Quorn Mercury

Recording Quorn's History while it's Being Made

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All Steamed Up



The special re-enactment train departs from Quorn for the Summit expressing a flurry of steam to the delight of onlookers



Quorn Stockyard Arena riders walk their horses past the former railway residence—a scene not out of place in many previous years of Quorn's History

What a weekend! Railfest 2024, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first train running, did not disappoint.

The township of Quorn was buzzing! Traffic of cars and caravans constantly filled the streets. Parking spaces were continuing to fill as soon as any became vacant. Queues of visitors were seen leading into shops.

The Mercury has contributions of great photos of the weekend activities. We hope you enjoy all the inclusions about the Railfest.

Congratulations to the Pichi Richi Railway Railway Preservation Society, and all organisations and volunteers who contributed to the success of this memorable event. ■

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New Computers for the Quorn Mercury Office!

THANKS TO A grant from the Foundation For Rural & Regional Renewal, the Quorn Mercury has been able to purchase five brand new computers for the office plus a laptop.

This issue has been put together using the new ones which we are all loving, as the old ones were too slow to get much done.

We would also like to thank Kathy Diener for her help with the grant application, and Jeremy Ellis for his help with choosing appropriate computers to purchase, as we were a bit bamboozled with all the options out there. Last but not least we are thankful to the Flinders Ranges Council for their support in getting the new computers up and running with help from the guys at Simm IT.

Please note we have a new email address, so please update your records before the old ones stop coming through!

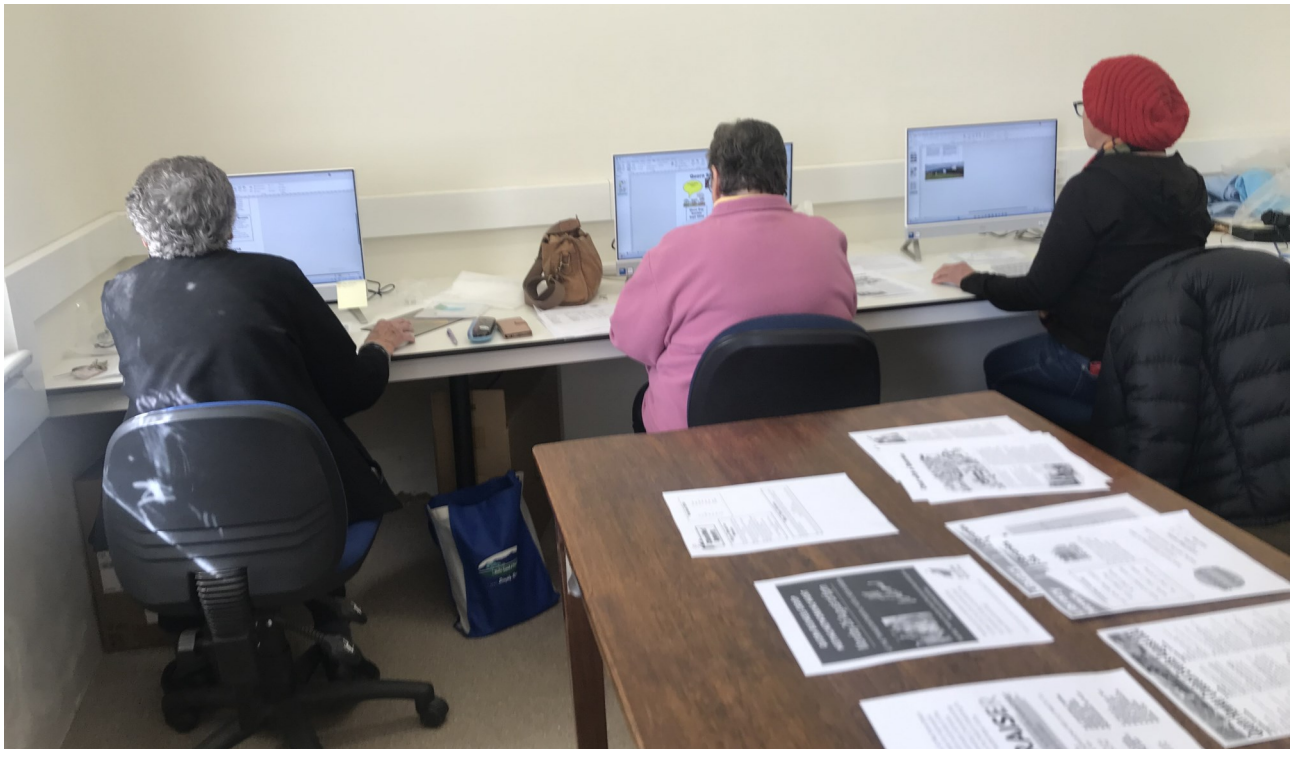
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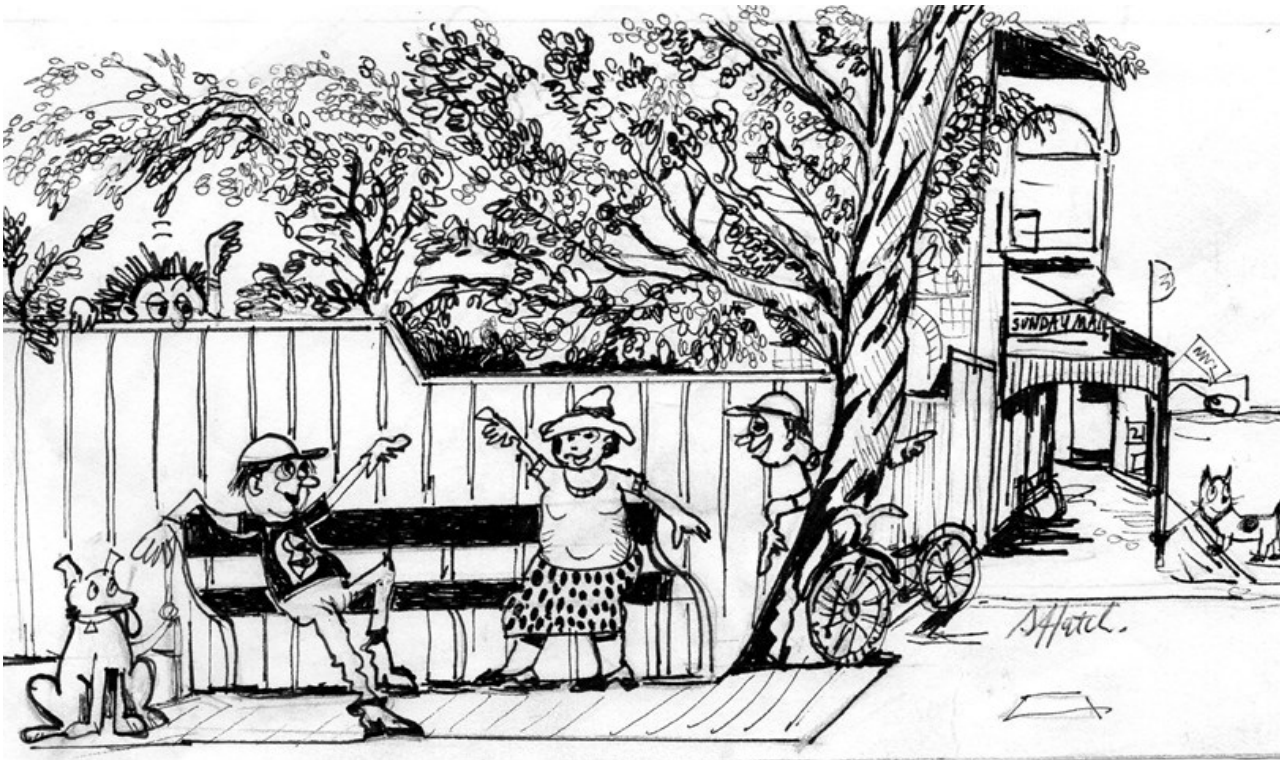


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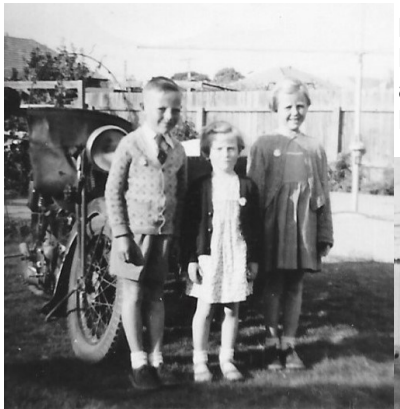
Mary Francis, Pat Wiseman and Liz Olle at work on the new computers

Chat with a Quornie
Pat Wiseman

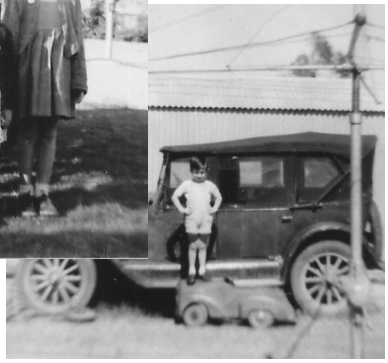


We made out home in Quorn in 2016, after living further North in the Flinders Ranges since 1975. My husband Keith had also worked in the Flinders Ranges during the 1960's.

