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Excited to be Home

WITH A POPULATION of less than 1500, the town of Quorn, South Australia, is fondly called home by one Army officer.

Lt Amy Hannigan, of HQ 17 Bde, will return to Quorn for Anzac Day this year, commemorating its history in conflicts.

Quorn, four hours north of Adelaide, is famous for its four pubs and the Pichi Richi Railway to Port Augusta.

During World War II, Quorn was a vital service point for trains heading north to Alice Springs and carried more than a million troops on their way to Darwin and Papua New Guinea.

“I’m so excited to go home to Quorn for Anzac Day and commemorate the sacrifice of those during war,” Lt Hannigan said.

“Anzac Day to me is a day where we serving members can take time to reflect on our commitment to Australia. Whether that be operationally domestic or overseas, or whether that be in enabling the force, we all have a role to play and history to honour.”

The local council has determined that Lt Hannigan will spend the morning playing a key role in the Dawn Service at the Quorn War Memorial – laying a wreath and delivering a poem.

In attendance will be current members of the ADF, as well as veterans, including some who served during the Vietnam War.

“I feel quite proud and privileged to actually be a part of an Anzac Day ceremony, and be surrounded by my family, especially my grandparents,” Lt Hannigan said.

“I did schooling in Quorn, but I have not been home since becoming a Lieutenant. Most of my family have not seen me in uniform.



“I am just really excited and honoured to be selected to be a part of the ceremony, and have the opportunity to acknowledge the history and shoulders on which I stand.”

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Lt Hannigan in PRR's Car 5 with dad Darryl and mum Jacinta



Chat with a Quornie

Kurt Tschirner



MY CONNECTION with Quorn was—I knew my father was born here, and that’s all. My parents had pretty much no contact with our extended family whilst living elsewhere.

Dad’s parents, Ruby (nee Foote) and Erwin, lived in the home my great grandparents, Emma and William Foote, owned in McHugh St. When we moved here, we bought the house directly across from where they lived.

When William and Emma’s house was knocked down, the Paridaeens, who owned our house salvaged the stone. We learnt that the fence I sit on to have my cuppa, was built of stone from the house my father had lived in.

It turns out grandfather was a baker, known for his sourdough bread. He had made his own way out from Silesia, Germany*, getting off a ship in Adelaide, establishing himself, and marrying a local girl.



Erwin Tschirner in his baker’s cart, North Quorn, 1950s

*Silesian Lutherans escaped Prussia to settle in the Barossa in the 1830s. Silesia’s now a Polish region.

Ruby and Erwin’s one son, my father, Gerry, worked in two or three baker shops in Quorn, but I’m not sure where they were. I have distant relatives who are locals.

It was through Andrea getting in touch with some of her extended clan from the southeast, that we made contact with family of mine, and it’s been fabulous. Our girls have met second cousins—an old Quorn connection.

My great grandfather on my mother, Mary’s side, Thomas Henry Mildren, ran the pub at Cockburn (on the SA/NSW border). He was from a line of publicans of Cornish stock.

Mum’s family also had the Victoria Hotel in Adelaide, but when she was born in Hong Kong, her father was manager of Repulse Bay Hotel. There’s a great photo of him and all the staff in front of the grand hotel.

The family left two years before the Japanese came there in WW2. They settled in Adelaide, where Mum became a teacher.

Territory connection

I WAS BORN in Alice Springs. My parents taught at Aboriginal communities—Adelaide River; Amoonguna (outside Alice Springs); Hermannsburg; Angurugu on Groote Eylandt.

Part of the time my mother was my teacher, and my father, headmaster of the school. You got away with nothing.

We lived in Darwin for a little bit, and were back there permanently just before Cyclone Tracy, when the house was blown down.

Fortunately we were on holidays in Adelaide at the time, so had an enforced stay.

The culture shock of going from a pretty casual Darwin high school, to the standard of expectation and discipline down here was a shock to the system. But it was probably the best school year in my life.

When our house was rebuilt, I went back to Darwin to finish school. The direction I was heading kicked off when I joined the then Conservation Commission.

Leichhardt's grasshopper

I WAS REMINDED of my Top End career by the Leichhardt's grasshopper article (April Quorn Mercury). Its range was in country I was familiar with, whilst working with NT Parks and Wildlife Service. (21 years in all)

As a technical assistant employed in forestry research, I was mainly field-based—in Cypress Pine, the native species, and the introduced *Pinus caribaea*.

NT government initiative was to establish a local timber industry on Melville Island. The Tiwi people there and on Bathurst Island are such a switched-on, great mob, and really good fun. I learnt a lot being in their labour group

In my time off, I went to Goose Creek on the north coast of Melville Island. It's a most beautiful part of the NT—nature at its best.

I was four years in forestry research, then four years in wildlife research into the magpie goose and flood plains. My area was the Mary River system between Darwin and Jabiru.

We used air boats—punts with big thumping Lycoming aircraft engines, that travel over vegetation and emergent grasses a standard outboard won't go over. It was the only way to get around in the Wet Season.

The magpie goose is my 'totem'. I had three as pets (left over from research projects) at one stage. They were amazing animals.



Kurt on an airboat. Mary River, NT 1980s

I transferred to park ranger ranks, chasing career advancement options and experiencing more of NT. The decision may have reflected the mobile nature of my parents' work.

In my first posting—Litchfield National Park, south of Darwin, I did the usual park management activities—feral animal control, weed and visitor management.

Dry Season prescribed burning, was for asset and biodiversity—early, rather than late fires, that take everything out.

My next posting, Mary River National Park, was a string of reserves, from the coast to Mt Bunday hills. It was diverse—granite outcrops, flood plains, river systems. All, but snow!

Airboats got a big workout, mainly for controlling mimosa, an introduced weed that chokes wetland and turns it into impenetrable thickets. WHS wasn't a big thing for the first part of the airboat experience.



Mimosa control on quad bike. Central Arnhem Land, 70s

That there was no protection from the extremely noisy machines is why my hearing is shot now. I also have scars from a prang—ending up in Darwin Hospital Emergency.

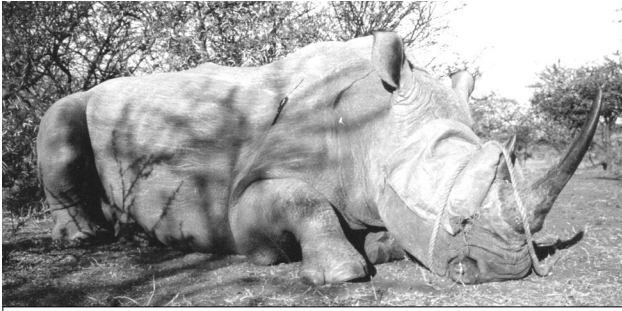
When you stop in that environment, and turn the big engine off, with no other human around for kms, it's just nature in your face.

You really appreciate the country in the Wet, when floodplains are fully inundated, and wildlife, including mozzies and leeches, are going nuts.

Exchange

IN 1998, Parks service offered an exchange with South African Nature Conservation Service. I made the short list, and was selected for six months at reserves in South Africa.

KwaZulu-Natal Province was amazing. In a month with Game Capture Unit, I saw giraffe, black and white rhino, and a little antelope—the *blue duiker*, captured and translocated.



Captured white rhino to be helicoptered for relocation

Some parks don't have apex predators, so to avoid an overabundance of prey species, there has to be some form of control. This is where a Game Capture Unit steps in, taking a quota for sale (from annual density surveys).

Proceeds return to conservation management, and animals are sent to both private and public reserves. It's a model that works really well there, as it had to.

Ensuring economic benefit to local communities is a high priority. Apartheid injustices are still fresh in memory.

I was incredibly impressed with the staff's professionalism and dedication. They face challenges we don't even think of. I knew a compliance officer with a young family, who was ambushed and killed.

Their hospitality was amazing, as it was on my two return trips, visiting new friends.

Crocs

I CAME HOME to Wildman Ranger Station, before transferring to Katherine as a Wildlife Officer in crocodile survey and relocation in the region. They are coming back after being hunted out decades ago. (And that includes at popular swimming spots).

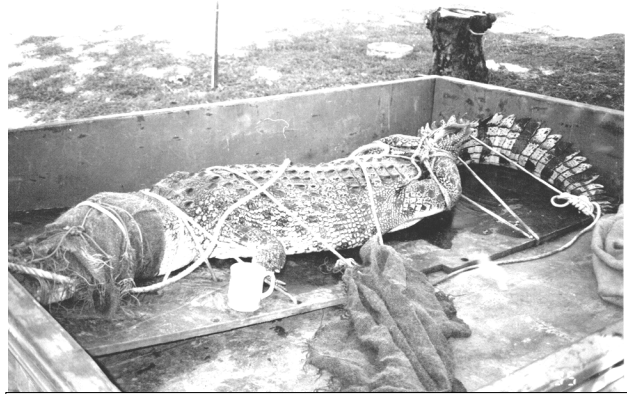
Under a zone system, traps are set up and crocodiles removed to a croc farm. Often crocs trying to expand their territory, have been kicked out by a much bigger male.

