

Quorn Mercury

Recording Quorn's History while it's Being Made

August 2020

Established 1895

Number 25/268

Moving Quorn Forward



Above—The welcome return of the Quorn Produce and Craft Market on Sunday 26th July

Have you wondered about this building in Wolseley Street?



QUORN PRODUCE AND Craft Market has resumed in July with some modifications. This popular event is usually held on the last Sunday of each month.

With the support of the Flinders Ranges Council, organisers have successfully addressed COVID-Safe regulations. Visitors observed social distancing requirements and supplied their contact information. Organisers and stallholders were pleased with the number attending.

Pichi Richi Railway passengers were among the many visitors enjoying the fine weather. They had time to visit the market, to add to their enjoyment of the day. ■

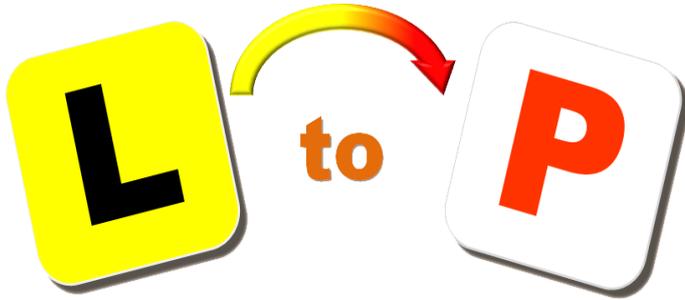
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Information on the Building Above:
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Quorn Amateur Swimming Club

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Nurse Quarters Project



AFTER MANY YEARS of discussion and planning, the new Nurses Quarters have been delivered to a site adjacent to the Ambulance Station on Wolseley Terrace.

The accommodation comprises three individual units. Each unit has its own kitchen/dining/sitting room which is complemented by a good size bedroom with en suite bathroom facilities. At the southern end of the building are laundry facilities to be shared by the occupants.

A lot more needs to be done to complete the project, such as, security lighting, decking, fencing and air conditioning.

The Health Advisory Council in conjunction with the Ladies Auxiliary are currently completing a grant application to enable us to finalise this project. We will keep you up to date with the progress of this exciting new facility. ■

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Chat with a Quornie

Nes Lian-Lloyd



MY GRANDFATHER and his younger brother migrated to Indonesia, as orphans from Southern China round the turn of the 19th Century. Our family has never been able to find out his birthplace. Grandfather died when my father was 14.

My father was the third of seven children, and left home early to make a living. A kindly neighbour gave him his first opportunity, selling goods on consignment. Any profit he saved, as investment for his future business.

He had the typical migrant mindset of ‘nobody owes you anything’, and worked hard to build up his first company. His priority was to have enough food (he loved eating), and to support his mother and siblings. And he never forgot the man who gave him his first dollar.

My father got into the business of trading, which took him from Pekanbaru in East Sumatra to Padang, capital of West Sumatra. He met my mother, and they were married in her home town, Payakumbuh.

Our extended family grew quickly, to ten children—four boys, six girls, our parents, my maternal grandmother and aunt. I am the middle child.

Grandma kept her eye on us, as our Mum worked with Dad in his business and was active in Catholic Women’s League.

We went to segregated Catholic schools, and church services—boys always on one side, girls on the other.

Dad became a successful businessman—a leader of one of the two Associations—the *Tongs*—which existed to support Chinese communities in Padang.

He was highly respected in the community, and worked to form a bridge between the Chinese minority and local Indonesian people.

Mum was very keen for us all to gain a university degree, as she hadn’t been given the opportunity. Dad didn’t believe in university education for building business skills. He preferred his children to be in business rather than in a profession.

His education ended in Primary school, but Mum attended a Dutch-speaking school in Indonesia, before she moved to Singapore for further study. She was able to speak Mandarin, Hokkien (our Chinese dialect), Dutch, English and Bahasa Indonesia.

Mum organised the girls to have piano lessons, and all of us to learn karate. When it became too dangerous to travel, during the 1965-1966 unrest, we stopped piano lessons—to my delight.

I earned pocket money by helping my grandmother make ice blocks. We packed them into a thermos, and the young boys sold them. I counted the money when the remaining ice blocks were returned.

My hard-earned pocket money didn’t go far after Indonesia’s rampant inflation in 1965. Our currency was devalued.

One new Rupiah (Rp) equalled 1000 old Rupiah. The Rp10,000 of old money that I earned, became Rp10 in new money. I could only buy a few pencils.

Indonesian universities weren't freely accessible, so it became the norm for young students to leave home for higher education.

My aunt went to Germany to study medicine, and still lives there. Five of my first six siblings went to Singapore for high school.

Schooling in Singapore opened the door for us, but was very expensive—\$20,000 payable upfront to the Government per student. Plus school fees and accommodation.

My mother gained her wishes for her ten children, with all of us gaining degrees or higher education awards. We have qualifications in the fields of cooking, economics, engineering, maths and medicine.

We have all had similarly international lives. Between us, we've studied in Adelaide, Texas, Japan, Singapore and Taiwan. Five have returned to live in Indonesia.

After I finished middle school in Padang, I joined my older siblings in Singapore. As my English was minimal, I repeated two years.

In 1975 I followed my oldest brother to Adelaide. I boarded at Walford Anglican School for Girls during year 12.

On exeat weekends, we had to leave the boarding house. I stayed with school friends' families, a kind family who lived next door, or with one of the teachers.

The family of a close friend I stayed with lived in Hong Kong, but had a house in Adelaide. Her father often visited Coober Pedy to buy gemstones for his Hong Kong business.

I also stayed with a family on a farm near Victor Harbor, where I learnt to milk a cow.

My piano skills had lapsed, but the Karate lessons were useful, as new boarders were often challenged by older kids.

Every Christmas holiday I flew home the day after school finished. I couldn't afford to fail a subject and have to do a supplementary exam, as I worked in the family business at home.

Sadly, years after I'd left my old home in Padang, a house fire there burnt all the family keepsakes and photographs.

Mum had plans for all of us, and wanted one of us to become a doctor.

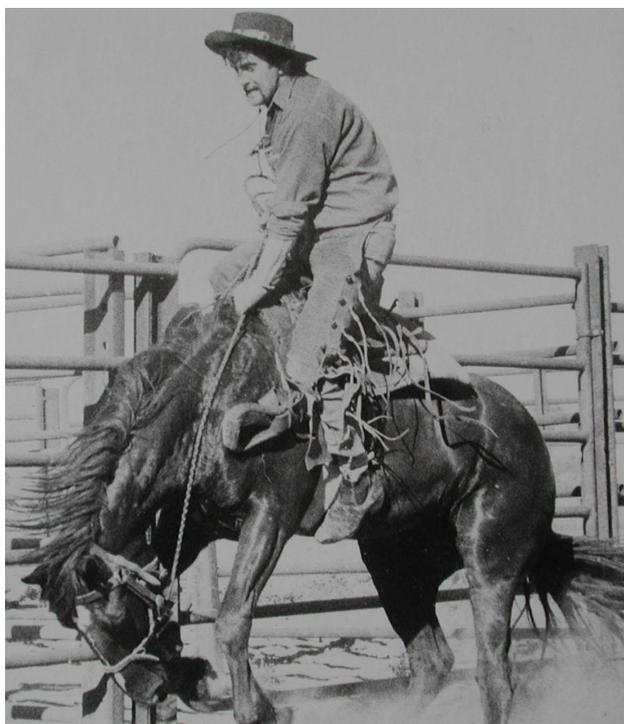
I'd done well in Year 12, so agreed to try medicine. I was accepted to study at the University of Adelaide.

My father was disappointed, as he wanted me to do accounting, and work in his business.

I was one of the lucky few who qualified for free University study. It was a small window of opportunity during the Whitlam-era. and I was one of five overseas students in my year.

For the first three or four years I boarded with several elderly women. They were happy to have company, and a reason to cook more than baked beans on toast. I was satisfied too, as I wasn't a party person, and could keep my cost of living low. I could afford to go back home every summer holiday.

In my second year of medical school, I met a long-haired, cigarette-smoking Anatomy Technician named Tony (Lloyd). He worked at the Uni for three or four years, until he went bush to work for Keith Hartwig near Quorn.



Tony horse breaking, in the 1980s

I did my elective sixth year in West Sumatra, and graduated in 1981. I began my intern year at Flinders Medical Centre in 1982, and re-met Tony, now a Flinders medical student.

He'd returned to Adelaide, after a few years working as a bushy, where he'd made the decision to study rural medicine. He re-enrolled in high school to qualify (repeating Science, which he carried through into his second year).

I went through medical school twice—once for myself, and then with Tony, who had to work hard to pass without Science.

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Tony and I married in 1983, as he didn't want me to leave Australia (I had plans to further my medical career in UK, and didn't want to return to Indonesia).

Our wedding was a simple one. I was the first of my siblings to marry.

My father refused to acknowledge the marriage, as Tony didn't ask for my hand before the proposal. Nor did he attend the wedding—only my Mum and four siblings made the trip.

We had our honeymoon in Indonesia, so that they could meet for the first time, and Tony could pay his (belated) respects.

My father eventually accepted our marriage, and we celebrated with a Chinese Tea Ceremony. He gave Tony his jade ring to welcome him into the Lian family.

We chose our surname—Lian-Lloyd—to acknowledge the mixed heritage of our children and our families.

When Josephine (*Joe*) was born in October 1983, I took three months off. Tony was still studying, and when he started exams I moved to our friend's place as Joe was keeping us awake at night.

