

Quorn Mercury

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Doctor Tony Retires



Mayor Ken Anderson congratulates Dr Tony on his many years as Quorn resident GP



Many retired Quorn hospital staff enjoyed a special surprise farewell lunch for Dr Tony at Emily's Bistro



A large crowd—Standing Room Only

Speakers FRC CEO Eric Brown, Mayor Ken Anderson and Dr Tony

Quorn Community says THANK YOU

ON THURSDAY EVENING 1 December, there was standing room only in the Quorn Town Hall, with over one hundred people turning out to wish Dr Tony all the best in his retirement, and thank him for his care and commitment to the Quorn Community and District for nearly thirty years service.

A number of speakers took the stage, including Mayor Ken Anderson, former Mayor Peter Slattery, Quorn HAC Presiding Member Caroline Walters and John McLean, former hospital board member. The speakers and the broader community expressed their heartfelt thanks for Dr Tony's hard work over many years, in particular in representing and protecting the community's interest by his effective lobbying to preserve acute medical care at the Quorn Hospital.

Dr Tony followed an unconventional path into medicine, gaining his qualifications as a mature-age student and, with post-graduate study, adding to the wide range of skills that equipped him so well for rural practice.

He is a past-President of the Rural Doctors Association, and in that role he fought strongly against the loss of medical services in the country. The practice in Quorn trained and mentored many young doctors as rural GP's over his time here.

Dr Tony's work at the Quorn Stockyard was also noted, and a reflection on how Dr Tony and his family were recruited to work in Quorn was shared.

Best wishes for the future Dr Tony ■

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Christmas Comes But Once a Year!

A Christmas message from Flinders Christian Fellowship

TO QUOTE BING CROSBY *"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas everywhere you go....."* I can't help reflecting on Christmases past and wonder at the changes – it seems to be all about shop, shop, shop 'til you drop, making the almighty dollar and having a party. It got me thinking about what and why we celebrate when we have public holidays throughout the year, we see them as a paid day off from work and time to throw back a few. As a child, I remember the excitement and expectation of Christmas, that it would be a day for the family to get together, to go to church to celebrate the Birth of Jesus; a day of relationship building.

As I grew older, and started working as a nurse, the cracks in my Christmases began to show—in fact to work Christmas day was the saddest day of the year as many lonely and elderly people had no place else to go. (The statistics record higher rates of suicide over this period.) Often as families get together there are fights and discord. Most of society has forgotten the reason for the season and have replaced it with pretence and sparkles trying to whip up kindness to others. Many quickly dismiss the "religious" aspect as politically not correct. I can almost hear it *'I'm not into religion and all that stuff!'* Our world out there is sick and hurting—hurting bad.

Many people know of God and blame Him for everything but do not KNOW God, We can hear about someone (the media is good at that) and form opinions about them but have never met them or been in relationship with them to know their

true nature. Facts may not necessarily be the TRUTH.

The truth is that God—our Heavenly Father and creator, chose to come to earth as a human to be born of a woman so that we might be reconciled to Him. To reveal himself and show us the truth of the Kingdom (spiritual) of God and eternity—to restore to mankind what has been lost. We were given a free choice! To accept or reject.

I have experienced religion with all the do's and don'ts—then as a young teenager I met the Saviour and had an encounter with God that has changed my whole life for the better. He walks with me and talks with me and loves on me. Rotten things still happen but He is right there with me. God loves every person—even before they were born and wants to be with them. *John 3:3 Jesus said No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is be born again (in spirit)*

I pray that this year at Christmas you start asking why? That you will open your heart to receive the greatest gift of all. If you need help finding the truth, feel free to call by.

Marg Smith (Pastor) ■



**The staff of
the *Mercury*
wish the
people of
Quorn &
District best
wishes for
Christmas
& the New
Year**



A Christmas Message



MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE!

When I was a child in the Philippines, Christmas was always my most anticipated time of the year because it's the most joyous. Everyone always has a ready smile for one another. It's the kindest and most generous—you can visit any house and you will be given money, no matter how small it may be. You will be extra blessed if you are offered food for the journey.

It's the most loving time for family, friends, and community gatherings. Family members who haven't been home for a long time will try their best to come home! It's a particular time of reunion and camaraderie.

In my thirteen years in Australia, I have experienced the exact same many times.

We thank God for "sending us his only begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, so that everyone who believes in him might be saved and have life to the full" (Jn 3:16; Jn 10:10).

We thank God that Jesus is the true reason for the season. The greatest gift and expression of God's love and mercy.

Christmas reminds us never to give up on love!

As the world continuously grapples with and even sometimes misinforms us of the true meaning of Christmas, may the faith of those around us and their goodness and love remind us of this most beautiful time of the year. We need to continue celebrating it the right way, with the correct meaning so that we will eliminate confusion and cast indifference away.

We must celebrate its true sense so that the hope, peace, joy, faith, and love it represents will encourage and bless us. Christmas means Jesus is with us.

We are never alone in this world! (Mt 1:23)

Thank you for being a true expression of Christmas daily in our community. Amen.

In Christ

Fr Harold Camonias ■



Flinders Ranges Catholic Parish Christmas Mass Times

LEIGH CREEK:

Friday 16th December 4:00pm

HAWKER:

**Saturday 24th December
Carols 4:45pm then 5:00pm Mass**

QUORN:

**Saturday 24th December
Carols 9:30pm then 9:45pm Mass**

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**Sunday 25th December
Carols 9:00am then 9:15 Mass**

**Monday 26th December-
Boxing Day Mass 10:30am**

A Christian Christmas

AS EACH FAMILY prepares for 'Christmas' this year, and being aware of so many households doing it tough; it may help us to remember, as we celebrate the Birth of Christ Jesus, that his birth was for a purpose:

That purpose would ultimately take him to the 'cross'. His Birth, Death and Resurrection, speak of a 'Supernatural' power to overcome sin and death itself. He came to open the door to eternal life with God in heaven, yet on earth He would suffer terribly.

