

# Quorn Mercury

Recording Quorn's History while it's Being Made

March 2021

Established 1895

Number 25/274

## Quorn Extends Know-how



Andrea Tschirner speaking to the attendees

A NATIVE PLANT WORKSHOP was held at the Quorn Skate Park rooms on the 25th of February.

The purpose of this workshop was to share information with the community on how to select, propagate and care for native plants suited to the arid lands region.

Participants gained knowledge on the best methods for striking cuttings, managing seeds and maintaining seedlings.

Information provided at these sessions is suitable for the amateur or advanced gardener or land owner.

The workshop was delivered by the South Australian Arid Lands Landscape Board as part of a roadshow across the SA Arid Lands region. Quorn, Hawker and Port Augusta are now part of the SA Arid Lands Landscape region, following a change in boundaries last year.

To find out more about upcoming events and the work of the Board go to:

[www.landscape.sa.gov.au/saal](http://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/saal) By Katrina Bohr



Seeds of plants found in the area



Plants to be used as root stock or cuttings



More market photos in the Centrefold!

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**\$2.50**

# Walking Trails

*All five Trails cleared and signposted  
1–4 offer spectacular Summit Views*

## **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*



# Flinders Ranges Council Update

## Railway Terrace Streetscape Works

THE RAILWAY TERRACE Streetscape project has commenced, with excavation underway. Excavation works will be completed in three stages. Stage one will be the section between Seventh and Fifth Streets. The excavating of this section will take 2-4 weeks. Once this is complete the kerbing and paving will be installed whilst the excavation of stage two commences.

Stage two will be Fifth street to West Terrace. The overall plans for the streetscape project are available on the Council website, alternatively they can be viewed at the Quorn Council office.



Groundwork preparation for upgrades  
on Railway Terrace

## Pichi Richi Marathon

The Pichi Richi Marathon is taking place on Sunday 27 June 2021. Registrations are open with them coming in thick and fast.

For more information go to

<https://pichirichimarathon.org.au/>

or follow the event on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/PichiRichiM>



## Council Budget Information

Council will soon commence its budget process for the 2021/2022 financial year and invites community groups and associations to put forward any suggestions for projects.

Please note that due to all the works and projects occurring that the budget will be limited, therefore please include justification and estimated costings for your suggestions.

Submissions can be sent to [council@frc.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@frc.sa.gov.au) before the end of March 2021. Council will be undertaking community consultations sessions when the draft budget is prepared.



# Chat with a Quornie

## Jenny Thompson



I WAS BORN AT Victor Harbor and grew up on a sheep, wheat and barley farm near Goolwa. Rainfall was reliable and the climate was mild. We could hear the roar of the Southern Ocean, and on a hot day, at four o'clock, a cool breeze came, and brought relief from the heat.

We had cats and dog, a chook/duck run, two milking cows, and a young bull named Billy, who took a trip to the butcher because of his angry nature.

Our garden had fruit trees and a veg patch. Roses completed the scene of a pretty good place to grow up.

When I finished Year 11 at High School, I moved to Adelaide to find work. I asked at the office of Caltex Oil if they had a job for a junior. I just wanted a start. They gave me a position as a filing clerk.

After my day's work, I went to night school, to improve my typing speed and office skills. I ended up as a Dictaphone typist, switchboard operator and proof reader.

Garry was a Pattern Maker at GMH (General Motors Holden) Woodville Plant. We met through a friend, and married.

His family connections with Quorn went back generations on both sides. Great Grandfather, Howard, and Uncle Alf were past Mayors. Garry's mother was a Stacey.

Quorn trips became part of my life when we were married. When our daughter, Elizabeth came along, she too loved our farm visits.

### First Bush Trip

IN 1974, we took our first, of many, bush trip—with Garry's cousin, Betty (nee French), and her husband, Harold Eckert.

We set off for the Birdsville Track. Harold and Garry were in a short wheel based (SWB) Landrover; Betty, five year old Elizabeth, and I, in Annie Fargher's old Holden.

Deviation Creek (north of Lyndhurst) was in flood, but the water was clear and the creek had a stony bottom. Garry stripped to his undies, and waded in to test the speed and depth of the water, before Harold drove the SWB across, slow and steady.

We left the Holden at a camp we'd set up, and clambered into the Landrover—we girls in the back, sitting on wheat bags. The camera and a bar of Albert cake were on the floor.

All eyes were forward to the road ahead (a creek), till Garry looked down and saw Harold's boots filling with water. Harold accelerated, and we kept going, 'til Garry shouted 'Grab the camera!'

Our feet, the camera and Albert cake were in water sloshing round the car floor. We saved the cake before it became too soggy.

We passed Dulkaninna, and reached Cooper Crossing. Floodwater was pouring over the Track. We watched, til it became too cold.

On the way back to the camp, we saw, on our right, a Min Min light. It followed us almost to Dulkaninna sandhill

The Landrover lights went out, and Harold fiddled round with them in the dark. I was never so glad to see the lights of Marree.

We got back to camp, crossing Deviation Creek in the dark, with we three ladies standing in the tray and Garry wading ahead.

A first trip north—memorable—not water-filled boots, but the ‘learning experience’.

### **A Busy Life**

GARRY AND I started travelling because of a shared interest in photography. We took Elizabeth to the Photographic Club social activities and the Nissan Club. She was an easy child, always busy, happy to share the interests of the people we mixed with.

Garry took Long Service Leave when she was nine. We travelled up the Stuart Highway to Kakadu, across to Kununurra and Wyndham, down the Gibb River Road to Broome, with two families. Their children were great company for Elizabeth.

At Kakadu, I cut her fingernails, and she was most upset. Turns out she couldn’t scratch her mossie bites anymore!

My memory of donkeys in the Mitchell grass on that trip, remains with me today.

When we joined Friends of the Simpson Desert (FOS). Elizabeth became fascinated with birds and bird-watching with us.

For four years Peter Taylor (ex-Quorn, a great friend since 1979) took us, and a group of bird watchers, to *Cowarie Station* on the Birdsville Track.

With a small group of Friends, we went across the top of Lake Eyre, and took part in a survey of birds. Many species had never been recorded, or weren’t in the region.

In the 80s a group of us drove cross-country from Oodnadatta to the top of Lake Eyre, on a compass bearing. We headed for Warburton Groove, from where major creeks enter Lake Eyre from the north.

We crossed several jelly-like, black mud creeks, and eventually made it to the Groove—an amazing sight to see. We followed the creeks out of the desert to Birdsville.

A Museum Herpetologist organising a tissue record for reptiles, organised us collect desert specimens for the Botanic Gardens Herbarium. We bagged lizards,, but thank god, didn’t catch a snake. Tho’ we had formalin in an esky, just in case.

I did a course with National Park in the Adelaide hills, measuring regrowth after fire.

We drove a stake into the ground, attached a string and circled the stake with it, to record storey height and regrowth.

After Ngarkat Cons Park fires we went to maintain roads and forest. I again used the string method to record the tree growth.

### **Explorer’s Tracks**

IN THE LATE 80s, a group of us crossed the upper part of the Simpson Desert. We’d read Cecil Madigan’s journal of his 1939 journey\*—the first scientific crossing of the desert, using camels as transport.

Our first attempt failed due to vehicle damage, 13 flat tyres, 40 degree heat and lack of shade. But in cooler July, we were better prepared, knew the lay of the land, and had five fully loaded vehicles.

There were no marked roads. We used only a map and compass, and found four features mentioned in the journal: a group of five small clay pans; a claypan known as ‘the football field; a blazed tree and Camp 11.

We navigated over sandhills, to the French Track 200kms south. It was a tough trip, ending at Birdsville pub—a welcome sight.

We travelled with the Friends to clean up the Great Victoria Desert. We picked up pipes the miners left behind. The men cut them up with a grinder, and took drums and metal to Cook dump (on the Transcontinental Line).



Garry, in dark blue shirt on the white truck, at Clifton Hill dump

In the Simpson Desert, we piled rubbish into trailers—picking up 32 drums one day. The men compacted them and dropped them off at Clifton Hill dump.

We stopped at Oodnadatta on our 1982 trip to northern Lake Eyre. The Storekeeper Jaroslav Pecanek, said ‘You’ll never make it by car’. But we did, and found the inflatable boat Denise Kuhne and Bob Mossel (*Where no roads go by*) had sailed down the Warburton River in 1974.

*\*Crossing the Dead Heart*



When the water became too shallow, Bob had walked out for help, while Denise stayed carving paddy melons.

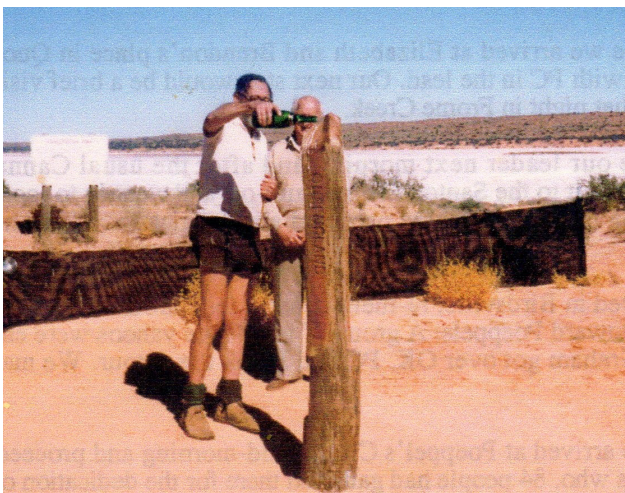
'Cooky' (Brian Cook) took a group photo when we got there, and saw a man-made structure in the background. It was Denise and Bob's camp, just as they'd left it.

They didn't believe we'd driven there in an ordinary vehicle. So, at an 'evening' at Brian and Judy Cook's home in Adelaide, we showed them the photo of us at the site. It clearly showed their inflatable dinghy, rubbish bin and wooden back support.

In 1989, we were involved in replacing the original post at Poeppel's Corner—the junction of the three states (SA, NT, Qld). The original post is in the SA Museum.

The Friends organised a new red gum post, that was stored at our Flinders Park home. Garry's employer, Holden, donated the memorial—an engraved brass plaque that commemorated Madigan's 1880s feat.

We attended a ceremony on 4 July, with 84 people, including Reg Sprigg and family from Arkaroola. Warren Bonython, AO, President of Friends, gave a short speech.