They're captured by either trapping or using barbed harpoons during night spotlighting from boats. Once restrained, they'd often be injected with sedatives. They're pretty feisty. It's just getting a crocodile to hold still that can be challenging.

I helped move crocs from Borroloola, where a ranger would bring them in half way. I'd meet him and take them to Katherine and over to a crocodile farm near Timber Creek.

Crocs would be tied to a heavy hessian-covered plywood board in the back of a ute. At every roadhouse stop I'd hop out and spray them, to keep them cool.

On one trip, I had an animal in the back of the ute that had worked itself loose. I noticed people staring intently at me as I drove into a roadhouse. Looking in the rear vision mirror, I saw the croc halfway over the ute's side. It'd worked the ropes loose.



Typical mode of transport for relocating crocs

When I called 'Could you give me a hand?' onlookers came over, pushed it back in and retied it (it's head was bagged in hessian).

The Wildlife Unit was also responsible for dog control, using 1080 baits throughout the pastoral zone. I got to do a lot of driving.

The Centre

I TOOK UP a similar role in Alice Springs, but also provided ground support for chopper-based feral animal control. Then I transferred across to West Macdonnell National Park, which goes pretty much west from Alice Springs to Mt Sonder.

My job was Senior Park Ranger at Simpson Gap Ranger Station. Then at Ormiston Gorge, I was Senior District Ranger, maintaining and developing Larapinta Trail, a 223km walking trail from Alice Springs to Mt Sonder.

My new boss initiated me, over two days on hilly, section three, of the Trail, and I quickly realized that I wasn't at his level of fitness. But I got better over time. No chance of getting fat! I came to enjoy working on the Trail, as the scenery in the West Macs is stunning

The natural resources world was pretty small. On a Friday evening, I was at Arid Lands Research Institute social club, when I saw Andrea. She gave me a big, beautiful smile.

When she came over and said 'You must be Kurt', I asked how she knew. 'It's written on your shirt', she said. I was in my uniform with my name on it.

I've been on the back foot ever since!

Andrea worked in the pastoral industry for Centralian Land Management Association.

We had a joint connection with the Solomon Islands, and our friendship grew from there.

Bush Heritage

WE'D HEARD SOMETHING of Bush Heritage, one of two main Australian non-government conservation organisations. Some friends had previously been employed by them.

Andrea and I took on joint-manager roles at Bush Heritage, Charles Darwin Reserve, 270k east of Geraldton, WA. It was a pastoral lease, managed as a conservation reserve.

The philanthropist, Chris Darwin, who had purchased the reserve, was the great great grandson of Charles Darwin.

We got to meet Chris, who lives in Australia, a couple of times. As a young fellow, he just wanted to put his money into conservation—to find his direction in life.

The reserve was in an area where York gums and mulga shrubland meet—going from high rainfall to lower rainfall. Probably a similar climate to Hawker's.

Reserve management programs were familiar to me, but what was refreshing and different, was how the conservation NGO sector works.

It's a different way to the government's, as it can guarantee a long term commitment to a particular program. You get surety, and aren't caught up in political cycles or changes.

There's autonomy to set a work programme, allied with a management plan that's reviewed. You work with a locally based ecologist, and senior leadership team in Melbourne. How you go about doing specific work is up to you, but there is a big team of volunteers.

Our two girls, Maia and Geri were both born in Geraldton. Geri spent her first three years on the Reserve; Maia her first year.

Boolcoommatta

IN 2010, we moved to Quorn, as I'd gained a role with NRM Board, in Pt Augusta. Then I took the opportunity to do Reserve Management at Boolcoommatta Reserve for four years.

Andrea and the girls lived there for two years too, with Andrea home schooling the girls. She deserves a medal for that!

They enjoyed the experience (despite mixed stories from the girls). The 2018, kangaroo die-offs made it pretty unpleasant.

The 642km backyard, a dam (for paddle-boarding) right next door, with a pontoon to muck around on, made up for anything else.

They learnt to drive a little Suzuki, becoming quite proficient at driving a manual 4WD.

Mixing with Bush Heritage staff (as good as family), visiting volunteers and philanthropists gave the girls confidence in talking to adults. It was a good environment for raising kids.

I've done a couple of trips back to hand over to a new manager. There's no need for me to go again. Bush Heritage is like the Mafia—once you join you never really leave.

They have other places in SA—*Bon Bon*, in Kingoonya district, and a partnership with Arid Lands Recovery, Roxby Downs.

Committing to Quorn

OUR TIME IN WA, and on Boolcoommatta, was a great experience of living on a property and being in the landscape.

Now Andrea and I are swapping roles—a pretty quick crossover. Within about three weeks of my coming back, Andrea had scored a full-time job with the Landscape Board.

A few years ago, the girls were part of Quorn Swimming Club. It took some pushing to get them interested, but Andrea and I figured we should join too and set an example.

I signed up to swim at a comp in Whyalla, not realizing it was set up for youngsters.

It was an open event. In the marshalling area, I quickly realized that a grey-haired, old bloke competing against 11 and 12 year old girls was a really bad look. It got even worse on the blocks. And of course *they whipped my arse*.

I do morning laps as much as I can. It's good for mental health, and a great start to a day.

Geri has developed an interest in hand-crafted jewellery, which she has been selling locally. Maia has been into horses these last few years, learning to ride from generous locals. She is now a proud horse owner.

As for living locally, having Warrens Gorge, Dutchmans Stern, Devils Peak and Mt Brown on our doorstep to do some walking with the girls, makes us feel very lucky. ■



At home with nature. Kurt, Andrea, Geri and Maia Tschirner

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THREE RUNNERS will contest the 7km Annual Mothers Day Classic on Sunday, May 8 in Kathy Rabig's team

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in 2022*

Kathy will run the Classic for the eighth time (one virtual), starting in 2014.

This year's team includes her daughter Alycia, whose husband Matthew will run the Adelaide city course for the first time.

On the same day, over 480kms north, John Badman will walk 25km on the Heysen Trail, from Trezona Bore to Bunyerroo.

John is the fourth member of Kathy's team. He won a trophy for The Most kms—Male, in 2021. He walked a total of 700kms in the weeks before Mothers Day.

Since April 8, John has walked more than 500kms. On Mothers Day, 2022, he is *on track* to better his 2021 distance. ■



Kathy and Alycia showing their medals after the Mothers Day Classic 2021



John Badman's boots and trophy for The Most kms—Male winner. 2021 Mothers Day Classic

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- Information evenings with expert guest speakers
- Network with other local business owners

Quorn Business Group Executive Committee

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Secretary – Sharon Hooper

Treasurer – Stuart Hackett

Committee Members – Pat Gilbert, Mel Bowman, Hamish Gibson, Eric Brown

Next Meeting – To be advised

See Quorn Out and About for date and venue

Quorn Aged Care News

NOTHING MUCH SLOWS us down. We spent most of March and April hunting for Easter Eggs and cashing them in, hoping to take out the main prize. We found them under bushes outside, under our plates, in our sheets and inside our shirt pockets. Coral was the most vigilant this year taking out the big Easter Basket prize.

We were lucky enough to have Bonnie here in time for International Bagpipe Day. She played fabulously and it was a real treat for everyone.

We have had numerous food events lately including waffle breakfasts, national "Pigs in the Blanket" day, BBQs, Hot Dog Day, Ice Cream Sundaes all to name just a few!

Our next event here is a tropical Hawaiian Luau. Look out next month for photos of us all in grass skirts! ■



Bonnie playing the bagpipes for us on international bagpipe day



Above is Peter with the very 1st car that he ever bought. He has lovingly cared for it all this time and it still runs. It was wonderful to see it up here!



Mary and the Easter Bunny



Coral, our Easter Egg Hunt winner, getting a visit from the Easter Bunny

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Landscape Group

May 2022

The Port Augusta-Quorn Landscape Group held its fifth meeting at Sundrop Farm recently. The group worked through its actions list for the year and heard from a guest speaker from the Port Augusta Renewable Energy Park (PAREP). Members heard about the revegetation efforts and how they used a roller instead of a grader to clear tracks on site to help reduce dust issues. The district is represented by five group members: Francene O'Connor, Richie Paynter, Steve Marafiote, Renata Hackett and Kym Thomas. Steve is Sundrop's CEO and took the group around the site to show the group how it works. The next meeting will be held in Quorn on Tuesday 21 June.

Round three of the Building Pastoral Sustainability (BPS) grants opened on 2 May. This program offers grants between \$10,000 and \$30,000 to support local pastoral businesses to trial new practices and technologies to improve the sustainability of businesses in the SA Arid Lands region, which includes the Flinders Ranges Council area. The project is delivered through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program. On our website you can read more about what previous grants were for, guidelines, and our latest Across the Outback magazine has a story on a fencing program at Wintinna and an implemented feed yard design at Pine Grove, near Craddock. You can find them at www.landscape.sa.gov.au/saal/. Please get in touch with me on 0409 753 495 or Brett.Devitt@sa.gov.au if you are interested or have an idea.

