

Quorn Mercury

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40th Pichi Richi Marathon

Fraser Darcy being congratulated by his parents



Fraser Darcy, Quorn resident
Full Marathon Winner



Elizabeth Stavreski, Brompton
Half Marathon Female winner



David Staehr, Kaniva Vic
Full Marathon Second Place



From left—Marathon Ambassador Steve Moneghetti AM
Luke Elliot, from Broadview, is in pursuit, and won the Half
Marathon by 11 seconds.



Ryan Davis Whyalla
Full Marathon Third Place



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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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

Quorn Business Group Executive Committee

President – Kevin Woolford

Secretary – Sharon Hooper

Treasurer – Stuart Hackett

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

Next Meeting – Friday 8th July

5:30pm-8:30pm at the Quorn Town Hall

Pottery Workshop

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY came to Quorn when Tania Kunze aka Tatty K in Littlehampton ran a several pottery workshop sessions over the June long weekend, which were held in the Catholic Church Hall.

For some it was the very first time to throw some clay on a wheel and try to make something, and a very enjoyable process whatever the end result.

Many thanks to Jane Egerton-Warburton for organising it all. ■



Tania demonstrating in the pottery wheel class



Barb Walker and Ruth Tulloch doing the finishing touches



Hard at work in the 'simple carving and decorating' session

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Fielding an electric talent

ELECTRIC Fields frontman **Zaachariaha Fielding**'s is now gracing the National Portrait Gallery, thanks to Adelaide-born artist **Michael Simms**.

Michael, who is the brother of Greens MP **Robert Simms**, started the work in April 2021 and knew Zaachariaha (pictured) would be the perfect muse from day one.

"I first saw Electric Fields perform at Mardi Gras Fair Day in Sydney in 2019, and immediately got chills down my spine when Zaachariaha started singing," Michael said.

"He has such an extraordinary ability to connect with an audience in a live setting – and I felt inspired to

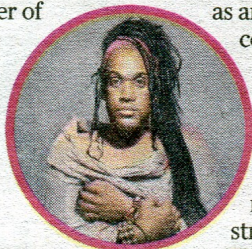
respond to that, and attempt to capture some aspect of his energy in the form of a painting.

"Throughout our sitting, I was struck by Zaachariaha's authenticity

as an artist – a special combination of being open, connected, vulnerable and brave. These are the qualities I attempted to convey in this painting."

Electric Fields, meanwhile, is going from strength to strength.

The duo – which includes **Michael Ross** – have hit the US recently, playing a show in New York alongside Baker Boy and Peking Duk. They also hit the stage at the G'Day AAA Arts Gala in Los Angeles.



ZAACHARIAHA FIELDING is a former Quorn Area School student.

His earliest memory of performing was at Quorn Area School where he sang *Blue Suede Shoes* by Elvis Presley at the assembly.

He has been a contestant at **Eurovision—Aust Decides** the X Factor and The Voice.

Chat with a Quornie

Frank Wallis-Taylor



I WAS BORN in Scotland in 1950, and lived with my mum, dad and brother in a little coal-mining village. Dad worked down the mines.

We had a great childhood doing what kids did—playing *Cowboys and Indians*, football and making our own soccer pitches. There were fences round the mines, but kids will be kids, and we only went in for lunch and tea.

I picked up sea coal along the high tide line on the beach and bagged it to sell to old age pensioners. It made me a little bit of pocket money. So did my three paper rounds—two in the morning before school, and one after.

In Scotland you don't throw papers over the fence, they all go through the letter box in the front door. The best tipper at Christmas was the Catholic priest, who gave me 10 bob (One pound sterling)—a lot of money in the 50s.

We were very productive early on, because even mum (she didn't work full-time), picked potatoes when the season came round. We helped her pick spuds, and eventually got our own little area to pick.

The little areas were called *stents*. They were yours, and when the tractor came up, whatever was in the area you picked. Mum had a full stent, and we worked up to having one too.

It was a lot of nice money—about 25 bob (£1, one pound sterling—a week, not a day).

Naturally all the money we earned went to mum, and she'd dole it out like pocket money. You worked big time for your money then.

It was freezing cold in the mornings. Your fingers were falling off. I remember starting a washing car business at the wrong time—in the winter. We did one big car, and I said 'That's it, no more business.'

Every Saturday we'd go to the pictures, down the front seats cheering on the cowboys. We had haggis and chips after—a haggis supper. They used to have black puddin', white puddin', red puddin', and haggis. I loved it—sheep guts, lovely.

My father was in the navy in WW2 and had travelled all around Australia and whatnot. He was always planning to go somewhere—South Africa, Canada and all the Commonwealth countries. But my mother got jack of it and said 'We're going to Australia.'

Australia Bound

WE CAME in 1965 as \$10 Poms, though we didn't see it that way, because there were signs in Scotland saying 'Australia needs men'. And one Scottish man **was** worth two Aussies.

We went down to Edinburgh for interviews, and passed. In May 1965 we got on a cattle truck (plane). It was so small, me, my brother and mum were sick from London to Darwin.

We flew for a couple of days, stopping at places like Bombay. You went to somewhere in Europe, somewhere in India, and Singapore.

When we got to Darwin we all marched out. The humidity hit us! We said 'Bugger this, what have we got ourselves in for'.

It was horrible, and Migrant Hostels were full in Melbourne, so we were told 'You're going to Sydney.' We got on a big TAA jet plane, and were allowed up with the pilots and were given little TAA wings.

The hostel was freezing in winter and boiling in summer. After a year and a half, we got a house in East Hills, over the river (in Australia) from a migrant and a navy camp.

I was turning 15, so had to go to East Hills High School, but luckily, only for six months. As soon as you hit 16, you were out.

Taxing Times

I'D PASSED INTERMEDIATE and got a job at the Taxation Department as a filer. You know the tax forms that come in? My job was to put them in order. Then there was a little bit of a promotion, and I had to go and find files.

It was boring as jackshit. So after a year I got home one day and there were navy papers on the table. My father had got them, and said 'This looks like a good career for you, son'.

So I joined the Australian Navy. (Below—Frank, on *HMAS Leeuwin* in 1966)



You may have heard of the bastardisation scandals there? A lot of kids came straight from mummy, but at least I'd had a year in the big world. For three months you were the lowest of the low, the next still low, but in the last three, you gave what you got.

It was dog eat dog—a terrible place for some kids, whose lives were wrecked. It's sanitised now, like the whole of the forces.

After we left, we got shunted on to *HMAS Sydney*, an old aircraft carrier.

It was used to take troops to Vietnam, and we went there when we were only 17.

Troops came to Sydney, and sailed to Vung Tau, South Vietnam. We were in and out of the harbour hastily, as, if you stayed longer, the Government had to pay War Service. We did four trips in 12 months as Ordinary Seamen

Soldiers took over our mess, and we had to find somewhere else to sleep. I loved those hammocks (except after a few drinks when I couldn't string them up).

Every morning at six was 'Wakey, wakey, wakey' time. If you were still in your hammock after that, you felt the weight of a big bat. The old *Sydney* was a good grounding, though it's razor blades now.

Steward Experiences

ON HMAS CERBERUS, Melbourne, we did courses on whatever job we were going to do in the navy. Mine was steward, the easiest job in the Australian navy. I had a great daily routine, and the next day off. We ate what the officers ate, so lived high.

In 1970 I was drafted to *HMAS Albatross*, Nowra, where all the Australian Navy planes are at a big airbase. After a year and a half, I was drafted to *HMAS Perth*, a guided missile destroyer, stationed in the Philippines as part of the American 6th Fleet.

Our job was a month on the gunline—a section of the Vietnamese coast we'd patrol, zoomed in by people in the jungle. We fired over 6000 rounds at targets we'd never see.

They reckon we did a good job, chugging along miles out to sea, our targets on land.

Our mess deck was at the back end below the gun. It was really funny at first when the gun went off: the whole place shook. Six months later, up there snoring, we didn't hear a thing.

We'd do a month, and return to Subic Bay, a big American naval base in the Philippines.

A town outside Subic Bay (called Alongapo City) was the greatest eye-opener for an 18-19 year old lad, all bars and brothels. In the middle of town a little old lady sat by a pond, selling chickens for you to feed to an alligator.

We toured Singapore, Hongkong, Bangkok and Taiwan (a scary place then). It was Chinese and nobody spoke English. Taipei, the capital had the only English signs, for Coca Cola.

Singapore (like Hong Kong) had no language barriers. It had Bougis St, that came alive at midnight with boys, one operation short of becoming a female. Stunning creatures.

When we went back to Singapore, it was closed and was a market place—sanitised.

The *Sydney* crew, who could have been blown out of the water in Vung Tau, didn't get War Service till years later. Now we're all recognised and have our little medals .

My next draft was to HMAS *Harman* Communication Base, ACT, where I met Elke—a Steward too. She'd come from Germany with her family, to Pt Augusta.