The faith of our Fathers and Mothers, which kept them through the great hardships, trials and persecutions of the past, was based on the might and power of Christ's resurrection and ultimate victory—Come to Christ this 'Christmas' and be eternally saved.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or distress or peril or sword?" (Rom 8: 35)

Christmas blessings from Bro Paul to believers at Little Flock fellowship (Lk 12:32)

Are you Interested?

Are you interested in:

- 1 Studying the Bible properly and completely?
- 2 Preparing yourself for Bible based ministry?
- 3 Obeying the Great Commission to Evangelise the lost?
- 4 Being mentored for various types of ministry?
- 5 Being challenged in challenging times?

Ps Paul Taylor looking to invest into interested Christians willing to step into service for Christ

Wanting to see our region revitalised in the faith and values of our fathers and mothers

**Contact me at home on 0477071851
Horrocks Hwy: or Quorn 86486827**

WHO IS PAUL TAYLOR

Born 1962 PNG (Port Moresby).

Joined Aust Army 1982 (Artillery, Radars).
1985 Born Again & baptised. Worked in Youth Ministries; Outreach leader; ACE Monitor; Church Deacon.

Left Army in 1988: Full time ministry at Good Shepherd Baptist Church.

Ordained into ministry 1990.
Finished Seminary 1991 Dip Theo.

Raised support & left for PNG as a Church planting Missionary:

1993 Returned to Gawler S.A.

1997 Asst pastor Morning Star Baptist Church: 3+ years RSL Chaplain (Gawler). Snr pastor Little Flock Baptist Church Gawler 1999.

2003 Sabbatical & joined SA Corrections. (always in His service). Still employed at Port Augusta Prison

Vale: FREDERICK CARR RIGDEN (Freddie)

Born 30.1.1940—Passed 26.10 2022

FREDDIE lived with his family in Quorn attending school there. He drove trucks for a Quorn contractor and travelled much of the north of the state.

He played fullback for the Quorn Football Club.

He married Carmel and they had four sons, one still living in Quorn.

They travelled all over the outback, living in caravans while Fred worked as a machine operator. More information can be obtained from Jeremy Rigden—Freddie's son living in Quorn.

More Rigden Family News

THE NEW RECRUIT for the Australian Diamond netball team is Goal Keeper Sarah Klau.

Sarah's father was Bill Rigden who lived with his parents Fred senior and Nona Rigden and eight siblings. Sarah played her first game only a couple of weeks ago and did so well they kept her on court all game.

Sarah's parents live in Yorketown where Sarah grew up and went to school. She travelled to Adelaide weekly to attend training. Sarah was picked up by Sydney Swifts where she was awarded the team's MVP award on more than one occasion as well as NSW MVP in 2020.

The Rigden family are very proud of her achievements.

MVP Award—Most Valuable Player

Nominations Open: 24 October 2022

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



**The Flinders
Ranges Council**

Do you know
someone who
makes your
community a
better place?

Nominations close
5pm, 6 January 2023

Categories

Citizen of the Year

This is presented to
someone making an
extraordinary contribution
to the community
and may recognise
outstanding service over
a number of years.

To be eligible, the
person must be an
Australian Citizen.

Young Citizen of the Year

This is presented to a
young emerging leader
who is making a difference
in their community.

To be eligible, the person
must be an Australian
Citizen aged over 16 years
and under 30 years of
age on January 26, 2023.

Community Event of the Year

This is presented to the
person or group who
has staged the most
outstanding event for
their community.

To be eligible, the
person or group must
be Australian Citizens.

Award for Active Citizenship

This is presented to a
person or group delivering
outstanding work on an
event or project for the
community during the
past calendar year.

The person or group need
not be Australian Citizens.



CFS members provide support to River Murray communities

Region 4 Strike team Deployment

TEAMS OF 59 CFS volunteers and staff from across the state have partnered with other emergency services to door knock homes and provide advice to people likely to be impacted by rising flood waters along the River Murray.

More than 2,500 homes have been door knocked by CFS, SASES, MFS, PIRSA and SAPOL members who started talking to residents in the Renmark on Wednesday and are likely to complete their work in the Murray Bridge area tomorrow.

CFS members have travelled from as far as Kangaroo Island, Naracoorte in the state's South East and Burra in the Mid North to support speak with Riverland communities and share information.

Community Liaison Officer Bindi Hawkey said as a fire and rescue agency CFS members are doing all they can to help the community.

"It's fantastic to see so many CFS volunteers and staff coming together in the Riverland to provide assistance to the community in their time of need," Ms Hawkey said.

"We've spoken with thousands of people since Wednesday to educate them on how they can seek assistance and what they can do to best prepare - the response has been well received."

"Being able to assist alongside other emergency service personnel has been highly rewarding and we will continue to do all we can to talk with anyone who needs help."

As a support agency, the CFS has been heavily involved in assisting the SASES as the control agency with community sandbagging activities, education drives and cleaning up following several storm fronts over the past months. ■



Modris Ozolins (Quorn CFS) and Thomas Perren (Terowie CFS) recording impacted buildings at Caurnamont. They are part of Region 4 Strike Team of 8 members



Strike team Members L-R. Jill Krebs (Region 4 Ops), Des Gregor (Holyton) Andrew Thomson, (Peterborough) Pauline Christie, (Burra) Ross Haustorfer, (Terowie) Mel Karslake, (Jamestown) Modris Ozolins, (Quorn) Thom Perrin, (Terowie)



Panoramic view of the Murray River Basin, full flow from bank to bank. Taken near Nildottie

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Cricket Auction



Waiting for the Auctioneers



Broom Hilder encouraging lively bidding.



Machinery and vehicles for sale, very exciting.

Wind and showers threatened to interrupt the annual Cricket Club Auction on Sunday, 13th November. However, the day turned out to be a successful day for everyone.

A wide range of products was sold, including household items, furniture, appliances, solar panels, bicycles, machinery and vehicles.

The Quorn Cricket Club would like to thank all buyers, sellers and supporters of this long-standing event, many of whom have been with us for many years.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year. ■



With rain threatening from time to time, the Auction was well attended



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.

