

Quorn Mercury

Recording Quorn's History while it's Being Made

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Not Stuffed Yet!



Left—Jacinta Hannigan, co-organiser of the event, and nonagenarian, Laurie Fitzgerald



From left—Ashley Parkinson, Ian Rodgers, Mat Britza, Leonard Nutt, Stu Hackett and Bill Nichols



Ladies High Tea helpers. From left—Sarah Kruger, Christine Francis, Amanda Freeman, Andrea Tschirner

EVENTS IN QUORN DURING October supported health and happiness across gender and age.

Funding was received from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, and the Flinders Ranges Council. The men's night out, and Ladies high tea events were both titled *Don't wait Til you're Stuffed!*

See more information and photos inside! ■



Plenty to see at the October Market

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Friends Reacquaint after 50 Years
Tales from the Willochra School**

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\$2.50

Walking Trails

*All five Trails cleared and signposted
1–4 offer spectacular Summit Views*

1. The Dutchman's Stern Park

*8.5 km via Arden Vale Rd from Quorn to Car Park
10.6 km circuit (easier clockwise) or
8.4 km return via Terrace/Northern Trail or
6 km return to Stony Creek Lookout or
5 km return to Terrace Lookout*

2. Warren Gorge

*22 km via Arden Vale Rd from Quorn to Trailhead
5.2 km circuit (easier clockwise)*

3. Devil's Peak

*10 km via Richman Valley Road & Devil's Pk Rd to start
2.6 km return (some scrambling near top)*

4. Mount Brown Park

*14 km via Richman Valley Road to Olive Grove to start
15 km circuit or 12 km return via Western Trail or
5.4 km return to Bald Hill Lookout*

5. Waukarie Creek

*14 km via Richman Valley Road to Olive Grove to start
12 km return to Woolshed Flat Railway Station or
2 km return to Heysen Trail Shelter*

Details & Leaflets Flinders Ranges Visitors Information Centre Quorn, Quorn Railway Station

Don't Wait Til You're Stuffed

FINALLY after two years of Covid, the Men's Night out and the Ladies High Tea were held.

The two events were made possible through the 'In a Good Place Grant' from the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal, the ongoing support from the Flinders Ranges Council and the overwhelming support from our wonderful community.

The **Don't Wait Til You're Stuffed** name was thought up by Claire Moran, linking in with local man Merv Rabig's taxidermy business and the primary health message of "Get healthy before it is too late and you get **STUFFED!!**"



Photo Courtesy Scott Reubenicht

Ninety five men attended the Men's Night out on Friday 14th October which was held at the magnificent Quorn Pioneer Machinery Park. Smokey Uppercuts from Whyalla provided an absolute banger of a meal and exceptional customer service! This was the first time they had catered for such an event and although there was a bit of a wait, the food was delicious.

Claire and Jacinta delivered the meals in order for the fellas to listen to the speakers. It was great to see so many get together to have a chat and a meal.

A group of eleven men from the Lemon Grass Project in Port Augusta attended. The men were mainly from the APY Lands and English is their second language. They travelled to Quorn for the event as there isn't anything else like the **Don't Wait Til You're Stuffed** Event in the region.

Stephanie Schmidt from Act for Ag spoke at both events. A psychologist, a farmers wife and a mother, Stephanie knows full well the challenges of rural life and devised the Act for Ag program.

Anthony North, Family and Business Mentor from PIRSA was MC for both events. He chatted about his own story and his role within PIRSA.

The Ladies High Tea was also well attended with over ninety women enjoying gorgeous food provided by local businesses. It was great to see some ladies from Wilmington and Port Augusta join us.

The Silent Auction was well patronised with \$900 raised. The Silent Auction from the Men's Night Out has turned into a raffle, so please keep an eye out at local businesses for tickets. It will be drawn at the Quorn Christmas Pageant on the 4th December. Funds will go towards further Health Events.

It was truly rewarding to see so many happy faces on the weekend!

Thank you once again to everyone who supported us in any way!

Claire and Jacinta

Don't Wait Til You're Stuffed!



PS Keep an eye out for our next little venture—a Cabaret!

So if you know how to "Old Style Dance" please get in contact with us!



Anthony North, Naomi Maloney, Shirley Lock, Robyn Day
Photo courtesy Jane Egerton-Warburton

Projects Update



Quorn Bush Tucker Trail Stage 2

Stage 2 of the Pithi Kawi Quorn Bush Tucker Trail is being completed with the installation of new seating near the oval. Exercise equipment is also in the process of being installed near the back of the oval with works on the platform and surrounds to be undertaken.

This project was funded through the State Government—Open Space Grant Program. ■



Seating along the oval path



Exercise equipment in place

Public Square / Arts Precinct

The tender of this project has been awarded, and work is underway on clearing and marking out the space, and on erecting a new boundary fence. Civil works, including undergrounding of electrical cabling has commenced. This work is funded through the Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program. ■



War Memorial Upgrade

Works on the upgrade of the Quorn War Memorial extended area are well underway with paving and planting works complete. The new paved area will incorporate statues made out of wire that represent and pay respect to the fallen soldiers. One of the completed works is shown below. The war memorial works are funded by the State Government through the Open Spaces and Places for People funding program. ■





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Friends Reacquaint after 50 years

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22 WAS an eagerly awaited day for two 99-year-old school friends who met up again after almost 50 years.