Two years later I was drafted to the supply ship, *HMAS Supply*, that took us to the Muraroa Atoll to sit and watch the French blowing up atomic bombs. We were showing the flag, as our government didn't like it, but I saw a lot of places—Mauritius, Seychelles, Mombasa in Kenya and the Gulf (Arabian).

Out!

AFTER seven and a half years I got out. Those who'd signed up for 12 could get out if they liked. It's like AFL players—everything done for you. I had to go back to the real world .

Elke was still on *Harman*, but we got a flat in Queanbeyan. I started working at the Royal Australian Mint, at a very boring job.

I was on the lines when coins came through. My job was to flick each one to see if it was too heavy. You couldn't knock off a thing, as you were weighed on the way in and out. For about 12 months it was a soul-destroying job .

Then I became a *Garbologist*, and really worked. You ran behind a truck jammed in first gear, and never stopped running. That suited most garbos, footy players, who kept fit picking up two bins at a time on their back.

If you threw bin bags over the truck, you didn't pick them up again, so garbage was everywhere. One Saturday I started at four, and didn't see my hand (through the fog) until two.

I had two names with that company, one for normal hours, the other overtime. Complain and your garbage was never picked up again.

In Canberra I worked at Fyshwick brick factory—12 hour days, non-stop loading bricks coming off assembly lines onto pallets. You'd leave a job, go over the road and get another.

My next job was on a dam site, 'til Elke got pregnant and left the navy. We went from Canberra to a one-roomed flat in Dennis St, Pt Augusta, sleeping on a mattress on the floor.

ETSA

I GOT A JOB at ETSA as a boiler cleaner—a dirty, dirty job, cleaning inside the boiler with a hose. It was dirty and dangerous.

Michael, the dog and us, in one room. We were able to get a house in Davenport St, and then a Housing Trust house in Derwent St near the *cuddle-de-sac*.

Joanne came along in '76. Elke worked part-time at the Myoora for the Dightons, and then at the hospital (for 30 years). Her mum (the *gestapo*—a legend there) worked there too.

I'd got a Rigger's ticket by going to Whyalla TAFE twice a week for a year. I didn't build scaffolds, but worked at heights, hanging round on beams on the new Northern Power Station (Commissioned 1985). Dangerous work!

Elke and I got married in the Registry Office, Adelaide, on Pageant Day '74, and stayed the weekend at Ambassadors Hotel, King William St—a very flash hotel years ago.

Mum, dad and the Mt Gambier Pipe Band went to our Reception. Mum, being very Scottish, had a great time lifting up kilts!



Frank and Elke on holidays in the 80s

After ten years in Derwent Place, we came to Quorn in 1986.

Michael and Joanne went to Quorn Area School. Michael played footy for Willsden, so I took him to Pt Augusta for training, and Saturday game days. I was yo-yoing a lot.

He got a fitter and turner apprenticeship with Michell's, the wool people in Adelaide. Then he followed one of his bosses to Melbourne, where he met a girl, and they had two boys.

Joanne worked part-time as a waitress with Jonesy at the Junction, when she was at school. Then she got a job with Rob Lewis at the Trans-continental—the best education she ever had.

She went to Adelaide by bus every week to do a hospitality course. Rob was a great bloke to work for, but he was very hard.

She was told straight away ‘If I ever see an empty glass on the bar, you’ll get a kick in the arse’. He’d never had holidays, but took a week off when Joanne, Alex, the cook, and Andy Smith were there on Fridays.

Joanne teamed up with Andrew (*Gus*) Altmann, and lived in Quorn, before moving to Kalgoorlie. Then they went to live in Perth, and Joanne started having babies.

Cycling

MICHAEL’S STILL IN MELBOURNE, big-time into bike racing. We go to the Alpine Classic at Bright every year, and he does the 300k-a-day ride through the mountains.



Frank and Elke's son Michael with their grandchildren, Luke and Max

When I was an ETSA Rigger, I had a work accident, smashed my ankle and had my foot fused. I’d done a lot of running, including 42k from Pt Augusta to Quorn in the Marathon.

Until the accident, (like *Forrest Gump*) I couldn’t stop running. Since then I’ve ridden every day, but my bike riding round Quorn has to have an aim.

I’d ridden one kilometre before, but last year I did Mt Buffalo—uphill. 70k took me five hours.

In May I rode 82k on gravel and grass at Creswick, Vic, in *The Pig and Whistle Dirt Bike Ride*. Luckily it was a beautiful day.

This year I’m going over to Mt Beauty to do the 60km Alpine Ride



Grandchildren. Centre—Joanne and Andrew (*Gus*) Altmann. Back—Michaela and Ethan. Front—Alissa

In the mornings I do a 10.6k course round town. I go up McConville Rd where I can see Devil’s Peak. It’s beautiful there then—about 10-10.30, after we get the paper (from Alan), and have our morning brew and do the crossword.

Entertainment

ELKE AND I love seeing live shows, and plan to see *Frozen* in Adelaide shortly. During the Fringe we see lots of live theatre.

We go somewhere like Surfers, Brisbane or Cairns, especially for anniversaries. Next week we’re off to Perth, on one of our many car and caravan trips. Then we’ve booked a posh hotel in Melbourne for *Hamilton*, the musical.

Before Covid we loved cruising. Up every morning for a walk round the ship. Six laps one mile, brekky, watch a movie by the pool.

We’d eat a three-course meal at night with half a loaf of bread—stuff we’d never do at home, but the sea air makes you hungry.

After dinner there’d be a live show—some terrific. I even made it on stage in the ship’s choir one night. I love singing, and it was a great experience.

Originally Elke’s dad bought what is now our driveway, but it was too small to build on. We bought it from them and put a flat there, but only Mum moved up. She was caretaker for another ten years. Dad died almost immediately.

We always say that coming to live in Quorn, was the best move we ever made. ■

Moockra School Roll Call 2022

STORY—JOHN MANNION

BACK IN JULY 1888 it was reported from Moockra that... 'A day school has been opened here in a private building. The attendance fully justifies the erection of a new school room and teacher's residence by the Government, which, it is to be hoped, will be an accomplished fact before the beginning of the next year.'

Moockra—officially known as the township of Coonatto until February 1941, is situated near the Moockra (Railway) Siding, eight miles west of Carrieton,

It appears that the residents of Moockra grew tired of waiting for the government and in February 1894 reported that they 'had erected a suitable schoolroom of their own'.

A teacher's residence was never built, and for the next 70 years teachers boarded with local families.

It is believed that the word 'Moockra' is an Aboriginal word applied to a hill crowned with a huge outcrop of rock (nearby Moockra Tower), also Aboriginal for 'rainy place'.

IN 1940 THE LATE LEO MORONEY WROTE:

The school I attend is Moockra about 200 miles from Adelaide. It was built about 50 years ago, of tin and weatherboard (with stone chimney). There is also a shelter shed on the north end and a verandah on the west. It is about 200 yards from the Moockra Railway Siding, and is the school my father attended. I started school when I was five and I have passed into a new grade every year. I am now in grade seven, and hope to get my Q.C. this year. The teacher's name is Mr. Giles, and I like him very much. There are twelve scholars attending, nine boys and three girls. Four boys ride bikes about four miles. I have only a few chains to walk. My two brothers go to school with me. I like going to school. I have not missed a day this year. There are no trees around it, but about a quarter of a mile away is a creek.

In addition to the school, Moockra once had a post office, store, town hall, railway office, wheat stacks, trucking yards and railway cottages.

**The old bush school:
Moockra School—1961**



*From left—Back—Rosaleen Connell, Carmel Connell, Elizabeth Connell, John Moroney, James Connell, Joan Moroney
Front—Vince and Roger Moroney*

On Sunday 12th June 2022, all roads led back to Moockra for a school reunion and commemoration. Former students and families and one teacher who attended the Moockra School, got together with past and present locals—there were around 90 in all. This event came about after Phil Anesbury took some photos of the Moockra school and students over to the Moroney's shearing a few months ago. Leo Case was there, saw the photos and contacted his sister-in-law Faye who made the comment: 'When we're gone, there will be hardly anyone left who would remember the school, and perhaps we should erect a commemorative plaque and interpretive sign on the school site.'

And so the whole project started in February this year. The school closed in 1964 and the building was removed 'sometime' in the 1990s. The only built heritage on the site today are two pine gate posts.

Faye Case researched and compiled the information, with photos coming from various sources, including former teacher 84-year old Phil Hannan from Mount Gambier.

Phil came to teach at Moockra straight out of teachers college in January 1956 and taught there for six years—during which time he saw

more dry and dusty days than wet ones. Phil left in December 1961 and married Maureen Baker from Carrieton in September 1962.

