quorn's Air Raid Shelter? Ready for when Putin comes?



Photos Modris Ozolins

Nuclear Flinders Ranges

THE NUCLEAR HISTORY OF the Flinders Ranges is one of the oldest in the world. It began in 1899, and ended in 1965—it lasted for 67 years.



Northern Flinders around the Mt Painter area, showing how rugged it is, and how tough access to the mines was

Early Discoveries at Mt Painter

URANIUM WAS discovered by German chemist Martin Klaproth in 1789. But radium wasn't discovered until 1898 by Polish scientist Marie Curie and her French husband Pierre. Uranium and radium are found together in pitchblende.

Yet as early as 1899 the SA Government asked 'WB' Greenwood of Umberatana, the keen amateur geologist they employed, to explore around Mt Painter. The photo of his party was in the *Mercury* Sept 2017, p 13, and June 2019, p 30. It's captioned, 'The Government Prospectors' Camp at Umberatana in 1899'.

But the Government Geologist Henry Brown was away when Greenwood's specimens arrived, and they somehow went missing.

Greenwood sent more specimens in 1910, but again the Department did nothing about them. So he travelled to Adelaide to retrieve them, and took them to the new Professor of Geology at

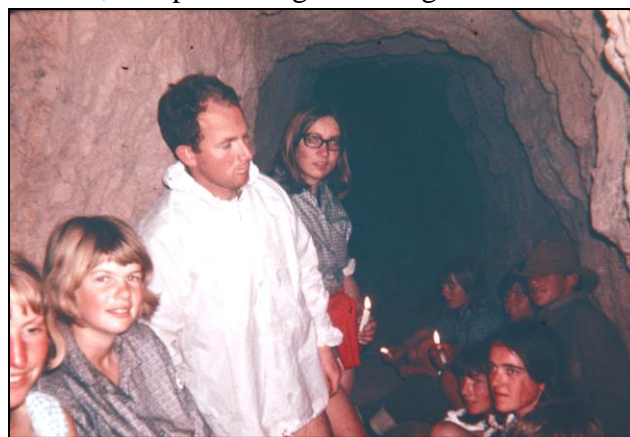


Part of East Painter Mining Camp during the 2nd World War. The road from the east was bulldozed up East Painter Gorge

Adelaide University (who was also the famous Antarctic Explorer), Sir Douglas Mawson.

Mawson couldn't identify them, but he'd just visited Madame Curie in Paris. She'd pleaded with him to look for radium in Australia. And she'd also recently made two gold-leaf electroscopes to identify radium, and gave him one.

On a hunch he used this on WB's ores, and yes—they did contain radium! So he promptly sent his brightest Geology student, 'Archie' Broughton to Mt Painter to examine the site. As a result, companies began mining there.

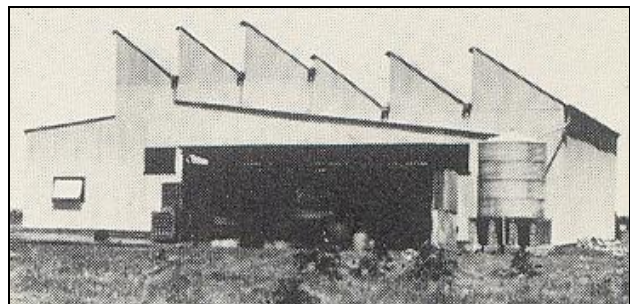


33 hikers (25 high school students) at furthest end of No. 6 Mine on Radium Ridge. using candles, 31st August 1966

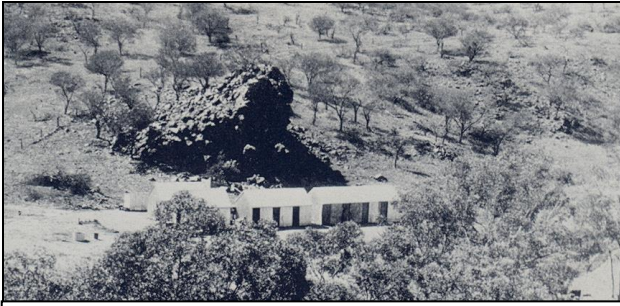
Difficulties

RADIUM WAS being sought for eagerly all over the world. By 1924 the price of radium had risen to between one and two million dollars an ounce. So company followed company on what had now been named Radium Ridge near Mt Painter, with six mines in it (numbered 1 to 6).

However there were severe problems caused by the area. The country was so rugged, getting the ore out was tough. The SA Government built a road from Umberatana to the mines, and sank wells to water the animals hauling the ore out.