Although the ladies only live four hours apart, they hadn't seen each other in all those years. Both 'girls' had kept in touch most Christmases and were very excited about the reunion. This was arranged by one of Mary's daughters at *Teas on the Terrace* which unbeknown to her was a former residence of Shirley's, which made it even more special.



Shirley Hughes with Mary Norris at Teas on the Terrace

Shirley Hughes (nee Williams) was born April 14th 1923 and Mary Norris (nee Warnock) was born the same year on July 16. Both were educated in Quorn. Mary completed her primary education at the local Catholic school, and Shirley at the primary school. The two of them then attended the high school.

After high school Mary went to Adelaide to train as a domestic arts teacher whilst Shirley was employed locally. Mary returned to Quorn and taught at the high school. She met, and later married Keith Norris, who was working as a carpenter. They moved to Adelaide where they built their home in Lower Mitcham and lived there until Keith passed away at 54. They had , three children, Keith Elizabeth and Anne.

Shirley is a long-time resident of Quorn. She married John Hughes, a mechanic from the local garage. They had three children, Sandra, John and David. John senior died, aged 71.

Mary is the daughter of Samuel and Delia Warnock. Sam worked for the railways. He was the station master at Quorn during the war years, 1939-45, and later transferred to Port Augusta.



Old friends meet up in Quorn

Mary had four siblings, Sheila, Margaret, Betty and Tom. Sheila married Keith Gloede, the local barber, and had five children. Margaret married James O'Brien, a local lad, who died from tetanus at a very early age, 36 years. They had five children, including twins. Betty entered the convent and spent many years working in Papua New Guinea. Thomas married Desma Paskalis. They had three children.

Shirley is the daughter of Maurice and Isabella Williams. Maurice was a blacksmith at the local railway sheds.

Whilst in Quorn Mary and her family met up with Greg George and his wife Dianne. They also learnt that Bob and Hazel West have returned to live in Quorn. Mary would have enjoyed travelling on the Pichi Richi train from Quorn to Port Augusta but mobility issues prevented her from doing so.

During the weekend Mary also travelled to Hawker where in her youth she spent many happy times visiting her relatives, the Ganley family, who lived there.

Both Shirley and Mary regret the passing of Queen Elizabeth II with their pending 100th birthdays in 2023. (They are not excited about receiving a letter for the occasion from King Charles III).

The two of them credit their long life to not smoking nor drinking alcohol, plenty of clean country air and of course, playing sport. ■



Quorn Station memories

Drop in to discuss your health services

Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network (FUNLHN) staff will be on site in Quorn, and available to community members who would like to have a chat about any matters related to their health services.

These visits have been arranged in partnership with the Quorn Health Service Health Advisory Council Inc.

Quorn Medical Practice (Kanyaka Surgery)

Time: 11.00 AM – 3.00 PM

Dates

- 16 November 2022
- 14 December 2022
- 11 January 2023
- 15 February 2023
- 15 March 2023
- 12 April 2023
- 14 June 2023

Please call (08) 8648 6338 during these dates/times, if unable to attend in person.

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Quorn Health Services

Just Another Typical Day at Flinders House

THIS MONTH WE had a family fun carnival/circus day. The residents from Hawker, Flinders House and the Quorn Hospital, and family and friends fought off the weather and we ended up having a great day.

There were plenty of games to play, prizes to win, carnival food, showbags, tattoo stand, photo stations and loads more to see and do. 'Lisa the Clown' paid us a visit with her cheeky antics and the Australian Bush Buddies put on an incredible show. FUNLHN also lent us their 'Covid Clown' for the day who was hand to answer all our questions and keep us safe on the day.

Another main attraction was the visiting newborns who kept everyone entertained for ages.

Thank you to everyone that took the time to support us. It was a fabulous day! ■



Staff going the extra mile



Above—John with a saltwater croc, Geoff with a python

Right—Lisa the Clown *Top Right*—Bec our kitchen clown

Below—Doug with a sugar glider, Hawker's Janet, Kevin and Michael with a python, Margaret



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Oh, Where to Find a Seat ?

THE ARTICLE, ‘Where Can I Find a Seat?’ in last month’s *Mercury* sure got noticed! The Monday after that issue came out, I was spoken to five times about it on my walk. One woman told me her husband would love to go out walking, but is not very well, so it’s too risky without seats to sit on at regular intervals.



Seat at Bald Hill Lookout at 2.7 km up Mt Brown

Another said something like, ‘Millions of bucks for a Food Walk, and not even a few hundred thousand for seats!’

A third: ‘Tourists come first, Locals a looong way second, and Old Folk even worse than last.’

A few other people have said they’d write to Council but one of them added, ‘Ah, what’s the use! No one listens to any sensible ideas!’

Seats on Hike Routes

THERE ARE REGULAR hikers/bushwalkers who are used to walking long hike trails. But the average non-hikers almost always ask me, ‘How long is it?’ And if it’s more than 5 km return, they don’t want to do it. 5 km is their limit.

