

# Quorn Mercury

Recording Quorn's History while it's Being Made

September 2021

Established 1895

Number 25/2790

## Great Day at the Races



Kathy Rabig best local fashion winner

GETTING TO DRESS UP on a beautiful sunny day is a matter of chance with recent weather patterns, but on Saturday August 21st the weather was perfect for enjoying an outdoor event. The sun shone on the one hundred and fortieth year of Quorn Races.

The Oz Minerals Carrapateena Quorn Cup was won by Grinzinger Star, ridden by Jockey Miss Alana Livesey and trained by Kylie McKerlie.

Trevor Montgomerie won Trainer of the day with five horses running across the race programme.

In Fashions of the Field winners were:

Best Dressed:

Lady	Victoria Penfold
Local Lady	Kathy Rabig
Winning Man	Azzi Coulthard
Teen Male	Kade Baker
Teen Girl	Geri Tschirner
Juniors	Izzy McTaggart, Declan Hoare

Patrons stayed into the evening to socialise, enjoy meals and refreshments to end a great day.

More information in the following pages. ■



Show still happening September 26th  
with Masks - Distancing - Hand Sanitiser!



Tracey Mead from sponsors, T&C Distributors, presented the trophy for leading trainer of the day. Received by Dean Montgomerie on behalf of Trevor Montgomerie



See inside for Quorn Show Newsletter, Page 13  
More Quorn Races in the Centrefold

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# Walking Trails

*All five Trails cleared and signposted  
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## **1. *The Dutchman's Stern Park***

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

## **2. *Warren Gorge***

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

## **3. *Devil's Peak***

*Drive 10 km via Richman Valley Road & Devil's Pk Rd to start  
2.6 km return (some scrambling last 300 m near top)*

## **4. *Mount Brown Park***

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

## **5. *Waukarie Creek***

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

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



# 140 Years for Quorn Races

**This short history was presented at the recent Quorn Races  
by Karen Finlay (Vice President)**

WELCOME to the Quorn Jockey Club's 140th year of racing. The first Quorn picnic race meeting was held on this turf back in 1881 and the opening of the program was started by gun fire. The prizes up for grabs were a saddle, a bridle, a whip and spurs.

In 1885 a visitor from Melbourne described the Quorn racecourse as "one of the finest—almost equal to Flemington by a short half head". Hence that is why we say the Quorn Jockey Club racecourse is the Flemington of the north.

In 1894 there was a name change from Quorn Races to Quorn Jockey Club. It is unknown why the name changed. Upon reading through history records many well known family names still remain. One being the Finlay name, and still today our committee has seven descendants.

As a racing club in the 140 years of racing to the best of my knowledge, we have only had to abandon three times. The first was due to the war, the second due to the rain in 2015 and the third was last year due to Covid.

We also acknowledge Robert McSporrán who has been a bookie for 35½ years and before that with his father who was also a licenced bookmaker. Robert has fielded at all northern and west coast tracks. He is looking forward to his retirement and also attending more race

meetings as a punter. We wish him good luck with punting and retirement.

Also congratulations to jockey Murray Henders on his fortieth year of riding. His career started back in 1981 in New Zealand. His Australian career consists of 1,629 rides with 142 wins and 348 placings. He won here at Quorn twenty years ago on a horse called Farhills riding at 53 kilos and still today rides at the same weight. We also acknowledge Marie Williams. Marie has been heavily involved with the fashions of the fields for over thirty years, firstly being a fashion contender to then becoming coordinator of the Fashions of the Fields. This being Marie's last year of being coordinator, we thank you.

We must also mention the sad passing this year of one of our valued life members, Bob Finlay BBFF . We all miss him.

Lastly we also acknowledge many people behind the scenes that make up a big part of country racing—without them we would not be able to host this day. To each and everyone of you out there we thank you. Happy 140th year of racing.

If anyone has any photos of Quorn racing history please forward to:

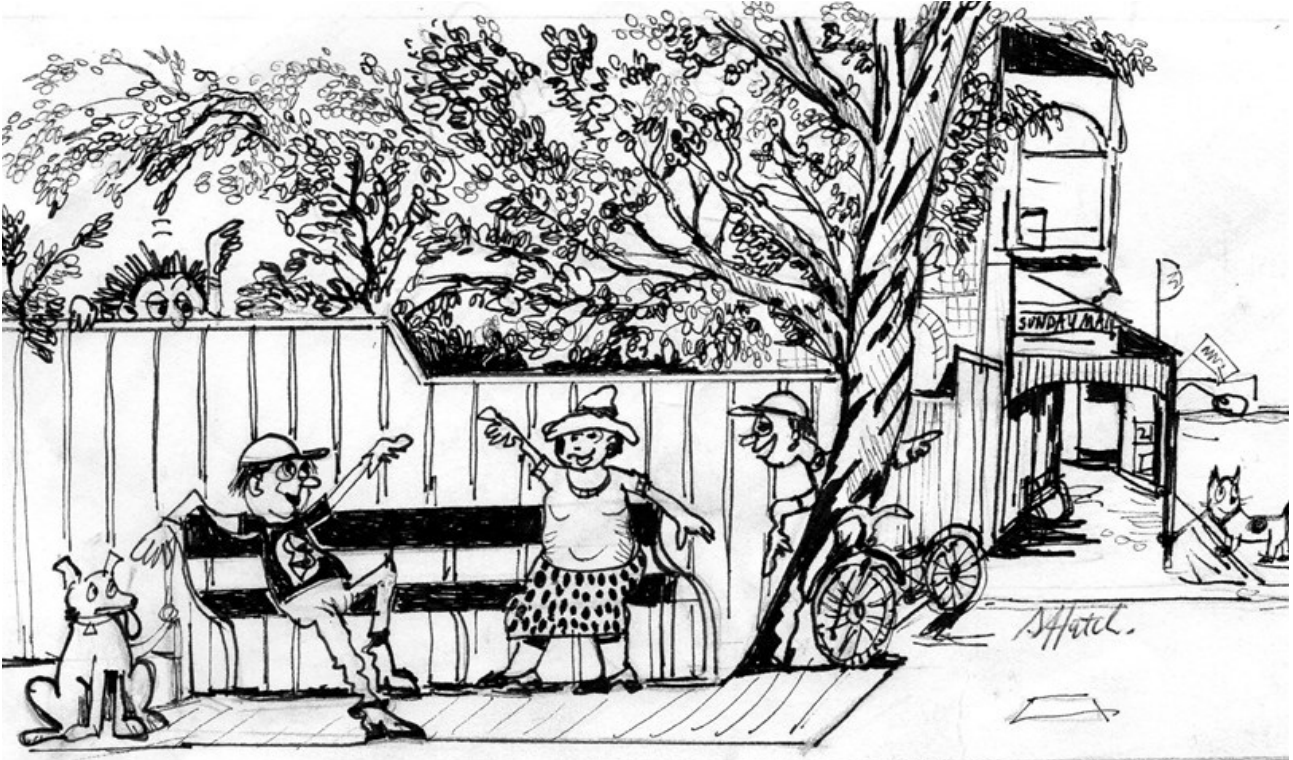
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The jockeys at the Quorn races 21/08/ 2021. Third jockey from right Murray Henderson was riding his 40th year at Quorn. Murray was a spritely young 16 year old when he rode his first race at Quorn. His beautiful wife Maree, now a nurse, last rode in 2002 at Quorn, along with four other female jockeys. Each took home a first, beating all the male jockeys to sweep the field that day. Jockeys pictured above (not in order)—Lizzie Annelis, Saiyan Fawke, Murray Henderson, Miss Alana Livesey, Scarlet So, Desiree Sta, Michael Vassallo, Ellis Wong. At right—Vice President Karen Finlay and President Cleyton Finlay.

# Chat with a Quornie

## Kaelene (Kae) McMillan



I WAS BORN to John and Margaret Brown at Leigh Creek Hospital on 4 December 1956. I have six sisters and three brothers.

We lived at *Skeleton*, the outstation of *Frome Downs*. Dad was a station hand and made cow hide ropes and hobbles.

I have the last ones he made, that Mum and I drove to Albury to collect. The man Dad gave them to went into aged care so didn't need them any more.



Baby June, Margaret (Mum), Kathy, me (Kaelene),  
John (Dad) Brown, *Skeleton* outstation 1958

Kathy, my eldest sister, and I, went to school at Nepabunna Mission, and boarded with our grandparents.

### At Nepabunna

EACH DAY we made a powdered milk drink in a big urn, for everyone to have.

Our new teacher, Miss Ruth, wore net stockings, which none of us kids had seen before. We asked her if it was snake skin, and all wanted to feel it. She was embarrassed.

My grandparents were Rabbit Trappers. I remember getting up really early to go with Granny to check the traps before school. It was very frosty, and my toes were frozen, so we'd light a fire to warm up before we went on.

We went to Copley to shop with my aunty, uncle and cousins. It took us a day and a half to get there in the donkey buggy. On Sports days we went on the back of a Bedford truck to Leigh Creek. Kids, aunties, uncles, Nanna and Poppa—all had a good day, win or lose.

On Mondays, we saluted the Flag and sang the national anthem. Once when it was my turn to sing, someone in the community played a Slim Dusty song, and I burst into song, forgetting *God Save...* I was punished harshly.



After a year, Mum and Dad left for *Mt Fitton* (picture of ruins, below), where Dad was a station hand, fencer and *dog* (dingo) *fencer*.



Mum taught us Correspondence. Our sets of work were posted from Adelaide, and came on the Copley Mail Truck driven by Mr Mert Lewis or Johnny Adair. We did lessons at the kitchen table, in a tent by the campfire or under a gum tree, depending on Dad's job.