Grassroots Grants will close at 4pm on 9 May. These grants of \$1000 to \$10,000 aim to support schools, community groups and individuals at a local level help in the management of the region's

landscape and natural assets. These grants are funded through levies collected by the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board. This year, the funding pool has doubled to help support such projects as erosion management and to control pest plants and animals as a result of heavy rainfall. Previous grants have helped weed control along the Pichi Richi Pass, native grasses and the bush tucker garden, the native flora reserve and Warren Gorge.

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

The Port Augusta – Quorn Landscape Group. (L-R) The five group members are (1) Francene O'Connor, Danny Doyle (Guest), (2) Richie Paynter, (3) Steve Marafiote, (4) Renata Hackett, and Kurt Tschirner (Board Representative), and (5) Kym Thomas (absent).



Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society

After SEVERAL YEARS hard work and with fantastic community support Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society Inc. (QPMS) has arrived at the stage where we are able to begin to move some of our displays into our recently completed pavilion. Some electrical and plumbing work remains to be completed as well as the installation of a security fence on the southern enclosed area of the building. This area will help ensure the safety and security for some of the more valuable items like the ones pictured.

QPMS would like to acknowledge and express their appreciation to all of the local contractors that have worked on the site. It has been a pleasure to work with you. The suppliers of the shed Spanlift and the contractors that erected the shed also need to be thanked for a job well done and completed to a high standard.

Thanks also to the National Radioactive Waste Management Waste Management Facility- Community Benefit Program that has supplied all of the funding that has been used or will be used in the construction and completion of this project. QPMS has supplied in-kind support in the renovation and painting of the BBQ shelter as well as taking on the maintenance of the Lions Park precinct.

We would also, as always like to acknowledge the work that the Lions Club has taken in the past that led to the establishment of the original collection.

QPMS has been working on both the renovation and restoration of some of the original machinery obtained as well as beginning to collect other items that have been acquired from the broader community.

The pictured items are an example of some of things that have been collected to date with a significant number of widely varied historic items that are already stored in our workshops awaiting display, as well as other items that have been donated and will be collected over the next few weeks.

We are in the process of cataloguing the collection and will be publicly acknowledging all of the people that have so very kindly helped us with acquisitions in the near future. We are hearing and collecting interesting stories from the past associated with some of the articles collected and hope to share some of this in future publications of the Mercury.



As we are still in the early stages of assembling our collection some equipment will be displayed in an as found condition (with safety considerations addressed) through to items that have had a complete restoration. We intend to have as many items as possible in a workable condition but this will of course be an ongoing task. Through members hard work we have been able to get several stationary motors and a 1907 oil engine running. Our Caterpillar Holt crawler has received further attention and should only require minor works to become fully operable.

The task of research will be a big ongoing challenge. QPMS is in the process of researching accurate histories and other information and this task has become more important as items are put out for display. Initial laminated signage is being prepared and this will be replaced with more permanent signs when funding permits. If any readers have any information, family links or anecdotes about any of our displays please feel free to contact us so we can include as much of this history as possible.

QPMS intend to hold a community open day to coincide and support the planned Quandong Festival in early August. At this event we have plans to run stationary motors, open up our

workshops and share our plans for the future. This will also give the public the opportunity to see the myriad of small historical items that we have that will be displayed once secure arrangements can be put in place.

By far our biggest challenge at this stage is finances. Up until now we have had the good fortune to receive several community grants from the Flinders Ranges Council (similar to what is made to other eligible community groups) and this has been used to fund our start up costs and restorations to date.

We have had the very significant advantage of having had the sound basis of a display already available as well as being the recipients of the most generous community support in acquiring future exhibits. We are actively working on ways to resource future funding, so as to maximise the progress of this unique opportunity for Quorn, its tourist potential and amenity.

As always, we welcome new volunteers and opportunities to resource further exhibits. Our work over next few months will give the community the opportunity to see the potential and value of this community project.

Any enquiries please feel free to contact 0401 533 752. ■

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Community Consultation Change of Land Use and Seeking Feedback Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society – RV Park Proposal

BACKGROUND

At its Ordinary Meeting on 19 April 2022, Council considered a proposal from the Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society (QPMS) to establish a RV Park in the Lions Park area to be run and managed by the Society. The Park would only be accessible for fully self-sufficient vehicles.

A copy of the full report is available from www.frc.sa.gov.au

The following resolution was carried:

That Council provide in principal support and put the matter out for community consultation including community land use.

A summary of the proposal is that the QPMS develop a basic RV camping area for low-cost camping which would be maintained and operated by the QPMS. The revenue received would be reinvested into the Society. Camping would be for fully self-contained vehicles and would be for short term accommodation only (e.g. 2 or 3 nights maximum). The proposed charge at this stage is approximately \$10-\$15 per night. It is likely that the proposal will compete with other businesses in town including the Quorn Caravan Park and potentially other camping businesses.

The QPMS proposal and management of the site is projected to result in savings to Council and is also expected to assist somewhat in managing illegal camping in the vicinity of Quorn.

The QPMS intention would be to operate on an ongoing basis, not just for one off occasions or occasional groups, as is currently done by other community groups. The intention is for the QPMS to administer and maintain the camping area and to cover operational costs associated with this.

It is worth noting that Council has previously received at least one submission from another community group for a nearly similar proposal, which was denied. One of the key differences in the two proposals was the provision of bathroom and shower facilities which were deemed too great a competition for local business. The QPMS proposal do not provide for these facilities.

The proposed site is already leased and cared for and maintained by the QPMS with the proposed site for the RV camping area are follows (accommodating a maximum of 11 sites):



The identified parcel of land is currently listed on The Flinders Ranges Council Community Land Register under 'Reserves' as follows:

35	Park Terrace Lions Park	CR 5345/750	7400557002	Lot 636 Park Terrace, Quorn	Reserve	NIL	FRC	9.105 ha	
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As per the Community Land Management Plan guidelines, any change of use which may interest the community should be put out for community consultation.

CONSULTATION

Council is seeking feedback from members of the community as follows:

- Any comments or feedback to a change in use of the site identified for it to be used for this proposed purpose?
- General feedback on the proposal for the QPMS to operate a RV Park out of the Lions Park.

All submissions on the above are to be received in writing by **9.00am on Monday 16 May 2022** and should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, The Flinders Ranges Council:

- at PO Box 43, Quorn SA 5433; or
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Quorn Railway Station in its early days with the original wooden building, showing the still undeveloped landscape around it

And there are hands-on activities for the young and the young-at-heart there too. And trips are

available on heritage steam locomotives and carriages though the beautiful Pichi Richi Pass.



Crowd waiting to greet a Royal Visitor at the Quorn Station. Railways let crowds like this travel a long way for such events

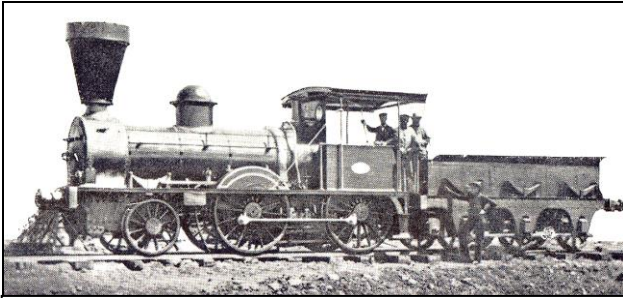
Railways opened the outback. Travelling long distances quickly and easily became affordable for pastoralists, miners, drovers, and families. Transportation of freight using the extensive network of railways scaffolded the economy.

The colony of South Australia was established in 1836. It was a time of great technological advances in agriculture and transport, playing a large role in the colony's development.

The establishment of an efficient railway system was an integral part of taking up the land, and of mining, farming, and grazing. And near the railway lines hamlets, and small and even larger towns were able to grow rapidly.

How SA's Railways Grew

THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED railways began with the opening on 19th April 1856 of a 12 km broad gauge line between Adelaide and Port Adelaide. It was the first Government-built and -owned steam railway in the British Empire. 1860 saw a



SA's first steam locomotive, No. 1, the "Adelaide". One of three imported from England in 1855. Only 23 tons, it burned wood and coke. Maximum speed was 17 mph (27 kph)

line to Kapunda, where copper was first found in 1843. Lines branched off to Roseworthy and Burra to serve the mines there as well.

The early lines were short and disconnected, built in the direction of the nearest ports such as Pt Broughton, Mundoorra (horse-drawn), Pt Pirie, Crystal Brook, Pt Wakefield, and Balaklava.

The Great Northern Railway was built from Pt Augusta to Quorn in 1879 to serve the mining and pastoral industries in the north of the colony. 1883 it reached Marree, and 1891 Oodnadatta.



The first train along Tassie Street in Port Augusta to the original railway station on Commercial Road, in 1879. An old postcard

In 1865 South Australia's Surveyor General, George Goyder, established a 'Line of Rainfall': it claimed that anything further north did not get enough rain to support cropping. However, some good crops for a few years led many to ignore his advice, and to crop north of this line.

For a few years there were even plans to farm the desert country, believing the old adage that 'Rain follows the Plough'. But Goyder's warnings were realised, and poor crops led to some railway lines being threatened with closure.

