

Quorn Mercury

Recording Quorn's History while it's Being Made

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Congratulations to Recipients of the 2022 Australia Day Awards—
From left—Heidi Roberts: Merit Award, Geoff Finlay: Merit Award, Mayor Greg Flint, John Simpson: Merit Award,
Dani Chapman—Citizen of the Year 2022



Quorn 2021 Christmas Pageant was successfully held by the community on Sunday 5th December

**More Australia Day Awards Photos and article on Page 5
Probus—(welcome back) on Page 15**

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Over the last two years we have been asking for help to prepare the *Quorn Mercury* to send to the printer.

We have had a couple of helpers but unfortunately none have stayed. We don't need much of your time, a couple of hours **one day** a month.

If we do not get enough help before the end of February the March 2022 *Mercury* will be the last in this style and layout.

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Is it “The End” of THE MERCURY?

SINCE 1996, Quorn Mercury has been produced monthly, and has relied on its community members to provide current articles and photos. Before each Mercury is assembled, emails are sent and notices placed on the Quorn Out and About Facebook group to advise locals when they can send in articles for inclusion.

While we have received abundant material in recent years, quite a lot of the content is history, and the Mercury has evolved from a current newsworthy paper into a magazine consisting more of historical and general information.


The Mercury Editors are looking for extra help to keep the Mercury going.

We need people to collect sporting information and photos, or provide information on social activities and local items of interest. Any further editing required can be done when the Mercury is being prepared.

And as two of our small group will soon be retiring, we need people to come into the Mercury office once a month to help put pages together. Some computer skills would be of help such as the ability to use Word or Publisher.

Without any new volunteers the Mercury will be unable to continue. If keeping the Quorn Mercury “alive” appeals to you and you feel you could help, please look at the advert on the facing page.



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Everyone wants to lead a happy life. However real happiness is not about having money or power, it's about achieving inner peace. If you have peace of mind, you'll be happy night and day. Happiness is related to our emotions and we all have the potential to experience positive as well as negative emotions. Which ones we cultivate depends entirely on if we live in Quorn SA or somewhere else. Whenever I can I myself sneak into the beautiful town of Quorn.



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REMEMBER WHEN

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Today is October 11, Thanksgiving Day in Canada and the 284th day of the year. There are 81 days remaining until the end of the year. On this day:

1927: From Adelaide's afternoon newspaper The News: "While he was walking in the sandhills between Henley Beach and Glenelg this morning, Constable Kroemer, of Henley Beach, noticed the tracks of a snake. He looked round and in a bush saw a death adder. The constable returned to the road and, securing a stone, killed the reptile. While they are not plentiful in the district this variety of snake is sometimes seen in the sandhills."

1951: From the Mercury newspaper in the Flinders Ranges town of Quorn: "Mr Harry Harridine, who assists at the Quorn Town Hall, reports that he has scraped two buckets full of chewing gum from the seats. He is wondering if patrons will stick gum on the new tubular seats when they are installed."

1962: Sydney singer Col Joye was pictured on the front cover of the South Australian magazine Young Modern.

1966: Danish-Dutch husband-and-wife folk singers Nina and Frederik performed at the Thebarton Town Hall in Henley Beach Rd, Torrensville.

1968: Radio station 5AD listed Hey Jude, by The Beatles, as Adelaide's No.1 hit single.

1992: US rapper Cardi B was born in New York.

1996: Port Adelaide named its first AFL squad.

2020: US actor-comedian-musician Steve Martin tweeted: "I get tired of myself, but I never, ever, get tired of Fred Astaire."



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Citizen Of the Year Awards 2022

Community Members Recognised for Contributions



Congratulations Dani Chapman
Citizen of the Year 2022, with Mayor Greg Flint

THE FLINDERS RANGES Council Citizen of the Year for 2022 has been officially announced with Quorn local Dani Chapman receiving the honour.

Dani is heavily involved in volunteer work in the community including the Stockyard Arena Association, tennis club and netball club and holds different positions on these committees including President.

Mayor Greg Flint congratulated Dani on her award and said her community spirit goes above and beyond. “As well as her community involvement Dani is also married with three children and maintains a busy lifestyle with them including horse riding, sports and also getting them involved in the community.

“Dani has also managed to squeeze in study to become an enrolled nurse, which has assisted greatly in the caring role she has for her son who became a paraplegic after a motorbike accident some years ago. Dani is also continuing studies to become a registered nurse.”

Dani was nominated by a fellow community member who wanted her dedication to many community associations, volunteer work, study, family balance and general positive contribution to the community recognised.

Certificates of Recognition for the Awards have also been awarded to the following recipients:

Geoff Finlay— for providing exemplary service to his customers for over 21 years and for going above and beyond to deliver.

John Simpson—for his service to the SES and for pushing to improve equipment such as drones and infrared cameras and for his ongoing support for Flinders Flicks and for bringing other major events to Quorn.

Heidi Roberts—for over 17 years volunteer service on various sporting and community committees within the local community.

Ian Heymink (awarded posthumously) - for his promotion of local businesses via social media which spurred on a fantastic pre-existing community spirit and for embracing the town with gusto and even though he was very ill he found an outlet for his creativity.

Council wishes to congratulate all recipients and thank them for their ongoing community support and spirit.

Due to the cancellation of the Australia Day event this year, a separate smaller presentation ceremony was held with recipients. ■



Geoff Finlay, Mayor Flint



Heidi Roberts, Mayor Flint



John Simpson, Mayor Flint

Unfortunately Meredith Heymink was unable to be there to accept on behalf of Ian, but we will make that presentation in the coming days.

Chat with a Quornie

Ann Arancelovic



I'M OFTEN ASKED where I came from. My answer is 'Nowhere, but everywhere.'

I'll start with my parents. Mum and Dad (Connie and Norm Shone) grew up a few streets from each other in Hindmarsh, Adelaide. They didn't know each other then.

Dad was the youngest of 10 children. He was a returned serviceman and a cooper by trade. Mum was the youngest of three, and a tailoress by trade.

They met and married after WW11, and moved to Cherry Gardens, where my sisters, Arlene and Maureen were born.

Mum and Dad had a milk round. Some funny stories came out of their time there, like a snake in the thunderbox, and a cow lying down on Dad, when he was trying to milk her.

They were caught up in 'Black Sunday' bushfires, where a couple of local people were killed. Mum said the fire was heading up hill toward their place, when the wind changed direction. Lucky, I guess.

Moving around

MUM AND DAD MOVED from Cherry Gardens to Gawler, where I was born in 1954. We shifted to Broken Hill, then back to Gawler, where Tony was born.

When I was three or four, we moved to the new satellite city of Elizabeth, where. I remember all the kids in the street playing from daylight 'til dark.

My sister, Maureen, was marbles champion of our street, and the boys used to get shitty. She had the most and best marbles, as we played 'winner take all'.

Our next move was to Port Pirie, when Dad joined the Northern Region of E&WS. My memories of our Pirie days were of a lot of fun. Again, another street full of kids.

Cathryn was born there, but eighteen months



Mum and Dad, Connie and Norm Shone

later we moved to Crystal Brook .

On the way to school we were teased with 'Catholic dogs stink like frogs, in and out the teacher's gobs'.

Despite this, I remember life being fun, even when we found out that our house was haunted.

Crystal Book was where I became aware that being different religions **meant** something to some people. I've never understood that.

There was an orphanage attached to the school and church. This started my interest in aboriginal culture, and my wish to help kids without a family life like ours .

I thought we were rich, and didn't find out until I was older that most people in those times just struggled along financially. To me, being rich meant having a close family .

Southern Yorke Peninsula

WE MOVED DOWN to live in Yorketown for six years. I don't know why we went there, as Dad only came home once a month. It was a horrible time for us, particularly Mum.

I finished primary school and went to high school, but hated it.

Michael and Francesca were born there. Maureen married, and had my nephew Sean. Arlene went nursing in Adelaide. It was when a man walked on the moon.

We got to know Colleen and Jeff Brown (a former Postmaster at Quorn) when they, and their three little boys, sat in front of us at church. I think Tony and I used to pull faces at them, and got in trouble (we felt the reminder of Mum's very long fingernails).

Dad spent some time working at Mt Gunson, putting in a pipeline for the mine, which didn't start until years later.

One of my funniest memories was of one trip to Adelaide. Dad would never stop, so Mum, in her wisdom, took a potty with us.

Frankie was just toilet trained and when she finished her pee, Mum threw it out the front window. The back one was open and subsequently we were all splattered. I don't think we laughed at the time, but it *was* funny looking back.



Christmas shenanigans, 1990s. *From left*—Arlene, Cathy, Ann, Tony, Connie, Michael, Maureen, Frankie

My first job

JUST AFTER MY 16th birthday, we moved to Mannum. I was in my last year of school and Michael had just started. We lived in a great old house overlooking the river. It was a wonderful time for our family.

