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Pichi Richi Marathon 2026



In the final stretch leading to Quorn, with Devils Peak shrouded in cloud, runs David Staehr, the winner of the 2026 Pichi Richi Marathon, winning for the fourth time.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL COMPETITORS, organisers, volunteers and supporters of the 44th Pichi Richi Marathon, held on Sunday 28 June. Four hundred runners and walkers registered for the event across the categories of the 42km Full Marathon, the 21km Half Marathon, the 10km, 5km, and Junior Dash.

The winner of the full marathon event for the fourth time was David Staehr. The runner up was John Csongei. Full results have not yet been published, and it is hoped to have more information and results across the whole event in the August edition of the Mercury.

Meanwhile, we can share photos of locally known competitors as they challenged themselves in this popular Flinders Ranges event. ■



2nd in the Full Marathon, John Csongei

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Walking the Camino

By John Badman

In April and May 2026, I walked the Camino Frances, The Way of Saint James, an 800km pilgrims' route from St Jean Pied de Port in France, across northern Spain, to Santiago de Compostela. Christian pilgrims have been walking it continuously since the 10th Century AD, and many parts of it were used by others, including Carthaginians, Romans and Germanic tribes before that. I did this walk mainly out of historical interest and to experience Spanish culture and architecture, and also because it was completely different to all the remote journeys I have done previously.

The story of Saint James the Apostle's connection to Spain developed many centuries after his death, due to the growing belief that he had preached in Spain and was buried in the north western Spanish province of Galicia. It came to be believed that, after his execution by the Romans in Jerusalem in 44 AD, his body was conveyed to Santiago by his followers. His tomb was "rediscovered" in the 9th Century and a small church built on the site. This church evolved over the years, and the present-day Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela was eventually built there and consecrated in 1211. Christians in the Middle Ages made the pilgrimage to be absolved of their sins, therefore avoiding an eternity in Hell, and also in the hope that any ailments would be miraculously cured by the intervention of St James. I couldn't help being affected by its religious significance and the faith of past and present pilgrims. As well as the actual pilgrimage, the time, skill, wealth and sheer effort which had been necessary to build the cathedrals, monasteries, roads, bridges and infrastructure along the way was overwhelming.



John on the right walking the trail

On Sunday 29 March I flew from Adelaide to Singapore, then on to Paris, where I visited the Eiffel Tower and other landmarks. From Paris I caught a fast train to Bayonne, then a smaller local train to Saint Jean where I started my walk. St Jean was a pretty town with steep, narrow, winding cobbled streets, which were lined with beautiful old stone shops and houses. I lined up and collected my pilgrim passport from the pilgrims' office and checked into my hotel, the first of thirty or more that would be my home for the next six weeks.

The first day was a 28 km hike over the Pyrenees Mountains, crossing the border into Spain. There were two possible routes for this section: straight over the top through Orisson, or a detour via Valcarlos at a slightly lower altitude. On local advice that the higher path would be subject to blizzard conditions, and not having any survival gear, I took the easier option. I wasn't sorry that I did as the countryside was awesome, even though it rained all day. The trail passed small farms with cows and draught horses wearing bells, over back roads and steep and muddy walking paths. This section was reputably the hardest of the whole Camino and I was glad to get to Roncesvalles, another beautiful mountain village.



John's pilgrim Passport

After checking into my hotel and spreading all my wet clothes out to dry, I went for a walk around town. It was Good Friday eve and as I passed the

church the bells rang for the mass. It was as if I had been called so I went in and it was stunning! The Latin service was rich in ceremony, including chanting and hymns, and the priest washed the feet of the hospitaleros to symbolise Jesus washing the apostles' feet at the Last Supper.

The trail was much easier after Roncesvalles and the rain had stopped. It passed through Basque farming country with some sheep and crops,



Burgos Cathedral

alternating with small forested areas and frequent small villages. On the third day I reached the city of Pamplona in the early afternoon and the streets of the old section of town were alive with pedestrians. The multitude of al fresco café/bars were packed with revellers and the Easter Saturday festivities continued until around 5am. In general, Saturday nights seem to be party nights in Spain, and this one was extra special.

After Pamplona the Camino continued through farms and picturesque villages with their classic Spanish architecture and beautiful churches. It climbed to the Hill of Remembrance with it's famous cut out sculptures, and on through more historic villages. It followed Roman roads in places and crossed 2000 year old Roman bridges. Vineyards were becoming very common, interspersed with small scale cropping. To my surprise there were no fenced paddocks and no livestock. There were also no farm houses as the farmers seem to live in the villages.

My first rest day was in the city of Logrona on Day 8. After that I continued through more villages and cropping farms, with the vineyards becoming less common. Every village was different but the classic Spanish architecture remained fairly constant, as did the churches and narrow winding streets where pedestrians outnumbered cars. Spain does not have the same car culture as Australia. Cars are mainly smaller European or Japanese, and I didn't see a single Dodge Ram. A lot of them have big scrape marks along their sides because the stone buildings lining the narrow streets are unforgiving. My next rest day was in the city of Burgos, which has a wonderful Gothic Cathedral, built over a 346 year period between 1221 and 1567. As with other churches and cathedrals I had visited, the scale, workmanship, detail and displayed wealth was almost beyond comprehension.

By this stage I had become part of a loose group of about a dozen people from Australia and various other countries, and in Burgos we had a table of 12 for dinner. We had been bumping into each other since the train to St Jean and were all Peregrinos on the same path. We were often staying in



Stork's Nest at Meseta

different towns but sometimes ended up in the same hotel or met for dinner or drinks and occasionally walked together. This was something I had not expected but was one of the best parts of my trip.

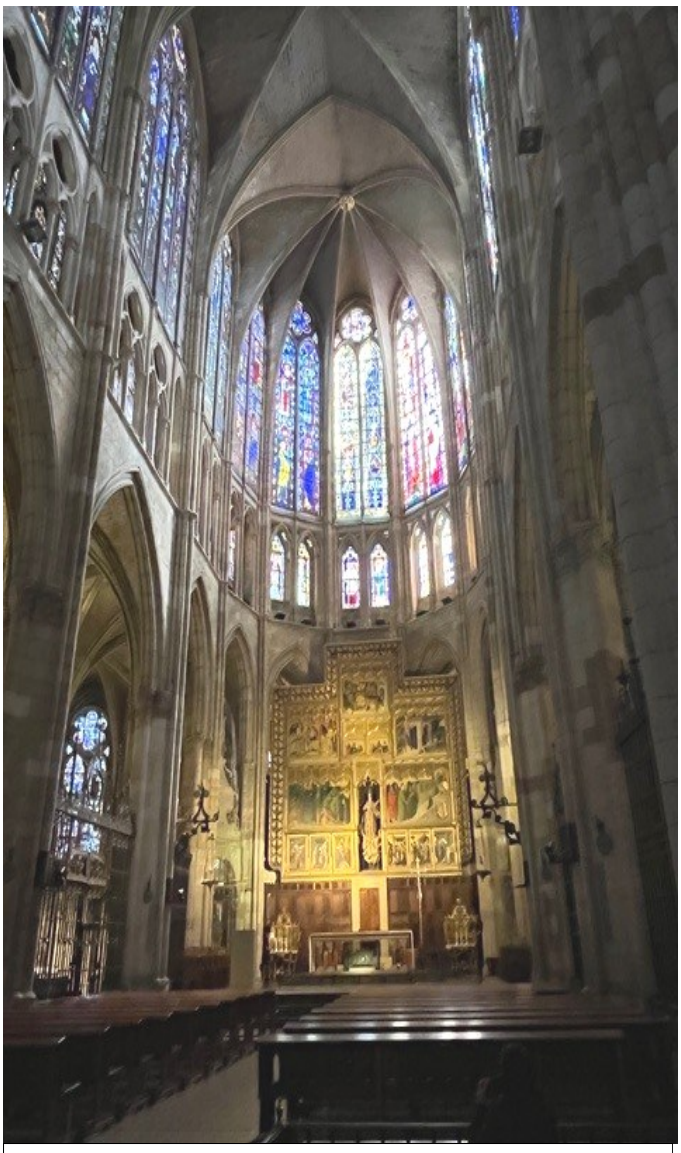
From Burgos the Camino passes through the Meseta, a plateau of wide open spaces and broad acre cropping. Many find this section boring, or even frightening because of it's relative isolation, but I enjoyed it. There were still plenty of villages and churches with bell towers, and many of the bell towers had one or two huge stork's nests where the parents could be seen feeding their chicks.