Radium & Rare Earths Coy's Plant at Dry Creek just north of Adelaide. Ore was brought down by train from Farina



Quarters of the Paralana Hot Springs Spa, erected in 1926

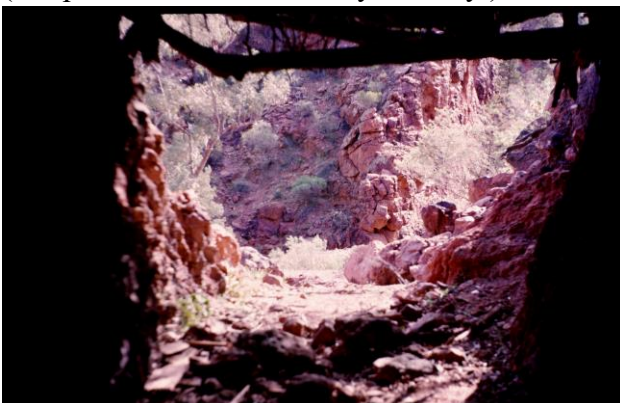
It was said that the carters didn't need lanterns to show the road out at night, because so much uranium had spilled along the road's side that they lit their way radioactively!

Trains took the ore to Dry Creek, near Adelaide to the refining plant. How much of it spilled out of railway trucks while passing through Quorn?

Other severe problems apart from remoteness and the country standing on end, were searing hot summers, and droughts. These problems meant mining companies sometimes collapsed, or shut down altogether for a year or two.

Another Nuclear Industry

A LITTLE NORTH-EAST from Radium Ridge is the Paralana Hot Springs. Paralana was also the name of the cattle station where it was. Today it's part of the neighbouring Wooltana Station. (It's pronounced 'Pralna', by the way.)



Looking out across the East Painter Gorge from a uranium mine adit at the East Painter Mining Camp

A scientist in one of my large hiking parties measured the radioactivity in the Hot Springs. It was very high at the spring itself, but surprisingly tailed way down at the other end. The water varies from a metre or so up to 50 metres long. (I've seen large numbers of cattle drinking that radioactive water—'hot beef', perhaps?)

A company set up a spa using the Hot Springs. A spa is where you go for your health, to bathe in its waters, etc. Charles Fenton was the doctor in charge. Buildings were erected in 1926. But

only the foundations remain today. Patients bathed in the Spring for two hours a day, and drank two pints (1·1 litres) of Spring water a day.

Of course, the radiation dosage from that was excessive! The then enormous distance to travel there from Adelaide, and also the heat in Summer, put an end this project late in 1928.

The Second World War

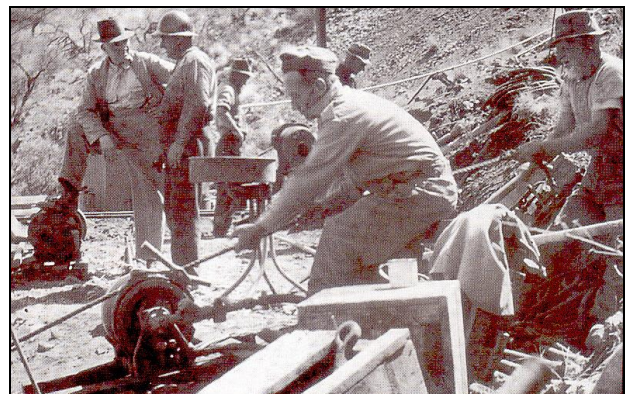
THE DEPRESSION and drought through the 1930s hit the Mt Painter mines hard. But the 1939–45 2nd World War changed that, because of the Allies' desperate search across the world for sources of uranium for their nuclear bombs.



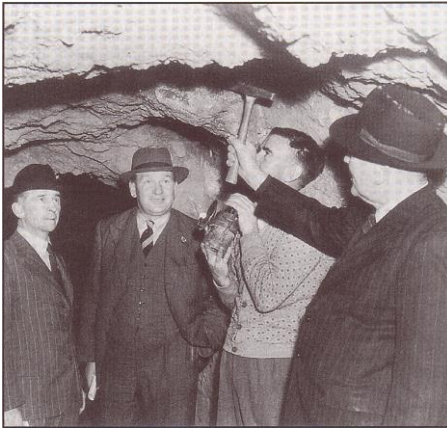
Patients on the bank of the Paralana Hot Springs in 1926

A combined US, British, & Australian force explored the Mt Painter area far more thoroughly. The whole area was under high security. As late as September 1963 I saw one of the sign-boards from the Mail Truck on the way to Wooltana Station. It was a Commonwealth of Australia sign quite a way out from the Ranges, warning people that they *must not go past it*.

The work extended to the East Painter. A road was blasted through the East Painter Gorge from the eastern plain. A bore was sunk at its mouth for water. And a village of permanent buildings as well as tents was set up at East Painter.



Air winch hauling equipment and mine plant up the steep hillside at the No. 6 Mine, Mt Painter, early in 1945



From left : Sir David Rivett (CSIRO), Tom Playford (SA Premier), Ben Dickinson (SA Mines Director), Ben Chifley (Prime Minister) examining underground workings at Mount Painter

Not only scientists and engineers worked there, but also the armed forces : see photos last page bottom right, this page above and bottom. The names *and* titles of many visitors in them show how hugely important the project was.