The next year, I was accepted into nursing at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woodville.

Mum and Dad shifted to Quorn in 1971. Tony, Cathy and Mick went to Quorn Area school, and Frankie to the kindy.

Dad worked with Tommy Wills, Malcolm Eckert, Clarrie Hillman and Brenton Schnell at Quorn E & WS. He loved the Flinders, and liked nothing more than getting in his ute and driving out checking everything.

Dad was a true conservationist, and could see the problems we're facing today, way back then. He wasn't afraid to argue the point with 'the powers that be' about water conservation.

In 1978, Mum and Dad moved to Pt Augusta. Dad was Superintendent for the Northern Region, until he retired in 1988.

Sadly, he died in February 1990, missing the births of three grandchildren—Cathy's Jon, Frankie's Hannah, and our baby Tom—born within a week of one another in June that year.

Mum was a tailoress, so certainly knew how to sew. There weren't too many brides who hadn't had a wedding dress made by Connie in the seven years they lived here. God knows how many she made, including all of ours.

Sandy and me

I MET SANDY, who lived in Stirling North, in 1974. He worked at ETSA, where he'd done his trade as a fitter and turner.

In June I started work at Quorn Hospital. Lois Hughes was Matron then, and it was a busy little place—much different from city hospitals. It was hard work, but a lot of fun.



My Quorn Nursing colleagues. *From left*—Carlene Voigt, Betty Eckert, Marg Coad

I worked with a lot of great nurses. Carlene Voigt was Director of Nursing for most of the years I was at the hospital. I have fond memories of Greta Buhlmann, Bev Pratt, Lee Reid, Marg Coad, Jenny Pearce, Cheryl Finlay, Johnnie Fielding, Carol Seligar, Jenny Laidlaw, Beryl Woodman, Glenys Fielding, Mrs Gladys Pumpa and dozens more.

In April, 1976, we married and moved to Port Hedland for two years. Sandy was employed by for BHPs Mount Newman Mining and I worked at Port Hedland hospital.

The town was relatively new and it was obviously a much smaller port than it is today.

Back to Quorn

JUST BEFORE Bianca was born, we moved back to Quorn to a house on Altmann Rd we'd bought from Joy and Des Finlay. We had a great time doing it up.

Unfortunately our time in the house was tinted with a degree of sadness, as Sandy was diagnosed with testicular cancer (at 25 years of age), which mean our chances of having more kids was about zilch.

After a few years, we decided to adopt from overseas. After a few conversations with Dr Devindah Grewal, we chose Sri Lanka, .

We waited two and a half years, until November 1986 when we flew to Sri Lanka to pick up our son, Kaleb. It was a very special time for us, but unfortunately again tainted with difficulty, as we contracted Hep A and were most unwell.

I was also pregnant, which was pretty cool for a while. Sophie was born in June, but sadly, died four days later.

Later in the year, we went to Adelaide, where Sandy had been accepted into nursing at Royal Adelaide Hospital. For our family of four, we bought a small house in Crafers.

Sandy moved on to Children's Hospital, to nurse children with cancer. I worked at Julia Farr Centre; and the fun began.

A few weeks after we moved, I found out I was pregnant with Tom. His birth was followed, two years later, by Gabrielle, then Josh. Life was a circus, but so much fun

Six years later, we went back to Port Hedland. At the end of the nineties, it was five times bigger than Quorn. This time Sandy

worked at the hospital as a manager.

Return to SA

We stayed there for two years, and returned to SA to live in Tumby Bay. Sandy was Nurse Manager at Tumby Bay Hospital. We lived there for the next 15 years.

All the kids finished their schooling, and have fond memories of Tumby, especially of the beach, only 200m from our home.

While we were there, Sandy was talked into starting up a judo club. One lad, Jake Andrewartha, went on to represent Australia at the London Olympics, and won a Commonwealth Games Bronze Medal.

As for our kids, Bianca was at University at 16, studying Opera. (But she still says she can't sing). She's married with two boys, Angus, 12 and Flynn, who is nine. She's a Beauty Therapist, and hopes to move to Quorn later in the year.

Kaleb lives and works at Powercell Batteries in Adelaide. He was a very good sportsman, who excelled at footy, cricket and athletics in his school years. He is currently a pretty good golfer, and has taken many beautiful family photographs of our family.



Arancelovic Family. From left—Josh, Gabrielle, Ann, Caleb, Tom, Sandy, Bianca. Quorn, 2021

Thomas is married with two kids—Lenny, aged four and Eadie—20 months. He lives in Pt Augusta, and has recently taken an apprenticeship. Like Sandy, he was very good at judo, representing SA in many national competitions.

Gabrielle is a Registered Nurse, now on maternity leave from Adelaide Children's Hospital. She and her husband and little three month old, Percy live at Bridgewater.

Josh, our youngest, works at Roxby in the mines, after five years working at the Rec Centre, mainly at the aquatic school.

Anderson Dancers

Mum was principal seamstress for Anderson Dancers, Pt Augusta, for 40 years. She devoted many hours sewing for the *Pantos* (Pantomines), until she turned ninety. She had a great friendship with Ethel Anderson, who passed away recently, aged 94.

The skill must have rubbed off. Our son, Tom, makes costumes and uses one of Mum's sewing machines. We've all dabbled in the arts—some more successfully than others.

Michael, has his own engineering company—*Alchemy*. He has worked for Adelaide Festival Theatre on productions. He created effects for Disney Australia's *Aladdin*, for *King Kong*, *Phantom of the Opera* and the mechanical effects of *Billy Elliot* all over the world. But for Covid, he'd have been in Wuhan working on the *Phantom*. Now.

My other brother Tony, lives in Sydney. He has a background as a carpenter, and built sets for Fashion Week, *Gladiator*; Opera in the Harbour, and many TV and theatre shows.

I have great respect for what Ethel, Lindy, and Mum achieved. They give kids a chance to perform, and wear pretty cool costumes. I wish them success into a third generation.

From their seven kids, Mum and Dad have 19 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.



Mum, Connie, aged 90, at a family wedding, 2017

We often talk about the fun times we had as a family, when someone would put on a record, and we'd have an instant party.

There was many a party in our home back in the day, with music and singing round the kitchen table. Home or in the car, other than Dad's, the singing voices weren't too good, but it was fun.

Mum's favourite place to have lived is Quorn. Her fondest memories are of friends, Jenny and George, Tom and Von, Rita and Jim, Mary and Frizzy, Ruth and Pat and Colleen and Jeff. I remember them as my friends too.

To round off this exhausting little story, Sandy and I finally settled back in Quorn. It just felt right to do so. ■



Another Shone family wedding. From left—Arlene, Maureen, Cathy, Michael, Connie, Ann, Frankie

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Quorn Community Landcare Group wins state award

THE 'LANDSCAPE SA Excellence Award' was presented to the Quorn Community Landcare Group late 2021, by SAAL Landscape board member Mrs Sanchia Treloar on behalf of the Minister for Environment and Water, the hon. David Speirs.

The highly contested award was based on the Reviving Biodiversity in the Ranges project run by the Quorn Community Landcare Group which involves a series of initiatives by community volunteers in delivering biodiversity outcomes in the Flinders Ranges.

Through a broad-based partnership it has established and maintained cochineal breeding nurseries, delivered soil erosion control projects on local farms, run a series of propagation workshops, supported revegetation of Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby habitat at Warren Gorge and supported the collection of seed and plants for the Quorn Bush Food Garden.



The group has most recently been involved in establishing a native perennial grass seed-bank in the Quorn parklands with the Flinders Ranges Council. Receiving the award on behalf of the Quorn Community Landcare Group were President Tim Connell and Secretary Andrea Tschirner. \$5,000 was a part of the award which will be invested back into the work of the Quorn Community Landcare Group. ■



At the Landscape SA Award presentation. *From left*—Eleanor Pratt Executive Officer Landcare Association of SA, SAAL Board member Tim Flowers, Quorn Community Landcare Group President Tim Connell and Secretary Andrea Tschirner, SAAL Board members Kurt Tschirner, Sanchia Treloar and Scott Michael

Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society



THE QUORN PIONEER MACHINERY SOCIETY Inc [QPMS] would like to take this opportunity to update the community on the progress of its activities and provide information on the progress of the building infrastructure etc, that is taking place in the Lions Park in Quorn.

Once again QPMS would like to acknowledge the funding from the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility – Community Benefit Program obtained by the Flinders Ranges Council for the building of infrastructure. This money is for infrastructure only and is not able to be used by QPMS for restoration etc. The monies used on restoration and associated equipment is raised by QPMS separately.

As community members may have noticed our 12x9 metre workshop [behind existing stone building] was completed late last year. Concreting has been completed and FRC and QPMS are currently working on the relevant electrical and water connections.

