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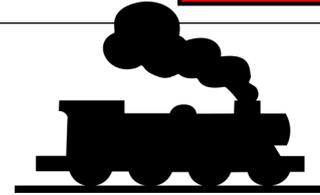
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The Quorn market, full of a variety of products on Sunday 29th July



The panoramic spectacle of the Slowdown—taken early in the day



SUNDAY 29TH JULY was a busy day with the usual attraction of the Pichi Rich Railway encouraging tourists to travel back through time on a nostalgic train ride.

Expectations of numbers of passengers grew considerably until 125 passengers enjoyed their journey on the day.

See more news about the PRR inside this issue!

The monthly Quorn Produce and Craft Market had a larger contingent of sellers with a variety of products to offer locals and the travelling public. There are more photos of the Market in the Centrefold.

A successful fundraiser was also held at the Quorn oval on Sunday. Veteran footballers and their younger counterparts played in the annual *Slowdown* match between Town and Country. Many families and young children enjoyed the day.

The Country team won the match with their team member Jamie Paynter winning Best on Ground.

Funds were raised for the Quorn Hospital Auxiliary from proceeds of the match and Barbeque. ■

Those who enjoy reading the Walking Trails articles will no doubt notice the absence of the feature in this edition of the Mercury.

Rest assured, Ray has many more articles to share with us and Walking Trails will continue in the September edition of the Mercury. ■

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# Chat with a Quornie

## Ern Woolford



I WAS BORN in Newbury, Berkshire in 1937. Dad was in the army, but was killed in an accident before World War 2. We lived in London till the bombing started in 1940.

My mum, me and my two siblings were evacuated to Newbury to an uncle's home. When he found out that there was no assistance for evacuees who were family members, we went back to London.

The regular bombing had finished, but there was frequent bombing from France by doodlebugs (Ramjet engine—'putt, putt'). When they ran out of fuel they exploded. My family was killed, while I was out shopping.

I was sent to orphanages and foster homes—frequently moving because I was a bit of a shit. I ended up at a military-style (Gordon Highlanders) school, with a uniform of tartan trousers, tunic and Glengarry 'tam'.

At ten I lived with strict foster parents who were 85 and 70. But I was lucky not to have been sent to Australia like the children in *Leaving Liverpool*. We lived in Lower Upham and I went to Bishop's Waltham school.

The old man — an ex-Merchant Seaman jumped ship in Sydney. When war started he hitchhiked back to England, and joined the RN. He died at 102 digging the garden and the doctor asked for an autopsy. The coroner asked why. He replied 'It must have been a heart attack. Nothing else would kill the old bugger'.

I once picked up a briefcase at a bus stop, and took it to the police station. The Sergeant

opened it. It was the Real Estate Agent's, with £1400—enough to buy six houses.

He told me to ride (four miles) to tell the chap to bring in his ID. He gave me half a crown (25cents). I stuck it in his top pocket to 'get a taxi when you lose your case again'.

Hearing that, the sergeant told me they'd see that he paid, even if not me. Every time he drove, or stopped, he was pulled over. His wife was charged (under a very old law), with shaking her doormat on a Sunday.

After school I worked in a garage selling petrol, mending tyres. I did an apprenticeship as a marine fitter, was called up for National Service in the RAF, and served as a fitter.



Ern (front left) with the squarebushers:  
In training at Wolverhampton

Oddly, I was the only Woolford I ever met in the services. When I came to SA and met so many I told them that it was because their lot got caught.

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As a former National Serviceman, I enjoyed the best postings for 12 years, to my first posting—Sharjah, 12 miles from Dubai in the late 50s, before the oil discoveries.

It was a settlement of *Brusti*—makeshift low dwellings, strung along the Gulf shore. Their rooves were made of overlapping flattened juice cans.



Buildings in Sharjah were made of coral

English forces were peacekeeping and controlling slavery (Indians were brought in on dhows along old Trade Routes). The warring Sheikdoms were being organised into the Trucial States (before they became the United Arab Emirates).

The cost of a jerry can of water was a quarter of our week's wage. We had eight pints of distilled salt water a day for drinking, and showered in salt water, using dishwashing liquid to wash our hair. The swimming pool was topped up through the season and became so salty you could lie back and read a paper.



The first high-rise buildings in central Sharjah in about 1960

There were no schools in Sharjah. Men fished and dried the fish on clotheslines. They pressed dates in a mud brick press between two cellophane sheets—dates, flies, dates.

We were always bored. At curfew we'd ride into Ali's Coffee Shop on a motor bike we'd fitted with aircraft nose wheels for riding in the sand. One time we saw Ali in the yard frantically opening a cat food can.

We reckoned at least it was hygienically canned.

Married ladies in Sharjah wore full face cover made of stained leather, which made their faces purple when they took it off.

There were no made roads. But on one trip into Sharjah, I noticed a newly made tarmac road, and drove along its smooth surface. In the rear vision mirror I saw a DC3 landing behind me. It was the first airstrip there.

In the 1960s I went back to England and moved between airfields. I spent three years in Germany during the Cold War; had short postings to Zambia (then Ian Smith's Northern Rhodesia) when the UK was peacekeeping; to Singapore; Tarwah (Malaysia) and Borneo.

In 1967-69 I flew out to Woomera where a Missile System was being developed (Which was very successful in the Falklands War). It was a half Australian, half British operation which started in the UK. 15 technicians and administrators were involved.

When I went back to England I was demobbed with six months leave. So I went straight to Australia House to fill in a migration application.

With my ten year security clearance, my application was immediately accepted. When I was due to fly out to Australia, there was a postal strike, and my documents hadn't arrived. The Migration Officer said I would have to pay £10 and have my jabs again. He gave me an unsealed envelope to give to the Migration Officer at Melbourne airport. It read: 'Goodday John, The bloke holding the paper has been granted residency. He wants to go to Adelaide. Put him on an aircraft and arrange accommodation'. He noted that I'd paid £10 twice.

A week or two later the documents turned up from my landlady in England. I handed in the unstamped documents. Later both £10s were returned, so I am not a £10 Pom.

In the Air Force, I had been in R & D (Research and Development), so I applied for a job with John Shearer Farm Machinery, and went to Michell's Wool Factory at Brahma Lodge as one of a half dozen fitters. I had a job at Monier Tiles, Gawler, but went back to Woomera as a civilian fitter in 1974.

I had a serious road accident on a dirt road, and travelled five hours to hospital in Port Augusta. I was flown out to Adelaide with a ruptured diaphragm, broken pelvis and mangled arm.

After six months of operations and

rehabilitation, I went back to Woomera, to work at the Hesso pump station.

A mate of mine was the publican at Black Rock. I met Sheila there on Fri 13th of July 1979. She was from Manchester and was the Yatina Postmistress.

For our first date—lunch in a country pub—I tested her with a drive in my Mini Moke. Sheila was not impressed, as her son had met me at Hesso, and told her that I had a new Celica. When we got back to her place in the winter dark, I offered to stay the night. But Sheila packed me off home with a blanket.

We bought the old Blue House in North Quorn from old Mrs Hilder. It had been Tommy Hilder's Butcher Shop. *Bitter Springs* had been filmed there in the 50s.

We reckoned that a grenade must have been thrown in a 44 gallon tin of blue paint, as all 14 rooms were blue.

Bruno loaned us a hand roller and we rolled the corrugated iron verandah round the house on all four sides. We had 365 feet of bullnose.

When Maurice Hannigan retired, I worked as a fitter at the Barytes Plant for a year. Second hand dealers, Bill and Flo Parker shut their shop on the First and Sixth Street corner (now Quandong Café), and suggested that we open up as second hand dealers.

18 months later we bought the First Street shop that had been Robert Farley's Skating Rink. It also had a fish and chips shop on the corner. It was a goldmine—the Catholics bought 350kg of chips over Easter.