M.C. for the afternoon was Roger Moroney from Stirling North. Unveiling the sign, 89-year old John King also from 'the Mount' recalled some of his school days, in particular hearing the sounds of post WWII ammunition being blown up north of Carrieton. 'Mr Hannan' spoke of his disappointment when he realised that 'Moockra tower' was not a man made structure. He unveiled the plaque, also speaking about his teaching days at the school and living in the district.

Helen Smith (nee Maloney) from Auburn then recited a couple of verses of John O'Brien's evocative poem, 'The Old Bush School'.

Reminiscent of the old Arbor Day, which in SA dates back to June 1889, trees were planted by Len Nutt, who brought his own shovel, Phil Anesbury, Leo Case and Shirley Manning (nee King), the oldest student in attendance.

Di Scott and Michelle Hilder from Orroroo excelled themselves feeding those present with afternoon tea worthy of any country get-together.

Funding for the event came from the oldest living students of local families who attended the school—Herb and Mabel Anesbury (Phil and Norm), Jim and Mary Case (Desmond, Tom, Margaret and Leo), Jim and Sheila Connell (Elizabeth, Carmel, James and



Former Moockra School students, siblings John King (Mt Gambier) and Shirley Manning (Port Augusta) at the recent school reunion

Rosaleen), Paddy and Mary King (Cyril, Aileen, Shirley, John and Margaret), Jack and Mary Maloney (Pat, Catherine, John, Marie, Helen and Kevin), Leo and Dorothy Moroney (Roger, John, Joan and Vincent), Bonnie and Irene Nutt (Len and Val), and Jack and Cath Williams (Gay, Betty, Peter, Leonora, Irene and Marian).

Leo, Robert and Wil Case did the concrete work for the sign and plaque, and the District Council of Mount Remarkable supplied crushed metal. ■



Among the crowd at the recent Moockra School reunion were: L-R—Tony and Shirley Carn (Quorn), Kathleen (nee Carn) and Noel Raftery (Port Pirie)

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Flash As

Answer the call at Hawker, Quorn and Leigh Creek SA Ambulance Service volunteers needed

THE SA AMBULANCE SERVICE (SAAS) volunteer teams at Hawker, Quorn and Leigh Creek and surrounding areas are looking for volunteers to answer the call and join them, as the service launches a new community recruitment drive.

Volunteer Deb from Hawker, has been speaking about the benefits of becoming a SAAS volunteer as the latest SAAS campaign, titled 'Answer the Call' hits the streets. Deb says volunteering is easier than you think with the opportunity to make a difference in the community and gain life-long skills that can be used in everyday life.

Deb has been volunteering for three years now, having recently attained her Ambulance Responder status.

Deb says she found all the learnings gained from her training and volunteering to be fantastic and interesting. "I love being able to help people and wish I had made a career out of being a paramedic when I was younger!"

In Hawker, we get very varied patients and jobs, from transporting our elderly, to exciting rescues up mountains, driving our ambulance through gorges and creek beds, and working with the Royal Flying Doctor Service. All of this is very satisfying and exciting at times, and I love putting on my uniform!"

No prior medical knowledge is required, and no experience is needed. In fact, SAAS will provide the necessary training totally free of charge, and at the end of your training you'll walk away with a nationally accredited qualification (HLT21020 Certificate II in Medical Service First Response, HLT41120 Certificate IV in Health Care).

Deb keeps herself busy – aside from volunteering she owns her own accommodation business, and works at the local hotel as a bartender and kitchen hand.



SAAS ambulance volunteer Deb Youle

Whether you work full-time, are a student or retired, volunteering with SAAS can help you broaden your skillset, meet like-minded community members, and make new friends. With flexible rosters that can work around your lifestyle, you don't always need to be at the ambulance station when on-call, so like Deb, you can fit it into your lifestyle.

"I volunteer a couple of days a week but you are only required to do 30 hours a month, I would do more if work didn't get in the way!"

There's no better time to answer the call and take control in an emergency, to help save the lives of

others.

Interested? Call Regional Team Leader, Janet Brewer on 0417 881 950 or the Volunteer Support Unit on 1300 175 584 (Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm). Or apply through the SAAS website: www.saasvolunteer.sa.gov.au or email SAASvolunteer@sa.gov.au

Background:

Volunteer training is held regularly to ensure practical and clinical knowledge is up to date.

Volunteers are always paired with a qualified ambulance officer to support them when on call.

Volunteers undertake a minimum of 30 hours on the roster each month.

SAAS currently has 1300 volunteers around South Australia.

The training and uniforms are free, and volunteers are reimbursed for travel costs and child-care.

Volunteers are also offered free Ambulance Cover for them and their immediate family (in accordance with current Terms & Conditions).

SA Ambulance Service is a Registered Training Organisation RTO code 0264.

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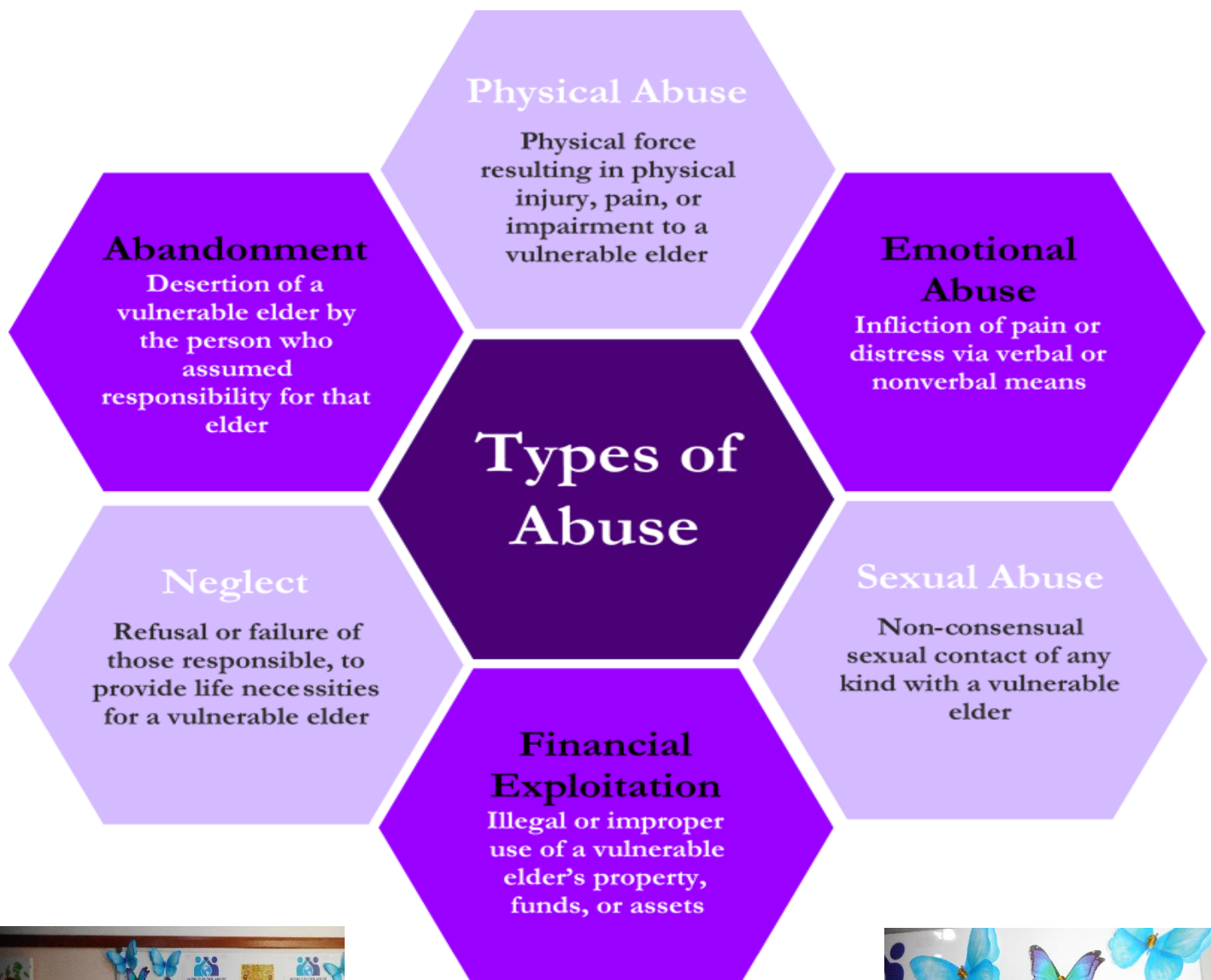
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Quorn Health Services



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The Quorn Auxiliary

THE QUORN AND DISTRICTS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL was opened in 1950 and soon after a group of local ladies including Mrs L. Burden, Mrs B. Pratt, Mrs E. Rodgers and Mrs S. Stewart formed the Hospital Auxiliary. Carlene Voigt, a trainee nurse at the Quorn Hospital in 1956 recalls that in those days the Hospital was not fully funded by the Government but subsidised by the S.A. Health Department. The Auxiliary was very important in helping with the shortfall in funding. They helped with things like linen supplies, mending sheets, making draw sheets and curtains. Funds were raised by holding trading tables and raffles to purchase expensive items such as Barouches and equipment for theatre. At Christmas time gifts were given to Staff and Patients.