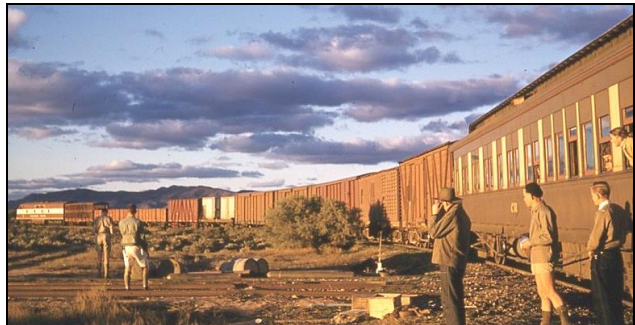
Such lines had been built mainly to carry grain to the nearest ports, and were often built with cheaply-constructed rail lines to keep freight costs cheap, and to encourage farming.



The original wooden Quorn Railway Station up to 1915. Railway Staffs were very proud of their tremendously important work that eventually interconnected the whole of Australia

The main kind of trains were freight trains. Transporting cattle and sheep from the breeding lands along the various railway routes to the greater Adelaide area was vital.

Freight trains with passenger carriages were an accepted form of transport, and were called 'Mixed'. They stopped at every station.



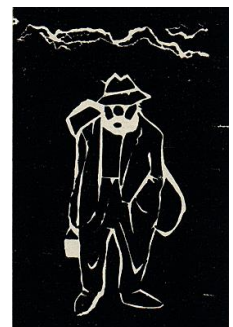
The "Marree Mixed Goods" just out of Pt Augusta. A couple of carriages at the end of a freight train. Stopped for its Guards to collect firewood for the journey, for their Guards' Van's fire!

The maiden journey of the 'Afghan Express'—named for the Cameleers, and known as 'The Ghan' for short—departed from Adelaide Railway Station on 4th August, 1929. It was seen off by an excited crowd. There were 100 passengers in nine carriages, and mail & fresh fruit on board.

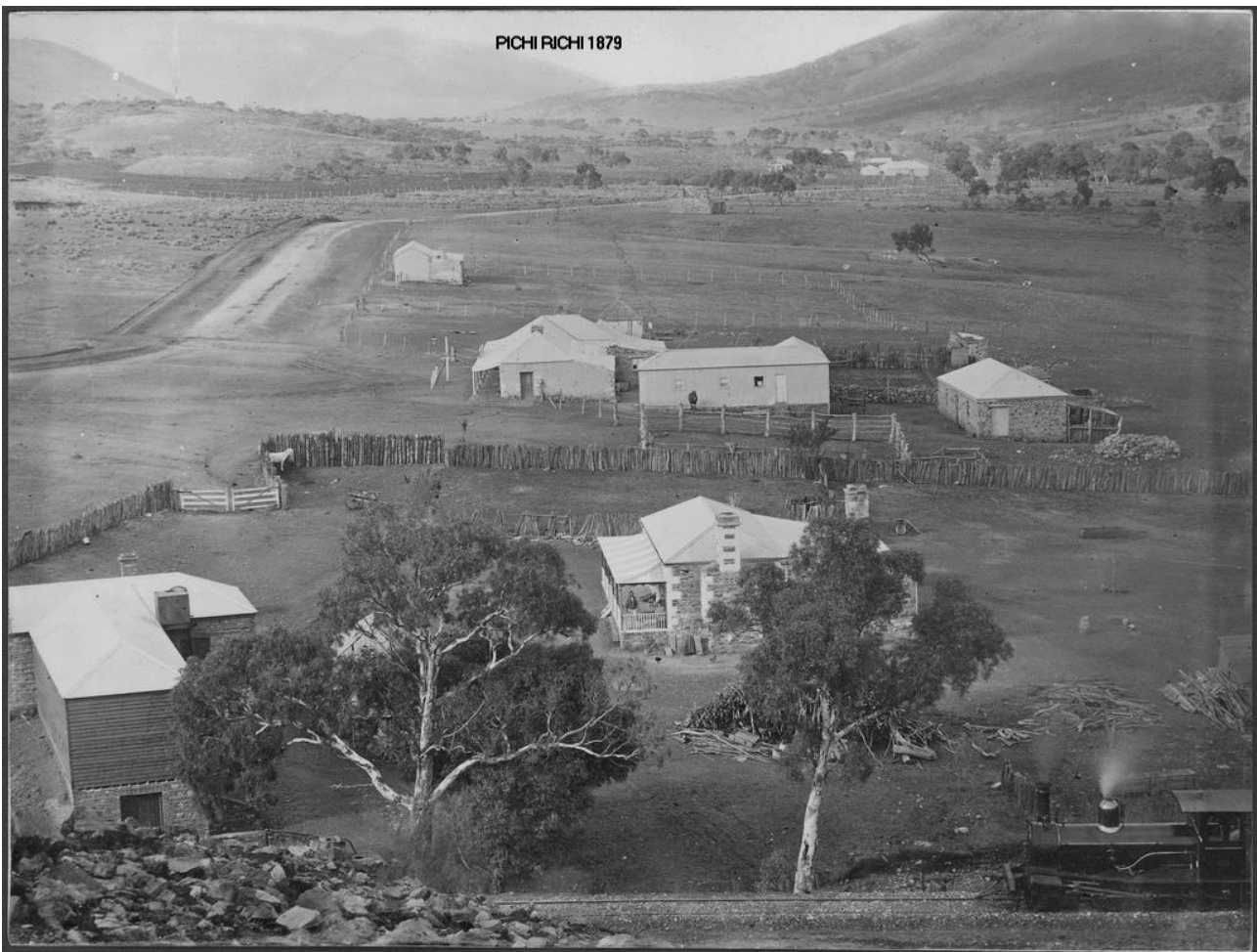
The once-a-fortnight trip lasted three days, including a night each in hotels in Quorn and Marree. It eventually went to Stuart, which was later renamed Alice Springs.

Construction of the line began in Pt Augusta in 1877 but work stalled at Oodnadatta. It was completed 38 years later. The 1420 km to Darwin was begun only in 2001, and took three years to complete. ■

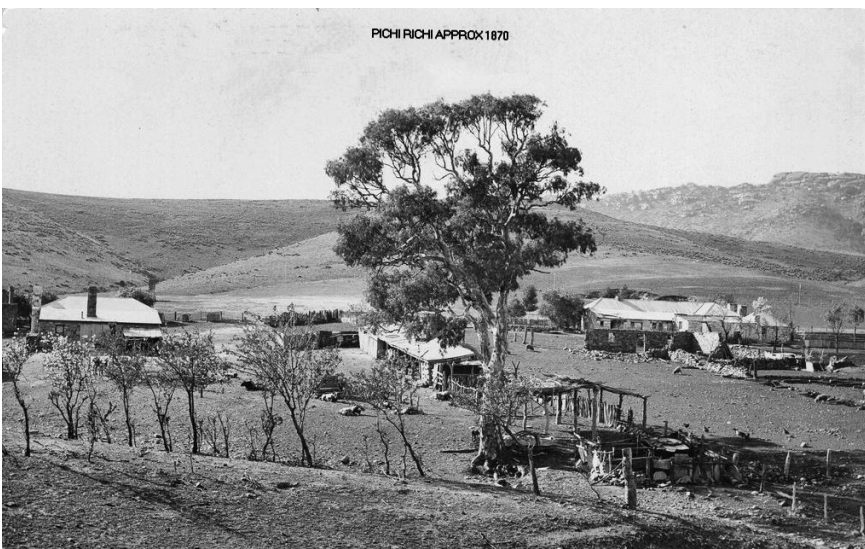
— Lisa Southon, Archivist



Pictures — From the Past



BACK IN THE May–July 2021 *Mercurys* was a series of photos of regional hotels around Quorn. We found 12. Three could not be found. As well, the c 1870 photo below we used of the Pichi Richi Inn (1866–93) was only a back view of it. Also back then, we didn't know about Pichi Richi's second hotel, Beauchamp's Hotel (?–1882–1890). Above is an 1879 overall photo of the Pichi Richi township. Oddly, in the 1870 one below, the building behind the hotel is in ruins. Rebuilt by 1879, perhaps? (Photos this page State Library.)



In the top photo from left to right, Mt Brown top left corner; bottom left William Taylor's Willow(s) Brewery (operated 1880–83, destroyed by fire); building top near road-bend is unknown; next near centre Pichi Richi Inn; in photo between two trees the Farmhouse, originally ① Taylors', ② first of Brown family Harry & Violet French, ③ Giles & Coraine Brown, & ④. Robert & Wendy Brown; next top, part hidden, the second brewery; then left and slightly lower Beauchamp's Hotel; just above centre, further left the Inn's stable; note the train bottom right. In the bottom photo from left, the farmhouse; nearing centre, farm sheds; at right, back of Pichi Richi Inn; notice the building behind it then in ruins, possibly rebuilt later.