When I went back to work at Flinders Medical Centre, the junior doctors roster included working normal hours, as well as being on proximal call—one in three nights. When we weren't called out, we had to sleep at the hospital, often working up to 36 hours straight with little sleep.

Christopher was born when Tony was an intern, and working long shifts.

I was very busy at home with the two children—my parents first grandchildren (they eventually had 12). After three months maternity leave, I went back to full time work.

I'd started my training in General Practice medicine, but didn't like it. I worked briefly as a locum, both in General Practice, and after-hours home visits.

Then I took a position with Department of Veterans Affairs, and became Assistant Medical Superintendent at the Repat hospital (RGH Daw Park).

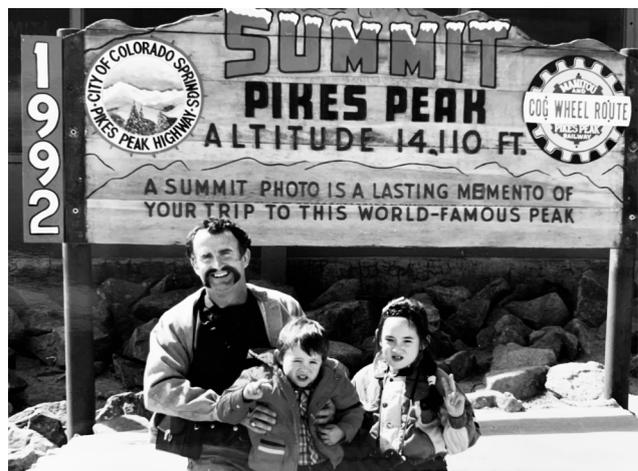
I began specialist training in Medical Administration. I finished my specialist training, and gained the Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of Medical Administrators (FRACMA). In 1992, I was promoted to Deputy Medical Superintendent.

Tony started working in the first country relieving program. He was away from home for two to three weeks, and then had a week off.

He relieved in rural and remote towns—Blyth, Coober Pedy, Mount Gambier. After one of these placements, he quipped that if a shearer's wife could do it, I could (work, study and look after children).

In August 1992 we took a year off, for a three month camping holiday in the US (also because Tony wanted to move to Quorn).

We travelled the western states Tony always loved, dodging bigger towns and cities. We saw Custer's Battle Field and various places associated with his favourite westerns.



Tony, Chris and Joe in Colorado, US, 1992

When we moved to Quorn in late 1992, I was unemployed. The GP working as Director of Medical Services at Pt Augusta Hospital decided to vacate the position, so that I could apply to do it part-time.

I became (part-time) Director of Medical Services in July 1993, and was asked to do similar for Port Pirie Regional Health Service. In 2002. I worked three days a week in Port Augusta and two in Port Pirie, until it was swapped with Whyalla.

In July 2019, when Regional Local Health Networks (LHN) and Boards of Directors were introduced, my position became Executive Director of Medical Services for Flinders & Upper North LHN (Whyalla, Port Augusta, Quorn, Hawker, Roxby Downs and Leigh Creek Health Services).

Joe and Chris went to Quorn Area School for much of their schooling, and enjoy coming back home whenever possible.

Tony and I visited Joe and family in Canada, where she worked after completing her Bachelor of International Business and Bachelor of Commerce at Bond University, Gold Coast.

In 2013, Joe married Connor Graham in Vancouver. They still live there with their two boys, Austin and Lucas.

We visited Chris in London in 2014, and in Berlin, where he now lives and works as a musician and music teacher.

Tony's a keen horseman. He taught Joe and Chris to ride, but can't convince me that a horse is man's best friend. I've ridden a few times, but am not comfortable on horseback. I stopped riding when I could say 'No'—when Tony was courting me!

My recommendation for a happy marriage? I let him play outside with his horses, so I can enjoy peace and quiet indoors. And together, we plan our travel, to visit our grandchildren, children and family in Indonesia. ■

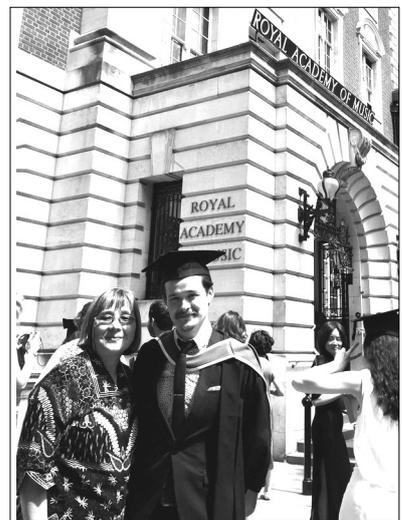
Nes's Album



The joy of riding. Nes, 1980s



Above: Tony, Chris and Joe, Quorn, Christmas, 2014
Below: Joe, Tony and Chris, Quorn, early 90s



Nes and Christopher at his Masters graduation, London, July 2015



Lucas, Joe and Austin, Jakarta, 2019



Nes and Joe at Ice Hockey, Vancouver

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Quorn Character

Alan Cope

Drawn by Sue Hatch



ALAN was born in Bowral in the Southern Highlands region of NSW. He played numerous sports including rugby league, hockey, table tennis, darts and was also involved in rallycross. He competed in the Australian Offroad Championships.

Interestingly, he doesn't mention cricket. There was another 'Boy from Bowral' a bit before Alan's time, who was reasonably good at that!

He completed a trade course as an electrician

and had his own business for a while.

In the late 80's and early 90's Alan managed a hotel in Bowral before he decided to change direction and work in the security industry as a patrolman and guard. This progressed to the installation of alarms and CCTV.

Alan and Leslee moved to Quorn in 2005 when they purchased the Quorn Newsagency.

His sporting days followed him to Quorn where he has had some rounds on the golf course. ■



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ABOUT THE MOVIE:

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A fast-living, cynical London music executive heads to a remote Cornish village on a stag weekend where he's pranked by his boss into trying to sign a group of shanty singing fishermen.

The film is based on a true story about Port Isaac's Fisherman's Friends, a group of Cornish fishermen from Port Isaac who were signed by Universal Records and achieved a top 10 hit with their debut album of traditional sea shanties.¹

Some bands can't be managed

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Flinders House News

WE HAVE HAD a lot of changes to the activities here in the last month and have introduced some new ones.

We have now added a games day where we play something as a group that is not bingo. We have played Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune and now that we have some buzzers (thank you Women's Auxiliary again!) We will be trying Family Feud next. These days can be quite competitive and are a lot of fun.

A women-only group now meets once a week. It can be quite a handful at times and very busy.

We all go about our own projects or craft while being together, and virtually travel somewhere exotic with the TV in the background. We have been to Disneyland and Movie World, travelled around Australia, gone to Spain and Italy, seen topless beaches, and discussed what tattoos we might all get.

Our men-only group has us competing at many different games—basketball, pool, dice, and pub quizzes on *Jeopardy*. We have looked up cars from different eras and laughed over stories about what we got up to in our first cars.

Making paper aeroplanes is a skill that you do eventually lose, but I am not allowed to tell you how I know that fact! I would love to see these sessions female-free, so if you are a male who could spare an hour or two each week to volunteer to wind these blokes up, please let me know (Bronwyn Millington) 8648 7888.



We love having visitors here and don't like to disappoint, so we would like to remind you how our 8am – 8pm visiting hours work:

- All visits must be outside or in a resident's room—not in communal areas
- All visitors to Flinders House must come through the front gate, and people need to remain in the front foyer until screened
- All visitors must present proof of Flu Vaccination
- Each resident can have two visitors a day
- Visitors can visit only one resident a day
- Visitors can only come once a day



Lions Park Project

Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society



This tracked tractor is over 110 years old and “unique”

FURTHER WORK has taken place over the past month following a second well attended meeting.

A site visit has been held, an initial clean up and the cataloguing of assets has commenced.

An enthusiastic group has been formed and welcomes any interested persons.

To formalise the committee and to plan future work, a meeting is to be held—

Wednesday 19.8.2020
4pm—FRC Chambers

For further information, please contact
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Covid-19 Olive Harvest

Vicky Deere

EVERY YEAR SINCE 2014, Mark and I have travelled to Boundary Bend in Victoria to work on the olive harvest. The town is situated between Mildura and Swanhill. The harvest starts in April going through to mid-late June, depending on the crop. It is where the Cobram Estate Olive Oil is produced.

This year the company put a lot of procedures in place to keep their 120 harvest workers Covid-19 free. Everybody had to be there a fortnight before the start of harvest to isolate. An on-site nurse was there for the harvest, with video link to a doctor, if needed. We were all swab tested, and given flu vaccinations. Temperature checks were done at the start of every shift.

Once all employees arrived at Boundary Bend, we were only allowed to travel between where we were staying and our place of work. This applied for the duration of the harvest. The backpackers who usually stay at the Caravan Park 'Dongas' using shared cooking and bathroom facilities, were not able to do that this year. Instead the company set up an area in the grove and hired between 30-40 motor homes and caravans for them.

Numerous portaloos and showers were also hired and installed in the grove and caravan park. The park amenities were out of bounds. Each one of these was for single or couple use only.

Our food and fuel was also supplied. All mail was collected and quarantined for three days before being delivered.