The work at Mt & East Painter continued well after the war ended, but in 1950 the decision was taken to more easily mine uranium at Radium Hill, SE of Yunta, instead of in the Flinders Ranges. But the Mt Painter and East Painter Workings weren't finally closed until 1965.



Brothers Bentley (Arkaroola Stn) & 'Smiler' Greenwood (Mt Serle Stn) bringing up mines supplies along Radium Creek

Today, Arkaroola doesn't publicise the old workings or take tourists to them. But they do give permission to Geologists to visit them.



Workers & Official Visitors, East Painter Camp, 25/1/1947. *Sitting from left*: George Pearce (Premier's Secretary), Sir David Rivett (CSIRO), John Hetherington, Professor Mark Oliphant, Premier Playford (in braces), Sir Willoughby Norrie (SA Governor), A.A. Fitzgerald, Sir Lloyd Dumas (*Advertiser* Editor), C.E. Wyld, Police Constable Butcher (from Beltana), Ben Dickinson (Director of Mines)

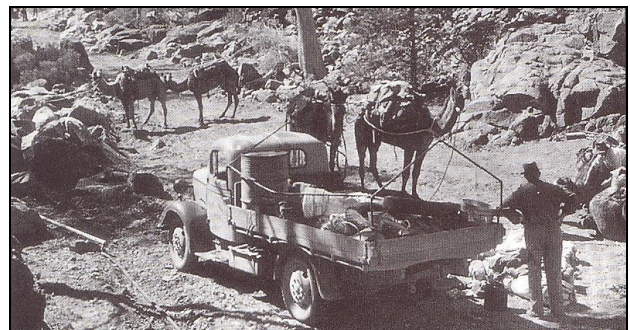
Afterword

IT WAS IRONICAL that a few years back people were shouting that we should, 'Keep the Flinders Ranges Nuclear Free!' That suggested they knew nothing about the 67-year history of Nuclear Industry in the Ranges. For those 67 years the Flinders were *not* 'Nuclear Free'.

It was also ironical that if they'd had their way it would have meant booting every human being out of the Flinders Ranges, since all human bodies are lifelong nuclear bombs :

Around 38,000 atoms of [radioactive] Potassium-40 and 1,200 of [radioactive] Carbon-14 explode in your body each second [of your life].

(*The Hutchinson Dictionary of Science*, p 490).



Camel Pack on Radium Creek during road construction to Mt Painter, August 1944. Camels & Donkeys were often used

Further Reading

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED in reading further, the authorised two-volume history of the SA Department of Mines is worth consulting. Bernard O'Neil, *In Search of Mineral Wealth*—vol 1 to 1944; and *Above & Below*—vol 2 1944–94; especially vol 2 ch. 2, 'New Horizons'. And check the indexes in both volumes under 'Uranium'.

Also see Reg Sprigg, *Arkaroola–Mount Painter in the Northern Flinders Ranges, S.A.*, especially ch. 9A.

There are many biographies of Marie Curie. Robert Reid, *Marie Curie* (Signet, 1974), which was made into a BBC TV Series, is worthwhile. ■

— Ray Wood



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Col painting a pair of cast air vents



Paul & Lyall busy sorting cans & bottles

Hi Mercury Team—Thanking you for all the work you do in producing an excellent publication, it helps spread the word about the Quorn Men's Shed. Cheers Dave



Rob & Dave gluing top of chopping block



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ALL WELCOME

ANDY'S CORNER

22-02-22

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

Anyone interested in a community garden feel free to come along have a chat and a cuppa.

The electrical appliance testing is ongoing. Anyone with appliances that require testing can bring them to the Men's Shed 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. Covid rules apply.

DAVE'S NOTES

Andy is coming along slowly and hopes to be back in Quorn this week.

Thanks to the Quorn Community Pre Loved Boutique shop for their generous donation of \$700 to help us purchase a more powerful desk top computer, this allows us to do CAD drawings.

The workshop has been busy with repairs to chairs, benches, chopping block and the start on cutting out and painting components for the model Coffee Pot Railway Engine.

The yard is getting another clean up of leaves and weeds, and can/bottle collecting is going well. Breakfasts are for any Men living in and around Quorn, all welcome.



Col has got the cucumbers climbing his stick trellis



Eric raking up weeds n leaves

Anyone can drop in for a cuppa and a chat on Thursdays any time between 8.30am and 2pm
 Shed breakfasts at 0900hrs on 3rd, 17th & 31st March.

Andy does Steak sandwiches for workers lunch, only \$4—on 10th & 24th March.

This is subject to COVID mandates.



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Printing of the *Mercury*

A COUNTRY TOWN'S journal—whatever it is, newspaper, newsletter, magazine—is a vital part of its existence. Even if some don't read it.



This is because it's the 'Voice of its Town'. It's the Town speaking as a whole. You might not agree with what it says. And from time to time a journal's staff might say the wrong thing. But they

do try to voice the Town's concerns.