Just before Castrojeriz are the ruins of the thirteenth century San Anton Convent, another awe -inspiring place. At Calzadilla de la Cueva we encountered a group doing the Camino on vintage tractors, including one Lanz Bulldog! At Sahagun we passed the half way point with only 400km left to walk. My third and last rest day was in Leon on

Day 24. Leon has another magnificent cathedral with the most impressive stained glass I have ever seen. It is also the home of the Gaudi Museum, with it's amazing architecture and large collection of Salvador Dali paintings. Antoni Gaudi was a visionary Spanish architect from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.



John in front of Leon Cathedral



Inside Leon Cathedral

After Leon the Camino passes through Astorga, a large town with excavated Roman ruins, another impressive cathedral and the Gaudi Castle. Just past Rabinal del Camino is the Cruz de Ferro, the highest point of the Camino. It is here that pilgrims traditionally leave a stone carried from home, to symbolise casting off unwanted burdens or illnesses. Then is Ponferrada, with it's huge and impressive Knights Templar castle, followed by a gruelling climb up to the village of O Cebreiro, which was almost as hard as the first day crossing the Pyrenees.

Two women from my group of friends hired horses for this section. We were greeted at the town entrance by a Celtic Piper dressed in red. The Celtic Pipes are very similar to Scottish bagpipes as we were entering the province of Galicia, whose people have the same common origin as the Scots.

The next city was Sarria, just over 100km short of Santiago. Many people start their Camino walk here as it is the shortest distance you can walk to be eligible to receive the Compostella certificate. Those



John and his new friends

of us who had walked the previous 700km were calling them day trippers, but knew we were being too judgemental.

Galicia is very green, with hills, grapes, crops, market gardens and cattle in fenced paddocks. Then, it seemed suddenly now and all too soon, I arrived in Santiago and my walk was over.

The next day I took a bus trip to Finisterre, on the far north western tip of Spain. Finisterre was thought to be the end of the world by the Romans, and two from my group walked here as an extension of the Camino.

On my second night in Santiago I caught up with my friends for a farewell night out before we went our separate ways and I returned home. It was good. ■



Right: Knights Templar Castle

Below: A map of the section of the Camino that John walked



PICHI RICHI • RAILWAY •

June on the Pichi Richi Railway (PRR) was another reasonably busy month with a Coffee Pot Heritage Rail Experience, 3 Pichi Richi Explorer (PRE) and 2 Afghan Express services. Passenger numbers had recovered which is excellent with the PRE services over the June Long Weekend all full, keeping our Catering Team at Woolshed Flat very busy. This included some passengers from Canada (in the picture).



The many visitors would have seen the new toilet block which was completed at the very beginning of June, made possible by Steve Flower and a small team including a number of local subcontractors. Well done to all and the building looks amazing.

We welcome Flinders Gin as our newest Corporate Sponsor to the PRR. Their tasting rooms are located in an historic building conveniently found in Quorn behind The Mill on First St.



Many maintenance activities continued including a track gang who carried out sleeper installation work in the Lake Knockout area and closer to Quorn around Curve 4, as well as other rail and track related activities. Additionally the Steam Locomotive team carried out work to 873 as part of the plan to bring this back to operation by the end of the year and maintenance / repair works to W934. Carriage and rolling stock mechanical works also took place.

During the month, the Pichi Richi Railway took a stand at the Adelaide Model Railway exhibition at Ridley Hall, Wayville over the long weekend.



This event was a great success with many families and train enthusiasts enjoying superb model trains and the sounds of steam trains from another era. Our volunteers sold merchandise and looked smart as they promoted the PRR railway events. Many thanks to Julie, Jeannette, Amy and Wayne and others who staffed our 39 stand.

The Pichi Richi Railway recently retained its status as a Sustainable Tourism Accredited Business. This recognises businesses that meet the national standards for responsible and sustainable practices across all areas of operations. To us this means caring for the unique landscape of the Flinders Ranges while preserving and maintaining our historic locomotives, carriages, infrastructure and railway heritage for future generations.



We are always on the lookout for new volunteers so please contact John Humphries at volunteer@prr.org.au or on 08 8641 1527 if you would like to volunteer at the Pichi Richi Railway.

Considering Volunteering?

Join us in one of many roles Phone John to discuss a role to suit you and your availability.

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2026 timetable: www.pichirichirailway.org.au/train-services/timetable


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Eligible activities and projects may include but are not limited to:

Junior sport development programs that encourage participation, skill-building, and long-term engagement in community sport

Community sporting tournaments including gala days, club championships, and inter-club competitions that bring people together

Inclusive sport and recreation activities that support participation for women, youth, seniors, and people of all abilities

Health and wellbeing programs such as walking groups, fitness classes, and community physical activity initiatives that promote mental and physical health

Sport equipment and club support including training equipment, uniforms, and small upgrades that improve participation and safety

Community sport events and activations that activate local spaces and encourage active lifestyles through accessible sport opportunities

https://auspost.com.au/about-us/supporting-communities/grants/community-grants-program

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Quorn Football Club Premierships and Players Reunion

We're bringing the club and teams back together (it's been too long).
Our Football Club Reunion is locked in and we'd love to have you there.
Were you a player, official, supporter, or involved in the **Blue and White** of the Quorn Football Club?
It's been 50 years since the last 1976 premiership.



1975 A Grade Premiership

Date:	**Saturday 5 September 2026**
Time:	**12 noon start**, completion at 5.00 pm.
Catering:	Light lunch at 1.00 pm.
Venue:	Quorn Community Hall, Quorn Oval
Cost :-	$25 per person for reunion costs and lunch. Pay for refreshments

It's a chance to reconnect, share a few stories, celebrate the club's history, and catch up with teammates, coaches, volunteers, and supporters from across the many successful years.

Come along for a relaxed day of reminiscing, laughs, stories, photos, and maybe a few questionable memories from back in the day.