The nearest shops were at Lyndhurst or Leigh Creek. Supplies came out on the Mail truck. We had chooks, and Polly and Dinah, the milking cows.

We had a good vegie garden at *Mt Fitton*. Mum baked bread and cakes. We had bush tucker, which we loved hunting and collecting.

Our hobbies were riding motorbikes, horses, playing *tin horses*, and *tin rollers*.\* We rode goats using their horns for reins, and walked all over the Ranges. At night we sat around the campfire singing, and telling stories.

On weekends and school holidays, we went out to Lake Callabonna fishing in the boat Uncle Jack Mobbs had made, with him and Auntie Iris. What fun! We loved swimming at Terrapinna waterhole, where, years later, Peter and I had our Engagement party.

We had no power: Our lighting came from a *Freelight*. Mum had a coke stove for cooking, wood for heating and a (water) *Donkey* for our hot water. We all had jobs—milking the cows, collecting the eggs, lighting the *Donkey*.

My two older brothers had bikes, but the young one didn't, so we girls made him one. We used dragster wheels joined with ti-tree sticks and wire. As proud as punch we were. Too deadly!

Mum mostly spoke Adnyamathanha to us. Dad didn't speak it, but knew basic words.

We went to Movie Nights on Saturdays at Mt Fitton talc mine.

\**Tin horses*, made from tobacco tins and *tin rollers*—stone-filled powdered milk tins to pull along by a wire, and make the stones jingle

Us kids went away once a year to Church camps with the travelling Padre, Mr Clive Morey, and Mrs Morey. We loved going into Lyndhurst's Xmas tree celebration to catch up with other kids.

In 1960, we moved out to Yandarma Bore, and lived in a tent for a year. Dad was a brumby shooter for Jesser Meats, Orroroo. We would swim for hours in the lovely warm water of the artesian bore.

Dad used to put up a 'stick watch' (sundial), so we could tell the time by the shadows passing the numbers on the 'clock' face.

### 1974—big rains

Rain, rain, rain. In 1974 rain fell all over the country, and soon it was too boggy to go anywhere. Dad had to ride his horse over to *Moolawatana* Station to get supplies.

The year before, I'd met Peter McMillan at the *Wertaloona* Race meeting, put on by Bob Wilson, the station owner, to celebrate Glenelg Football Club winning SANFL Grand Final. Bob was a Life Member.

I moved to Copley to work at the Roadhouse, then owned by Mr and Mrs Youngman I really enjoyed the work. Then I went to Alberton to board with friends and work at Fowler's factory, North Terrace. I lasted a month in the custard powder section. It gave me asthma.

I moved up to Ashton, and worked in the Co Op, packing apples and bottles of cider. Peter worked at East Torrens District Council.

We were married at Marble Hill Hall, Ashton, on 11 December 1976.

We made lots of friends there, and still keep in contact with them. In 1977, we shifted to Magill where we lived until we went to Booborowie in 1979.



Wedding party. *From left*—Yvonne Crosby, June Wilson, Kaelene, Peter, Gary (Pud) Freer, Frank Van Greon



## Booborowie

PETER AND I and our two daughters—Sonia and Bernie, went to live on a stud ram property (East Bungaree) where Peter worked. I cooked for Fahey Brothers shearing team—Kevin, John and Bert.

That year there was a mouse plague. They were getting in to everything—chewing power cords, our beds, the baby's cot. Sonia thought it was fun to put them in the washing machine spinner for a little *burl*, and see if they'd walk.

The damage that mice did to the merino sheep was horrible to see. They'd get into the ruff of wool at the back of its neck, and we'd have to pick them out. I sat at the kitchen table in the mornings with a slug gun, and shot two buckets full of mice that were sneaking out from underneath the kitchen sink.

One day, when it was quite warm, we were in the ram yards. A stud ram started to puff and pant. The Stud Master looked at Peter and gave him orders to give the \$280,000 ram mouth-to-mouth (resuscitation). Peter thought he was joking and his response was 'I ain't kissing no ram, even if it was a million dollars'.

The same day Peter was offered a job at Leigh Creek Coal mine. We moved up to Lyndhurst, as there weren't any rental houses in Leigh Creek. But, in 1982 we rented a home in new Leigh Creek.

I worked in the school canteen and Craft Shop. We all played lots of sports—basketball, netball, baseball, softball, darts, golf, football.

Peter was Clerk of Course for the Dirt Circuit races. One day, at the Creekers Car Club Dirt Circuit, I entered the Powder Puff Derby in a Ford Cortina. I came 3rd. Twice I was pillion passenger for my brother, Richard, in Leigh Creek motor bike gymkhana. What fun!

I worked for Rowdy and Del McDonald, at Lyndhurst Hotel (*pictured below*) until it burnt down in 1988. It was a sad time for all.

I poured the first beer and wrote a poem for the opening of the new Lyndhurst Hotel.



21st. Peter, Sonia, Bernie and Kae, Lyndhurst

## Quorn

WE MOVED to Quorn on 13 February 1988, living at 25 First St; 8 Eighth St and Jervois St while the girls were home. Peter and I planned our McHugh St. home, that arrived on 4 December, 2006 (My 50th birthday).

In 1988, I started work at old Flinders House in First St, and then at new Flinders House (on West Terrace), as a cleaner, carer and cook. What an exciting time!

Peter drove for various companies, and in 2000, we moved to Tanunda, where he took a job at Booth Transport, carrying wine and spirits in tankers.

We came back to Quorn later that year, and I began teaching Adnyamathanha in Quorn and Pt Augusta schools and kindies. I was really nervous, but here I am 21 years later, still loving it.

There weren't many resources, so I made my own worksheets, books, flashcards and units of work. I really love seeing children's enjoyment in learning another language.

My role has taken me round Australia for language conferences, presenting workshops and talks. The highlight was the 2019 World Language Conference in Melbourne.

Visitors were amazed to hear that *Adnyamathanha* is one of about 600 Aboriginal languages. Words may sound the same, but mean something totally different, and have different spelling systems.

My biggest surprise was receiving 2018 NAIDOC Award, and the Rowan Ramsey (MP) School Community Award.

In 2018, I retired briefly. Peter and I toured southern WA for four months seeing old buildings and beautiful wildflowers in lovely country towns. Then I went back to teaching language in schools.



### Choir

I was invited to join the Adnyamathanha Women's Choir, to sing at the 1997 *Opera in the Outback* with Dame Kiri Te Kanawa.

For our choir practices on Sundays, we took a bus up to Beltana. I remember many funny stories that were told on the trip.

Our choir went on to perform at Kimba, Leigh Creek Whyalla, Pt Pirie, Pt Augusta, Hawker, Wilpena, and the Adelaide Fringe.

### Grandparents, Great-Grandparents

When possible, Peter and I travel up to Darwin to visit Sonia, Nic, Bailey, (Taylah, her partner, Tyler, and their little boy. (Sonia's son, Mitchell, works in Pt Augusta).

Our Quorn grandsons, Connor and Cooper play football for South Augusta, cricket for Quorn and South Augusta and basketball for (Pt Augusta) Rovers.



Our grandchildren. From left—Connor, Curtley and Cooper, Taylah and Mitchell, Quorn, 2019

We take them to Adelaide for Port Power and Sturt matches. (We all barrack for Sturt in the SANFL), and to Strikers cricket games.

I follow *Rabbitohs* (South Sydney) Rugby League team. But all our family follow teams in the AFL: Peter—Bombers; Connor, Cooper and Jordy go for Adelaide Crows; Mitchell follows Sydney Swans; and Bernie and I are keen Port Power barrackers.



Kae and Peter's great grandson, Phoenix

Now that I am nearly retired, my hobbies are gardening, cooking, visiting, going to the cinema and music concerts.

I love singing round a campfire with a few drinks, grilling chops on a wire netting; eating Johnny cakes and drinking billy tea. ■

# *Murray Gibb*

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# Cradock Memorial Service



ON THE MORNING of Sunday 15 August, a Memorial Service was conducted by the Rev. Arthur Tanner at the site of the former St. John's Church of England, Cradock.

The service attracted 33 locals and visitors from Hawker and Quorn including the mayor of the Flinders Ranges Council, the Hon. Greg Flint and Councillor Steve Taylor.

The Memorial commemorated August 1921, the 100 year anniversary of an engraved silver chalice being presented by the congregation of the day, to be used by the St. John's Church of England clergy at Cradock. The chalice and paten had been located by Rev. Tanner at the Leigh Creek Church resulting in his seeking out its' history and that of the old former church which is now a stone ruin at Lot 56 Main Street, Cradock.



The ceremony included a short communion service with the old chalice providing a wine transfer to plastic containers and the paten with 'bread' wafers for those participating

The Rev's. follow up resulted in him contacting the current owner of Lot 56 who is a resident of North Melbourne, Victoria.

As the owner, surprisingly had no idea the block contained the ruins of the old church but gave his permission for the memorial service to be conducted.

At the conclusion of the service a luncheon at the Cradock Hotel was attended by a majority of the service attendees.

The chalice is to be located at the Cradock Hotel in a secure viewing area between the main bar and the small dining area adjacent to the bar. ■





# Chester Free Range Chooks

FRIDAY THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST 2021 found myself, with others, helping out the Lions Club of Quorn setting up for the Quorn Races! Whilst at the Lions Club Rooms I found this inspiring group of ladies I'd never seen or heard of before, all in high production making all kinds of craftwork in a professional manner! These crafty ladies were making every type of artistry imaginable and they told me they were the Chester Free Range Chooks.