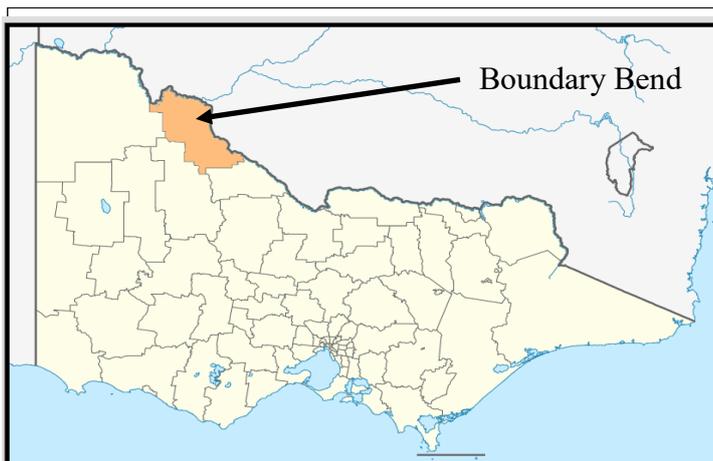
A team of cleaners was engaged, so cleaning and sanitising was happening around the clock, as the harvest and oil production happens 24/7. This entailed cleaning all bathroom areas, door handles, light switches, benches—any place that may have had human contact. I was part of that team.

At the beginning of harvest, everyone was issued with a sanitisation pack, to be used for cleaning harvesters, tractors and vehicles which they had to complete before the change of operators. It was a huge logistical and expensive exercise taken on by Boundary Bend Olives to keep us healthy and safe. There was not one cold or sniffle during the harvest.

On arriving back home in South Australia we had to isolate for two weeks. This meant not leaving our house and yard for that time. In total, we had been in 'lockdown' for twelve weeks.

We would like to thank our wonderful neighbours for shopping for us and also to everyone who offered to help. It is one of the joys and benefits of living in a great community. ■

Thank you—Vicki & Mark Deere



Boundary Bend is a small town in the state of Victoria, Australia. It is near the junction of the Murray River and Murrumbidgee River. It is located about 50 kilometres east along the Murray Valley Highway from the twin towns of Robinvale in Victoria and Euston in New South Wales, about 90 km north of Swan Hill. At the 2016 census, Boundary Bend and the surrounding area had a population of 132. (1)

The access to the junction of the two rivers is down a track off the highway. It was at this point that Captain Charles Sturt and his party of explorers first sighted the Murray River in 1830. They had travelled down the Murrumbidgee, and continued downstream along the Murray in their whaleboat.

Boundary Bend Post Office opened on 6 April 1923. (2)

For many years, there were two Paddle Steamer hulls located just underwater on the southern bank of the Murray River. These were the *Canally* and the *Hero*. Both hulls were raised and removed for restoration in December 1997. The PS *Hero* was restored to operation at Echuca. The PS *Canally* is undergoing restoration based at Morgan.(3) (4)

(1) 2016 Census QuickStats Boundary Bend—Australian Bureau of Statistics. Retrieved 24 January 2019.

(2) Premier Postal History, Post Office List, retrieved April 2008.

(3) Lush, Kerrie (25 November 2013). "PS *Canally* refloated". ABC Riverland. Retrieved 1 January 2017.

(4) "PS *Canally*". Mid Murray Council. Retrieved January 2017.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Some Recent Coincidences

WHAT A COINCIDENCE that two articles should appear in our July issue with photos of the same person, the Aussie film actress, Nonnie Piper! The compilers of each article had no idea of such a duplication until that issue had appeared.

Nonie/Nonnie/ Noni Peifer seems to have changed her name to Piper while making the film *Bitter Springs*. She was born to a Sydney Dental Surgeon in late 1930, and today lives in Esher, England, so would now be 89.

She studied acting under the famous Aussie actor, Peter Finch, in Sydney. She acted in the films, *The Rugged O'Riordans*, and *Into the Straight* (both released in 1949), and *Bitter Springs* (released in 1950).

She had a successful modelling career in Australia for six years, and in early November 1950 won a National Beauty Contest. She flew to Hollywood in December 1950 for a film test.

She flew back without one, saying that she wasn't keen enough nor assertive enough to have arranged a test. She said she wanted a less shallow life than modelling, and wanted to travel. So she became a Qantas air hostess.



She married Australian Espionage Agent, Dr. Michael Bialoguski, who helped persuade the Russian Spy, Vladimir Petrov, to defect in 1954.

They moved to England in 1963. Michael became the Principal Conductor of the Com-

monwealth Philharmonic Orchestra.

The photos of her in the July *Mercury* were on pp 27 and 30. Above is a very good third one to go with those two others. Its background suggests that it was a carefully-posed studio photo.

The Dort Motor Car

IN THE SAME July issue, the *Locomotives of the PRR* department discussed how Dort motor cars were chosen to be mounted on railway wheels, and used as motorised Railway Inspection Cars.

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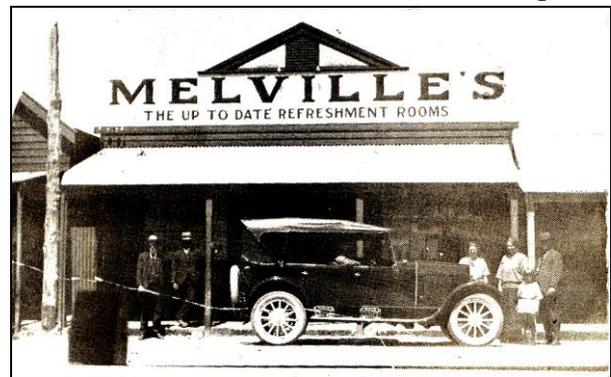
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The Sedanet Closed The Sedan Open

I'd not even heard of a Dort motor car before. They were a US company that built cars only from 1915 to 1924 before the company was wound up. So the South Australian Railways deciding they were suitable for modifying 'for track inspection and other official journeys' in 1923 came right near the end of their existence.

But by a second striking coincidence, immediately after this I was looking through *A Pictorial History of Quorn and District: Commemorating One Hundred Years of Local Government, 1883–1983*, and found this photo:



Its caption says: 'Mr. David Melville's refreshment rooms, Seventh Street, Quorn, 1923. Dort car in foreground. Building demolished in

1982, and the land is now the property of District Council Kanyaka–Quorn’.

Of course, that’s not a coincidence that occurred in the July *Mercury*, but a coincidence that impinges on Quorn’s history.

The Quorn Poet

NOT A COINCIDENCE, either, but a matter of local interest, was the poem, ‘Pioneer Town’, by Claude Hotchin. Sir Claude Hotchin, OBE, JP, Hon LLD (1898–1977) was a famous Quornie.

He was the son of a local butcher, and became a wealthy businessman in Perth. He was a poet and a great benefactor of the Arts.

His annual Claude Hotchin Art Prize inspired painters from 1948 to 1973.

He made many gifts of paintings, especially to country towns. His gifts to the Royal Perth Hospital alone totalled 543



works of art. He gave paintings to the Quorn and District Memorial Hospital, and also ones that were displayed in the Quorn Town Hall.

A while ago, Council had the Town Hall paintings moved to the Hospital, too.

Hotchin returned to visit Quorn almost every year of the last fifteen years of his life to spend time with old family friends.

There’s a *Wikipedia* site devoted to him, and half a page in that *Pictorial History of Quorn*, page 20. And there’s another of his poems that opens this book on its page 7. It’s as follows :

There’s a Song in my Heart

There’s a song in my heart as I reach the hills,
Away from the factories, shops and mills.
There’s a prayer on my lips in thanks to God
For sunny blue skies and the rich red sod.

There’s a song in my heart for all people true,
A hope in my breast for the strength to do.
There’s a prayer on my lips for youth and age
That love and respect return to life’s stage.

There’s a song in my heart in these quiet hills,
Amongst birds and flowers, the evening’s still.
The drapes of night fall on a soul refreshed,
I return to the plains, my fears at rest. ■



Five Generations of Sylvia Beal

Back from left – Kelly, Donna; Front from left – Jade, Sylvia holding Ivee Mae

FOR SALE Grand Old Building Quorn, SA

Built in 1890, this heritage building operated as a hotel until 2015. Recently renovated and refurbished, this grand two-story building is conveniently located close to shops and services.



ABOUT THE PROPERTY:

Bedroom: 11 Toilet: 6
Bathroom: 3 Land Size: 1330m²

Ground floor features outside undercover area with four tables; games room; large common room, two lounge areas; large kitchen; two toilets and furnished meeting room.

Upstairs features seven rooms with queen-sized beds, one room with three single beds, one room with three bunk beds, two bathrooms and three toilets. The manager's suite features two bedrooms, private lounge and en-suite.

This beautiful hotel building is ideal for a large family residence, or a guest house/AirBnB. May suit restaurant, cafe, office space, studio and gallery, private hotel or boarding house; or public hotel with gaming, accommodation, restaurant and bottle shop.