Quorn Community Landcare Group Volunteers in Action 2022



Pithi Kawi creek restoration



Sharing knowledge at the Quandong festival



Plant propagation for landholders



Ready for Quorn Show



Worm farm workshops



Powell Gardens working bee



“Every Dish Tells A Story” features stories that document important foods and recipes of the Flinders Ranges and chronicles their evolution and significance ... from bush tucker, settlers’ fare and local produce, right through to innovative cooking and growing techniques for the arid region.

In 2009-2011, This project was researched and written by Flinders Ranges Writers Tarla Kramer, John Mannion and Photographer Liz Collins, and involved dozens of local contributors. We bring a new story to you each month—this month features.....

Gladys Bond

MRS GLADYS BOND had many memories of when things were quite different in Quorn; she turned 100 in July 2009 and was still living in her own home in Park Terrace.

They would be given a sheep to live on once a month before there were fridges. “First we’d have nice fresh meat for three days and then we used to salt it and that would have to last us for a fortnight, and my husband would salt it and put something to make it nice and red, saltpetre. My husband used to put in saltpetre and you’d boil it and let it cool off and put it in this bag in the cooler that we made. The meat was beautiful.”

To store the salt meat they had a little meat house outside which was built with pine wood all around and a roof on it and the breeze could come in. They would hang the meat in big white bags to keep it from the flies.

“We used to have the milkman calling, I’d put a billy out at the gate, hang it up on a nail on the gate and the money would be in it and he’d just leave the milk and away he’d go.” There were a couple of milkmen, people who had dairies in the area.

“We had our own chooks, we used to have our own eggs, I used to love the fresh eggs for the sponge cakes and the stuff I made.

“I used to make a lot of scones and a lot of sponge cakes. Everybody would come here and ask me if I’d make them a sponge cake and decorate it for afternoon tea for them or pr’aps for a party. Sometimes I’d make as many as four or five sponge cakes and take them to the party.” But if there was a dance, and people had to take a plate of supper, she used to mostly cook scones and muffins.

“I got lots of prizes for my sponge cakes. I’d

enter my cakes and I got a few first prizes at the show and I’d nearly always come second.” Mrs Bond said she got her cooking skills out of her head, but conceded that her mother was a very good cook.

“I cooked bread for Hans Heysen too when I was up on Aroona Valley. I used to cook bread for him and my son would have been about six years old and he used to ride five miles there and five miles back. He used to take the bread down to Mr Hans Heysen, and he told me Mr Heysen said, ‘you couldn’t buy better bread in Adelaide’ than what I made. I was a pretty important lady in my day I can tell you,” says Mrs Bond with a laugh. “He never gave me a nice painting though, so I was very disappointed.”

In 1938 the Bonds moved to Quorn when Les was working for the Railways. When the whistle blew at midday he’d come home for lunch. “I always had a hot lunch for him. He got the best.” This would be after a breakfast of chops or leftover meat and eggs, or cereal with milk or porridge.

In 1957 the Railways shut up shop and moved to Stirling North, so Les went rabbit buying. His employer was Angus’s in Adelaide. Later on that closed down and the rabbits faded out and then he worked here in Quorn on the highway.

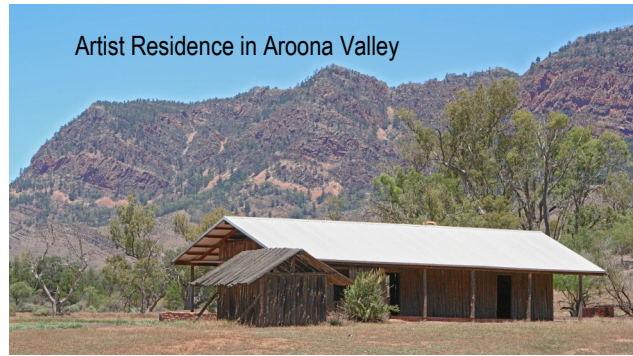
During Les’s rabbit days he had one big chiller based in Cradock, and later at Blinman. He would be away three or four weeks, and then come home for a weekend or a few days then it was back to work again. He had people from all over the place trapping for him and he would go around collecting all the rabbits and bringing them back to the chiller.

“Angus’s used to make camp pie out of them. It had a nice kind of a fatty stuff all around it, oh it was lovely, I used to lap it up. I used to have it with lettuce salad and red beet and all that. It was lovely on a hot day when you like something cool.”

“My son said to me, he said, ‘Mum, you know you like the camp pie so much.’ He said, ‘all the maggoty rabbits go into camp pie,’ and I said, ‘That’s the end of it, I’m not eating it any more,’ and I haven’t eaten camp pie from that day to this.”

She was living in her old cottage with its fifty-year-old wood stove, which had a water tap at knee height next to it. These days “I just cook myself a saucepan full of rice. I love rice, I should have been a Chinaman. I just put it in the saucepan and first I put some water on and let it boil with the rice, then I put sugar and milk, it’s just beautiful, I love creamy rice.”

And her secret for a long life? It could be salt: “I love salt, I could eat salt on everything—apple, orange, not on banana though. I’m well preserved—well pickled.” ■



Editors Note: Gladys lived independently until her death at the age of 106 in 2015



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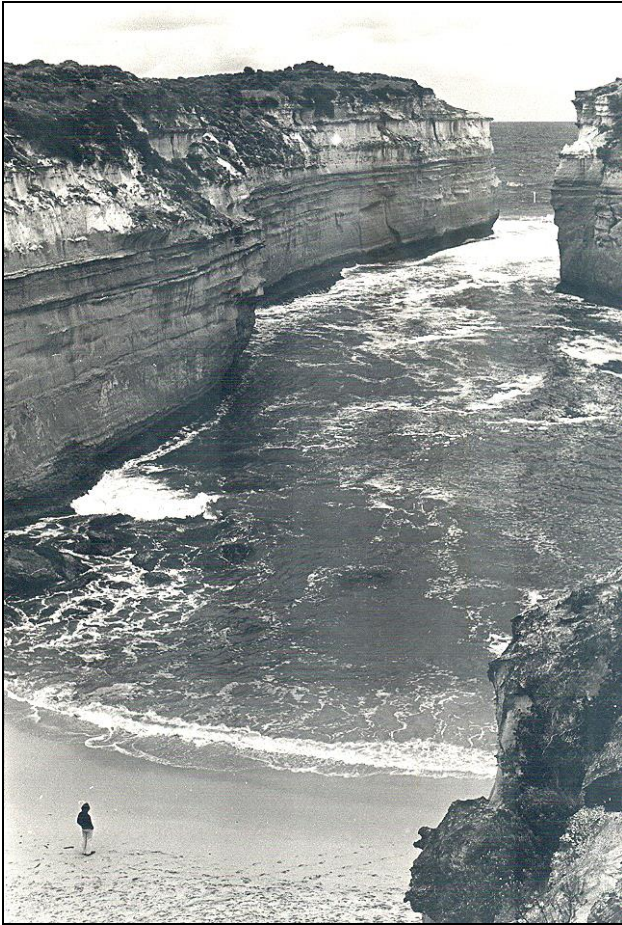
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Loch Ard Gorge Disaster