The chooks meet on the first, third and occasional fifth Friday in each month! A happy and infinitive gathering of girls, cackling' starts at 10am and they work until mid-afternoon making hats, scarfs or anything else imaginable in the craft world!



Raelene Clarke, Joan Marr, Ruth Tulloch, Min O'Neill, Sandra Lawson, Miriam Lehmann, Helen Michael, Tammy Colman, Tricksy, Sue Smith, Mary Francis, Janet McDonald

This is not just a craft group as from time to time, they are engaged in many other undertakings outside the hen house in the town!

If you are interested in joining a different craft group, you will be welcome, especially if you have any new ideas you can bring to the chicken house! Go forth and conquer I say!

Spokesperson for these ladies is Tammy Colman and for further enquiries Phone 0474228946 or come along to the Lions Club Rooms located between the Bowls Club and children's playground on Railway Terrace on the odd number Fridays of each month and join their spontaneous activates and laughter! ■

*(Story written by Peet Dixon 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021)*



Helen Michael, Tammy Colman, Sue Smith, Mary Francis, Janet McDonald, Raelene Clarke, Joan Marr, Ruth Tulloch, Min O'Neil, Sandra Lawson, Miriam Lehmann

## Fuel Now Available in Quorn 24/7



CARLING FUEL DISTRIBUTORS on Sixth Street, Quorn have recently installed an Outside Payment Terminal to enable fuel to be obtained after hours.

Payment is by card and you just need to follow the prompts on the screen.

This is a welcome addition for locals and tourists to obtain fuel at any time.

All bowsers have been upgraded and have changed positions. Please take care before refuelling your vehicle. ■





# Lions Club News

THE LIONS CLUB of Quorn is out and about again! The Club provided a barbecue at the Pichi Richi Marathon and it was a very successful day for everyone.

The Club has a new President! Loraine Pumpa was inducted at a dinner meeting held at the Transcontinental Hotel on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August by the Vice District Governor Peter Korndorfer. Peter also inducted our two new members, Minette Gorecki and Malcolm Maddigan.

On 21<sup>st</sup> August Lions provided hot chips, hot dogs and a barbecue at the Quorn Races. It was a good day, plenty of sunshine and people. Congratulations to the Quorn Jockey Club on a day well run.

Thanks to Caroline and Brian Walters, Sam Nestor and Trish Kennedy who helped with cooking and serving at this event. Lions would also like to thank Frank and Maryanne from Quorn Autopro who have donated gas to the Club many times over the years.

The donut machine is scheduled to make a comeback on Show Day this year. Our membership stands at just 9 now and new members would be most welcome. Contact any Lions member for more information. ■



New President, Loraine Pumpa



Anne Freebairn



Trish Kennedy



VDG Peter Korndorfer, Anne Freebairn, Minette Gorecki, Malcolm Maddigan



Kay Popp, Malcolm Maddigan, Sam Nestor and Minette Gorecki





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## THE MOUNTAIN BETWEEN US

**Friday 24 September**  
**6.30pm for 7.30pm start**  
**Est 10.00 pm finish**

**MEAL TICKETS \$15**  
*Includes coffee/tea pot*

**And remember to leave**  
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**Flinders Flicks on the film night**

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### ABOUT THE MOVIE:

"The Mountain Between Us" is based on the 2011 novel of the same name by Charles Martin. It stars Idris Elba and Kate Winslet as a surgeon and a journalist, respectively, who survive a plane crash with a dog, and are stranded in the High Uintas Wilderness with injuries and harsh weather conditions.

With little hope of rescue, they begin a perilous journey that will shape the course of their lives.

**Starring Kate Winslet & Idris Elba**

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**October 29—"CODGERS"**



# Bringing Back the Show

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for details**



**Proceeds from memberships help  
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costs incurred in lead-up to the  
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**\*See Membership Fees  
Below\***



## **Admission:**

<b>Adults :</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>School age Children:</b>	<b>\$ 2.00</b>
<b>Concession</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>

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**Membership 2 Adults      **\$15.00****

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**2 Adults, 2 Children      **\$20.00****

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QUORN SHOW IS STILL forging ahead for September 26th. The Covid-Safe management plan is continually updated by SA Health and all components are still within the capacity of the Committee to implement.

We are still seeking one or two redgum logs for Tim to carve with his chainsaw. Any shape will do. Contact a show committee member if you can help. See contact information on this page.

We have SO much planned for you.

**Show attractions will be:**

- \* Tim Baulderstone Wood Sculptures
- \* Mallee Wood Choppers
- \* Dinkum Dinosaurs
- \* Jame's Travelling Magic Show
- \* Nelson's Magic Show
- \* RFDS Flight Simulator
- \* Arid Lands Scavenger Hunt
- \* Rides and Amusements
- \* Horses in Action, Poultry, Wool,
- \* Plants and Flowers.
- \* Dairy Produce and Vegetables,
- \* Jam & Preserves,
- \* Handicrafts & Needlework,
- \* Cooking,
- \* Art & Craft and Photography.

See you at the Show! ■



**Quorn Agricultural Show  
Sunday September 26th 2021**

**Committee Meetings:  
FRC Council Chambers - 7:30pm  
See Our Facebook Page for dates.**

[Quorn Agricultural Show | Facebook](#)



# Flinders Gin in August

ERNIE is getting to be known around town with more and more people stopping to say hi to him and recognising him as our Distillery Dog. While he has been resting at home from his hectic social life, the Flinders Gin team have been busy both in the distillery and out and about.

In the distillery we have been buying botanicals to help keep up with our supply—we have been fortunate in finding so many locals who look after their quandong crops, processing and storing them for later use. I'm sure at the time they picked them making gin was not what they were thinking of.

In addition to Quandongs, we also have a stock of Native Lemongrass, Desert Lime and some more dried muntries. The native resources our region has to offer are exceptional and Alby is experimenting with these ready for new products to be released between now and the end of the year. Watch this space.

When our state went into lockdown we cancelled our Adelaide-based *Dine with the Distiller* event. It was sold out and thankfully almost all the tickets were transferred to a new date. To celebrate this support, we offered free postage during that week and fulfilled lots of online orders, no doubt people were making Quarantinis! (Quarantini—it's the cocktails you make in quarantine).

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August we joined forces with Dave and Amy at the Cradock Hotel, giving Howard the Van the day out on their grounds. Together we hydrated and entertained the Variety Club Bash teams as they relaxed into the afternoon. Some of the guests were groovy baby! (See picture in Centrefold)



Howard the Event Van visits Cradock Hotel



Free shipping for our online sales during lockdown kept Alby Trotta, Master Distiller busy.

Inset—Some of our customers send us pictures of the cocktails they make with our product, and we love it!



We will be at the Quorn Show and offering another event in Adelaide at the Jack and Jill basement on Pirie Street. For further information, head over to [flindersgin.com.au](http://flindersgin.com.au) or look us up on Facebook or Instagram @flindersgin. ■

The Team L-R—Hayden Butcher, Hannah Stampke and Trotta family members; Olivia, Aaron, Albie, Leah and Max—plus Ernie the dog



# **#lovingquorn**

## **Vale, Ian John Heymink**

11.01.1960 – 14.08.2021



On Saturday the 14th of August at 3.50 am, Ian passed away peacefully under the care of the Quorn Hospital. As some of you may have known Ian battled Stage 4 Cancer for 17 months, diagnosed not too long after Ian and myself moved to Quorn in March 2020. We fell in love with Quorn straight away before we officially moved here, and it was such a special place for Ian to live while he underwent his treatment regime in Whyalla and Port Augusta. Although Ian wasn't able to volunteer for the things he dreamed of such as working with the Pichi Richi Railway, the Quorn Men's Shed, and the Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society, he was able to fully immerse

himself in the town digitally. He created such an enormous online presence that will be missed dearly. It gave Ian immense pleasure to help many people and small businesses creating logos and offering promotional work for them. Along with helping out the locals, informing them of various events and activities in the town in the Facebook group 'Quorn Out & About', not to mention Ian's love of promoting Quorn as a Tourist hotspot – these things came so naturally to him because of his great love of the town.

This digital presence allowed Ian to feel a part of the community even though his illness prevented him from getting 'Out & About'. My family and I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the wonderful nursing staff at the Quorn Hospital and our amazing Dr Tony Lian-Lloyd who took great care of Ian. I would also like to personally give thanks to everyone that supported me during the days that followed Ian's passing. I was overwhelmed with love, nourishment, and beautiful sentiment. There will be a celebration of Ian's life held in town, the official date and details to follow. ■



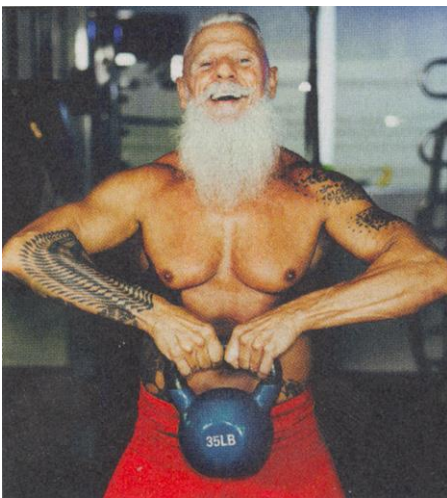
**#lovingquorn in Memory of Ian.**  
*Meredith Heymink*

# Fitter When Older, Part 2

## Reminders, for a Start

**REMEMBER, IF YOU'RE** not very fit, and are getting older, **check what exercises you dream up with your Doctor and/or Physiotherapist.** (The Quorn Physio is Clare Moran. You ring her on 0413 290 816 for an appointment.)