But our hearts were in the second hand business. We leased out the Takeaway. But the business died. It takes a special breed to run a Fish and Chippery. With Bruno's help I turned the Takeaway into a two-bedroom flat, where we lived for the next 17 years.

It was great fun. Sheila did the buying, and I did the selling. Everyone was travelling and camping. They'd leave home without a frying pan. We sold dozens. I measured the thickness of a pile of books and sold them by the foot; tools sold by the kilogram. Sheila bought a box of jars of anti-wrinkle cream, advertised to 'take wrinkles out of second hand Alfoil'. They didn't sell for \$2 but \$5.



The Pig Carrier

The Suitcase Repairer had me puzzled. I didn't know what it was, but hung it on the wall labelled Pig Carrier. A lady driving a Merc came into the shop and cast her eyes round the Bric-a-Brac. She saw the Pig Carrier and bought it. It gave us a laugh.

Three years later a well-dressed man came into the shop and asked how long we'd been there. When he put out his hand, I shrank back, thinking of all my 'jokes'. But he genuinely wanted to shake the hand of the man who'd put one over his high-flying business executive wife. The pig-carrier was hung in the entrance hall of their Sydney harbour side house.

Old Quorn character Bessie Boss, who lived next to Fosters, came into our shop. Our conversation went: 'How much?' I'd say, 'Free, for two words'. Bessie would ask, 'What's that then?' 'Thank you'. 'That's too dear. I'll go across to Shotty's'.

In 2000 GST came in. I rang the Tax Office to find out how it would affect second hand dealers. And was told 'We don't really know what happens, but if you do the wrong thing, you'll be nobbled'. So that was that. We closed, and retired.

We were great mates with neighbour Mrs Bond when we lived in the Blue House. Glad and Sheila talked so long, that I capped her



Closing day at Ern and Sheila's Secondhand Shop. L-R: Mary Absalom, Lena Bowden, Sheila Burke, Ern Woolford

fence top so she could comfortably lean on it.

Sheila made a friend of Mary Absalom. After years on stations in Western Qld, Mary was shy. When Sheila organised Mary a Gopher at half the cost of a new one, Mary started to come into the shop every day—even helping behind the counter.

We moved the transportable house we live in to a block of land in North Quorn, and added verandahs, and a barbecue area. Once we gave up the Secondhand business, we had time to join the Lions Club, where we got to know the great friends that we still have from our ten years as Lions.

Sheila's daughter lives in north Queensland. We travel up there, but have also been back to England. Sheila does the driving, as she was the first female taxi driver in England, and always manages to find a castle or scenic place that I've never seen before. ■

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# Show Interest



Anthony enjoys riding his motor bike at home



ANTHONY O'LOUGHLIN IS 13 years old, and with encouragement from family has been a keen contributor to the Quorn Agricultural Show for at least five years. His entries have been in the Art and Craft, and Cooking sections, where he has aimed to complete many different items.

His interest is more about supporting the show than winning, and he likes to see his work on display, as examples of his contribution to the success of the show.

Planning for the show involves looking through the show booklet, and deciding what Arts, Craft and cooking items Anthony wants to enter, and having his Art and Craft items completed a week before the show.

Entries in all sections are recorded with the show committee, with entrance fees paid on the Wednesday, Thursday or Friday before the show, at the Council Chambers. The Saturday before show day is a busy day for cooking and preparing baked items for display.

On show day everything is brought to the Show Grounds by 9:00am for display in the hall, ready for judging.

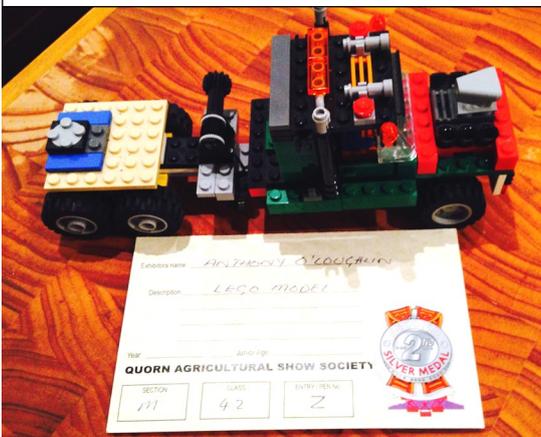
Of all Anthony's contributions, he likes drawing best, and drawings of trucks and machinery have featured in this contributions, as well as original Lego constructions.

He thinks he might have a go at photography in future shows.

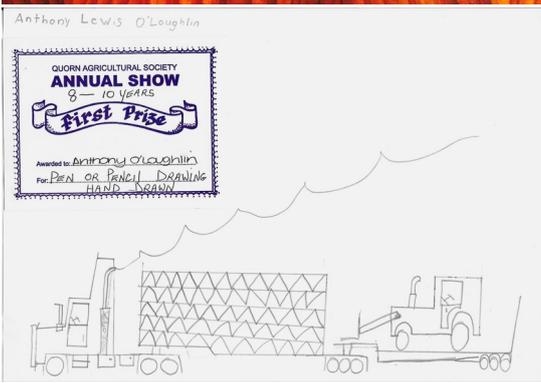
When asked about what he likes to see at the show, he decided that an idea for the future could involve a photographic display of kids doing their moves at the Skate Park, currently under construction.

Anthony also helps his mother Amanda set up the equipment for Horses in Action events on the oval. He sees himself in the future continuing to help with the Show, setting up equipment for events, stalls and attractions. He looks forward to the show each year, and loves to catch up with friends, enjoying seeing what's on. He thinks it would be pretty disappointing for the town if we didn't have a show, and would like to see it continue well into the future.

We wish Anthony well in his preparations for the 2018 show. Show books are now available, so why not see what *you* would like to do for the show this year! ■



Lego items Anthony has entered in previous shows



One of Anthony's successful drawing entries

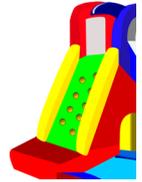
# Quorn Agricultural Show

## Sunday September 23rd

### From 9:00am - 4.00pm



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# Show Housekeeping

SHOW PREPARATIONS ARE well under way, and the big day is drawing closer. Quorn Agricultural show booklets have been printed and copies are available at the Quorn Newsagent and the Post Office.

Port Augusta residents can collect booklets from *Skin Scents* and *Ranges Fodder & Saddlery*

The details of some of the sections have been simplified, with the opportunity to enter a special product in the “Any other” category of a section.

Entry forms will soon be on our Show Facebook page for downloading and printing. Completed forms with the appropriate entry fees can be posted to the Secretary or brought to the Quorn Council

Chambers when committee members will be in attendance at the following times:

- Wednesday September 19 from 10 to 3
- Thursday Sept 20 from 10 to 3
- Friday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> from 9-5pm

The show poster is also published in this months Mercury with contact information included. If you have any queries pleas contact a committee member.

We hope to see you at the show! ■



**Quorn Agricultural Show**  
**Sunday September 23rd**  
**From 9:00am - 4.00pm**

## Quorn Show Traffic Control

ALL COMMUNITY EVENTS are required by law to adhere to strict traffic control regulations—it’s all about YOUR SAFETY. To protect you and your family, we have developed these rules:

- There will be **NO** vehicle movement on the show grounds between 9am & 4pm.
- If you are driving on the show grounds before 9am to deliver entries into the hall the speed limit is 5km per hour—and please watch out for pedestrians.
- The show committee will assist you if you require help. You can find us at the Secretary’s Office.
- There will **NOT** be any exceptions as our insurers make **NO** exceptions in our contract. We can’t run our show without insurance. It’s as simple as that.

We work really hard to bring you a great show so please support us to keep it safe for everyone.

Bronwyn Filsell – President.