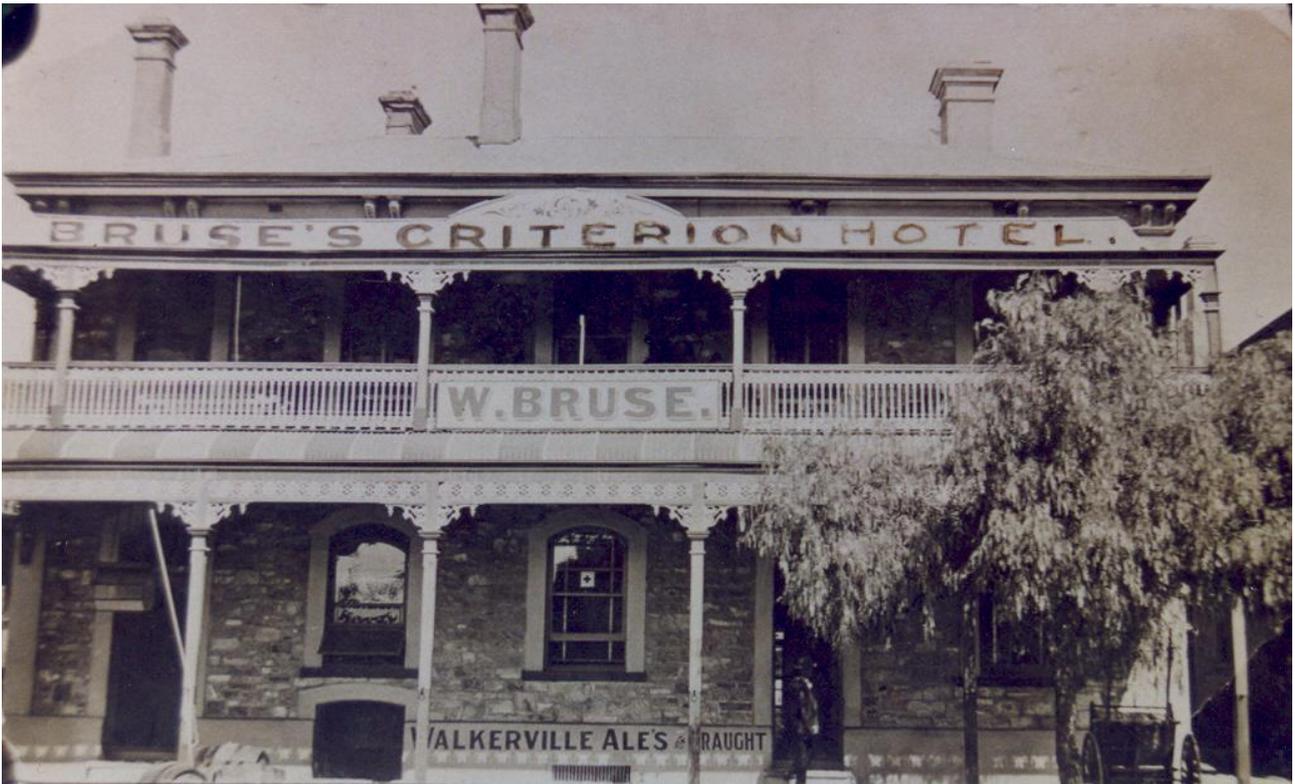
To inquire about the property, please contact Peter on 0417 882 454



For video on some of the amazing things Quorn has to offer, follow the QR link.



Pictures — From the Past



THERE SEEM TO BE plenty of photos of Quorn's hotels in early times. Bruse's Criterion Hotel was built by the 1980s. This photo of it is dated 1919. It seems it was one of the first to install gas lights in Quorn. In earlier times hotels had to have extensive stabling for their guest's horses—much later, both the Criterion and the Austral converted their stables into motel units. Before the Second World War, Quorn's Hotels' and the Post Office's staffs competed to create gardens on the opposite side of Railway Terrace. When trains stopped overnight, porters with handcarts met them to take passengers and their luggage to whichever hotel they wanted to stay in. The above photo was from Phillip Bott.



A very early photo of the Pinkerton Hotel, which was built in late 1878 by a Mr Armstrong. The second storey was added in 1922, when the name was also changed to the Austral. 'Jan Arnold's [née Eley] Quorn Memoirs', running at present in the *Mercury*, contain a great deal of entertaining information about the Austral from 1931 to 1950. The fascination of old photos like this one has a lot to do with the clothing and forms of transport of those times. Both photos courtesy Val Francis. ■

Jan Arnold's Quorn Memoirs

End of the 2nd World War

THE DINNER gong was used to great effect when peace was declared in 1945. Our waitress continued beating it out the front door, and around the town block. She collected a conga line as she went, two hundred in all, with church bells ringing and car horns tooting.

Earlier, my mother had heard the news on the wireless. She took me with her, and hurried to the passage and side door to the bar, which hadn't been closed for long. When my father answered her knock, she couldn't speak, and she fainted at his feet!

Endless Manual Labour

THE KITCHEN was a large room between the two dining rooms. It was furnished with two big tables for food preparation, and the setting out of cups and saucers, etc, at meal time. There were rectangular wooden stools for the staff to sit on, and wooden cupboards and shelves for the storage of china and utensils.

Two ceramic sinks, one for china and cutlery, the other for saucepans, etc, had wooden drainage boards. These would be scrubbed regularly with blocks of sandsoap, a universal cleaner for surfaces, including baths (*and ship's decks!*)

A cupboard for wood fed the enormous cast-iron stove. On it stood two cast-iron 'fountains', and a cast-iron kettle for making tea, etc.

Part Two

Jan Arnold (née Eley) and her family lived in Quorn 1931–1950, and held the lease of the Austral Hotel. The series began in last July's *Mercury*, pages 28–29, and it should continue until November or December

Toast was made by placing bread slices in a griller (two wire frames hinged together, the handles secured with a wire ring). This was placed on the stove's hot plate, and turned to toast each side. Slices cut into two triangles were taken to the tables in toast racks.

Cooking pots were also cast-iron, or enamel. A gypsy tinker would arrive occasionally, and would set up his van in the backyard to mend holes in these utensils, using bolts and washers.

A large room off the kitchen held the refrigerator and the food safes, and it also held the

separator to obtain cream from the milk that was supplied by our cow. The cow was brought up from the parklands for milking.

Ironing was also done in this room on another large table. Starched items like the tablecloths would have been damped down in readiness. My earliest memories are of coal-fired irons, which were superseded by petrol-operated irons, and then finally simple electric irons.

At the Back of the Hotel

THE LAUNDRY was at the back of the hotel, and looked out over the enormous backyard, which went right through to the next street. Here were three sets of double clothes lines, each about thirty metres long running from cross-bar to cross-bar, and held up by wooden props. Here Monday's and Thursday's laundry was dried.

The washing involved the lighting of two coppers. The wood for these was chopped and stored in the large wood shed, one of a group of four sheds. They were generally used as car garages, or horse stables at race time, added to the stables at the bottom of the yard.

This was an exciting week, and we often had several horses stabled. On one occasion when the favourite was being exercised, it took fright. It galloped down Railway Terrace, and ran into a train at the crossing by the High School. It was a tragedy for the owners and visitors alike.

Farmers Coming to Town

FARMERS came in to sheep sales, or to shop on Fridays. They stabled and fed their horses here too, in the post-and-rail yards, shaded by the pepper trees. There was a very large fowl yard for eggs and meat closer to the laundry.

There was a well in the middle of the chicken yard nearest the northern fence, and a grove of



Wendy Byrne and Janice Eley in the Courtyard, Xmas 1938–39

very old pepper trees. I've always believed they served a building called 'The Old Court House'.

This was a wood and iron building with a single panelled door and twelve-paned window. It stood west to east, facing into the window of our ironing/storage room. It was directly behind the garage of the house that was attached to the Goldsborough Mort office.

One stepped down to a slate floor in it. It was filled with furniture from the original Pinkerton



Railway Terrace in 1878. From the left are the ES&A Bank, the then Pinkerton (now Austral) and Transcontinental Hotels, and Cowan's Mill being erected (not John Dunn's Mill of today). The Old Court House Jan refers to can't be seen—it's further back

Hotel. This was demolished, and everything thrown on the town rubbish dump, I believe, and the trees cut down by a later licensee. I wonder if it predated the current Court House?

Behind our hotel, where today are motel units, was 'Skinny' Newman's saddlery and shoe repair shop. It had fascinating machinery and goods, and I bought my first tennis racquet there.

Next door was Mr Lowe's butcher shop, which supplied us with meat. His home was on the hill to the south, across from the golf course, where he also kept pigs. These benefited from the collection of 'slops' by Billy Payne, who also worked for Mr Lowe.

These were the precursors of today's green waste, but placed in 44-gallon drums by any business dealing in food. Billy collected it with his horse and cart. Most burnable waste was disposed of in our backyard incinerator.

The laundry had its own water supply from a large tank outside, and waste water was poured down a sink in the floor to the septic tank.

Everything involved manual labour. Some examples of this were filling the coppers and the large zinc tubs for rinsing, blue-ing, or starching; putting washed items through the mangle or wringer; and hanging out, bringing in, and folding or damping the dried washing.

Swaggies Looking for Work

OUR 'BOOTS' was a mainstay, of course. These were mainly men with swags who came to us during the Great Depression (1929–39). Some knocked at the kitchen door for food. Some needed money. Others were looking for work.

Many were in need. (My mother used to say that we'd have been rich if my father had 'called in' all the entries in his little black book! I think most businesses were the same.)

THEIR WORK FOR US INVOLVED TAKING A HANDCART to the arriving trains to bring back passengers' luggage, cleaning shoes left outside bedroom doors, cleaning out fireplaces and the kitchen stove fire box, resetting fires, and sometimes stacking bottles and cleaning in the bar. They generally helped wherever they were needed.

Making Good in the End

ONE OF THESE was a young lad from a large family in another railway town, where his father had been killed in an accident. He became one of our 'Boots', later a barman, married our waitress, and eventually after some years in other hotels, took over our lease on my father's retirement.

Later still, he took over the Crown and Sceptre Hotel in King William Street in Adelaide, and the Boston Hotel in Port Lincoln. This couple's only child first became a chemist, then studied medicine to become an anaesthetist, and still lectures on anaesthesia here and overseas.

Mick Riordan, an old Irishman, was another. He lived with us for many years. He died in his small bedroom near the back stairs, and is buried in the Quorn Cemetery.

(Continued next month) ■



Coal-fired Clothes Iron

KI BlazeAid Co-ordinators

WE VOLUNTEERED to help BlazeAid in 2019 rebuilding fences for a fortnight after a flood in Cloncurry in March 2019. I ended up installing a flat pack kitchen in an outstation we were working on, and Maxine took on the role of cook for the station workers.