It does sound presumptuous to say this as well, but it's also the 'Conscience of its Town'. Its staff try hard to defend some things, or to attack others, on behalf of the Townspeople.

You'd probably agree our *Mercury* is a handsome publication. It's far more handsome than most similar Towns put out. And it's therefore been one of our greatest Tourist assets.

You may laugh at that too. But you should hear the reactions to it of Visitors and Tourists fresh to Quorn. They can hardly believe a Town our size can put out so handsome, so thorough, and so professional a publication.

What that does is put them in a *more* positive frame of mind towards our Town. They look forward to their visit here even more than before glancing through the *Mercury* or buying a copy.

Quorn people are usually ready to volunteer for most of our activities. But sadly, hardly any Quornie is prepared to volunteer to help put out the *Mercury*. We've advertised for a long time for volunteers, and are still advertising for them today. Without them, well, the *Mercury* is unlikely to exist any more.

We need several volunteers, not just one, if there's any chance of continuing after this March issue. If we don't get enough, then this issue may well be our last.

How the *Mercury* is Put Out

ALL WE DO is collect submissions made by the Friday date before the next issue goes on sale. Some of them need to be typed. So the helpers do this in the *Mercury* office beside the Town

Hall. They do this the Monday after that Friday. They don't need to write them themselves!

We call our helpers 'Editors', but that's just a fancy name we use. We're really not like that.

When they're finished, the pages are arranged in some sort of order. Then we bung the lot into the Cloud for our Adelaide Printer to photocopy. And they're returned via Cochrane's the next Thursday. Finally they're taken to our distribution points around the town.

You don't have to do anything fancy. If you don't know how to spell a word, you just ask the others—no shame in that. We all help each other. You don't have to be a fancy typist either.

If we have enough helpers, then if there's one Monday you have to be elsewhere, that can be managed too. We just need *enough* helpers.

What the *Mercury* Is

THE *QUORN MERCURY* has been many things. It's been a full-blown newspaper. It's been a newsletter. And today it's what we call a *newsmagazine*. But it doesn't have to be any one of those.

You see, the volunteers (the helpers) have changed it from time to time. It can be whatever they want and/or think the town might like. So if you volunteer to be a helper, you and the others can decide what you'd like it to be. Or more to the point, what **you** think **you** can do!

How simple can a newsletter be? Well, you announce only that contributors submit their articles on white A4 Paper with such-and-such margins.

That's all. Then if you think any need retyping or rearranging, you do that, *if you wish*. Next you pile up the papers in the order you want them. And save the lot digitally. And then send the file to our Printer in Adelaide. *That's all!*

In other words, don't be put off by how the *Mercury* looks today. If it's too fancy for you?—then simplify it. And make it whatever you want it to be.

You might say that anything's better than no Quorn journal at all. Don't you think? ■



Mercury, Messenger of the Gods



Transcontinental Marilyn's

MOST OF US have known someone touched by cancer in our lives. This year we decided to participate in the Cancer Council's Marilyn Jetty Swim. The aim of the fundraiser is to help raise money for the brilliant work the Cancer Council does to support cancer patients and their families, cancer prevention education and research into treatments and hopefully one day a cancer free world!

We held a Marilyn themed party at the Trans on the 22nd of January, with all who came having a fun time dressing up as Marilyn Monroe, and enjoying a few Marilyn inspired cocktails. On the night we raised \$720!

On the 6th on February, we popped on our Marilyn themed bathers, wigs, sunglasses and swim rings and joined the other 304 Marilyn's for the Marilyn Jetty Swim! After a false start all of the Marilyn's swam a lap of the Brighton Jetty. No sharks were spotted but Katie did get bitten by a crab! Our team raise \$2,813 with family and friends sponsoring us and the whole swim raised \$146,172.

Thankyou to everyone who came to and helped set up the Marilyn Party, and to all our Sponsors!



Navvies Nook has never looked so fabulous!



From left—Grace Peart, Alicia Finlay, Tiarna Rigden, Ethan Baker, Nevie Peart & Katie Roberts at Brighton



Back row L-R—Dani Chapman, Heidi Roberts, Tricia Lehmann, Gillian Taylor
Front row L-R—Michelle Baker, Angie Finlay and Andrea Bury



Ready to go



A birthday get together for Bill Mitchell
From left—Robert Farley, Yvonne Player and Joy Farley



Bill Mitchell with family Val Hughes,
Julie and Tony



Grace Smith has finished uni and is now a geologist working for
mining company Thiess at Mount Pleasant coal mine near
Muswellbrook NSW



The Transcontinental was the choice of venue for the recent lunch enjoyed by the
Flinders Flappers



A birthday lunch in the Transcontinental for Yvonne Player



A birthday lunch in the Transcontinental for Daph Hilder

Quorn Out and About



A Dazzle of swimming Marilyn's
See story page 19



Friends with Lyn French on her 70th Birthday
From left—Carol Cooper, Sue Kelly Fiona Pyman,
Di Paynter, Lyn French, Marlene Gloede, Jane Paynter,
Jenny Crisp