# Franc Carling, Stroke Survivor

FRANCES ANN BRITZA was born on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 1962 to proud parents Rita and Jim. She was raised on their Richman Valley farm, with younger brothers Matthew and Colin. She became a strong, independent and reliable daughter, wife and mother, and community member, involved in farm life—picking stones, pulling thistles, bagging chaff, riding motorbikes and driving tractors.

Frances especially enjoyed the social side of school and laughed her way through many a lesson. In year four she was nicknamed Franc by Mr Gamlen. Franc was popular at school. She was president of SRC, organised school socials and enjoyed PE. She also got her share of discipline; for not wearing a jumper or having the right shoes (Once getting sent home to get different shoes for tech). She shot a kangaroo, which Jimmy showed how to skin and cook; cooked snails and ate them for Home Economics. As she got older Frances rode a motorbike for sports, netball and work at Wayne's.

When Franc left school, she started work at Fosters, with Mrs Deakin, Phyllis Hilder, Kelly Rankin, Geoffrey Lyson, the Jarrett sisters and Lynette Wills. Two years later, Franc was the first to leave without being married, to start a new job at Hughes Garage. She really wanted to be a mechanic but was happy in the office, keeping the boys in line. There she became friendly with Brenton Carling and eventually agreed to marry him. They wed in September 1982.



Frances and Brenton Carling at their engagement party.

Franc and Brenton worked at Hughes and lived at Carling's, on the Willochra Plain, 20km from town. They worked the land on weekends. In 1984 Brenton and Franc

purchased the local fuel depot, and Franc became office manager. In 1989 when first son Tom was born, he often slept in the corner of the Atco hut or bounced in his jolly jumper.

Franc was a doting mum to her 'little man.' Tom was a 'chip off the old block', happiest when surrounded by people. Despite a bit of a battle, Cam was delivered on March 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1991, a happy, healthy baby boy. He too became a working man at an early age, in the depot and with Grandma. Life became busier as the fuel business grew and they bought more land.

Jimmy celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in a bumper year out at the valley.

Third child Hannah arrived in 1993 much to the delight of all of the family. Cousins Robert, Susan and Elizabeth joined the Britzas and celebrated birthdays together.

In 1995 Val, Brenton's mother died suddenly. In 1998 the family again banded together when Jim developed a bone infection after open-heart surgery. He was in intensive care for six weeks, but pulled through.

Franc and family continued their hectic life of Playgroup, kindy, school, sports, camps, a yearly holiday to West Beach, a trip to KI, camping at Innamincka. Franc coached netball, tennis and footy, getting to know the district children and ferrying them to sport.

She was part of Quorn Traders which ran events round town, many that she helped organise. She received a cricket club Life Membership award for organising events. And she campaigned for Bendigo Bank to set up an outlet in Quorn.

In 2010 the Britza family lost Jimmy to cancer but soldiered on with as little fuss as possible. Franc and Rita became even closer as they adjusted to the gap left behind by their beloved father and husband.

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 was the day that tipped the Carling/Britza family on its head. Franc had a coughing fit at the depot, which turned into a massive stroke. Fortunately she was at work with Brenton who immediately recognised what was happening.

Within minutes Franc was in hospital reciting phone numbers to contact Rita. After going to Whyalla Hospital, she was transferred to RAH for the first of many surgeries to relieve the build-up of blood on her brain.

The Carling children were immediately on hand and their brother Colin flew in from Sydney.

They surrounded Franc in IC and the RAH wards, chatting, laughing, helping with crosswords and puzzles. She was sent to the Repat Hospital for rehabilitation by the dedicated staff.

She went back to the RAH with an infection in the brain lining, but continued walking and managing with one arm/hand. Franc's many caring visitors, and Rita's constant presence were a great comfort to her throughout her time in hospital. After a brief stay at Whyalla Hospital, she went home to Quorn in time for Christmas 2014.



Franc and Rita

It was her first Christmas home since her stroke, but the last time the Britza children would have together. Youngest brother Colin was diagnosed early in the New Year with pancreatic cancer, and lived till October. He was only 48. Rita and Matthew were by Colin's side.

Friends and family travelled from interstate and overseas to pay tribute to a fine young man, well loved by all who knew him. His funeral was held in Quorn in October 2015.

Franc and Rita were not able to grieve for long before Franc was called back to the RAH for a skull implant — a plastic plate to replace the piece of bone taken in the original surgery.

Franc wore her blue helmet all 2015. She wasn't able to work each day, but kept busy with regular rehab with the wonderful Vikki, coffee and lunch dates, occasional trips to Adelaide for Botox injections, check-ups, and time with her family.

The following year the family and friends, the Fullers, had a summer holiday to the river— boat trips, food and fun. In February 2016 Franc returned to the Repat as a day patient for three weeks of rehabilitation. Staff remembered her big smile but didn't recognise Franc without the blue helmet. They were genuinely pleased to see her.

After lots of walking, exercising and concentrating Franc was ready to go home, but experienced seizures and fluid weeping from the skull. She was readmitted to the RAH and the plate removed in November 2016. She had another blue helmet until 2017.

After her 2017 river holiday and a concert in Adelaide, Franc had another plate inserted successfully.

The family got together for her birthday and Mother's Day with Cam and Nic coming from Yarrowonga, to celebrate with Tom, Hannah and Brenton. The new plate felt a much 'better fit' and Franc enjoyed good health for 2017, attending three weddings, having a fabulous day at the Hawker races, going in the truck with Brenton and returning to work on Saturday mornings

Before Christmas 2017 she was loaned a gopher. She quickly bought one, and when in January 2018 Rita underwent heart surgery, Franc was able to collect her daily paper, groceries, and give her support.

There have been many 2018 highlights for the family— the holiday at the river, Rita's good recovery from surgery, Cam and Nic's engagement, and a purely social trip to Adelaide.

Each year Franc celebrates two birthdays— her actual birthday and the day she survived the stroke.

From a woman who got out of bed at 5am each morning to walk, ride her bike to the pool on summer mornings, and who ate wisely, this sudden change was a shock for everyone.

Franc was a person in command, the centre of her family and a very important part of the Quorn community.

Franc is still the easy-going, cheery, social person she has always been. Her down-to-earth acceptance of life sees her taking on the changes in her life with a shrug of the shoulders (and sometimes a shudder as she does get emotional at times) and acceptance of new challenges. Maybe Franc can't do some things she used to do but she is still a fantastic, kind, thoughtful, strong and determined person whom we are all lucky to know and love.

Karen Eckert ■



Back row L-R: Andrea Bury, Jenny Cross, Di Williams  
Front: Franc Carling, Tricia Lehmann

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# Pictures — From the Past



**Slow transport in Quorn's past.** Martin's Donkey Team above, in an unpaved First Street by the Savings Bank of SA, is hard to count. But there *are* four abreast at the front, though it looks as if the number abreast decreases further back. Twenty donkeys, perhaps? The much clearer photo below, of Kelly's Bullock Team in the same place, looks to have 22 bullocks. If that's his whip in Kelly's right hand, imagine how long it must be to control his team. The unpaved street is more churned up, too. ■



# Ten Years of Flinders Flicks

It's SO EASY to take things for granted, isn't it! The monthly Flinders Flicks nights do seem like an institution that's been around a long time, but in fact the very first film society event was held just 10 years ago and took a few years to claim its regular slot in Quorn's calendar of events.

The film society today has over 70 members, and offers a collection of films for loan at the Quorn Library, as well as its monthly evening film nights at Emily's Bistro.

Quorn historically has loved film. Not only have dozens of feature and short movies been filmed in the area, there have previously been film nights in town, and for many years the old film projectors gathered dust in Modris Ozilin's shed before modern technology inspired locals to "get something up" again. Bronwyn and Gary at Quorn Caravan Park held a few outdoor film nights assisted by Screen Australia, gathering much interest in local film events.