Please RSVP as soon as possible so we can finalise numbers for catering. Partners welcome. **Any photos and information are sought to add to the day - email below**

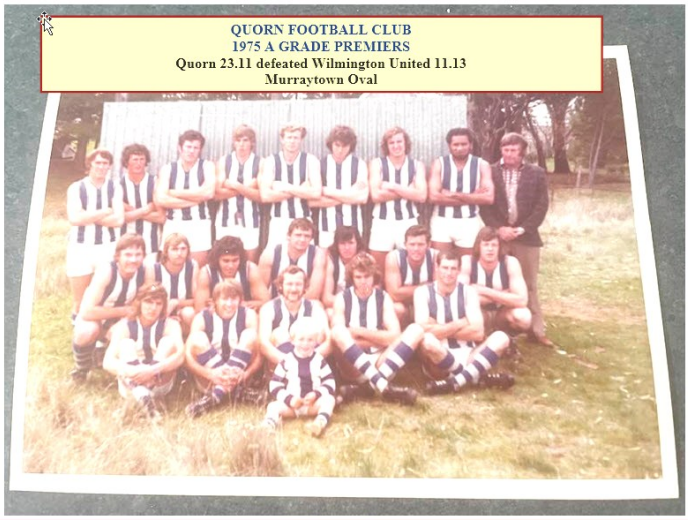
Looking forward to seeing you, celebrating and reliving some great memories.

Contact Organisers for details
Doug Summerton – 0439 077 892
Mark Carn—0439 807 768 –markcarn@bigpond.com

Quorn Football Club Reunion 1960s to 1978

You're Invited!

Quorn had A Grade Premierships in 1962, 1969, 1975 and 1976.
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Back from left -Tony Grantham, Kym Francis, Ian Rodgers, Des Hartmann, John Cooke, Noel (Toby) Bury, Doug Summerton, Ken Buzzacott, Leon Bury (President)
Middle from left -Robert Dobrnzski, Peter Rankin, Kelvin Struck, Doug Morton (Captain Coach), Gavin Abbott, Kevin Flower, Gary Burgess
Front from left - Des Struck, Bill Pumpa, Adrian Daniel, Peter Hancock, Alan Michael. **Mascot** - Darren Flower.



QUORN FOOTBALL CLUB

1976 A GRADE PREMIERS

Quorn 13.13 (91) defeated - Booleroo Centre 6.14 (50) by 41 points
Saturday 28th August 1976 at Melrose Oval



Back from left - Des Hartmann, Rick Wingard, Kym Jarrett, Doug Summerton, Noel (Toby) Bury, John Cooke, Peter Hancock, Gavin Abbott, Robert Dobrzynski, Derek Lehmann, Tony Grantham
Middle from left - Leon Bury (President) Roger Donhardt, Doug Morton (Captain Coach), Peter Rankin, Graham Chapman, Kevin Flower (Vice Captain), Bill Pumpa, Robert Hall, Alf Woodman (Trainer)
Front from left - Adrian Daniel, **Mascot** - Darren Flower, Mark Carn

QUORN FOOTBALL CLUB
1975 B GRADE PREMIERS

Murraytown Oval



Back from left - Andy Smith, Kym Jarrett, David van Kuelen, Brenton Schell, Paul Lehmann, Neil Finlay, Graeme Norfolk, Rick Wingard, Doug Morton (Coach)
Middle from left – Sandy Arancelovic, Robert Ash, Des Finlay, Derek Lehmann, Neil Whitehead, Roger (Broom) Hilder, Bill Daniels
Front from left – Robert Hall, Dean Richardson, Mark Skull, Greg (Hick) Wright, Ken Dadleh

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Quorn Agricultural Show Update

The Quorn Agricultural Show committee is working hard behind the scenes to deliver another fantastic community event for this year. As preparations continue, you may see Clarinda around town seeking sponsorship or inviting local businesses and individuals to place an advertisement in this year's Show Book. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, as it helps the Show continue to grow and improve each year.

This year's Show will feature a range of exciting major attractions for all ages including two stage shows by Dinkum Dinosaur with opportunities for photos with a dinosaur.



A Pet Dog Competition. Categories in the dog show will include Open Breed Show, Best Dressed Dog and Owner, Junior Handler, Like Owner–Like Dog, Talent Show, Golden Oldies (Senior Dogs), and Dog of the Show.



Families can look forward to Jump, Ride and Slide's activities, including a rock-climbing wall and sprint obstacle course.



Adding to the fun, this year's theme is "Yesteryear", with traditional-style races and activities planned throughout the day. A special thank you goes to Cameron (CFS), Claire (Swimming Club), Alicia (Pageant Organiser) and the Men's Shed for putting their hands up to help bring this part of the Show to life. We also acknowledge the Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society, Library, and Historical Society, who will be contributing yesteryear displays for the community to enjoy.

Don't forget to start organising your entries—full details are available on the Quorn Agricultural Show Facebook page. Check out the new Section N 'Home Brewing' and the classes put in especially for the 'Yesteryear' theme.



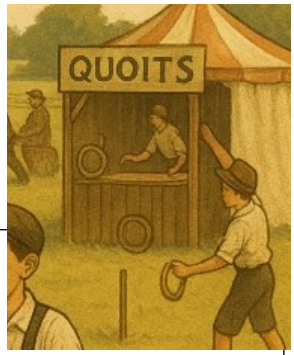
The Design the Front Cover competition has now been judged by the committee, and we look forward to revealing the winning design soon.

Final details will be shared in the next edition of the Mercury but don't hesitate to email (quornshow@gmail.com) if you have a query.









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Quorn Area School
June 2026

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

THE VALUE OF CONSISTENCY

As we move through the year, it is easy to focus on major events, assessments, and milestones. While these are important, most learning occurs through small actions repeated consistently over time. Attending lessons, completing work, practising skills, asking questions, and learning from mistakes may not always be exciting, but these habits form the foundation for long-term success.

As a school, one of our goals is to help learners understand that improvement rarely happens overnight. Progress is often gradual and comes from persistence, effort, and a willingness to keep learning, even when things become challenging. These are skills that extend well beyond school and will serve our young people throughout their lives.

Fuel for Learning

Throughout the school day, learners concentrate, problem-solve, collaborate with others, and participate in a range of activities. Having lunch and snacks that provide sustained energy can help support concentration, engagement, and participation in learning throughout the day.

We are fortunate to offer a Breakfast Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays for learners who wish to attend before school, providing another way to support learners in starting the day ready to learn. If you would like to support this initiative, please contact the school for details.

Opportunities That Shape Growth

We are looking forward to upcoming experiences such as the Canberra trip and Operation Flinders. Both programs provide unique opportunities for learners to step outside their usual environment, work alongside others, and develop valuable life skills through shared experiences.

These programs complement the many sporting, cultural, environmental, and community-based opportunities available year-round. They are made possible through the dedication of staff, volunteers, and families who continue to support our learners in accessing experiences that broaden their horizons.

SAASTA SANTOS Aboriginal Power Cup

Cameron, Lily-Mae and Shyla attended the SAASTA SANTOS Aboriginal Power Cup from Wednesday to Sunday in Week 4 of Term 2. They travelled to Adelaide with Chloe and Miss Evans, staying at Semaphore Caravan Park alongside learners from Port Lincoln and Port Augusta.

On Thursday, they participated in the Power Cup Football Tournament, winning against five other SAASTA teams in the girls' competition. They also enjoyed speaking with a wide range of providers at the Career and Health Expo. That afternoon, the learners visited an escape room, successfully escaping with ten minutes to spare, before enjoying dinner at Nordburger.