THE 1970 PHOTO above is of Loch Ard Gorge, 45 km north-west of Cape Otway on Victoria's infamous Shipwreck Coast. It's close to that State's Great Ocean Road, and is a narrow inlet surrounded by high cliffs on all sides. At its inland end behind the solitary man is a cave. Today there's a staircase down the cliff.

Look at its narrow, rock-strewn entrance, and imagine huge storms roaring and smashing their way violently through it—all the way up inside the Gorge itself, and drowning the beach!

Its name comes from the wreck of the *Loch Ard*, a 1727 tonne iron three-masted clipper ship, of the Loch Line of Glasgow, Scotland. It was launched on 8th November 1873. The company's ships operated between Britain and Australia.

The ship left London 1st March 1878, bound for Melbourne, with 37 crew, 17 passengers, and a mixed cargo. On 1st June she was nearing Melbourne, but was in a thick fog. And she smashed into the reef at the Gorge's entrance.

The masts and rigging collapsed (killing some on deck). So the lifeboats couldn't be launched. The ship sank between only 10 and 15 minutes.

The Inquest thought Captain Gibbs couldn't see the Cape Otway lighthouse through the fog. The ship's chronometers were also faulty, so he couldn't read his position accurately. As well, he didn't know how near to the coast he was.

So when the fog cleared at 4 am, and he saw how close the breakers and cliffs were, he wasn't able to get his sails set in time to move the ship back out to sea. And so she ran into the reef.

It's thought too, that Gibbs mistook the mouth of the Gorge for the Port Phillip Heads that lead into Melbourne—not that they're at all alike.

The Only Survivors

OF THE 54 PASSENGERS and crew, all died except two. A ship's Apprentice, Tom Pearce, was washed ashore at the Gorge's upper end. Then he heard cries for help from a passenger, Eve Carmichael, an Irish girl whose family had been migrating to Australia. She had clung to a spar for five hours, and Tom was able to rescue her.

They survived the cold at the back of the cave. Then Tom managed to climb the cliff out of the Gorge, and got help from local settlers. Eve returned to Britain. And the hero Tom died at 49. A cemetery for the ship's dead is near the Gorge.

Four Loch Line ships were wrecked on Australia's coast. The others were: 1871 *Loch Leven* on King Island, Bass Strait; 1878 *Loch Sloy* and also 1905 *Loch Vennachar* on Kangaroo Island.

Nine Loch Line ships were lost on Australia's coast! Four simply vanished at sea, never to be heard of again: 1881 *Loch Maree*; 1883 *Loch Fyne*; 1903 *Loch Long*; and 1908 *Loch Lomond*.

Would you think sailing with the Loch Line especially disastrous? To be avoided? But such losses as those were quite normal for those times. Merely to risk long overseas trips back then was always to take a very big gamble with your life.

Below is a photo of the *Loch Ard* itself. ■



Ray Wood

Landscape South Australia Act 2019

Notice of a prescribed levy proposal pursuant to section 51(5) (a) of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*

Pursuant to section 31(5)(a) of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* (the Act) I, Jodie Gregg-Smith, General Manager of the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board, hereby give notice on behalf of the board, of the intention to include a prescribed levy proposal (proposal) in the SAAL Landscape Board 2023/24 Annual Business Plan.

The proposal is pursuant to section 51 (4)(c) relating to a change to the basis of a levy under section 69 (3).

The proposed amendment to the basis of the landscape levies will result in a common levy scheme and will apply to landholders in the Port Augusta, Flinders Ranges, Roxby Downs and Coober Pedy council areas.

Further information about the levy equalisation can be found at the SAAL Landscape Board website at www.landscape.sa.gov.au/saal

Any queries can be directed to the General Manager on 8429 9666.

Submissions are invited on the proposal through our website or can be sent to the General Manager, SAAL Landscape Board, PO Box 297, Port Augusta or via email at SAALLandscapeBoard@sa.gov.au. Submissions will be accepted from 14 November 2022 up to and including 5 December 2022.

Dated this, the 14th day of November 2022.

Jodie Gregg-Smith
GENERAL MANAGER
SAAL LANDSCAPE BOARD



REPRESENTING THE
QUORN COMMUNITY

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Federal Member for Grey

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Pictures — From the Past



THE WESTERN HOTEL in Port Augusta West in 1874. It was first licensed in 1867. Port Augusta West was the terminus for business from and with the north-western Stations. You might be amused in both these early photos to see how just about everyone in them is looking at the camera. But you should know that photography was quite a new thing in early times like these, and that the cameras were big and bulky, usually standing on tripods. The Photographer most often had to look *through* the camera itself with his head under a black cloth to line up his subject and focus the camera on it. Then he got out from under his cloth, closed the camera's back, inserted a negative, and squeezed a bulb to open and shut the lens. So it was scarcely possible for him to sneak a secret photo—he was just too obvious and it took him such a long time. So *every-one* would be staring at him and his massive equipment. And because photos were so rare back then, *most* people were eager to be in them too. Overly dark faces could result from poor photos *or* such reproductions in a book like these. Notice the ladder for the Lamp-Lighter to climb up, refuel, and finally light the lamp.