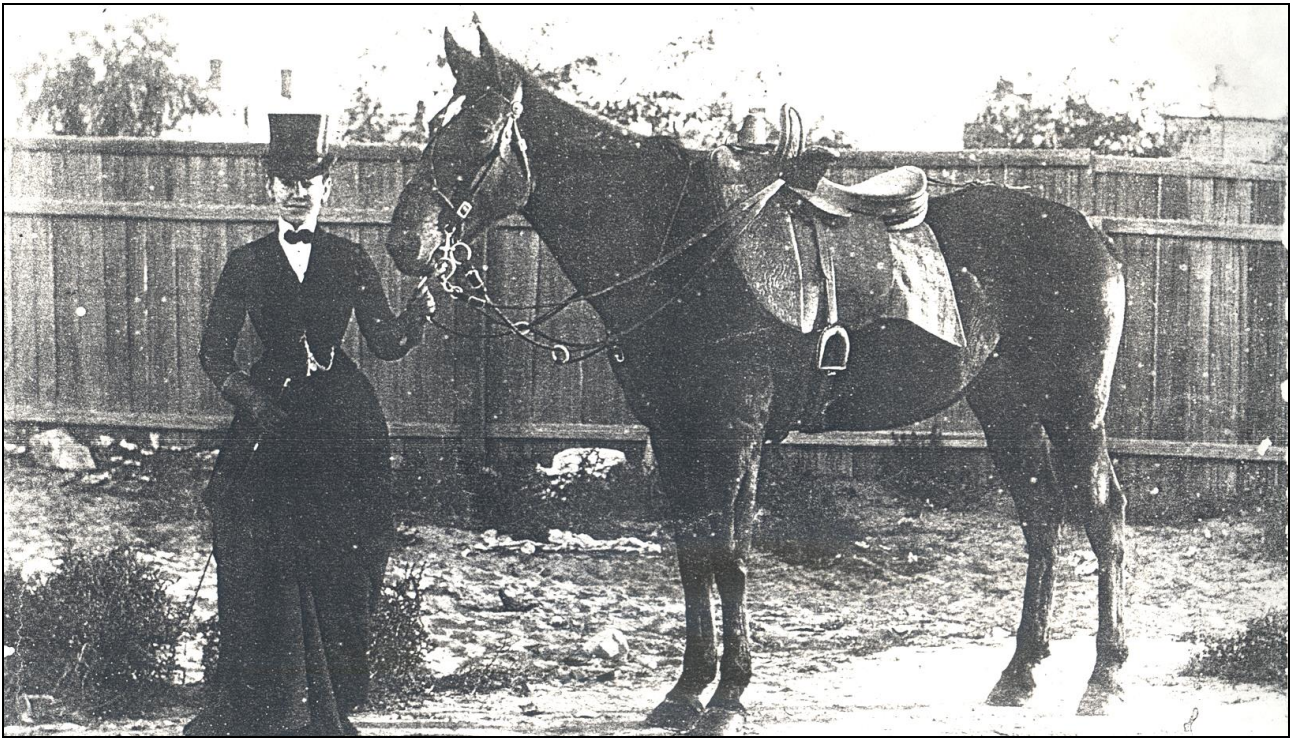
Information from Wendy Brown. Any further information about these buildings is most welcome. ■

And as This is South Australia's History Month . . .

MAY IS NOT ONLY the South Australian *History Month*, but it also happens to be Quorn's *Birthday Month*. Quorn was proclaimed on 16th May, 1878. So on that day this month, we will be 144 years old. But it seems that Quorn doesn't normally do much each year to celebrate its annual birthday. However, perhaps already we ought to be aiming at celebrating our Sesquicentenary in 2028 (our 150th birthday, that is). Anyway, to celebrate *both* these May dates this issue, we're adding two of Wendy Brown's delightful photos —



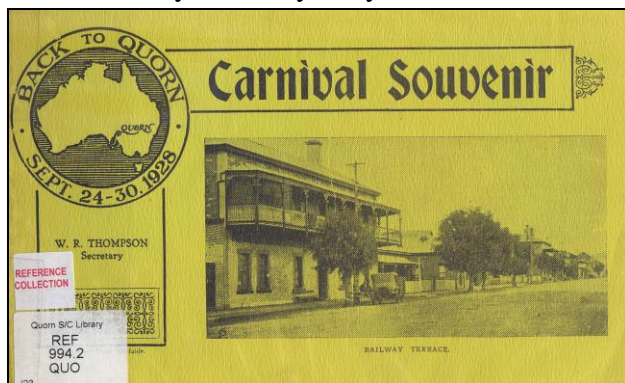
TYPICAL 19TH CENTURY transport in Quorn. A sulky pulled by a patient-looking horse. The second woman from the left is Mrs Horne, Robert Brown's Great-Great- and Sally Brown's Great-Great-Great-Grandmother.



OH! WHAT A SUPERLATIVE HAT! And she's truly dressed to ride—using a side-saddle, too. It's no wonder her horse is looking at her rather cautiously. Both of these early photos are from the Tailor Family of the Pichi Richi Farm. Can anyone tell us where in Quorn these marvellous 19th century photos were taken? ■

Quorn—144 Year Birthday

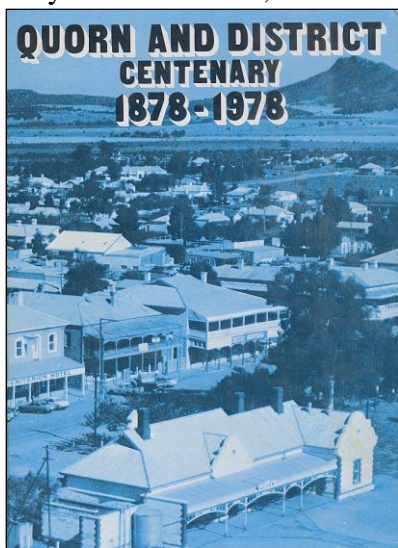
THE TOWN OF QUORN was proclaimed on 16th May, 1878. Which means that on the coming Monday 16th May, Quorn will be 144 years old. This also means that we should be preparing to celebrate Quorn's Sesquicentenary—that is, our 150th birthday—in only six years' time.



Souvenir booklet celebrating Quorn's 50th birthday in 1928. This copy is from the School Community Library

The above little 64-page Souvenir booklet is from our 50th birthday in 1928, and is full of Quorn people's pictures, and a wonderful array of early and current 1920s Quorn photos, but very little text. All the same, glance through it—it's a great dive back into our early history.

The next major Quorn birthday was our Centenary year, 1978. A 'Book Centenary Committee' of ten people published a 240 pp history, *Quorn and District Centenary 1878-1978*. It's very well illustrated, but is sadly out of print.



This is a full-scale history, but like all such histories, it has to be updated. So Maureen McColl set out to update it every 20 years with *Quorn: The Continuing History: 1978-1998*. But she got no further than this first

volume. It's 176 pp, and is profusely illustrated.

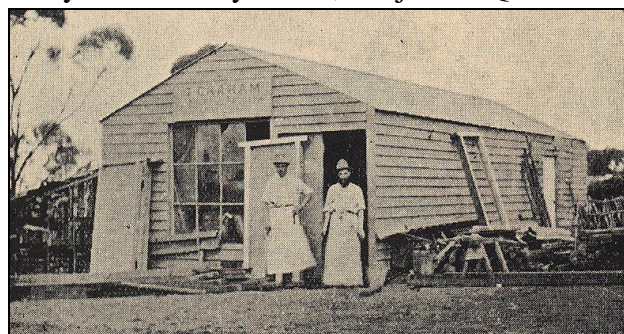
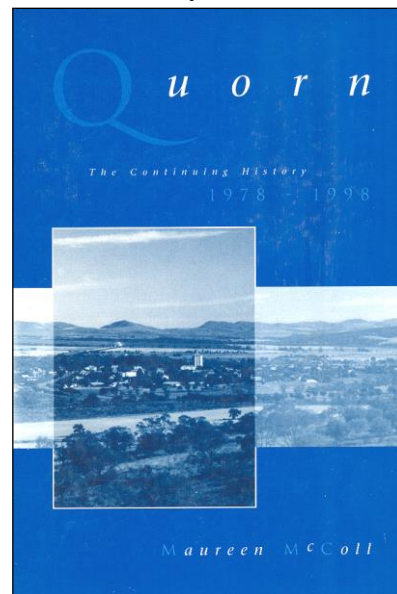
Yes, our Sesquicentenary celebrations *are* all of six years away. But perhaps it might be a good idea to start planning for them soon. For

example, what if we wanted to invite the State's Governor and Premier up for a really great shindig? And what if we wanted to get ABC-TV to come up and film the occasion? You'd want to plan all of that well in advance, wouldn't you?

And if you wanted to update our town and district history to 2028, well, that's also something which would take several years to do.

Part of updating our history would be collecting photographs later than 1998, which would also take time.

Our School-Community Library has a special collection of local histories that includes the three books shown on this page. And it also has histories of many other nearby towns, not just of Quorn. ■



Quorn's first Carpenter's Shop, Graham's, 1879. Very grainy photo from the 1928 50th birthday booklet shown above



Quorn's first Chemist's Shop, Gilbert's, 1879. Also very grainy, from the same booklet. Both p 20. How rough the streets are!