I grew up in Adelaide, living most of my childhood and teens in the suburb of Glengowrie. Our family name was McCarthy, and my McCarthy great grandparents are buried in the Pekina cemetery. My twin brother and I were the first born of four children. We had a younger sister and brother.



Left: Twin brother Brian, sister Maureen and myself With Dad's BSA family transport.



Right: baby brother Don with more family transport

Growing up near Glenelg meant that the beach was a strong part of my childhood. Many happy times swimming and playing on the beach reinforced my love of the ocean. I thought I would not be happy if I couldn't live near the sea. After leaving school and training as a teacher I was posted to Whyalla. I was truly homesick living so far from Adelaide, but comforted myself with the knowledge that at least I was near the sea.

In my second year in Whyalla, schools were notified that a teacher was urgently required in Tarcoola, and if accepted they would be guaranteed a teaching position in Adelaide after one year. Without knowing anything much at all about Tarcoola, but seeing an opportunity to get back to Adelaide after a year, I applied for the position. I got the job.

It wasn't easy getting to Tarcoola. A particularly officious Commonwealth Railways Clerk in Adelaide tried to put me on the *fast goods train*. I was warned not to take this train. Finally, by paying for a First Class Ticket I was given special permission to take the East-West express. This proved to be quite posh, after changing at Port Pirie. Because I did not have a cabin I was seated in the First

Class lounge with my luggage stashed behind an armchair for the rest of my journey. Dining room service was available for me, where I tasted Mulligatawny soup for the first time. Very colonial.

The express always stopped at Tarcoola to exchange engine drivers and guards, so I was ushered with my luggage to the back of the train at about 12:40am. I was met by the Bush Church Aid Society sisters from the hospital, where I had temporary accommodation.

Thus began an incredible year in the outback. Barbara and Rosemary were experienced nursing sisters from Sydney, and became wonderful friends to me. Mrs Blight, with whom I boarded for most of my time in Tarcoola made me feel welcome in her home. I enjoyed life in this isolated town, a railway camp with hospital, police station, provision store, hotel, school, post office-repeater station, and a resident Anglican Minister.

The year was 1968. In May, heavy rain fell, and the dry red country I first discovered began to be covered in green. By springtime the low hills west of the town were covered in 'snow', from the abundance of white everlasting wildflowers. The roadsides, airstrip and creekbanks were lined with Sturt Desert Pea. It didn't seem to matter that I was so far from the sea, as the vast outback provided its own unique beauty.

It was a wonderful year. I had a lot to learn about children, teaching and life. With few other distractions I believe I learned a great deal in a short time. I met my husband Keith that year. He was overseer on Commonwealth Hill Station. We thought our future life would be in this remote country, but other opportunities arose and we both left the North-West by the end of that year.

In 1969 I was posted to Hallett Primary School and Keith took a management position on Kiaora Station, East of Burra. Hallett was, like Tarcoola, a school for two teachers. I taught Reception to Year Three, and the Head Teacher taught the Year Four to Year Seven students, and administered the school.

In Hallett I saw more snow. This time it was the real thing. It coincided with the historic first lunar landing. The children built a snowman in the playground, and in the classroom we struggled with a snowy TV reception trying to see if Armstrong would walk on the moon.

Keith and I married in 1970, and began our life in the Eastern States, beginning in the Riverina, on a merino stud property. Times became hard in the pastoral industry, with wool selling at less than fifteen cents a pound and some farmers walked off their properties, only to have them passed in at auctions.

In these unstable times, we then tried city life in Melbourne. For a year I worked as a medical benefits assessor in Bourke Street, processing claim forms with a calculator in the pre computer age. Keith worked for a commercial refrigeration company refurbishing fridges, and even renovating houses when his boss discovered his many practical skills.

However, city life was not for us. Keith took a chance on managing a property out of Balranald NSW, which was to be auctioned. I stayed in Melbourne, while we waited to see if the manager position would become permanent. The job did become permanent and I left Melbourne to resume our life on Bidura, a sheep station 80km from Balranald.

Keith was so happy to be back in the bush. We had friendly, caring neighbours, and we settled in, beginning our family there. David was born in June 1972, and Claire in November 1973. There were a number of young families in the surrounding area. A mothercraft sister travelled out to the stations to families, and we felt supported and included in the area.

In 1974 the area experienced exceptional rains and the bush bloomed again. There were lakes of water everywhere. A wheat crop was even sown on the hillside behind the homestead.

That summer, the district was exposed to the dangers of bushfires. We were expecting our



At a wedding in Balranald
Left, Keith, David, Claire Pat

third child. The combination of imminent fire danger, Keith running the property, fighting fires, and keeping the family safe, meant something had to change.

The children and I went to Adelaide to stay with my parents. The baby was due in January, so I would stay safely in Adelaide until then. Christmas time in Adelaide was a time to reflect on family safety, as we heard the news of Cyclone Tracy devastating Darwin. As it turned out Bidura was 90% burned out in the fires that swept North of the Murrumbidgee River almost to Menindee. However, the crop was saved.

Peter was born on January 16th. A midwife drew my attention to part of the umbilical cord, in the form of a perfect knot. She had never seen that before. Peter began somersaulting at a very early age it would seem.

I received some beautiful flowers from Keith, ordered from a Mildura florist. Five minutes later he arrived to see me, declaring if he'd known they were going to take that long to get to me he wouldn't have sent them. I'm glad he didn't know!

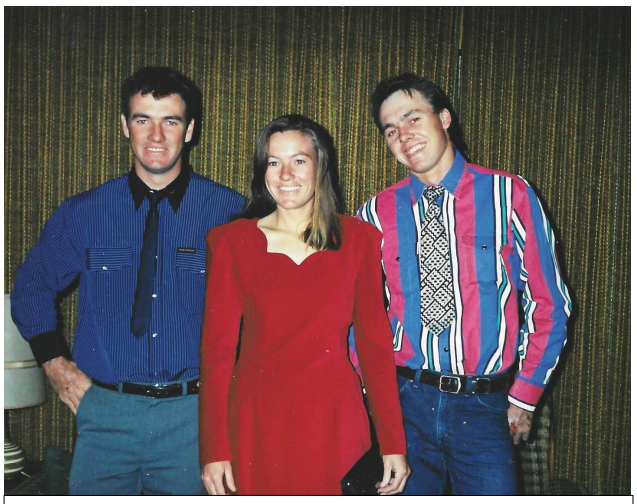
Life changed again after that —time to come back to South Australia. Keith accepted the managers position on Commodore Station and the children and I moved to the Flinders Ranges in March 1975. Keith was familiar with the property having worked there before with Jack McAuley.

Keith managed Commodore until his retirement in 2008. The early years were difficult for the family, with 32volt power, basic living conditions, and children sick with asthma. But life improved. Compensations of the stunning view from the front verandah, and the beauty of both the Flinders Ranges and the sand hill country brought joy at each end of the day. Take away the extreme heat, the flies and the snakes, and life would be perfect!



The family in the 1980s

Left: Keith, Pat, Claire, David Peter



All grown up! Left David, Claire and Peter

We lived 15km from Parachilna, where the children attended Parachilna Rural School for their primary years and went to boarding school in Adelaide for their secondary education. They loved the bush and station life, and were not particularly impressed with what Adelaide had to offer. They have all made their lives in outback and regional areas, working in a variety of occupations that contribute to regional or rural communities. We are proud of them.

I returned to teaching when the opportunity arose, providing non-contact time for the teachers at Parachilna over several years. Then I studied by distance education to update my qualifications. I worked for some years as a relief teacher at Leigh Creek and Hawker Area Schools, as we lived half way between both towns.

I became involved with the Isolated Children's Parents Association, serving at branch level, on State council, and was elected to Federal Council. The organisation works hard to support the educational needs of isolated children. My time on Federal Council was most interesting, especially seeing the level of respect in which it was held by policy makers in Canberra. At that time, the ICPA was consulted on the development of the Higher Education Contribution Scheme. I see the government is still trying to get that right.

In 1993 I began teaching two days a week at Hawker Area School, and taught there in varying capacities until my retirement in 2016. Beginning with Class teacher responsibilities, I was then asked to take on the role of Information Technology. As computers were being used more in schools I

developed a keen interest in technology, and how computers could support learning.

I was the IT teacher and curriculum network administrator for a number of years. I was teaching four days a week by then. We bought a little house in Hawker, and I divided my time between Commodore and Hawker.

I was then invited to take on the role of Indonesian teacher. "OK, I can do that!" Well, I had a lot to learn. I accepted a retraining scholarship, and began studying a graduate diploma in Language Teaching. I loved it!