BULLOCK TEAMS IN Port Augusta West outside Tassie's West Side Store. Back then there was no bridge between the two towns, not until 1927. Without going the long way round the head of the Gulf, people, goods, horses, carts, and later cars, could cross only by boat. You can imagine what that might be like in very bad weather, and even in storms. Photos from Reg J. Mayes, *Pictorial History of Port Augusta* (Rigby, 1974). ■

Ray Wood

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Christmas Blessings



The First Gift

Don't be fooled, do not be misled
This is not about a man with a sled.
It's the birth of our saviour, from Heaven above,
The first Christmas present, sent with God's love.

We could not go up, our sin's such a mess
God had to come down and take on our flesh.
Like sheep lost and astray we can't find our way
So the Good Shepherd came down that first
Christmas Day.

Jesus, Immanuel God with us,
King of Kings and Prince of Peace
Son of God and Son of Man
God's perfect solution: the Redemption Plan.

Humble and meek and born in a stable,
The one without sin is more than able.
Ability alone did not get Him through
It was His great Love for me and for you!

Not nails but Love held Him to the cross
Love compelled Him not to let us stay lost.
He's done what we couldn't and provided a way
For us to go up to the Father one day.

For all who would repent and say sorry,
For those who want to cease from sin and worry
Look up to the Heavens from where love came
Ask Jesus to forgive you and make your heart
change.

Accept that first Gift of God's amazing love
And pray to your Heavenly Father Above

Poem by Jacqueline Hancock

*Artwork by Tim Kramer, which appears on a mural
on a church somewhere in South Australia...keep and
eye out for it during your holiday travels & God Bless*



Quorn Kindergarten



Best dressed kid Lily Hackett with mother Renata



Quandong Café's tribute to farmers



Kelly gang

Quorn Pageant



The worm is turning!



Having a blast!



Best float 'Flash As' the Elephant



Landcare Group



Marie Williams, Ken Anderson, Ashley Parkinson



Santa Claus is coming...



to town



Dr Tony rides off to retirement
Artist—Sue Hatch

Recipes

Rum Balls

1 tin Condensed Milk
1 cup chopped sultanas /dates
1/2 cup crushed nuts
2 tblsp Rum or Sherry
8 weetbix
2 tbsp Cocoa
1/2 cup Coconut

Crush weetbix and add all ingredients. Mix well.

Take dstsp of mixture and roll into balls.
Roll in coconut.



Sugared Peanuts

2 cups Sugar
1 cup Water
500gm raw, unsalted Peanuts
Food colouring

Heat sugar and water in pan on med heat till sugar dissolved. Add food colouring to desired depth of colour.

Add peanuts and keep stirring till all fluid has gone. Quickly tip onto alfoil and leave to cool.

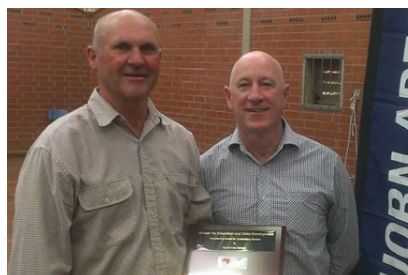
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I have been the Member for Giles since 2014 and was appointed Shadow Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development in 2018.

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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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 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 13 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

Single Farm Enterprise

An equalisation process will change the way the Landscape Levy is charged across local government areas in the SA Arid Lands. Consultation was recently open to allow people to have their say about changes to the levy. While that consultation is now closed, there is still time to apply for classification as a Single Farm Enterprise. If you own multiple pieces of farm land within the SA Arid Lands region run as one single business, you can apply to your council to receive a single charge.



More information is available on the SA Arid Lands Landscape **Board website**.

<https://bit.ly/LandscapeLevyEqualisation>

Upcoming Events

Birds SA – Sunday 11 December

Bird watching at the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden. Meeting in the carpark at 7.30am. Bring binoculars and sturdy footwear. Followed by Christmas Lunch in the Café and displays of the best birding photos of 2022. Confirm with Peter 0457 708 859 or Bernie 0419 863 834.

Wattle seed Growers Forum – Cradock, Wednesday 22 February 2023

Save the date! Come along for a great day out learning about growing wattle seed as a commodity, current markets and the benefits it can offer to your current grazing system. There will be a field trip, demonstrations, and discussions with seed producers and experts. More details to follow in the next edition.



Pithi Kawi School Activities

John Pirie Secondary School students visited Quorn on Wednesday 16 November with around 90 students and 10 staff visiting the beautiful Pithi Kawi Bush Tucker Trail Garden. The students joined Jacinta from Quorn Walking Tours on a day out in the garden, taking in a bush food garden walk and talk, alphabetical nature walk, and seed bomb making.



Friday 16 December

7.00pm for 8.00pm start

Est 10.00 pm finish

Screening at the Town Hall

Enjoy a night at the movies with your friends

BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES

And a cushion for your comfort

Coffee/tea available



**NATIONAL LAMPOON'S
CHRISTMAS VACATION**

ABOUT THE MOVIE:

Clark Griswold (**Chevy Chase**) is determined to show his family a fun-filled, old-fashioned Christmas. But as his extended family takes over his home, and his grand-scale plans start going awry, Clark's perfect vision is thrown into chaos.

With disaster looming around every corner, can he turn things around and remember what's really important about the festive season?