‘As the storm
recedes and the
light from the
emerging moon
pervades the Pichi
Richi Pass, Brill
Car 106 is seen
returning to Quorn
from a night run
to Port Augusta.’

— John Kimber
22-7-2016



Fr Harold addresses crowd



QAS Prefects Reece and Amaru and Mayor Greg Flint



QAS Prefects and Mayor. L to R Kathleen Medlam, Amaru Kramer, Reece Freer

ANZAC Day 2022



Lt Amy Hannigan with Dion Chandler



Car 5 Etchings WW2



May Weekend in Quorn



Playing the 18th hole at the Quorn Golf Course
*From left—Robert Britza, Ken Anderson, Matthew Britza,
Paul Hancock and Liam Bury*



Putting out on Number 7
From left—Keith Wiseman, Paula Osborn



Keith trialling a new mode of transport



Visitors enjoy the drama of the steam engine



Quorn Show 2022



Thinking of putting a stall in the show?



What's new in our 2022? Show?



Cake decorating!



Make a scarecrow?



Drone Photography!

Show Pigeons !



A MEETING HELD ON 28th April. Items raised were:

- The inclusion of Pigeons in Poultry exhibits after some years of absence.
- A call to all interested in having a stall at the show - please contact the secretary.
- Ideas for a variety interest groups to showcase their activities on the day.
- Offering a prize for the best Scarecrow made from recycled materials
- A special decorated cake competition.

Please contact the secretary with your ideas or enquiries. ■

Watch this space!

FEES FOR 2022

Admission:

Adults :	\$10.00
School age Children:	\$ 2.00
Concession	\$ 5.00

Membership 2 Adults \$15.00

Family Membership

2 Adults, 2 Children \$20.00

Save money!

**Purchase a show membership!
Contact Jillian at the VIC for details**

Proceeds from memberships help with preparation and planning costs incurred in lead-up to the event.

Trade Space Organiser

We are still in need of a person to book trades-people/ businesses / community groups into allocated sites for show day Sunday September 25th. If you are keen please apply by email to quornshow@gmail.com Training will be given.

Next Committee Meeting

FRC Council Chambers

Thursday the 26th of May 7:00pm

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Trade Spaces:- Still to be appointed

The Ballad Of The Quorn Football Club

It was somewhere up the country in a land of rock and scrub.
That they formed an institution called the Quorn Football Club.
They were long and wiry athletes from the sides of Devils' Peak,
And rare it was to find a team the Quornites couldn't beat.
As babes in arms they'd punt with stones and handpass rocks with ease.
And flowery'd kick the neighbour's dog to practice giving frees.
Their sprigs were made from dog -spikes and they would kick so flamin' hard.
They could fill the footy up with lead, and still kick ninety yard.
Their drop kicks would endanger birds and other flying things:
They hit 3 eagles, 2 galahs, and grounded Dr Singh.
Each Tuesday night the field was full of keenly training men.
There's only one or two who'd dared to miss it now and then.
They'd all the best equipment, with no regard for cost,
Forty games they'd played and fifty games they'd lost.
Their legs were long and sinuous, through drinking milk a lot;
As sober as a judge they were; except when they were not.

It was somewhere down the country in a city's smoke and steam,
That a football club existed called "Willunga Football Team."
As a social institution 'twas a marvellous success.
For the members were distinguished by exclusiveness and dress.

A mob of Callathumpians who'd never drink or swear-
Before each match on Saturday they'd always wash their hair
And polish up their sprigs and check the buttons on their flies.
And wear pink ribbons in their hair, to keep it from their eyes.
But their appearance was misleading as many a team could tell;
When on the field each one of them could fight like flamin' hell.
So they started up the country in pursuit of sport and fame,
For they meant to show the Quornites how they ought to play the game.
And they took their valets with 'em – just to give their boots a rub
Ere they started operations on the Quorn Football Club.

The big day came; the crowd was packed like sardines in a tin,
While Reidy fleeced 'em at the gate; charged 5 QUID to get in.
Both teams ran out briskly; shook each other by the hand,
Well, three were off with broken wrists before the game began.
The umpire bounced and up jumped Rick, but Toby got the ruck
He punched so hard it flew 80 yard; A goal! Well, how's your luck.
Well this enraged the foe no end, their forward, blind with fury
Tore the ribbons from his hair and strangled Leon Bury.
Then Kevin let a fearful scream that made the bravest cower
And raced across and gave the bloke a taste of Flower Power.
The umpire tried to intervene but Grassy laid him low
Policeman Eady laughed, "One umpire down, and three to go."

Then Iron Man Schnell picked up the ball, ran off, and kicked a drop.
The pack went up to mark it, but young Cooky was on top.
Now Cooky'd be the highest mark, his legs both work like springs;
The Air Force passed through here last week, and gave the lad his wings.
Another chap who's not too bad is Colin, great big bloke,

His nickname's Milo, and his indispensable, no joke;
When he's not there you'll find the team just ain't got what it takes-
They all agree 'It's marv'lous what a difference Milo makes."

Back to the game, as you can well imagine, things got rough
The fists flew round so fast that even Flowery'd had enough.
A passage formed along the field, as right and left they'd fall,
"Beep, Beep!" T'was crazy Picklehead charging headlong with the ball.
Broom was swept away before him; and even Grassy got mowed down.
But Grassy up and slugged him one and got sent off the ground.
Now Grassy's not a bad lad, but footy's not his game,
He gets the bit between his teeth, and forgets the flamin' rein.

Their Rover grabbed the ball and ran, he thought he had 'em licked;
15 yards out he spun round, lined up the goal and kicked-
But Grub let out a Judo chop that split the ball in two.
Sam looked and cried: "Three points! 'cos only half the ball went through."
Hick bounded in and raced around between the players' feet,
But got rolled out beneath the pack – flat, like an iron sheet.
Then Buzza went half crazy boxing everything in sight.
While Bill 'n Gavin revved their Yamahas with all their might.
And round the ground they did the ton – well, their fate was sealed,
They skittle one another, as well as half the field.

All those corpses laid out flat will please the coffin maker.
And poor dead Hick, I think he'll need a long -undy -taker.
Smart y'd died of old age; Mark from a broken skull;
Kerb's last cheque had bounced; Hally had a hole in his hull.
Socky's phone was disconnected, he'd reached the end of the line;
Deano lay there counting sheep... only reached ninety-nine.
"You can say we went down fighting" in his death-throws Morty cried
Struck and Ashy sang 'I'll go no more a Roving." Then they died.

T'was now time on, and all the field was strewn with maimed and dead,
But the score'd been kept so even that they'd neither got ahead.
Then out among the corpses, one survivor groped his way-
'Twas Grog, determined with his dying breath to save the day.
He staggered to the goal square and pulled himself up tall
He kicked at goal – and missed it – he'd forgot the flamin' ball!

By Greg. John.



Library News

Attention New People To Quorn!

What can you do at your local library?

There are more than 130 public libraries across South Australia - all FREE to join. Thanks to One Card, Quorn Community Library customers can use any of these libraries with a single card and have access to over 3 million items. This provides convenient access for the whole community to the entire public library collection.

Not a member? Signing up is easy and free!

Once you are a member, you can borrow or access:

- The latest releases
- DVDs, audiobooks, children's books and more
- Your favourite magazines, fiction, non fiction and large print novels
- Free access to the internet
- Books from all around SA
- Printers, scanners and the photocopier in b/w or colour
(small fee)

Opening Hours

SUNDAY CLOSED

MONDAY CLOSED

TUESDAY 1:00 - 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY 9:30AM - 5:30PM

THURSDAY 1:00 - 5:30PM

FRIDAY 1:00 - 5:50PM

SATURDAY 10:00AM - 12:00PM

New Releases At The Library

Run Rose Run - Dolly Parton/ James Patterson

The Cane - Mary Rose Cuskelly

Again, Rachel - Marian Keyes

A Flicker In The Dark - Stacy Willingham

A Family Of Strangers - Fiona Lowe

The Mother - Jane Cara

The Patchwork Girls - Ebine Everest

The Recovery Agent - Janet Evanovich

Easter at the Library

This past Easter, the Easter Bunny paid a visit to the library and left behind some goodies for the StoryTime kids! Dominic Finlay (right) and many other StoryTime members certainly had fun unwrapping the activity pack and nibbling on chocolate eggs.

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter Weekend

~ The Quorn Community Library



April Book Club

Wed May 25th 7pm, 3 Hannigan St

Book: Lenny's Book Of Everything By Karen Foxlee

Contact Sam Nester For Info: 0456 129 870

Bill Altmann – Quorn Butcher

From an interview done by John Mannion in 2009 for a recipe book which has yet to see light of day



cows (they made butter and some cream, was sent by train to the Farmer's Union Butter Factory at Orroroo) was their main source of income. Bill recalls that the vegetables were sold to the public from the back of a horse-drawn cart behind the Austral Hotel every Friday. Bill was one of nine children and after his father died in the mid 1940s the family shifted into town and lived at 'Possum Town' in Shepstone Street.