Shyla Burke (student), and the two staff, Chloe Everleigh and Cass Evans who gave up their weekend to support the students

Friday saw the learners compete in the second day of the football tournament. They participated in games and took on roles such as scorekeepers and goal umpires. The combined Port Augusta/ Quorn girls' team finished third overall, an impressive achievement in a competition featuring 12 teams. That evening, the learners visited Bounce, where they had a great time rock climbing, completing the high ropes course, trying parkour and enjoying the various trampolines.

On Saturday, the learners attended a cultural day at Yitpi Yartapuultiku in Port Adelaide. They learned about designing murals and using important cultural symbols. The girls participated in basket weaving, while the boys learned about didgeridoo carving. They then joined learners from five other schools to take part in traditional Indigenous games. Later, everyone headed to Adelaide Oval for the SAASTA presentations, which included a performance by Marliya from Spinifex Gum.

Learners then joined more than 500 SAASTA participants, led by Dusty Feet Mob from Port Augusta, to perform a cultural dance on Adelaide Oval. The performance looked incredible and was presented in front of a crowd of more than 30,000 people.

Afterwards, the learners stayed to watch the Port Power versus Carlton game.



Lily-Mae and Cameron at the Adelaide Oval



Cameron Butler, Lily-Mae Butler and Shyla Burk

On Sunday the group rose early for the journey home after a long but highly enjoyable five day camp

Year 1/2 School Garden Project

The Year 1/2 class has been very busy working with Mrs Taylor in the school garden.

Over the past few weeks, they have built a teepee, planted snow peas, and planted cosmos seeds in pots in the greenhouse. The learners have loved spending time in the garden and learning about plants through hands-on experiences.



The Year 1 and 2 class in the School Garden with Mrs Taylor

Year 7 Art

Over the last 16 weeks, students have been learning about the elements of art. So far, they have explored colour, value, and positive and negative space. Students have created warm and cool colour flowers, which are currently on display in the front office, monochromatic value shapes, and fingerprint portrait silhouettes. They are currently investigating the element of shape and are creating steampunk animals using pearlescent watercolours.■





Quorn Meals on Wheels

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Editor Dave Wingrove

BUSY, BUSY IS A GOOD WAY of describing the last month at the Men's Shed. One job gets completed and then another appears. Selling kindling has proven popular and we've just completed two more park benches.
The breakfast mornings have been well attended, and the Ladies are completing their projects.
Plans for the Men's Shed raffle are progressing and it will be drawn at the Quorn Show.
Also we are waiting on materials for Proby's Grave to allow us to reinstate it. It is important to our local history. Ian.

Shed Funnies

A 54-year-old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God, she asked
Is my time up?" God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live".

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck.
She even had someone come in and change her hair colour and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it.
After her last operation, she was released from the hospital.

While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 43 years? Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?"
(You'll love this) God replied:
"Sorry, but I didn't recognize you."....

Shed breakfast at 0900hrs on 2,16 and 30 July.
Hamburgers for workers lunch,
on 9 and 23 July.
Ladies workdays Monday Mornings





Ken and Andrew doing a tractor cut out



Ian and Colin Installing the new desk at LKM Hairdressers Quorn



Ken demonstrating the kindling cutter



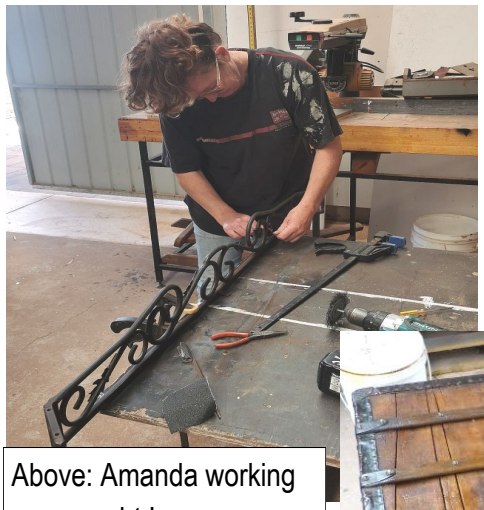
Left: Addy and Lothar doing Chair Repairs

Right: Jim observing Kinglsey repair the floor





Left: Brian, Toastmaster 90th Birthday



Above: Amanda working on wrought Iron



Old chest refurbished by Colin



Modris replacing bearing

Right: Mens' shed trailer set up by Ian



Redex Trial 1953

By Peter Chapman

In 1953 there was a Round Australia motor vehicle trial known as a REDEX Trial. This was of great interest around Australia but particularly for Quorn residents as our own John Hughes was a co-driver with Possum Kipling in the event.

1953 Round Australia Trial

Article Talk

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **1953 Round Australia Trial**, officially the **Redex Trial** was the inaugural running of the Round Australia Trial. The rally took place between 30 August and 13 September 1953. The event covered 10,460 kilometres around Australia. It was won by Ken Tubman and John Marshall, driving a Peugeot 203.

QUORN MAN IN BIG CAR TRIAL

A Quorn businessman will compete in the Redex Round Australia Car Trial. He is Mr. John Hughes, a partner in the firm of B. J. Hughes & Sons Ltd.

John will act as mechanic and relief driver for Mr. A .G. Kipling, of Leigh Creek. The new Holden sedan, which the Far Northern team will use is at present being fitted out for the trip at Hughes' First street premises.

Mr. Hughes said this week that his firm is sponsoring the Holden entry and supplying all equipment and spares for the trials.

Mr. John Hughes is considered to be particularly suited to the role. He is a first class mechanic and previously competed in various country car and motor cycle trials.

Left: Extract from Quorn Mercury Thursday 6 August 1953, p. 1



1953 REDEX TRIAL.Quote, Incredibly, 136 cars finished- far more than anyone had expected- although not all completed the entire route. The first 12 were :

K. Tubman (Peugeot (203) 19 points lost.
K. Robinson (Humber Super Snipe) 20.
D.H. Antill (Chrysler Plymouth) 21.
L. Davison (Holden) 22.
L. Davies (Holden) and E.A. Nelson (Vanguard) 23.
J. Masling (Humber Super Snipe) 25.
D.H. McKay (Austin A40) 28.
T. Sulman (Humber Super Snipe) and M.D. Gilbert (Vanguard) 30.
J. Jeffery (Peugeot 203) 33.
A. Kipling (Holden) 36.

Extract from official finishing list—Kipling and Hughes 36 point loss

KEEN INTEREST IN REDEX TRIAL

Kipling and Hughes in Lead at Port Augusta

Exceptional interest is being taken in this part of the State in the Round Australia Redex Trial. Although the temperature was below 42 degrees, a large crowd assembled at Pointon's Service Station before 4 a.m. on Thursday to see the first cars arrive. By 5.30 the crowd had increased to over 60 and included visitors from northern towns not on the route.

The first car to arrive was a Holden driven by Mr. A. "Possum" Kipling, of Leigh Creek, and Mr. John Hughes, of Quorn. It pulled in at 4.10 a.m. Mr. Joe Kipling, of Port Augusta, met his brother, whilst Mr. Hughes was greeted by members of his family.

Seven minutes later, Victorian racing car driver, Mr. Lex Davidson, also in a Holden, arrived. Both he and Kipling had averaged over 50 miles an hour over the rough bush track from Kingoonya. The drivers did not have any unusual experiences to relate on the trip from Alice Springs apart from the fact that Davidson ran short of water in the radiator and had to supplement his supply with orange juice.