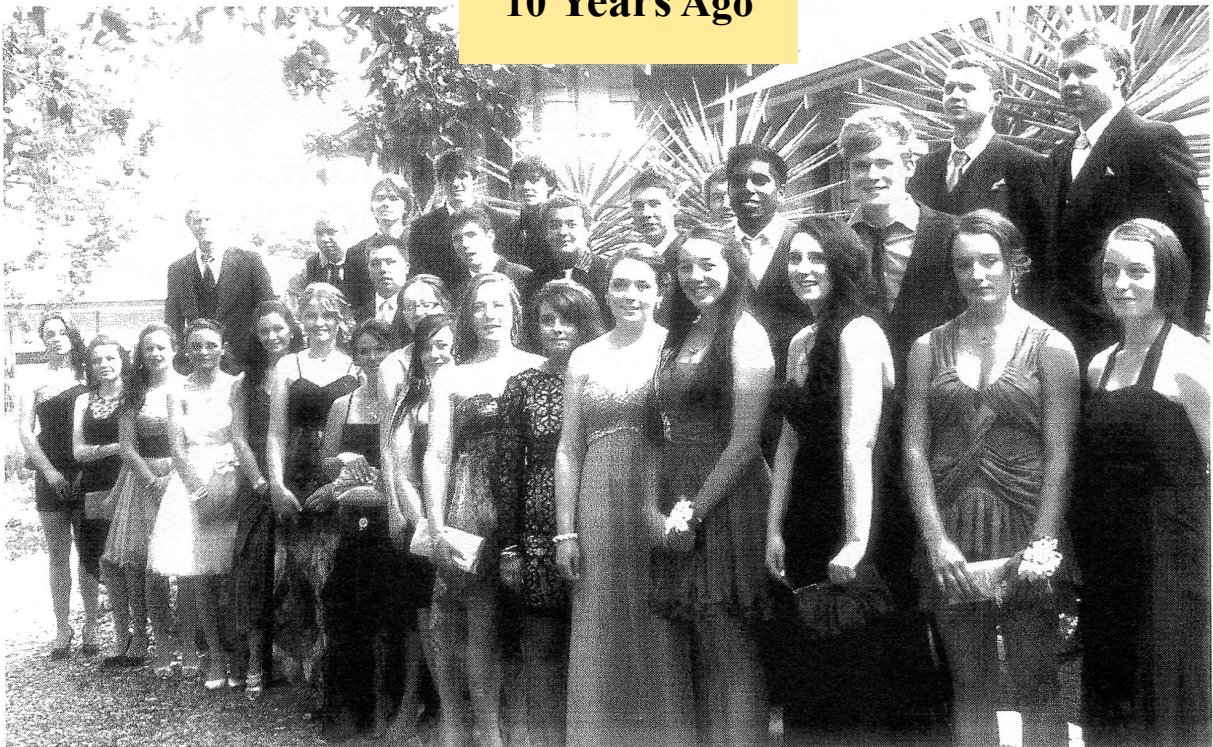
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Quorn Mercury Revisited

SCHOOL NEWS

10 Years Ago



MNSEC FORMAL—Quorn Area School Year 11 and 12 students with their invited guests, travelled to Jamestown for the MNSEC formal celebration on Thursday 30th November.

20 Years Ago



Agriculture—Farmers Malcolm Byerlee (Carrieton) and Malcolm McColl (Quorn) discussed weather conditions and the effect on agriculture when they met at the Quorn Civic Centre on 26/11/02.

Agriculture

2002 is drawing to a close with little change in seasonal conditions since the last report.

Those fortunate enough to have crop to reap are well on the way to completion of the task.

The highest yield reported is 1 tonne/ha (5 bags/acre), but this occurred in very few cases.

Mostly it is a matter of salvaging crop for seed for next year's cropping program and those fortunate enough to have surplus may be able to assist their less fortunate neighbours.

The ravages of marauding emus, kangaroos and little corellas has added to the problems of 2002.

Remaining livestock is generally in reasonable condition as numbers are down to breeders only in most cases.

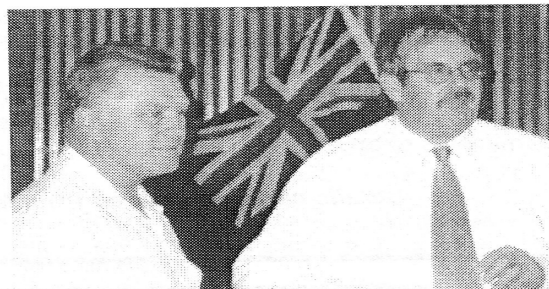
The farming community is looking forward with eternal optimism to better conditions in 2003.

Rainfall

Rainfall statistics of previous drought years in comparison with 2002 at Quorn, which may be of interest.

	Jan/Sept	Oct/Dec	Total
1914	67.6 mm	144 mm	201.6 mm
1944	120.8mm	98.6mm	219.4 mm
1982	118.5 mm	Nil	118.5 mm
2002	125.8 mm	26.2 to Nov 30	152mm = total to date

Around the town



Around the Town—Cr Modris Ozolins FRC & Andrew Eastick of Northern Regional Development Board discussing tourism in Quorn Civic Centre on 26/11/02.

QUORN MEN'S SHED

ALL WELCOME

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



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Christmas float has had a make over



Christmas 2 course dinner
\$10 a head on 22nd December

After Christmas New Year
break return date 12th January

Toolbox meeting—
8th December and
12th January



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

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Lyall sanding down another project



Eric cleaning up the super growing weeds



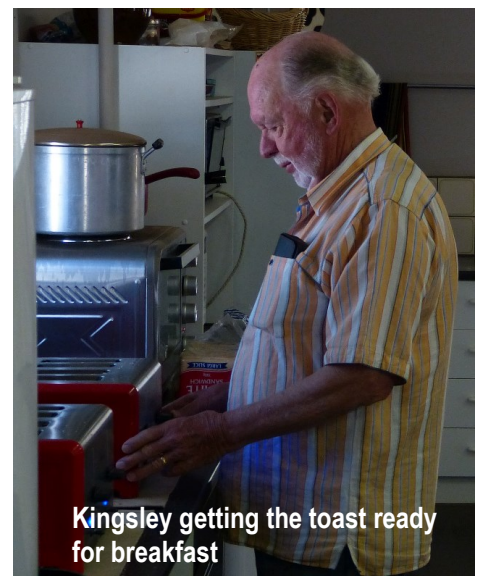
A new seat refurbishes a vintage trike



Rob and Lez connecting rain water pipe work



Lothar and Ian working on a water pump



Kingsley getting the toast ready for breakfast

Passchendaele Memorial



THE NARROW GAUGE 0-6-0 tank engine above is one of five small steam tank locomotives, built for yard shunting for the Broken Hill Associated Smelters in Pt Pirie. The BHAS smelted the ores brought by narrow gauge trains from the Broken Hill mining companies, to be shipped from Pirie.

The Scottish firm, Andrew Barkley & Sons built five of them just after the first World War. They were: ① 'Poizieres'; ② 'Peronne'; ③ 'Paschendaele'; ④ 'Polygon'; and ⑤ the more prosaically named 'Port Pirie'. But 'Polygon' was replaced later by the more powerful 'Port Pirie'.