**Remember** that getting fit does not mean pushing your body to extremes—that will just do you a lot of harm. No!—take it easy: ‘Soft-lee, softlee catchee monkey!’ is the idea. Start gently, and sloooooowly build up a set of daily exercises over many months.



He's lifting 35 lb (28 kg)! This is **not** the way to **begin** getting fit. **But!**.... The pic, from *New Scientist*, 3-7-2021, is captioned 'It is never too late to reap the benefits of getting stronger'. It illustrates fitness training for people aged 'Seventy-Plus'

**Remember** that the usual fate of most beginners' exercise programmes is to give it up after a few days or a couple of weeks. But persevere instead. Don't just give up, no matter how bored you get with it.

**Remember** that one of the easiest ways to exercise yourself is while you're doing other things, such as watching TV, or walking. Simple things like stretching your legs one by one out in front of you, or lifting each foot up and down in turn. Or lacing your hands together behind your head and pressing your head back against them. Or when you're walking, doing Thumb-Opposition exercises, or merely clenching and unclenching your fists hard.

**Remember**, the only limit there is to exercises of this kind is your imagination. So there *is* no limit to them! And remember, scientists say 6–7 hours a day is the *most* time you should spend sitting down (which includes when travelling by car, too).

If you say you're too old and decrepit to even start exercising, that's putting the cart before the horse! You start exercising so that you can gradually move away from either *being* too old and decrepit, or *believing* you're too old and decrepit. So just slowly edge yourself into exercising—try a couple of exercises for a while, then add a few more, then more....

## Some Benefits of Exercising

**1. YOU PROBABLY WON'T** believe this one. I always wondered why people guessed I was in my sixties, and when I told them 85, they could hardly believe it. But scientists discovered recently that if you stay fit and active all through your life, it's usual to look around twenty years younger than you really are.

**2. A *New Scientist*** (3-7-2021) article is, 'The Seven Ages of You' (pp 34–39). In it is this:

If you want to remain healthy, then regular, challenging activity is essential into your 70s and beyond. 'It is never too late to make some changes,' says Lachman [Director of the Lifespan Development Lab at Brandeis University, Massachusetts]. One study, for instance, found that a programme of strength training improved the mobility of people in their 90s. p 39

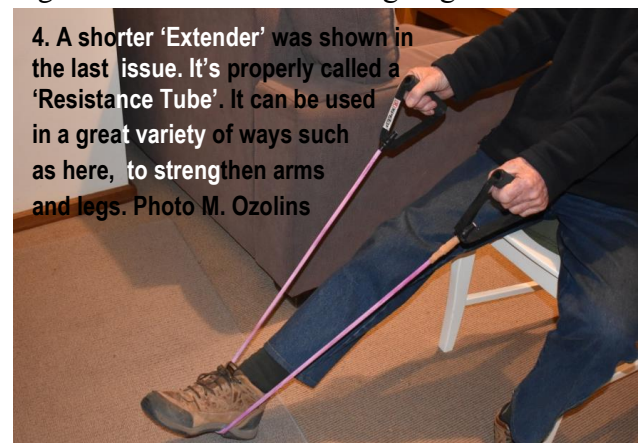
That article's title is from Shakespeare's famous speech, 'The Seven Ages of Man', from his 1599 play, *As You Like It*, Act 2 Scene 7. Its description of the final 'Age' is:

...second childishness and mere oblivion,  
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.

'Sans' means 'without'. But that's out of date today, due to modern medical science's researching the benefits of fitness when you get old.)

A growing number of studies show that our psychological outlook and physical lifestyle continue to have enormous consequences in later life. 'To a large extent, the way one ages is in one's own hands'. p 38

**3. One scientific experiment** on ABC-TV a couple of years ago demonstrated that strengthening your hands improves your memory. In Part 1 of this article was a photo of Stress Balls and Strength Resisters (p 18), which you squeeze in your hands to do just that. Again, you can all too obviously do that while watching TV...or even while talking to guests!



**4. A shorter 'Extender'** was shown in the last issue. It's properly called a 'Resistance Tube'. It can be used in a great variety of ways such as here, to strengthen arms and legs. Photo M. Ozolins



How amusing that would be—to offer your guests a bowl of Stress Balls so that you can all sit around yarning and drinking your tea/coffee while squeezing them in your hands! That’s one of the best ways to exercise: together, in groups.

5. Over the years people have complained to me how their feet are always cold in bed, even with socks on. You probably won’t believe this one either. But the answer is to wear open-toed sandals without socks or stockings, all day! Or even go bare-footed inside your house. Then, *don’t* wear socks or stockings to bed.

Think of your hands and your face. *They’re* used to being bare, and have a much greater resistance to cold. So when those complainers have followed this advice, they’ve later on said how they no longer have cold feet in bed.

Sometimes the answer to ageing problems is the opposite of what you might believe. So experiment! And if you still don’t believe me about cold feet, ask a Doctor or Physiotherapist.



6. Stretching a graded rubber strip to exercise your shoulders. Got the strip from a Physiotherapist. Photo M. Ozolins

7. It doesn’t matter what time of day you choose to exercise in, as far as I know. And obviously from what I’ve told you so far, you might not do all your exercises in one session. Some you might do during your daily walk. Others while watching TV or talking to guests.

But one of the daily benefits of exercises done in a single session is that your body gains a resistance to cold from them. So if you do them first thing after getting out of bed you’ll be well-warmed up to face the rest of the day. I also find them better before eating anything, too.

8. One of the very best exercises you can do when growing old, is to enjoy it! If, like me, you suffer a lot of pain, it’s amazing how that pain lessens if you stay happy. How easy it would be to ridicule this two-part article, to sneer at the very idea of exercising, to say you’re too old and decrepit, instead of giving it all a go.

Well, advice to be joyful is immensely old. I’m sure you’ve heard things like, ‘Laughter is the best medicine’, and ‘Laugh, and the world laughs with you; cry and you cry alone’. And let’s go back to Shakespeare, *The Winter’s Tale*:

Jog on, jog on, the footpath way,  
And merrily hent the style-a:  
Your merry heart goes all the day,  
Your sad tires in a mile-a.

Yes, ‘Growing Old’ is nothing but two words.

### Now the Truly Weird One

ODDLY ENOUGH, lifting weights is regarded as one of the best exercises you can do when you get old. And I’m sure many readers—if they even bother to read this article—will say, ‘How ridiculous! You won’t catch *me* lifting weights!’

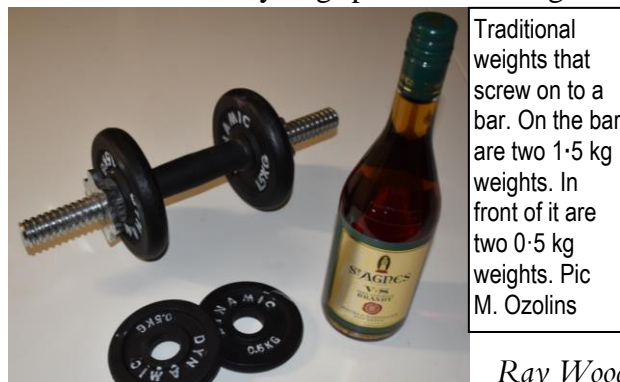
And if you look back at the first photo in this Part 2 of the article, you’ll probably feel even more likely to say that. Yet read its caption again, and the quote from *New Scientist* in it.

One of the benefits of lifting weights is yet again that you’ll become more resistant to illnesses, as well as better able to cope with pain. And it also seems that it keeps your brain and memory fitter as well.

Of course, you *can* buy boxes of small weights from a Sports Store. I mean the traditional screw-on small weights as in the photo below. But if you do buy a box of them take someone young and strong with you to carry the box back to your car and into your house!

You don’t have to lift huge weights. I used to lift 6 kg, but as I’ve got older I’ve reduced that to 4 kg. I do 120 lifts at the end of my exercises. It keeps your arms and shoulders strong.

No need for Sports Store weights. Look for something heavy enough in your home. But use something that’s easy to hold, which you won’t drop on your head. A household brick would be dangerous, but the bottle of wine in the photo below would be easy to grip—and amusing. ■



Traditional weights that screw on to a bar. On the bar are two 1.5 kg weights. In front of it are two 0.5 kg weights. Pic M. Ozolins

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# Stomal Therapy Nurse

A TWO DAY STOMA CARE SEMINAR was held in Port Augusta on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Nurses in attendance were from Whyalla Hospital, Port Augusta Community and Yorke Peninsula Community. Tutors were city Stomal Therapy Nurse (STN) Elizabeth English and Port Pirie STN Jenni Edwards.

Unfortunately, Port Augusta has been without specialised nursing care for the person with a stoma, resulting in many unnecessary traumatic occasions, and the rural patient being disadvantaged without local services. Although this recent training was only at the basic level, the aim was to make local nurses aware of the needs of the stoma patient, and to establish Stomal Therapy Nurse networks to ensure relevant resources were sought in times of need.

Ostomates (people with a stoma) from Port Augusta and as far away as Ceduna, were involved in the last afternoon of the nurses' program.

Speakers at the ostomate forum included David Swift Secretary of the Australian Council of Stoma Associations (ACSA), Kerry Clarke President and Val Macey Past President of the Ileostomy Association of SA.

Anne Wensley, Coordinator of the Port Augusta and Beyond Ostomy Support Group, is a passionate ostomate herself. Anne spoke of the local Support Group which was established several years ago to provide a friendly environment for those with a stoma to meet together for peer support and encouragement.