So we’re putting seats about 2.5 km up our longer hike routes to attract the 5 km walkers. The Dutchman’s Stern is a 10.6 km circuit, or 8.4 km return up to the top. Too far for most. Therefore we’re putting a seat at Terrace Lookout, 2.5 km up the Terrace Trail, soon. And we already have one 3 km up the Valley Trail.

On Mt Brown we already have one 2.7 km up the Western Trail at Bald Hill Lookout. We intend putting one 2.5 km up the Eastern Trail at Richman Valley Lookout. Otherwise, the Mt Brown Trail is all of 15 km return—much too far.

They’re designed to attract non-hikers to walk.

Even More Attractive Still

HOW OFTEN I ARRIVE at the car parks at the start of Hiking Trails, and see old men and/or old women sitting in cars. So I ask them why. And they say their younger families are walking the Trail, but it’s too far for them. And sadly, even those 2.5 km seats are too far away too.

So now we’re starting to erect seats only a few hundred metres up our Trails to attract Grandpa and Grandma to shuffle along that far, instead of vegetating in their family’s cars! Eg, there’s the Horseshoe Pound Lookout seat planned 600 metres up the Dutchman’s Stern Trail.

Aaaaand the Point Is?

WELL, THE POINT is, if a mere handful of people interested in attracting locals *and* tourists to walk even only a little way up our Trails by providing seats aimed just at them, why can’t Quorn provide seats *regularly placed around our town* to attract locals and tourists to walk all over it too?

Apart from helping old people and invalids to actually get outside their homes and walk a bit, and even get healthier and live longer, it’d show people from other country towns that *here’s a town that takes care of every one of its citizens!* Aren’t those truly worthwhile aims—and probably not all very expensive aims either?



Wilmington’s Mt Maria Summit Seat 1.1 km from Town

Wilmington has the right idea. A beautiful 1.1 km trail from their Golf Course gate to the top of Mt Maria (490 metres high) provides you with a spectacular view over the town to the distant horizon, as you can see in the photo above.

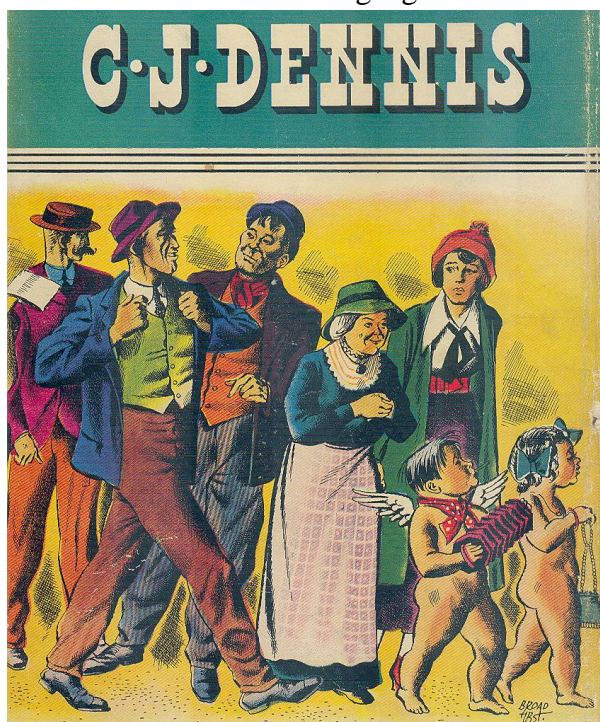
But best of all, when you arrive at the low summit, after only just a 1.1 km walk—Wow! There’s a *seat* for your weary, weary bones. ■

Ray Wood

Lament for our Aussie Lingo

THIS IS NOT AN attack on the sign itself but is merely prompted by its words. It's opposite our Swimming Pool, and says 'Bush Food Walk'.

The Cambridge Encyclopedia of The English Language says there are 83 versions of our English Language in the world. The main ones are British English (the original version, of course), American English, and our own Aussie English. The rest are English as spoken in other countries as their second language.



Some have special names such as 'Japlish' for Japanese English, 'Singlish' for Singaporean English, etc. But altogether they're examples of English as those countries' second language. They show that English is becoming the world's most-used language. Rosemary Salomone's 2022 book, *The Rise of English*, is about this.

I read how a German Engineer was invited to China to help set up a factory. But he couldn't speak Chinese, and the Chinese Engineer couldn't speak German. No matter. They communicated in English. Problem solved.

Aussie English used to be famed around the world, admired everywhere. *The Penguin Book of Australian Slang: A Dinkum Guide to Oz English* has around 20,000 Aussie words such as that 'Lingo' in my title. And there are plenty of other books about our lingo, too, such as the *Macquarie Australian Slang Dictionary*, and

John O'Grady's famous *Aussie English: An Explanation of the Australian Idiom*.

Sadly, though, there are two attacks on Aussie Lingo that are destroying it rapidly. One is the dominance of American English due to their TV programmes, films, and internet dominance. The other is that too many Aussies are quite happy to give in to American English.

It's almost as if us Aussies are being coerced into abandoning our own unique language, and are now afraid to even use it any more.