The Auxiliary fell into recess, but was reformed in the early 80's, by this time hospitals were funded by the newly formed S.A. Health Commission. There was always a need for extra funding. The role of the Auxiliary had changed, no more mending but plenty of fundraising. More recently the Auxiliary has raised funds by catering. Most of the money raised in recent years has been by catering for the Bicycle SA cyclists who ride through Quorn annually. Up to 240 people at a time have enjoyed a 3 course meal provided by our dedicated volunteers. The best part of this catering is that the money is coming from outside of Quorn but is staying here in Quorn to spend on our Hospital and Flinders House.

The Auxiliary has catered for many and varied functions, birthday parties, Masonic Lodge dinners, clearing sales, Government department luncheons, the Quorn races and we even did a wedding. Some of the catering we do is purely as a community service while others are to raise funds. The recent pandemic has put a halt on some of those events.

The Flinders Ranges Council Seniors Christmas Party and the Annual Christmas Party for Residents of Flinders House and the Hospital plus their families are such events where the Auxiliary volunteers give their time freely.

And of course, Funerals, The Auxiliary have for many years provided catering for Funeral Wake's, purely as a community service not a money making exercise.

In the last 5 years the Auxiliary has spent over \$47,000 on various items for both the Hospital and Flinders House. Yes that's \$47,000. That is an incredible amount of money. The items purchased

vary from Easter and Christmas gifts for the Residents to lifters and Cloud chairs to assist staff in moving Residents with greater comfort. The Cloud Chair (pictured) cost over \$4,300 each and we have donated 4 in the last 5 years. We have also donated over \$5,000 to purchase items as diverse as outdoor furniture, indoor bowling mat, hymn books as well as other entertainment needs as required.

This Year we will be losing 2 committee members/office bearers for varied reasons. We need people to step up and take on these roles, to ensure we can still do what we do. We have a group of volunteers that help with the cooking but really need a couple of people that can help with allocating and organising our volunteers. This is a very rewarding organisation and a great group of ladies. If you have a wish to help more in Your community the Quorn Auxiliary could be for you. If we don't get these positions filled, we may have to go into recess. While there are lots of fundraising groups here in Quorn we are the only one dedicated to providing comfort and luxuries to our invalid community members at both Flinders House and the Hospital.

Some months we need you 2 times a month but at other times its nothing for 3 months.

We will be calling a meeting in the next couple of weeks to see if people can help us out. We hope that with the support of this great community the Auxiliary can continue it's work, providing some necessities or even luxuries for our ill and elderly and those that care for them.

Thank You

The Quorn Auxiliary ■



Pithi Kawi Trail & Quorn Bush Food Garden – Winter 2022

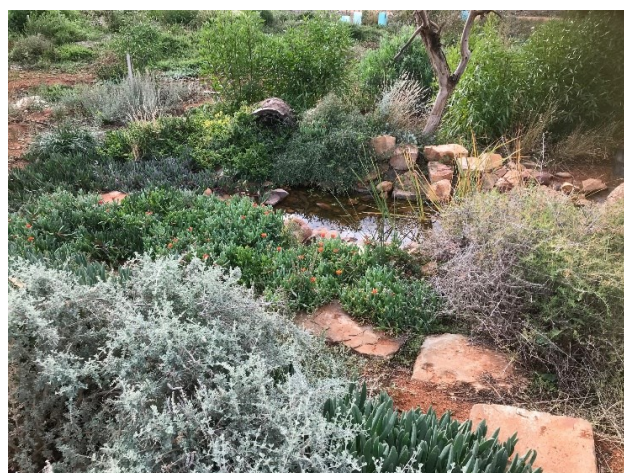
VOLUNTEERS AND FLINDERS Ranges Council staff continue to create and maintain beautiful garden spaces along the Pithi Kawi Walking trail. The walking path has become popular with many residents and visitors to the town, and has been an ideal surface for many of Quorn's kids to learn to ride their bikes in recent months.

A Flinders Ranges Froglet (*Crinia riparia*) population is now established in Frog Pond in the swale of the Bush Food Garden. Habitat Growth in the swale is booming and supporting a range of small lizards and regular bird visitors to the frog pond.

Several crops of native grass seed have been harvested from the Thutha patch by the Quorn Community Landcare group over recent months with the trial of making small grass seed 'stooks' to share with local landowners, farmers and pastoralists to reintroduce perennial species into degraded areas.

Council has installed new interpretative signage onto gabion baskets. The drink fountain with dog water bowl is a popular recent addition.

The site has been used for numerous talks, walks and workshops; including a Flinders Ranges Tourism Operators day hosted in Quorn and visits by Pt Augusta Garden Club and Stirling North Primary School. The gardens will host a fantastic range of workshops and events during the up-coming Quandong Festival, including some time with ABC celebrity Costa. ■



Worm Farm Workshop – Quorn Community Landcare Group

A HIGHLY INTERESTING workshop into the dark art of successful worm farming was presented in Quorn by Iain Dunk.

The interest in this particular species of worm stems from their capacity to create high value nutrient rich soil/compost which in turn produces a growing medium that plants love (veggie growers know this only too well).

Iain described the life cycle and habits of worms and their requirements needed to ensure long term production. Worm 'tea' was also demonstrated where water is strained through worm castings which provides a natural fertilizer and a guaranteed plant boost. ■



July 2022

The Port Augusta-Quorn Landscape Group held its sixth meeting in Quorn on Tuesday 28 June. The group worked through its People and Partnerships actions list. The next meeting will be held in Port Augusta on Tuesday 9 August.

Foxes

The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board's Biteback team is hoping to schedule an injection service in Quorn in coming months. Manufactured baits: De-K9, Doggone and Foxoff are available for sale. If you are interested in a fox baiting service this year, please register your interest with Brett on 0409 753 495.

Pepper Tree injector

If you need some help controlling Pepper Trees on your property, the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board is able to lend a device to landholders. The injector requires the use of a drill, which injects a herbicide capsule into the trunk. This is a safe and efficient method, as opposed to a cut stump where felling trees is required. Please contact Brett Devitt if you like to know more.

Cactus control

With the winter solstice behind us now, the cactus controlling cochineal insects will be looking forward to sap sucking in spring. Your local Community Landscape Officer is able to provide cochineal to help landholders control cactus on their property.



Cochineal working hard on controlling cactus at Warren Gorge

Quandong Festival

As proud supporters and sponsor of the Quandong Festival, staff here at the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board are looking forward to the activities and events on the weekend of August 6-7. Find out more at www.quandongfestival.com