Meanwhile, on the home front, we had consolidated our future by investing in a house in Goolwa. With Keith's family already living there it provided support for his mother and a retirement option for ourselves. Having somewhere to stay in Goolwa was very acceptable, and we enjoyed catching up with family and relaxing on the south coast.

In the end, our future took another turn when we decided to purchase Windana Cottages, a house on acres near Hawker with two semi-detached holiday units. The beauty of Windana was its feel of a station homestead with beautiful views, without the heavy workload. We loved Windana. Keith was happy to retire there in 2008, while I gradually reduced my teaching commitment to look after tourists.

At school, I was still teaching Indonesian Language and began a commitment to the *Yura Muda* curriculum, with Aunty Pauline and Karmy providing cultural and language support, with Narelle McKenzie stepping in when Karmy began parenting leave. It was a privilege to learn more about the Adnyamathana language and culture and its connections with the country around and north of Hawker. Yura Muda camps and excursions to Ikara, Oraparinna and Vulkathunha were very special times for the students and I.



Always a much anticipated part of the Yura Muda camp - searching for Witchetti Grubs



St Teresa's College students, Kuching, Sarawak
Unable to visit Indonesia,
I joined a study tour in Malaysia

I was also privileged as part of my Indonesian language scholarship to join an excursion with students from Mercedes College and St John's Anglican College to Malaysia in 2008. Because of the tragic bombing in Bali in 2002, the Education Department did not allow staff to travel to Indonesia. Student excursions were visiting Sarawak on the island of Borneo to experience cultural exchange.

I finally retired from teaching in 2016. We decided to move to Quorn, hoping that hospital and medical facilities there would better support us in our advancing years. We are also closer to family, making it easier for family to visit us more frequently.

I was interested in participating in the broader range of community activities to be found here. I love the train, and as a keen photographer it is the subject of many photos. I have been fascinated by trains and the railway industry from my time in the railway community of Tarcoola, and including our years at Commodore with the Leigh Creek Coal Train constantly rumbling through our life.

I joined the Mercury team and enjoy using my computer skills to help with the editing. I like to take photos of community events to share on social media and in the Mercury. I joined the Quorn Show committee and think its wonderful that the town I live in has its own show.

I like how living in Quorn offers the opportunity to get involved in the community, or to stay at home and do your own thing. I hope that there will always be enough willing people here, to help when there is work to be done. ■

Pat Wiseman

QUORN BOWLING CLUB
ARE HOSTING

Riley & Mia Crisp's

Riley & Mia have been chosen to represent South Australia in the Australian Schools Bowling Championship to be held in Geelong In September 2024.

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Quorn Show 2024

Great food stalls:
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Show Day
Sunday
Sept 22nd

Sunday September 22nd is the day!

Observers are always welcome at our committee meetings as we make final preparations. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday August 21st.

Look for the Show Book which should be in local outlets soon. You may want to plan your entries for the Memorial Hall.

Attractions include a climbing wall, a variety of multicultural food stalls, vegan food, and Smokey Uppercuts.

Rainbow Animal Farm will also be there again. Don't forget that show entry is free for children! Please call our President Kathy Rabig for further information. ■





FEES FOR 2023
Admission:

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Proceeds from memberships help with preparation and planning costs, and in securing attractions for the event.

Show Attractions

Revitup Racing
Jump Ride and Slide
Climbing Wall & Inflatables
Rainbow Animal Farm
infinity Braids Workshops
James' Travelling Magic Show
Side Shows & Rides
Wool Bale Rolling Competition
Annual Show Attractions
Horses in Action, Poultry & Pigeon Pavilion,
Wool/Fleece Judging, Plants & Flowers,
Dairy Produce & Vegetables,
Jam & Preserves,
Handicrafts & Needlework,
Cooking, Art &Craft, Photography,
School & Early Childhood Displays

Next Meeting August 21st

FRC Council Chambers 700pm

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Eulogy for Graham Davis
12 March 1944 – 21 June 2024

Childhood

DAD WAS BORN at Naracoorte hospital on the 12th March 1944, arriving in dramatic fashion 36 hours after his twin, Bruce. It was a huge surprise to his mum, Laura, who was not expecting to take two babies home with her!

Laura Davis's husband, Jack, was serving in the Airforce in Milne Bay, New Guinea, so she was on her own until he arrived home 18 months later. Over the next 11 years Jack and Laura welcomed sister, Helen, and baby brother, Peter, in 1955.

Graham had a happy childhood growing up on the family farm at Coonawarra, attending Saint Joseph's at Penola and Marist Brothers, Mount Gambier. In Year 11 and 12 (Leaving and Leaving Honours then) he went to Sacred Heart College, Adelaide.

Work

AFTER LEAVING Sacred Heart College, Graham started his teaching studies at Wattle Park Teachers College.

At 19 he began his first job at Kimba Area School, living at Waddikee, south-west of Kimba, at the end of a 50 km bus run.

Dad drove the long trek daily, with a bus full of kids, gradually moving the bus run further out, so that more kids could be included. He spent six years driving the bus and teaching Year 6.

Mum

AT KIMBA Graham met a bonnie lass, Geraldine Fitzgerald, who had finished school at Cabra College, and returned to the family farm at Buckleboo.

Her Dad, Clem, had a cousin on a farm just over from the Davis farm at Coonawarra. He rang (or probably wrote) to Grandpa 'Look out for this nice Catholic boy headed your way'. Mum remembers being with her Dad in Kimba and setting eyes on Dad for the first time, while he was filling up the bus.

Her parents, Clem and Kath, invited Graham out for dinner at the farm, and by the time Geraldine left to do nursing at Calvary Hospital in 1966, the two were, in Geraldine's words, 'close friends'. At the end of her training, they married in Sacred Church, Kimba on January 17, 1970.

It was a blistering hot day, and the reception was held in the Show Pavilion—essentially a tin shed.

The newlyweds moved to Adelaide, and Graham began teaching at North Adelaide Primary School while Geraldine worked in the theatre at Calvary Hospital. They lived in Rostrevor next to Bruna and Garry.

Graham had decided to learn how to fly and in 1971, obtained his private pilot's licence. During this period he flew competition aerobatics. His love of aviation was something he passed onto me.

Family Life

GRAHAM COMPLETED extra study and worked at Stradbroke and Linden Park Primary schools. At the end of 1974 he and Mum moved to Nepabunna, where Dad became school principal.

In Feb 1976 they welcomed son number one—me, Ben. At the beginning of 1977 we moved to Marree and in August, on mum's birthday, they introduced a bit of competition to me—my brother, Tim. In Marree, Graham was appointed a JP and was required to act as judge in small court cases from time to time.

They moved to Port Augusta where Graham became principal of Willsden Primary School. In March 1982 our family became complete with the birth of my little sister Deborah Ann. In October, we moved into our newly built home in Quorn.

Dad was appointed principal of Augusta Park Primary, but soon after, became District Superintendent for Upper North. He held that position until retirement in 2003.

I quote from an article given me by Dad's great friend, Graham McCallum:
'As a Superintendent, Graham was sympathetic, inclusive and quietly spoken. He said 'You always work back from what's best for the kids'. He took the time to listen, was respectful of other views and turned the situation back to them to solve.'

He used his pilot's licence to fly the vast distances that the job required, and took the chance to catch up with his children at boarding school in the city when regular meetings took him there.

Dad made many great friends during that time, some here today. He greatly looked

forward to their post-retirement 'boozy lunches' in the city. In Quorn he also made some great friends, Lawrie, Garfield, Kev, Dave and Imelda amongst many.

During this time we had land north of Quorn on Stoney Creek, where Dad ran Murray Grey cattle for a while.

Retirement

DAD MADE THE MOST OF his 21 year retirement. First stop was to own an aircraft, and so he decided to build one. (Knowing that someone else might be able to help). For the next six to seven years, it became the focus of Dad's life, (and the bane of some others).

It was supposed to be finished before my son, Ethan arrived, and then shortly before my second son, Finn. But finally the RV6 aircraft, *GLD,* was complete, and suddenly all the blood, sweat, tears and years became worthwhile.

It broke his heart to sell it, but when the *GLD* ended up with great mate, Doug Sprigg at *Arkaroola*, Dad felt a real sense of peace.

Dad's second passion was fishing. There was nothing he looked forward to more than a fishing trip with his mates in Port Neill. Those friends—Graham McCallum, Mal Pascoe and Robert McCallum were very important to him.

In 2008, the new Flinders House Home for the Aged on West Terrace, Quorn, was officially opened—an event that gave Graham great satisfaction, as the First Chair. He moved his parents, Jack and Laura there in their final years, and took amazing care of them.

Dad was a man of deep faith, attending mass and serving on committees for his local Catholic parish.

Dad saw his three children married, and from 2007 to 2023, the arrival of 11 grandchildren. He was a proud Granddad, loved by all the grandchildren. His favourite Christmases were those with all the family at West Beach or on the deck at Quorn.

Kirsty and my boys, Ethan and Finn, had frequent happy visits from Dad, who was always interested in their educational opportunities and achievements.