Warren Bonython AO *inaugurates* Poeppel's corner post, 4 July 1989. Reg Sprigg is in the background

When Elizabeth was 12, she insisted on looking after live specimens at the Adelaide Museum, in her school holidays.

I went too. Everything was fine, until the hard-to-hold green tree frogs we'd struggled to feed meal worms, died in their tank. We had to clean it out, and then go home on the bus smelling rotten.

Our hobbies, travel and photography, led to us judging set subjects, like flowers and wildlife. We judged school, state, national and

international competitions, for 20 years.

Garry became widely known as 'the flower man' in the Amateur Photography society.

### Home to Quorn

AFTER 30 YEARS, in 1997, Garry retired from GMH. We moved to Quorn to make a new life, free of the rush and tear of city living, with clean air, clear skies, and good people. He was really happy to be back.

At Quorn High School Reunion, his cousin, Dr John Thompson, welcomed him home. Another cousin, Wayne Schuttloffel, mentioned a temporary 'gap' on Council.

Garry slipped into the gap easily, and served on Kanyaka Quorn Council for 15+ years, including Deputy Mayor (for Max McHugh).

Our post-retirement trips (with no bedroll!) to Canada, Singapore and Alaska, were totally different from our desert trips.



Garry and Jenny at the northernmost tip of Cape York, 1998

### Last trips

WE DROVE to Cape York Peninsula in 1998, and, in 2002, to Coburg Peninsula (NT).

Our isolated camp at Coburg, was well away from the Ranger's station. We heard wildlife (including crocodiles 'barking') all night.

I became very ill there, and the ranger in charge was insistent that I be flown to Darwin, immediately a plane was available. Smith Point strip was lit with torches. Banteng cattle were kept away by rangers, who drove up and down, headlights on, until the plane came.

I was in Darwin Hospital, and within range of it for six weeks. I was allowed to go home, as long as I immediately saw a doctor. A loss of potassium had affected my heart, and the result was (temporary) paralysis of my hands.

It would have been worse at the old Pt Essington settlement. On a previous trip, we

could only reach it by boat. I decided I'm not going to any of those places again!

We'd travelled several times to Fraser Island, and knew it would rain every night.

On our last trip, Garry and I had upgraded our usual camping gear, and bought a tent. When it began to pour rain, we invited another family in our group, to sleep in the tent with us, and bring all their possessions.

But, the tent leaked, and next morning, we were soaked. We abandoned our trip, and took a ferry to the mainland in our sopping clothes.

Luckily, one of our party had invited their friends along for the experience. They invited us to stay at their home at Burleigh Heads.



Elizabeth, aged 16, at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat, Canungra

We had a wonderful few days seeing the sights of the Gold Coast and Hinterland.

Garry's death in 2017 was the end of my camping. The pleasure I have in my memories keeps me going. We were fortunate in seeing many different parts of Australia, with good travelling companions.

These days, I'm happy to call Quorn home, and do all my travelling by armchair. ■



Garry and Jenny on Fly Beach, Cape York, 1998

## Michelle Jarvis—Podcast

A PODCAST in the series *The Guernica Accountability*, features an interview with Michelle Jarvis, the daughter of Jan and Rod, of Quorn.

Michelle is Deputy Head of the UN (United Nations) Commission of Inquiry on Syria, in Geneva. For three years, the team has been collecting evidence to bring criminals to justice. The ongoing conflict began in 2011.

She was a prosecutor for ten years, on the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia which ended in 2017.

If you are interested in listening to the Pod Cast, details are as follows:

Pod Cast Search:

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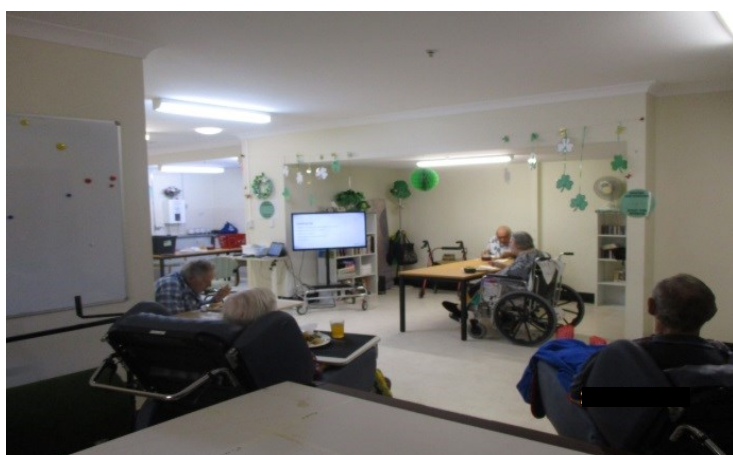


# Quorn Aged Care News

FOR VALENTINE'S DAY we spoke a lot about our loves, weddings, marriages and courting.

As usual, I can't repeat most of what I heard but it was fun!

*Right*—Wedding photos of residents, heading off to lovers lane.



*Left*—Just a few of the residents learning about the Covid-19 vaccine. We had a very informative session on what it was, how it works and what to expect.

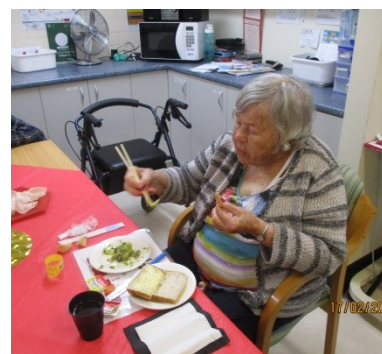
## Chinese New Year



Des



Table setting



Melva

WE CELEBRATED THE Chinese New Year with a lunch this year. Most of us at least attempted to use the chopsticks but Des and Melva (above) were naturals and used them for their entire meal! We also all learnt how our name looked written in Chinese and which animal related to our year of birth. 2021 is the Year of the Ox and we only have one resident who is an Ox. We have a couple of monkeys, lots of rats and pigs and only one dragon. ■

Thank you very much to the Quorn Preloved Shop!  
They donated some beautiful tables for the outdoor area and they are very much appreciated.



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## THE LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS

**Friday 26 March**  
**7.00pm for 8.00pm start**  
**Est 10.00 pm finish**

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

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

## BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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### ABOUT THE MOVIE:

*Lighthouse keeper Tom Sherbourne and his radiant, spirited wife, Isabel, live together in married bliss on a remote, rugged island off the coast of Australia. But their windswept world is turned upside down when Isabel learns that she's unable to bear a child. One day a drifting lifeboat washes ashore with a crying baby in it... Get swept away by this stunning film.*

Starring Michael Fassbender, Alicia Vikander  
& Rachel Weisz

**RATING M**  
**Mature themes and a sex scene**

**April 23**  
**"Sometimes Always Never"**





The committee welcomes anyone who wishes to join in and help to organise the show. Many tasks need to be undertaken well ahead of the show date to plan and implement a successful day. One position the committee is still waiting to fill is that of the Trade Spaces Organiser. ■



**Next Committee Meeting:  
Wednesday 10th March 7:30pm  
at the Council Chambers  
Want to Help?  
We'd love to see you!**



# Eulogy for June Cummins

## 3/10/1930-17/12/2020

MY NAME IS Brett, and I am the youngest of June and Joe's children, behind Kerri, Stephen and Simon, or as Mum would fondly say, the *baby* of the family.

Simon, unfortunately, cannot be here today, due to work commitments in Africa, so we have a small plaque representing him on Mum's coffin.

I would like to thank everyone for being here today to pay their respects to our dear mother.

Since Mum was sadly widowed in 2002 with Dad's passing, the Quorn community have been so generous and helpful in assisting Mum, especially in her last few years. We have greatly appreciated that, so on behalf of our family, thank you very much to all those people. Also thank you to the staff at Flinders House, and Quorn Hospital, for their care of Mum.

Mum spent her early years in the Poochera area growing up on her parents' farm with her sister Nancy and brothers Bill and Albert. The old farmhouse is long gone, but I remember it fondly from visits there with Mum to visit Nana. It was really like stepping back in time.

Mum spent her high school years in Adelaide and later graduated as a schoolteacher. Getting from Adelaide to Poochera in the 1940s was no easy feat. A train to Port Adelaide followed by a steamship voyage to Port Lincoln and then another train to Poochera. Quite a journey.

And so Poochera was where Mum began her working career, as a school teacher, which would span most of her working life. She even drove the local school bus at times, and apparently if any of the school kids played up on the bus they were promptly kicked off and told to walk home.

Netball and tennis were Mum's favourite sports, but dancing was something she really enjoyed. It was at an old time dance in Streaky Bay where she met a handsome young fellow called Joe. They married in February, 1953.

For their honeymoon, they drove across a dirt road we call the Nullarbor, on their way to Perth. I recall Mum saying that they stayed at the Old Telegraph Station at Eucla, which is now buried by sand dunes.

In 1970, after living and working on various farms in the Eyre Peninsula district, Mum and Dad settled in Quorn.

It was here Mum resumed her school teaching career for over 20 years.

She also became involved in the Brownies/Girl Guides Association, mentoring young girls. She received an award for 20 years of service. In later years, she was in the local Probus club, which she really enjoyed, and also a volunteer helping deliver Meals on Wheels.

Mum loved her footy team, the Adelaide Crows, and we would always hear how great they were when they won, especially against her son-in-law's team, Sydney Swans. Ian and Mum always enjoyed great banter in the footy season.

Travelling was another love of Mum's, with two overseas trips, and several road trips all over Australia. It was on one of these visiting me on a station in the west, when she suffered a kidney stone attack, so the Royal Flying Doctor was called.

While we waited for the plane, I was talking to a doctor on the phone. The station had a very good medical kit, so he advised me to give Mum an injection to ease her pain.

I was getting really nervous by now, and Mum must have seen how shaky I was, because just as I was about to put the needle in her arm she said, "It's alright Brett, the pain is going away and I can wait for the plane now". What a relief.

Last year I visited Pondanna Outstation, which is in the now Gawler Ranges National Park. I didn't remember the place, and seeing it for the first time in 50 years, I wasn't sure what to expect. The scenery is beautiful. It is rugged, remote, hard country

When I got there, it made me think of Mum and Dad. I actually teared up a bit, because this was a place where Mum spent 10 years in the 1960s, working a farm with Dad.