Ideas for a film society were buzzing around Quorn in 2007, and then in early 2008 a Community Builders SA workshop brought together passionate residents from the area to decide on ways to improve the town. Many projects were discussed including facilities, signage and during this, the film society and film nights were proposed. Attendees of the event broke into groups to plan out the implementation of the most popular ideas, and those who supported the film club got together to develop the idea further.

The name "Flinders Flicks" was proposed and the group were offered a small amount of seed funding by the Community Builders workshop, which, combined with some grant funding from ANZ Fund for Regional Renewal, and a donation from the defunct Port

Augusta Film Club, were enough to purchase a video projector.

The film club initially ran some test screenings in association with the Flinders Ranges Bush Festival and the Regional Centre for Culture program and conducted surveys about the films that people wanted to see. Over 100 people responded with diverse interests from new films, to historic features, and a program of film was prepared for the first year.

The earliest film club screenings were held in the Quorn Town Hall and the Girl Guides Hall in 2008-9. They gathered interest but were always a lot of work for the organisers, who found they needed to do a lot of work to bring in snacks and drinks and set up the screen and projector. The small audience of 30-40 people did not cover the cost of venue hire or the consumables and various methods were trialled to help make the club feasible.

In 2009 the organisers of the club explored funding avenues to help raise the cash needed for permanent rental of a space. Some of the projects the funding supported included bringing film makers John Mannion and Malcolm McKinnon and others to Quorn to support some local oral history recording and documentation, which helped to promote the club and raise awareness and add some funding for equipment maintenance and further screenings.

These early experiments with the programming, set up and running of the club were valuable to provide insights into how to do it better, but clearly one of the essential ingredients for the longevity of the club was to be a venue. In 2009 the club stopped holding events while options were explored, and conversations had with various property owners to explore the option of partnership.



Outdoor screening at Quorn Caravan Park c2006

Around 2009-2010 the Fosters Emporium was purchased by Wendy Brown and family with a view to turning into a restaurant and accommodation. Conversations about the potential of this large historic space for a monthly gathering, developed into a commitment to hold a trial period of film nights.

The first Flinders Flicks film club night was held in 2014 and quickly demonstrated that there was a strong local interest. The installation of a retractable screen made the film nights a very easy operation for restaurant and club members, and Emily's benefited from the patronage of the club.

Although the club had to close temporarily in 2016-7 during construction and refurbishment of the new conference and accommodation facilities next to the Emporium, when it was offered the opportunity to return to the Bistro space earlier this year, it kicked off again with much appreciation by the interested locals and tourists.

Local feature film sound designer, John Simpson, provided technical advice to help the film club purchase an effective sound system to install alongside the retractable screen. And as each film night involves selection of a new film, after they are played they are provided to the Quorn library which has an ever-growing collection of titles.

Over the ten years since it started, Flinders Flicks has played or presented over 70 films, and is proud to be a regular event on the Quorn calendar. Although there have been a few times we've not been able to hold events for periods, we've learned a lot about how to run the program simply and effectively, and how to collaborate with others.

The partnership with Emily's Bistro has been a marvellous step for us. The charming space full of atmosphere, provides a large enough venue for projection. The shining reflected light of the projector and screen are superior to the cold light of an LCD screen, and the sound quality are reminiscent of historic cinemas that no longer exist. Emily's staff provide marvellous service and take the work of food and drinks off the mind of Flinders Flicks volunteers, enabling us to concentrate on the work of running the films.

Looking back on the last 10 years it's been a long journey to get to this point, so we say thank you to everyone who has put in the hard

yards and commitment, everyone who's helped with advice and donations, helping set up and pack down, or simply attending and being part of the regular audience. Here's hoping we will continue for many more events and years yet!

Flinders Flicks currently runs once a month, advertising its upcoming films via an email mailing list and on Facebook. If you are interested in attending an event you can join the mailing list here:

[www.flindersflicks.org/](http://www.flindersflicks.org/)

or follow us on facebook at FlindersFlicksSA

If you are interested in attending a film night, call Emily's Bistro to book your place. There is a venue charge of \$10 which covers your main course meal. We also ask that you leave a donation at the door, towards Flinders Flicks running expenses for the film and projector.

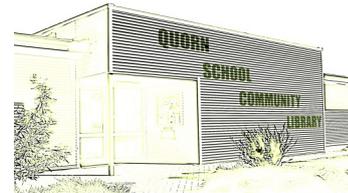
Next screenings will be the feature film "Hidden Figures" on 24<sup>th</sup> August and "Spy" on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018. ■



Above: watching The Railwayman at Emily's Bistro January 2015

Below: at the Great Northern Lodge November 2017





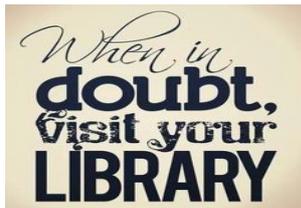
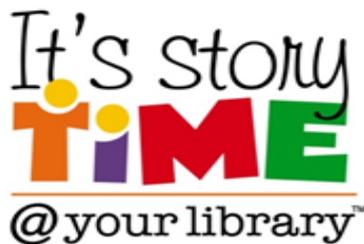
## Quorn Book Club

Wednesday 22nd August

**Note** 7:30 start

37 Park Terrace

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on **0456 129 870**



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# Library News cont.

## What does the word apron mean to you?

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Some of our Storytime memories when we celebrated Klay's Birthday and Storytime, making his favourite item — a tractor.



Attentive young listeners at story time

# QUORN OUT AND ABOUT



## Quorn Market Sunday 29th July

The monthly market was abuzz with stallholders even overflowing to outside the Town Hall. Shoppers had lots of choices as can be seen from the colourful photos (courtesy of Kate Sims). For more information about the Quorn Market contact Kylie Finlay or Lee-Ann Slattery.



## At the Races

Nancy Murray, Darren Gauci (Professional Melbourne Jockey now retired) and Razz Mooosha at the Port Augusta Cup 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 .



THE VICTORIAN MOKE OWNERS ASSOCIATION visit Quorn. They are currently on a road trip from Melbourne to Alice Springs.



# Flinders House News

ONCE AGAIN our NAIDOC celebrations this year were a great success. We had a flag raising ceremony and lunch including residents, patients and community members. We painted rocks and footprints together with the school. We also borrowed a wide variety of local movies from the library to wind down each afternoon with.

The “Gratitude Tree” was fabulous to see. Residents, staff and visitors added the name of a lady, who has positively influenced their world in some way, onto a leaf and place it on the tree. The tree filled up very quickly and I know that some of you out there were named!

Our newsletter showcased some of our Indigenous staff. The walking together footprints connected Flinders House and the hospital.

As part of NAIDOC week, we were awarded a certificate of appreciation for the commitment to improving Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing. Well done everyone!

Without the help from residents, staff, volunteers and community, these celebrations would not happen.

We are always looking for volunteers to spend some time with the residents. If you have a couple of hours spare weekly please come and see us! ■



NAIDOC Ceremony



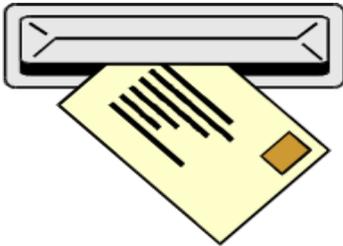
Rock painting with the school



Playing Bingo



Looking after a local



## Letters to the Editor

DEAR EDITORS,

The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (DIIS) and the NRWFM Project team want a nuclear waste facility site confirmed this year. If this doesn't happen, they have failed.

This means that relying only on the information they provide is risky.

Many emotive but incorrect statements have come from DIIS such as;

- medical waste in hospitals needs to come to the facility. Incorrect according to their own scientists. The waste comes from making isotopes, not from using them.
- we need this for Australians to have access to modern medical investigations and treatments. The USA and England don't make medical isotopes but they have access to modern medicine.

These arguments are used to make us feel we have to accept the facility. If hosting nuclear waste is such a positive thing, why have half-truths been necessary?