In March this year we volunteered for a fortnight to help BlazeAid rebuild fences on Kangaroo Island. Once again I ended up completing a deck and roofing over several *Atco* style huts a farmer is using for accommodation, after he lost his house in the bushfire. Maxine helped organise and cook meals for the 127 volunteers here at the time.

After the COVID virus hit we decided that it would be best if we stayed here and helped the farmers on KI. Most of the volunteers went home leaving a small group of thirty who have stayed together here over the last three months.

There were about twenty international travellers amongst them, and living and working with them was a wonderful experience.

In the time I was out fencing, mostly knocking in wooden posts in preparation for the fencers, Maxine was working in the kitchen.

We'd decided to leave the island around the 11th June. On June 8th I went to work in the morning and came back to camp that afternoon, to find the coordinator had taken ill and rushed back to the mainland. I was asked if we could do the coordinator's job for a week, and we're still here.

The job entails coordinating fencing for 177 farmers who are registered with us, and any who care to drop in.

We are also organising teams of volunteers to go out fencing, clearing and post-knocking every day, seven days a week.

So far, on Kangaroo Island, BlazeAid has cleared 1,154 kms of fence line and built 635 kms of fencing. The fencing job is enormous—several fencing contractors on KI are also working flat out. We hear many stories of farmers losing 60,70 and 80 kms of fencing in the fires.

This was no ordinary bush fire—there are things like aluminium road signs melted, with only the steel ribs left.

One farmer showed me (from a hill on his place) the south side to the north side of his farm. He said the fire took two minutes to cross over and in that time every animal on his farm died. There are many more stories like this one.

One automatic weather station recorded wind gusts up to 170 km/h and a final temperature of 480 deg. The fire was so ferocious that all anyone could do was evacuate and let it run its course.

One of the downsides for me is I now have learnt to use a mobile phone and have Maxine's old phone. If anyone is interested in volunteering I can be contacted on 0427 486 284. The number is also on the BlazeAid website.

If you and whoever travels with you volunteer for five days, BlazeAid will reimburse you half the ferry fare to and from the island.

The volunteers who are out in the field, are the ones who deserve all the praise.

Graham and Maxine Norfolk ■



BlazeAid volunteers with Graham on the right



Drilling post holes

1ST Armoured Regiment Association Croweaters Veterans' Retreat Weekend—Quorn

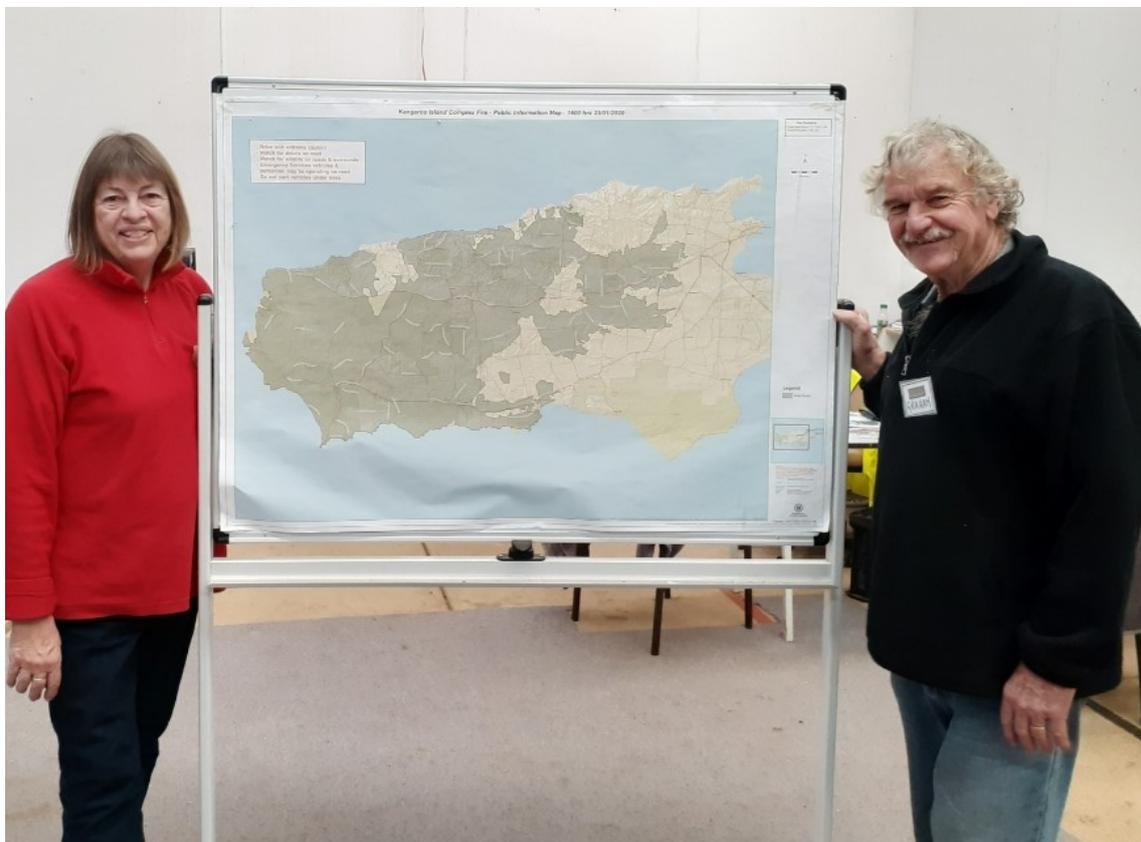


A brief explanation of the origins and purpose of the Retreat

The Quorn Mercury apologises for the error in the July issue of the article by Lou Walker OAM. The word Regiment in the sub-heading should have read Retreat, as shown above.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Retreat which was to be held in April 2020 was cancelled. Lou is now planning for the next one, and hopes it will go ahead in May 2021.

Editor's Note—Lou, Barb and all the Quorn folk involved are to be commended for their efforts.



Maxine & Graham Norfolk with a map of Kangaroo Island. The dark shaded area shows the area of KI burnt during the Dec 2019—Jan 2020 bushfires (See article opposite page)



THE MEDLAM FAMILY recently celebrated Peter Jnr's 26th birthday on 26th July. Pictured from left—Kathleen holding Hunter, Peter Jnr, Declan in green shirt and Peter Medlam Snr. Seated on the log is Sammi nursing her daughter Ava, Jessica, Emma, Tanya Medlam and Alisha.

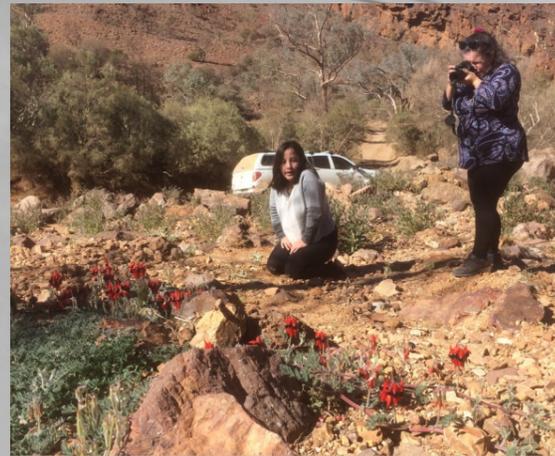


From left—Sammi, Jessica, Hunter, Emma, and Tanya nursing Ava



Above—Bronwyn Filsell and Trevor Newman with Bronwyn's pets, Paige the dog and Hugo the cat.

The three photos above are by Jodie Wonham



It might be dry as up north but Sturt Desert Peas are flowering at Arkaroola thanks to summer rains
Left—Isabel Kramer and Jacqueline Hancock marvel at these beauties



Creative fabric work by Zena Cox—see article on Retrospective exhibition Page 24

QUORN OUT AND ABOUT

Quorn is in the news again with its rebrand as the bush tucker capital of Australia



29,582 Views

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The South Australian outback town of Quorn is rebranding as the country's bush tucker capital.

Andrea Tschirner above commenting on Channel 7 News promoting Quorn's Bush Tucker Trail project



Pat Gilbert with her Quandong cheesecake, as pictured in *The Transcontinental* newspaper

Zena Cox

Retrospective Exhibition

ZENA'S EXHIBITION is now on display at the Quorn Library

A former Quorn resident and talented artist, she worked at the Quorn Area School for many years. Zena ran the Quorn Quilting Group which later changed its name to *Chester's Free Range Chooks* (craft group) and now meets at The Austral Hotel on the first and third Fridays each month.

Zena influenced many over the years with her textile art knowledge and techniques. She was an inaugural member of Fibrespace Inc—a textile art group made up of artists from all around the state who have regular exhibitions.

“Her quiet manner, pursuit of excellence through creative endeavour, and ability to see the world with a difference inspired all of us.” (*Quote from Fibrespace Exhibition*)

Her daughter Bridget and grand-daughter Emily are now carrying on her tradition.

I was always fascinated to go to her “Z Shed” and watch the progress of many of her works, and how she went about creating. I was once horrified when I called around and found that a piece I thought beautiful had been cut in half as she wasn't happy with it. She then went



Zena at the last Fibrespace Meeting she attended with her daughter Bridget (right) and granddaughter Emily (left)

on to combine the 2 pieces again into something even more magical. I learnt a lot from visiting her Z Shed.

Besides the work currently shown at the Library, she has a few more pieces permanently on display around town—three at the Doctor's surgery and one in the foyer of the Council Chambers.

The display will be at the library for the next 2-3 months.