Mum ran a busy homestead, with no power; cooking for shearers and other workers during harvest time; raising four young children, while home-schooling Kerri, Stephen and Simon.

I was in awe of Mum. But that's how she was. A no fuss or no-nonsense lady. Hard working and brave, kind and friendly, who forged many close, lifelong friendships. She was quiet and I'd never once heard Mum raise her voice, but Stephen corrected me on that not long ago.

While they were at Pondanna on the weekly trip to a neighbouring station to collect the mail and goods, Dad had a few too many beers with a station mate, and ended up fast asleep on the backseat, letting Kerri drive the old car back to Pondanna.

All Mum could see, were the two little heads of Kerri and Stephen barely seeing over the steering wheel when they arrived. That's when Mum raised her voice at Dad, and it's a story still talked about today.

And that's what today is. It's about our much-loved Mum, June Cummins.

To finish this is a short poem that Mum liked:

Mum's pleasures were simple.  
Mum's needs were few.  
If her family was happy,  
She was happy too.  
She gave us love in fullest measure  
Care, devotion and memories to treasure  
She shared our dreams, hopes and tears  
Thank you, Mum, for all those precious years.

Brett Cummins  
Quorn 31/12/2020

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## #LovingQuorn with Ian Heymink

SEIZING THE OPPORTUNITY to show travellers everything that Quorn has to offer is my strong suit and this morning was a challenge I had to pursue.

German traveller Liane Völker (Lia) and her French friend Eva posted on the 'Flinders Ranges - Nature's Outback Paradise' Facebook page seeking recommendations.

Well I couldn't resist to extol the social virtues of Quorn residents by inviting them into our cottage whereupon we did all their washing for them, before taking them to Teas On The Terrace for lunch, followed by a quick loop taking in Warren Gorge, the lookout just past Proby's grave, Willochra Creek, and Simmonston (the town that never was).

After sharing historical facts and identifying flora and fauna, we ended up back in beautiful Quorn. The two travellers will shower and sleep here tonight after enjoying the unique Quorn Silo lightshow thanks to Illuminart.

I'm sure I've created two new 'Quorn ambassadors' who will continue to promote our beautiful town to the rest of the world.

(They've both been travelling and working in agricultural and horticultural jobs here in Australia long before COVID-19 ever existed). ■



European travellers Lia and Eva



Ian, Lia, Meredith and Eva



# Home Recipes

## Chicken Pesto Fettuccine



### Ingredients

- 2 cups shredded cooked chicken breast
- 1 1/2 cups chicken stock
- 1/2 cup basil pesto
- 280gms fettuccine
- 1 1/2 tbs fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup pine nuts
- 1-2 tbs extra virgin olive oil

### Method

Serving Size: serves Four

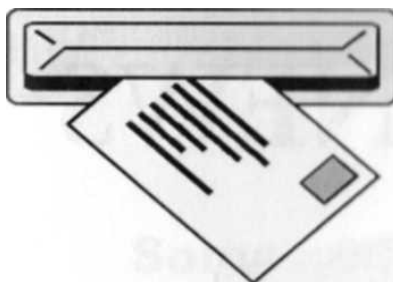
1. STIR together the chicken, stock and 1/4 cup pesto in a large deep frying pan.
2. COOK the pasta, drain and add to the frying pan with the lemon juice to taste.
3. COOK over a medium heat, stirring until heated through (about 3 minutes).
4. SEASON to taste with salt and pepper and top with the pine nuts.  
Drizzle the pasta with a little olive oil and add the remaining 1/4 cup of pesto as desired  
Remove and allow to cool. Serve & Enjoy.

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cooking Time: 15 minutes

*Prevention Magazine November 2013*

## Letters to the Editor



***Letters must be no longer than 200 words, or they will not be published***

Dear Sir/Madam

Is anyone else curious about what happened to our World War 1 memorial at the east end of First Street? In 2019, I asked a Council staff member why the plaques (Donated by a local ex-serviceman) had been taken up. Her answer was that they were being cleaned.

The second lot of trees are now well-grown, thanks to a regime of watering through the summer. I think it would be fitting to have the cleaned plaques in place by Anzac Day.

It would also enhance Powell Gardens, if visitors could wander through and read the names on the memorial plaques.

Yours sincerely  
Imelda Coverdale

### Flinders Ranges Council Response:

The war memorial plaques and crosses have been removed to be repainted and repaired. Council are currently seeking quotes for this work and will keep the community updated on progress.



# Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society

DESPITE THE HEAT there has been a flurry of activity at the Lions Park.

Firstly the old truck has been removed from the main shed as it was blocking up workshop space. It had no tyres so we had to drag it on its wheel rims.

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, Flinders Ranges Council provided the Cat Crane, Skid Steer and two employees to relocate exhibits that were either too heavy or too fragile for members to move. This took the best part of Monday morning to achieve—well done guys, a great job done by all.

With all items that needed to be relocated to the compound, we now had the opportunity to finish off the fencing and install double gates.

Meanwhile behind the scenes there is a huge amount of work going on, which heavily involves FRC and members of the group planning out the future of the park. Watch this space. As soon as plans are finalised we will announce them to the community.

New members are most welcome and we meet at the park on Wednesdays from 9.00am. ■



Richard Dyson and David Reubenicht

*For further details contact David Reubenicht,  
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*Above & below—Relocating exhibits with the FRC Cat Crane*





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## **Quorn Markets**

### **QUORN MARKET.**

Dalgety & Co., Limited, report having held their usual monthly market at Quorn on Tuesday, Feb. 28. A good sale and clearance can be reported. The top wethers were judged to be some of the best yarded at Quorn. We yarded 2,500 sheep, including a draft of 1,000 mixed sheep from the north. These were in excellent order and carried great fleeces. We quote:—140 top wethers, 38/1; 150 others, 28/6; 380 ewes, 26/9; 59 mixed sheep, 25/; 408 hoggets, wethers, 19/10; 200 hoggets, ewes, 21/1; other sheep from 10/ to 21. Cattle—50 yarded. Cows, good order, £16 5/, £12; heifers to £9; steers to £9 15/; others at market rates. Pigs and sundries concluded the sale.



FOR THOSE THAT don't know, Quorn was a major sale area for live stock back in the day. The sale yards for sheep were where the Stock Yard Arena is now and for cattle it was situated where the CFS station is, you can still see some of those yards beside the station. This was in the Quorn Mercury on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 1928.

B-53005 Sheep sale in Quorn about 1915. ■

Courtesy of the State Library of South Australia

□Ashy



# Quorn Lion's Club News

AS AUSTRALIANS WE love the unsung heroes of this land, and this year one of these people has quietly achieved such a label without even realising it! A new member of Quorn Lions Club, has made us all so proud, Loraine Pampa has won an Australia Day Award.

Born here in Quorn, going to the local school as a child and living in a caravan on the side of the Birdsville track and Strzelecki Tracks while her new husband graded the many corrugated dirt tracks up in northern South Australia for years, life has always been hard.

Loraine rarely complains at having insufficient of everything, always greets you with a big smile but still finds time to help others even though she recently turned seventy. She is a valuable part of the Quorn Lions Club and a number of other charities working for the one goal of a better place to live!

COVID-19 Virus in 2020 slowed the fund-raising efforts by the Quorn Lions Club but when time allowed it was BBQs galore at the local market, Pichi Richi Railway's Afghan Train, Auctions and other such functions.

Lion, Pam Hunt, organised Christmas stockings for children up to Grade 3 as we could not hold our annual Kids Christmas BBQ.

A small group of 6-7 Lions rally together to provide a food stall for the locals and tourists alike, raising money for the many community projects at the same time. More members in Lions would be great, so if you can spare a few

hours every month to help out it would be oh so appreciated!

With 2021 being a better year and local events coming back—like the Agricultural Show, Quorn Races, Music Festivals, Sunday Markets, Swimming Regattas, Kids Christmas Party and Christmas Parade, Christmas Street Party—the Lions Club of Quorn needs more Volunteers.

It is also great to see the Craft group back at the clubroom fortnightly.

Quorn Lion's Club meetings Quorn are held at the club rooms on Railway Terrace on the second Wednesday each month at 7.00pm if you are interested. ■



Lion Loraine Pampa with her Australia Day Award



Lions Pam Hunt and Loraine Pampa at 2019 Kid's party

# Jan Arnold's Memoirs: PS



Jan & Friends on the Austral balcony; the Trans behind. *From left back*—?, Marie McMullen, Audrey Ferguson, Aileen Martin, Josephine Parsons, Dulcie McLean; *front*—Wendy Byrne, Helena Baker, Glenis Buik, Jan Eley, Frances Barnett

## Life was not All Work

**WE HAD AN** annual visit from Wirth's Circus, which usually arrived by train. They set up with rides, etc, in the big block behind Bell's Bakery on the corner of 2nd & 6th Streets.

This was also the site of Guy Fawkes celebrations every 5th November. Everyone who could would add over days to an enormous pile of wood. On the night of the 5th an effigy of Guy Fawkes was then put on top of the pile, which was lit to make a huge bonfire.

There were plenty of fireworks and crackers as well, of course! Great fun for everyone:

*Remember, remember the 5th of November,  
Gunpowder, treason, and plot.  
There is no reason why Gunpowder Treason  
Should ever be forgot.*

There was, too, the Thompson Picnic—another great day. It was a train ride arranged through an endowment from a mayor, Robert Thompson. The train took us to the Pt Augusta wharves for a day by the sea for Quorn residents. There were sandcastle competitions, swimming, picnicking, and sunshine, enjoyed by all.

## Postscript

While we were publishing Jan's Quorn Memoirs, she sent many additional snippets, which are reproduced here

Many people today would find it difficult to believe that back then a trip to Pt Augusta would otherwise not have been possible for many of Quorn's residents.

## Miss Shepherd's Shop & Others

**A FAVOURITE SHOP** of mine was Miss Shepherd's directly behind the Transcontinental Hotel in 6th Street. She sold haberdashery and all sorts of items fascinating to a child. She was a large, grey-haired lady, who wore a voluminous dove-grey frock. She cycled to work each day from a home in the hills beyond the ford to the south.

She shared it, I believe, with her brother, who she cared for, and supported. He was an invalid, gassed in the First World War. Eventually she closed her shop and left Quorn. I missed her, and still remember her today, when I see a spider plant—her parting gift to me.