Happy 90th Birthday Maureen Finlay
Family and friends travelled from Whyalla, Clare, Port
Augusta, Adelaide and Mildura to mark the special occasion.
Included in the photo with Maureen are her two sons and
families, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



Paula Roberts at February Market



Coming footpath upgrades in Quorn
More information See page 9



John Kimber Sketch, *Pichi Richi Railway's Locomotive W22* (sketched 14-11-2014)

Pictures — From the Past



THE PETERBOROUGH Xmas 1930 Flood. Notice the Railway Station at the back, and the Brake Van in its yard. Also significant is that films are being shown in not one but at least two cinemas, one the Town Hall itself, and the other the Capitol Theatre advertised here on a very large hoarding. Back then, and right up to the 1950s most people went to the cinema once a week. Their seats were often permanently booked. Back then *my own family's* permanent booking was Tuesday nights, for example. All photos courtesy Jan Arnold.



LEFT. Shirley & Patty Willis (c 1948) lived in a 6th St shop, two along from Bartonshaw Jewellers, opposite Mr Newman's Saddler's Shop. Willis brothers—Ray & Billy. Mrs Willis was the Austral's Cook for some time. **RIGHT.** Silvio Eponye's beautiful sculpture in Colebrook Park, Eden Hills, Adelaide, representing Aboriginal Mothers whose children were taken from them—a silent reminder of their grief. ■

Photos from the Past

REMEMBER WHEN QUORN had a footy team?
At one stage Quorn had four teams competing here in Quorn. There was also a Mercury medal for the best and fairest.

Here are some photos from 1936 to 1946 of those teams when they won the premiership.



Quorn Rovers 1937 Premiers.



Quorn Albions 1936 Premiers.

ROVERS

K French	M Cottrell
B Leahy	N Chapman
Neville White	S Groth
M Graetz	J Carpenter
J Castine	E Footer
A Foote	J Ecote
K Stewart	G Searle
R Groth	J Leahy
C Brown	T Casey
W Hinton	T D. nham
L Stewart	— Schnell
P Ganley	E Parsons
A Osborne	T Young

1937 Team

ALBIONS

A Williams	W O'Loughlin
J Williams	Neales White
L McHugh	N Schmidt
V Willis	J O'Brien
N McLean	R Thornton
C Stokes	S Yates
H Joyce	I Schute
K Joyce	J Michael
S French	C Searle
S Chapman	R Footer
M White	C Finlay
L Foote	B Martin
— Rosevear	G Hancock
J Kingston	Ross Hall

The 1936 Team



Quorn Albions Premiers 1940



Quorn Albions Premiers 1946

ALBIONS: P. Ganley, L. McHugh, T. Garvey, K. Saville, L. Stewart, H. McConnal, T. Bourke, M. Foote, O. McHugh, J. Leahy, C. Stokes, G. Williams, A. Laidlaw, B. Leahy, R. Gloede M. Williams, J. O'Brien, A. Jeffries, L. Havelberg, M. Coblac, R. Bailey, M. O'Loughlin, B. Kennealley, Jim Hughes, K. Watkins, A. McGarrick, M. Havelberg, M. Bewert, D. McPherson, L. Altman, J. Shirley, Ron King and John Hanna.

1946 Team



This team is unknown except it is from Quorn some time in the 1930's to 1940's



Football Picnic, possibly at Warrens George.

I do not know what team or the names of any of the people.

Phot taken some time in the 1930's to 1940's.



The Quorn Albions Football Dinner in 1947. I do not know who the people are.

If you have any information on any of these photos please contact the Mercury or myself.

Thanks

Ashy

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SUNDAY CLOSED

MONDAY CLOSED

TUESDAY 1:00 - 5.30PM

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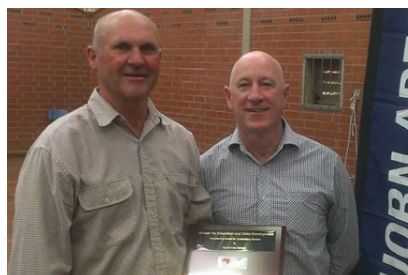
Hold Still

Antique Roadshow

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
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Eddie Hughes  **MP**