With the generous help of a community grant from the Flinders Ranges Council (FRC) internal fit out and initial purchasing of the required tools etc has taken place. It is wonderful to be able to have a clean, dust free area to work in and this will be particularly beneficial when we are completing restorations, painting etc.

The existing stone building is undergoing an electrical fit out managed by the QPMS and security and access has been upgraded last year.

The BBQ shelter is undergoing a revamp with a concrete pad completed and a planned installation of a free electric BBQ similar to

the one recently installed in the Bush Tucker Garden. QPMS have been working on cleaning and repainting of the area and anticipate this will be completed in the very near future.

The main pavilion (the area currently bunted off opposite the pool) has been started with the foundations poured just before Christmas. The completion of this 21x40 metre open sided building is expected to be completed in the next few weeks. The floor will be made of a suitable crusher dust and will be installed by FRC. QPMS and FRC are working on the costings and design of some secure areas within the building essential because of the value and importance of some of the items that have already been restored or otherwise acquired.

Longer term FRC is planning to seek funding to install a significant array of solar panels on top of the pavilion to help offset the cost of electricity for the pool and other council facilities. A large tank with connections suitable for CFS use will be installed to store runoff from the pavilion. Water for use throughout the Lions Park and future extension of the Bush Tucker trail will also be drawn from this tank.

There are further plans to extend the bush tucker trail, provide entrance signage and purchase suitable park furniture and details of this will be dependent on the remaining budget.

Whilst QPMS has been busy with the planning, costing and implementation of the above, work has also been taking place on the restoration of machinery and the acquisition of further articles restoration and display. We

already have (thanks to the work carried out previously by the Lions) the basis of a significant display.

QPMS is seeking to acquire further items to renovate and display, and seek community support to help achieve this. Primarily we are seeking all types of articles relevant to the agricultural history of the Flinders Ranges and associated items. This includes but is not limited to; farm and other historical machinery, shearing plant, wool presses etc., oil engines and stationary motors, saddlery and associated harness, old tools, blacksmith equipment, mechanical items, scythes etc., household items and other items relevant to the historical period. We are primarily targeting the horse drawn and early tractor period through to the early 1950s but may consider later items.

QPMS is working towards creating a significant and viable museum that reflects displays the districts rich history for both the enjoyment of the local residents and tourists alike. If you are able to contribute or help in any way, please consider contacting us. Any items acquired will be kept under cover where

required and secure storage will be provided where possible.

QPMS is also seeking volunteers that are interested in joining our team. All types of skills are required including, mechanical and restoration skills, painting, leatherwork, woodworking skills, assistance with planting watering and other maintenance within the park, signwriting, history gathering, welding and metalwork, research and IT skills, an understanding of the historical period and the machinery we are working with, grant writing skills fund raising and event management skills etc. etc. and of course the desire to join a friendly and welcoming team.

Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society would like to recognize the individual efforts of members input to date.

Working bees are held every Wednesday 9 am to 12pm and Saturdays 1pm to 4 pm. Because of our workload a significant amount of work takes place at other times as well so anytime you see someone onsite, please feel free to approach them with any questions you may have or alternatively contact David on 0401 533 752. ■

Quorn Art at Aus Lights



IN A FIRST FOR AUSTRALIA DAY, Aus Lights on the River brought a stunning immersion of light, sound and vision to Elder Park (Tarntanya Wama).

What so many of the audience would not have realised, is how many of the stunning projected photographs and artwork, were from the Quorn area. Wildflowers projected onto the northern Festival Centre roof, were animated by Illuminart drawing from the photo collection of local artist and photographer Barb Walker. Stunning images of Eremophila, Mallee and Eucalyptus flowers formed contrasting arrangements with the textures of rock and tree bark.

On the western roof shells, displays of artwork featured among the many videos curated for the space. The artworks were organised by Illuminart working in collaboration with Lavene Ngatokorua and included artwork of local first nation artists Regina McKenzie and Jonas Dare, along with many others from Port Augusta and region.

The spectacular was held over five consecutive nights from Saturday 22 January until Wednesday 26 January, each night from 8.30 pm to 11.30 pm. The beautiful precinct featured projections on to the Festival Centre roof shells, the river and trees along the banks, the rotunda and Illuminart's AirLume. ■

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Probus Club News

QUORN COMBINED PROBUS CLUB had a busy year of meetings, outings and friendship. We were able to have a meeting each month in the town hall other than August. August meeting was cancelled because of Covid restrictions .

We had the May meeting in Wilmington and the October meeting at the Cradock hotel.

During the year we had numerous guest speaker from all types of life.

Bronwyn Millington spoke on her role as the Divisional Activity coordinator of the Quorn health services. Peter Slattery spoke on his time as mayor of Quorn, David Reubenicht spoke on the pioneer machinery project, Eric Brown talked on his first year as CEO of Flinders Ranges council.

A member of the RAA came from Adelaide and talked on road rules. Collin Cornelius from Adelaide talked on his time working at the holden factory.

Andrea Tschirner gave a power point presentation and talk on the edible native plants growing in our area.



Probus President Yvonne Player welcomes new member Jenny McInnis

Members attended several movie mornings with members from the three Port Augusta Probus clubs.

We had an interesting day at the Kerr yabbie farm out of Wilmington. Two trips to Port Pirie to the Northern Festival Centre to watch morning melodies and the Robertson Brothers.

We joined with the Port Augusta Probus clubs on a bus tour of Port Augusta, visiting different areas including the Bungala solar farm.

Had morning tea and a look around the pioneer machinery project. A barbecue lunch out at Freebairn's farm was another outing.

We had morning tea at Emily's bistro to say goodbye to Mary Maloney who has moved to Adelaide.

The Flinders Probus club came to Quorn on Pichi Richi train and we joined them for lunch at Emily's Bistro.

In August Four members went to the annual probus rally held at Kimba. One hundred and seventy five Probus members from all over Eyre Peninsular attended.

Our Christmas lunch was held at Emily's bistro.

During the year three of our regular members passed away. We welcomed three new members.

Probus meets the first Tuesday of the month in the Quorn town hall. Any person over sixty five is welcome to attend. ■



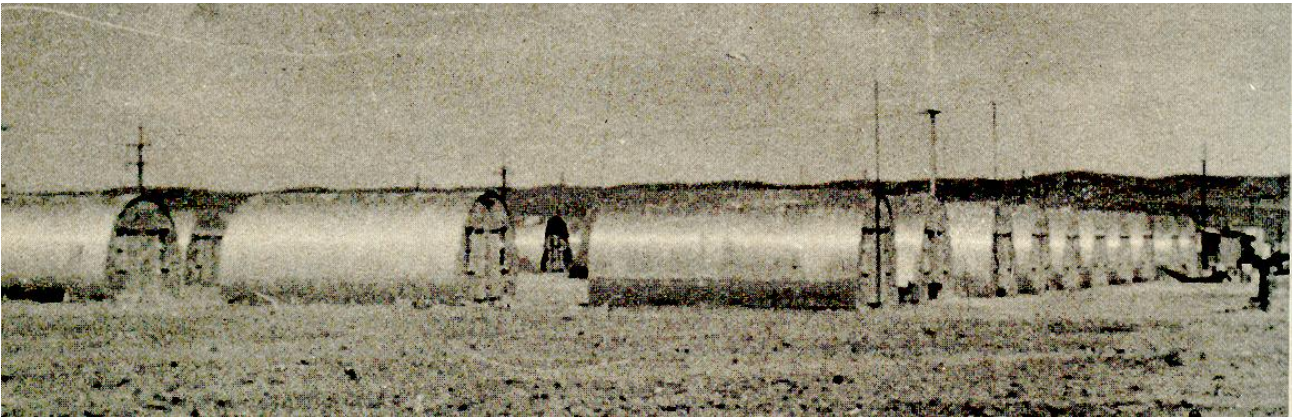
Mary Francis and Fanny Coulthard at Kimba

Pictures — From the Past



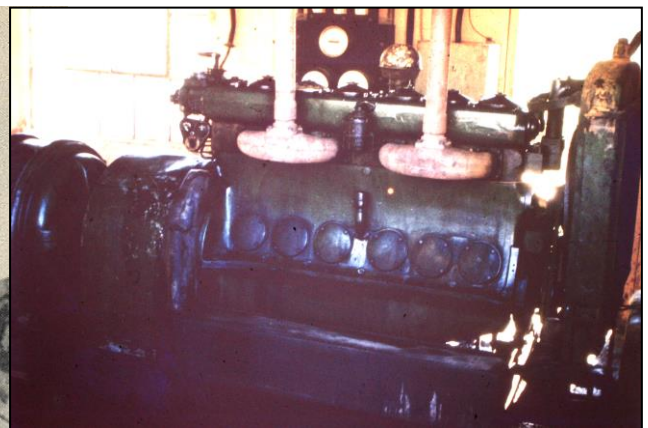
SOUTH AUSTRALIA had always had to import coal from NSW for its industries. But a coal shortage in 1940 (during the 2nd World War) led the State Government to search for its own workable coal deposits. Boring for it began at Leigh Creek in August 1941 at Glen's Gums (now Telford). By 1944 commercial quantities were being extracted. By 1961 over a million tons were extracted a year, almost all for the Pt Augusta Power Station. The Leigh Ck Mine did much to stabilise SA's economy and helped its industries expand greatly.