Bill and Eileen Burtonshaw's Jewelry shop was further down the street, past a Greengrocer's which later became a betting shop, then Abbott's Newsagency. I bought threepenny [3d/3 cents] comics there. Next to that was Bewert's Bakery.

## Colin Bond

**HE WAS ONE** of our guests—of Bonds Tours and Wilpena Pound. On one occasion he flew his own plane to Quorn, landing on the racecourse.

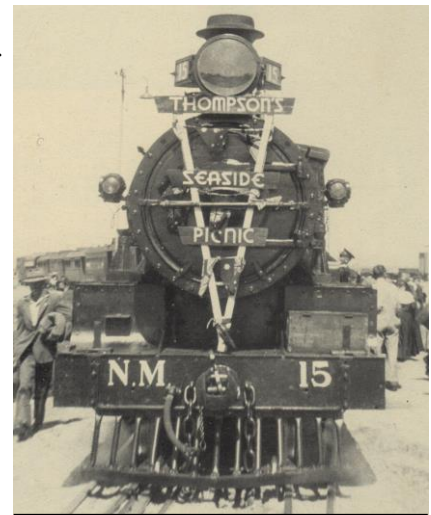
He invited my mother and me to fly back to Adelaide

with him, rather than to take the train. My mother talked for many years about the shock she had after we took off, when he set the controls, and then sat back and read the newspaper till we were in sight of Parafield Airport.

## Governor's Visit to the Austral

**ONE TIME WHEN** SA's Governor stayed at the Austral, at dinner Lady Muriel Barclay-Harvey sent her congratulations to the cook, after enjoying the most delicious turkey she'd ever eaten!

It was felt wise not to tell her that it was a Bustard (Plains Turkey) shot by one of our resident train drivers on his way home from Alice Springs—possibly a protected species.



Thompson's Seaside Picnic Train, 1951





The Trans and the Austral. Note the early model vehicles. The wooden telegraph poles were originally erected by Lance Nicholls, who cut them in the bush and hauled them into town, using his donkey team. One of his team crushed his foot

### Bathroom and Toilets

**I MENTIONED OUR** bathrooms and toilets before, all directed to septic tanks. One was to the right of the gate at the end of the courtyard, and the other in a lane on the eastern side. The eastern one had a hand-operated pump to empty it if it became too full.

Most, possibly all of the town's domestic buildings were dependent on the collection of lavatory pans, usually in separate buildings in the back yard. The back yard 'dunny' pan was accessible via a small, rear trap door.

They were collected once a week by the 'night man' [night-cart man] with a horse-drawn cart, and taken I know not where. I do know that on one occasion he had accidentally upturned the cart in the dark, and a passer-by asked him if he was stock-taking!

### The Town Hall

**THE TOWN HALL** at that time [1930s–40s] had a stage and a proscenium, with a roll-up hand-painted screen, and matching 'flaps', all with a pinkish-fawn background with duck-egg-blue scrolls edged with brown. The flaps hid the side entrances to the stage, and the small stairways to the dressing-room area underneath on each side.



Nell Eley with 18 months old Jan. The date palms and also a carob tree in the Memorial Garden remembered the war in Palestine, and were grown from seeds brought back from there

A beautiful grand piano, attached still to its wooden moving frame, usually stood in the corner next to the eastern side door. It was protected by a fitted orange canvas cover piped in cream. The last I heard some years ago was that it had been moved to the Memorial Hall.

I played it only once, and desired it more than anything. It would have been priceless today, if kept in good condition.

I don't remember a town band, but there certainly was an orchestra for dances and balls. Jack Baker's name springs to my mind, but I have no other memory of this.

The town library was at the back of the town hall, first door around the corner when going down the western side. The council rooms faced into 7th Street, I think jutting out to the east from the actual town hall building.

The Kanyaka Council met in a room between Chandler's grain store and Rozee's milk bar in 1st Street.



South-west to Devil's Peak from the Austral's roof. The middle building is Bristow Hughes's Garage, opposite his house

### Hector the Rector

**ALSO KNOWN AS** Vicar the Shicker, he was a lovely man, but had a liking for strong drink. I remember on one visit by my parents to Pt Augusta finding him the worse for wear and anxious to get back to Quorn for the next day's Anglican church service.

With some difficulty, he was seated in the back of our Wolseley car, where he promptly fell asleep until we got to the vicarage. It was said that he never once came to a service the worse for wear. I read once about a similar person in Darwin—I think that it may have been him when he first entered Australia.

### Show Room

**THE TRANS HAD** a single-storey building on its western side, used as a showroom for commercial travellers. John Martins held displays there at the start of winter and summer, from which you'd order or buy. Orders were sent by train and you paid at the end of the month. ■



# Pictures — From the Past



**TEROWIE, 'THE OLD'.** Stagecoach leaving from the Royal Hotel, Terowie, for Broken Hill, in 1884. Silver was discovered just across the NSW border in 1876, in the Barrier Range. The railway reached Terowie in 1880, so the town became the 'Hub of the North' for seven years until the railway reached Silverton. The great silver-lead-zinc mines at Broken Hill came later, in 1883—perhaps the richest such deposit in the world. Imagine being jammed into the crowd on that jolting coach for 270 km of rough and rutted dirt road!

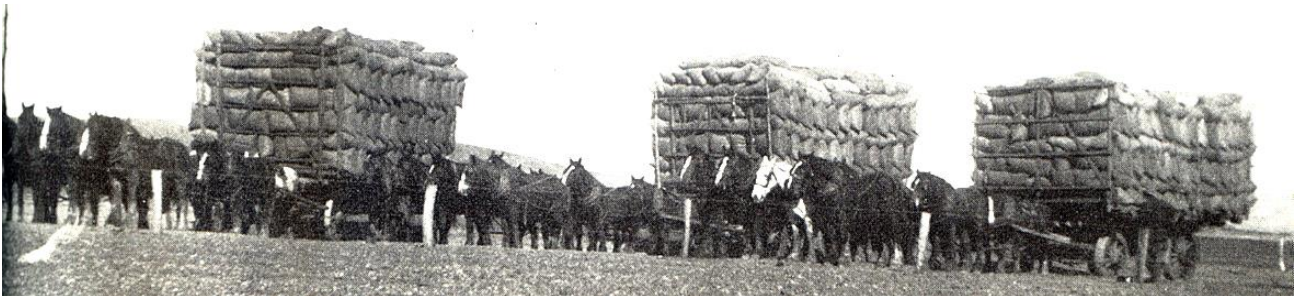


**TEROWIE, 'THE NEW'.** Terowie shunting engine known as the 'Coffee Pot'. And so Quorn's 'Coffee Pot' has relatives, however distant they are! This engine was rebuilt at Islington in 1901. Extreme left on the footplate is the driver, Joe Darby. Both photos are from Wilbur Besanko, *Historic Terowie: A Pictorial History* (1977).

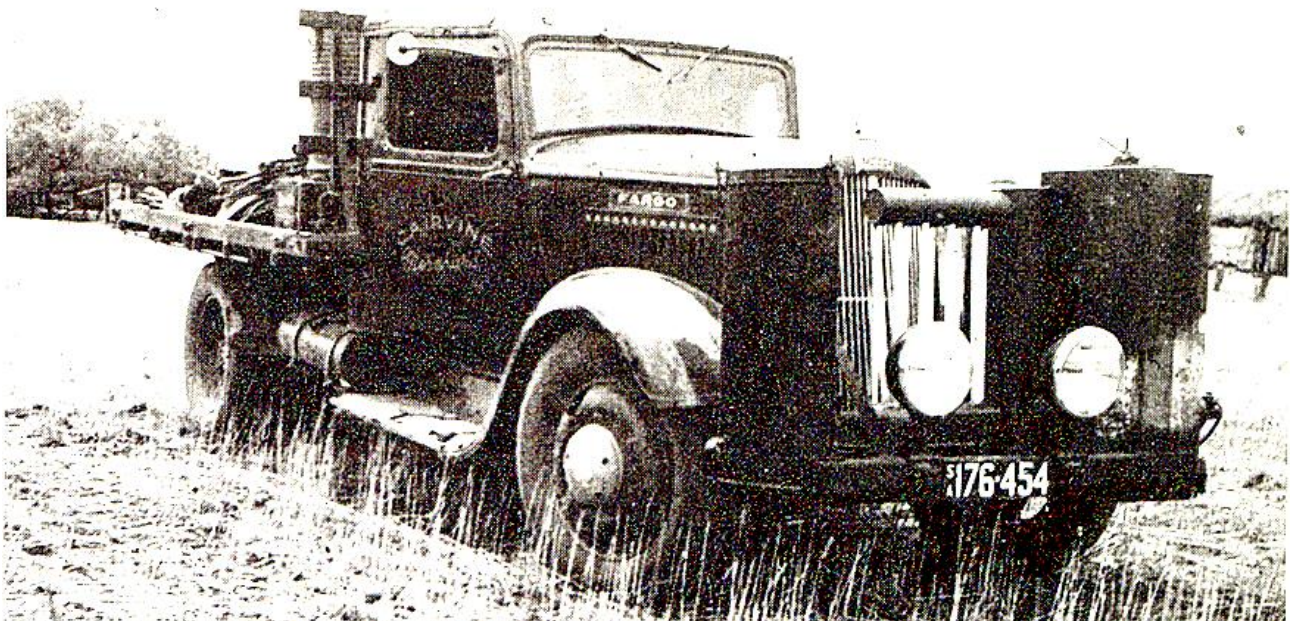




**MORCHARD, 'THE OLD'.** This is a twelve-horse team pulling a trolley loaded with a hundred bags of wheat, through heavy sand. Imagine the vast number of horses that would have to be kept and fed in those days.



And here are three ten-horse teams carting a thousand bags of cocky chaff from Yandiah for stock feed around Morchard during the 1929–30 drought. This page's photos are from *Reflections: The Story of the Morchard District and the Hundred of Coomooroo*, by the Morchard Centenary Book Committee (1976).