Terry Smith was introduced as a co-leader and new ostomates were encouraged to join.

The Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses has been the advocate for the

development of Stomal Therapy Nurse Services in the rural areas, but the people with stomas have been the best motivators.

There are now nurses in country areas who are fully trained or currently completing the program to become Wound Ostomy Continence Nurses. This enables patients to be seen locally instead of traveling to Adelaide. Nurses also coordinate the Ostomy Support Groups for local patients.

Thanks must go to the Ileostomy Association for recognising the need in rural areas for specialised stoma care. They offered a \$12,000 scholarship, open to all South Australian rural nurses to undertake the Curtin University Wound Ostomy Continence program in 2022.

With great excitement the award was presented at the Ostomy forum to local Registered Nurse Katrina Carter. Katrina is already a competent RN and will be a great asset to the Port Augusta community once she completes her stoma nurse training in 2022.

Katrina's manager Sharon Chamberlain is to be congratulated for her support and encouragement in assisting Katrina to apply for this award, and for her foresight in realising the important addition a Stomal Therapy Nurse will make to the Far Upper North Local Health Network (FUNLHN) Community Nursing Team.

Now is the time for the Port Augusta community to develop a localised ostomy service.

For more information in the Quorn area the local contact is:

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Lovely weather for dressing up—ladies in the Fashions on the Field



Sarah and Tim Bury





**THE 2021 QUORN RACES COMMITTEE** Back row—Cleyton Finlay (President) Damien Kruger, Ian Allen, Fred Grose Treasurer, Peter Culleney, Lyall Voigt, Tim Bury, Tom Finlay, Dean Montgomerie, Broome Roger Hilder Middle row—Grant Lever, Phil Coulthard (Secretary) Terry Smith, Brenton Giles, Richard Dyson, Des Finlay, John Daw, Ted Paynter Front row—Deb McLean, Wendy Allen, Tuesdee Murray, Karen Finlay (Vice President) Absent—Pauline Zanet, Mick Maloney, Douglas Francis, Mark Francis, Dwayne Crombie, Geoff Finlay and Sam Hilder



Friday night Calcutta—Deb McLean, Tuesdee Murray & Grant Lever



Friday night Calcutta—Des Wallace auctioneer, Des Finlay spotter



The Groovy crew of Variety Bash SA Car 808 enjoying Flinders Gin



## At the Quorn Races



Des Finlay, Life Member Quorn Jockey Club with grandson Khael Roebby and Michelle Reynolds



Azzie Coulthard, best dressed male with his sisters Mel on the left and Tidda in the middle



Fashion of the fields best millinery Tenille Roebby on left with Michelle Reynolds



New cap's this year—Cleyton Finlay (President) and Tom Finlay (Sponsorship Coordinator)

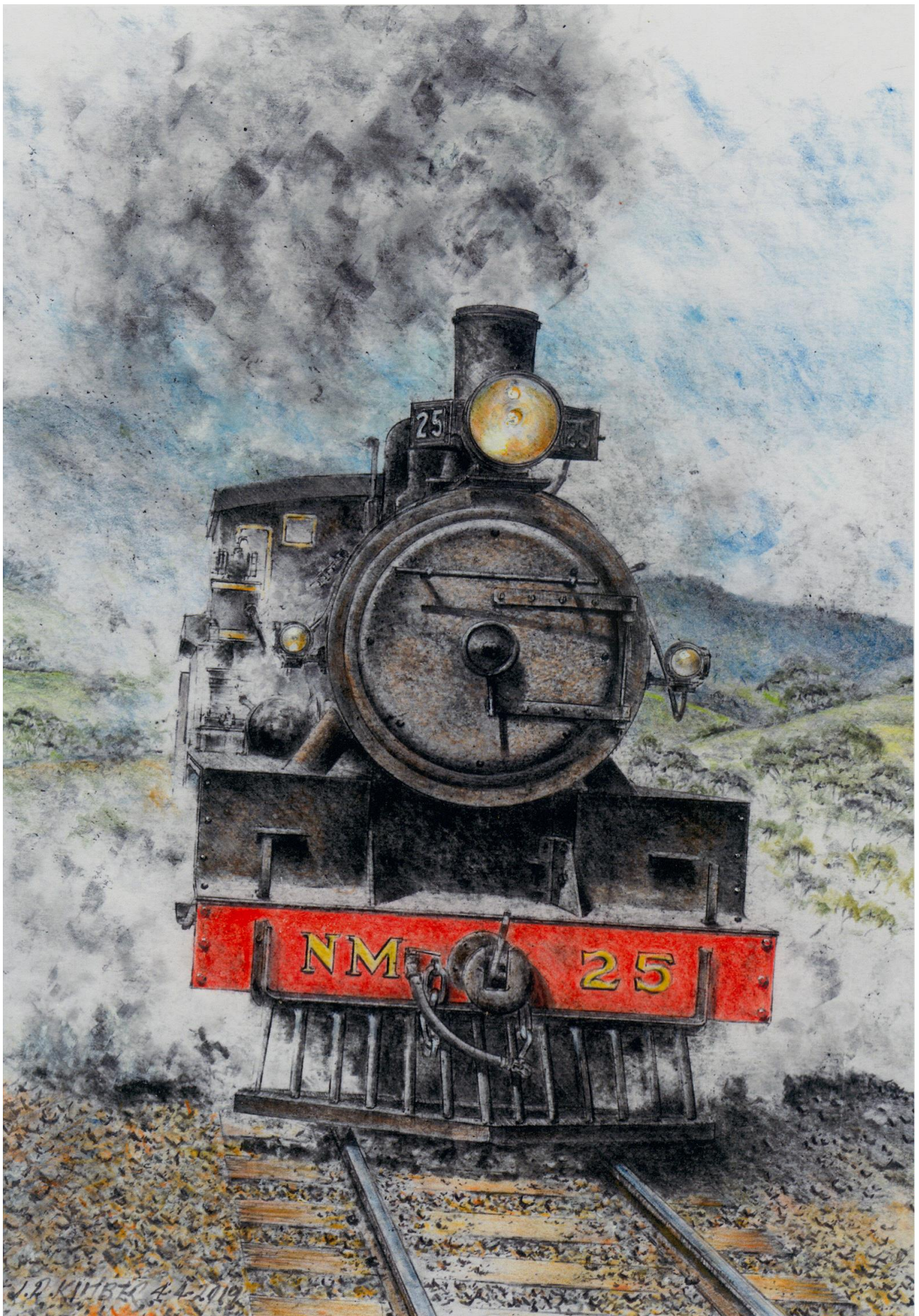


Best Dressed Junior, Declan Hoare



Junior Fashion Winner, Izzy McTaggart





John Kimber, *Pichi Richi Railway's Locomotive NM25* (4-4-2019) ©



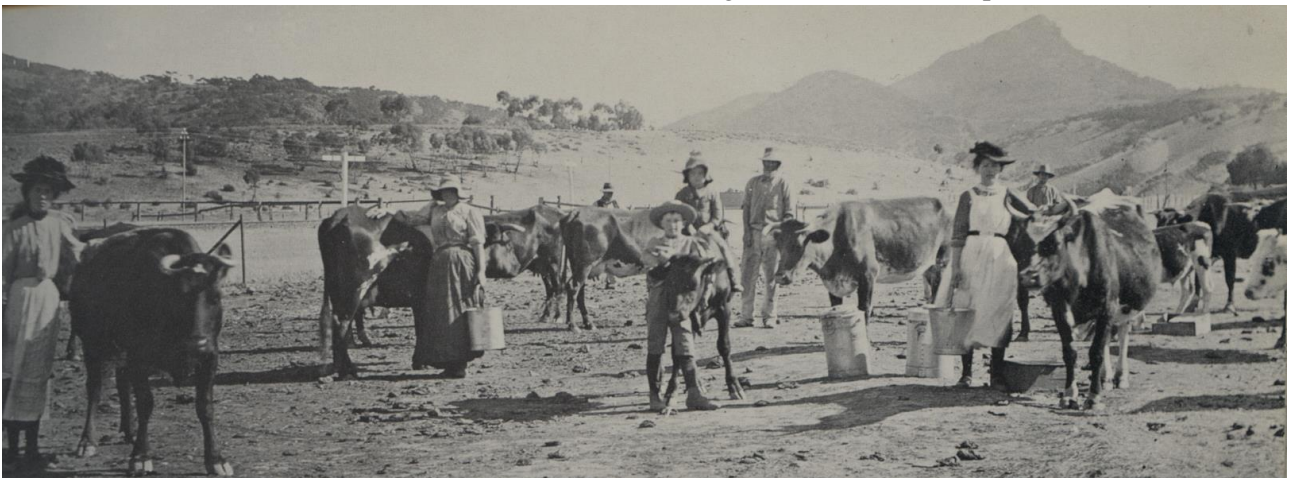
# Pictures —From the Past



**ONE OF THE** greatest differences between towns like Quorn today, and 150 years ago, is that back then they would have been filled with animals of all kinds, eg, for daily transport. Here are three local animal pics. Ostrich feathers were very fashionable back then, so there was an Ostrich Farm (shown here in 1898), seven miles out from Pt Augusta. It had 500 birds. When the feathers fell out of fashion, this farm closed in 1913.



**SHEARERS ON THE** way to Siam Station, 137 miles (219 km) from Pt Augusta. Centre is the camel team's owner, Norman Richardson. His driver in the front of the wagon is Jack Daw. The photo was taken in 1905.