No amount of money will compensate for the heritage risks, for the reputational damage to the local area, to tourism and to the pastoral industry.

There is a small but real risk of accident or terrorism causing radiation exposure to the region. There is no such thing as no risk with such a facility.

The government has been trying for 20 years to find a site, but met near universal opposition. There is a widespread negative perception of nuclear waste facilities.

No-one has evidence about an effect on tourism numbers if the NRWFM is built at Hawker. A small decrease in tourism is not unlikely. A slowing of the growth in tourism is a loss to the region. From Tourism SA 2017 figures for the Flinders Ranges and Outback, just a 2% decrease in tourism would lose 38 jobs, a 5% decrease, a loss of 95 jobs. A 2% decrease loses \$8.5 million in revenue in just one year. This makes the promises of 45 jobs and a \$10 million grant seem less worthwhile.

For 2 years DIIS have talked about 15 jobs. If 15 jobs was a miscalculation, how can we trust the 45 jobs now predicted? It is the same team of experts

What if the supposed benefits don't eventuate, or most jobs go to people commuting and not living locally, what will we be able to do? The Government will have other priorities but the dump will still be here. The current Government can't enforce conditions on any future Government.

Mistakes have been made in the past with the management of nuclear waste, in Australia and elsewhere. We are told we should trust the scientists and politicians, that we should trust the oversight of the regulator. But, the same government system, the same regulator, were in charge when the waste at Woomera was mishandled. Only 24 years ago the community around Lucas Heights, were taking ANSTO to court to get rid of the Woomera waste (then stored at Lucas Heights). The same waste that will now come here.

All agree, Hawker is not suitable for permanent Intermediate Level Waste storage. Intermediate Level Waste will be brought here for purely political reasons. Most scientists see no reason to move it: the volume is small and once the LLW is moved there will be no space constraints. This is the most expensive and risky waste to move so why move it twice, instead of once to a final disposal site? This is the most difficult waste to manage, why not leave it at Lucas Heights where all the expertise is?

Dr A. Patterson the CEO of ANSTO, said when he was in Hawker recently, that without ILW the NRWFM was not a worthwhile venture for the town. This will in the long term be only a LLW facility. This may occur after 20 years (at best) or 100 years or more.

Is a LLW facility of no real benefit to the community?

In August the community will vote. There appears to be a calculated plan to announce more 'benefit' to the community closer to the vote. We should expect more announcements in the next few months, as the government tries to boost the "yes" vote.

Susi Andersson  
Hawker

**continued**

**Dear Editors,**

I have just returned from attending a meeting of the Barndioota Consultative Committee at Hawker, South Australia, regarding the Federal Government proposal to establish a nuclear waste storage facility in the Flinders Ranges on the Lake Torrens alluvial plain at the Barndioota site. This meeting was co-chaired by Bruce Wilson of the DIIS. I presented a geological perspective on the storage of low and intermediate-level nuclear waste at the Barndioota site.

Having listened attentively to a range of presentations on the subject, including safety considerations, socio-economic impacts, environmental issues, including hydrological modeling, I should like to share my concerns with you.

- (1) The proposed site is located in one of the most active earthquake zones in Australia.
- (2) Major climatic changes including severe winds and massive floods have left their mark on the Lake Torrens alluvial plain.
- (3) Intermediate-level waste should be buried, not left on the surface in temporary structures.
- (4) Surface constructions have consistently underestimated the power of natural world catastrophes.
- (5) Much safer granite locations occur west of Lake Torrens.

For the past 50 years I have led student and international visitors on field trips to the Flinders Ranges as a foremost geological, environmental and cultural tourist destination in South Australia.

The Flinders Ranges are also the spiritual home of the Adnyamathanha whose ancient heritage is encrusted in numerous rock art sites and associated Dreamings. Moreover, the area has been recognised as the only site in the southern hemisphere after which a geological time period – the Ediacaran - has been named in recognition of the emergence of the earliest complex life-forms on the planet.

These factors in combination have spurred a movement to nominate parts or all of the Flinders Ranges on the World Heritage List – a proposal currently under consideration.

**For all of these reasons, it seems to me utterly inappropriate and short-sighted to consider the Flinders Ranges as a possible site for storing nuclear waste.**

In conclusion, I should like to record the acknowledgement of the co-chair of the meeting, Mr. Bruce Wilson (DIIS), that the proposed site at Barndioota would at best be but a temporary storage area for intermediary-level nuclear waste. He stated that within a 30-year time-span the waste would have to be relocated to a safer permanent site.

May I respectfully plead that common-sense and economic logic prevail. Why invest taxpayer funds on an expensive, potentially problematic temporary facility when the Federal Government's own research identified eight alternative safer sites as far back as 1997.

Yours sincerely,

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**Dear Editors,**

Below is a small excerpt from the Parliamentary Senate Inquiry Submission (No. 110 Page 17) made by Azark Project Pty Ltd, the voluntary nominators of land near Leonora in the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia.

*"...the government has already spent and committed some \$40 million over the past four years without still having decided on the site and it is understood that in excess of \$300 million will be incurred in the establishment of the facility as an above ground operation. As against this the Azark Project at Leonora can construct and commission a proper and highly efficient underground facility for less than \$40 million with the advantages as to the suitability of the location and general features and that the facility would provide permanent and completely safe disposal of all levels of nuclear waste."*

If you would like to read the submission in its entirety, it is available on the Australian Parliamentary website through the link below. The submission addresses some very pertinent points.

**[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Economics/Wastemanagementfacility/Submissions](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Economics/Wastemanagementfacility/Submissions)**

*Dianne Ashton*

**Dear Editors,**

“Welcome to the Nuclear State!”

The Nuclear Radioactive Waste Management Facility (NRWMF), proposed for one of two SA regions one in the Flinders Ranges and one in the wheat belt near Kimba, are being targeted because the Federal Government Department of Innovation, Industry and Science (DIIS) claim we voted for it.

Neither region has ever voted for a waste dump. Some members of the community voted to receive more information regarding a waste dump and this is where it has led. The site in the Flinders was put up by an absentee land lord with no consultation to neighbours, community, council, or original custodians. The federal department DIIS had already seen firsthand the deep division this process had caused to the town of Kimba and yet chose to bring it on there again. This is not “World’s Best Practice”. These two regions are now being torn apart by DIIS who could not care less about who will be the loser. They shore up their arguments by throwing heaps of “our” money at us, forgetting that win or lose, we the communities, must attempt to rebuild what has been ripped out. This will most likely never happen in our life-time.

Through the efforts of people opposed to the dump, we now see Mr Bruce Wilson no longer talks of the medical waste filling hospital basements and dumping a sense of shame on those who would question.

We now see a much larger picture of the Intermediate Level Waste (ILW), that’s been coming all along but was buried somewhere under the medical gowns, syringes and gloves in the glossy magazines. Mr Wilson has said this ILW will bring another 30 new jobs to the dump making it up to 45, when in 2010 it was still at six jobs. The CEO of Lucas Heights says without ILW, there would be hardly any economic benefits to the region. Who would you trust?

Mr Wilson makes it clear Australia does not have High Level Waste. However, what will happen if France and England said they would not accept the highly radioactive spent fuel rods from Lucas Heights any more. It’s all in the words. You see, waste is a product of no economic value to its owner.

Why haven’t we heard more about the four nuclear incidents that have happened at Lucas Heights since last November. The people have a right to know that accidents do happen, even at Lucas Heights. Why now, at the eleventh hour, are we starting to get reports filtered through of information that should have been available six months ago. This department has taken three years to tear these two communities apart with its sales pitch, and now wants an answer in three weeks’ time!