The original Leigh Ck town was built for the mine workers over part of the underground coal deposit, so as the open-cut mine worked southwards, the town had to move. The site chosen for the new town from the 18 examined, was by Windy Creek south of the town of Copley. (Not as in 'wind'—it 'winds' a lot, so it's pronounced as in 'wine'), It was at first for a time named Leigh Creek South. The move occurred in 1981.



BECAUSE OF THE urgency of SA finding coal, and of the War, living conditions in the original Leigh Ck town were rough for quite a time. It was not like moving into Leigh Ck South in 1981—then there'd been plenty of time to have the new town already built. The top photo shows the tent lines in the first Leigh Ck in 1948. They were uncomfortable, cold in winter, hot in summer, and likely to be blown away in storms and wind. There was no security, and pay packets had to be carefully hidden. There were many fights, and gambling games proliferated. There was a Mess for eating, but some cooked their meals on primus stoves in their tents. One advantage was electric lighting in the tents. Life improved later with the building of rows of Nissan Huts in the town's northern part (known as 'Silver City' from the sunshine glinting on them), as you can see in the bottom photo on this page.

A 56 page booklet exists, *Leigh Creek—A Town on the Move* (Lutheran Publishing House, Adelaide, undated; c 1980?), produced by Year 10 & 11 students & teachers at the Leigh Ck Area School, with community help. It's profusely illustrated with photos, including all but one of those used here.



THE TOP PHOTO shows typical life in the Tent Lines during the late 1940s. ‘Spare time or relaxation was simply a yarn between the tent dwellers...’(p 9).

WATER FOR THE town and mine was a problem. So the Aroona Dam was built over the next 11 years. The Flying Fox (left) was used throughout its building ‘to place the cement for the construction of the dam wall’ (p 20).

However, the Sliding Rock copper mining town east of Beltana, had had its mines wrecked by constant flooding. So a pipeline from there to Leigh Ck was finished in 1944 to provide it with water, which ‘was somewhat harsh and described by the town’s people to be very hard, discoloured and rancid’ (p 18).

The c 1960 photo above shows the Sliding Rock Pumping Station. It continued operating for longer in case of emergencies at Leigh Ck, and also provided water to some local Stations. (This Photo by Chris Williams.) ■



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Provide advocacy, development and networking opportunities to the Quorn and District Business community
- Support sustainable business growth and make it easier to do business.
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Next Meeting – To be advised

See Quorn Out and About for date and venue



Dad's Saddle

*There it hangs upon the wall,
On a rail in the shed.
Memories from the days gone by,
Before the pair were wed.*

*A pair of tarnished gooseneck spurs,
left resting on the seat,
beside the pair of old battered Williams',
who once adorned the ringers feet.*

*There's horsehair stuffing poking out,
where the stitching's come undone,
And there's cracks along the kneepads,
from the days rewards hard won.*

*Astride the green horse, or one unbroken,
they spent their working days.
pushing scrubba's from the lignum.
Thick dust rising in a haze.*

*Along the banks of the Diamantina
Tailin' weaners 'cross the clay flats
Walking mobs back to the trucking yards,
and drafting off the fats.*

*Whether ridin' on the night watch,
Or dragging calves up to the ramp,
a familiar place to lay his head,
the Stockman's pillow, back at camp.*

*It's a far cry from old glories,
for this ringers leather throne.
The sands of time have flowed by quick,
Since last perched upon the roan.*

*Now, only if it could tell.....
All those stories from the past
To hear the tales from long ago
and relive histories cast.*

*With a little care and saddle fat,
some attention long since due.
No longer in retirement
like Dad..... a job to do.*

*My wandering days are over
for I hear my bloodline call
to again take up the whip and spur,
and follow those before.*

Brad Woody Murray

Photos from the Past

The following photographs were given to me by Lofty Stephenson's family. All were taken in the early 1950's

Ashy



Anzac Day March in the 1950's down Sixth Street. Note the shops across from the Paper Shop. I cannot remember them being there. Evidently one was the Jewelers shop.



The Quorn Town Hall in the 1950's

The Shop in the background is Prest's now IGA



First Street in Quorn in the 1950's



The War Memorial in the 1950's



Railway Terrace in the 1950's



Cyril Jarvis's Shop in the 1950's with Noll's Milk Van in front. This is where the Council chambers now is on Seventh Street



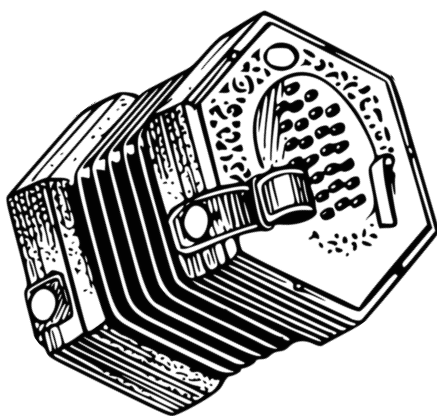
The Willochra Hall in the 1950's. The bricks from this were taken from this building and used to erect the change rooms at the Memorial Swimming Pool. I believe that when the new one was erected the best of the bricks were used to make a cairn that is in the lawn. My great grandfather had a lot to do with the donating of these bricks to the Swimming Pool when Willochra closed down in the mid 1950's.



The Quorn High School in the 1950's. Now the Quorn Area School. The Primary and Secondary Schools amalgamated to become the Area School in 1970.

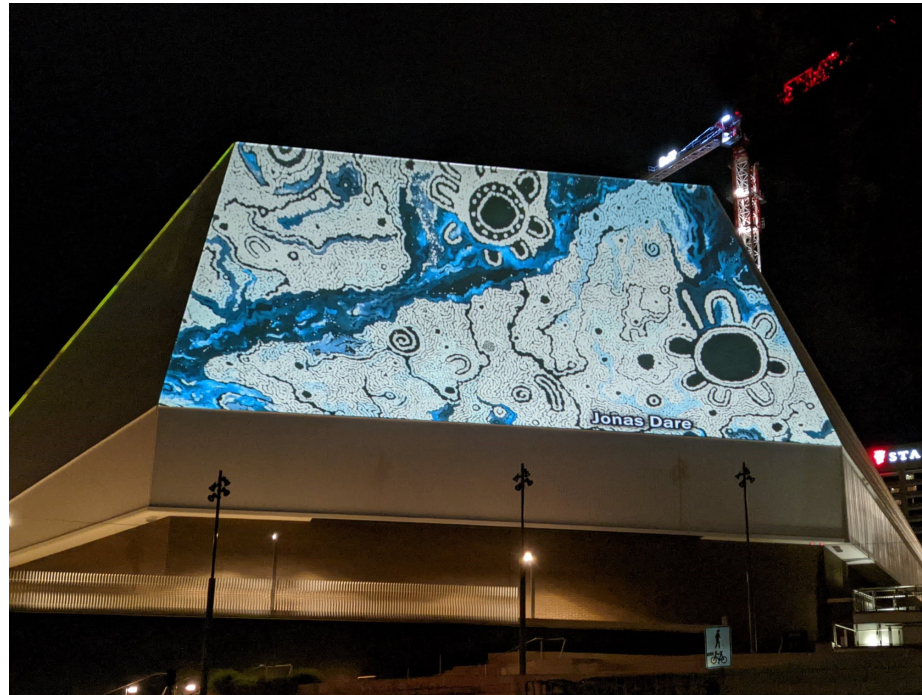


Schuttloffel's Farm House in the 1950's. This house still stands today and is near the Buckaringa Gorge old entrance. The Masons now own this building.



Mother and Father Christmas at the 2021 Street Party
(Lisa and David Southon)





Aus Lights on the River, part of Adelaide Australia Day events held over five nights in Elder Park/Tarntanya Wama, culminating on 26 January 2022. Projections onto the Festival Centre roof shells by Illuminart showcase artwork from the Quorn area.
 (Left) Eucalypt blossoms—photo Barb Walker: Artwork (Centre)—Jonas Dare (Right)—Regina McKenzie. It has been very exciting for the artists to see their work exhibited in Adelaide on the shells of the Festival Centre. Further details on page 13

Quorn Out and About



The swimming pool was a popular place on Sunday 30.1.22—a very warm day and nearing the end of school holidays



January 26—Merv and Kathy Rabig celebrated their 37th Wedding Anniversary and took a hike to celebrate the day



Melissa Slattery and Ashley Diver
 Married in Laura 22 January 2022



Proud Parents of the Bride Lee-Ann and Peter
 with Melissa

Intruder Apprehended



The intruder trapped in a store shed in North Quorn



Lets get a closer look at it



Released into the wild

ITEMS KNOCKED OFF STORE room shelves and some scuffling noises were investigated. It wasn't a cat.