Deb and Alec's children, Lenny, Sidney, Elsie and Bernie, loved seeing him and mum, especially on their camping trips from KI to Adelaide and Quorn.

He followed keenly Tim's football matches, and the sporting successes and development of Tim and Fran's children—Grace, Louis, Mary, Lucy and Charlotte.

When Dad decided to go on the trip of a life-time to the world's biggest air show at Oshkosh, USA, Mum said he needed a chaperone. I was *forced* to go along to keep an eye on the old bugger!

Graham's last year & death

DAD EXPERIENCED poor health in his later years. Firstly, as a result of a lung condition originating in the 36 hours wait after Bruce had made his arrival. Secondly, from a long battle with skin cancer that caught up with him in the end.

His last six months were difficult for him and mum, with one health complication after another. And I would just like to say now that Mum's care of Dad in the last six months was unbelievable.

In the end, death came much more quickly than we probably anticipated. We'd planned to be at West Beach this Christmas, but a new tumour was found on Dad's spine on a Monday and he died on the following Friday.

Dad was in a lot of pain in his last weeks, but we can be comforted in knowing that he went in peace and in faith. He was ready to go, surrounded by those who loved him.

He was very successful in his career, a great pilot and from all accounts a passable fisherman. Quietly proud of what he'd achieved, he was most of all, husband, father & granddad who loved and valued his family.

Dad was also a brother, uncle, cousin, and great friend to many. I am sure that he will be greatly missed by all those who knew him. ■

Ben Davis



The Three Wise Men. *From left*—Gar Michael, Lawrie Fitzgerald, Graham Davis, 2022

Chapman Family History Part 5

THE CHILDREN of John Benjamin James Chapman

Continuing from Part 3 of the Chapman Family History, John Benjamin James Chapman and Ethel Amy Chapman (nee Butler) were to have seven children:

Harold James Chapman was born at Boulder City in Western Australia on15 January 1905 but unfortunately died in infancy on 16 May 1906.

Coral Elizabeth Chapman was born at Boulder City in Western Australia in 1906.

John Benjamin Chapman was born at Boulder City in Western Australia on 22nd June 1908.

Frank Chapman was born at Boulder City in Western Australia on 26 November 1909 and unfortunately died in the Kalgoorlie Hospital in Western Australia on 2 August 1915.

Liela Chapman was born at Boulder City in Western Australia on 5 April 1912.

Jean Chapman was born at Boulder City in Western Australia in 1915.

Leila Chapman was born at Boulder City in Western Australia on 5 April 1912.



Coral learnt the piano at an early age and in 1920 at the age of 14 years won the Eastern Goldfields Senior Exhibition. In winning the exhibition Coral achieved the music degree and level of proficiency at Associate of the London College of Music – ALCM.

Coral went on the further achieve proficiency to qualify for the award of Licentiate of the London College of Music – LLCM.

"The Licentiate Performance Diploma recognises skills well above the requirements for the Associate. The two diploma examiners expect candidate performances and discussions to be approaching professional levels of musical ability and insight.

All repertoire must be chosen from the current Licentiate Piano syllabus lists. The program should be between 35 and 50 minutes in length and a minimum of one work must be presented from memory."

After the family moved back to Hammond then later to Quorn, Coral gave many recitals, took up teaching music and forming her own dance band which remained a very popular band for many dances and functions throughout the region. Some family band members were her father on the accordion, her uncle Ben on drums, Uncle Liddon (Charlie) who had a beautiful singing voice, and her brother Neville who was a good Saxophone player.

Miss Correl Chapman, A.L.C.M., teacher of pianoforte and theory, announces elsewhere that she is open to teach pupils from this date. Miss Chapman is the winner of the senior exhibition for 1920. Intending pupils are invited to apply to Mr. J. Chapman, North Quorn, for full particulars.

Quorn Mercury 30 June 1922

HAMMOND LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Hammond Literary Society held their opening meeting on Friday, June 16th, in the form of a Variety Evening. The president presided over a large attendance. Miss C. Chapman, A.L.C.M., contributed the opening selection (piano), her skilful and melodious rendering, being very much appreciated by the audience. Several songs by Miss B. Chick received their due share of appreciation. Miss C. Randall and Mr. W. Griffin contributed songs in a very pleasing manner. A recitation rendered by Miss G. Cormack, in a very creditable style, was duly appreciated. Mr. F. Bunfield also contributed a recitation. The keen interest taken in the Literary Society by the public is very gratifying, and undoubtedly this season will again prove a success. Meetings will be held fortnightly, Mr. C. W. Dohnt being in charge of the next evening.

A euchre tournament in aid of the hall was held on Wednesday, June 14. The hall funds benefited to the extent of £6.

Coming-of-Age Party

At the Parish Hall, Quorn, on May 17, Mr J. B. Chapman entertained a number of friends to celebrate the coming of age of his daughter Coral. A very pleasant evening was spent in novel and old-style dancing and musical items. Mr Roberts and Mr G. Cobbin gave a violin duet, Miss D. Reid and Mrs A. Musgrave rendered vocal items, Mr G. Cobbin a violin solo, and little Miss Violet Ryan a recitation. Miss Coral Chapman, looked very sweet frocked in a mauve georgette and trimmings of gold lace, whilst receiving with her great aunt, Mrs Devine, who wore a black ensemble. Miss Chapman was the recipient of many useful and handsome gifts. The usual toasts were honoured during supper, speeches being made by Messrs E. McMahon, B. Jericho, and N. Fuss. Mr Chapman responded on behalf of his daughter, and presented her with a gold key. Miss Chapman then proceeded to cut the cake, which was a picture of daintiness, and was the gift of Mrs. C. Gray. Dancing was then resumed until a late hour. Among those present were:—Mr and Mrs Jericho, Mr and Mrs McMahon, Mr and Mrs F. A. Smith, Mr and Mrs Musgrave, Mr and Mrs McColive, Mr and Mrs Naulty, Mr and Mrs T. Middleton, Mr and Mrs C. Hill, Mr and Mrs Ellen, Mr and Mrs Gray, Mr and Mrs Dyke (Adelaide), Mr and Mrs W. Reid, Mr and Mrs A. J. Roberts, Mrs Devine, Mrs Clayton (Adelaide), Miss Ryan (Adelaide), Mrs Neville, Mrs Lee (Hammond), Mrs E. Chapman, Mrs McPherson, Mrs Bradley, Misses M. Ryan, M. Davidson, R. Davidson, P. and E. Key, F. Yates, A., L., and D. Reid, M. Devine, N. and E. Abbott, (Bruce), C. Laidlaw, J. Sheehan, V. Graham, M. Reddaway, L. Chapman, P. Wingate, G. Rodgers (Cowell), M. Rodgers, P. Brown (Amyton), E. Case (Hammond), G. Pool, Messrs N. Fuss, B Wright, W. Brown, R. Donaldson, G. Cobbin, C. Brown, W. Schapel, C. Laidlaw, H. Reddaway, W. Case, K. Reid, D. Ratke, W. Woods, A. and E. Voigt and R. Pool (Bruce), J. Nelson, J. Hill, G. Williams, A. Jarret, C. Byrne, L. Pool, H. Oates, H. Abbott, and F. McMahon.

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Leila and her young brother Neville were enrolled at the Quorn Primary School in 1925 after transferring from Hammond and Bruce schools. Leila was good tennis player

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Tennis.

QUORN PRIMARY SCHCOL.

By the East-West express on Friday night last there arrived in Quorn a party of girls from the Orroroo Primary School. During their brief stay in the town they were the guests of some of the Quorn girls. The ostensible reason for their visit was a tennis match between teams representing the two schools. Whilst this is true, there were additional motives which prompted the Head Teacher in making the arrangements. Such visits *very often are productive of* lasting friendships. They dissipate parachial views and cultivate a wider outlook upon life, besides encouraging a spirit of emulation and a desire to excel. The tennis match was played on Saturday morning, and as the scores indicate resulted in a good win for the local girls. The afternoon gave an opportunity to the young hostesses to cultivate the art of entertaining. In the evening a social was spent in the school, and a lively and happy time was spent. Members of the School Committee and other friends join'd in the fun. During the evening His Worship the Mayor (Mr. R. Thompson) officially welcomed the young visitors and expressed the desire that this might be the forerunner of many such visits. The girls departed for their homes on Sunday morning. The following ladies very kindly provided hospitality for the girls, and to them the Head Teacher desires to express his thanks for their kindness: — Mesdames W. K. Thompson, H. J. Cubbins, W. T. Foster, F. Smith, W. Salmon, Wingate, and A. Key.

Results of Tennis Match:—

—Doubles.—

Eva Harding and Kath Thompson (Quorn) lost to Ita Harslett and Agnes Danielsen (Orroroo), 5—6.

Lorna Salmon and Pearl Wingate beat Edna Jose and Gertie Cobiac, 6—4.

Llevellys Hill and Nancy Foster beat Ella McDonald and Grace Haynes, 6—1.