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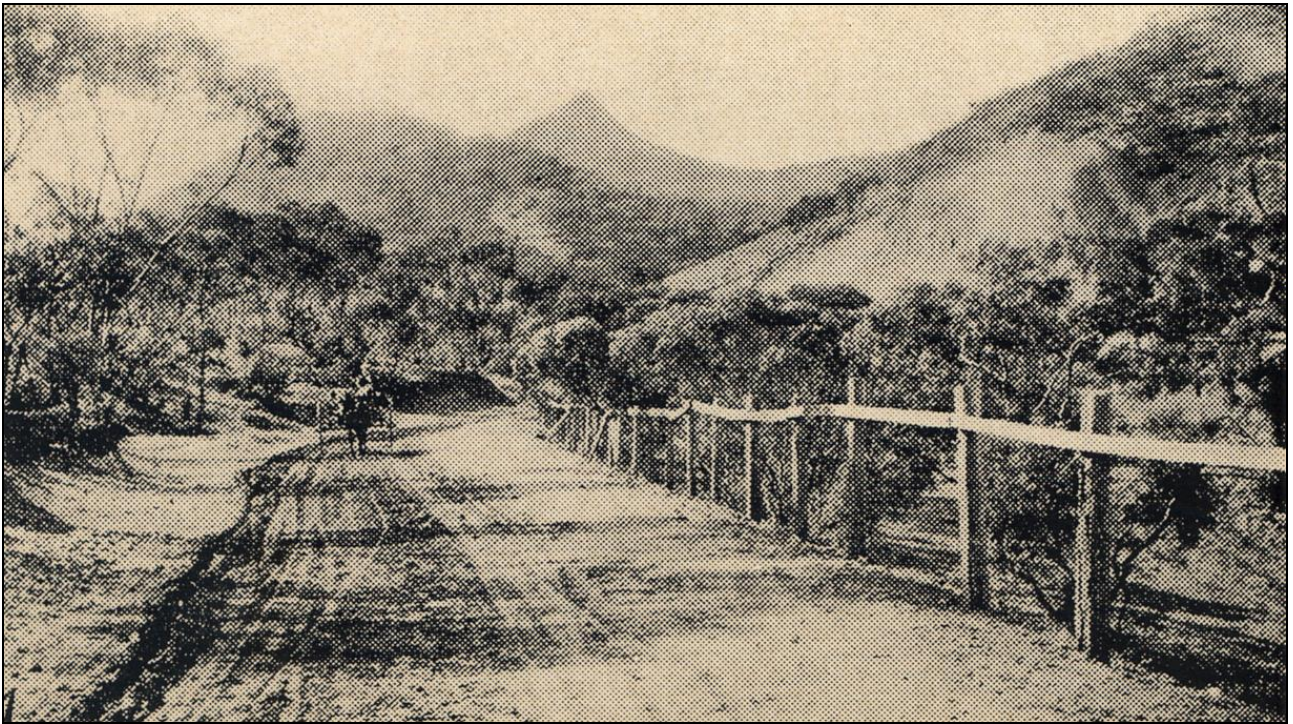
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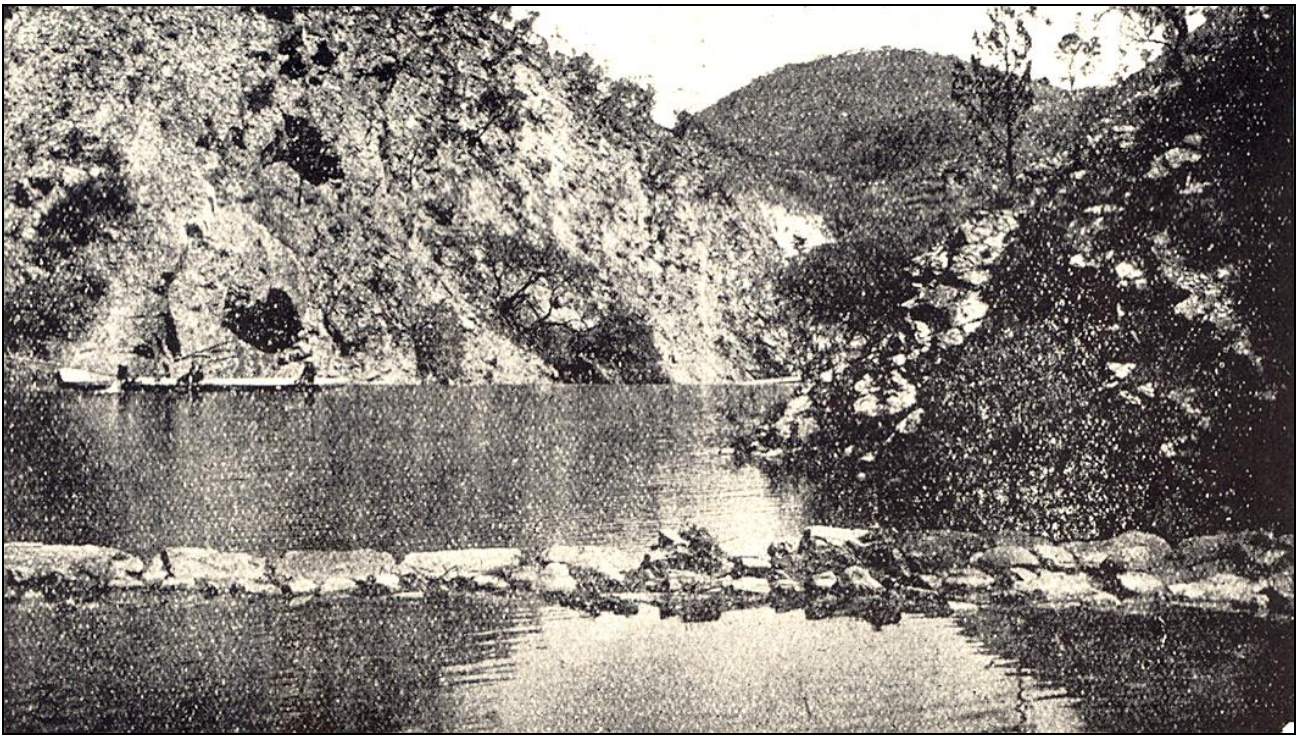
Pictures — From the Past



TWO PHOTOS FROM the *Quorn Carnival Souvenir* (24–30 September, 1928). The above is of the ‘Pichi Richi Pass Near Quorn’. And below, ‘Messrs Lynch & Fitzgerald’s Store: First Stone Store Built in Quorn’. The photos are grainy because back then they were printed through a screen of tiny dots, which you can probably make out here. This makes reproducing early photos from newspapers, magazines, and even books like the one these two are from, sometimes very rough, no matter how thoroughly you scan them. The fence in the top one was called a ‘Post & Rail Fence’, which used nothing but timber. Imagine that road in rain! ■



The Famous Depot Creek



YOU MIGHT BE surprised to find that a famous place near Quorn, long before our town was proclaimed on 16th May, 1878, was Depot Creek, 20 km from Quorn and 25 km from Pt Augusta.

Remember that the British first settled in what became the Province of South Australia in 1836, at Adelaide. And exploration proceeded gradually northwards from there. Edward John Eyre's first expedition from Adelaide reached (and named) Mt Remarkable, and then went up the west side of the Flinders Ranges.



Edward John Eyre in 1845

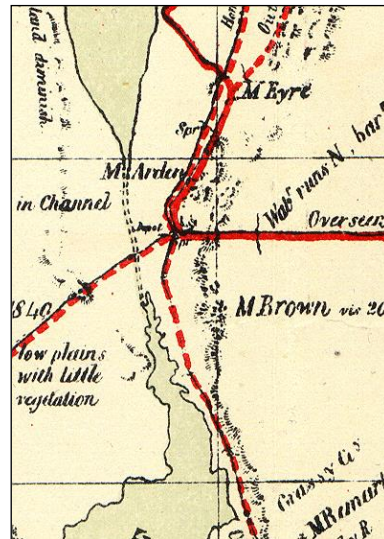
Water was getting hard to find. And so when he reached the great pool (in the above photo) up an otherwise dry creek in May 1839, he named it Depot Creek. And he made it his headquarters for the rest of his explorations near it.

He sent his Overseer, John Baxter, to climb the hills to the east and report what

he could see in that direction. He reported he saw nothing but tree-tops, right to the horizon!

He was looking east over the country just north of Quorn. Which tells us how much that country was cleared by settlers later on.

Depot Creek was reliable and useful. Expeditions could camp there, and ships could replenish their supplies at the head of Spencer Gulf, and offload fresh horses and equipment.



The part of a map of Eyre's journeys shows Depot Creek where he camped in 1839, 40, & 41. The word 'Depot' is very small where all the tracks meet. It's between Mt Arden and Mt Brown.

Other explorers used Depot Creek, too. For example, John Horrocks of Penwortham led a party northwards in 1846. They found a way through the Flinders Ranges via Horrocks Pass, and reached Depot Creek on 21st August. They could still see Eyre's tracks there.

They went north-west to Lake Dutton, where Horrocks was clearing his gun next to the party's

only camel. It lurched into him, and he shot himself, losing a middle finger and teeth. He was in terrible pain, and they had to turn back.

Despite the pain he remained cheerful. They returned to Depot Creek, and then got him all the way back to his Penwortham property, thinking he'd recover *because* he was so cheerful. But he died three days later despite this.

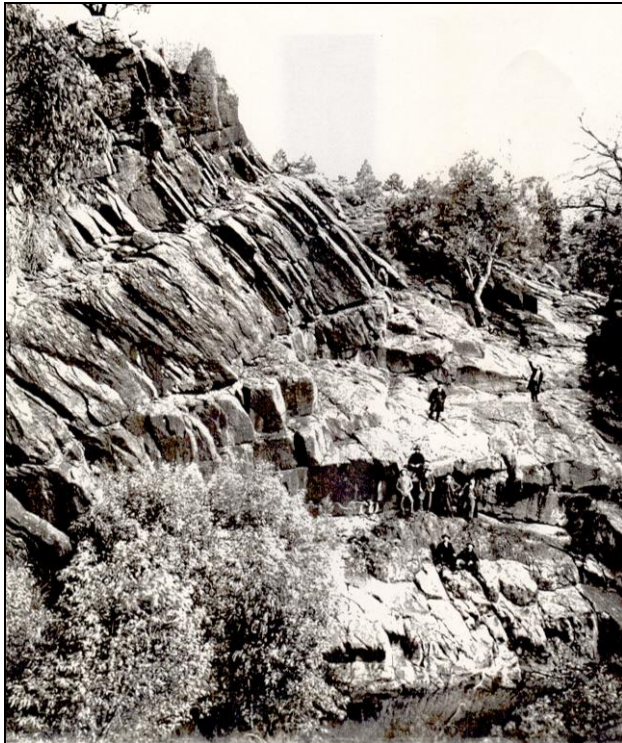


Stuart sketched as a bushman

John McDouall Stuart was also at Depot Creek later on. He was one of the first explorers to learn to live *with* the bush, and to travel far more lightly through it, instead of fighting *against* it.