Member for Giles

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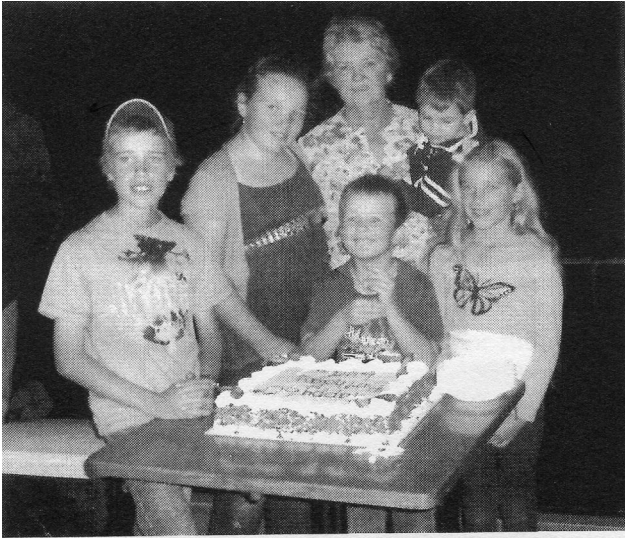
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Quorn Mercury Revisited

10 Years Ago



Surprise 60th

Family and friends celebrated Lyn French's 60th Birthday with a surprise party at Geoff and Cheryl Finlay's home Saturday 11th February.

Pictured with Lyn are grandchildren Jarrod Roberts, Macey Hancock, Axel Rowney, Kaitlyn Roberts and Dayne Hancock.

20 Years Ago



School Crossing

Tom and Kate Collins are pictured at left using the new school crossing.

The new crossing lights started functioning on Monday 4th February.

They are programmed on a 365 day clock and come on when needed.

They will not work on Public Holidays or School Holidays.

From a legal point of view, when lights are flashing, drivers must stop to allow students to cross.

If there are no students, travel at 25km per hour.



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 Bowman, Hamish Gibson, Eric Brown

Next Meeting – To be advised

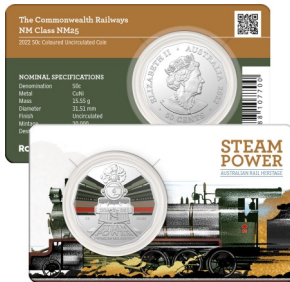
See Quorn Out and About for date and venue

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NM25 gets own coin!

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT has just released the final of its Steam Power— Australian Rail Heritage collection of commemorative coins, and saving the best until last, our own NM25 is on it.



Restoration Progress Report

Following a very successful carriage working bee at the end of January, Dean Foster led a very successful Bogie Week in mid February.



Dean Foster and the bogie week boys

Work related to the FRC Facelift Grant continued at Quorn Station and Barracks Building. This included resurfacing to the front and rear of the station and fascia board repairs prior to replacing the guttering and down pipes.



Ready for the tourist season



Woolshed Flat has been cleaned up ready for train season, with grass and other vegetation from all the rains under control

Scheduled Trains in March

Saturday 5th Sundowner – dep Quorn 1730, return Quorn 19:30

Saturday 12th Sundowner – dep Quorn 1730, return Quorn 19:30

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

Saturday 26th Sundowner – dep Quorn 1730, return Quorn 19:30



And finally...

FOR THOSE WHO like to read about the intrigue in small Australian towns, Fleur McDonald's new book, Deception Creek, is set in the Flinders Ranges, in a town that feels like Quorn and the Pichi Richi Railway gets a mention.

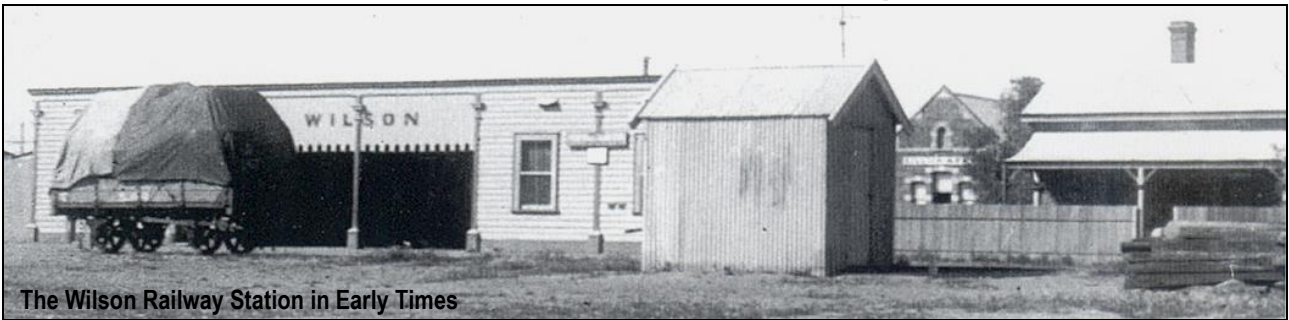
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The Wilson Railway Station

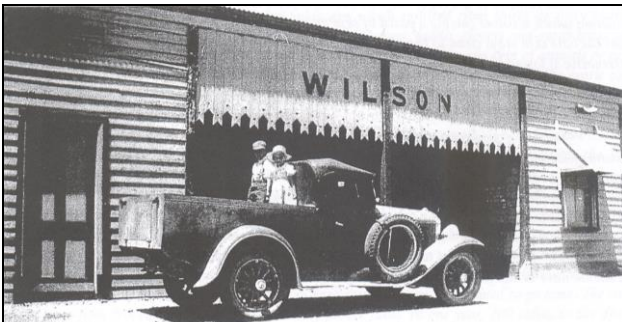


The Wilson Railway Station in Early Times

AS THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY made its way north, several new townships were surveyed along it, including Wilson in 1880. It was on part of the Kanyaka pastoral run. It was referred to as the 'Kanyaka Siding' in its early days.