Was it a possum? Surely not.

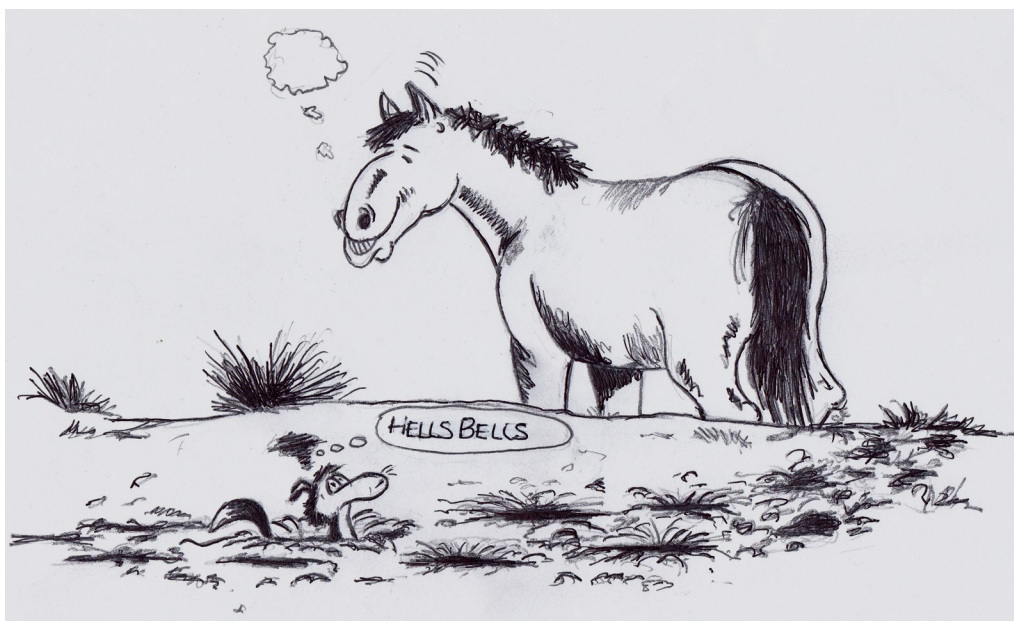
A cat trap was obtained from the Council depot, a peach and some grapes put in the set trap. Nothing was touched. Probably gone.

Early next morning, there it was, caught in the trap. A brushtail possum.

We took it to the creek by a large gum tree. The trap was opened and the possum vanished up the tree.

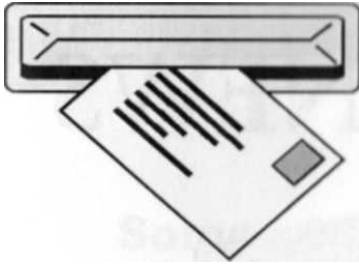
Now we miss the cute little guy!

Keith and Pat Wiseman



Stuck in the Mire—Quorn recorded 34ml of rain recently

Letters to the Editor



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As an ex long term resident of Quorn and regular visitor now, I like what I see with the many improvements and the preservation of old buildings around town. Since my retirement we have travelled widely throughout Australia. We always stop in the small country towns to check out their history and some of the sporting legends of the towns.

Whilst recently attending matches at the Adelaide Oval, which I do on many occasions throughout the year, sitting in the western stand I look across the oval and see the Fos Williams stand, I walk around the back to the bars and see a magnificent portrait of Faith Thomas. Until recently, I would drive down Portrush Road past Payneham Road and say to my grandkids see that, the Kerry O'Brien Fitness Centre, he came from Quorn. All these sporting people had or still have close ties to Quorn. To my knowledge there is no recognition of these legends in the town.

On a recent return I attended a function at the town oval, held in the recently upgraded community club. I had a lightbulb moment and thought the town was missing out on recognizing the sporting legends both past and present, who were either born, raised or educated and in some instances all of the above.

I would like to throw some names into the hat and some buildings and infrastructure that could be used to promote our town tourism wise and to recognize our past and present.

How is this for a thought provoking idea. Drive into the town on Port Augusta Road and be greeted with a sign. Welcome to Quorn. Birthplace of Athlete, world record holder, Commonwealth Games medalist and Olympian KERRY O'BRIEN.

Stand in the middle of the oval and gaze at the Heritage WILLIAMS FAMILY Grandstand. Go into the FAITH THOMAS/ IAN RODGERS Community Club for a drink and a feed. [Cricket now being the main major sport played on the oval] Walk to the nearby ASTER GANLEY/ JENNY CRISP/ MALCOLM ECKERT courts for a hit of tennis. Has the new heritage walk to North Quorn have a name attached as yet .All this infrastructure could be highlighted on a tourist walking trail through town.

Just some of my thoughts. I will leave it to the forward thinking residents to take up the challenge.

Des Wallace. 53 Pine Ave Victor Harbor 5112
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More Pageant Fun



Perspectives on Covid

THERE'S NO DOUBT that even mentioning the word 'Covid' stirs instantaneous thoughts and emotions as we all navigate the relentless swathes of information if we dare turn on mainstream media, venture into a shopping precinct or even enter any business. There are conflicting operations around safety, closures, openings, mandates and vaccines.

Amidst the colourful array of personalized masks, one wonders how many are unwashed bacteria breeding grounds that were hastily grabbed and unwisely used to just duck in the shop for the milk, leaving us one questioning their efficacy, as well as their safety as we endure the persistent headaches that follow a long day of wearing them even when they're changed every two hours.

As I see it, our nation has been swamped with a single narrative excluding valuable debate, accountability for our collapsing economy through small business closures. Job losses and mortgage foreclosures, livelihoods are in jeopardy and our freedoms are being illegally stripped away on the say so of unelected individuals yet under the watch of our government that is supposed to protect and serve its citizens rather than dictate terms of living. Freedom to speak out and say enough is enough is being frowned upon, and the fear fuelled advice is doing more harm than good.

Everyone knows politicians lie on a grand scale. Breaking promises is, sadly, part of the job specs, as is manipulating statistics to say whatever shines the best light on their party while heaping dung on their opponents. Semantics is the gameplay, for instance the term covid deaths. Do they mean deaths from covid alone or deaths from an underlying terminal illness and the patient happened to have covid as well on a swab test, allowing them to inflate the numbers and stirring more fear.

If used honestly, the covid stats would need to include suicide attempts from forced job losses, business collapses and the mental health problem escalation rates from loss of livelihood and lockdowns as well as mandated vaccinations in order to spend the last moments on earth with loved ones. I hesitate to bring up non attendance of funerals forced upon grieving people as it is hard to fathom the callous nature behind implementing such ridiculously cruel directives. One would have to question if those responsible ever thought to put the shoe on themselves before they implemented such fear upon those in mourning.

But fear does make people unreasonable. It clouds the brain's ability to function normally and activates the fight or flight response. Knowing this, the worst

thing we can do is panic. It will only make things worse and clutter our hospitals with patients suffering from anxiety attacks.

And then there's the not so easy to navigate community divide over vaccine efficacy, the jabbed and the no jabbers. The loss of employment if you're on the no jab side. There are those whose faith in a benevolent government is unwavering and then there are those who hold a more skeptical position, unwilling to believe the current narrative and would rather research the facts for themselves knowing from experience that statistics can be manipulated to say whatever the compilation is purposed for.

By now, many of our elderly community have had their jabs and yet now Omicron is here and is indiscriminate between vaxxed and unvaxxed so folk still wind up in hospital, confused, angry and wondering just how many vaccinations will be enough and if their immune systems are being compromised.

And when is it enough? What will you settle for? 3 monthly jabs? Mega businesses only? Curfews? Community segregation? Medical access for the vaccinated only? If vaccines work, how does this make any sense? They can't have it both ways. I will put my hand up and say it loud and clear, "The emperor has no clothes on!"

What can we do? Firstly, check your mental wellbeing. It cannot help by compounding an already complex situation with irrational thoughts. If you are worried, talk to someone you trust and invite honest dialogue. Maintain your physical health with healthy foods in balance, plenty of water and regular exercise. Let sunshine top up your vit D and if you have been around large crowds and are concerned, you may choose to gargle with an approved antibacterial. Some folk even use a neti pot to wash through the nasal cavity where the virus breeds and multiplies.