**AN OFTEN-USED** photo of Dairy Maids at Woolshed Flat around 1895. Notice how everyone, including the children, are wearing hats—from the then great fear of sunstroke. All photos from Woolshed Flat captioned as showing 'The Devil's Peak', are wrong. It's hidden *behind* the 'South Peak' of the Devil's Peak Range! These three pics are from Reg J Mayes, *Pictorial History of Port Augusta* (Rigby, 1974), pp 45, 76, 47. ■



# Hawker Railway Station

Hawker Railway Station in 1936



**THE TOWNSHIP OF** Hawker was surveyed in March 1880, and proclaimed 1st July, 1880. It was named after the Hon. George Charles Hawker, a Member of the SA Parliament.

Once the Great Northern Railway line from Port Augusta arrived in 1880, Hawker quickly became a thriving railway town. It's at a natural meeting point, a hub, for tracks coming from many points of the compass. So teams of horses, bullocks, donkeys, and camels constantly came and went, bringing in goods, and taking stores back out.



Hawker Railway Station viewed across the Reservoir, c 1883

The first railway station was wooden. However, it burned down on 14th January, 1884. The weather was extremely hot, and it was thought a grass fire started near it. The Stationmaster tried to save it, but rescued only the books, and was badly burned doing so.

You can see the wooden station in the above photo. Residents tried to have the new station building erected on the eastern side of the tracks, but failed to achieve that. The new station—in the top photo—was built by Bacon & Brewer in 1885.

Lisa Southon's current series of historical articles about the railway stations on the Great Northern Line began with Pt Augusta Station in the July *Quorn Mercury*, pp 16–17

The coming of a railway line usually causes great angst among already existing towns that hope it will come their way. The township of Kanyaka at the foot of the Blackjack Hill died because it was in a narrow valley, and the gradient made even a single rail siding too difficult to construct. Cradock lost out as well.

And so Wilson (at first named 'Kanyaka Siding'), 5 km north of Kanyaka, was the Government's 1881 choice for a railway station between Kanyaka, Cradock, and Hawker. The result was that the new town of Wilson grew up there, as Kanyaka died.

The Kanyaka Correspondent wrote angrily in *The Port Augusta Dispatch* that the chosen site was 'in about as waterless a spot as they could have picked... It really is a great folly to survey townships so close together.' Thus do towns die, and are born.

The 1862 town, Hookina, suffered similarly. The railway crossed the Hookina Creek 9 km north-west of the town, where a new town of Wonoka grew up. However, locals called it 'New Hookina' instead, and the original town became 'Old Hookina'.



An accident at the Hawker Railway Station in October, 1918. It was caused by a train hauled by Engine Number 139 hitting a cow in the Station yard. Photo SA State Library SA B39715



A crowded Hawker Railway Station. Hawker VIC Collection

Wheat farming had spread far north of Goyder's Line, encouraged by good rains which, of course, turned out to be too rare for it. One of the occasional tremendous flooding rains in 1889 caused three washaways between Quorn and Marree.

Hawker residents complained for years about the lack of a direct daily train to and from Adelaide, and especially of having to stop overnight in Quorn. They finally got one in 1891, but depression and drought soon reduced this to three trains a week.



The Steam Motor Coach ('Coffee Pot') bought to run between Quorn and Hawker, 1906–1931. Hawker VIC Collection

The SAR bought the remarkable Steam Motor Coach built in England in 1905 to provide at least one weekly service to Hawker so as to avoid that overnight delay in Quorn. It left Quorn at 6.45 pm, and then left Hawker at 5.55 am. Its running time over that 66 km was 111 minutes.

It was frequently chartered by sporting groups for special excursions on weekends and some weekdays. Then it often carried far more than the 22 it could seat, as you can see in the photo below. You have to wonder if all in the photo *were* crammed into it!



The Coffee Pot hired in 1907 to take Quorn & Hawker excursionists to a most successful Parachilna Sports Day



The Marree Mixed at Hawker in 1936. It carried both freight and passengers, and sometimes ran many hours late

On this Hawker run it hauled a 4-wheel wooden van to carry parcels, mail, etc. (A second Steam Motor Coach was bought at the same time for service in the South-East.) Much larger parties travelled on special trains, such as in 1925 when the local school children went on an excursion to Beltana.

Of course, just as at Quorn, the 2nd World War saw a huge increase in trains carrying troops and military equipment north. As well, during the war Leigh Creek



The weekly train from Quorn just before that rail service ended

brown coal began to be railed through Hawker too.

It was this coal that finally ended Hawker's railway industry. The greatest load of coal the old line could handle was 700 tons. But a standard gauge line west of the Ranges could take trains of 4000 tons. So work began on the present standard gauge line from Pt Augusta to Leigh Creek, which was finished in 1957.

Now Hawker became a dead-end branch line from Quorn, and only one weekly train continued until 1970. Eventually the rails were torn up, too, and the Railway Station is now the Old Ghan Restaurant.

Once Hawker had been the first real sign of civilisation and refinement for travellers coming south by train from the outback. But by train? Not any more. ■

— Lisa Southon, Archivist



Railway Station, 1968, two years before the Quorn Weekly ended



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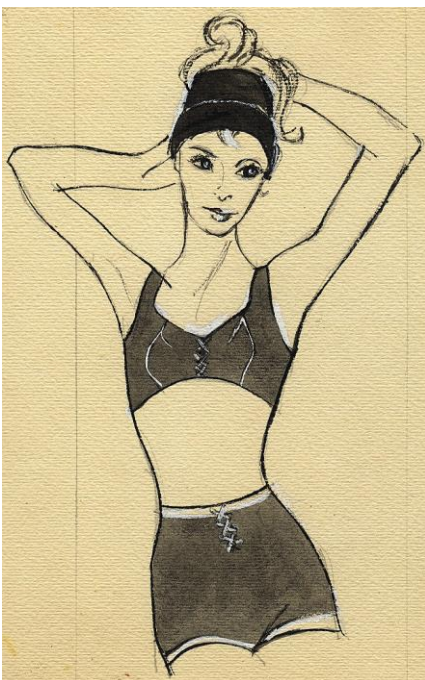
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# Advertising in the Past



**SANDRA OZOLINS** née Johnstone, when she left Croydon High School, worked as a Commercial Artist for Miller Anderson's Adelaide Department Store. In those days such stores often used sketches instead of photos to advertise in newspapers and magazines. Here are six of her sketches for the Store from that time. Occasional lines on the sketches show that they were probably not the final drawings. These sketches show how skilful and assured an Artist Sandra was back in those times. They're remarkable.





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# Quorn Mercury Revisited

10 Years Ago

## Vibe Alive

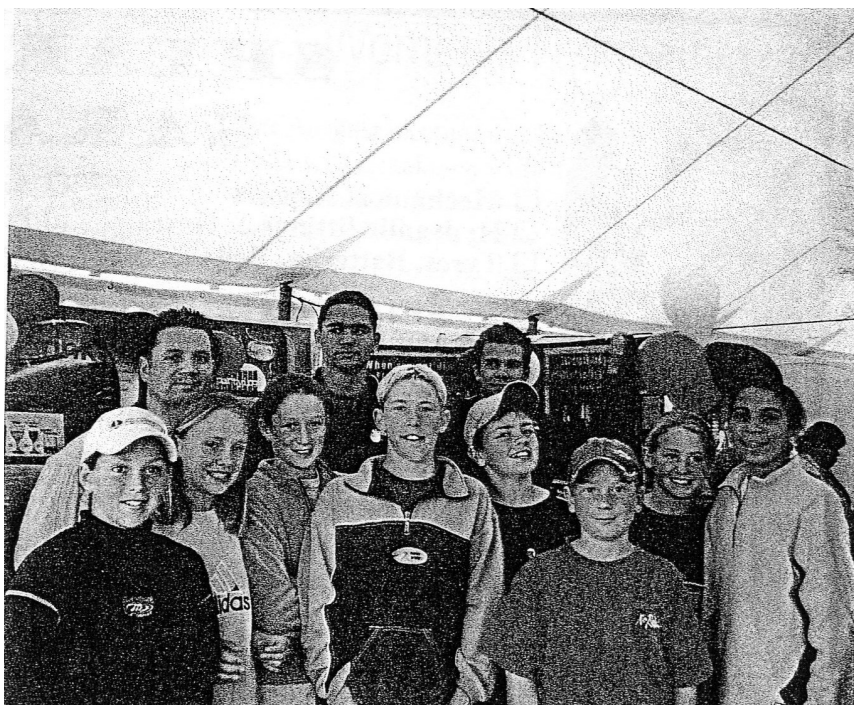


*Pictured Above*—Georgeie Smith, Sharna Geldard, Premier Mike Rann, Lizzie Britza and Tricia Slattery

**Vibe Alive:** 140 Quorn Area School students took part in the two day festival at Braddock Park, Port Augusta. It is a two day festival for young Australians of all backgrounds who like to dance, break, rap, sing, paint and play sport. The festival celebrates culture and encourages tolerance and teamwork. It is about giving everyone a chance to shine, because all people have different talents and capabilities.

## AFL Football Stars

20 Years Ago



*Pictured above*— Kerrie Bennett, Karly-Mae Paynter, Stephanie Wills, Matthew Skull, Michael Bury, Jack Finlay Ella Holmes and Lizzy Fulwood

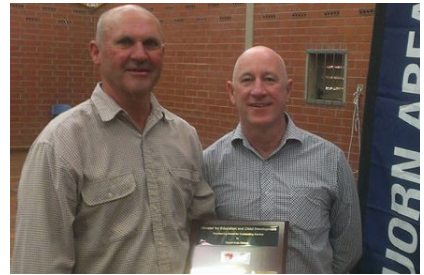
Quorn Area School students in the Health Tent at the Croc Festival with footballers, Troy Bond, Shaun Burgoyne and Shane Bond.