The steep hills each side of Kanyaka Railway Station at the foot of Blackjack Hill made constructing a siding there much too difficult. So, as that was essential for moving freight to and from farmers, graziers, and others, the site for Wilson halfway between there and Hawker was chosen, even despite the lack of water there.

The township was proclaimed on 6th January, 1881. The plan had the railway running along a reserve through the centre of the town. See over.

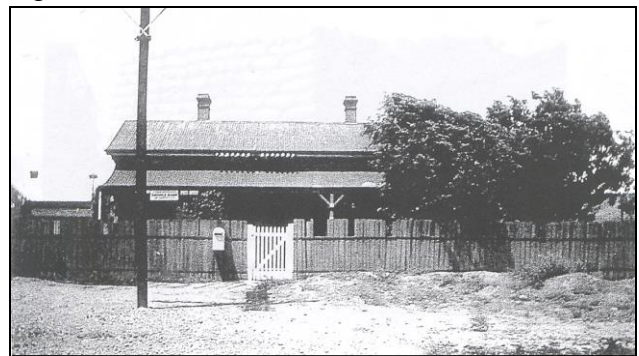


The Wilson Railway Station c 1940. The Curyer Family's car and children in the foreground. Photo G Curyer

Businesses opened rapidly, such as the Gillick Arms Hotel (see *Mercury*, May 2021 pp 28–29), general store, butcher, and a Methodist Chapel. School was held in the Chapel. The Commercial Bank opened a Branch in 1884. Unfortunately, there were no hospital and medical services, which had to be obtained in Hawker

June 1883 was a busy year for shipping wheat on the railway. Residents even petitioned for a flour mill to process the harvest. And the town was a popular stop for teams heading to and from the northern gold, silver, and copper mines. For example, in 1884 two teams arrived with silver-lead ore from Umberumberka in NSW.

The Railway Station included the Stationmaster's house, a goods shed, and sheep yards. (Map next page.) Today you can still see the ruins of the Stationmaster's house beside the highway. There were also the Wilson Fettle's Cottages. And its Foreman resided in the town, too.



The Stationmaster's House at Wilson, c 1940. Photo G Curyer

Wilson reached its peak at the turn of the century. There were fifty children at the school, and a Methodist Church, Carpenter, Saddler, General Store, Greengrocer, Blacksmith, Fruiterer, Butcher, Post Office, and the Gillick Arms Hotel.

Wilson was also becoming quite a social and sporting centre for the district. There were sports days, cricket matches, and even an Annual Show.



Wilson's Railway Fettle's Cottages. Photo R Telfer, M Rowe

A combined Wilson and Gordon cricket team was defeated by Hawker 207–61 in 1882.

But though a well was sunk, the lack of enough water led to a decline in use of the Station's freight-loading facilities. The bullock teams

And now, as the century moved on, Wilson began to decline. Motor transport on better roads, more employment opportunities elsewhere, droughts, the great mouse plague of 1917 & other disasters—and especially the Great Depression from 1929 on—shrank the town.

When Servicemen returned from the Second World War, many of them who originally came from country towns like Wilson, preferred to live and work in our cities instead. Travelling around the world in that War had expanded their outlook so much. That also didn't help many of our country towns to survive.

A Down Goods Train in the Wilson Station, Photo Hans Mincham

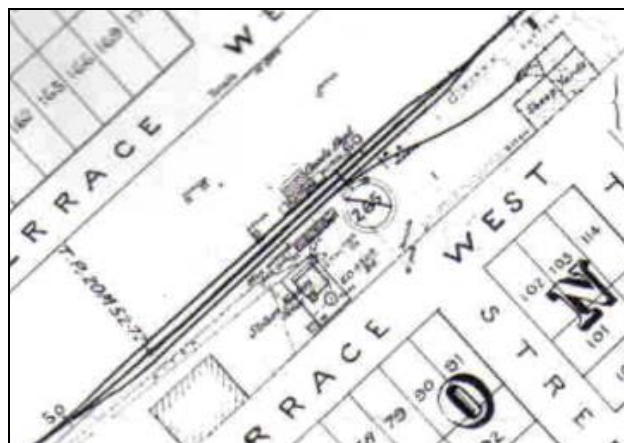


Most of the farmers had reached Wilson in the early 1880s, some paying the then very high price for that time of £1 (\$2) per acre. So you can imagine how a string of bad seasons would affect them. Yet how difficult it was to leave farms that had cost them so much.