**MORCHARD, 'THE NEW'.** This is Clem Irvine's five-ton Fargo truck, fitted with a Gas-Producer unit in front of its radiator. Gas Producers were used during the 1930s Great Depression when farmers couldn't afford petrol, and during the Second World War when petrol was severely rationed to five gallons a month (about 4½ litres). In fact, petrol rationing in Australia didn't stop when that war ended, and finally finished only at the start of the 1950s. (Another reason why so many stopped using their cars during the Second World War was that many people donated their cars' tyres to our armed forces, because rubber was then so scarce.) ■



# ***Boundary Rider—a Poem***

## ***Boundary Rider***

**HE SHOUTED** and laughed and wept and ran : ‘By god  
you blokes is bloody good to see!’

The flood  
had scattered far out in the desert just  
the night before. Looked like the moon, full-grown  
at last, had ghosted its waters out, and shod  
their speed with silver feet, leaving the mud  
still squirming from the whips of rain. The lust  
of shrivelled bush and desert through the years gone,  
had burned a slow drought fuse, till every red sod  
seemed loveless : now the creeks are restless blood,  
draw a green wealth out of the land, and thrust  
down into the desert sands.

This hermit, shown  
the hope in a years-long drought, laughs and swears  
his loneliness to us : his drought-filled years.

*Ray Wood*

Published in *Poetry Magazine*, No. 3, 1963, p 13

**THE EVENT** in the poem was in the 1950s on Cawker’s Well, an outstation of Wenteriga near the Darling River below Wilcannia. At that time such sheep stations had large workforces, and riders lived alone in huts along the boundaries. The Boundary Riders had to check and repair the fences—a lonely job.

A massive flood prevented us from resupplying him for quite a while, so when we finally did arrive, he was frantic to see us. I clearly remember his exact words that I used in the poem.

I once read this poem to a big crowd in Elder Park, Adelaide. After, an old bearded man rushed up to me, wild with delight that it *had* to be about ‘his’ country near Wilcannia! He was right, but he did turn out not to be the Boundary Rider I described here.



Typical outback flooded creek in the West Darling near the area the poem’s about—the usually dry Stephens Creek here on the Munka Selection, when the drought broke in 1933. The photo’s of a little south-west from where the poem describes. (Broken Hill built two reservoirs when the NSW Government wouldn’t—one on this creek, and another, Umberumberka, north of Broken Hill)



# Daph Hilder turns 93

THE WAGS SECOND February Wednesday luncheon, held at the Transcontinental Hotel on the 10<sup>th</sup> found a large crowd in attendance. Included was that special invited guest from the week before! Why you may ask, well it was because of “**DAPH HILDER**” *and she was having a birthday!*

Amazingly this electrifying lady still lives at home, is a mother, grandmother and great grandmother and strangely enough, she was turning 93! Hell, if only we had a dance floor and there wasn't CV-19 regulations I would have swept her off her feet.

If the magnificent meal from the Trans wasn't enough, Daisy Higgins stepped up to the plate and made a fantastic birthday cake for Daph, jelly slice and my favourite cream puffs for dessert!

To tell you the truth I only wish Daph would have a party every week so I could get my hands on a few more of those spectacular cream puffs!

Well done Daph, well done Daisy—we all hope you enjoyed the event! I know I did!

Thanks for inviting me! ■



Daph with her fabulous birthday cake and trimmings

## Yvonne Player Celebrates Twice

FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> 2021 found Yvonne Player at the WAGS luncheon at the AUSTRAL HOTEL in Quorn. Unbeknown to most in attendance Yvonne turned 77 years of age on this day! An acquaintance, on hearing this, decided to break into the luncheon bringing with him a birthday card, brightly burning candles, and hundreds and thousands iced donuts to celebrate the occasion. A birthday cake—no way, but the thought was there anyway!

On seeing the small decorated cake topped full of flame, and finding out it was Yvonne's Birthday, excitement reigned supreme amongst the group and everyone burst out in a vocal chorus of happy birthday! A choir they were NOT, but the effort was 100% plus and then the laughter afterwards for their efforts was outrageous. With all the

formalities over and a few photos taken, the luncheon continued.

Then at 2.00pm Yvonne attended yet another gathering at TEAS ON THE TERRACE. Naturally a close friend Loraine, told Yvonne's acquaintance also of the second event, finding he would drop in on that party too!

On arrival he gave Yvonne a hug for her birthday, a bag of red home-grown tomatoes for a present, took a few more photos and gave her and her friends FREE HUG COUPONS. Yvonne received a RENT-A-CROWD CARD so next time she'll invite him to her events, instead of him having to gate crash the events once more!

A beautiful lady—we hope Yvonne enjoyed the celebrations on the day including her gate crasher.

Love from all concerned Yvonne! ■



At Teas on the Terrace

From left—Yvonne Player, Daisy Higgins, Pam Dyska, Shirley Carn, Margaret Summerton, Loraine Pumpa, Kay Freebairn, Heather Roberts and Elaine Burk

Stories and Photos by Peet Dixon  
February 2021





Back row—Helga Strupeit, Jan Jarvis, Ann Freebairn, Shirley Carn, Loraine Pumpa, Kay Freebairn, Mary Francis, Heather Roberts, Jan Noden, Sandra Everett  
Front Row—Pam Hunt, Margaret Summerton, Yvonne Player and Betty Eckert

WHILE I WAS in the front bar having a drink with Patrick and his staff today, I was surprised to find the trend-setting QUORN RED HATTERS out for their end of month luncheon at the Transcontinental Hotel, this being Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of February! A happy, high spirited and very approachable group of ladies, I then took a few minutes of their time to obtain a few photos of the gathering! All dressed up to the NINES and all with different red hats aloft, I was told this was a trial run or prelude audition for the Quorn Horse Races to take place later this year! Go get them ladies! Very impressive

(Story and photos by Peet Dixon 25.2.2021)



Darcie Hoare was baptised at the Catholic Church on 21 February 2021 by Father Harold. Darcie's parents are Aisha Finlay and Fraser Hoare. Her godparents are Kurtice Roebby and Leah McArdle



Birthday girls—see articles on Page 23



Paula Roberts, Sue Smith, Rene Reschke, Lee & Barb Walker celebrating Paula's birthday with one of Rene's quandong pies

## QUORN OUT AND ABOUT



Pam and Rudy Dyska inspecting some of the wares at the Sunday Market



Lizzie Britza minds the stall



Bootcampers in training  
From left—Jayde & Angie Finlay, Kathy Rabig, Tarla & Maya Kramer



Lions BBQ stall From left—Minette Gorecki, Pam Hunt and Loraine Pumpa



# Photos from the Past

THE FOLLOWING PHOTOGRAPHS have been taken from approximately the same spot years apart and by different photographers.



Railway Terrace Quorn 1880s  
(From the State Library of South Australia B 11712)



Railway Terrace Quorn 1920s  
(Photographer unknown)



Railway Terrace Quorn 1978  
(Photograph taken by Stan Fawkes Quorn Centenary)



Railway Terrace Quorn 2021  
(Photograph taken on 25/02/2021)

It's amazing the changes that have taken place in the last 143 years of Quorn.  
No doubt there will be lots more to come. ▀

Ashy

## Eremophila

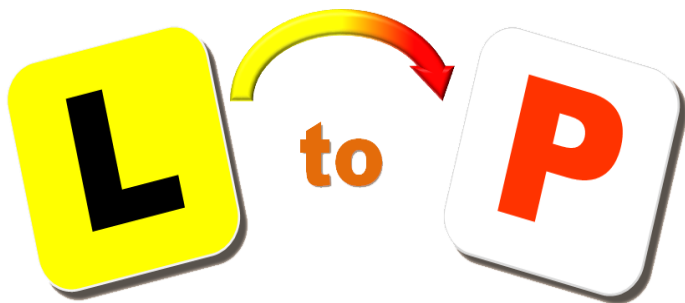
Among the sand and scrub she grows,  
This lady of the arid lands.  
Her crown of many different hues,  
This desert plant, why does she choose  
To stand defiantly and bloom  
In nature's vast and arid room.

The traveller finds her with delight, surprised by  
Such a lovely sight.  
Sand and scrub around the bend,  
To chance upon a desert friend.  
Greeting all with bowing head,  
In colours pink, lemon and darkest red.  
A joy to see for all who would her beauty know,  
Putting on her glorious dress to show

How delicate of bloom, but strong, this desert queen,  
Hoping all her wonder we who seek her out have seen.



*Jenny Thompson*  
Jenny Thompson



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# Prosperous Quorn,

*Illustrated and Described by J. Edward Robertson.*

QUORN, FEBRUARY, 1909.



M<sup>R</sup>. O. BOCKELBERG, carries on his business as a Jeweller, Watchmaker, etc., in Quorn, and has proved a thoroughly reliable and experienced one. His premises contain a choice stock of Gold, Silver and Plated-ware, which can be purchased a City Prices. Mr. Bockelberg is noted for his fairness in business, and as he points out it always pays to supply First-class Articles, and at a Reasonable price. Repairs are executed by thoroughly competent workmen on the premises, and orders by post receive prompt attention.



M<sup>R</sup>. J. H. WRIGHT carries on the business of a Fruiterer, Confectioner, etc., also a large trade, which is an entirely different department, is

done in Fancy Goods. For eleven years entire satisfaction has been given to the townspeople, and they can always rely on receiving the best of fruit obtainable that is in season. Groceries— a large stock are always kept, and Mr. Wright's turnover is considerable. Mrs. Wright takes an active interest in the business, and it is worthy of mention that she (whose father was the late Mr. G. Pickering— a gentleman much respected by all who had had the pleasure of his acquaintance) was one of the first arrivals in the Quorn district—that was in 1870. Mr. Wright is an attentive business man and a progressive one. He believes in giving his customers the best articles, the best only, and probably his genial personality has much to do in the successful development of his business.

## Mr. A. J. Millard's Saddlery Depot.



M<sup>R</sup>. A. J. MILLARD has been in business as a Saddler and Harness Maker during the past sixteen years in Quorn, and has established a reputation for good, honest, solid work, and leatherwear that is of the highest quality. His customers are legion, and repairing work is received from as far north as Pine Creek. His premises are well stocked, and the various lines are obtainable at prices which compare



favourably with those of Adelaide. Mr. Millard is a member of the Kanyaka District Council, and is the energetic Secretary of the Quorn branch Druids Lodge. He is a man of his word and one, farmers and townspeople, have always found true to his principle—"the principle of man."