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

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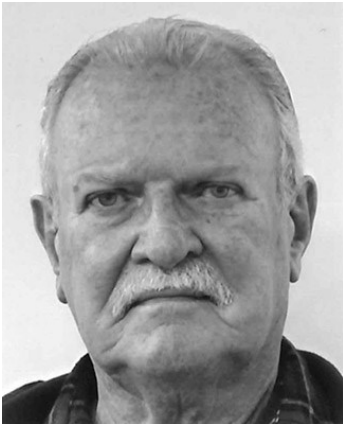
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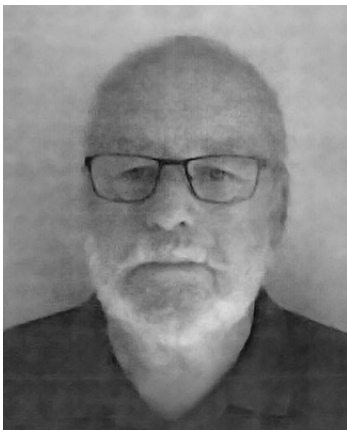
# The Flinders Ranges Council - Area Councillors - Candidate Profiles



**BURKE, Maurie**

After 33 years service, Maurie retired as Regional Commander from the NT Police in February 2001. His final posting to Katherine in 1997 preceded the huge rain depression that flooded Katherine during the Australia Day flood of 1998. As the Emergency Management Coordinator for the only declared disaster since cyclone Tracey, life was hectic. It was ironic that he was honoured with the Australian Police Medal (APM) on the same day the flood impacted the region. Retirement has seen a relocation with his wife Maggie, from Katherine where he also served four years as an Alderman on the Katherine Town Council, to Cradock South Australia. Settlement in Cradock resulted in appointment as Chair of the Cradock Heritage Group and involvement in upgrades throughout the community including, establishment of the Cradock War Memorial and Community Memorial Garden. He is now looking to serve both Cradock and the wider Flinders Ranges community.

Contact details: **0413 991 091**



**CARPENTER, Ian**

With his wife retired to Quorn, from Hawker, in 2020 to be closer to family, having lived in the Flinders Ranges Council area for over 20 years. He and his wife owned and operated a caravan park in Hawker for 10 years and also had a 4wd tour business. Served on Hawker Community Development Board, Wirreanda Cottages Committee, Hawker HAC and was a CFS volunteer. Helped develop, establish and maintain the Hawker War Memorial. Received a Citizen of the Year Award from FRC in 2017 and has always shown and expressed an active interest in Council matters. Member of two classic car clubs and a part time member of the Quorn Men's Shed. Now enjoying having some time to establish their garden in retirement. Ian wants to give back to the community and firmly believes serving on Council would help achieve this. 0417 810 324. [icapy@bigpond.com](mailto:icapy@bigpond.com)

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**PARKINSON, Ashley J**

I have lived and worked in our Flinders Ranges Council region for the past 17 years. I have a passion for the entire region and the people within it. I enjoy sharing my musical talents and you may recognise me from the Master of Ceremony tasks and other musical events I have been involved with over the years. I respect people from all cultures, not just our Adnyamathanha traditional peoples, but recognise the multicultural society in which we live. I recognise the importance the visitors to our region but that the backbone to our community is the farming and our local businesses. Both of which create a unique place to live and work, a place I am proud to call me home. I hope to serve this community and continue to support its development well into the future.

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# Quorn Area School News

## Science Week

ON TUESDAY THE 17<sup>th</sup> of August we were lucky enough to host some great presenters to celebrate Science Week. We participated in three different workshops which focused on Bugs and Slugs, Animals Anonymous and Plant Propagation/Seed Bomb Making.

The first workshop that we attended was Animals Anonymous. We met some reptiles, birds and mammals and learnt about their habitats and how they survive. The presenters entertained us with their humour when speaking about the animals. The exciting part of the session was being able to get up close and even hold some of the animals.

During the next session we discussed as a group what we knew about food and the environment. The presenter explained to us about how bugs are going to play a large role in the food industry and that bugs are already in most things that we eat today. Some of us were fortunate (and brave) enough to sample some cricket cookies and cinnamon donut flavoured mill worms. We were surprised at how the biscuits tasted like a regular choc chip cookie and some people enjoyed the worms and some simply did not. At the end we were allowed to spend some time having a look at all of the bugs and slugs, and hold or gently touch some of the slugs, stick insects, snails, hermit crabs and beetles.

Andrea Tschirner presented a practical workshop in the garden which allowed us to get our hands dirty and learn how to make seed bombs and propagate plants. This workshop is allowing QAS students to earn points for their respective house for the end of year, with the focus on the growth and success of the plants.

We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to have these presenters at our school and we would like to say a HUGE thank you to our amazing Parents and Friends Committee who kindly donated half of the funds to make this learning experience possible. Also a thanks to the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board for their support in making this possible. We look forward to celebrating Science Week again next year.

Year 8 English Class



### Road Safety a priority for our school students

RECENT CONCERNS HAVE been raised to the Quorn Area School Governing Council about road safety around the school grounds. Quorn residents are reminded that a speed limit of 25km/hr must be maintained when children are observed using footpaths around the school grounds.



A new group of School Crossing Monitors have been trained at the school with support of the SA Police.

These students volunteer their time to work at the beginning and end of the school day to help regulate traffic flow at the Koala Crossing, allowing students to safely cross West

Terrace to the school grounds. The school community has been working closely with the Flinders Ranges Council to review signage and infrastructure around the school to ensure road safety.

Further information about road rules concerning school crossings can be found at [ww.dpti.sa.gov.au/Way2GoChair](http://ww.dpti.sa.gov.au/Way2GoChair)

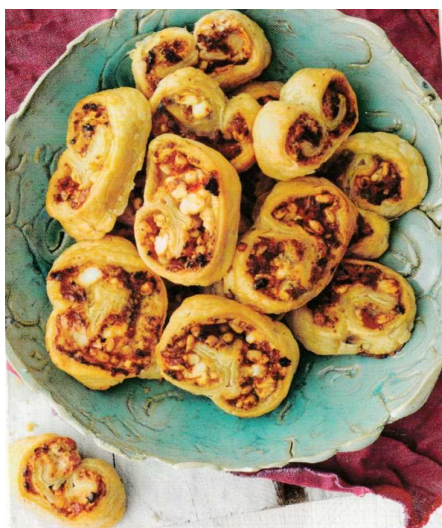
We thank the community for their support in keeping our kids safe.

QAS Governing Council.





# Home Recipes



## Sundried-Tomato Palmiers

### Ingredients

Half cup sundried tomatoes, drained, chopped  
Three quarters cup crumbled feta  
Two tablespoons grated parmesan  
Half cup pine nuts, toasted  
One tablespoon finely grated lemon rind  
Two sheets frozen butter puff pastry, partially thawed  
One tablespoon olive oil  
Half cup pesto

### Method

Prep 20 mins

Cook Time 15 mins

Serves 8.

1. Preheat oven to 200°C. Line a tray with baking paper.
2. Combine tomatoes, cheeses, pine nuts and lemon rind in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Brush both pastry sheets evenly with oil. Spread pesto on both, followed by tomato mixture. Fold opposite ends of pastry into centre. Continue folding in until ends meet in middle. Cut pastry crossways into 1cm-thick slices.
4. Place the slices, cut-side up, on prepared tray, allowing room for spreading.
5. Bake for ten minutes. Turn palmiers over and bake for a further 4-5 minutes or until golden brown and puffed. Serve.

*Delicious Magazine Oct 2015*



On Duty, Some of the school crossing volunteers



# Quorn Area School—Book Week



BOOK WEEK WAS celebrated with a parade of fabulous characters on Friday 27th of August. It was great to see our staff and students participating in this nation wide celebration of books and reading.





# PICHI RICHI • RAILWAY •



Welcome to the September edition for the Quorn Mercury with the latest news from Pichi Richi Railway

THE ARRIVAL OF the 830 class is getting closer! Further preparation works are ongoing to bring the 830 locomotives 843 and 846 to Quorn.

A full set of bogies is now ready to be transported from the One Rail Thevenard depot, which is expected to take place sometime this month.



The 830 class bogies waiting at Thevenard

THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL of Australia is celebrating its 75th birthday this year. Due to Covid-19, the SA Branch, who volunteered to run the award ceremony this year, created a film instead. The film had the winners in it but also scenes from many South Australian attractions, including the Pichi Richi Railway and Arkaroola.

The Pichi Richi Railway item included a shot of Quorn Railway Station with sign and a local girl dressed as a waif who writes on one of PRR's locomotives.

It is expected that some 26,000 teachers and 780,000 children throughout Australia will see the whole film. Many interstate people have already commented on the film and have shown a desire to visit the Flinders Ranges, which will hopefully translate into a boost in tourism as soon as travel restrictions ease.

## Scheduled Trains in September

**Sunday 5th** Pichi Richi Explorer – dep Quorn 10:30am, return Quorn 14:30

**Saturday 11th** Afghan Express – dep Port Augusta 10:30am, return PA 16:30

**Sunday 19th** Pichi Richi Explorer – dep Quorn 10:30 AM, return Quorn 14:30

**Saturday 25th** Afghan Express – dep Port Augusta 10:30am, return PA 16:30

**Sunday 26th** Pichi Richi Explorer – dep Quorn 10:30am, return Quorn 14:30

**Tuesday 28th** Pichi Richi Explorer – dep Quorn 10:30am, return Quorn 14:30

**Thursday 30th** Pichi Richi Explorer – dep Quorn 10:30am, return Quorn 14:30

WORK ON CULVERT 0 has been going on in the Quorn Station yard for some months, with great progress made over the last few weeks to complete the first half of the restoration.