By 6 a.m. L. Perkins (Rover), B. Sulman (Humber Snipe), Masling (Humber Snipe) and Tubman (Peugot 203) had taken on petrol supplies and were on their way. L. Davis (Holden) came through at 6.35 a.m. He did not stop.

Extract: Quorn Mercury Thursday 10th September 1953 p. 1

First Trial Car to Reach Sydney

GREAT DRIVE BY KIPLING AND HUGHES

Leigh Creek contractor A. L. Kipling and Quorn mechanic John Hughes were the crew of the first car to reach the Sydney control in the round Australia Redex Trial. However, owing to the loss of points when a U bolt let them down in the "horror" section, they did not get a major placing.

The skill and courage of the two young men displayed during their 6,500 miles dash around Australia caught the imagination of all residents of South Australia, both young and old and indications are that they will be given a r val welcome to their home tow

Right: Extract: Quorn Mercury Thursday 17th September 1953, p. 1

Les "Possum" Kipling from South Australia's Leigh Creek drove from obscurity into motoring folklore with his performance in the gruelling 1953 Redex Round Australia Trial and gave the fledgling Holden car brand the credibility that would have a huge impact on Adelaide industry.

Kipling's 13th place in the 1953 Redex Trial over 6,500 miles (10,460 kilometres), with the harsh terrain taking a huge toll of dropouts, was followed by high placings (24th in 1954) and (25th in 1955, with navitagor Ken Walker) in the next two longer Redex trials. He also backed up for the 1956 Mobil and Ampol trials the circled the entire continent (with navigators Leigh Stevens and Les March).

John Hughes from Quorn in South Australia's upper north was navigator for Kipling in their FX Holden among 192 vehicles that left Sydney Showgrounds in August 1953 in what was called the world's biggest, toughest, most ambitious, demanding, "no-holds-barred" race. With a blaze of media focus and public interest (heightened by characters such as Jack "Gelignite" Murray and radio legend Jack Davey) on the event, car manufacturers, especially the young Holden brand, were very enthusiastic about proving that their largely unmodified cars could to stand up to Australia's roughest conditions.

Following the interest that the trial gathered Quorn resident later held an old Wrecks Trial around the surrounding areas. Some names I recall as Hall, Stacey and Waterman. ■









Dianne Williams recently celebrated her 80th Birthday with a group of friends at Ticklebelly Hill with a High Tea and drinks. A wonderful day was had by all.



Resplendent in their millinery the Red Hat Ladies from Quorn Enjoy
June25
From left: Ann Freebairn, Cheryl Hilder Kathy Kowalewski, Betty Ecke
Meredith Heymink, Sharon McDonald, , Loraine Pumpa, Barbara

Out and A

Quorn





Above: The relocation and refurbishment of LKM. A new era for proprietor Andrea Bury



Minette Gorecki creat
FRC Seniors We



ved lunch at Tickle Belly Hill on Thursday

ert, Di Williams, Pam Hunt, Yvonne Player, Fels, Shirley Carn and Heather Roberts



Enjoying some June morning sunshine and coffee at the Quandong Café from Left; Leonard and Sharon Nutt with Vicki and Mark Deer

About in



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Ashliey Parkinson provided music as the seniors enjoyed lunch at the Mable event



Happy travellers on the bus to Cradock. This was the culmination of a wonderful week focusing on Seniors.

FLINDERS HOUSE

JUNE HAS BEEN AN ENJOYABLE and meaningful month at Flinders House, with residents coming together to celebrate, socialise, and engage in a variety of activities.

The month began with a special morning tea to acknowledge Reconciliation Week, where residents gathered to share stories and enjoy one another's company. Throughout June, residents have also enjoyed movie screenings, a visit from the Aged Care Advocacy Service, and several outings on the bus.

With the cooler weather setting in, there has been a greater focus on indoor activities. These have included reminiscing sessions, quizzes, and thought-provoking group activities that have encouraged conversation, reflection, and connection.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events planned, including: a NAIDOC Week morning tea; a hands-on bonsai workshop, where residents will craft their own miniature plants;
and everyone's favourite, Pizza Day.

Reconciliation Week was marked with a delicious spread of both savoury and sweet treats, with a unique focus on native bush food flavours such as saltbush, quandong, wattleseed, and Davidson plum.



A delicious luncheon catered by Tickle Belly Hill for the residents during Reconciliation Week



Seated Front from left Muriel Medlam, James Dawson, Maureen Paynter,
Back row, (standing): Mel Ellard, Fran Marchant, Tanya Paynter, Marlene Wright, Emily and Oakley Harrison, Beryl French, Ray Thomas.



Residents and guests enjoyed the occasion together. Pictured above are Sandra, Elaine, Marjorie, Trevor, Maureen, Ray, John, Joan, James, Carmel, Muriel, Beryl, and Ros McRae from the governing board.

A group of seven residents recently enjoyed a delightful morning tea outing to the See You Later Coffee Shop in Wilmington. The visit provided a wonderful opportunity to get out and about, connect with others, and enjoy a relaxed social setting. Marlene's daughter Mel, along with her daughters, joined the group for a catch-up, making the outing even more special. ■

Library NEWS

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OPENING HOURS

Tuesday	10am-5:30pm
Wednesday	9:30am-5:30pm
Thursday/Friday	1pm-5:30pm
Closed :	Sat/Sun/Mon



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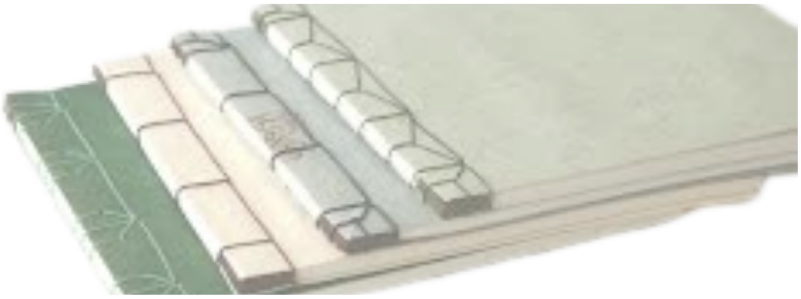
Quorn School Community Library Group

Join to keep up to date with Library events (story-time, book fairs etc), services and notification of new books on shelves

Firstival

Come and try something new at the Quorn library. Libraries across South Australia are offering fantastic events for "Firstival" in the month of July. A chance to try something new or participate in an activity you may have already tried and would like to do more of. If you would like help to register, please contact us on Ph: 0459334062

Japanese Stab Binding Workshop!





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All materials are provided—just bring your curiosity and enjoy learning a new skill during Firstival!

Where: Quorn Library
When: Wednesday 8th July
Time: 2 pm - 4 pm
Cost: Free!
Limited to 10 spots!
To register scan

This event is proudly part of LibrariesSA's Firstival.
Learn more at firstival.com.au #firstival

Our Library is a One Card Library, that enables you to use your card at any South Australian Library.



This Firstival, take the first step into your past.
Discover how easy it is to start building your family story.

Where: Quorn Library
When:Tuesday 14th July
Time: 2 pm - 3 pm
Cost: Free!
Scan to register interest

Join Tegan Whalan, co-author of 'The Wirrabra Whalans', for a practical workshop on starting your family history.

Libraries SA Firstival July 1 - 31 Try something new.