Leila Chapman and Mary Stewart beat Doris Nutt and Gladys Symes, 6—1.

—Singles.—

Edie Harding beat Ita Harslett, 6—1.

Kath Thompson beat Agnes Danielson, 6—1.

Lorna Salmon beat Edna Jose, 6—4.

Pearl Wingate beat Gertie Cobiac, 6—2.

Llevellys Hill beat Ella McDonald, 6—2.

Nancy Foster lost to Grace Haynes, 2—6.

Leila Chapman beat Doris Nutt, 6—0.

Mary Stewart beat Gladys Symes, 6—0.

Totals—Quorn, 2 sets; Orroroo, 2 sets.

After leaving school Leila obtained a position as personal aide and secretary to Lady Bonython in Adelaide. Leila later married in Adelaide on18 February1939.

Farewell Evening.

A farewell evening was tendered Miss Lila Chapman at the residence of Mr and Mrs Trevor-Williams, on March 31, on the eve of her departure for Adelaide. Miss Chapman has been spending the Easter vacation at Quorn. Vocal items were rendered by Mr Trevor-Williams and Mr Bill Crowe, and Mr Scotty Marshall danced a Highland Fling. The music was supplied by Mrs Trevor-Williams, Miss Coral Chapman, and Mr A. Vivian, and Mr Scotty Marshall performed the duties of M.C. A delightful home-made supper was served by the ladies, which was done justice to by all present. Mr Alex Scobie won the Cornish pasty eating competition, with Mr Dan Bryan a close second. Dancing was indulged in until the early hours of the morning. The singing of Auld Lang Syne brought a very enjoyable night to a close. Miss Chapman left by Friday morning's train for Adelaide.

Extract from the Quorn Mercury 8th April 1932 p3

Wedding

DANLON—CHAPMAN

A very pretty choral wedding was celebrated at St. John's Church, Halifax street, Adelaide, on February 18, when Leila, second daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Jack Chapman, of Quorn, was married to James Arnold, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L. J Danlon of Colonel Light Gardens, by the Rev. T. E Wyllie.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr Jim Chapman, of Quorn, looked lovely in a gown of white slipper satin, cut on slimming lines, with long train and V neck. She wore an old gold brooch with tiny pearls encircled in it. Her veil was of plain tulle held in place by a halo of orange blossom, and she carried a beautiful sheaf of white mixed flowers.

The bridesmaids, Misses Lorna Boomer, Adelaide, and Edna Chapman, Quorn, were frocked alike in mauve crinkled georgette over dark pink taffeta, cut on unusual lines, with very full skirt and quilted puff sleeves. They wore halos of mauve with tiny pink flowers in front, and carried shower bouquets of mixed cyclamen and mauve flowers.

The flower girl, little Pattie Walsh, wore a poke bonnet to match her frock of the same shades as the bridesmaids, and she carried a silver basket of mixed flowers.

Mr Hartley J Hender was best man and Mr Jack Kinnish groomsman.

The church was beautifully decorated for the bride by Lady Bonython in tonings of pink and mauve, with silver honesty among the large bowls of mixed flowers.

Miss Gwen Collett (Mrs Selliah) sang a solo while the register was being signed.



Jean enlisted in the Second World War at Quorn and her service is recorded on the Quorn Honour Roll. After the war Jean moved interstate.





After the family returned to Hammond in the 1920's, Neville commenced his schooling at Hammond and when the family moved to Quorn in 1925, he transferred to the Quorn Primary School.

Neville married Vera Wood at Quorn in 1938.



Northern Licensing District

COURT AT PORT AUGUSTA ON AUGUST 23

The following applications will be considered by the Licensing Court at its second quarterly meeting to be held at the Port Augusta courthouse on Thursday, August 23.

New applicant—Previously Licensed Premises—Publican's Licence and Temperance Permit:

North Blinman Hotel, Blinman, Vera Matilda Margaret Lyford.

Transfers—Publicans' Licences and Temperance Permits.

Criterion Hotel, Quorn, Neville James Chapman and Vera Millicent Chapman, from Herbert Edgar Thiele.

Neville joined the Commonwealth Railways in March 1937, eventually becoming a Locomotive Engineman before resigning on 30 June 1951 to become the lessee of the Quorn Criterion Hotel.

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Neville and Vera joined in with many community activities, Neville becoming the President of the Albion Football Club and joining his sister Coral in her dance band where Neville was a good saxophone player. Neville, Vera and their family later moved to Port Augusta and other locations where Neville



Neville making a presentation to local player Sid Williams. (right)

QUORN BUSINESS GROUP MEETING/NETWORKING NIGHT

Monday 26 August at 6pm

AT THE TRANSCONTINENTAL HOTEL BEER GARDEN



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The Stockyard Arena Association 30 years on

By Tony Lian-Lloyd

On Australia Day 1994 a public meeting was held in the town hall to gauge support for the construction of a multi-purpose equestrian arena to meet the needs of horsemen and women in the town and surrounding districts.

The meeting confirmed the need to provide a safe location for young riders to learn and gain confidence around horses. A committee was formed, constitution drawn up and the organisation incorporated in 1994.

The executive and wide membership felt that the stockyard site in North Quorn was the most appropriate site to construct a top-quality safe arena. Initially there was a lot of negativities around the town that nothing would come of such plans. Front bar expertise felt that the



SAA committee would "put a few posts in the ground and walk away and forget about it".

To inaugural president Dr Tony Lian-Lloyd and the committee this was like a red rag to a bull. The SAA's initial expectations were modest as to what we could achieve. There was strong support from council and particularly council CEO at that time, Daryl Cearns.

Fundraising was varied with wide local support. Full two-day trail rides become a major event and revenue raiser. Riders came from as far away as Adelaide and beyond and on one ride there were over 70 riders plus support crew.

The rides bought together a broad cross section of the community who normally would not have much interest in horses. Good times were had over the years and the rides remained a good source of income.



The membership of SA was wide and varied with committee members, volunteers and friends involved in the construction of the arena with a diverse set of skills particularly in metal work, welding, carpentry, and general construction. Working bees were monthly and leading up to the formal opening the SAA were working full days on Saturday and Sunday for a month before the first competition was held.

The initial stage of construction was complete. Regular events became a feature, and riders had a safe place to ride.

Initially the arena had no power or permanent toilet and shower facilities but in 2012 these quality facilities were added.

The SAA has always made a profit from events run over the years and has not compromised on quality or safety in facilities built.

The organisation had made application for local, state, and federal grants without success, but not for lack of trying.

The Flinders Ranges Council have always been a strong source of support.

In 2021, a pavilion, extended deck covering the bar and BBQ shed and shades on the southern mound built at considerable expense and funded through grants that the Flinders Ranges Council helped secure.

A whole generation of young riders has learnt to ride safely and well, through the SAA at the arena and in the process have been exposed to a wide range of events and opportunities in horse activities.

The Association has been successful because of the specialist, unique and wide-ranging

skills that the membership and volunteers has provided over the years and furthermore a committee which holds the whole show together over that time.

There are too many people to name whose dedication is well known, but what is great to see is the young riders of the past years who have stepped up and now with innovative ideas and new ways form the backbone of the organisation.

Over the years larger and more complex events have been run by the SAA in addition to Gymkhana and hacking events. In 1997 a major campdraft competition was held as part of the “Opera in The Outback” with competitors coming from north and south of South Australia. Because of the ironclad contract we had with the promoter, the campdraft was one of the few events that was fully paid for as severe storms over the weekend diminished expected crowd attendances elsewhere.

In 1999 at campdraft and pastoral field days was held over two days which involved many clubs and societies in Quorn and beyond with significant funds being donated to the hospital. Team penning- a cattle and horse competition attracted riders statewide and has been a regular feature of our events calendar over the years.

Bronco-Branding, a traditional station skill particularly in South Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory has become a regular feature of the SAA calendar.

In simple terms, a ground crew and rider will rope, throw, and brand a bullock in a team timed event.

This is a unique event, derived, like rodeo, from traditional skills of horsemanship working with cattle in outback Australia.

In 2021, the national Bronco branding championships were held in Quorn with competitors from the Northern Territory, Queensland, and South Australia for two days of team penning and bronco branding.

Auctions form part of these events. In one year over $16,000 was raised for charity through the Auction.

Top competitors stated the Quorn Stockyard Arena was the best facility of its kind in Australia and the best run event in the tri-state competition.

The most exotic fundraising event was when 12 desperate characters on horseback held up the Pichi Richi train at the summit on New Year’s Eve in 2000, the turn of the millennium.

S ome of the Japanese tourists initially thought it was real however we only raised $250; the money being donated to the hospital. The SAA worked out that there were easier ways than holding up trains to raise money for the hospital.

On other occasions, as part of biannual two-day trial rides in collaboration with Pichi Richi railway, the SAA would load horses on the railway stock crates, "The Breaker Morant Express” and travel to Woolshed Flat, unload and ride back to Quorn over two days.

As far as the SAA and Pichi Richi railway are aware this is the only location in Australia with this type of reenactment has occurred.