*Leon Ashton Quorn*



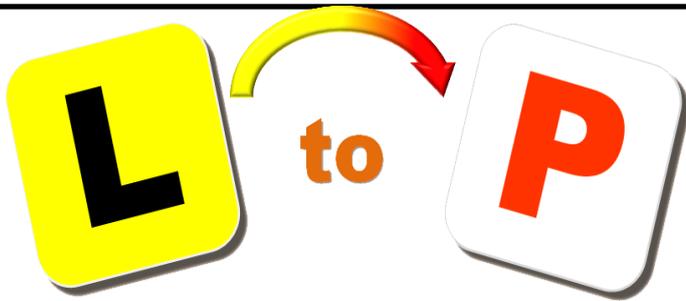
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# Sandy — Bruce Delany

SANDY WAS our tucker pack mule on ‘Mac-umba’. He was dour, enigmatic, fiercely independent, and didn’t suffer fools gladly. He was an outstanding pack animal. I was told he’d been working for six years without a spell, and was still in excellent condition.

Sandy had his own set of rules, and these had to be strictly adhered to. So you packed him following the exact same procedure every time. Offside pack first, *then* the nearside pack—that kind of thing.

He wore a halter with rope attached (some say he was born with this halter on), and when you’d finished you wound the halter around his neck twice, and then put two half-hitches in it. If you tried for three half-hitches, he was way gone, sideways!

He hated being driven in hobbles, and early morning you’d hear ‘chink-chink, chink-chink’ as he came to camp all on his own, before the horse-tailer got to him. The packs had to always be lined up in the same order, and Sandy would go and stand by the tucker pack without being led there, quite impervious to what was going on around him.

One time the Boss, Ernie Kempe, decided to go on a muster with the boys. He was probably bored witless with the office, and wanted to stretch his legs. All went well until dinner camp, when he tried to catch and unpack Sandy.

He didn’t have a hope as he was a stranger, and Sandy didn’t know him from a bar of Burford’s.\* After several attempts the infuriated Boss said, ‘I’ll catch the crimson illegitimate! Where’s the crimson rifle?’ But the rifle was on Sandy’s tucker pack!

In all fairness, the Boss wouldn’t have shot Sandy—he was too intelligent for that. It was just that Sandy was always so aggravating. For example, he’d suffer one pat on the neck after he was packed or unpacked, but he wouldn’t stand for any more unfamiliarity than that.

Mules are far superior to horses as pack animals. It’s like comparing Steven Hawkings to me. They have a better temperament, are more agile, and hold their condition better. Horses tend to pigroot of a cold morning, with disastrous results to the packs.

Horses will also walk between two trees that are wide enough for them but not for the packs as well. But mules will walk around them. So Sandy’s tucker packs were pristine—not a scratch on them (none that *he* put on them, anyhow)! I loved that old mule.

PS. Mules can’t breed. Horses have 64 chromosomes and donkeys 62. Mate the two and you get offspring with a reproductively-useless 63 chromosomes—in short, a sterile mule.

# Sunstroke

IT WAS freezing cold when I got out of my swag to go and get the horses. If I were a brass monkey, I’d probably be suffering from testicular cryogenics! By the time we were ready to break camp, clouds had rolled in, and for some stupid reason I’d rolled my hat up in my swag. A blunder that I was to regret.

By the time we reached night camp, I was feeling very sick. In effect I was in the embryonic stages of sunstroke. As soon as we’d unpacked, I took to my swag, distinctly the worse for wear. I had a raging headache, and severe diarrhoea.

We were camped at a place called Trooper’s Hole, about half a day’s ride from the homestead, and in the morning we were going to pick up some working horses that were running nearby. So the Boss asked if I’d be well enough to take the horse plant on to the homestead instead. This was no big deal, as the horses would head home of their own accord, and all I had to do was follow them.

I can’t remember that trip, but Larry O’Toole, the old Cook, said he saw and heard the plant arrive. But about half an hour later they were milling around, still packed. Then he saw my saddle horse still saddled too, but with the reins still over his wither.

He found me lying on the ground, out like a light. I was in and out of consciousness for about three days, with old Larry looking after me. He told me later that I was in delirium, shouting and screaming that someone was squeezing my head, and that old Kingfisher was putting the boots into me. (Old Kingfisher was a Bronco horse, and wouldn’t even know how to kick: I was taking his name in vain!)

Larry doctored me with cold cloths on my forehead, and fed me only castor oil and water in copious amounts, until I became lucid again. As he put it, ‘I was pushing it in one end and you were pushing it straight out the other!’

I found out later that you can get sunstroke just as easily on a cloudy day as on a sunny day. I’m deeply grateful to old Larry O’Toole, as I was told he rarely left me until I’d recovered. It’d probably be a bit melodramatic to say he saved my life, but he certainly eased the pain a bit.

I also found out since, that once you’ve been sunstruck you’re very susceptible to sunlight. So I’ve not been able to go out into the sun without a hat to this day. My wife says it’s a wonder I don’t wear my hat to bed! So for those people who reckon I’m a bit mad—well, that’s probably the reason.

\* WH Burford & Sons was a famous soap & candlemaker in Adelaide from 1840. Made 14 kinds of soap till 1960s.

Courtesy *The Western Herald*, Bourke, NSW ■



**National Radioactive Waste Management Facility:**  
**Facility investigations create jobs and investment for Aboriginal people**



Above: Melinda Morris (Hydrogeologist, AECOM) and Deidre McKenzie (Chairperson of the Viliwarintha Yura Aboriginal Corporation and Heritage Monitor) during fieldwork at Wallerberdina Station

Thirty Adnyamathanha community members were recently employed at Wallerberdina Station, conducting site studies for the proposed National Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

Called site characterisation works, the studies were undertaken by AECOM from mid-April to June, and aimed to establish whether the site is technically suitable for such a facility.

The works, together with an Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment and results from community consultation, will help determine if Wallerberdina Station or another site is chosen for the Facility.

Over a 7-week period, 30 Adnyamathanha community members, facilitated by the Viliwarintha Yura Aboriginal Corporation, were hired to assist and advise the AECOM team.

They were involved in numerous field activities, including:

- monitoring and protecting cultural heritage values during field activities such as drilling bore holes and groundwater wells;
- cultural heritage awareness inductions;
- conducting ecological surveys of the site and its surrounds;
- catering for the AECOM workforce and its sub-contractors throughout the field program;
- installation of cattle-proof fencing around the investigation wells.

This followed an independent Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment conducted by RPS with local traditional owners, which established an appropriate area of the nominated land, where further site investigations could take place. This report will be released shortly.

“The interactions AECOM had with the local community were very beneficial for both parties,” said AECOM’s Principal Hydrogeologist, Melinda Morris.

“We shared knowledge and built relationships”.

“Members of the Adnyamathanha who worked on the fieldwork program provided an important cultural context, and we provided them an understanding of the science behind what we are doing.

“The community were interested in what we were collecting and why, and obviously also in ensuring that we were culturally sensitive when carrying out our fieldwork.

“AECOM was provided with an alternative appreciation of the landscape beyond a typical scientific investigation.”

An archaeologist from RPS and Aboriginal Elders undertook heritage surveys of individual drilling locations before moving vehicles and machinery and disturbing the ground. Video production crew captured footage of the site and other features of interest to the local community, which is available online now. AECOM’s workforce and subcontractors undertook compulsory cultural heritage awareness inductions.

Malcolm (Tiger) McKenzie, co-Chair of the Economic Working Group, said the 7-week period was a success, and key to building relationships between local Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. “One of the greatest things I saw was the relationship between the Viliwarinha people and the workers who did the drilling. It was fantastic to see – I want to see more of it!” Tiger said.

“Some young people were employed for the first time. Even though this was a short period, it proves to young Aboriginal people if you do your schooling and training, there are jobs out there for you.

“Young and older, more experienced, people were working alongside. It was like a mentor process as they sat down together and talked through things.”

Tiger is hopeful the facility will boost employment for the local Aboriginal community.