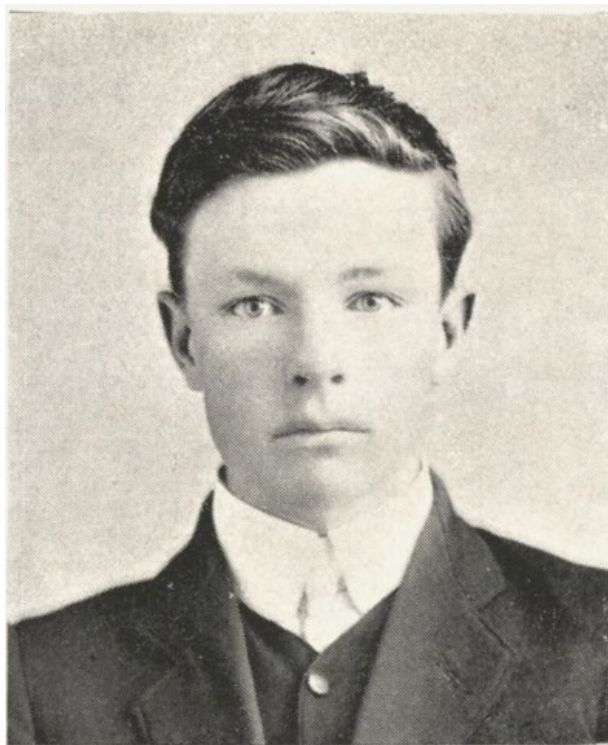


*Hunt Photo* THE ECONOMIC MANUFACTURING COY.

THE ECONOMIC MANUFACTURING COMPANY, whose principal businesses are in Adelaide, showed commendable foresight in establishing a branch of their business in Quorn, and, judging by the magnificent support they have received are thoroughly satisfied. They are manufacturers and sellers for cash, and thus are able to give the public the advantage derived from doing business on these principles. The Quorn Store is a well-stocked one, containing two departments—Grocery and Drapery—also an Ironmongery one. The ladies have not been forgotten in Millinery, and the writer noticed many chic dainty creations on show—and of course, for sale as well. It is intended shortly to greatly enlarge the present premises—the proprietor thus practically illustrating his belief in the “solidness” of the District and Town, and his satisfaction at the business return. Although the firm has only been established some eight months in Quorn they have enjoyed much prosperity, and the writher has little doubt that their enterprise will be well repaid. The firm offer excellent quality, and being manufactureres and “cash dealers” are able to sell at very little above “cost price,” and that is really what the public appreciate—Cheapness combined with Quality.

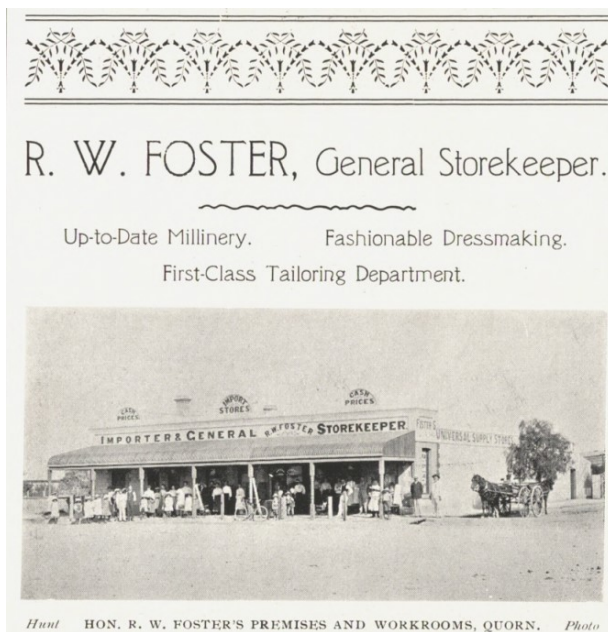


*Hunt* MR. ALBERT E. ABBOTT, *Photo*  
Who is Proprietor of a flourishing Stationery, Fancy Goods, Newspaper and Ironmongery business in Quorn.



*Hunt* MASTER THOMPSON, *Photo*  
A very successful young Quorn athlete. He has been successful in many races, and is a fine footballer.





THE HON. R. W. FOSTER'S General Store and Drapery Emporium compares very favourably with the best in the Country Districts of South Australia, and a great trade is done. The Store under review was established some 45 years ago at Saltire, and was transferred to Quorn some 30 years ago. The various Departments, which are heavily stocked, are each managed well, and a creditable Department is the "Millinery," where many up-to-date and dainty creations were observed, sufficient to throw into ecstasies any ordinary woman's heart. Dressmaking is carried out on the premises. A large number of hands are employed, and the services of an experienced and clever lady in Miss Wilson have been secured. A large Tailoring trade is also carried on with satisfactory results to both customers and the Proprietor, who combines exceptional keenness with fairness to his many hundreds of customers. The store under review is a General Store in the thorough meaning of the word, and its prosperity was never greater than to-day.

THE HON. R. W. FOSTER has lead a strenuous public life. He was Mayor of Quorn



in 1887-88-90, and represented Flinders in the Legislative in 1893.

He has been an active Cabinet Minister in the "Holder," "Jenkins," and "Butler" Ministries, holding the portfolios of Minister of Works, Railways, and Agriculture. At the last election the hon. Foster was defeated by 60 votes. He is a far-seeing business man, and has been a great advocate for years of "closer settlement." Also is responsible for the opening of the Pinnaroo country. Time and time again he fought in and out of Parliament for the building of the railway to Pinnaroo, and was one of the first to take up at the time land looked upon as barren. He is popular in the Flinders country, and the writer will be greatly surprised if the Hon. R. W. Foster doesn't succeed in his candidature at the next election. He possesses indomitable pluck, and has done much to educate, by practical work on his properties at Quorn, the farmers in the district. He was the first man to introduce superphosphates there, and is the biggest wheat-grower in the Quorn district.



MR. ROBERT THOMSON, the Chief Magistrate of Quorn, was born at Dunfermline, Scotland, on October 3, 1858.

He attended St. Leonards Works School and when ten years old was sent out as a shepherd and farm lad. At twelve years of age he was apprenticed to the trade of a wheelwright. For two years he worked in Glasgow and Edinburgh. He then emigrated to South Australia, and arrived at Port Adelaide by the s.s. "Aconcagua" on December 10, 1879. He removed to Quorn in 1880, where he worked at his trade as journeyman carpenter for nearly five years. Subsequently he went into business on his own account, and has now a thriving General Store. He was introduced to municipal work as Town Councillor in 1885. In 1892 he was the chosen representative of the parents on the School Board of Advice at Quorn, and in 1894 was elected Chairman. In June, 1893, he was gazetted a Justice of the Peace. For a number of years he has been a member of the Foresters and Rechabite Lodges, and has passed through the various offices of each society."



The first Ad for a pub in Quorn appeared in The South Australian Register on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> 1879. It is also the first paper containing adverts for businesses in Quorn.

**GREENSLADE'S**  
**Transcontinental Hotel**  
**QUORN.**

W. C. GREENSLADE (late of Port Wakefield and Gladstone) begs to apprise his many friends, commercial travellers, and the public generally that he has now built and opened a large and commodious Hotel at Quorn, and hopes by strict attention to business that he will continue to receive the patronage that has been so liberally bestowed upon him in the past.

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351thae W. C. GREENSLADE, Proprietor.



# Quorn Mercury Revisited

## Quorn Community Library

10 Years Ago



Above—Principal Quorn Area School Denise Lane pictured with Mayor Peter Slattery, who officially opened the new Quorn Community Library

## Federation Garden

20 Years Ago



From left—Flinders Ranges Council workers Adrian Faggotter and Robin Ward stand in the Federation Arch with, in the background The Dutchman's Stern Range

To mark the Centenary of Federation the Flinders Ranges Council is setting up a garden at the corner of Railway and West terraces. Gardens will be gradually added. Phase 2 will develop the area towards the train lines and Phase 3 will develop the area towards the Mill Motel and Restaurant

### Please Note

These extracts from the Mercury Archives can have spelling errors of words and, on occasion names. No corrections are made to these extracts so if a name is spelt incorrectly we apologise to the person/family.

Last month for example Kirra Bailey was shown as Kisa Bayley.



# Photos from Kay Skuse



Kay Edwards and Jaycee Pearce at the Quorn Races



St Joseph's School Quorn  
Back row: N Edwards, Peter Smith father Flynn



George Laidlaw at their farm in Quorn

## PICHI RICHI • RAILWAY •



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

### 2021 Steam Season is about to start!

BOOKINGS FOR THE 2021 season are already strong with a number of trains already full or close to capacity, it's going to be a busy season. We need more members and volunteers, so if you have some spare time and would like to help in any way possible, please contact our Members Services Manager, Bronwyn Ingram at 0412 618 945 and [bronwyn.ingram@pr.org.au](mailto:bronwyn.ingram@pr.org.au)

### Scheduled Trains in March

**Sat March 6<sup>th</sup>** The Sundowner – dep Quorn 17.30 return Quorn 19.30

**Sat March 13<sup>th</sup>** The Sundowner – dep Quorn 17.30 return Quorn 19.30

**Sat March 20<sup>th</sup>** The Sundowner – dep Quorn 17.30 return Quorn 19.30

**Sat March 27<sup>th</sup>** The Sundowner - dep Quorn 17.30 return Quorn 19.30

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# 830 Class Diesel Locomotive Acquisition

## by Dion Chandler – PRRPS President

SOME OF OUR townsfolk may remember Quorn back in the 1950s, when diesel locomotives began to displace steam on the Central Australia Railway (CAR). These were the Commonwealth Railways NSU class, operating through Quorn from Port Augusta to Alice Springs from June 1954 until August 1956. Diesel traction with the South Australian Railways (SAR) initially took the form of Model 75, Brill (“Barwell Bull”) railcars with diesel electric locomotive traction not eventuating properly until August 1963 between Peterborough – Quorn line, in the form of the 830 class locomotive.

The 830 class locomotives have had a long and chequered career with some passing into successive ownership quite a number of times. The 830 was designated by their build design, model DL531. The SAR bought 45 units, Silverton Tramway (operating between Cockburn and Broken Hill) bought 3 and the New South Wales Government Railways bought 165 units. Essentially what some may consider a branch line unit, the locomotives also operated main line services, albeit limited by a relatively small fuel tank. The 830 locomotives could also be used on all three major gauges, narrow (that we have here at Quorn), standard and broad.