Bill started butchering when he was 14 years old and left school on his fourteenth birthday. 'I couldn't leave school quick enough'—in 1951, when he was apprenticed to Quorn butcher and race horse trainer Colin Pearce for five years. 'It was a job, and at the time it was offered to me, mum was battling to make ends meet, so I helped her out by paying board; I was too young to join the railways'.

Bill got on with Colin fairly well and had worked with him before leaving school, delivering meat orders around the town. 'I was confronted with a great basket of meat wrapped up in newspaper to deliver to the two or three or four boarding houses at North Quorn before school—on the handle bars of the push-bike'. Later as a young apprentice Bill helped Alwyn Chapman run Pearce's butcher shop in two buildings across the street from the present-day newsagency.

Whilst the shop had a refrigerated cool room, and a meat saw (band saws had just become available), there was no counter fridge, and it still had sawdust on the floor. Slaughtering was done in the old slaughterhouse near the Quorn cemetery.

Rather than being behind the counter at the shop, Bill preferred to be out in the slaughterhouse at least one or two days/week. Back then sheep were slaughtered by cutting the throat and breaking the neck, cattle were shot in a confined yard, bled and butchered; pigs were shot, bled, put in a tub of hot water and the hair scraped off. From the 1990s animals were required to be humanely stunned with a 'bolt' before being slaughtered.

IN 2010 IT WAS STILL COMMON for your local butcher to make their own sausages, but back in the early 1950s when a young Bill Altmann was apprenticed to Quorn butcher Colin Pearce, they manufactured a variety of smallgoods including fritz, saveloys and sausages, using the intestines of butchered animals as natural casings or 'skins'.

Years ago it was customary, and in some places, still is, for the local butcher to give children a piece of fritz, sheathed in its distinctive orange skin, while their parents, usually their mothers, decided what to buy. Butchers were quite generous in their hand-outs too as back then fritz was considered to be a cheap meat product.

Bill Altmann retired as Quorn's long-term resident butcher in 1998, but no doubt will be remembered by old 'Quornies' as the local butcher for years to come. Bill's grandfather Gustav Altmann and his wife Marie (nee Noll from Wilmington) were among the early white settlers in the Quorn district in the 1880s and lived about four kilometres west of Quorn near the Port Augusta road.

Whilst the Altmann's were farmers they were also vegetable growers, with water for their garden coming from an earth dam near the farmhouse. When Bill's father Adolph (Gustav August Adolph) and his wife Catherine (nee Reardon) took over the farm they carried on the vegetable growing, mainly cabbages, tomatoes and cauliflowers, and this, along with milking

Livestock were either purchased by auction at a local market or privately from local farmers and run in a paddock on the slaughterhouse property.

After Pearce's butcher shop closed, Bill worked for Alec Finlay across the road, where Quorn's only butcher shop is still situated today. After another five years he eventually took over the business with his wife Kath in 1961.

Back to the fritz, also known as 'bung fritz'—that manufactured meat about three inches in diameter, enclosed in its familiar orange skin. Known as 'devon' or luncheon meat in the eastern Australian states and 'polony' in Western Australia, fritz was what you put in your sandwiches, usually two slices of white bread spread with butter, along with plenty of tomato sauce. It can also be fried slowly. As for the name? 'Fritz', it is believed, was the popular nickname for Johann Eisenberg, who emigrated to Lobethal, in the Adelaide Hills, in 1883 and set up a stall in Adelaide's East End Market, specialising in German meats. Fritz's German sausage became known far and wide as 'fritz'.

Bill recalls that Pearce's fritz was composed of several types of 'good quality meat, a bit of fat, basic spices, and a binder, or binding agent'. This all went into what was called a 'silent cutter' (a device with revolving blades) which chopped the minced meat up into a fine consistency and blended it to a smooth paste. The ingredients were then put into the casing, a bullock or sheep 'bung' or intestine of the animal, which was attached to the sausage maker. A 'bung' was between a foot and 18 inches long and gets its name from an outlet and anatomically, its proximity to the animal's 'bunghole', hence the name 'bung fritz'.

Once filled, the end of the casing was tied off using butchers string to prevent the contents breaking out and was looped around the other end to take the pressure off the first tie and allow the 'bungs' to be

suspended in the water to cook and later hung to cool by a loop at top. That's why fritz are always bent.

The bungs were then cooked in simmering boiling water, outside in a wood-fired copper, and Bill recalls that this was about a half-day job, 'not too quick otherwise you'd burst the skins, natural skins'. The yellowy brown dye (food colouring) went into water when nearly cooked about five or ten minutes before the fritz was cooked.

As a young lad Bill was taught how to clean the 'bungs' for the fritz, and small intestines, or 'runners' for sausages. Sheep runners and bungs were cleaned in a saline solution to draw out impurities and the associated smell. Sausages or 'snags' and saveloys or 'savs' were prepared and cooked in a similar manner to fritz, and tied off in threes or sixes—the joins are where skins are looped to prevent coming undone. Sausages had no dye whilst 'savs' had a red dye added. Today all commercial casings are synthetic.

Bill also 'pickled' or corned meat back then too, beef, mutton and pork, 'we never dry-salted any meat though, I'm not that old! As far as pickling went, we used to pump it (the brine solution into the meat) all those days, using a hand pump fitted with needle. We had a wooden half-cask (oak) of saline or brine solution that used to soak through the meat and after about five days it would go red and that's corned meat!' ■



Butchers 'Bung Fritz'

For Young and Not so Young Readers

QUORN STREET NAMES

Word Search

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Quorn's Quorns

Keep your eyes open for the Quorns of Quorn
Can you name where they come from?

			
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13.	14.	15.	16.
			
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Andy and Col setting up guide rail on wood lathe



Col lathing wood for the Coffee Pot train boilers



Ian painting and doing finishing touches to his outdoor setting



Kitchen chopping block finished and ready for delivery, another QMS project completed by Dave Coverdale with help of other members

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

Shed breakfasts at 0900hrs on 12th & 26th May

Andy does steak sandwiches for workers lunch, only \$4—on 5th & 19th May.



**Australian
Men's Shed
Association**
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

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



ALL WELCOME

QUORN MEN'S SHED
10 Seventh Street
PO Box 108
Quorn SA 5433
ABN 80 684 435 275



PH: 0429 977 015 Andy Smith (Chairman)
PH: 0488 069 943 Terry Smith (Tres)

Email: quormensshed@gmail.com

Andy's corner

Anyone interested in a community garden feel free to come along have a chat and a cuppa. 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 parts are still available for them. Anyone is welcome to drop in with a DIY project have a chat and a cuppa.

Dave's Notes

Andy pops in for a cuppa and a chat the last couple of weeks as well as doing the banking. Lyall back from Adelaide with a new hip, pops in for a chat, cuppa and a game of crib.

Thanks Lyall for loan of ute, we were able to clear the sorted can & bottles to the recycling yard.

Thanks to Wendy and the Great Northern Lodge for allowing us to collect the cans & bottles from the Motel, a great help to our budget line.

The miscellaneous wood and timber has now been shifted to the container, gives us more room for work benches and equipment.

In the last month we have had 3 visitors, Nigel Byrne, Adelaide, Bob Gay, Clare Men's Shed and Don Barret from Mt Pleasant Men's Shed.

Kingsley came to breakfast this week and joined the workers on the Coffee Pot Engine.

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



Daniel and Jeff working on Coffee Pot Train parts



FOR SALE

Craftsman 34" Ride on mower.
Comes with trailer. Has new battery.
\$1700.

Can be viewed at Quorn Men's Shed
Andy Smith 0429 977 015

Some have eyes and cannot see. Some have ears and cannot hear. So let's be wise And wear our safety gear.



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Quorn Pick Up and Delivery

Deliveries Tuesdays through to Sunday from:

~ IGA ~ QRT ~ PUB MEALS ~

Going to Port Augusta twice a fortnight

CONTACT: TINY

(ABN: 47 887 561 009)

0497 807 192

'Homemade Produce'



- * Relishes
- * Chutneys
- * Lemon Butter
- * Pickled Onions

Kylie Finlay ~ 0448 658 720

Quorn Mercury Revisited

Women's Fellowship

10 Years Ago



Wednesday 25th April the Women's Fellowship group travelled to Freebairn farm for a sausage sizzle and games night.

Pictured left: Pam Rodgers, Dianne George, Lorraine Pumpa and Anne Freebairn.

Pictured right: Judy Hunt, Levena Hartmann and Janet Hill.

Birth

20 Years Ago



Pictured left
Paul and Raoni Finlay with their new
daughter Meggan Ally, born
03/04/2002 and Densey



Home Recipes



Apple and Spice Muffins

Ingredients

- 2 cups of flour
- 1 and 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 and 1/2 teaspoons of bicarbonate of soda
- 1 teaspoon of cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon of nutmeg
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup chopped, peeled and cored apples
- 1 egg lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons of melted butter
- 1 cup milk

Method

Cook Time 20 minutes Makes 12

1. Pre heat oven to 200°C. Brush oil into bottoms only of twelve muffin tins.
2. Sift flour, baking powder, bicarb, cinnamon and nutmeg into a large bowl.
3. Stir in brown sugar and apple
4. Combine egg, milk and butter and mix well.
5. Add mixture all at once to flour mixture, stir gently with a fork until all the ingredients are just moistened.
6. Spoon batter evenly into each muffin tin filling two-thirds full.
7. Bake for 15-20 minutes until golden brown.
8. Serve warm with butter.