Some of the pieces are for sale. If anyone is interested, please contact Ruth Tulloch on 08 8648 6477 for more details. Proceeds to go to RFDS or Trees for Life. ■



Pictured left—

Title: A Unique Artist's Book

Medium: Recycled and new paper, cardboard, fabric, beads & pebbles.

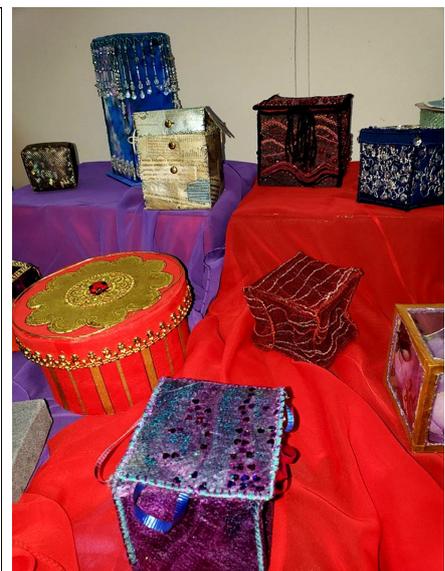
Description: FRAGILE, EPHEMERAL.

Fragile—time wears away the history of the past, leaving fragments of stone & wood.

We wander among the old buildings and imagine the lives lived in a bygone era.

So this book too is fragile, and will disintegrate in its own time.

But while it is still whole, some may read and ponder the writing it contains. ■



Zena's colourful fabric box collection

Mercury Revisited

TRIBUTE FOR JOY FINLAY

On behalf of the congregation of the Quorn Uniting Church, we express our deep sense of loss as we remember Joy Finlay.

Music and song is a significant attribute to worship, and it was in this area that Joy excelled. She was a talented musician and used her talent to the full as she shared the playing of the church organ for some forty years.

Joy contributed much to the life of the church in many ways. Her positive manner and concern for others within the congregation and beyond was always in evidence.

To Joy's loved ones we offer our sincere condolence and pray that they will know God's love and peace.

HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM



Ben Hilder swimming his **Gold Medal** winning performance in Butterfly 100m at the South Australian Country Championships in Loxton in January 2010

10 Years Ago

20 Years Ago



Olympic Torch Morning

ON WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY AT 4:00AM, Julie Lewis organised a full bus load of keen 'Olympians' to see the torch relay in Port Augusta at 5:00am.

The bus left Quorn at 4:00am.

This was the Fellowship activity for the month of July.

Champagne & orange juice with hot muffins and iced coffee started the trip on the bus. Breakfast with the choice of menu which included hot coffee, pancakes & burgers was enjoyed by all at MacDonald's Restaurant at 6:00am.

Those keen enough to rise at 3:00am (or not go to bed at all!) were:

Andrea Bury with Liam, Keenan and Maddison, Jo & Bart Finlay with Keely & Griffin and; Mark, Leanne, Jordan and Sally Dodman; Marg and Kathy Kennedy, Ebony, Jake and Tessa Kennedy with their 4 cousins, Julie Lewis, Tricia Lehmann and Jenny Crisp.

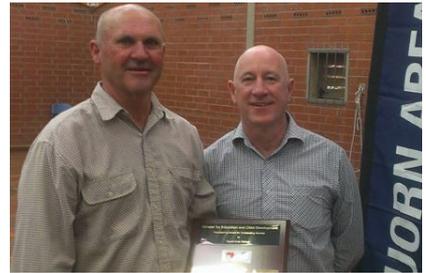
People young and old were able to hold the torch and have photos taken with the relay runners.

The early morning start was just too much for some and a nap was in store.

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



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Quorn Lions Club News

LIONS CLUB OF Quorn members have been active again since the first wave of COVID-19 virus, organising three barbecues opposite the Quorn Railway station.

These occurred on Saturdays in July when the PRR Afghan Express from Port Augusta arrived. With amazing support from locals, tourists, train staff and train travellers, funds raised are for future projects around the town.

Further BBQs are being organised for August. We as Lions members would love to catch up with you all yet again!

The Lions club also made a stunning appearance at the first Sunday market since early in the year, at the end of July.

As Lions members it was good to be back and see lots of familiar faces, as well as the new stallholders.

One of the latest donations by Lions within the community has been a second galvanised iron shelter shed at the skate park! Well worth the fund raising, it is great to see parents sitting under the shelter watching their children do all those impressive professional-like tricks.

People looking for those Lions Christmas cakes will find them later in the year through the usual outlets.

With member numbers low yet again, we are looking for some more passionate people who want to help the community, feel wanted and accomplish funding goals for town projects.

We urge you if you're interested in joining the Lions Club, to contact a member and maybe attend a meeting or two to find out more about Lions International.

Meetings are held in the Lions Clubrooms (located between the Bowling Club and Children's playground) on the second Wednesday of each month.

For further information please phone Peter Dixon on 0417 865 949 ■



Above—Lorraine, Pam & Anne hard at work



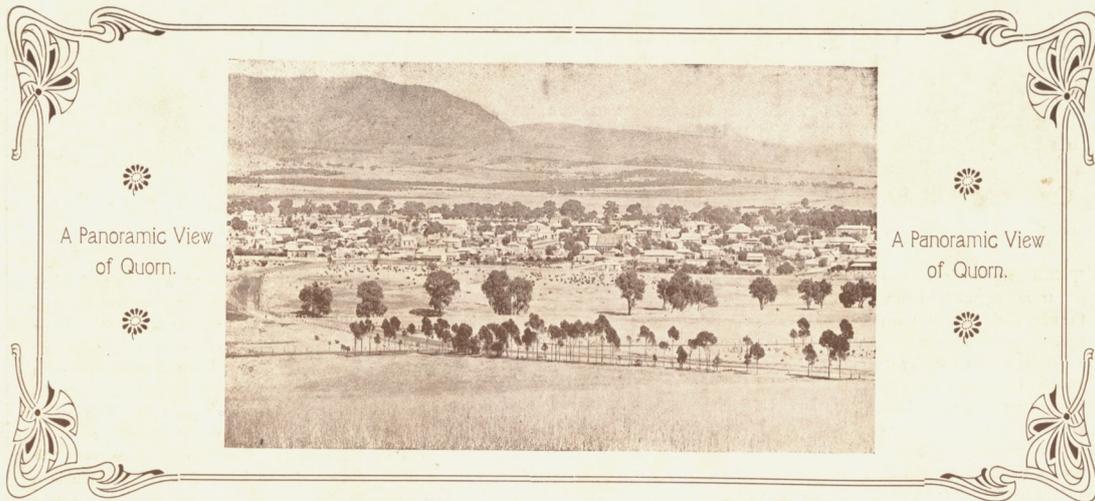
Left—Lorraine guarding cash box



Below—Skate park shelter

Prosperous Quorn and Port Augusta

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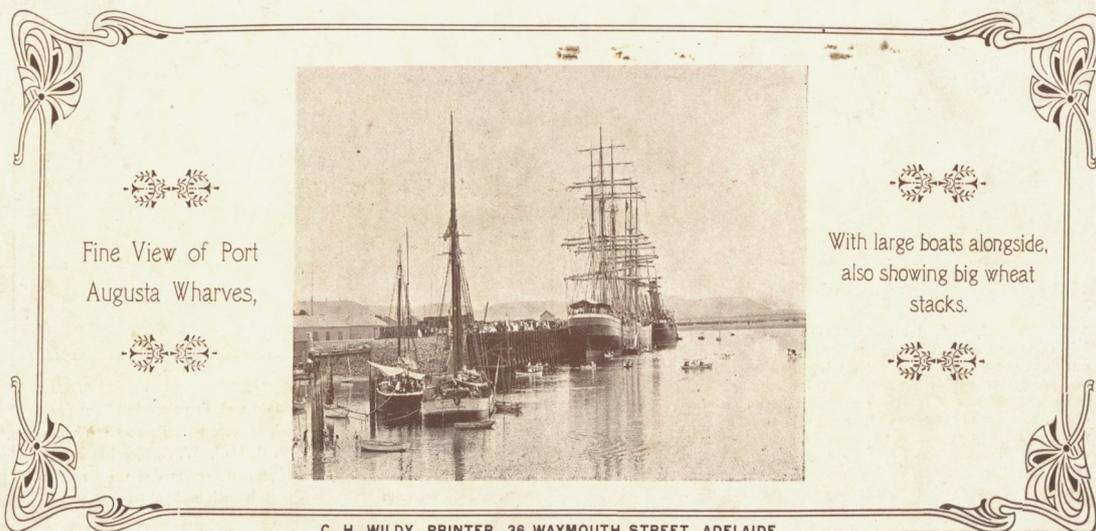
Prosperous Quorn

— AND —

Port Augusta,

The Seaside Resort of South Australia.

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C. H. WILDY, PRINTER, 36 WAYMOUTH STREET, ADELAIDE.

This page is the cover of a book from the early 19 00s which we are looking at selecting items from for future issues of the *Mercury*, Your comments would be appreciated



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Quorn Book Club, Storytime & JP Service

- **Quorn Book Club** – Fri 28th August, 1:00pm at 21 Park Terrace QUORN. Car pool to a property for a walk and book discussion, arrive back in Quorn approx. 3:30pm. Enquiries please contact: **Jacky** at **0407 640 425** or **Sam** on **0456 129 870**.
- **Library Justice of Peace** – Every Thurs 2 to 4pm appointment enquiries please contact **Brian** on **0419 807 409**
- **SUSPENDED Storytime** – enquiries please contact **Nancy** on **8648 6705** or **8648 6101**.