And so he was the first to cross Australia all the way from south to north and back, though he suffered terribly doing it, and died aged only 50 back in England.

Later, such a large pool of water was tapped by Pt Augusta, and a pipeline built from Depot Creek for it. You can still see remains of it today.



Of course, Quorn people went picnicking at Depot Creek, as you can see in the photo above.

But if you wish to drive there today, the roads are rough, and you need to get permission from the Station owners whichever way you go—direct from Quorn, or from Pt Augusta.



The above photo is of the track to Depot Creek from Quorn, looking west. It's at present 4-wheel drive country. A group of us drove out there last February, which was, of course, the end of Summer. So, below, see how dry Depot Creek was !



Notice the hiking trail between the trees, and the trail-marker pole close to the lowest tree? It's the Heysen Trail, going alongside the creek.

Yes, Depot Creek is very much a part of our local history, and a significant part of the original colonial attempts to explore Australia. ■

The Bob Crocker Rescue

IN THE 1940S the Gammon Ranges in the Northern Flinders were scarcely known at all. The Director of Mines, Ben Dickinson, said in *The Advertiser* early in 1946, 'No white man has ever succeeded in penetrating [them]'.

That wasn't in fact true, but in Adelaide, Warren Bonython was fascinated, and with Bob Crocker and Fred Steadman drove up there in a truck in July. Bob was an experienced explorer. He'd been on Cecil Madigan's two expeditions across the Simpson Desert in 1932 and 1939.



The second (unused) depot at the Italowie junction, found by the 5-man Beckwith May 1947 hike. Water can, rations, etc

They base-camped at Loch Ness Well, on Balcanoona Station. The Well is just inside the south edge of the Gammons. And they established two depots for a three-day hike up Mt John Roberts, west along the top of the Blue Range, and back down to the junction of the North and South Branches of the Italowie Creek.

The two depots contained a lot of heavy scientific equipment such as a theodolite. They were placed on the Blue Range above Mt John Roberts, and at the Italowie Creek junction.

They set out on 31st July 1946, reached their first depot, and loaded up. Unfortunately, their loads were ridiculously heavy, and a short distance west along the Blue Range Bob slipped and broke his lower left leg. You could hardly pick a worse place for an accident than that!

Warren left Fred with Bob, and set off all the way back to Loch Ness, then further south to Grindell's Hut in the Balcanoona Range where was a telephone. It was 6pm. He reported the accident to Bill Thomas, Balcanoona's Manager. Bill told him to follow the phone line through

Weetootla Gorge to where he could drive, and pick him up. Unfortunately, Warren lost his way and headed north instead. He turned back later, but didn't reach Bill until the next morning.



Main rescue party at Loch Ness Well about to set out. From left—Malcolm McKenzie, Bill Thomas, Bill Wilson, Joe Ford (squatting), Warren Bonython, Bob Wilson, Fred McKenzie, Pat Pycroft (squatting), 'Whistler' Smith, & Percy Paterson. Photo by Bentley Greenwood, also one of the rescuers

Thomas had been an Army Light Horse Captain, and swiftly organised the rescue. Of course, outback people drop everything without hesitation for things like this, and did, even from Wertaloona Station despite shearing at the time. From 17 to 20 men apparently took part.

Thomas organised a three-pronged approach: from Yankaninna in the north-west; from the western end of the Blue Range; & from Loch Ness Well. All of seven Stations were involved: Arkaroola, Balcanoona, Frome Downs, Mt Serle, Wertaloona, Wooltana, and Yancaninna.

Gordon 'Smiler' Greenwood of Mt Serle tried to get to Crocker by climbing Arcoona Bluff at the west end of the Blue Range. I could find no record of how many were with him, maybe four. But their progress east along the Blue Range was through such dense bush that they turned back when they realised they'd get there far too late.



Stretcher party north off the Blue Range into Mainwater Pound. Bonython left; Fred Steadman w peaked cap like Crocker on stretcher; Bob Wilson carrying front & Malcolm McKenzie rear

The Loch Ness party (as you can see), carrying almost nothing but a stretcher, no camping gear, nor any food, reached Crocker at sunset, in four hours. Two of the Indigenous men peeled semi-circular sections of bark from a pine tree, and Bentley Greenwood of Arkaroola Station used them to splint Crocker's broken leg.

Keith Lillecrapp on Yancaninna, and his son Gordon (on his 17th birthday!) grabbed two of their horses, and actually *rode* them across the Yancaninna Range into Mainwater Pound and then all the way up to the top of the Blue Range and along it. They arrived just after sunset.

They'd thought of using the horses to get Crocker down into Mainwater Pound. But the country was too steep, scrubby, and stony.

That night, 1st August, none of the rescuers had any food, nor any camping equipment, right near the highest peak in the Northern Flinders (Benbonyathe Hill), and on top of a mountain Range—in mid-winter! Gordon Lillecrapp told me that *he* huddled inside his horse blanket.



Stop on way down Dogleg Creek into Mainwater Pound, north off the Blue Range. Gordon Lillecrapp with horses Betsy & Daisy (from left). Theodolite on Daisy. Bob Crocker smoking his pipe. Keith Lillecrapp front left Joe Ford front right

The best way out was north down the steep flank of the Blue Range to the floor of Mainwater Pound. At the Pound's eastern entrance was a track up to the Yadrina hut (pronounced 'Eedaninna'), a Balcanoona Outstation. And from there a station road went to Yancaninna homestead (not then where it is today.)

Keith Lillecrapp's wife, Laura, had been Matron of the Burra Hospital, so she came up to Yadrina to check on Crocker when he arrived.

The third day, 2nd August, was foggy and cold. The rescue party set out around 8 to 8.30am, taking turns on the stretcher. The photos show clearly how tough that would have been!



This photo was made famous in Australian newspapers at the time. It shows the average slope on the way down. Top left Fred Steadman. Bottom from right, Joe Ford, Keith Lillecrapp with stretcher, Fred McKenzie. Others unidentified

Bill Wilson's younger brother Bob from Wertalooona was a big, strong, solidly-built man, who took a large part in the stretchering. Gordon Lillecrapp on foot led the two horses down.

It was only 3½ km to the floor of the Pound, yet that took seven exhausting hours to cover. But of course they were desperate not to have to spend another night partway down. Once there, Crocker was sat on the smaller horse, Daisy, to get to the Pound's entrance, hurting his leg painfully on the undergrowth. Vehicles were waiting for him at the entrance. This took five hours more, the last part lit by torches and lanterns.

A car took Crocker to Yancaninna. Then on the fourth day he was driven down to the Greenwood's Mt Serle Station. He was let sleep there, exhausted by it all. Next he was driven to the Australian Inland Mission Hostel that was in Leigh Creek from 1945 to 1952, in the doctor's house. But there was no doctor there at this time.

Finally, on the fifth day, Sunday 4th August, an ambulance took him all the way south to the nearest hospital, in Hawker, then named the War Memorial Hospital. And of course, there were no sealed roads north of Pt Augusta back then. So it was a very rough trip! The rescue took 4½ days from the accident to the Hawker Hospital.

Today the whole rescue would take only hours via helicopter. But this was 76 years ago! ■

Note: This is a far shorter version of my original article of the same name. published in *SEGments*, the journal of the SA Scientific Expedition Group, in the June 2015 issue.

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Women's Fellowship

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP met at the Austral Hotel on 15th June for a meal, then a Show and Tell of a variety of items brought by members. ■



Diane George had a small zipper bag for the bottom a handbag, containing a range of miniature, useful items



Meredith Heymink had some burial dolls from Peru. The fabric they are made from is over 50 years old. She also showed a woven bag and knitted hat from Peru



Jenny Crisp showed some items owned by her mother and collected by an aunt. From left—a candle snuffer, posy holder, cutlery rest and opium pipe



Minette Gorecki showed an old welsh gold ring given to her by a friend, which she then had an opal set in



Kathy Kowalewski displayed a garden gnome she painted after finding it in her garden when she moved to Quorn



Jenny Cross showed her table tennis trophies won at the Australia Day annual competition held at her home

Show and Tell



Anne Freebairn showed a plate sent from England by family members—a reminder of a familiar saying. She also had a carved and decorated emu egg and goose egg



Shirley Carn had a teddy her brother gave her when in hospital when she was aged 6



Vicki Deer showed a cup and saucer given to her by an aunt when a young girl. Another item was an egg wigher which had belonged to her husband's family



Di Williams displayed some of her collection of Olympic memorabilia including some from the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne



Loraine Pumpa showed a doll she has owned for over 60 years

Quorn Under 15's Netball Team



Ella, Mia & Annabelle work to get the ball into the goal circle against strong defence from the Vikings