Over recent years combination motorkhana and gymkhana competition has proved to be very popular with the horse versus bike events attracting attention and discrete wagers being placed on the side.

Because of the high-quality of the arena complex and the ongoing development, other horse organisations, such as the Northern Barrel Racing league and private clinics and trainers often from afar will hire out the complex.

Indeed, the Arena is a safe secure facility for both riders, horses and general stock and probably is the best outdoor arena complex in regular use in the state. ■

Tony Lian-Lloyd



RailFest 2024





Spoon

















Photo credit: David Bryker





3-year-old Leo, grandson of PRR founder Quentin Smith, rings the bell for the reenactment train, with help from dad Hamish

Updated PRR book launched at RAILFEST

Rodney Barrington and his team of knowledgeable Society members have put together an excellent sequel titled *Into the Pass,* following on from the *History of Pichi Richi Railway* published in 1984. The book will be released at RailFest on 27 & 28 July in Quorn, to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Society's first train operations.

Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society was established in 1973 and over the years there have been just three history books published by the volunteers of the Society. This new book is the result of a combined effort under the direction of the Editor, Rodney Barrington.

Rodney Barrington celebrates the Pichi Richi Railway's proud 50th anniversary by telling the story in two parts: first the railway itself, then the Society that saved it. Readers of all ages and interests will find this story fascinating!

A highly accomplished and rigorous researcher and writer, Rodney Barrington greatly enjoys studying, photographing, sketching, and draughting what make the railways tick.

Rodney's lifelong journey started when he lived on Railway Terrace, opposite the Edwardstown railway station. To him, the smoke-belching chariots were fascinating; to his mum on washing days, they were the bane of her life.

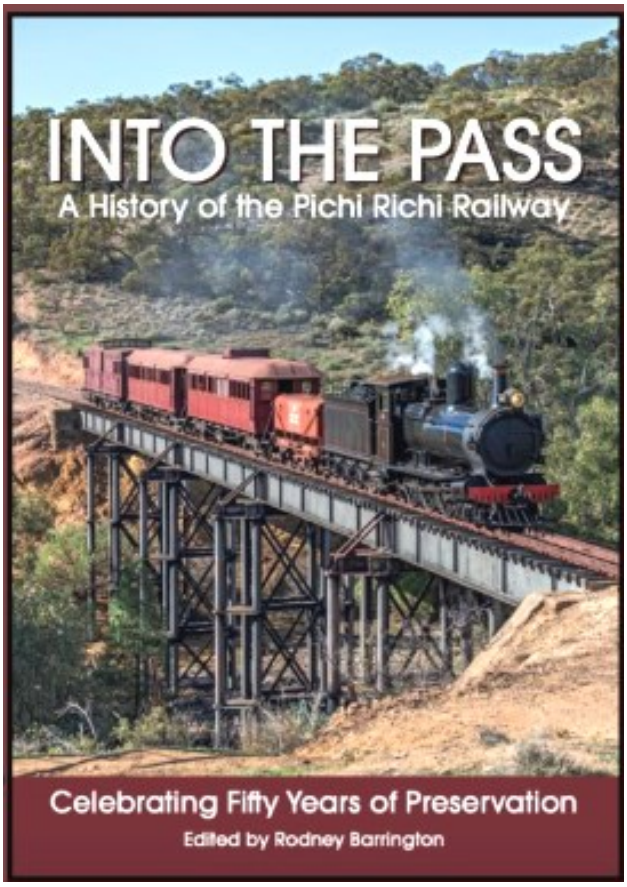
Later, when other boys had graduated to spending their time in milk-bars, Rodney was building a maturing interest in the technology, history, architecture, and operation of the South Australian Railways. His observations and findings have appeared in countless articles - in publications such as Australian Railway History, in papers and presentations at the annual Modelling the Railways of South Australia Convention, and in other railway-interest periodicals.

His evocative ink sketches have appeared in many publications, including booklets of many Australian Railway Historical Society tours, for which he was an organiser, and his drawings are featured in Pichi Richi Railway's Activity Book.

Balancing his time with professional demands as an architect and working in the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society (including at one stage as rolling stock superintendent), and writing with his colleague



Rodney Barrington signing books at the Station on 28th July

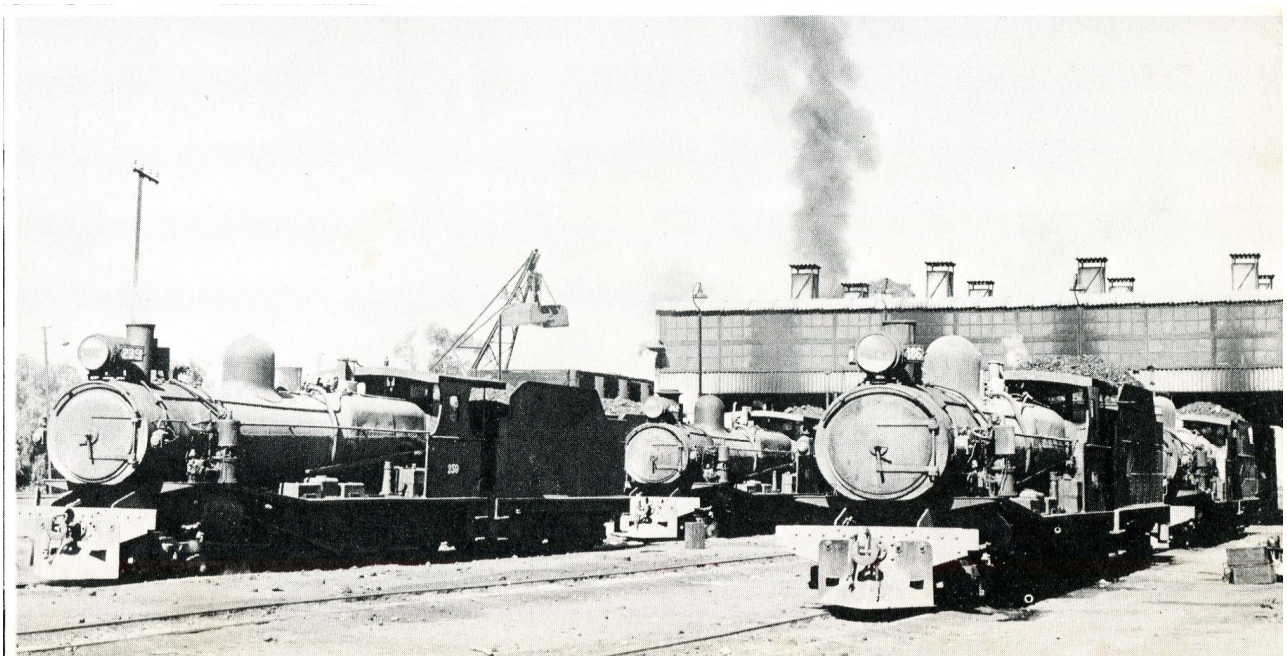


Jack Babbage, they published the *History of Pichi Richi Railway* in 1984, and have updated and expanded this book now. The book distils and covers a vast amount of knowledge of a plucky little railway and its "hometown" in Quorn, situated where it climbs "Into the Pass".

Copies may be ordered through the PRR website:

https://www.pichirichirailway.org.au/shop/8-books

Pictures from the Past



"On shed" at Quorn loco in 1955 are four S.A.R.T's Numbers 239, 242, 186, 181. Photo J.L. Buckland

Photos taken from the Commemorative Booklet of The Opening of the Pichi Richi Railway 20th July 1974



The executive members of the Society pause for a photograph after a full day of loading railway sleepers. Left to right: W. H Gillespie, L. Q. Smith, R. J. Mayes, M. Cugley, and T. R. Ward.

Library News

Libraries SA

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Three Little Birds	Sam Blake
The Royal Librarian	Daisy Wood
The Phoenix Crown	Kate Quinn & Janie Chang
Ashes in the Snow	Oriana Ramunno
Heart of the River	Cheryl Adnams
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Half Broke Horses	Jeannette Walls
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The Library at Wagtail Ridge	Janet Gover
Never Too Late	Danielle Steel
First Sight	Danielle Steel
Shock Waves	Fleur Mc Donald
The Paris Daughter	Kristin Harmel
The Mystery Guest	Nita Prose
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River Poems	Henry Hughes
Tango of the Widow	Tarla Kramer

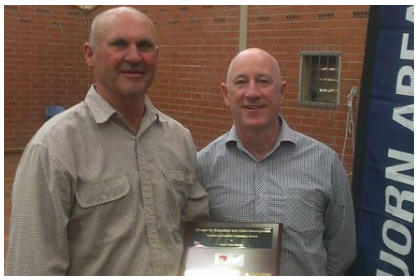
I have been the Member for Giles since 2014 and was appointed Shadow Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development in 2018.