'Bush Food Walk'? Well, 'Bush' is Aussie Lingo, since its meaning elsewhere is a 'Shrub'. Yet in Oz it means 'the country as opposed to the city'. But 'Food'? Well, the Aussie word for that is 'Tucker'! How sad that that great Aussie word was *not* used! Are we now ashamed of it?

Under 'Tucker' John O'Grady gives us this:

Food. There's 'good tucker', 'beaut tucker', 'bad tucker', 'lousy tucker', 'plenty tucker', 'lashin's of tucker, and 'not enough bloody tucker'. When there is enough tucker, you 'tuck in', or 'get stuck into it'. [Etc]

So why be ashamed to use our own Aussie word?

Our Great Poet, C.J. Dennis

LEFT IS THE COVER of a book of his famous poems—*world-famous* once upon a time. He's known as our great 'Larrikin Poet' (1876–1933). Plays, and films were made of his poems, not just in Oz, but even in countries like the USA! He made more money from just his poems than any other Aussie poet ever has.



C. J. Dennis drawn by Len Reynolds

The Aussie National Anthem

WE DIDN'T HAVE our own national anthem until a few decades ago. Officially we sang that idiotic English one which *excludes* from God's help everyone except the King/Queen! Well...semi-unofficially we sang 'Banjo' Paterson's 'Waltzing Matilda', even at the Olympic Games.

I always thought how much us singing about a Swaggie who stole a jumbuck (sheep) made a farce of *all* national anthems. How great!

Of course, I *think* when we held a referendum for an anthem we had three choices: 'God Save the Queen', or 'Waltzing Matilda', or the silly one about Gertie on the Beach. We chose 'Waltzing Matilda', of course, but our Government ignored that and chose 'Gertie' instead.

But way back in 1908 we held a competition for an Anthem, and C. J. Dennis entered his famous one as a joke. Here's its start:

The Austra—laise

Fellers of Australier,
Blokcs an' covcs an' coots,
Shift yer—carcasses,
Move yer—boots.
Gird yer—loins up,
Get yer—gun,
Set the—enemy
An' watch the—run.

CHORUS

Get a—move on,
Have some—sense.
Learn the—art of
Self de—fence.



From left—David Low, Hal Gye, C. J. Dennis, c 1917

You insert the appropriate swear words where all the dashes are. There are more stanzas too. It's sung to the tune, 'Onward Christian Soldiers'.

Though a joke, it was awarded a *Special Prize*. And in 1915 in the First World War, it was printed for our Soldiers to sing when marching! They were the days when Aussies really did have a great sense of humour.

A Sentimental Bloke



Hal Gye drew 'The Bloke' and Doreen as nymphets

BUT DENNIS'S greatest achievement was his Melbourne street larrikin, 'The Bloke', who despite his street smarts falls in love with Doreen. 'The Songs of a Sentimental Bloke' are a brilliant series of poems in our Aussie Lingo:

The Intro

'Er name's Doreen . . . Well, spare me bloomin' days!
You could 'a' knocked me down wiv 'arf a brick!
Yes, me, that kids meself I know their ways,
An' 'as a name for smooGIN' in our click!
I jist lines up an' tips the saucy wink.
But strike! The way she piled on dawg! Yer'd think
A bloke was givin' back chat to the Queen . . .
'Er name's Doreen.

I seen 'er in the markit first uv all,
Inspectin' brums at Steeny Isaac's stall.
I backs me barrer in—the same ole way—
An' sez, "Wot O! It's been a bonzer day.
'Ow is it fer a walk?" . . . Oh, 'oly wars!
The sorter *look* she gimme! Jest becors
I tried to chat 'er, like you'd make a start
Wiv any tart.

An' I kin take me oaf I wus perlite,
An' never said no word that wasn't right,
An' never tried to maul 'er, or to do
A thing yeh might call crook. Ter tell yeh true,
I didn't seem to 'ave the nerve—wiv 'er.
I felt as if I couldn't go that fur,
An' start to sling off chiack like I used.
Not intra juiced! . . . Etc

Many of our Soldiers in the First World War carried Dennis's poems in their kit. Maybe we've got too serious for such things today? ■

Tales from the Willochra School in the 1940's

The Willochra School was on the Hawker road just north of the bridge crossing the Willochra Creek. The earliest memories of the school that I can remember is of nearly getting to the school and seeing my new teacher. I said to my sister "She is not going to teach me." So I took off and my sister, Joan, ran me down and dragged me back to school. To this day I don't know why this happened because they were both ladies.

Rhodder Parker, the one that left, had dark hair (*She married Keith French*) and Gloria Matthews had red hair, which is the only difference that I can remember. That should not have worried me because my sister had red hair. They both left before I can remember what they were really like.

Then Cecil Hastwell, the school teacher came and taught for the rest of my school days. I remember quite often he would be late for school and because of this very often we would go home. The school was about one and a half kilometres (about 1 mile) from where we all lived, at the time, in the Willochra cottages.

A couple of times we saw "Hassie" (that's what we all called him) when he couldn't see us as he was going to school, but we never went back. He use to like using the cane and I got my fair share. However, one boy used to keep pulling his hand back and that would make him quite wild. The boy was possibly either Kelvin Carman or Peter M^cKay, but I cannot remember which one. You could see his face getting redder and redder all the time, so he got the bright idea to make us bend over and touch our toes and give it across the backside with as much force as he could muster.