Assistant Coach Rebecca Lyman speaks with the girls at half time



Maia, Ebonie, Cheyanne, Hannah, Annabelle, Mia and Ella after their game against the Vikings



Quorn entrants in the Pichi Richi Marathon 10km Run,
From left—Kurt Tschirner, Kathy Rabig and John Badman



From left—Rebecca Lyman completed the 10 km Run and
Maia Tschirner completed the 5km run

Quorn Out and About



Quorn Resident Andrea Bury
participating in the 5km Run



Quorn Resident Sandra Wittwer
enjoying her participation on the Marathon walk



Above from left—Vince Moroney (Quorn), John Moroney, Joan Rosser (nee Moroney), Brian Moroney (Port Augusta) and Roger Moroney

The Mookra School Reunion—See Page 8

Below from left—Teresa Hunter, Lyn Manning and Helen Manning



Issy McTaggart in the 5km Run



John Kimber, 6-3-2019—‘Brill Car in Pichi Richi Pass’. The last of John’s sketches he let us use

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Edna Rodgers—30/03/1923-08/05/2015



“I’m still only a very ordinary cook”

EDNA RODGERS is a Quorn district identity and has a long-term connection to the area through her maternal grandparents, the Trestrail’s. They had a farm on the Willochra Plains in the late 19th century. ‘Aunty Edna’ as she was known locally, was born at Quorn “*Back sometime in the 1920s*”, the youngest of six children to Thomas and Henrietta Carman.

Thomas was a blacksmith and also had a motor garage in the town. He was unfortunately drowned in a flash flood in the Wirreanda Creek near Gordon when Edna was only nine months old. So Edna’s widowed mother shifted to the city and young Edna grew up in the suburb known then as Millswood Estate.

Edna was no stranger to the Quorn area though, experiencing many school holiday visits to the Rodgers farm, where her mother had lived as a girl. The farm was on the flat near Itali Itali on the eastern side of the Quorn-Wilmington road. Arch Rodgers was a Carman family friend and used to stay with the family during his annual visits to the

city for the country cricket carnival. Edna eventually married Arch in 1951 and went north to live on the farm known as Gum Downs.

After her schooling in Adelaide, Edna went on to study at business college and later worked as an office girl in the city office of the small-goods manufacturer Foggit Jones. The factory in the Adelaide Hills made fritz and ham. Edna also worked for the Commonwealth Government along with quite a few other young women during the Second World War (1939-45).

She later worked at the Adelaide GPO as a telegram typist due to a shortage of men. It was during this time that Edna became friends with the mother of Quorn’s current resident GP, Dr Tony Lian-Lloyd. “*Dr Tony’s mother was a Morse code operator, and Fos Williams worked there too.*” Edna also worked in Sydney for five months before returning to Adelaide, where she was married and “*Had to give up work*”.

Edna was an independent young woman and had a little Ford Prefect car in which she and Arch drove up to the farm. Edna recalls “*It was a stinking hot time of year and our home was a weatherboard house with a slate flag floor and little or no conveniences—no electric light or power on the place. There was a kerosene fridge, which I managed to blacken the walls with until I got used to it, and Arch’s mother lived with us for about 12 months.*” Edna recalls Arch telling her “*You’ll never go hungry living on a farm*” and they didn’t either. They had chooks, “*I learned to kill and pluck a chook but I wasn’t terribly keen about it; didn’t mind the plucking, but the cleaning—didn’t go much on that*”. Arch would kill his own sheep and used to like brains and lambs fry for breakfast.

Edna learned how to bone a shoulder of mutton, mince it up and make patties. She reckons that there wasn't much that Arch wouldn't eat, "*But he couldn't stand rabbits, couldn't stand them as he reckoned he'd seen and killed enough rabbits without having to eat them*". Edna also learned to milk a cow, but admits "*I was pretty slow*" and if there was a surplus of milk it was separated and the cream taken to the Kingswood railway siding a couple of miles away and sent to the Orroroo butter factory. Edna also recalls that Arch would take meat and milk to the German migrant railway workers who were living in tents at the Kingswood siding around the time she came to live on the farm.

In 1963 they shifted into a new home on the farm, "*it was built by two brothers from Wilmington and Arch helped*." Looking back Edna has no regrets about life on the farm and "*when Arch needed a bit of help I'd just give him a hand—you had to on the farm. It (Itali Itali) was not a bad spot in good years. We had good neighbours, the Kelly's and Hilder's and it was only four miles from Bruce—Ian rode his bike to the Bruce school which was conducted in the old railway station until the Quorn school bus came along. We never went out much, I never learned to dance. My mother wouldn't let me! 'You don't know what goes on at dances' she said, but my brothers did, they were men*".

Edna and Arch had one son Ian, who still runs the mixed farming property, with his son Paul, "*I have three grandchildren, two girls and boy*". In the early years Edna had lots of visits from city nieces and nephews, and they would remind her, "*I often think of you Auntie Edna, you'd be cooking there for hours and in a short time it was all gone*." Looking back Edna maintained "*I'm still only a very ordinary cook. I have a couple of recipes I use—back then we had a wood stove with great long trays and it was no effort to fill a couple of trays*."

Edna's life had a setback when Arch died, "*It's over 40 years ago now—Ian was away at college*." But Edna stayed on the farm, "*The neighbours, Peter Maloney, and Ron and Daph Hilder were good to me after Arch died, and their son Roger, or 'Broom' was a great help when Ian was away at*

National Service." Ian Rodgers convinced his mother that she would be better off living in the town, and Edna finally relented, "*But I hated it when I shifted into town—about 30 years ago now—I didn't want to live in North Quorn, I didn't want to live in Quorn at all, but I'm very happy here now. I have great neighbours and I got into lawn bowls in a big way*".

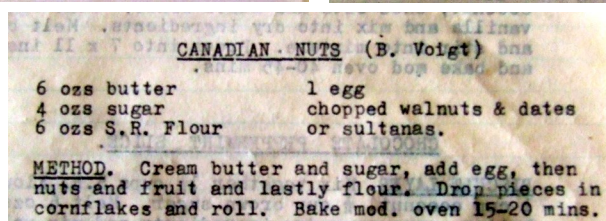
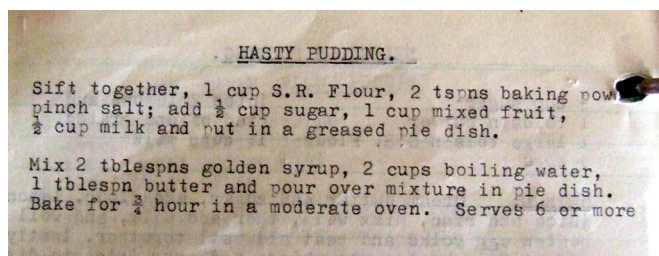
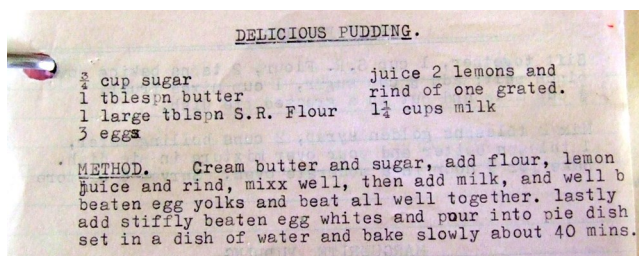
Edna hadn't played bowls for about three years at that time, "*When you get older you've got to be a bit sensible*", but still patronised them, taking 'a plate' (with afternoon tea on) and was the Club Patron.

Edna still did quite a bit of cooking, "*I often send some out to Ian at the farm, as his wife Pam works for TAFE at Port Augusta, and it's something for me to do*." Smiling, Edna reckons all boys are spoiled by their mothers, "*And when Paul (grandson) visits me I notice that the biscuit tin always goes down*."

Edna feels she inherited her love for cooking from her mother—"Mother was a good cook, Friday was her cooking day and us kids would get home from school and we'd clean up. One of my favourites as a girl was Delicious Pudding—one of my mother's recipes and I still make it today, but call it Lemon Pudding. I take Lemon Pudding to bowls, and the plate always comes home empty, so that seems quite popular."

Edna also made scones that people talked about, "*They're just ordinary scones and once cooked I keep them in the freezer. When I get visitors I cut the scones in half and put them back in the oven, and reheat them. Most people like them, they're cheesy, as ordinary scones dry out*."