PICHI RICHI TRADE TRAINING CENTRE – (QUORN CAMPUS)



**PICHI RICHI
TRADE
TRAINING CENTRE**

As part of the Trade Training Centre Page for our school magazine this year I would like to find where our students have ended up and what they may be doing now.

All students that have participated in the Trade Training Centre Construction Course from 2000 to 2020 in Quorn and students who have worked on projects with the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society while at school we would like to hear from you!

Could you please contact me

email: Travis.McDonald470@schools.sa.edu.au or phone: 86486101

when you participated in the course and where you are working currently as we would like to celebrate the accomplishments of our students over the running of this project. Please pass this information on. **Thank you!**

OPENING HOURS

SUNDAY CLOSED

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TUESDAY 1:00-5:30PM

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FRIDAY 1:00- 5:30PM

SATURDAY 10:00AM-12:00PM

COVID-19 RESTRICTED LIBRARY SERVICES

We ask all members of the community to comply with the measures we have put in place to ensure your safety:



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- **Please use the automatic door** at the entrance to the library
- We ask that you **limit your time in the library to short visits.**
- Items returned via return chute or to the circulation desk are **quarantined in storage for 24 hours prior to reshelving. Please expect delays** in items being reshelved due to this.
- We can only have a **MAXIMUM OF 10 PEOPLE** from the public at **any one time** (excluding library staff)
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COMPUTER USE

- Public computer use will be limited to essential tasks only
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NEW ITEMS IN OUR COLLECTION:

ADULT FICTION

Hello, Summer by Mary Kay Andrews
Singing to the Dead by Caro Ramsay
Tiny Pieces of Us by Nicky Pellegrino
Clover Cottage by Christie Barlow
Meet me at Pebble Beach by Bella Osborne
A Quiet Death in Italy by Tom Benjamin
Daddy's Girls by Danielle Steel
The Wedding Dress by Danielle Steel
The Numbers Game by Danielle Steel
Handsome by Rancher
Small Mercies by Richard Anderson
The Girl She Was by Rebecca Freeborn

ADULT NON-FICTION

The Soup Book by Sophie Grigson
Be Plastic Clever: How you can become an Activist by Ella & Amy Meek
DIY: Know-how with Show-how by DK
Good Food, Sorted by Dorling Kindersley
Mary Berry Cooks Up a Feast
Practical Self Sufficiency by Dorling Kindersley
Slice of Organic Life by Dorling Kinderlsey
There's a Vegan in the House by Dorling Kindersley
Vegan on the Go by Jerome Eckmeier
Woodwork the Complete Step-by-Step Manual by Dorling Kindersley

Nature Guide Rocks and Minerals
Sew step-by-step by Dorling Kinderlsey
The Sewing Book by DK

DVD

Jumanji (1995)
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (2017)
Attenborough: 60 Years in the Wild
Attenborough: Life of Birds
Bluey: Grannies and other stories
Great Australian Railway Journey

MAGAZINES

Australian Women's Weekly, Baking the Complete Collection

Australian Women's Weekly, Food for Babies and Toddlers

JUNIOR FICTION

The Dinosaur King and Other Stories: Stage 3 Phonics
Boy Giant: Son of Gulliver by Michael Morpurgo

JUNIOR NON-FICTION

Cadi the Farm Dog by National Geographic
The LEGO Ideas Book by Dorling Kindersley

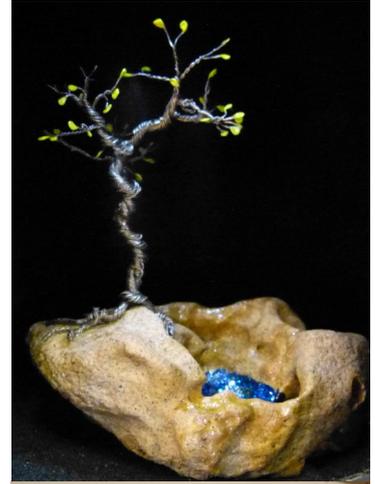
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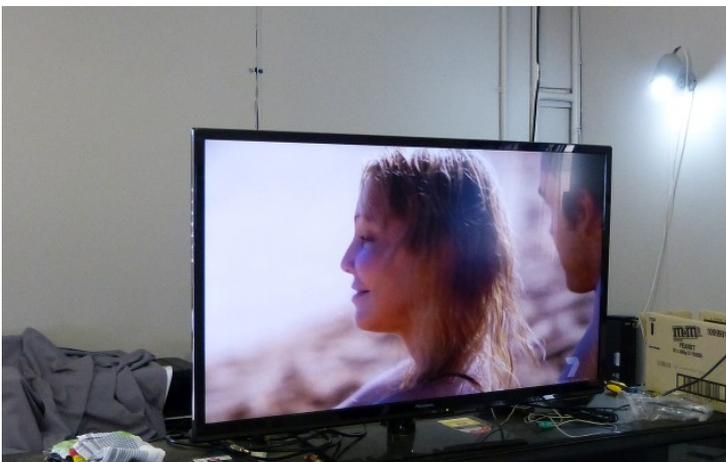
ALL WELCOME



Wire Tree and Rock Creations

Collection created by Quorn Men's Shed member Jim Matthews.

One way of keeping busy during the COVID restrictions
Small tree (above right) is a night light with a larger tree on the right.
These can be purchased from Jim at Quorn, contact 0418897012



Back-on-Line

Shed lounge TV back on line with revamped cabling, so one can enjoy a cuppa when taking a work break



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ALL WELCOME

Rob gives workshop
clock a make over,
all hands on deck and
they now line up



Above —Andy setting up and testing security cameras in Social Shed

Left —Jeff and Lyall working on stripping paint off a vintage cot

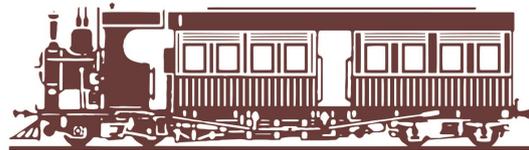


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Patron: Dr. Tony Lian-Lloyd B.M.B.S, Dip, R.A.C.O.G, F.A.C.R.R.M

PICHI RICHI RAILWAY



WELCOME as we recommence operating. Keeping you up to date with the latest news from the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society .

Full July Trains

REGULAR TRAIN SERVICES, as advertised in our brochure, recommenced on July 4th. The running season started with the school holiday services and we had full trains operating out of both Quorn and Pt Augusta for all of July.

The necessary procedures required by the COVID authorities added a considerable amount of both paperwork and cleaning, prior to, during, and upon the return of each trip.

To comply with social distancing regulations a reduced number of passengers are allowed in each carriage, so to ensure a seat is available, passengers must make a booking.

Channel 7 Publicity

RON KANDELAARS PRODUCED a great story which went to air on Saturday evening July 4th at the conclusion of the 6pm news service. Hayden Hart was interviewed to discuss the shutdown of operations in March, the impact on PRR and the services now on offer.

This publicity was timed to advertise the recommencement of our operation and Ron once again did us proud. We are very grateful to him for his wonderful support.



Ron Kandelaars with cameraman Grant, interviewed Hayden Hart at Summit

Trains Operating in August

Sat Aug 1st Afghan Express – ex Pt Augusta 10.30am

Sun Aug 9th PRR Explorer – ex Quorn 10.30

Sat Aug 15th Afghan Express – ex Pt Augusta 10.30am

Sun Aug 23rd PRR Explorer ex Quorn 10.30

Sun Aug 23rd Coffee Pot – ex Quorn 12 noon

Sat Aug 29th Afghan Express – ex Pt Augusta 10.30am

Coffee Pot Fame

ON JULY 12TH a Melbourne newspaper printed a tourism publication insert which listed the eight best train journeys in Australia.

It was with great excitement we discovered the Coffee Pot Lunch Experience ranked number six on that list. Other journeys included the Ghan, Indian Pacific, and West Coast Wilderness Railway, the Great Southern—Brisbane to Adelaide and the Kuranda Scenic Railway.

The Coffee Pot Luncheon is listed with the best of the best. Pichi Richi Railway believes this service is very special and the recognition here confirms this view.

The first Coffee Pot Luncheon Experience will run on August 23rd. A second trip planned for September 20th is not advertised in our brochure and the last for 2020 will run on the long weekend October 4th.

Passengers are currently limited to those residing in South Australia but it is hoped that in 2021 we will once again be able to accept bookings from interstate passengers. ■



The Coffee Pot and passengers makes its way to Woolshed Flat for lunch

Locomotives of the PRR



This is the continuation of the 'Motorised Rail Inspection Cars' article in July's Mercury.

AFTER THE SUCCESS of Motorised Inspection Cars such as the Dort, which was adopted in 1923, the South Australian Railways decided to introduce other vehicle makes, such as the Morris and the Wolseley. They were converted to track running in the late 1930s.

The US's Dort Motor Car Company had also been wound up in 1924. And that the Morris and the Wolseley were British companies, might also have played a part in their adoption.



MIC126 at the Gypsum Fields, Kevin, in 1958. Kevin was a railway station far west on the Eyre Peninsula Railway

These vehicles were very versatile. They were used not only for track inspections, maintenance, and repairs, but also to transport pay to fettlers working in outlying areas.

Two of the many converted Morris cars have been preserved, and are still operational. These two are MIC 126, which is with the Pichi Richi

Railway in Quorn, and MIC127, which is with Steamtown in Peterborough.

MIC126 Morris Sedan Series 3 entered into service with the South Australian Railways/ Commonwealth Railways on 28th May, 1939.