Another time he sent a boy (and not me) out to the lunch room to wait for his punishment, but when he went out the boy was gone. The whole school was searching for him. He was eventually found well outside the school yard, hiding behind a bush.

We could pick the locks on the school door, so one day I did just that and got the cane and put it through a hole in the floor. The school had a board floor and a knot had come out leaving a hole in the floor. That was the end of the cane!!!



From left—Tom Wills, Peter M^cKay, Kelvin Carman, John Burge, Ruth Burge (now Stone), H. John Ash, Brian Ash (seated in front) and Teacher Cecil Hastwell

One day when "Hassie" was quite late, the school inspector came. He had arrived at the Willochra siding by train and had walked to the school. When he got there he said to us kids "Where is the school teacher?". We answered that "He was not here yet". He then asked "How often does this happen?" and our answer was "This happens all the time". When Mr. Hastwell did get to school, we could hear raised voices. This went on for a fair while and so school never started that day until after lunch and "Hassies" face was still as red as anything. I think that was the quietest that the school had ever been while I was there.

One day a chap came through pushing a wheelbarrow and said that he was pushing it from Darwin to Port Augusta for a bet. Evidently he dipped the barrow into the sea at Darwin and was going to do the same in Port Augusta. To this day I don't know whether that is right or just a story he spun us. Imagine pushing a steel wheelbarrow that far on an unmade dirt road.

Some time in February 1946 we had quite a big rain. It was not long after Christmas and the flood went right through the school and ruined all the books left in the desks, so the school was quarantined for six weeks, giving us a 14 week Christmas holiday, which was great for me because I hated school.

I did not finish up very big, but what I did not like was that even the girls at school were taller than me. So when we lined up to march inside I was always on the end. I used to say that I was the south end of a north bound cow.

H. J. Ash

These stories are not in order as Uncle John cannot remember what order that they happened in. He is one of now only two people that I know that went to the Willochra school.

The story of a man pushing a wheelbarrow is true and on Thursday 15th of August 1946 the following article appeared in the original Quorn Mercury.

Graham Ash

PUSHING WHEEL BARROW FROM DARWIN

Port Augusta Believed to be End of Long Journey

HENRY Cook, whose flowing beard and long hair makes his age indeterminate, has passed through the township of Copley in what is regarded as the world's longest wheelbarrow push—Darwin to Port Augusta, nearly 2,000 miles.

Cook set out in February. He will not tell the reason for his trek, but seems happy about it and says that he has never been more fit in his life.

One rumour is that Cook, in arguing how far a man could push a barrow, said he could push one across the continent. Someone bet him £300 that he could not, so he promptly got a barrow and set out. He is now only a few hundred miles from his goal in a little over six months. Christmas was said to be the time limit for the bet.

Cook's barrow contains a small swag, a waterbag and a spare pair of boots. He sleeps alongside the barrow

at the roadside each night.

He has averaged about 10 miles a day and if he maintains that average he should arrive in Adelaide some time next month.

However, it is believed that his wager, if he is doing the journey for a wager—will be won when he reaches Port Augusta, as he will then have crossed the continent from seaboard to seaboard.

Cook told spectators at Copley that he had been offered several rides, but had refused them, as he was determined to do the whole journey on foot.

Pictures — From the Past



PART OF A PHOTO OF CHILDREN being coached tennis in Pt Augusta in the 1960s. There are many more children in the whole pic. Compare the interest in *playing* vigorous sports back then with today. It's been said that when today's under-30s get into their 40s and 50s, their lack of the fitness children used to have only half a century ago, will produce the most unfit generation First World countries have ever had. And as has also been said, by then the average life expectancy of such unfit people (men now 83, women 92), will very likely be going in reverse. Photo Reg Mayes, *Pictorial History of Port Augusta* (Rigby, 1974), p 135.



AN UNUSUAL PHOTO of the combined Quorn, Wilmington, and Pt Augusta Tennis Clubs in Pt Augusta on 10th May, 1901. Major Wingfield invented modern tennis in England in 1873 (officially called 'Lawn Tennis', but played on hard courts too). Social tennis was very popular in our region at that time, and women played it in long, bulky dresses. Quorn used to have an extraordinary number of tennis courts in the mid-20th century. ■

Port Augusta-Quorn Landscape Group

THE PORT AUGUSTA-QUORN Landscape Group provides an important link between the local community and the SA Arid Lands (SAAL) Landscape Board. Group members are local people who ensure there is community input into the development and delivery of the Landscape Board's regional plan. Working with community members to care for the local environment by building awareness, skills and networks, the local Quorn-based group members are Richie Paynter and Renata Hackett, with Kurt Tschirner also attending group meetings as a board member. The group's next meeting will be on Tuesday 6 December. If you have an issue to raise or would like to attend, please contact a member or Community Landscape Officer Brett Devitt on 0409 753 495 or Brett.Devitt@sa.gov.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The landscape group joined with Quorn Walking Tours to run two school holiday sessions at the beautiful Pithi Kawi Bush Tucker Trail Garden recently. The children (and parents) were given a tour of the gardens by Jacinta to learn about plants. After walking the garden and learning about different plants, children created seed bombs and some Quandong seed games.