But the chief reason for the decline, as with so many other northern country towns, was that too many people originally from Europe ignored the SA Surveyor General GW Goyder's advice. In 1865 he'd drawn his famous 'Goyder's Line' across the north of the State, saying that rainfall north of it was too unreliable for cropping, and was therefore only suitable for grazing.

By 1933 the post office and general store had closed. By 1942 all the farms had consolidated in two pastoral properties, and the school and hotel had closed. The railway closed in 1957. And another northern country town was near its end. ■

— Lisa Southon, Archivist



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Federal Member for Grey

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PO Box 296 PORT PIRIE SA 5540

Quorn Cricket



Mark Finlay and his four sons From left—Lachlan, Isaac, Mark, Sam, Cameron

ON THE 29TH JANUARY the selected Quorn B Grade cricket included 47 year old Mark Finlay and three of his sons Cameron 19, Lachlan 17 and Isaac 16. When play was about to start it was found that the team was one player short, so youngest son Sam (aged 10) was added to the team.

The name Finlay often appears multiple times in Quorn teams but rarely can a father say he has played a game with his four sons. Mark even had bragging rights over his sons with runs scored for the day. Mum, Tanya can often be found on the sidelines scoring the matches. ■

Cricket Finals

Finals for the Port Augusta Cricket Association will start on the weekend of March 5th. Quorn A Grade finished second, B Grade fourth, Under 17 are on top and Under 14 fourth.

The Bush Kernels who play in the Northern Flinders Association are waiting on the last matches of other teams. The Grand Final of that Association is played between the top two sides after the minor rounds. ■

Murray Gibb

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Home Recipes

Easy Fig Cake

Ingredients

8-10 fresh figs - halved
1 tbsp brown sugar
1 tbsp wine or dry sherry (or fruit juice)
250ml milk
75g butter
3 eggs
100g caster sugar
250g Self Raising flour



Method

Cook Time 35 –40 mins

Serves 6-10.

1. Combine brown sugar and wine or juice, and drizzle mixture over cut side of figs.
2. In a small pan gently heat milk and butter until butter just melts.
3. Pre heat oven to 180°C.
4. In a large bowl, whisk eggs, sugar and milk/butter mixture.
5. Gradually fold in flour and stir until well combined.
6. Grease and line base of a 20cm (8") round tin or 20x25cm (8"x10") baking tin and pour in batter - spread out to sides.
7. Place figs cut side up in batter and bake for 35-40 min or until skewer comes out clean.
8. Cool before turning out.
9. Optional - sprinkle with chopped almonds half way through baking.

Fig Cake Recipe Adapted from Movable Pleasures (1997) by Guy Mirabella - now out of print.



**Classified
Adverts**

Rainfall 2022

Jan	34.2mm
Feb	14.6mm
YTD	48.8mm

World Day of Prayer 2022

5pm Friday March 4th

St Matthew's Anglican Church

Seventh Street

QUORN

Contact Carlene Voigt Mob: 0447 711 056



March 2022

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Country Health Connect 8668 7706



March 2022

Anglican Church of St Matthews
3rd Sunday of month 10am
Contact Number
Ph: 0447711056 or 8648 6762

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
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Uniting Church
Sunday Services 10am

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Regular Events

Quorn

Quorn Book Club

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Women's Fellowship—

3rd Wednesdays
see poster in Laundromat window
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Quorn Men's shed Thursdays

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 or
Facebook for details

Flinders Flicks Friday 25th at 7pm

Hawker

Community Group—Tuesday
fortnightly

Yoga with Polly at the Hawker Gym

Development Board—

2nd Wednesday of the Month
2022

Friendship Group—

3rd Wednesday

Hawker Community Singers -

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

Quilting Group—Friday

fortnightly

Events

World Day of Prayer 2022

5pm Friday 4th March at St Matthew's
Anglican church

Quorn & District Local History Group

5th and 19th March 11am to 2pm at the
old courthouse

Quorn Silo Light Show

Free projection every night, projecting
onto the Quorn Silo. Viewing times are
on the website and on the sign at the
Railway Station

Quorn Product and Craft Market

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

Sunday 27th March at the Town Hall
8:30am – 2:30pm.

Pichi Richi Railway Sundowner Service

Departing Quorn at 5:30pm to
Woolshed Flat aboard a 1928-built
Barwell Bull diesel railcar. Returns to
Quorn at 8pm.

5th, 12th, 19th and 26th March

Check out Facebook and or notice boards for future events

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

All warfare is based on deception.

Sun Tzu

Regular Events

Quorn

Hannifitt

School gym from 6.30pm Thursday nights
Low impact 10:30am Wednesdays Town
Hall

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 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 from 6:30
Cost is by donation

Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society

Wednesdays from 9am at the Lions Park
Everyone welcome



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February Working Bee at
the Bush Food Gardens in
Quorn along the Pithi Kawi
Walking trail.



Some of the volunteers spreading mulch



Di Makotter planting native grasses



Barb & Sue enjoying the cool morning conditions while laying cardboard
under mulch to stop weed emergence