“If the new facility goes ahead, there will be 45 new jobs. I can see Aboriginal people having many opportunities to participate. It would be great news all around,” Tiger said.

“The money that is being invested will hopefully get more Aboriginal people in my area working. It is about building relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

“It is promising to see the local community working with the government from the ground up and communicating together for the best outcomes.”

Bruce Wilson, Principal Advisor to the National Radioactive Waste Management Taskforce, was positive about the engagement and future opportunities that would come alongside the Facility.

“The Federal Government has made a strong commitment to involve the local Aboriginal community in the site characterisation works for the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility,” Wilson said.

“The continuous strong involvement of this community is very important. We will work with them in the siting process and, if the facility proceeds here, the operational phase over several hundred years.

“This is potentially just the start of an ongoing and mutually beneficial relationship.”

To watch the video showing the studies at Wallerberdina Station: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=2iSquXBoU7o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2iSquXBoU7o)

For more project information: [www.radioactivewaste.gov.au](http://www.radioactivewaste.gov.au)

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Right: Melinda Morris (Hydrogeologist, AECOM) and Deidre McKenzie (Chairperson of the Viliwarinha Yura Aboriginal Corporation and Heritage Monitor) during fieldwork at Wallerberdina Station





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# Quorn Ladies Golf Open Day

TUESDAY 3RD JULY was a beautiful sunny day, perfect weather for the 18 ladies attending the Quorn Ladies Golf Open Day.

Players travelled from Mid North towns, including Port Germein, Wilmington, Tarcowie, Port Augusta and Orroroo. It was a tremendous boost to the small number of ladies who regularly play in Quorn, sharing the course with so many visitors.

Result of the day were:

Championship Winners: N Corbett and C Nicholson.

Runners Up: M Blaschek and J Archer

Handicap Winners: M Woolford and M Blieschke.

Runners Up S. Tattingham and V Seidel.

Long Drive: A Grade C Nicholson, B Grade Mary Lou  
C Grade M Blaschek

Nearest to the Pin: Maureen Jones

Longest Putt: Sue Smith

The day ended with a delicious afternoon tea and presentation of trophies. Many thanks to all who helped with catering and course preparation, with special thank to our sponsors for making the day such a success. ■



N Corbett, F Carling, J Jarvis, S Smith and C Nicholson



M Blaschek, F Carling, J Archer, and S Smith



M Woolford, S Smith, J Jarvis and M Blieschke



S Tattingham, F Carling, J Jarvis, S Smith and V Seidel



At Left: Sponsor Franc Carling, Jan Jarvis, and Sue Smith accepting her trophy for the Longest Putt

# PICHI RICHI RAILWAY



## HELLO QUORN!

Welcome to the August edition of our Quorn Mercury Newsletter, where we'll be keeping you up to date with the latest news from the Pichi Richi Railway.

July was a busy month for all on The Railway as it included the school holidays and involved running a total of 11 scheduled services. Volunteers can now draw breath as things are a little quieter in August and we will only be operating 2 Afghan and 2 Explorer services.

### Train journeys in August

**Afghan Express** – departs Pt Augusta Saturday 4th

Saturday 18th

**Pichi Richi Explorer** – Departs Quorn

Sunday 12th

Sunday 26th

### Water shortage at Quorn

The lack of rainfall throughout the region is presenting a major problem for the operation of steam engines on the Pichi Richi Railway as rain water is required for the steam engine boilers. Rain water tanks at the Quorn Depot are now depleted and town water is unsuitable for use in these boilers.

It has become necessary to attach a water wagon to every departure from Quorn to Pt Augusta which is then filled at Pt Augusta water and transported back to Quorn on the train.

The water wagon holds a mere 4,500 gallons. A trip from Quorn to Woolshed Flat and return or a one way trip to Pt Augusta uses approximately 1,000 gallons.

Hence it is a constant challenge to keep enough water on hand at the Quorn Depot.

Pumping water from the water wagon into the tender of the steam engine is a very slow process as it takes approximately 1 hour to transfer 1,000 gallons which is testing the patience of all concerned.

Considerably late departure from Quorn is being experienced for the return movement of the Afghan Express to Pt Augusta as there is insufficient time to pump enough water into the engine during the usual turnaround time in Quorn. The Explorer trains can be filled on return to the Quorn Depot at the end of the day however this makes it very late completing the day's duties for the engine crew.

The transportation of water from Pt Augusta to Quorn will continue until there is sufficient rainfall in the area to replenish the water tanks at the Quorn Depot.

**Let it rain please!**



Filling up with water at Port Augusta



Water wagon attached to train

For all Pichi Richi Railway Train bookings, visit [www.pichirichirailway.org.au](http://www.pichirichirailway.org.au) or Phone 1800 777 245

# The Flying Train

A new arrival at Pichi Richi Railway came by way of road transport on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July. Max Cranes provided the lifting power to transfer the little loco onto its new rail home in Quorn.



With the closing of Homestead Park in Port Augusta the little engine became surplus to requirements. With PRR meeting the cost of transport and crane lifting, the loco was transferred to PRR for eventual restoration.

The little loco has already attracted lots of attention from passers-by who have stopped to take a closer look. Originally built in Scotland, one of 168, it was transported to Australia after the World War 1 to work at the Port Pirie BHAS smelters as a shunter.

The smelters originally purchased four locos which were named after some great battles in France during WW1. Passchendaele, Pozieres, Polygon and Peronne were the original purchases but the need for larger engines saw the selling of Polygon and purchasing a larger engine, the Port Pirie.

The smelters now had two large engines and two small engines. These locos were used for local only shunting duties around the Port Pirie rail yards and the smelters at BHS.

For those who can remember the early days of Pirie they will recollect that the railway ran in the middle of the main street.

These shunters would shift around the silver lead and zinc ore from Broken Hill for processing at the smelter and then later for transport to markets worldwide. The little locos were also used to load fuel from the large storage facility in Port Pirie for transport to Broken Hill for the mine operations.

The Passchendaele was retired in 1963 to a kindergarten in Port Pirie and after many years there, due to safety reasons, become the property of PRR.

PRR made a deal with Homestead Park to acquire the NM 25 in exchange for Passchendaele. where it remained for many years until finally coming to Quorn.



The Port Pirie above now resides at Port Pirie as a static display.

Peronne has been restored and works at the Port Dock museum, Port Adelaide. Pozieres now belongs to the Bellarine Railways in Victoria as an operational loco, better known as The Puffing Billy Railway.

Passchendaele loco will reach its 100 years old Birthday next year, 2019. ■

# School News



## 100% Attendance Term 2

Logan Buckingham; Ella Butler; Hayley McCarthy; Brayden Shearer; Lily-Mae Butler; Ebonie Werth; Bailey Buckingham; Riley Crisp; Cameron Butler; Jaiy Hately; Mia Crisp; Madison-Lee Hately; Cheyanne Maher; Kayla Daly; Joel Finlay; Maya Omonte-Kramer; Aiden Hately-Bell; Kaitlyn Roberts; Ely Rabig; Aleesha Baker; Densy Finlay; Abraham Tuckwell.

## Class Awards Term 2

Ms Miller: Foundation Class: *Maddison Foster/ Flynn Saxton*

Mrs Ikiua-Brooks: Year 1/2 Class: *Ebonie Werth and Noah Kruger*

Mrs Reed: Year 3/4 Class: *Matilda Brooks and Ethan Filsell*

Mr Buckingham: Year 5/6 Class: *Joel Finlay and Rosslyn Stuart-Colson*

Mr Forkert: Year 7 Class: *Mackenzie Chapman*

Mr Pilz: Year 9 Class: *Maya Omonte-Kramer*

Mr McDonald: Year 10 Class: *Shalaynee Brady and Codin Mason*

Mr Pathan Year 11/12: *Macey Hancock and Philip Taylor*

## Quorn All Schools Reunion Luncheon September 30th 2018

### SCHOOLS INCLUDED IN THE REUNION ARE:

Willochra/Boolcunda/Richman Valley/Wilson/Gordon/ArdenVale/St Joseph/Quorn primary/Quorn High/ Mt Brown/Saltia and also Quorn Area School students over 35 yrs.