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

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- 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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News from the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board

PORT AUGUSTA-QUORN LANDSCAPE GROUP

The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board (SAAL) supports seven Landscape Groups across the region to ensure it remains connected with community and local landscape issues. The Port Augusta-Quorn Landscape Group Quorn-based members are Richie Paynter, Renata Hackett, and Pauline Zanet. Kurt Tschirner joins the group as the SAAL Board representative. The group meets every two months with the next meeting to be held in Quorn on Friday 2 August at Quorn Bowling Club.
If you have an item to raise or would like to attend, please contact a local member or Community Landscape Officer Brett Devitt on 0409 753 495 or Brett.Devitt@sa.gov.au

LADIES MUSTER

The Outback Ladies Muster will strengthen social resilience and build capacity in women on the land and in business who feel the effects of drought. The event will deliver a mix of personal and professional development sessions, a keynote speaker, creative workshops and networking activities and will certainly be fun and impactful. Attendees can expect to leave the Outback Ladies Muster feeling included, fulfilled, inspired, and capable.

More information is available from the events tab on the board's website. Tickets are strictly limited.

Further information is available from Lucy at lucy.morphett1@gmail.com



SHEEP eID WORKSHOP

Farmers and graziers are invited to join the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board at the Rodger's shearing shed from 11am-5pm on Friday 23 August for a half day sheep workshop.

The free event will provide an opportunity to hear guest presentations and receive trial updates relevant to sheep producers including:
- Adelaide University research on the benefits of supplementing summer-joined ewes and rams with melatonin and/or vitamin ADE to increase pregnancy rates in sheep and on ground.
- Upper North Farming Systems *Regenerating Goyder's Line* seeding trial results
- eID opportunities in individual animal management, breeding objectives and traits, eID terminology and hardward options
- Demonstration on drafting based on particular traits using Rodger's auto drafter
- Predator trapping tools and techniques demonstration.



Do you need support with meals as you grow older?

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For any enquiries, please contact your aged care provider or

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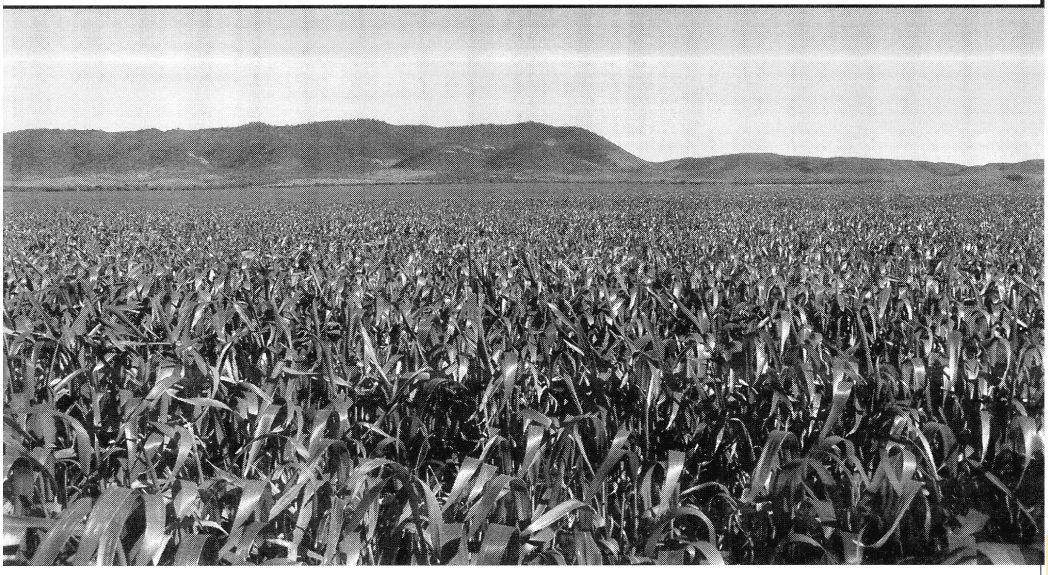
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My office can help with Federal issues including. Centrelink, Immigration, Communications, Veterans Affairs and many others

Please contact Rowan's office 1300 301 742 or 8633 1744
Email: rowan.ramsey.mp@aph.gov.au
PO Box 296 PORT PIRIE SA 5540

Quorn Mercury Revisited

So far so good



Broom Hilder's crop at Kyoota on the Yarrah Vale Road with the Dutchman in the background.

10 Years Ago

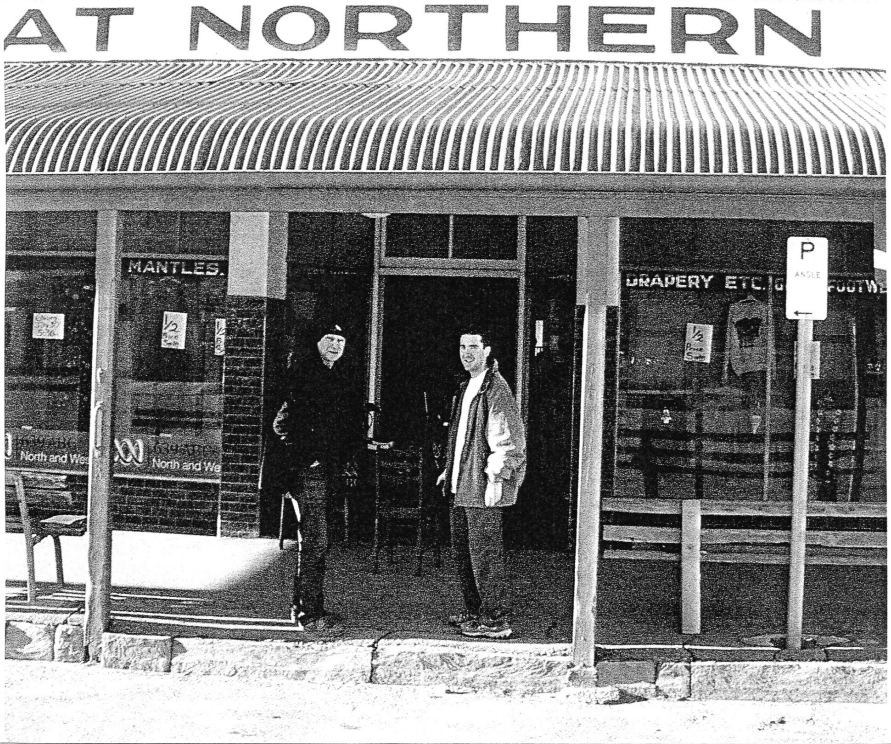
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20 Years Ago

Foster's closes its doors

AT NORTHERN



RW Foster closes its doors for the last time—ABC Radio announcer Rodger Taylor and Technical Assistant Craigh Marich preparing for a direct broadcast on the steps of the store July 30th 2004.

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PICHI RICHI • RAILWAY •

Due to the Mercury publication deadlines a feature on *RailFest 2024* in Quorn will be published next month.

Over the Kings Birthday long weekend in June several trains were running, all staffed by our volunteers. Work continued on the track, in the carriage restoration sheds, in our locomotive departments, and many other areas of PRR. Some of our trains on the June holiday weekend carried more than 200 passengers, all who enjoyed their heritage experience, travelling through Pichi Richi Pass.

The 200 passengers who travelled this weekend contributed to **5,000 passengers** who have travelled on the Pichi Richi Railway this year, up to the end of June 2024.

On Sunday that same long weekend Ian McNamara on ÄBC radio's, *Australia All Over* program talked about Pichi Richi Railway and promoted our ***RailFest 2024, in Quorn.***

Congratulations to volunteers, who manned our steam and diesel locos and provided morning teas at Woolshed Flat to our passengers. Over the weekend our passengers came from NZ, the UK, Philippines, interstate and lots of families enjoyed the lovely fine weather.

Many of the passengers personally thanked our Car Captains and tour guides Clive, Andrew, Jeannette, Graham, Dave, Mark, Eddie, Lisa and Helen for their interesting on-board commentary.

Photo of train crew from Clive Bennett

2024 TIMETABLE & TICKETS

Thinking about Volunteering?
Join us in catering or in carriage restoration, help the track work crew or work inside the ticket office. These are just a few of the roles.
Phone Bronwyn, our Volunteer Coordinator on (08) 8641 1527#3 and chat about a role to suit you.

Kate Randell is one of our PRR volunteers and she brings her school-age children with her when she comes to Quorn to volunteer. It's great to see them learning life skills involving Customer Service. Their assistance was greatly appreciated by the catering team who served morning tea to 620 hungry passengers at Woolshed Flat. **PRR is family friendly and families are welcome**



During June a group of PRR volunteers worked in the sunshine and scenic countryside beyond Woolshed Flat, laying down 82 new sleepers and securing each one with dog spikes. Foxy, their dog mascot, spent the time supervising their work.





Volunteers can learn many new skills on the job at PRR. The camaraderie and job satisfaction is great!