This event is proudly part of LibrariesSA's Firstival.
Learn more at firstival.com.au #firstival



Where: Quorn Library
When: Thursday 9th July
Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Cost: Free!
Audience: 7 to 11 year olds
Limited to 10 spots!

To register scan the QRCode

What can you find in the library after dark?
Solve all the clues then ...



Choose a book and read it by flashlight!

Libraries SA Firstival July 1 - 31 Try something new.

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Rediscover the fun of Canasta

Try Canasta this Firstival —perfect for beginners or a fun refresher. Cards, chat, and good company!

Register to save your spot.

Where: Quorn Library
When: Thursday 16th July
Time: 6 pm - 8 pm
Cost: Free!
Limtied to 12 spots!



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Print the Future: A Beginner's Guide to 3D Printing

Curious about 3D printing? Discover how ideas become real objects, see a live demonstration, and explore the exciting possibilities of this technology in this beginner-friendly Firstival session.

Scan to register

Where: Quorn Library
When: Friday 31st July
Time: 11.30 am - 12.30 am
Cost: Free!
Limited to 20 spots!

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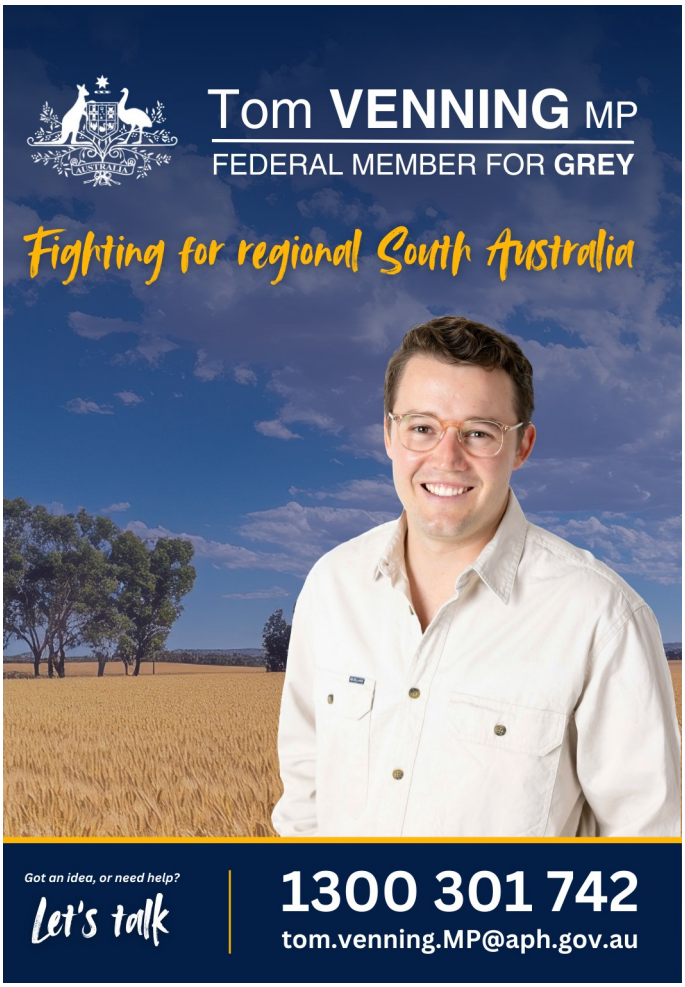
GREAT NORTHERN WAR MEMORIAL / HAWKER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL REUNION

SATURDAY 3RD OF OCTOBER, 2026

HAWKER COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE

More information to follow

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Probus News

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WRITTEN WORD.

Letters are an important part of our past. They tell us who we are and where we are going.

The guest speaker for June was Michelle Densley, who came along to talk to the group about the importance of letters. Michelle had travelled widely and rather than tell members about her experiences, she told her story through a wonderful collection of letters.

As the community had already read Michelle's tales of travelling in the Mercury, she decided on a very novel approach to her talk.

The letters reflected on Michelle's wide and unusual experiences. They kept her close to her family and events that were happening back home. Archivist Michelle kept all correspondence as did her family.

Michelle kept the group amused with tales from home and stories from exotic climes.

There was no Probus movie for June as it conflicted with the presentation of Mable in the Town Hall. Many members attended the innovative presentation.



Left Kingsley Marr, Michelle Densley, President Bob Rankin

Stirling North Market Day

Markets are held on the **3rd Saturday** of the month at **Stirling North Progress Association,** 32–40 Quorn Road, Stirling North SA

ONLINE MARKET STALL BOOKING FORM

MORE INFORMATION:

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MARKET DATES 2026

9:00am-1:00pm	11:00am-3:00pm	3:30pm-7:30pm
FEBRUARY 21ST	JUNE 20TH	OCTOBER 17TH
MARCH 21ST	JULY 18TH	NOVEMBER 21ST
APRIL 18TH	AUGUST 15TH	DECEMBER 19TH
MAY 16TH	SEPTEMBER 19TH	

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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Country Health Connect Quorn Update

June 2026

Connecting your health and wellbeing with Community based health professionals from Country Health Connect

Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network

To Access these services

Over 65 years Register for Aged Care Services – CALL 1800 944 912
Under 65yrs register for any care needs: CALL 1800 003 307

Quorn May 2026 Service Report:				
New referrals received	Number of in person services	Number of phone services	Number of telehealth / video conferencing services	Number of "consumer not attended" services
65	332	27	0	13

Allied Health Professionals July Visiting Schedule				
Occupational Therapist	**Physiotherapy**	**Dietetics**	**Diabetes Ed**	**Podiatry**
July 2nd July 16th	July 16th July 30th	N/A	July 22nd	July 2nd July 9th July 16th July 23rd July 30th

Community Care Nurse in the Quorn Community Visiting Schedule				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
9am – 3pm **Hours available to provide services as needed. Based on Quorn Medical Practice**				

COUNTRY HEALTH CONNECT

Call us on 1800 944 912
www.countryhealthconnect.sa.gov.au

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QUORN
Business Group

CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY NEEDED

At our AGM late last year, the Quorn Business Group was unable to fill the positions of **Chair and Secretary** for 2026. These are essential roles for the continuation of the group.

Quorn Business Group supports local businesses through networking opportunities, information sharing, training access, and collaboration. Without volunteers to step into these leadership roles, the group cannot continue to operate effectively.

The outgoing Chair and Secretary will assist with a handover to ensure a smooth transition.

If you are a business owner and willing to contribute a small amount of time each month to support the small business sector in Quorn, we encourage you to get in touch.

Please email:
quornbusinessgroup@bigpond.com

Let's work together to keep the Quorn Business Group active and moving forward!