If you have not yet received an invitation, please contact one of the following:

### *Shirley Dawson (nee Neville)*

1C Fourth Avenue

Ascot Park SA.

Email: bobandshirl9@bigpond.com

### *Joy Lee (nee Searle)*

Email: chrissy.joy@bigpond.com

### *Marlene Chandler (nee Finlay)*

Email: marlenec@realagents.properties

If you are attending the morning tea or the sausage sizzle on Saturday morning, please ensure that numbers are forwarded to contacts on invitation for catering purposes. Please pay on the day.

Names of people attending and money for the luncheon on Sunday are to be forwarded to Shirley Dawson.

We look forward to seeing you out and about in Quorn.

*Thank You  
Joy Lee*



## Irene's 90th

ON SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, Irene Reid celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with her son Allan and daughter Lee at Emily's Bistro.

Approximately 30 guests were invited to share the celebrations with Irene and family who once owned the Quorn Newsagency.

Pictured L-R:

Val Hancock, Allan, Irene and Lee with Rita Hombsch.



### December Edition

We are looking for ideas for the front page.

Devil's Peak in the snow?

Wallabies with hats?

All suggestions welcome



### **For Sale by Tender**

Tenders Close – 4pm,

17<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Large Air Compressor and Pressure vessel

Installed at Leigh Creek Health Services, Leigh Creek

Purchaser to disassemble and arrange transport (Not connected to electricity)

Although sold in working order, no guarantee or responsibility to functionality is given once removed from current location.

Enquiries to:

Ashley J. Parkinson – EO/DON –

[Ashley.parkinson@sa.gov.au](mailto:Ashley.parkinson@sa.gov.au)



### **Quorn Opp Shop**

**The following donations have been made in the month of July:**

- Pichi Richi Railway - \$2000 for a Defib Machine
- Quorn Area School - \$1500 for a Defib Machine and Pastoral Care
- Quorn Show - \$500
- Christmas Party - \$500
- Chloe Hilder School Gymkhana - \$500

## Health Calendar

Requests for Allied Health 1800 003 307

### August

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for August details

Podiatrist

Diabetes Education

Dietitian

Physiotherapist

Occupational Therapist

Speech Pathologist

Social Worker

Tuesday to Friday  
(every second Thursday)

**Bookings 8642 3201**

*More health services information see Classifieds*



## August

### Anglican Church of St Mathew

Three services a year:

- St Mathew's Day September 18th
- Christmas Eve
- Easter

If required for a funeral service

Ph: 8648 6162 or 8648 6763

### Catholic Church Church of the Immaculate Conception

Parish Priest, Father Jimmy Pantin  
Sunday Mass 8.30am  
Weekday Mass (W-S) 9.00am

### Flinders Christian Fellowship

Sunday Service Weekly 10.00am  
Lunch Mon & Thurs 12pm  
Bible study Tues 12:30pm

### Uniting Church

Sunday Service Weekly 11.00am

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### *Next Issue's (September 2018) deadlines:*

1. Handwritten materials, major advert roughs, and pictures for scanning: Visitor Information Centre Quorn Railway Station 4.30pm Wednesday 29th August 2018.

2. Submitted articles/items are preferred as an email attachment using Word or Publisher

3. Classified Adverts on the form provided, at the Visitor Information Centre. *Must* be paid for when submitted. 4.30pm Friday 31st August 2018

4. Photocopy-ready materials: Visitor Information Centre, Quorn. 4.30pm Friday 31st August 2018

5. Publication: Friday morning 7th September 2018

### **Guidelines for Photocopy-ready materials:**

- white A4 paper with 2cm margins all round; minimum of 11-point type.
- if less than half a page, please use full page width still within 2cm margins.

**Conditions**—no material will be published that is not accompanied by the writer's name and either address or 'phone number, but not *on* the work.

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| Half page  | \$15   | \$130 | \$35     |
| Quarter p. | \$ 8   | \$ 75 | \$13     |
| Eighth p.  | \$ 5   | \$ 50 | \$ 5     |

3. **Classifieds:** \$1 per line or part-line on the form provided at the Visitor Information Centre, Quorn.

### **Contacts:**

**Coming Events**—Jillian Wilson, VIC, 8648 6419

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[mercury@frc.sa.gov.au](mailto:mercury@frc.sa.gov.au)

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# Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events August 2018

## Regular Events

### Quorn

#### Powell Gardens Working

Bee—

2nd Sunday and 4th  
Thursday of the month

#### Quorn Produce and Craft market

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August

#### Quorn Book Club

Wednesday 22nd 7pm.  
Ask for book at library.  
Phone Sam Nester for  
more info 0456 129 870

#### Women's Fellowship—

3rd Wednesday of the  
month. See the poster in  
the laundromat window or  
Facebook for details

#### Quorn Men's shed

Breakfast 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Flinders Flicks

24<sup>th</sup> August 6.30pm for  
7.30pm

*Hidden Figures*

#### Spit Roast

at Emily's Bistro every  
Sunday

## Events

#### Under 9s Netball/Football Carnival

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> fully catered event.  
Junior sport at its best in Quorn.

#### Quorn Races Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

Quorn Race Course. Gates open  
11am. Calcutta Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 8pm.  
TAB, bookmakers, fashion of the  
fields, fully catered, shuttle bus  
available on day to and from the  
racecourse.

#### Quorn Kindy SALA Exhibition

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 4.30pm to 6.00pm. SALA  
promotes art across the state with  
various sites registering to exhibit  
artists' works. Children's works  
will be for sale. Help support  
regional Artists!

#### Centre Stage Scripts presents

Carpe Diem starring John Wood  
and Chris Pidd. This is an  
entertaining look at how friendship  
and proper care give a man the  
strength to cope and tools to carry  
on...no man is an island.

Quorn Town Hall, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> at  
7.00pm for 7.30pm start tickets \$25  
and are available for sale at the  
Visitor Information Centre, Quorn  
or phone 08 8620 0510

#### Pichi Richi Railway Train Journeys

Pichi Richi Explorer - Departs 10.30am  
Quorn to Woolshed Flat and return.  
Afghan Express - Departs 10.30am  
Port Augusta to Quorn and return  
**Timetable at the VIC Quorn or visit**

[www.pichirichirailway.org.au](http://www.pichirichirailway.org.au)

## Regular Events

### Quorn

#### Line dancing

Tuesday nights 6.30pm Town Hall  
Cost \$6

#### Yoga

Thursday nights 6.30pm Uniting  
Church Hall

#### Badminton

Tuesday nights 7pm School Gym

#### Probus

1st Tuesday of the month 10am  
Bowling Green Club rooms

#### Aerobics/Walking Exercise

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

#### Craft Group

Friday at the Austral Hotel all day  
Everyone welcome

#### Quorn Bowling Club

Interested in playing a game of social  
bowls? Tuesday 1.00pm for 1.30pm  
start. Everyone is welcome to join in  
the fun

#### Hawker

**Quilting Group**—Friday fortnightly

**Community Group**—Tuesday  
fortnightly

**Friendship Group**—3rd Wednesday

**Development Board**—3rd Monday of  
the month

#### Quote of the Month

Happiness is the by-product of helping  
others.

*Denny Miller*



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**Flinders Local Action Group**  
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**THE FLINDERS LOCAL ACTION GROUP would like to remind the community of the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility postal vote, commencing on August 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**After 2½ years of consultation, this is the opportunity for people to voice their opinion.**

**If you are enrolled and eligible to vote, we urge you to take part in the process.**