This included mixing up and placing lime concrete for the culvert walls, placing numerous treated and protected rail sections and then covering and protecting with gravel prior to placing of ballast. ■



Volunteers hard at work on Culvert 0 during the most recent 'Newbies' weekend in August

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 1577





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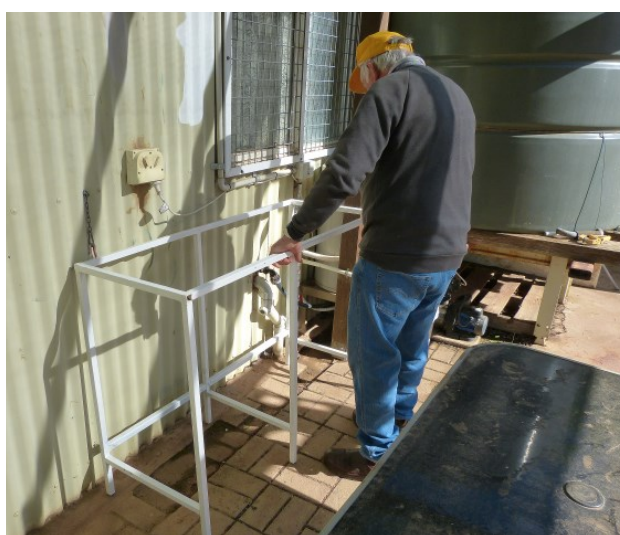
Lyall supplying pavers for Colin



Refurbishing old bench



Jeff reglueing old chair



Ian installing frame for wash basin



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## ANDY'S CORNER

JUST A FEW NOTES to let members know what is happening around the traps.

Paving is getting on well, gives a nice area between buildings.

Weeds have been sprayed, saves us clearing them up later.

The flooring will need some attention the main fault has been rectified—this is an ongoing project.

I need some ideas on maybe a raffle to perhaps coincide with the Quorn show. We have been asked to provide some baskets to collect cans and bottles.

Breakfasts and steak sandwiches have been off with the mask mandate, I will let you know when they are on again.

I have had an email from Martin Stevens Crystal Brook Men's Shed regards Quorn Men's Shed hosting a BBQ get together at Quorn.

The idea will be to have a BBQ at Quorn sometime in September. Andy Smith ■



COVID and wearing masks has not stopped the grass growing, a sniff of roundup has knocked it back



Jeff and Rob discussing model train component

Anyone can drop in for a cuppa and a chat on Thursdays.

any time between 8.30am and 2pm  
Shed breakfasts at 0900hrs on 2nd, 16th & 30th September.

Andy does steak sandwiches for workers lunch, on 9th & 23rd September, only \$4.

This is subject to mask mandates.



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## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Provide advocacy, development and networking opportunities to the Quorn and District Business community
- Support sustainable business growth and make it easier to do business.
- Share information on what is happening in the community i.e., events, activities, visiting groups.
- Current information on training, funding, and grant opportunities
- Information evenings with expert guest speakers
- Network with other local business owners

### Quorn Business Group Executive Committee

President – Kevin Woolford

Secretary – Sharon Hooper

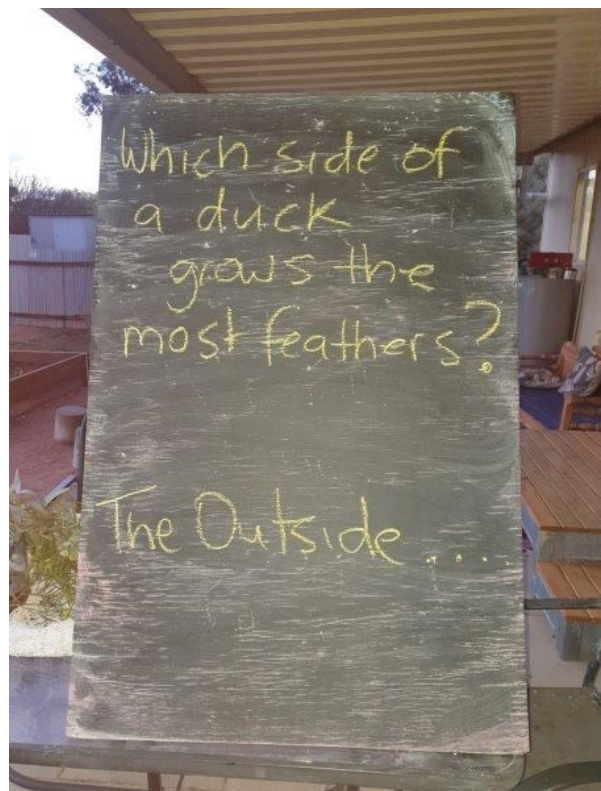
Treasurer – Stuart Hackett

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

### Next Meeting – 6 September 2021

- See Quorn Out and About for venue

## Stu's Stumpers—from Stu Hackett





## Classified Adverts

### Rainfall 2021

Jan	10.2mm
Feb	1.4mm
March	5.2mm
April	Nil
May	26.8mm
June	36.2mm
July	100.4mm
August	13.0mm
YTD	193.2mm

## Quorn Newsagency & Gift Store



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## September 2021

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist  
Diabetes Education  
Dietitian  
Physiotherapist  
Occupational Therapist  
Speech Pathologist  
Social Worker

Country Health Connect 8668 7706



## September

**Anglican Church of St Matthews**  
3rd Sunday of month 10am  
Contact Number  
Ph: 047711056 or 8648 6763

**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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Must be paid for when submitted.

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- Submissions must include separately: author's name, with address or phone number

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# Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events September 2021

## 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  
0900

#### Quorn Play Group

Monday's 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 for  
details

#### Flinders Flicks

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September

### Hawker

#### Community Group—

Tuesday  
fortnightly

#### Development Board—

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month

#### Friendship Group—

3rd Wednesday

#### Hawker Community Singers -

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

## Events

### Pichi Richi Railway

**Afghan Express** – A full day trip from Port  
Augusta to Quorn and return. Departing at  
10:30am from the Port Augusta Railway  
Station

**Pichi Richi Explorer** – A half day trip from  
Quorn to Woolshed Flat and return.

Departing the Quorn Railway Station.  
Collect your copy of this year's timetable  
from the Flinders Ranges Visitors  
Information Centre in the Railway Station.

### Quorn Silo Light Show

Free projection every night, projecting  
onto the Quorn Silo. Viewing times are on  
the website or call and get a brochure  
from the visitor centre. We have a new  
narrated projection called the "Rush of  
Steam" narrated by Pichi Richi volunteer  
Jeremy Browne.

**Quorn Show** – 26<sup>th</sup> September 9am to 4pm  
Quorn Community Oval Show rides, food  
stalls, craft, flowers, Cooking, jam &  
preserves, poultry, photography, wool,  
show bags, vintage cars, wood carving,  
pioneer tractors, entertainment, horses in  
action, show lunch

### Quorn Product and Craft Market

Homemade goods, fresh local produce,  
handmade knits, crafts, cards and so much  
more!

26<sup>th</sup> at the Quorn Show

### Brush with Art

4<sup>th</sup> September to 10<sup>th</sup> October Flinders  
wide art exhibition

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*Life isn't a collection. It's a celebration.*

*Denis Waitley*

## Regular Events

### Quorn

#### Aerobics/Walking Exercise

Monday and Thursday  
Anglican Church Hall 6pm. Cost \$2

#### Boot Camp

Tuesday & Fridays 6.30am  
Quorn Oval

#### Yoga

Thursday nights 6.30pm  
Uniting Church Hall

#### Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
Wednesday evenings at 7pm at the Quorn  
Town Hall. \$15 per session \$10 concession

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

#### Austral Inn Hotel

Sunday Night Pizza Night and Wednesday  
Night Schnitzel Night

#### Transcontinental Hotel

Tuesday Night Schnitzel Night

#### Meditation Classes with Asharnaye

Held every Tuesday at the Catholic Church  
Hall on Railway Tce. 6:30 – 7:30pm.  
Cost is by donation

#### Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society

Wednesdays from 9am at the Lions Park  
Everyone welcome



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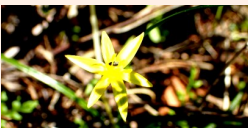
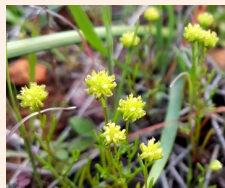
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Katrina Bohr found this plant near the entrance to the Dutchman Stern Conservation Park. Identified as *bulbine bulbosa* (Golden Lily).



The Quorn flora reserve at the top of Quarry Rd has a good range of native plants in flower. Help Sandra and myself keep the paths weed free by doing a walk over the next couple of weeks. There is also a loop walk marked by stone cairns off the main track, try it also. FREE coffee and cake for the person who finds "Happy" the Dwarf hiding in the scrub off the main walk. For kids it's a soft drink and cake.  
*Photos—Modris Ozolins*



Members of the **Quorn Community Landcare Group** have been getting into the Olympic spirit and capturing some of the marvelous tones of Green and Gold in our own backyard. These pictures are just a few of the diverse range of Flinders Ranges plants flowering this winter. More pics can be seen on the group's Facebook Page.



A rainbow at a different angle.....along the Dutchman Stern  
Photo—Sue Murray, Aug 25th 7am