Modris Ozolins' August 2018 *Mercury* article, 'The Flying Train', was about how the PRRPS acquired the 'Passchendaele' on 10th July 2018. And Lisa Southon's *Locomotives of the PRR*, August 2019 series article, described it.



The Battle of Passchendaele

NOW, YOU MIGHT WONDER at those unusual names. In fact, the first four were named after battles that Australian soldiers took part in during the First World War. Except that the 'Polygon' battle was, in full, 'Polygon Wood'.

The British Empire's armies faced the German armies in France. Both sides were dug into trenches, and between them was called 'No Man's Land'. And the trenches were protected

by great rolls of barbed wire. If one side attacked the other they had to cross No Man's Land and slowly cut the wire while the enemy, protected in their own trenches, were shooting them down.



At Passchendaele the ground was so churned up by constant rain and artillery bombardment that the men had to cross on the duckboards you can see in the photo above. And our attackers were *also* loaded down with 35 kg of their gear.

If they slipped off those boards, they drowned in the mud. Their comrades would try to drag them back up if they could, One Aussie officer's back was broken dragging him out. What easy targets they were for German machine-gunners!

Immense numbers of soldiers were killed or wounded from all of that. The slaughter was horrific. This battle lasted from July to November, 1917, and our side suffered 300,000 casualties. In battles like these, the attackers suffered far greater losses than the defenders under cover did.

Historian John Laffin's *British Butchers and Bunglers of World War One* (1988), is about the top Commanders who lived in comfort well behind the trenches to avoid their sleep being disturbed by the non-stop artillery fire, and who ordered these men into endless battles like this.

I refer to his chapter titled ‘Carnage at Passchendaele: This Senseless and Bloody Struggle’. At the end he quotes the book, *Poor Bloody Infantry: The Truth Untold* (1976), by one of our Soldiers who fought there, Archie Groom:

After the first few days abortive attempts at a breakthrough nothing of value could be achieved. It became another bloody battle of attrition where so many wounded died lingering deaths in the mud. Third Ypres [the correct name for the Passchendaele Battle] was a military crime. [Supreme British Commander] Haig’s diary and the official accounts are monuments of understatement. He appeared to have no idea of the front line conditions.



The above photo shows Soldiers digging wounded men out of the mud during the battle.

Passchendaele wasn’t the only appalling and unnecessary battle of that War. Aussie soldier L.J. McKay wrote of the Polygon Wood battle:

Mates I have played with last night and joked with are now lying cold. My God it was terrible. Just slaughter. The 5th Div were almost annihilated. [...] The AIF lost 17,000 men in this fighting and advanced 4,200 yards.

A Paschendale Memorial

WHERE HAS the ‘Passchendaele’ loco been? It was retired in 1963 to a Port Pirie school playground, then moved to Homestead Park in Port Augusta, until brought to Quorn on 10-7-2018.

You may ask why I’m describing these First World War horrors at Passchendaele as we are about to celebrate Xmas. But we should never forget at this time that all those who died for us never got to celebrate any more Xmas at all.

Yet as you can see in Modris’s photo at the top of the last page, today the ‘Passchendaele’ is slowly rusting away in front of the Quorn Station water tank. Well...it’s probably waiting to be eventually restored—at some future time.

Yet when it’s eventually restored, what then? Perhaps it’ll be displayed somewhere such as at the PRRPS Workshop? Or will it occasionally be trundled up and down the Station yard?

Well, here’s another fate for it. Yes, restore it, but put it on a plinth on the now vacant lawn at the front of the Quorn Railway Station, shown in Modris’s photo below, so it’s therefore on a *permanent*, and also a *very public*, display.

There, it’d be almost alongside Quorn’s War Memorial as well as prominently right beside Railway Terrace. The plinth’s front could have two boards. One of the history of the Battle of Passchendaele & the locomotive commemorating it. And the other explaining what the PRRPS is, where it’s located, and everything it does.

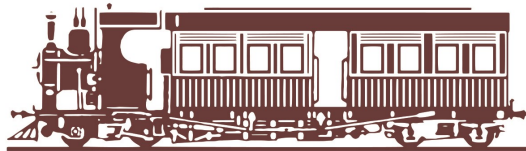
What an addition to our War Memorial that would be! And as well it would attract passing tourists to stop and look at it, because signs at Quorn’s entrances saying ‘Home of the Pichi Richi Railway’, don’t explain *where* it is, or *what* it does, to tourists from far, far away.

[War photos Anthony Livesey, *Great Battles of World War I* (1989); John Laffin, *British Butchers and Bunglers of World War One* (1988). Others, Modris Ozolins.] ■

— Ray Wood



PICHI RICHI • RAILWAY •



Senga Reed, Isabel Kramer, Linda Stopp and Emily Reed at Woolshed Flat

We have just wound up another successful year of train operations, and a big thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who help make it happen.

The year was not without its challenges, with a number of senior steam and diesel drivers retiring, but on the plus side we've had several new volunteers based in Port Augusta, Quorn and further afield come on board. Some of them joined after coming to PRR's inaugural volunteer open day, which was held in April.

PRR Volunteer 3 Questions Survey Spoon (Darren Palmer)

How long have you been involved with PRR?

32 years

Best thing about volunteering at PRR?

People

Three words to describe PRR

Vintage machinery, fun, commitment

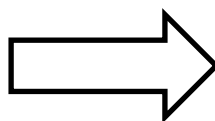


Would you like to learn more about #teamPRR? Why don't you call our Members Services Manager, Bronwyn Ingram, to chat about the range of roles that may suit your availability, interests and capabilities. Bronwyn can be contacted on 08 8641 1527

The new timetables are out and are available at the Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre. In 2023 we will be running 54 trains between March and November. These include 4 Sundowner Explorer trains - enabling passengers to enjoy the Flinders at twilight, 31 Pichi Richi Explorer (PRE) trains operating with a 10am departure time enabling our passengers to return to enjoy the range of food and drink options in Quorn, 15 Afghan Explorer (AGE) trains operating between Port Augusta and Quorn, and 4 Coffee Pot Heritage Rail Experience – between Quorn and Woolshed Flat.