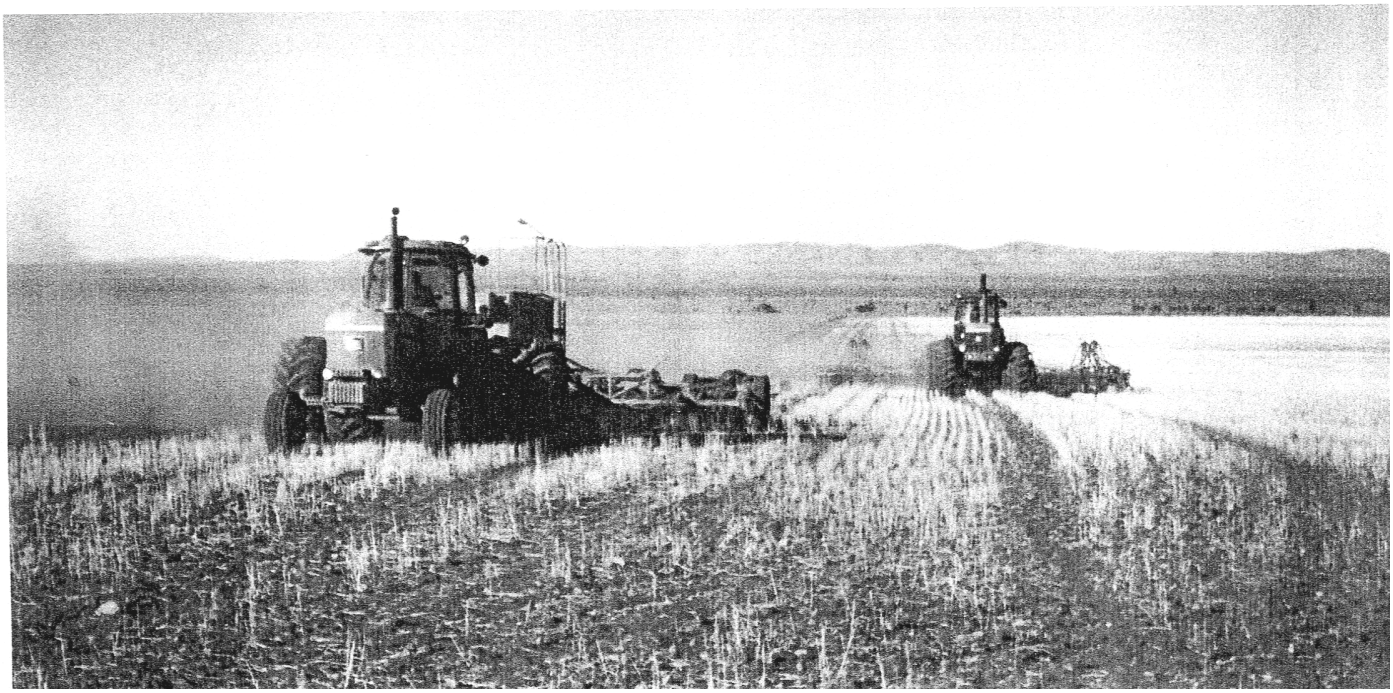
20 Years Ago

The Generation Gap

July 2006

BROOM Hilder was very chuffed and proud to have two spritely tractor drivers helping during seeding at Kingswood recently. Only 68 years of age separated them! Ron Hilder, 82 and Ben Carn, 14 piloted proceedings. Ron was heard to quip over the UHF to Ben as the first "land" was closing in and he headed out the corner headland back to "Bertie Bedford" to fill up—"I'll leave ya to it mate!"

Well done father and Ben. Mother Nature—you're most welcome to come to the party ASAP!



10 Years Ago

July 2016

Winter Solstice High Tea



Ruth Tulloch And Friends mark the Winter Solstice with a Celebratory High Tea
L-R Jenny Bradley, Dianne Ashton, Fay Powell, Stewart Hoseason-Smith, Bob Tulloch,
Leon Ashton, Greg Bannon, Sue and Ruth Tulloch

Library NEWS

Libraries SA

Children's University Activity in the Library

On Wednesday 20 June, the Children's University participants met at the library to explore Sphero robot cars and learn how to program them using a variety of coloured mats.
The discussions that took place within each group of three were outstanding. Students demonstrated excellent problem-solving skills, worked collaboratively, and showed great persistence as they experimented with different programming challenges. It was wonderful to see them sharing ideas, testing solutions, and learning from one another.
A big thank you to Richard, the Children's University Coordinator, for bringing this engaging and educational experience to our library. The participants thoroughly enjoyed the session and gained valuable skills in teamwork, critical thinking, and coding.



Eleanor, Ruby , Richard (Children's University coordinator) and Taitum learning how to make a track.



Hayden, Jude and Darcie, enjoying their time working as a group to program their car.

Story-Time









New Releases

Title	Author	Short Summary
Vengeance	Wilbur Smith	Set in 19th-century southern Africa, this epic adventure follows Ralph Courtney and his family as they are drawn into brutal conflict, old enemies, and a relentless cycle of revenge and survival.
Lethal Odds	S. Richards	A suspenseful thriller where danger, deception and high-stakes decisions collide.
Sow the Wind	S. Richards	Secrets from the past return to threaten lives and relationships in a rural setting.
Dark Sanctuary	Sarah Barrie	A gripping romantic suspense set in the Australian outback where old mysteries resurface.
The Model Murder	Amanda Hampson	When a glamorous modelling agency becomes linked to a shocking death, a young woman is pulled into a mystery .
The Marriage Trap	Victoria Purman	A contemporary romance exploring love, trust and unexpected second chances.
The Wedding at Café Lompar	Anna and Jacqui Burns	Family secrets and romance unfold as a wedding brings people together in a charming café setting.
A Twist in the River	Stig Abell	A detective investigates a murder in a quiet English village where nothing is as it seems.
Three Reasons for Revenge	Dervla McTiernan	Three women become connected by betrayal, secrets and a desire for justice.
A Woman's Place	Danielle Steel	Women from different backgrounds navigate ambition, family and changing social expectations.
Margaret, Are You Leaving?	Dianne Yarwood	A heartfelt story examining family relationships, ageing and personal choices.
The Parisian Chapter	Janet Skeslien Charles	A woman discovers hidden stories and connections while immersed in the literary world of Paris.
The Final Target	Nora Roberts	A former military operative faces a deadly threat while protecting those she loves.
26 Beauties	James Patterson	Detective Harriet Blue races to stop a killer while confronting challenges in her own life.
A River Red with Blood	John Connolly	Private investigator Charlie Parker uncovers a chilling mystery involving violence, corruption and the supernatural.
Such a Nice Girl	Andrea Mara	A seemingly perfect life unravels when a woman becomes entangled in a disturbing situation that reveals hidden dangers and shocking truths about those closest to her.
The Things We Never Say	Elizabeth Strout	A thoughtful novel exploring family relationships, unspoken emotions and the bonds that endure over time.
The Last Mandarin	Melissa Fung	A sweeping historical novel following one family's struggles and resilience during a time of political upheaval in China.
Good Joy, Bad Joy	Mikki Brammer	A heartfelt story about grief, healing and finding meaning in life's unexpected moments.
Ironwood	Michael Connelly	A gripping crime thriller in which investigators uncover dangerous secrets while pursuing justice.
Rules of Engagement	Tom Clancy	An action-packed military thriller involving international conflict, political intrigue and high-stakes decision-making.
Best of Baking	Better Homes and Gardens	A collection of favourite baking recipes featuring cakes, slices, biscuits, breads and desserts.
Love Your Air Fryer	Lucy Lord	A practical cookbook packed with simple, delicious recipes designed specifically for air fryer cooking.
BBQ	Jamie Oliver	A vibrant cookbook celebrating outdoor cooking with easy-to-follow barbecue recipes and entertaining ideas.
Bush Doctor: A Memoir	Damien Brown	A doctor's memoir recounting his experiences providing medical care in remote Australian communities.
Sisters Under Fire	Colin Burgess	The inspiring true story of courageous women who served and sacrificed during wartime.

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Mable Presentation



Local Residents at the Mable Presentation

The Quorn Town Hall was the setting for an informative and engaging Mable presentation, hosted for members of the community and local residents.