WILD DOG AND FOX CONTROL

The Biteback team is looking to schedule an injection service in Quorn. Manufactured baits: De-K9, Doggone and Foxoff are also available for sale. If you are interested in a fox baiting service this year, please register your interest with Chris Havelberg on 0458 566 536 or email Chris.Havelberg@sa.gov.au



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Birds SA – Sunday 13 November

Bird watching field trip to Devils Peak. Meeting at the Quorn and District War Memorial Swimming Pool at 8am. Bring binoculars, sturdy footwear and lunch. Confirm with Bernie Haase 0419 863 834.

Friends of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden – Sunday 3 December

Peter Hall and Brian Reichelt will present on the garden's achievements in 2022 from 10am in the conference room. ■



Fun for all the family



Above—Jacinta Hannigan at the workshop
Left—making seed bombs



Quorn Happenings



Claire and Jacinta setting up the tables



Jan Noden folding napkins



Preparing the floral arrangements
From L—Vicki Deere, Jacinta and Claire



The Men's Night Out at the QPMS pavilion



The Ladies' High Tea at the town hall



Lee-Ann chatting with speaker Anthony



Another successful weekend at the Stockyard Arena

Quorn Netball Club—2022 Presentations



U11 Division 3
Best and Fairest - Hayley McCarthy
Most Consistent - Ellie Bury



U13 Division 2
Best and Fairest - Shyla Burke
Most Consistent - Ebonie Werth



U15 Division 2
Best and Fairest - Mia Crisp
Most Consistent - Ella Holtham



2022 Club Champion
Mia Crisp



LKM Hair Designers Trophy
Mia Crisp



Leanne Dodman Memorial Trophy
Lenore Rowney

2022 Premiers—Under 11 Division 3



A SUCCESSFUL SEASON was celebrated on Wednesday the 14th of September with a meal and presentations taking place at the Community Hall. After being unable to field any senior teams this year, we managed to compete in three junior grades. Our Under 11 Division 3 team successful right to the end, taking out the Premiership.

We would like to thank our sponsors, committee members, families, coaches, umpires and all the volunteers that continue to support our club.

We look forward to seeing you all back next year, we will be busy recruiting in the aim of seniors returning to the court in 2023. ■



Screening at the Town Hall—Friday 18.11.22

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DREAM HORSE

*It takes a village to raise
a champion*

Friday 18 November

**7.00pm for 7.30pm start
Est 9.30 pm finish**

Coffee/tea available

ABOUT THE MOVIE:

Experience the inspiring true story of Dream Alliance, an unlikely race horse bred by small town bartender, Jan Vokes (Toni Collette). With very little money and no experience, Jan convinces her neighbours to chip in their meagre earnings to help raise Dream and compete with the racing elites. Their investment pays off as Dream rises through the ranks and becomes a beacon of hope in their struggling community. Also starring Damian Lewis.

**PARENTAL GUIDANCE
RECOMMENDED**





Interested in being part of the Quorn Business Group?

If you're a Quorn business and you would like to join, membership is just \$50 per year.

Members have access to these great benefits:

- Networking events with other local business owners
- Discounted training opportunities
- Information nights with expert guest speakers
- Current information about grants that can help your business

It's a great opportunity for us all to share information and to collaborate with like-minded business owners.

We want to support sustainable business growth and make it easier to do business in Quorn.

If you're a local business and you'd like to find out more, contact:

President – Stu Hackett 0475 410 127

or

Secretary – Ellenor Day 0403 011 230

Upcoming meeting and event details will be posted in the *Quorn Out and About* group on Facebook soon.

Recipe

Spaghetti Bolognese

(in microwave)

1 medium Onion diced
1 tin Tomato Soup
1 to 1 1/4 cups Pasta (any sort)
500gm Mince
Pinch Salt
1/4 cup Water

Mix well together in a 2 litre microwave safe bowl.

Cook in microwave for 20 minutes.

Stir and serve, sprinkled with grated cheese.



Taken from June's private recipe book

Seeking Farmhouse To Rent/Buy

Seeking farmhouse, possibly a fixer-upper, to rent indefinitely or buy in the Southern or Northern Flinders or Olary Ranges area.

May be a secondary and vacant building on your property perhaps not currently advertised that could provide you with an additional source of income through rent/purchase.

Must be:

- Weatherproof (sealed roof, windows, walls, floorboards etc)
- At least 1-4 ha of land available

About me:

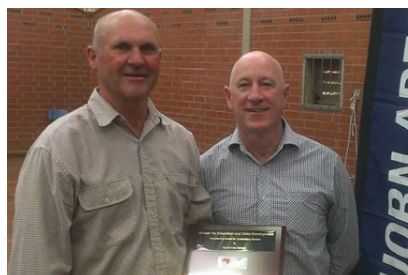
- Considerable background in land management (NRM board) and ecology (I'll take care of it)
- Responsible with exceptional work and character references (supplied upon request)
- Originally from the Mid North/Southern Flinders
- Email flinders.olary@gmail.com or call or text **0411 519 798**. If I can't pick up (at work) please text me the best time to ring you back.