Calm yourself by doing the things most normal to you, maybe cooking, maybe some renos, gardening or meeting up with friends. Supporting our local businesses as you would normally. I seriously doubt online businesses will care if our town collapses from business closures. Quite the opposite.

Respect peoples opinions and their right to choose. Some have chosen vaccination. Others have chosen not to. Don't fall for the mainstream media narrative of blaming the unvaxxed for lockdowns. It is not our idea to shut folk up. And vice versa, please don't ridicule the vaccinated for spreading the virus through shedding. Neither position is helpful.

We can make a difference at our elections even if we feel powerless. Know what positions the party you intend to vote for stand on. (And what they won't stand on as well). Take time to think through the flow on effect of any changes made to our constitution and laws. There have been recent changes that ought to make your skin crawl and your sense of decency enraged if pointed out. Yet they slide under the carpet without most citizens even realizing before the deed is done.

In a nutshell, we all have a God given conscience. There is conflicting information and double standards everywhere. Take the time to investigate information from all sides and do your best to evaluate what appears to be conflicting evidence. This aspect of humanity should never be negotiable as freedom to choose means accountability to think first.

There is a growing community of folk who can no longer digest the mainstream media narrative and watch our once blessed nation crumble into debt and chaos. Our fallen soldiers and veterans fought for the freedom we are letting slip through our very fingers because we are afraid to acknowledge and fight a corrupt government.

Thank you if you have taken the time to read this far. I will include for your reference links to those who have dissented from the current narrative.

Dr Robert Malone – He holds the patent for the mRNA vaccine and is now in strict opposition to its use. He is a virologist and immunologist of the highest order. Prof Nikoli Petrovsky – From our own Flinders University, created a protein-based vaccine that actually works but was refused funding from the TGA as it didn't support the Big Pharma. (It's always about the money folks) Now being produced in Iran of all places.

Drs Jane Ruby, Thomas Cowan, Sally Fallon, Andrew Kaufman, Jay Bhattacharya and the list goes on and on.

Dr Reiner Fuellmich -An International lawyer who has successfully prosecuted white collar crime committed by elites around the globe is now conducting investigations into breaches of the Nuremberg code. (Nuremberg 2.0)

Common Law advocates are issuing summons for arrest on Australian politicians for misleading the public in relation to the mRNA vaccines. (gene therapy)

Bill Gates – A major sponsor of the mRNA vaccines has since (17/01/22) stated he regrets promoting Covid 19 vaccines and is calling for its withdrawal.

<https://ourworldgist.com/2022/01/17> click on the first image of Gates. ■

Paul and Sharon Taylor, seeking to serve our community for Christ

Tyranny of metrix

A poem by Tarla Kramer

today's Covid update, brought to you by someone who wanted you to feel scared
 number of deaths from the disease: 0
 number of deaths with the disease: 1
 number of people in danger from the disease: 2
 number of people in danger with the disease: 2
 number of people feeling worse for wear: 23
 number of positive people with a slight cold: 1974
 number of people with a positive test: 2000
 number of people who queued for hour in the heat or cold for nothing: 14093
 number of people who signed their last rights once: 92.2%
 number of people who signed their last rights twice: 87.4%
 number of times the rules changed: 2
 number of workers who have resigned due to mandates according to mainstream media: 300
 actual number of workers who resigned due to mandates: 3000
 number of news stories telling us to get vaccinated: 6
 number of news stories about vaccinated people who spread the disease: 6
 number of news stories telling us about sports people who won't take the vaccine: 1
 number of news stories telling us about the extremely low risk of whatever side effect of the vaccines: 1
 number of stories about a non-vaccinated person who died: 1
 number of news stories about a vaccinated person who died: shhh
 number of deaths from the vaccine: 404 not found



This and other pandemic poems can be found in Tarla's new chapbook *poems for the non-compliant*, published by Ginninderra Press. ■

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Quorn Kids Club

SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS with the residents of Flinders House was the highlight for Kids Club in 2021 with residents, family members, staff and members from churches in Quorn enthusiastically taking part in 'the 12 days of Christmas'. It was a joy to see our younger and older community members come together, making the best of challenging restrictions and a very hot afternoon. Well done and thanks to the staff who helped to make this happen!

Kids Club @ God's House used the Lost Sheep series in 2021 to tell the story of Jesus birth, death & resurrection and to share some pretty inspiring stories, including the Feeding of the 5,000, Jonah and the whale and the Good Samaritan. We are learning more about putting faith into action!

We welcomed some new members to our 'Sunday School' and discovered more creative talent during craft and love of singing and dancing during our music time!



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It was wonderful to hear children's questions and see how much they have learnt over the past two years.

Kids Club will resume on Sunday 20th February 2:30pm-4pm at the Uniting Church on Fifth Street and will continue to run on the 3rd Sunday of the month, unless otherwise arranged.

We welcome all children aged 4-11 and parents/caregivers are free to stay and help their child/ren settle in or can return at 4pm pick-up.

Kids Club @ God's House is supported by Quorn Churches Together – a group representing all of the churches in our town. ■

With our best wishes, Rebecca Lyman, Renata Hackett & Margaret Smith

For more information about Kids Club, please contact Rebecca on 0407816210.

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Home Recipes



Flapjacks

Ingredients

- 250gm porridge oats
- 125gm softened butter, plus extra for tin
- 125gm light brown sugar
- 2-3 tablespoon Golden Syrup
- 1 pinch salt

Method

Prep 10 mins

Cook Time 15 mins

Serves 6-10.

1. Put the oats, butter, sugar and Golden Syrup in a food processor and pulse until mixed– be careful not to overmix.
2. Pre heat oven to 180°C.
3. Lightly butter a 20 x 20cm baking tin and add the mixture.
4. Press into the corners with the back of a spoon so the mixture is flat.
5. Score into squares.
6. Bake for around 15 minutes until golden brown.
7. Remove from oven and allow to cool. Easily broken into squares and stored in a storage jar.

Recipe from BBC Good food



Pageant—December 21 A recipe for fun!

The Woolshed Flat Station



Fascinating photo at Woolshed Flat Railway Station. A photographer is taking this photo of a photographer taking a photo of the mixed goods & passenger train hauled by Y58 and Y136. The photographer is the blur just right of centre, using a View Camera on a tripod. He puts his head under a black cloth to look through the camera lens itself to line up and focus. Then he removes his head from under the cloth, closes the camera's back, inserts the single negative, tells everyone to stay still, and squeezes a bulb on the end of a tube to take the photo. He's blurred because he's just standing up. These days artists, etc, often blunder by having the photographer *taking* the photo while his/her head is still under the cloth, which is *both* futile, *and* ridiculous!

ON 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1867, the Hon P. Santo, then Commissioner of Public Works in South Australia's Parliament, moved in the House of Assembly, 'That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to encourage the formation of a Railway northward from Port Augusta or Port Paterson.'

Woolshed Flat became the main camp, with workshops and offices for the Railway's construction. The land was part of the Woolundunga pastoral lease, that had existed since 1859.

The site was chosen by the successful tenderers, Messrs Barry Brooks & Fraser. The Woolshed Flat Railway Siding was constructed as part of the Great Northern Railway in 1878.



One of the actual photos taken by the Photographer caught in action in the pic at the top of this page. He's moved his View Camera down to be level with the train and its passengers

After the Quorn section was opened, Woolshed Flat became the base for maintaining the line between Saltia and Summit. In those days of coal-fired steam engines, water was crucial, so railway stations were usually built near reliable sources of water, as Woolshed Flat was.



SA Government members of the Pastoral Lands Commission posed by their train, 1891. Telegraph lines are on the upper left. Famous peak at the back is always wrongly labelled 'The Devil's Peak'. But it's not. It's the South Peak, *in front of* the Devil's Peak, which is completely hidden from view

Around 3 km *up* the Waukarie Creek is a permanent spring. And a stone Weir was built below it, still there today, but now choked up. A pipeline was built from it to the railway station. All of these can still be seen today, walking along the Waukarie Ck Trail, 3 km from Olive Grove.



Early photo of The Viaduct across Waukarie Creek, just beside the Woolshed Flat Station. A steam train on the other side of it is on its way to Quorn. And you can see a rider on a horse climbing up the steep slope and along the foot track leading to the station.

Where the Weir is, is one of the most spectacular geological sites in the Flinders. It's well worth visiting, and is a beaut spot for morning or afternoon tea. The Weir's right close on the north side of the Trail, but easy to miss seeing.

The steep gradient between Saltia and Woolshed Flat meant that sometimes an extra locomotive from The Flat was sent to Saltia to help get a train up it. [The report of the September 1951 St Peters College Flinders Hike says the steam-engined Ghan taking them north, took three attempts to get up that gradient.]