Photos courtesy of Leanne McGill

Watch out for the review on *RailFest 2024 in Quorn*
in next month's Mercury

AUGUST 2024 Train Timetable

Day	*Date*	*Time*	*Train*	*Departs*	*Returns approx.*
Saturday	3rd	2pm	Explorer	Quorn	4:30pm (EXTRA SERVICE)
Sunday	4th	12.00	Coffee Pot	Quorn	4.30pm
Sunday	18th	10am	Explorer	Quorn	12.30pm
Saturday	31st	10:30am	Afghan Express	Port Augusta	5pm

2024 timetable: www.pichirichirailway.org.au/train-services/timetable

Pichi Richi Railway acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waterways on which it operates.

QUORN MEN'S SHED

ALL WELCOME

QUORN MEN'S SHED
10 Seventh Street
PO Box 108
Quorn SA 5433
PH: 0416 137 244 Rob Stanford (Chairman)
PH: 0488 069 943 Terry Smith (Sec / Treas)
PH: 0407 607 847 Dave Wingrove (NewsLetter)
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Chairs refurbished with new seats for Joan in Wilmington.

Quorn Men Shed Committee 2024/2025

Chairman
Ian Carpenter 0417 810 324
Vice-Chairman
Dave Wingrove 0407 607 847
Sec – Treas – Public Officer
Terry Smith 0488 069 943
Newsletter – Publicity Dave Wingrove
Bank signatories Terry Smith, Ian Carpenter, Dave Wingrove
Committee
Col Freebairn, Lothar Kowalewski , Terry Smith, Ian Carpenter, Rob Stamford, Paul Searle, Lyal Voigt, Dave Wingrove

Shed breakfast at 0900hrs on 8th, 22nd August

Pizza for workers lunch, on 1st, 15th & 29th August

Cuppa 0900 to 1400



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mrxAQZslVvM&feature=emb_logo



30 years OF SHEDS



Dave taking delivery of bike.



Jeff and Col bevel cutting chopping board watched by Ken.



Chopping board getting a bevel cut.



Jeff and Ken cleaning up legs for tables.



Col sanding chopping board.

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

Country Health Connect Quorn Update

August 2024

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 June 2024 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
54	268	25	8	3

Allied Health Professionals August 2024 Visiting Schedule				
8th August	**15th August**	**22nd August**	**29th August 13th August**	
Physio	Diabetes Nurse Educator	Diabetes Nurse Educator	Diabetes Nurse Educator	

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 Quorn Medical Practice**				

COUNTRY HEALTH CONNECT

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

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Classified Adverts

Rainfall 2024

Jan	24.6mm
Feb	0.0mm
March	18.2mm
April	2.6mm
May	12.8mm
June	35.0mm
July	56.0mm
YTD	145.8mm

Quorn Meals on Wheels

Quorn Meals on Wheels has been delivering fresh meals to residents in Quorn for nearly fifty years.

Meals are cooked fresh at the Quorn Hospital and delivered five days a week.

The service is run by volunteers.

If you are on a Commonwealth Home Support Program or a Home Care Package, you are able to access Meals on Wheels.

Contact your aged care provider

or

Kath Altmann on 86486058 for more information.

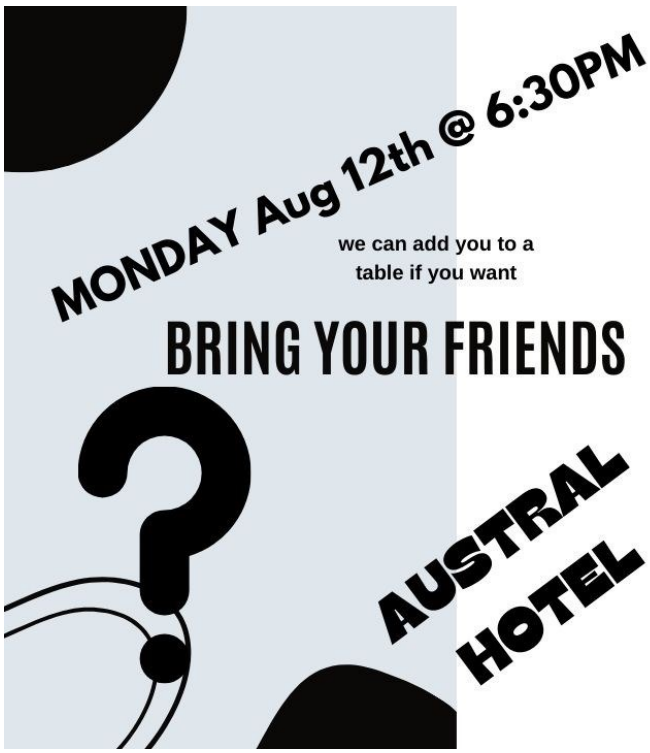
More Than Scones

The Quorn and District Branch of the South Australian Country Women's Association (CWA) provides an opportunity of all ages to socialise, make new friends, learn new skills and get involved in local events.

Interested?

Join us at our next meeting:

Sunday August 18th at 5pm at the old CWA hut on Railway Terrace (near the railway station)





August 2024

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist
Diabetes Education
Dietitian
Physiotherapist
Occupational Therapist
Speech Pathologist
Social Worker

Country Health Connect 8668 7706

August 2024

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

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

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

Uniting Church
Sunday Services 10am

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- Other submissions to Visitor Information Centre, Quorn Railway Station before 4.30 pm 30th Aug
  Classified Ads on Visitor Information Centre form provided. Must be paid for when submitted.

Guidelines for Submissions:

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

Contacts

- **Coming Events—**Jillian Wilson, Visitor Information Centre, 8620 0510
- **News in Brief—***mercury@quornmercury.com.au*

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- ***Annual Subscription—***12 months (11 issues) $50 including postage
- ***Major Adverts—***

	Single	Year
Full Page	$30	$275
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Quarter Page	$10	$ 80

- ***Classified Ads***—$1 per line or part line, on the form provided at the Visitor Information Centre
- Bank Details BSB 105-028
  Account No. 063 601 740

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Quorn Hawker Cradock Events August 2024

Regular Events

Quorn

Quorn Book Club
tba
Story Time 11th and 28th 10am at the Quorn Library

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 (excluding school holidays)

Flinders Flicks
Friday 26th 7pm at Town Hall
Run-Walk-Push – Saturday mornings 8am from Quorn Pool car park -2km, 5km All creatures great and small welcome
Chair Yoga
10-11 am Tuesday-St Matthews Hall

Hawker

Yoga with Min Tuesday Mornings - Hawker Gym
Development Board Meetings- 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Fellowship –4th Wednesday Uniting Church Hall

Hawker Community Singers - Welcomes everyone to sing Friday 3.30pm to 5.00pm Hawker Uniting Church Hall

Quilting and Handicraft Group - Alternate Wednesday- Uniting Church Hall
Friendship Group 3rd Thursday 12pm Venue tba
Mixed Netball - Friday fortnightly Juniors 5.30pm and Seniors 6.15pm

Events

Trivia Night Monday 12th Austral Hotel get a table together and there are prizes to be won

Quorn Stockyard Arena Association
10th Horse events and all spectator's welcome. Canteen facilities available on the day.

Back to the 80's Murder Mystery
10th at the Transcontinental. Night. Dinner Party, and prizes for best dressed. Bookings essential ring 86486074

Quorn Races Saturday 17th
Quorn Racecourse gates open 11am. Calcutta Friday 18th 8pm at the Community Hall. TAB, bookmakers, fashion of the fields, fully catered, shuttle bus available on day to and from the racecourse

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

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

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

QUOTE OF THE MONTH
Remember this, that very little is needed to make a happy life.

Marcus Aurelius

Phone: 08 8620 0510
Email: vic@frc.sa.gov.au

Regular Events

Quorn

Exercises
10:30am Wednesdays Step, Squat and Razzle 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 Wednesday at 1:00pm
cost $5 per player and the club has bowls if you don't have your own.
Pilates
Wednesdays at 10am and 7pm at the Quorn Town Hall
Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society
Wednesdays from 9am at the Lions Park Everyone welcome
Step Aerobics
Monday and Thursday 5.30pm
St Mathews Church Hall $2
Lion's Club
On the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm. New members welcome
Email: aefreebairn@hotmail.com

Transcontinental Hotel
Schnitzel, Pasta & Seafood Night
Meal Specials Nightly
Wednesday and Friday nights members draw. Friday night meat raffles
Austral Hotel
Thursdays Schnitzel Nights with meal specials nightly Friday nights Happy Hour 5-7pm
Meditation Sessions and Mini Healing
Tuesday nights at 6.30pm at Quorn Lions Club Rooms BYO yoga mat, chairs provided.

Local History Group – Quorn Court House
6th and 20th 11am to 2pm

SEE YOUR PHOTOS HERE…….Email to—mercury@quornmercury.com.au

Trail riders enjoying the sights around Quorn.

It was a cool and blowy day in the foot hills around Quorn, but that didn't stop a group of riders from enjoying a beautiful day out together in early July. Led by Tony Lian-Lloyd and Jenny Reschke, riders and horses came from as far away as Mount Pleasant, Whyalla, Stirling North and Wilmington.