On the Quorn – Peterborough Line, the first 830 came to Quorn in August 1963 with the last one running in 1980. Between August 1963 and until the end of regular steam in 1970, the 830 worked Quorn line trains when available, and then worked all trains from 1970 up until 1980 when they were displaced by surplus NSU class locomotives returning from the CAR. By 1970, there were just two narrow gauge 830 class locomotives, 867 and 858, based at Peterborough to work Quorn line trains. This was soon reduced to just 867, with 858 utilised elsewhere on the SAR system. Before it left the Peterborough division, 858 worked a one off train to Hawker in April 1970 to clear all remaining wagons at Hawker and en-route back to Quorn. After 858 was taken off the Quorn line, this left 867 on its own for almost a decade. In early 1974, the South Australian Film Corporation filmed Sunday to Far Away, starring Jack Thompson, in and around Quorn. Loco 867 is featured in the film as itself, although Quorn Railway Station was renamed Gimal for the film.

Although PRR prides itself as a heritage railway, operating trains with steam locomotives, part of the heritage and history before PRR was formed in 1973 included diesel electric locomotives. PRR is very fortunate in having two former CR diesel locomotives in operating order, NSU52\* and NT76, along with NSU51 and 54. (\* NSU52 is very special to me, having been driven by both my grandfather and father during their time in the CR). These locomotives have enabled PRR to operate trains on days of Total Fire Bans and on the uncommon occurrence when there has been an issue with the planned steam loco.

Although the 830 class locomotives did not actually travel through the Pichi Richi Pass, PRR members have longed for an 830 class locomotive to be part of the PRR collection, with one preferably in working order. It is felt that they are as much a part of the history of



867 on a goods at Quorn, 24 May 1979  
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railways and trains to Quorn, as are PRR other heritage locomotives, noting the PRR green W class locomotives started interstate in WA.

The acquisition journey has been a long one, particularly with the onset of railway privatisation, where rail operators have been loath to dispose of locomotives, especially those in running order. Noting the 830 locomotives ceased working the Quorn line in 1980, the question was where to get one and one that was operable. 830 class locomotives continued to run in SA on the standard and broad gauge networks, generally only to the south and east of Port Augusta (one was a shunt loco at Alice Springs for a while), with narrow gauge operations being confined to the

Eyre Peninsula at Whyalla for iron ore trains, Port Lincoln and Thevenard (Ceduna).

At times during my initial tenure as PRR President, I wrote to Genesee and Wyoming Australia (GWA) advising them of PRR's interest in obtaining an operational 830. When in late 2012 I found myself working for GWA, I also approached senior GWA staff where I was advised that nothing was refused, but that they were still in use.

At the time I was also made aware that a known 830 locomotive, 846 located in Port Lincoln was not in use and which I subsequently managed to inspect. It had been stored "out of use" and cannibalised for parts although more importantly, it was on narrow gauge bogies which were in reasonable condition. During my inspection, I also noticed that the engine was in poor condition and so it could only be considered as a static restoration option at Quorn which would be better than none at all.



Locomotive 843 at Dry Creek

Discussions continued with GWA during 2019 and into 2020, becoming more promising during the second half of that year with GWA's successor One Rail Australia, (ORA) with indications that a proposal was being developed that would be provided to PRR for our consideration. Additionally, and as luck would have it, in December I was able to speak directly with the ORA CEO Luke Anderson at the ORA Port Augusta Christmas break up lunch. Following this discussion, things happened very quickly, resulting in PRR being offered Unit 843, located in Dry Creek and Unit 846 at Port Lincoln as part of a Donation Agreement. These locomotives have been very kindly offered to PRR by One Rail Australia on an as seen basis with PRR having the

responsibility of arranging the logistics and transportation of both units to Quorn. You may wonder why we have accepted 2 locomotives? This is necessary since 843 sits on broad gauge bogies and so we need to place this unit onto the narrow gauge bogies of 846 so that we can make one operational unit. We also know that 843 does run since it was jump started as recently as September last year.



Locomotive 846 at Port Lincoln

Since execution of the Donation Agreements, the PRR team have been very busy in planning the next steps which has included the management of the logistical effort of moving both 843 and 846 locomotives to Quorn. Consequently, we have engaged with Max Cranes at Port Augusta who we have an extremely good working relationship with and who are experts in moving and lifting large objects. In addition to the logistics, the locomotive will need to be restored, rust cut out, painted back to its former glory in what was known as the 'Mustard Pot' livery and a new set of starting batteries installed.

These activities obviously cost a substantial amount of money and the PRR Executive has proposed a target of \$40,000 which is based on estimates received to date. PRR is confident that this target will be reached and welcome any donations that will assist us in reaching this target. For anyone that would like to donate and so make this part of history happen, it can be done via the Pichi Richi Railway website (<https://www.pichirichirailway.org.au/support/donate>)

Lastly, on behalf of the PRR, I would like to acknowledge the goodwill of One Rail Australia for donating both 843 and 846 to PRR, and to Max Cranes for the valuable assistance they are providing. ■



# Locomotives of the PRR

Yx 162 hauling a down goods train at Hynam in South-East SA, ca 1934. Photo J.F.T. Grimwade, John Buckland Collection, Australian National Library 5979508



**LAST ISSUE** WAS about the Pichi Richi Railway's restored Y Class locomotive, and announced that this issue would be about its restored Yx 141.

Yx 141 was originally built as Y141 in 1892 by James Martin & Co. in Gawler, SA. The Yx Class were modified Beyer-Peacock Y Class 2-6-0 locomotives. They became a successful workhorse of the South Australian Railways at that time.

<i>Builder of Y 141</i>	James Martin & Co Gawler SA
<i>Builder's No. &amp; Year</i>	43, of 1892
<i>Wheel Arrangement</i>	2-6-0
<i>Number in Class</i>	129

In 1911, Y 141 was involved in a fatal accident caused by flooding near Brachina (see the newspaper report in *The Quorn Mercury* of 3rd February, 1911, below). A rebuild was therefore necessary, leading to the birth of Yx 141, with the fitting of a larger boiler. It re-entered service in 1923.

Four years later, it was transferred to the Port Lincoln Division for the rest of its working life. It was withdrawn from locomotive duties in 1963, and was retired to Port Lincoln's local Park to be a much-loved piece of playground equipment.



Yx 141 in the Port Lincoln Park

In 1983 the PRR acquired Yx 141, and transferred it to Quorn. It underwent extensive restoration work, and returned to active service in 2017.

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## SERIOUS RAILWAY ACCIDENT *Quorn Mercury*, Friday 3 February 1911 DRIVER S.E. ROWE KILLED

## FIREMAN J. COFFEY BADLY INJURED

## PASSENGERS NOT HURT

A **FATAL RAILWAY** accident happened on the Hergott [Marree] line on Saturday afternoon last, as a consequence of the recent heavy rains having washed away portion of the line. The scene of the disaster was about a quarter of a mile south of Brachina and 316 miles [506 km] from Adelaide, at a point where the water nearly covered the line, making it almost impossible for the driver to see the rails.

The engine of the mixed train from here was derailed at a break in the line and crashed heavily into a culvert, where it stood erect in the mud. The tender tilted forward, and the driver, Mr. S.E. Rowe, was crushed between the tender and engine, sustaining fearful injuries, which must have caused death instantly. The fireman, Mr. J. Coffey, was also badly injured, but fortunately escaped with his life. (Continued)

## HEROICALLY STANDING AT HIS POST CRUSHED AND SCALDED

**THE TENDER DOUBLED** right up on the engine and jammed the driver, who was found with one hand on the lever and the other at his side. It appears that Rowe, as soon as he saw there was no chance of avoiding the accident, told the fireman to jump for his life, he himself heroically standing to his post and dying with his hand on the lever. Coffey took the advice to jump, but not in time to avoid getting his right arm crushed between the cab and the tender.

The driver's foot had in some way got caught, and there was no escape for him. The whole of his right side was crushed in and his back was broken, besides which he had two or three abrasions on his nose and forehead, and was scalded from the top of his head to his heels. Dr. Gibson states that if he had not been killed instantaneously he would have been scalded to death.

W. Taylor was guard and J. Fitzgerald assistant guard on the ill-fated train. It was a most unfortunate accident, as Rowe and Coffey were only relieving Messrs. Harper and Hill, the regular driver and fireman.



Locomotive Y141 sits amidst the debris of the Brachina derailment (*Photo from the George Williams Collection*)

## PASSENGERS' LUCKY ESCAPE

**THE PASSENGERS** and the guard and his assistant escaped uninjured owing no doubt to the fact that there was a long string of trucks between the engine and the carriages. If the train had been a short one, the whole of it would most likely have been telescoped.

## A RELIEF TRAIN

**ALTHOUGH NEWS** of the disaster was received here before 4 o'clock, a relief train was not dispatched to the scene of the accident until about 6, the doctor going by it to attend to the injured fireman. Mr. Coffey was brought to Quorn and was sent on to Port Augusta to the hospital on Sunday morning, where his right arm was amputated below the elbow. He is suffering greatly from shock and loss of blood, but is progressing as well as can be expected.

Mr. William Henry Rowe, the driver's father, was a driver on the Glenelg line and retired after 26 years' service with the Glenelg railway line. He was standing alongside of the railway line on Commemoration Day four years ago when he was knocked by some lads who had mounted the steps of the train while it was moving and, tripping over his walking stick, he fell under the engine and was instantly killed. The engine which killed him was the one of which he formerly had charge.

Mr. S.E. Rowe was born in Brown Street, Adelaide, 30 years ago and entered the Glenelg Railway Company's service as a clerk at the age of 13. Not satisfied with clerical work he took up engine cleaning and was subsequently promoted to fireman which position he held when the Government took over the Glenelg line eleven years ago. He kept to his railway work under the department, and two years ago he was given charge of an engine.



The grave of S.E. Rowe, buried in the Quorn Cemetery, 28-1-1911

— Lisa Southon, Archivist





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Paul and Andy laying pavers between Hall and Workshop



Andy cutting up figs for Jam, good job done.