During 1881–82 two attached cottages were built to house railway workers. Later another pair were added. The school at Woolshed Flat was opened in 1905 in a room at the end of a row of railway cottages. The teacher's residence was next to the schoolroom.



School, 1909. Back, from left—Miss Davill, Herb Steer, Will Custance, Ridgway Newland, Peter Hayes, Albert Steer, Lydia Custance, Nora Hayes, Ivy Willis. Front—Florence Rankin, Joe Steer, Pat Hayes, Clarice Custance, Dorothy Rankin, Fred Willis, Rita Rankin, Jim Custance, and Rupert Custance

Woolshed Flat had a steady population. Many of the residents were known as Blockers. They were very determined to make a success of their

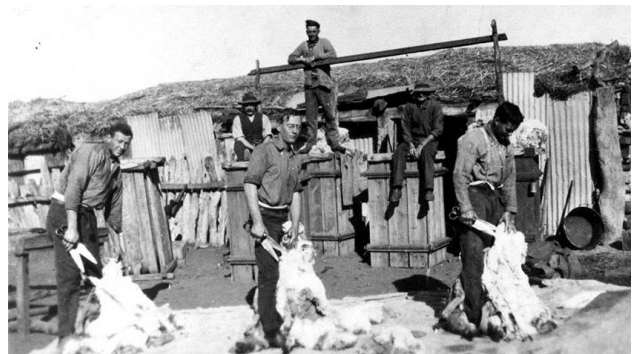
ventures. This included clearing the land for agriculture, for crops, dairy, and sheep.



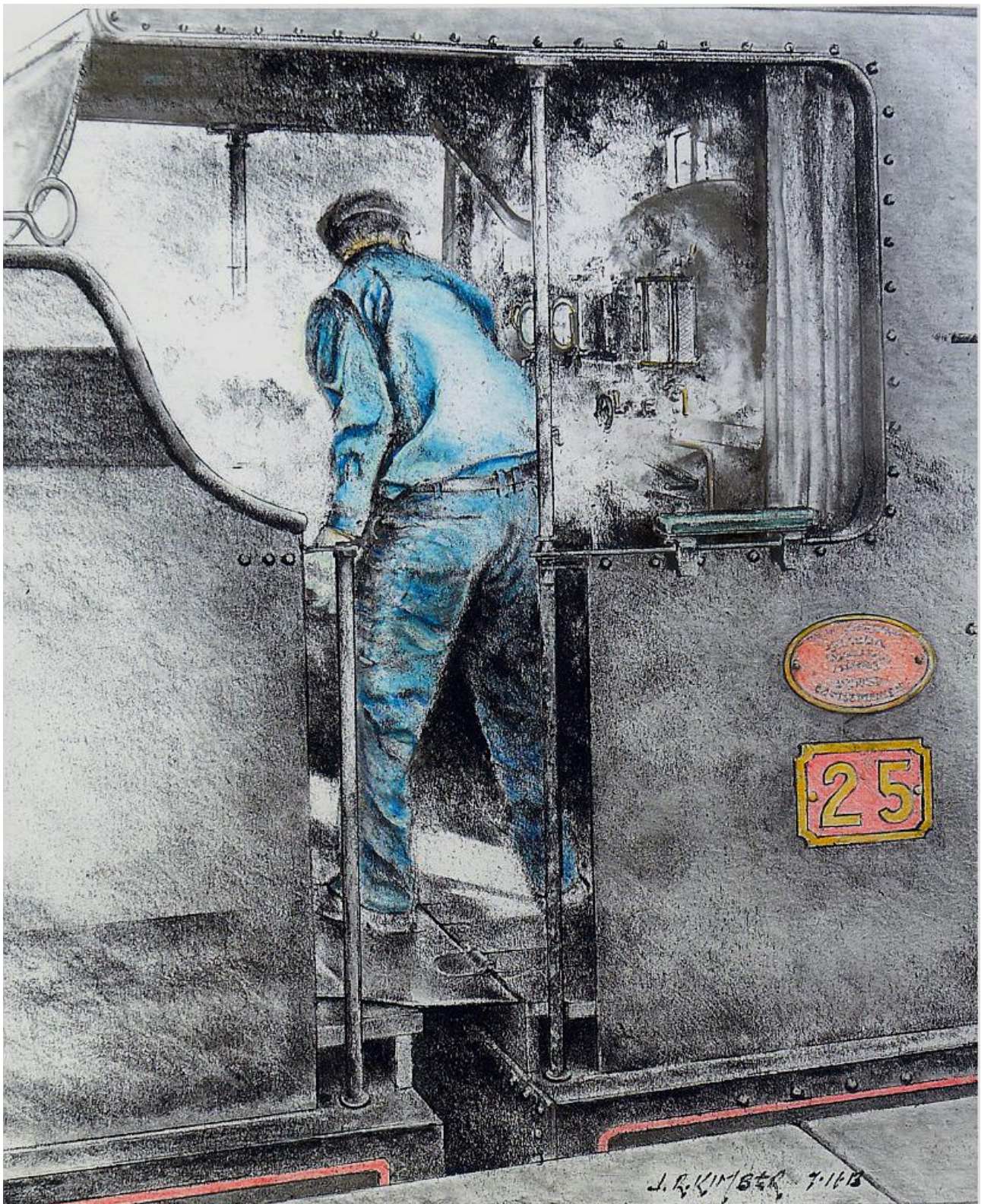
Famous photo of Milkmaids at Woolshed Flat, c 1890. The location has yet to be determined, since it doesn't seem to be near the Station itself. Eg, it's not on the Cricket Oval

In 1956 the gang stationed at Woolshed Flat was transferred to the new standard gauge line. And the last narrow gauge Ghan ran through the Pass to Quorn on 13th August, 1956. The last scheduled rail service between Pt Augusta and Quorn ceased in January 1957.

—Lisa Southon, Archivist



Blade shearing at Woolshed Flat in 1923. Blade Shears were sometimes called B-Bows because of their B-shaped hinges



John Kimber Sketch, *Fireman, Pichi Richi Railway's NM25* (7-11-2013)

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Grant obtained!

FROM LOCAL STATE MP Dan van Holst Pellekaan: "So many amazing memories are made on the Pichi Richi – we are so fortunate to have this iconic attraction in our backyard and it's all thanks to the volunteers from the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society who work hard to restore and run the railway between Port Augusta and Quorn.

I congratulate this passionate, dedicated group on receiving more than \$25,000 from the State Government to develop a conservation management plan for the long-term preservation and re-use of two heritage buildings - the Quorn Goods Shed and the SAR Engine Shed."

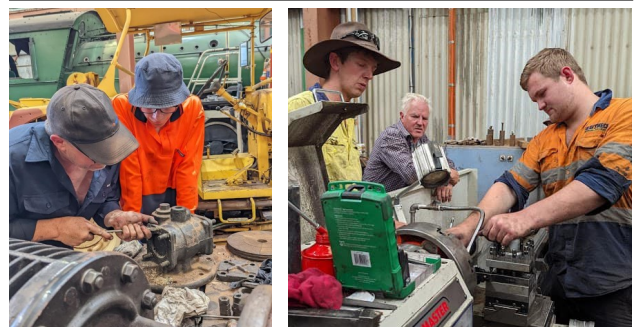
This is a great outcome for PRR and starts the journey for the restoration of these two key buildings.

January Working Bees

Many members have been busy from mid January with rollingstock, track and locomotive departments knuckling down for an extended working bee.



Rod Smith: 'We should all do a workout before getting on to the hard work!'



Volunteers hard at work in the loco workshop

The next locomotive department working bee will be held on the 26th and 27th of February. This will be the last major working bee before steam tests which will be held during March. If you are interested in attending please contact Bronwyn Ingram on 08 8641 1527. Hope to see you there. ■



Getting those new sleepers out



Volunteers hard at rest by the camp kitchen

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

Quorn Health Services Update

January 2022

Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network information
about temporary changes to Quorn Health Services due to COVID-19
and the continuation of medical services in Quorn.

Changes due to COVID-19 Omicron variant

Due to the current COVID-19 situation in South Australia with widespread community transmission of the COVID-19 Omicron variant the Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network (FUNLHN) has implemented its COVID-19 Management Plan.

This plan is based on SA Health modelling, has been extensively planned and adapted to meet the requirements of FUNLHN Health Sites.