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



Eddie Hughes  **MP**

Member for Giles

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Quorn Mercury Revisited



10 Years Ago

FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR QUORN AREA SCHOOL YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Pictured-Back Row: Lucas Brereton and Michael Slattery, Centre: Principal Iain Elliott, Ben Hilder, Ben Taylor, Leslie Meyers-Stephenson (left Term 3), Mark Little and Lucille Legge, Front Row: Susan Britza, Amber Hunt, Courtney Hannigan and Becki-Jo Geldard.

Camp Quality Deb Ball

20 Years Ago



Camp Quality Debutante Ball—
held at Cooida Hall, Port
Augusta on 19th October. Back
row, Brodie Corfe, Jamie
Paynter, Josh Hooper. Front,
Linda Reschke, Suerayca
Coulthard and Karen Gloede.

Flash As Fashion & Home Décor

Casual Resort Clothing & Dreamcatcher Fashion

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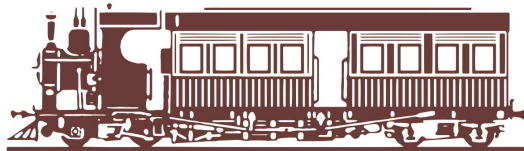
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Flash As

PICHI RICHI • RAILWAY •



AS WE APPROACH the end of the end of our 2022 running season and through the recent school holidays, we continued to attract record passenger numbers to Quorn, the region and our iconic heritage railway.

Behind the scenes, the various departments continue to keep things on track. The Track Department has been upgrading some of the lesser used railway crossings around the place.



Left—John Humphries, Leanne McGill, John Hall, Hayden Hart, and Ken Maidment

Below—Middle Crossing



PRR Volunteer 3 Questions Survey Kate Randell

How long have you been involved with PRR?

5 years

Best thing about volunteering at PRR?

Stars at night, coming up to the country

Three words to describe PRR

Co-operation, red-dirt, satisfaction



Would you like to learn more about #teamPRR?

Why don't you call our Members Services Manager, Bronwyn Ingram, to chat about the range of roles that may suit your availability, interests and capabilities.

Bronwyn can be contacted on 08 8641 1527

Scheduled Trains in November

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

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

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

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

IN EARLY OCTOBER PRR hosted a very important passenger, Broly aged 7 an aspiring steam train driver, and his family from Hallett. Broly has been interested in trains since he was only months old.

When he was 4 years old Broly had surgery for a brain tumour and whilst he was in hospital the therapist suggested Broly may be eligible for "Make a Wish". Being so young his parents wanted him to "Make the Wish" but be old enough to enjoy it and understand it.

So, 3 years later on October 9, Broly visited PRR and was able to ride in the cab of W934, with John (driver) and Jarrod (fireman) Smythe and accompanied on the footplate by his dad. Our outstanding catering team of volunteers also contributed to this memorable day hosting a special lunch for the family.

Broly's very special day was organised by the Starlight Children's Foundation and PRR was honoured to be able to support this "Make a Wish" for Broly and his family. ■



Young Broly with John and Jarrod Smythe on Sunday 9th October. It was also John's final run as driver



QUORN MEN'S SHED
10 Seventh Street
PO Box 108
Quorn SA 5433



ALL WELCOME

PH: 0416 137 244 Rob Stanford (Chairman)
PH: 0488 069 943 Terry Smith (Sec / Tres)
Email: quornmensshed@gmail.com



Betty's Spot bench has had refurbish/makeover in workshop

Jobs that are on the books: install water pump rear shed, lay pipe in drain to garden, spread gravel over area power line trench, support strap for shade structure, spray weeds

Shed breakfasts at 0900hrs on 10th & 24th November.

Steak sandwiches for workers lunch,
on 3rd & 17th November, only \$4.
Cuppa 0900 to 1400

Toolbox meetings

November 10th. A.G.M.
December 8th.



AMSA Registration No. AMSA100844

Shoulder to Shoulder

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

QUORN MEN'S SHED

ALL WELCOME

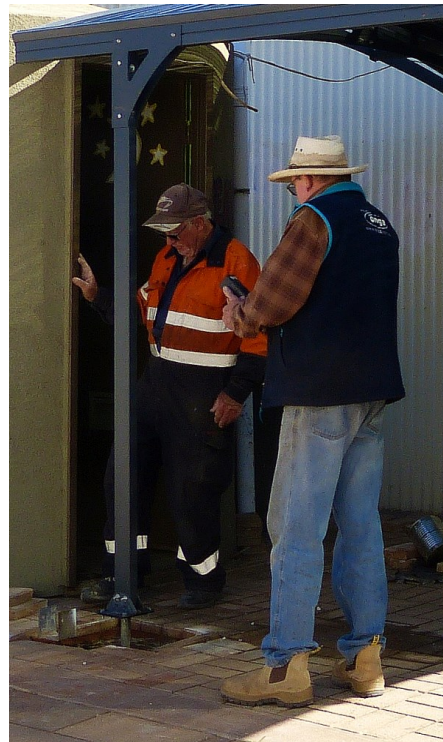
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Lyall & Rod preparing breakfast, dry work space after heavy rain on the 13th October



Jim & Lothar setting post in concrete and making level



Above — Tim on the shovel,
Left above—Ian digging holes
Left below—Paul laying pavers around posts



November Funnies

(from Men's Shed Newsletter)

ON THE FIRST day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?" And God saw that it was good.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God, again saw that it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves, and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed that it was good.