MIC 126 arriving at the Quorn Railway Station in August 1979. Photo from the Carl Cederblad Collection

Morris cars were originally black, but were repainted cream with red bonnet stripes, 1961–63, after several near misses at level crossings. Dr Reece Jennings suggested it, and got a Commendation from the Commissioner of Railways for it. ■

Lisa Southon, Archivist



Working on Motorised Rail Inspection Car MIC126 at Quorn



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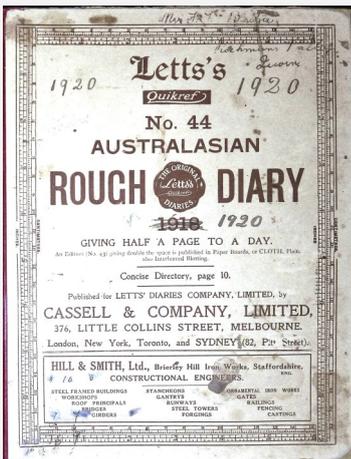
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From the Diary of Fred (Friedrich) Britza



**Friday
6.8.1920**
Beautiful
day.
I have been
following.
Marcus has
got the cane
today—4
strokes over
the left leg.

1918 [31 Days] 125
[6 & 7] August

Friday [218-147]
Beautiful day
I have been following
Marcus has got the cane today
4 strokes over the left leg
My wife has made 2 shirts today
out of the calves have Ruined
my winter proof over coat today
chewed it.

Saturday 2.7.1920
Taken
to Quorn
5 gallons
Cream
Paid
Granny & Annie Crisp drove
to Quorn shopping. Jack came
home from Winninowie.
I have been following on the
Block.

Saturday [219-146]
Taken to Quorn
5 gallons
Cream
Paid
Granny & Annie Crisp drove
to Quorn shopping. Jack
came home from Winninowie
I have been following on the
Block.

Fred operating the binder & Fred driving
the Field Marshall tractor in Richman Valley



1954
Bert & I Binding Hay, a good crop
Rapun Variety, 1 1/2 ton to the acre,
a Beautiful day, Binder going good
The Binder 30 years old, still as good as new
Marshall Diesel Tractor doing a wonderful job
Life has never been better.

End of Season Presentation

Better late than never!

QUORN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB held its end of season presentation on Sunday July 12th at the Trans Hotel. It was a lovely opportunity catch up, when sport had to suddenly halt due to the Covid-19 threat.

After a lovely lunch, it was time for formalities. Bronwyn Millington gave the President's report on the season and thanked all the swimmers, coaches and parents for another great season and swimming carnival.

Emily Millington, as Club Captain thanked everyone for supporting her while she carried out her role. Then Stewie Giles gave his Coach's Report and presented the Trophies:

Most Improved:

- 1st: Anthony O'Loughlin
- 2nd: Emily Millington
- 3rd: Annie Maloney
- 4th: Sasha Wilton
- 5th Nicole Turner
- 6th Zoe Solomon

Male and Female Scratch Winners

- Female 1st – Sasha Wilton
- Female 2nd – Annie Maloney
- Female 3rd – Georgia Turner
- Male 1st – Anthony O'Loughlin

Handicap Trophy Winners

- 1st Place – Nicole Turner
- 2nd Place – Anthony O'Loughlin
- 3rd Place – Annie Maloney

John Everett Memorial Trophy (Awarded for the fastest Male and Female 100m Breaststroke time): Annie Maloney.

No male swimmer swam the 100m breast stroke for the 2019/2020 season.

Club Champion (Awarded to the swimmer with the highest overall points):

Anthony O'Loughlin

The afternoon ended with Stewie Giles, now retired, receiving Life Membership for coaching the swimmers for the last 10 years.

The Club Committee and Swimmers offered him their heartfelt thanks for his commitment to coaching.



Club Champion for 2019/2020 season, Anthony O'Loughlin, with Coach Stewie Giles



John Everett Memorial Trophy winner, Annie Maloney, with Coach Stewie Giles



Left—Club Captain, Emily Millington, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the Presentation Afternoon

End of Season Presentation (cont'd)



2019-2020 Season swimmers for Quorn Amateur Swimming Club. *From left*—Anthony O'Loughlin, Zoe Solomon, Sasha Wilton, Emily Millington, Stewie Giles (coach), Annie Maloney, Georgia Turner and Nicole Turner

Swim Club Coach's Report

OUR SWIMMING SEASON was a short one due to some towns not having carnivals. Thanks to those swimmers who attended most carnivals.

Anthony was our only swimmer to have attended Country Championships in Murray Bridge this year, and performed very well.

Emily being our Captain has done a wonderful job as a captain should.

The swimmers who attended carnivals this season—Zoe, Sasha, Emily, Nicole, Georgia, Annie and Anthony performed very well, with medals from various swims.

Thanks to Bronwyn our President, for all the help she gave me. I was very thankful. Thanks to Amanda for her coaching r, in helping out with training in Quorn. And thanks to Leandre for being Team Manager once again. A job well done.

As this is my last yer, I would like to thank the whole Quorn community for all the help that I have received over the last 10 years as coach of this wonderful club.

I wish everyone all the best for the future. ■

Stuart Giles
Coach of the Quorn Amateur
Swimming Club



From left—Amanda O'Loughlin (assistant coach), Bronwyn Millington (Club President) thanked Shirley Giles for her tireless support for the club



Stewie Giles accepting Life Membership from Bronwyn Millington

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Home Recipes

Cheesy Muffins

12 Serves

Ingredients

- 2 cups self raising flour
- 1 cup tasty cheese, grated, standard tasty cheese can be used
- 1 carrot, coarsely grated
- 125g can corn kernels, drained
- 1/2 cup frozen baby peas
- 1 cup skim milk, standard milk can be used
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 egg
- 120g piece tasty cheddar cheese, cut into 12 cubes



Method

15 Mins Prep 25 Mins Cook

1. Preheat oven to 200°C. Grease a 12 hole medium muffin tin.
2. Sift flour into a large bowl and stir in grated cheese and vegetables.
3. Whisk milk, oil and egg together in a jug. Pour into flour mixture and mix together until just combined.
4. Spoon mixture evenly into the muffin tin. Push a cube of cheese into each; making sure it is covered with mixture.

Bake for 25 minutes or until golden.

Woolworth's recipe

Rainfall 2020

Jan	39 mm
Feb	70.4 mm
March	8.6 mm
April	37.6 mm
May	10.4 mm
June	14.5 mm
July	10.8 mm
YTD	191.7 mm

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Federal Member for Grey

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Please contact Rowan's office 1300 301 742 or 8633 1744
Email: rowan.ramsey.mp@aph.gov.au
PO Box 296 PORT PIRIE SA 3540

Red Hat

Red Hat Ladies are meeting for coffee at the Quandong Café on August 27th

Names to Yvonne Player Phone No: 0409 001 374

Health Calendar

August 2020

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist
Diabetes Education
Dietitian
Physiotherapist
Occupational Therapist
Speech Pathologist
Social Worker

Country Health Connect 8668 7706



August

Anglican Church of St Matthews
Services postponed until further notice
If required for a funeral service
Ph: 8648 6162 or 8648 6763

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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Quorn~Hawker~Gradock Events August 2020

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

Breakfast 6th & 20th from
8.00am

Quorn Silo Light Show

every night from sunset at
the Railway Yard Precinct

Quorn Play Group

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

Hawker

Community Group—Tuesday
fortnightly

Development Board—

3rd Monday of the Month

Friendship Group—

3rd Wednesday

Sing Australia Hawker-

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

Quilting Group—Friday

fortnightly

Events

Quorn Produce and Craft Market

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

30th August 8:30am – 2:30pm

Clean up the Pass!

Wednesday 12th August

Meet at 9am at the Playground and
finishing with a BBQ provided by the
Great Northern Lodge

Contact Sally Brown for more
information

Pichi Richi Railway Train Journeys

Afghan Express – departs Port
Augusta at 10:30 am to Quorn and
returns to Port Augusta at 4:30pm
The Afghan is running on the 1st, 15th
and 29th of August

Pichi Richi Explorer - departs Quorn
at 10.30am to Woolshed Flat and
returns to Quorn at 1:15pm

The Pichi Richi Explorer runs on the
9th and 23rd of August

Pick up your timetable at the Visitor Information Centre at the Railway Station or visit

www.pichirichirailway.org.au

Flinders Flicks

Friday 28th at 6:30pm. 'Fisherman's
Friends' Bookings essential

Regular Events

Quorn

Aerobics/Walking Exercise

Monday and Thursday
Anglican Church Hall 6pm. Cost \$2

Boot Camp

Tuesday 6am & Fridays 6.15am
Quorn Oval. Cost \$2

Line dancing

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

Yoga

Thursday nights 6.30pm
Uniting Church Hall

Probus

1st Tuesday of the month 10am

Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group

Fridays at the Austral Hotel
Everyone welcome

Quorn Bowling Club

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

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

Austral Inn Hotel

Sunday Night Pizza Night

Transcontinental Hotel

Tuesday Night Schnitzel Night

Quote of the Month

*'Own your failures
but do not become them'*

-Denis Waitley



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From Rob Stanford's video above the clouds "Quorn Mist - Topside" July 14 2020
"I were wondering what it looked like above the mist, so I had a look!"



PRR train. An eerie departure—Tuesday 14.7.20
Photo Chris Carpenter



July 18—"Such a beautiful morning"
Photo Annie Ruebenicht



Some years ago this very large Mulga Snake captured itself during renovations at the "Old Slaughter House". It was rescued and successfully released out on the Willochra Plain by Greg Bannon. He was able to secure its head while he cut the tin away before releasing it