To protect FUNLHN staff and to ensure patients and Aged Care Residents at our facilities receive the best care possible the following temporary changes have been made to Quorn Health Service:

- Aged Care Residents from Hawker Memorial Hospital have been temporarily relocated to Quorn Health Service. This allows FUNLHN to keep acute services open at Hawker Memorial Hospital which services the upper Flinders Ranges area.
- Due to the co-location of Flinders House Aged Care at Quorn Health Service it has been necessary to temporarily close the inpatient areas of Quorn Health Service. This is to ensure that our Aged Care Residents continue to receive the care and support they require. It is best practice to keep facilities with Aged Care Residents and inpatient areas separate during a pandemic. To achieve this we have had to temporarily close inpatient areas at Quorn Health Service.
- The Quorn Health Service Emergency Department has been changed to a standalone service separated from the Aged Care facilities. This is to ensure that we keep our Aged Care Residents safe from any possible patient presenting to the Emergency Department with COVID-19 symptoms.
- The Quorn Health Service Emergency Department will be open from 8am-4:30pm Monday- Friday and a Senior Registered Nurse will be available after hours and on weekends. Patients requiring Emergency Department Services after hours are encouraged to call ahead on 0428 749 483 and the Nurse will arrange to meet you at the hospital, please wait in your car. As per the usual practice the Registered Nurse will contact the on call Doctor for advice and assistance as required. In an emergency call 000.

Please note these changes are temporary. Once the current COVID-19 situation in South Australia is under control and widespread community transmission is at lower levels FUNLHN will reinstate inpatient care at Quorn Health Service and transfer Aged Care Residents back to Hawker Memorial Hospital.

Medical Services at Quorn - Recruitment of GP

FUNLHN is actively working to find a GP to replace the retiring Dr Tony Lian-Lloyd. The service he has provided over many years to the residents of Quorn and surrounding areas has been substantial and he will be sorely missed by our region.

FUNLHN is working with both the Flinders Ranges Council and the Quorn Health Services Health Advisory Council to ensure there is local input into the recruitment process. Due to the confidential nature of the recruitment process FUNLHN is unable to provide more information to the public at this stage. However initial indications are very positive at this stage.

FUNLHN has also looked at alternatives in case the recruitment of a GP is delayed due to other factors (eg. COVID-19 is affecting medical recruitment across Australia). This may include the provision of a locum service at Quorn until the recruitment process can be finalised.

FUNLHN is committed to ensuring that residents of Quorn and surrounding areas receive a high level of care in their community. The recruitment of a GP and the continuation of medical service in Quorn is a high priority for our Local Health Network.

Future of the Show?

Quorn Agricultural Show Society

AGM

FRC Council Chambers

7:00pm

Wednesday the 16th of February

**Office holders are retiring after many years
of service to the Show Society.**

**We are looking for new members,
wanting to offer their energy and skills
to help plan and present the 2022 Show.**



**Each year the committee plans to
book Stalls, Entertainment and
Amusements for all the family.**



**The community contributes to the day
showing skills and produce of
agricultural and rural life .**



**The categories are:
Horses in Action, Poultry, Wool,
Plants and Flowers.
Dairy Produce and Vegetables,
Jam & Preserves,
Handicrafts & Needlework,
Cooking,
Art & Craft and Photography.**



**Lets look forward to an exciting
Show in 2022 !**

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Rod and Dave cooking BBQ breakfast for last meeting of year—December 6th 2021



Fireplace surround stripped back ready for priming



Small block chopping board reglued ready for oiling



Dave and Lyall playing crib under Tim's watchful eye



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Andy's corner

30/12/2021

Happy New Year for 22.

I will possibly miss the next two months of my chat but I will be back in March.

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

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

The tucker garden area can now be set up and people can plant what ever they wish as we have the equipment ie garden beds and shade structure. Some beds are ready for seedlings. Queensland blues doing well. A couple of capsicums plants are in. We are on a winner thanks to Monty's horses good stuff for the garden. Thank you.

Good weather now for most things ideal for painting the containers. Hope this can be achieved while I am away.

Any one interested in a community garden feel free to come along have a chat and a cuppa. We need to observe Covid rules.

The electrical appliance testing is ongoing. Anyone with appliances that require testing can bring them to the Men's Shed and we can arrange to have them tested to the AS3760 standard. We can even arrange some repairs if part are still available for them.

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

Don't forget memberships are due now.

Andy Smith

Breakfasts are for any Men living in and around Quorn, all welcome.



Col sanding carver chair which shines up well with coat of estapol

Anyone can drop in for a cuppa and a chat on Thursdays, any time between 8.30am and 2pm.

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

Andy does Steak sandwiches for workers lunch, only \$4.

on 3rd & 17th February.

This is subject to COVID mandates.



All shed members wish Andy a speedy recovery from his operation, recovering well in hospital in Adelaide.



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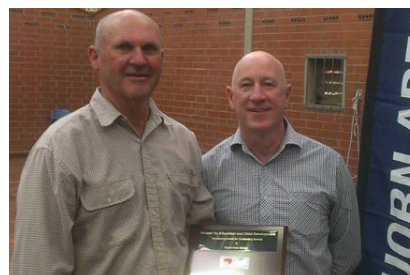
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I have been the Member for Giles since 2014 and was appointed Shadow Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development in 2018.

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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Classified Adverts

Quorn Social Lottery Club

Draw December 4th 2021.

1st	Sandra Everett
2nd	Toni Rontaunay
3rd	Ben Hilder

Rainfall 2021

Jan	10.2mm
Feb	1.4mm
March	5.2mm
April	Nil
May	26.8mm
June	36.2mm
July	100.4mm
August	13.0mm
September	6mm
October	15.8mm
November	96mm
December	3.4mm
YTD	314.6mm

Rainfall 2022

January	34.2mm
YTD	34.2mm



Information Session

Wednesday the 9th of February
from 4pm onwards

In the Clubrooms at the Pool.

For anyone that would like to come along and ask questions about what is involved in running a Swim Club and/or being a Swim Club Member.

All Welcome.



The Quorn Community Landcare Group will be supporting a Clean-Up event this year in Quorn.

Sunday 6th March

Meeting at 9am at the Town Playground on Railway Tce.

Please bring gloves.

Rubbish bags provided.

February 2022

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist
Diabetes Education
Dietitian
Physiotherapist
Occupational Therapist
Speech Pathologist
Social Worker

Country Health Connect 8668 7706



February 2022

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

Catholic Church
Flinders Ranges Catholic Parish
Parish Priest: Father Harold Camonias
Mass Times:
Weekdays: Tuesday— Fridays 9am Quorn.
Friday 11am Hawker
Saturday Carrieton 4pm
Sunday Quorn 8.30am Hawker 10.30am
Leigh Creek 5pm 1st Sunday of the Month

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

Uniting Church
Sunday Services 10am

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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**—Peter Sandles, 8648 6768 or mercury@frc.sa.gov.au

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Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events February 2022

Regular Events

Quorn

Quorn Book Club

Next meeting 9/3/2022
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

10 Seventh Street Quorn

Quorn Play Group

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

Probus

1st Tuesday of the month 10am

Line dancing

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

Quorn Business Group

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

Flinders Flicks date and movie tbc

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

And welcome to 2022

*Happy
New
Year*

Quorn Archives at the Courthouse
Opening 11am to 2pm when
advertised on Quorn Out and
About Facebook

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 Produce 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

**Check out Facebook and or notice
boards for future events**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Unshared joy is an unlimited candle.

Spanish Proverb

Regular Events

Quorn

Hanni Fitt

School gym from 6.30pm Thursday nights

Boot Camp

Tuesday & Fridays 6.30am
Quorn Oval

Yoga

Thursday nights 6.30pm
Uniting Church Hall

Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group

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

Quorn Bowling Club

Interested in playing social bowls?

Tuesday 1:00pm

Saturday 1:00pm

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun

Pilates

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

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

Austral Inn Hotel

Sunday Pizza, Tuesday Seafood and
Wednesday Schnitzel Night

Transcontinental Hotel

Tuesday Night Schnitzel Night

Wellbeing through Meditation

Held every Tuesday at the Catholic Church
Hall on Railway Tce from 6:30
Cost is by donation

Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society

Wednesdays from 9am at the Lions Park
Saturdays from 1pm- Everyone welcome



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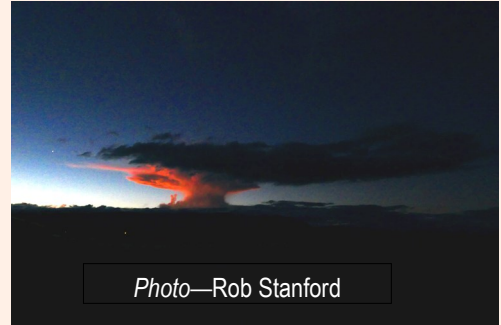
Photo—Bronwyn Lucas



Amazing cloud over Dutchman Stern
by three photographers
taken 24.1.22



Photo—Pat Gilbert



Photo—Rob Stanford



Plants at Pithi Kawi
(Quorn Bush
Tucker Trail) are
taking off after the
recent rains—
Photos Katrina
Bohr



Hilder's Crutching at Boolcunda—25.1.22



The sheep are all penned up with lovely distant views across the Willochra Plains