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry, and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play, and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service. If you are looking for me, I will be on the front porch. ■

Chat with a Quornie



Anyone interested in taking over this very popular Department, or providing something similar to it to your own design, or just inquiring about it, please get in touch with the *Quorn Mercury* at mercury@frc.sa.gov.au or PO Box 367 Quorn SA 5433

OFFICIAL

**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 September 2022 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
36	285	21	1	1
Allied Health Professionals November 2022 Visiting Schedule				
10th November	16th November	16th November	17th November	24 th November
Dietetics	Podiatry OT	Community Consultation	Podiatry Diabetes Ed	Physio Dietetics Diabetes Ed
1 st December				
Dietetics Podiatry OT				
Community Care Nurse in the Quorn Community Visiting Schedule				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am – 3pm				
Hours available to provide services as needed. Based from Kanyaka Surgery				

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Classified Adverts

Meals on Wheels

New volunteers needed for 2023 Meals on wheels.

Contact Kathleen Altmann on 86486058 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer. If you are already a driver/deliverer only contact Kath if you DON'T want to be on the roster for 2023.

Rainfall 2022

Jan	34.2mm
Feb	14.6mm
March	0.2mm
April	14.8mm
May at 28/5	2.6mm
June	14.6mm
July	3mm
August	47mm
September	68.8mm
October	101.8mm
YTD	321.2mm



Do you need support with meals as you grow older?

Bungala Food Service will be delivering freshly cooked 3-course meals to Quorn every week-day as of the 14th of November.

Meals can be delivered hot for immediate consumption, or cold so that they can be conveniently reheated in the oven or microwave whenever required.

For those on a Commonwealth Home Support Program or a Home Care Package, meals can be subsidised in conjunction with your aged care provider.

Our home style meals are cooked fresh in our Port Augusta kitchen using ingredients that are in season, creating flavours you can actually taste!

For any enquiries, please contact your aged care provider or Bungala Food Service on 8643 5500

Bungala
FOOD SERVICE

November 2022

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist
Diabetes Education
Dietitian
Physiotherapist
Occupational Therapist
Speech Pathologist
Social Worker

Country Health Connect 8668 7706



November 2022

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

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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- Other submissions to Visitor Information Centre, Quorn Railway Station before 4.30 pm 26th Aug. Classified Ads on Visitor Information Centre form provided. Must be paid for when submitted.

Guidelines for Submissions:

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

Contacts

- **Coming Events**—Jillian Wilson, Visitors Information Centre, 8620 0510
- **News in Brief**—mercury@frc.sa.gov.au

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- **Classified Ads**—\$1 per line or part line, on the form provided at the Visitors Information Centre

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Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events November 2022

Regular Events

Quorn

Quorn Book Club Nov 23rd
Phone Sam Nester for info
0456 129 870

Women's Fellowship—
3rd Wednesdays
see poster in Laundromat window or
Facebook for details.

Quorn Men's shed Thursdays

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 (not in school holidays)

Quorn Business Group
Meetings are quarterly
See Quorn Out and About or
Facebook for details

Flinders Flicks - 18th Nov 7pm at
Town Hall (see advert)

Hawker

Community Group—Tuesday
fortnightly

Yoga with Polly at the Hawker Gym

Development Board—2nd
Wednesday of the Month 2022

Friendship Group—3rd Wednesday

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

Quilting Group—Friday fortnightly

Events

Pichi Richi Railway

Sundowner Explorer departing Quorn
Station at 5.30pm on the 5th, 12th,
19th, and 26th November
For the 2023 Pichi Richi Timetable go
to www.pichirichirailway.org.au

Quorn & District Local History Group

Dates 12th and 26th 11am to 2pm at
the old courthouse

Quorn Silo Light Show

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

Quorn Product and Craft Market

Homemade goods, fresh local
produce, handmade knits, crafts,
cards and so much more!
Last Sunday of the month at the
Town Hall 8:30am – 2:30pm.

Sunday Session

Live music by Jaz Kimber at Flinders
Food Co in Hawker
27th November 1-4pm

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*The journey of a thousand miles
starts with a single step.*
Chinese Proverb



Regular Events

Quorn

Hannifitt

6.30pm Monday nights Location TBA.
1:30pm Tuesdays Circuit meet at tennis
courts
10:30am Mondays & Wednesdays Low
impact Town Hall

Boot Camp

Tuesday & Fridays 6.30am Quorn Oval

Yoga

Thursday nights 6.30pm
Uniting Church Hall

Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group

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

Quorn Bowling Club

Social Bowls Everyone welcome
Tuesday and Saturday 1:00pm

Pilates

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

Austral Inn Hotel

Sunday Pizza, Tuesday Seafood and
Wednesday Schnitzel Night

Transcontinental Hotel

Tuesday Night Schnitzel Night

Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society

Wednesdays from 9am at the Lions Park
Second Saturday of the month 10am -2pm
Everyone welcome

Step Aerobics

Monday and Thursday 5.30pm
St Mathews Church Hall

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