Jeff preparing timber for garden seat



**FOR SALE**  
**Quorn Men's Shed have various items for sale.**  
**Including mower, toolboxes, cupboards etc.**  
**Contact Andy 0429977015**



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Jeff and Rob making computer desk



Rob handing over desk to Minette



Dave and paddles made for the Quorn Bowling Club



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# Quorn Area School News



Our new class of Foundation students began their education journey



Our Kanyaka & Yarrah House Captains were elected and led well at our Swimming Carnival



Our 2021 Prefects were selected and are leading by example  
From left—Maya, Ethan and Jayde



Yarrah won their first Swimming Carnival  
From left—Austin, Emily, Jayde and Kathleen

## 2020 SACE Results

We are delighted to share our 2020 SACE results with our community. The impressive figures include:

- 100% completion rate
- 70% of the results achieved were at either the A or B grade
- 25% gained an ATAR over 90%
- 100% of those learners who applied to university were successful in securing their first-course preference.

We congratulate all of our 2020 graduates on their achievements and wish them well on the next stage of their journey. We also express thanks to all of the teachers who contributed significantly to the thirteen-year learning journey completed by these outstanding young people.





# QAS Term Time Swimming and Swimming Carnival





# Quorn Pick Up and Delivery

*Deliveries Tuesdays through to Sunday from:*

~ IGA ~ QRT ~ PUB MEALS ~

Going to Port Augusta twice a fortnight

**CONTACT: TINY**

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REPRESENTING THE QUORN COMMUNITY



**Rowan  
Ramsey MP**

Federal Member for Grey

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

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





# Quorn Golf Club 2021

QUORN GOLF CLUB HELD its AGM on Sunday 18th February. The following information follows below for the start of the season.

President—Haydn Hancock

Vice President—Jeremy Rigden

Treasurer—Hollie Hancock

Secretary—Andy Roberts

Mens Captain—Robert Britza

Handicap Managers—Haydn Hancock/  
Andy Roberts

Bar Management—Matthew Britza  
Hollie Hancock

Club Membership Fees:



Adults—\$100  
Pensioner—\$70  
Juniors—\$40  
Social—\$20

Regular Club Competitions—Saturday  
12:00-12:30 Tee-off

Men's and Women's Competition

Wednesday Warriors - Social Competition

12:00-12:30 Tee-off - all welcome.

Veterans Competition -

Monday April 12th at Whyalla

Monday April 19th at Port Augusta

Contact Terry Smith - Mob: 0488069943

Season Start Working Bees

Sunday March 21st, March 28th 9:00am

Contacts:

Haydn Hancock- Mob: 0447836078

Robert Britza- Mob: 0448844727

**New Players Welcome !** ■

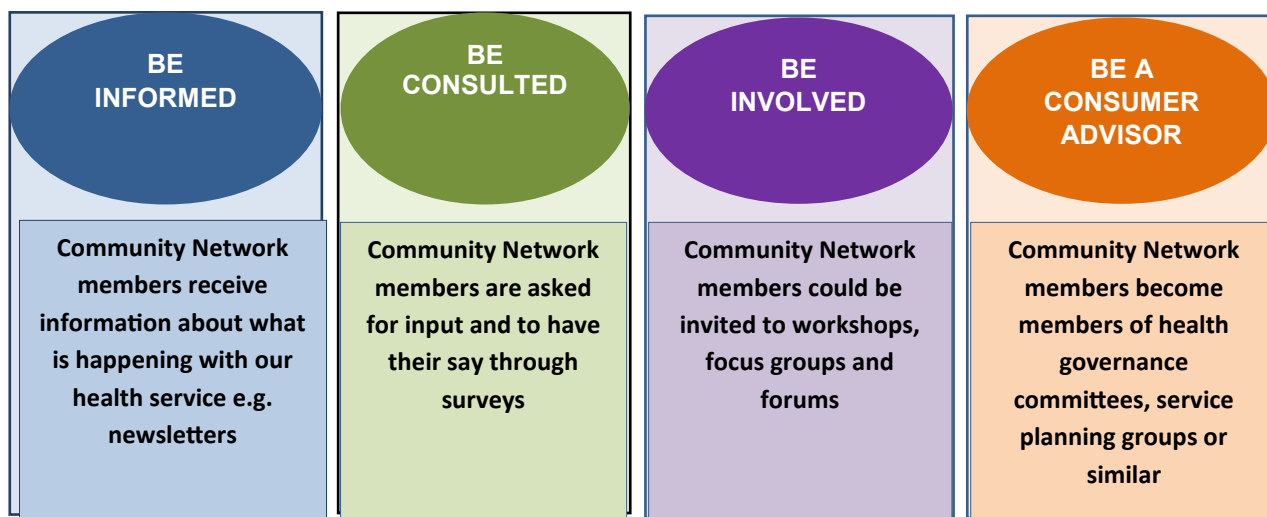
## Community Network

The *Community Network* at Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network is a great way for local people to be involved in local health services - at a level that suits them!

Consumer participation improves quality and safety of healthcare services - which is why your Health Services at Hawker, Port Augusta, Quorn, Roxby Downs, Leigh Creek and Whyalla, want input from local community members about providing local health services.

Want to get involved? Meetings not your thing? That's ok - You pick what suits you.

### FOUR WAYS YOU CAN BE INVOLVED



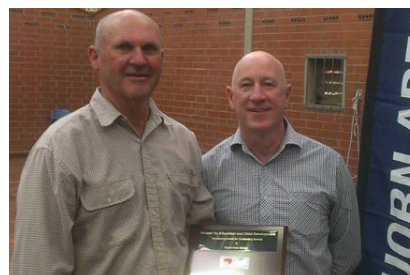
**Want to know more? Please call Carmel on 86478644**



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

Giles is the largest South Australian state electorate and covers Whyalla, Quorn, Hawker, Kimba, Cowell, Roxby Downs, Coober Pedy and the APY Lands reaching all the way out to the Western Australian and Northern Territory borders.

Please contact my office if you require assistance with State Government-related matters.



### My office can help you with

- Community or individual advocacy, engagement and consultation
- Provide advice and assistance on State Government matters relating to the Giles electorate and Primary Industries and Regional Development
- Refer you to the appropriate service provider or Government agency if we cannot provide the service
- Assist community organisations and sporting clubs with grant applications
- Provide advice on possible funding sources for community projects
- Assist with the preparation of petitions and table them in State Parliament
- Justice of the Peace Services



**Eddie Hughes**  **MP**

**Member for Giles**

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## Classified Adverts

### Rainfall 2021

Jan	10.2mm
Feb	1.4mm
YTD	11.6mm

### Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who has congratulated me on my Australia day award. Thank you to the person who nominated me. Thank you for the congratulations, birthday wishes and presents for my 70th birthday. Thank you to Ursula, Bill, Dan, Mel, John, Toni, Ian and Wendy for the preparation at my party at the Austral Hotel. Thank you to every one who came to my party.

Lorraine Pumpa

### Parks Closed

#### The Dutchman's Stern Conservation Park Mt Brown Conservation Park

For the purpose of undertaking a pest control program, public access will be temporarily prohibited at The Dutchman's Stern Conservation Park & Mount Brown Conservation Park from:

**6am Saturday, 20 March 2021  
until 2pm Friday, 26 March 2021**

For more information about the control program or park closure, please contact National Parks and Wildlife Service on (08) 8841 3400.

### PROPOSED NEW PASTORAL ACT

The SA Govt is working on a new Pastoral Bill which will change the current Act. The new Bill will convert leases from 42 to 100 years.

Considerations of biodiversity conservation and ecosystem sustainability are no longer mentioned.

To find out more,

Search

***Draft Pastoral Lands  
Bill 2020***

### NATIONAL EUCALYPT WEEK

#### "Rare & unusual Eucalypts in our Garden"

**Daily guided tours at The Australian Arid  
Lands Botanic Garden. Port Augusta**

Tours 10am from Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March

until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March. To Book ph 86419116





## Health Calendar

**March 2021**

**Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates**

Podiatrist  
Diabetes Education  
Dietitian  
Physiotherapist  
Occupational Therapist  
Speech Pathologist  
Social Worker

**Country Health Connect 8668 7706**



## March

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

**Catholic Church**  
**Flinders Ranges Catholic Parish**  
Parish Priest: Father Harold Camonias  
Mass Times:  
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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### **Next Issue's (April 2nd 2021) Deadlines:**

- Submissions preferred as email attachments using Microsoft Word or Publisher
- Other submissions to Visitor Information Centre, Quorn Railway Station before 4.30 pm 26th March
- Classified Ads on Visitor Information Centre form provided. Must be paid for when submitted.

### **Guidelines for Submissions:**

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

### **Contacts**

- **Coming Events**—Jillian Wilson, Visitors Information Centre, 8620 0510
- **News in Brief**—Peter Sandles, 8648 6768 or [mercury@frc.sa.gov.au](mailto:mercury@frc.sa.gov.au)

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# Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events March 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** Breakfast  
4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March from 8.00am

#### 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.

### 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

**Quilting Group**—Friday  
fortnightly

## Events

#### Saltia Soiree @ Tickle Belly Hill

Live Music by Kim Blay playing hits and  
classics. 3 course meal \$45 per person.  
6<sup>th</sup> March 5pm-9pm

#### Quorn Agricultural Show Society Inc.

##### General Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> March @ 7:30pm at the Council  
Chambers

#### Brian Letton "In Concert"

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm, Quorn  
Anglican Hall. Adult \$25 Concession \$20

#### Wings and Burger Night @ Tickle Belly Hill

Live music by Kings and Associates. Tickets  
for sale by Outback PA Hire.  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

#### Pichi Richi Railway Sundowner Explorer

Departing Quorn at 5:30pm to Woolshed  
Flat aboard a 1928-built *Barwell Bull* diesel  
railcar. Returns to Quorn at 8pm.  
6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021

#### Quorn Product and Craft Market

Quorn Town Hall  
Homemade goods, fresh local produce,  
handmade knits, crafts, cards and so much  
more!  
28<sup>th</sup> March 8:30am – 2:30pm.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*'The purpose of our lives is to be happy'*  
— Dalai lama

## Regular Events

### Quorn

#### Aerobics/Walking Exercise

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

#### Boot Camp

Tuesday & Fridays 6.30am.  
Quorn Oval. No cost. BYO mat

#### 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



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The holes prepared for tree planting at Warren Gorge last year



The working bee that was held last May



Yellow Footed Rock Wallaby



Most of the plants are now growing very well



Apostle Birds at Warren Gorge



*Correction to Caption on February Backpage—  
"Dutchman Enshrouded 25 Jan"*  
Photos taken by Darryl Hannigan were of Devils Peak



Work in progress on Railway Terrace upgrades