The event featured presentations from Linda Doolan and Brad Grieve, along with representatives from the Laura Community, who shared valuable insights and information about Mable and the support, opportunities, and connections it can provide for individuals and communities.

The gathering was hosted by the Flinders Ranges Council, with Mayor Ken Anderson taking on the role of Master of Ceremonies. Mayor Anderson welcomed attendees and guided the proceedings, helping create a warm and inclusive atmosphere.

Linda and Brad presented a different concept of aged care in the home which is based on community management.

Following the presentations, attendees enjoyed a complimentary luncheon, providing an opportunity for further conversation, connection, and discussion.

Interested parties, i.e. potential workers, potential consumers, community members wishing to form a working party committee to investigate the viability of the service and 'get the ball rolling' are invited to contact Patsy Reynolds 0428486035 or



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Bungala Food Service on 8643 5500

Bungala
FOOD SERVICE

July 2025

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist

Diabetes Education

Dietitian

Physiotherapist

Occupational Therapist

Speech Pathologist

Social Worker

Country Health Connect 8668 7706

✞ July 2025

Anglican Church of St Matthews
3rd Sunday of month 10am
Contact Number
Ph: **0447711056 or 0407640425**

Catholic Church
Flinders Ranges Catholic Parish
Ph : 86486185
Parish Priest: Father Mark Whybrow
Mass Times:
Quorn Weekday Masses:
Tuesday, Thursday, Fridays 9am
Wednesday Mass and Adoration 4.00pm
Saturday Carrieton 6pm
Sunday Quorn 8.15am
Hawker 10.30am
Confession Times
Carrieton Saturday 5.30pm
Quorn Sunday 8.00am Hawker 10.10am

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

Uniting Church
Sunday Services 10am

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- **Submissions** must include separately: author's name, with address or phone number

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Thank You

I would like to thank my family and friends for all the lovely cards, messages, gifts and flowers that made my 80th Birthday a very special occasion.

Di Williams

Rainfall 2026

January	0.0mm
February	74.6mm
March	125.4mm
April	7.8mm
May	40,0mm
June	39.0mm
YTD	286.8mm

(as at 24/06/2026)

Letters to the Editor

THE NEVER ENDING STORY OF QUORN'S TOWN WATER.

Quorn water's corrosive nature has and is causing significant damage to town infrastructure.

There have been three known leaks from households onto roads on the South Terrace side of Quorn alone in the past six months.

It's a nightmare for homeowners and businesses. Rainwater being the predominant alternative; in households where there is no rainwater available, 10 litre boxes of drinking water are standard.

This is an issue that has been raised by council on many occasions. There was a televised statement from the town on ABC 7:30 report the 3/12/24.

The town's residents have been involved directly in consultations with SA Water and have presented a number of submissions over the years.

It's about time Quorn is recognised as being a leader in tourism, as well as a quality provider of services for tourists in South Australia.

Clean as well as palatable drinking water is a must moving forward.

There would be significant costs involved whenever SA Water attends to carry out repairs in Quorn.

Is it up to the people, or who the people voted in to continue advocating?

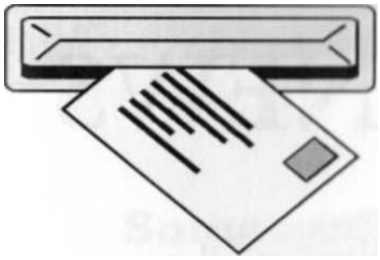
Katrina Bohr



Left: Corner Fifth Street and South Terrace early 2026.



Right: Corner Seventh Street and South Terrace. Long term scar in the road



Letters must be no longer than 200 words

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Quorn Hawker Cradock Events July 2026

Regular Events

Quorn

Flinders Flicks Friday See posters around town for the date. Hosted at the Great Northern Lodge for the Movie and Dinner bookings required by phoning 86486940

Story Time
Wednesday tbc at 10am
at the Quorn Library check for dates

Women's Fellowship
3rd Wednesdays
see Facebook *Quorn Out and About* for details of what activity is happening

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 (excluding school holidays)

Run-Walk-Push – Saturday mornings 8am from Quorn Pool car park -2km, 5km All creatures great and small welcome

Lion's Club
On the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm
New members welcome
Email: aefreebairn@hotmail.com

Local History Group
Quorn Court House
Every 2nd Saturday 11am to 2pm

Hawker

Fellowship –4th Wednesday Uniting Church Hall

Hawker Community Singers Everyone is welcome come along to sing Friday 3.30pm to 5.00pm Hawker Uniting Church Hall

Quilting and Handicraft Group
Alternate Wednesdays
Uniting Church Hall

Friendship Group 3rd Thursday 12pm
Venue TBA

Up Coming Events

QNC Ball
Quorn Community Hall
Enjoy a night out full of fun, dancing and cocktails. Dress code: Black Tie
Saturday 12th July, 7:00pm until late
Junior Ball 5:30-6:30pm
For all ticket sales
Quorn Netball Club Ball 2026 | TryBooking Australia

LibrariesSA's Firstival
"Try Something New" at the Quorn Library
Rediscover the fun of **Canasta** 16th 6pm to 8pm free event with only 12 spots available
Print the Future: A beginner's guide to 3D printing 31st 11.30am to 12.30pm free event 20 spots available. For more events visit www.firstival.com.au

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. A great free show.

Quorn Cars & Coffee at Scruffy Fellas
Join people who share a passion for gasoline and caffeine. It doesn't matter if you've got 4 wheels or 2, old or new, schmick or a pile of sh*t - all are welcome! Last Sunday of every month, 8:30am, First Street

Quorn Produce and Craft Market
Homemade goods, fresh local produce, handmade knits, crafts, cards and so much more! At the Town Hall 8:30am - 1:30pm
Last Sunday of each month

Quote of the month
A thing of beauty is a joy forever.
John Keats

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Regular Events

Quorn

Exercises
Town Hall 10:30am Wednesdays
Step, Squat and Razzle
Low impact

Yin Yoga
Monday nights 6.30pm
Quorn Town Hall
Contact: Sharon 0429 197 290

Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group
1st and 3rd Friday of the month at the Lions Club Rooms. Everyone welcome

Quorn Bowling Club
Social Bowls All welcome
Wednesday at 1:00pm for 1.30pm start.
cost $5 per player No bowls, you can borrow them from the club

Pilates
Wednesdays at 9am and 6:30 pm at the Quorn Town Hall

Step Aerobics
Monday and Thursday 5.30pm
St Mathews Church Hall $2
Restarts mid-January 26

Chair Yoga
Tuesdays 10.00am
St Matthews Hall

Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society
Wednesdays from 9am at the Lions Park
Everyone welcome

Quorn School and Community Library
Justice of the Peace available at library 10am to 12pm for dates check facebook

Spirit of the Flinders Makers Centre
Book our Maker's Centre Workshops
https://spirit-of-the-flinders.square.site/
check the upcoming workshops on their website

Check out Facebook and or notice boards for future events

Quornies in the Marathon



Tom Carling – Half Marathon Run



Bryan Crosby – 10.5km Run



Skye Gilbert – 10.5km Run



Eddie Skull – 5km run



Francis Carling and Christine Francis –10.5km Walk



Will Skull –5km Run



Evie Hackett – 5km Run



Ava Perry – 5km Run