Recipe taken from Family Circle, Muffins, Scones and Teacakes. 1991

Quorn Bush Tucker Trail plants

Match the Common Name to the Scientific Name

OLD MAN SALTBUSH	SANTALUM SPICATUM
QUANDONG	CITRUS GLAUCA
BUSH BANANA	ATRIPLEX NUMMULARIA
TURPENTINE BUSH	SWAINSONA FORMOSA
REDGUM	EREMOPHILA STURTII
RUBY SALTBUSH	SANTALUM ACUMINATUM
YAKKA	MARSDENIA AUSTRALIS
WILD LIME	ENCHYLAENA TOMENTOSA
SANDALWOOD	XANTHORRHOEA QUADRANGULATA
STURTS DESERT PEA	EUCALYPTUS CAMALDULENSIS



LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

(Incorporated in South Australia)



FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENINGS

The Lions Club of Quorn
are pleased to sponsor free head to toe skin cancer screenings

**AVAILABLE ON
SATURDAY 28TH MAY
SUNDAY 29TH MAY**

at
**CAR PARK ADJACENT TO SKATE PARK
RAILWAY TERRACE**

A person's risk of skin cancer can increase with these following factors:

A family member who has had a malignant melanoma.

Five or more moles (not freckles) on your forearms.

Previously had moles removed that were not cancers

Previously had skin cancer

A mole or freckle, which is changing, size, colour or shape

Fair skin that always burns rather than tans

Had blistering sunburn as a child enough to stay off school

Any inflamed skin sores that do not heal

A fifteen minute screening may **SAVE** your life

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
NEED TO BE MADE BEFORE 14TH MAY

PLEASE CALL TODAY TO SECURE YOUR APPOINTMENT

Ph Mobile:

0427 486 185

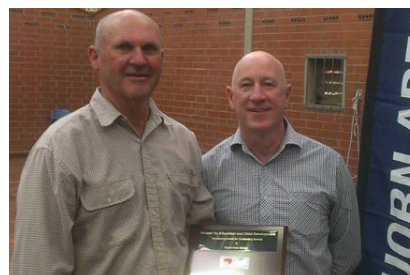
Minette

*Screeners are health professionals, provided as a free service to the community
by the Lions Medical Research Foundation*

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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PICHI RICHI • RAILWAY •



IT HAS BEEN all go on the Pichi Richi Railway now that steam season has commenced, and the school holidays have made it very busy indeed. We kicked off the season with a volunteer recruitment train on the 3rd April and despite some challenges on the day, we are pleased to welcome a number of new Port Augusta-based members to PRR.

Amy's Car 5 Connection

IT WAS DECIDED that because local woman Lieutenant Amy Hannigan of Headquarters 17th Brigade was returning to Quorn to take part in this year's ANZAC Day ceremony, PRR would invite her to inspect Car 5 afterwards.



PRRPS President Dion Chandler and Lt Hannigan make an exciting discovery

While Car 5 is on the regular consist out of Quorn, it has the unique distinction of containing the etchings from some of the World War II soldiers who travelled in it as they made their way to Darwin.

But no one imagined that these soldiers would turn out to be from the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, the same corp as Lt Hannigan herself!

Lt Hannigan is also the granddaughter of the late Maurice Hannigan, one of the many rollingstock restoration volunteers who brought Car 5 back to life!

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 Afghan Express, ready for departure

Scheduled Trains in May

Sunday 1st Pichi Richi Explorer – dep Quorn 10:30am, return Quorn 13:30

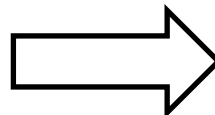
Saturday 7th Afghan Express – dep Port Augusta 10:30am, return PA 16:30

Sunday 15th Pichi Richi Explorer – dep Quorn 10:30am, return Quorn 13:30

Saturday 21st Afghan Express – dep Port Augusta 10:30am, return PA 16:30

Sunday 29th Pichi Richi Explorer – dep Quorn 10:30am, return Quorn 13:30

BOOK YOUR JOURNEY HERE



Hello and Goodbye

WHILE BRONWYN AND Neil Ingram continue to welcome new grandchildren into the world, we have sadly had to say goodbye to Bronwyn's (and Roz McMorron's) mother Marian Schutte.



This Ingram grandchild is ready to fill great-grandmother Marian's shoes as fireman

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

Allied Health Professionals May 2022 Visiting Schedule				
5th May	11th May	12th May	19th May	26th May
Podiatry Social Work Dietetics	Podiatry OT Physio	Speech Social Work Podiatry Dietetics	Podiatry Social Work	Podiatry Social Work Dietetics
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				



This QR Code will enable you to put in feedback, or phone 8668 7583, or send an email Health.FUNOCEOCorrespondence@sa.gov.au. Alternatively chat directly with the staff providing your care



Rainfall 2022

Jan	34.2mm
Feb	14.6mm
March	0.2mm
April	14.8mm
May	
YTD	64.0mm

Peter Culleney

In memory of our valued Quorn Jockey Club life member Peter Culleney.

Peter helped shape the Quorn Jockey Club over the years into the success it is today.

He will be sadly missed by all who had the pleasure of volunteering with him.

Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

Thank You

Colin Richard Hilder

Phyllis, Dale, Lorraine and family would like to express their thanks to Dr Tony Lian Lloyd, Kathy and staff of Flinders House and Mt View Home for the kindness and care given to Colin.

Thankyou also to everyone who gave kind words and thoughts on Colin's passing. Your kindness and sympathy is much appreciated.

In Memory of Robert Hall 14th May 2018

HIS SMILE

Though his smile is gone forever and his hand I cannot touch,
I still have so many memories of the one I love so much,
His memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part,
He is in safe keeping, I have him in my heart
Sadly missed but never forgotten.
You walk beside me every day.

Yours forever, Helen

**A note for the June Issue
Answers for the Young and not so Young will be
published in the June Issue**

May 2022

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888

Podiatrist May 5th, 11th, 12th, 19th, & 26th
 Social Worker May 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th
 Dietitian May 5th, 12th, & 26th
 Physiotherapist May 11th,
 Occupational Therapist May 11th
 Speech Pathologist
 Diabetes Education

Community Care Nurse

Monday-Friday 9am– 3pm

Country Health Connect 8668 7706



May 2022

Anglican Church of St Matthews

3rd Sunday of month 10am

Contact Number

Ph: 0447 711 056 or 0407 640 425

Catholic Church

Flinders Ranges Catholic Parish

Parish Priest: Father Harold Camonias

Mass Times:

Weekdays: Tuesday— Fridays 9am Quorn.

Friday 11am Hawker

Saturday Carrieton 4pm

Sunday Quorn 8.30am Hawker 10.30am

Leigh Creek 5pm 1st Sunday of the Month

Flinders Christian Fellowship

Sunday Church 10am

Monday and Thursday lunch 12pm

Tuesday Bible Study 12pm

Uniting Church

Sunday Services 10am

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- Other submissions to Visitor Information Centre, Quorn Railway Station before 4.30 pm 27th May
- Classified Ads on Visitor Information Centre form provided.

Must be paid for when submitted.

Guidelines for Submissions:

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

Contacts

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

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Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events May 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

Quorn Business Group

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

Flinders Flicks

Friday 27th at 6:30pm

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

Dillon Carlson Singer-songwriter

Performing at Elizabeth House
May 7th 6-9pm \$20 BYO drinks/nibbles
Bookings 0418 250 646

Mother's Day High Tea

Tickle Belly Hill 10am & 1pm 8th May

Pichi Richi Railway

Afghan Express 7th and 21st
Pichi Richi Explorer 1st, 15th and 29th

Quorn & District Local History Group

7th and 21st May 11am to 2pm at the
old courthouse

Quorn Silo Light Show

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

Quorn Product and Craft Market

Homemade goods, fresh local produce,
handmade knits, crafts, cards and so
much more! Sunday 29th May at the
Town Hall 8:30am – 2:30pm.

Amber Joy Poulton & The Holy Two

Quorn Transcontinental Hotel
Lunch 11:30am-1pm Show 2pm
\$40 / Show only \$25

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*if decade after decade the truth cannot
be told, each person's mind begins to
roam irretrievably. One's fellow
countrymen become harder to
understand than Martians*

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

Regular Events

Quorn

Hannifitt

School gym from 6.30pm Thursday nights
Low impact 10:30am Wednesdays Town
Hall

Boot Camp

Tuesday & Fridays 6.30am Quorn Oval

Yoga

Thursday nights 6.30pm
Uniting Church Hall

Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group

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

Quorn Bowling Club

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 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

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
Everyone welcome



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Photo Rob Stanford



Photo Quandong Cafe



Devil's Peak from another angle



Devil's Peak pokes through the fog—photo Richard Dyson