Social distancing changes means our trains can now be filled to capacity and whilst we are running a few less trains the overall potential passenger numbers remains the same.

**BOOK YOUR
JOURNEY HERE**



Passenger Survey Feedback

@reallygreatsite



October 2022

It was a brilliant day! We went because our 2 year old is train mad & he had best day - it was great to share it with him & his grandparents. I have already recommended to my sister & she & her children are going to come in April next year.

★★★★★



Quorn Area School News

Farewell to our Year 12s

During weeks 4 and 5 of this term, we farewelled our Year 12s from Quorn Area School. I would like to once again congratulate Anton Thompson, Josh Parrott, Emily Reed, and Lachlan Finlay for successfully completing their SACE and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. It was lovely to see the whole school support at the Leaver's Assembly during week 4, in particular our Foundation learners who played a large part in the celebration. I often think how lucky we are to be in an Area School. It allows students to develop a sense of confidence and familiarity at their school, a smooth transition from primary to secondary education, as well as a community environment where positive relationships are nurtured along the way.



Anton Thompson



Lachlan Finlay



Senga and Emily Reed

Remembrance Day

Thank you to Miss Novillos and the Year 9/10 HASS class, who organised the Remembrance Day service here at QAS. It was lovely to see our learners recognise this significant event.



Quorn Heritage Walk Excursion





Quorn
MEDICAL PRACTICE

**Lizzie
Britza**
MEDICAL
RECEPTIONIST



Welcome!



Quorn
MEDICAL PRACTICE

Christmas Operating Hours

Dec 23rd - 27th: **CLOSED**

Dec 28th - 30th: **OPEN**
(10am - 12pm)

Jan 2nd: **CLOSED**

Regular Practice Hours
(9am - 5pm, M-F) will resume
from Tuesday 3rd January 2023



Quorn
MEDICAL PRACTICE

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.

 Follow us on Facebook facebook.com/FUNLHN

 sahealth.sa.gov.au/flindersanduppernorthlhn



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 October 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
20	245	14	2	1
Allied Health Professionals December 2022 Visiting Schedule				
8th December	14th December	14th December	15th December	22nd December
Podiatry Speech Diabetes Ed	Podiatry Physiotherapy	Community Consultation	Podiatry Speech Diabetes Ed	Podiatry Diabetes Ed
29th December				
Podiatry Dietetics Diabetes Ed				
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				



Classified Adverts

The Opp Shop will be closing on
Dec 23rd 11:30am till Jan 23rd.
Thank you for your support in 2022.
Merry Christmas

Rainfall 2022

Jan	34.2mm
Feb	14.6mm
March	0.2mm
April	14.8mm
May at 28/5	2.6mm
June	14.6mm
July	3.0mm
August	47.0mm
September	68.8mm
October	101.8mm
November	63.8mm
YTD	385.0mm

School Holiday Learn to Swim Programs 2022/23

Council has been lucky enough to secure two different training providers and sessions for Learn to Swim classes this year in Quorn, and one for Hawker has also been locked in - details are as follows:

Quorn

Royal Life Saving Holiday Swim - 19 - 23
December 2022

Enrolments open 22 August 2022

<https://www.holidayswim.com.au/>

Royal Life Saving SA

Surf Life Saving SA Vacswim - 16 - 20 January
2023

Enrolments are now open for those that are registered already at <https://www.vacswimsa.com.au/enrol>. If you haven't registered yet, by clicking on the link you will automatically receive 'exclusive' enrolment.

Vacswim SA

Hawker

Royal Life Saving Holiday Swim - 3 - 7 January
2023

Do you need support with meals as you grow older?

Bungala Food Service is delivering freshly cooked 3-course meals to Quorn every weekday. 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

December 2022

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist
Diabetes Education
Dietitian
Physiotherapist
Occupational Therapist
Speech Pathologist
Social Worker

Country Health Connect 8668 7706



December 2022

Anglican Church of St Matthews

3rd Sunday of month 10am

Contact Number

Ph: 0447711056 or 0407640425

Christmas Service 7pm Dec 23rd All welcome

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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- **Annual Subscription**—12 months (11 issues) \$40 including postage
- **Major Adverts**—

	Single	Year	Discount
Full Page	\$30	\$250	\$80
Half Page	\$15	\$130	\$35
Quarter Page	\$ 8	\$ 75	\$13
Eighth Page	\$ 5	\$ 50	\$ 5
- **Classified Ads**—\$1 per line or part line, on the form provided at the Visitors Information Centre

Next Issue's (February 3rd 2023) Deadlines:

- Submissions preferred as email attachments using Microsoft Word or Publisher
- Other submissions to Visitor Information Centre, Quorn Railway Station before 4.30 pm 27th Jan. 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

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Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events December 2022

Regular Events

Quorn

Quorn Book Club

Phone Sam Nester for info
0456 129 870

Women's Fellowship—

3rd Wednesdays
see poster in Laundromat window or
Facebook for details.

Quorn Men's shed 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 – 16th Dec 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

To everyone Pichi Richi Railway would
like to wish you a Merry Christmas
and A Happy New Year.

For the 2023 Pichi Richi Timetable
collect from the Visitor Centre or go
to www.pichirichirailway.org.au

Quorn Silo Light Show

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

Pottery Workshops

Tania is back for one more weekend
of pottery on the 10th-11th December
at the Catholic Church Hall. Please
visit www.tattyk.com for bookings or
phone Jane 0427 774 112

Cradock

11th Dec Cradock Christmas Pageant
17th Dec Cradock v Hawker Annual
Cricket match – Cradock

Australia Day Celebrations 2023

Quorn, Hawker and Cradock 26th Jan

For more information check
Facebook and notice boards



*We hope everyone has a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year*

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Knowing others is wisdom.

Knowing yourself is superior wisdom.

Lao Tzu

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

Tuesday and 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

PO Box 2, Quorn SA 5433

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Storm sequence 26.11.22
North Quorn
Photos—Maxine Murden



A glorious morning vista—1.12.22
Photo—John Badman