Despite her reputation as a 'good old country cook' Edna still feels that "*I'm still only a very ordinary cook*". However I did manage to sample, and get her to share a couple of her favourite recipes with me, including the Lemon Pudding, and here they are unabridged, and straight out of Edna's personal files, typed on her old typewriter. Also one from a family friend, Barbara Smith (nee Voigt) who now lives near Belton, north of Orroroo. ■



Spot the Difference

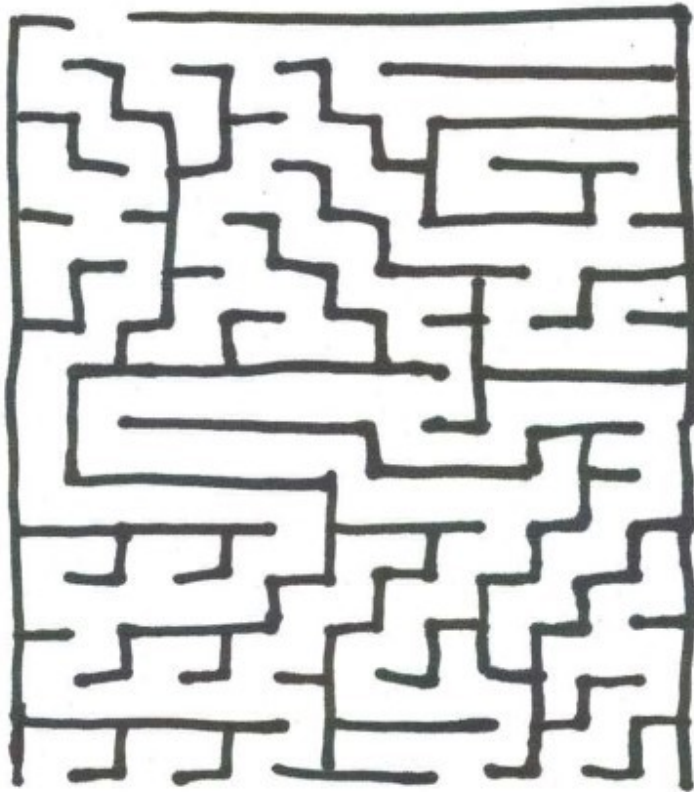


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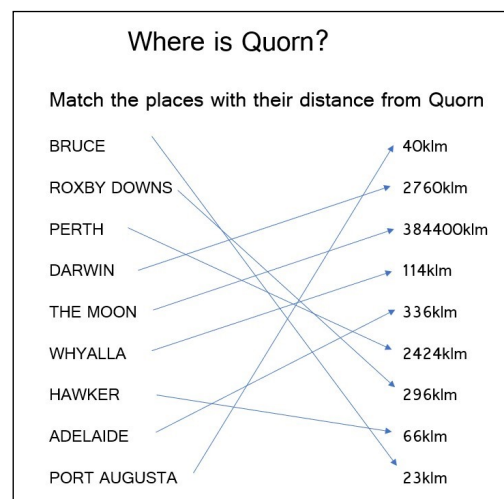


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Recipe

Banana Pies

4 sheets Shortcrust Pastry
1 tblsp fine Sugar
¼ tsp Cinnamon
4 Bananas

Cut 17cm (7in) circle from each pastry sheet. Mix sugar and cinnamon in bowl.

Peel and slice banana, on diagonal, and place in centre of each pastry round. Sprinkle with sugar mix. Fold edges of pastry to slightly enclose the filling, leaving a gap in the middle. Cook on lightly greased trays in a preheated hot oven for approx. 20 minutes. Till pastry is crisp and golden. Can be served with cream, custard or ice cream.

These pies can be made with any sliced fresh fruit. If using canned fruit drain very well.



Taken from Simple Dinners. No-fuss meals for busy people.

Get the message?

This is hilarious - no wonder some people were offended! This is the message that the Maroochydhore High School staff in Queensland, voted unanimously to record on their school telephone answering machine. This is the **actual** answering machine message for the school!

This came about because they implemented a policy requiring students and parents to be responsible for their children's absences and missing homework. The school and teachers are being sued by parents who want their children's failing grades changed to passing grades - even though those children were absent 15-30 times during the semester and did not complete enough school work to pass their classes.

The outgoing message:

Hello! You have reached the automated answering service of your school. In order to assist you in connecting to the right staff member, please listen to all the options before making a selection:

To lie about why your child is absent - Press 1
To make excuses for why your child did not do his work - Press 2
To complain about what we do - Press 3
To swear at staff members - Press 4
To ask why you didn't get information that was already enclosed in your newsletter and several flyers mailed to you - Press 5
If you want us to raise your child - Press 6
If you want to reach out and touch, slap or hit someone - Press 7
To request another teacher, for the third time this year - Press 8
To complain about bus transportation - Press 9
To complain about school lunches - Press 0
If you realize this is the real world and your child must be Accountable and responsible for his/her own behaviour, class work, homework and that it's not the teachers' fault for your child's lack of effort: Hang up and have a nice day!
If you want this in another language, move to a country that speaks it! ■

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Quorn Area School

MNSEC FORMAL



Our Year 11/12s travelled by private bus to the 'Maple and Pine' Function Centre in the Bundaleer Forest for the MNSEC Formal on Friday 17th June. Schools including Quorn, Orroroo,

Booleroo, Jamestown, Peterborough, Gladstone and Jamestown were all in attendance. It was a lovely event which was enjoyed by all. It was pleasing to see students from all schools mingling and dancing and thoroughly enjoying themselves whilst making new connections. Our thanks to the Jamestown Community School for hosting the 2022 MNSEC Formal. The music, decorations and venue were just beautiful. A big thanks to Mr Mac for joining us at this event. ■



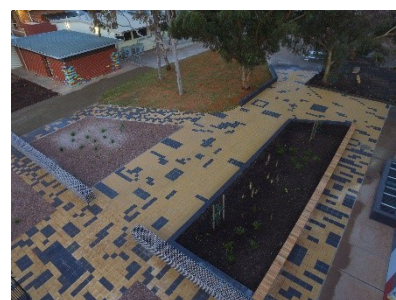
SAPSASA FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Noah Kruger and Sam Finlay (Year 6s) who were selected in the District SAPSASA Football competition. The boys travelled to Adelaide from Monday the 30/5 until Wednesday the 1/6 and competed in a 15-a-side competition with other students in the Port Augusta region. The event was held at Barratt Reserve, West Beach. There were three days of tough competition where the boys competed against a number of other country regions. The Northern SAPSASA Football team had some great wins and some challenging games as well. Thanks for doing QAS proud! ■



NEW LANDSCAPING

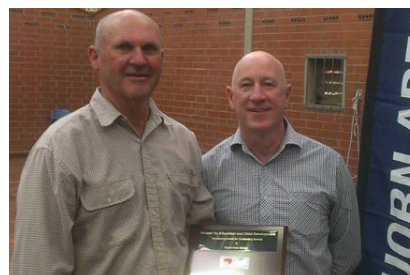
After much discussion, planning and the inevitable COVID-19 delays, our upgrade to the Stokes Road entrance is complete. The final results are magnificent, and we now have a frontage that reflects our standing as a centre of learning committed to a continuous improvement journey. Linking the old and the new is always a challenge in redevelopment, and this was further compounded by the need to create an area that could handle the heat and the water flow accompanying any heavy rain. In time our learners will benefit from additional natural shade and the cooling effects of lawn and plants in this historical barren and exposed area. I want to thank all of the staff and the wider community who have contributed to this development, and we are optimistic that we will complete the second stage in 2023. ■



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

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

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



My office can help you with

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



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Quorn Mercury Revisited

VIP's Visit

10 Years Ago

On Wednesday 13th June, Quorn Area School had a pair of very special visitors, Maggie Beer and Stephanie Alexander, who came to visit the school's Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden, which has been under construction this year.

Pictured above: Maggie and Stephanie with QAS garden specialist, Sharon Taylor.

Pictured below: Jodie McCallum, Michael Unger, Maggie Beer, Sharon Taylor and Stephanie Alexander, with Mr Unger's Year 4 class.



Pichi Richi Steam Train

20 Years Ago

PR Railway Must Be Saved

THE Pichi Richi Railway ceased all operations on Sunday 30th June.

This was brought about because the Society was unable to extend its public liability insurance cover.

The railway is required to have suitable insurance cover by the terms of its accreditation as a railway operator under the State Rail Safety Act administered by Transport SA.

A special hired steam train from Port Augusta travelled to Quorn where passengers de-trained and boarded buses for the return journey.

The steam engine and carriages were then removed to the Quorn workshops for storage.

The Society, which was formed on 22nd July 1973, was officially opened for travel to Woolshed Flat by the then Governor of South Australia Sir Mark Oliphant.

In the intervening years the Society has progressed to open more of the line, and last year reached Port Augusta.

It is a cruel blow to members, and will be severely felt in Quorn which has benefited from the tens of thousands of visitors who have travelled on PRR over its 28 years of operation.

PICHI RICHI RAILWAY



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

THE JULY HOLIDAYS are just about upon us and many thanks to the hardworking team who went out with W934 to make sure it was roadworthy—and collected almost 700 old sleepers that were lying along the track between Summit and Woolshed Flat.

It also good to have W934 back in service after a few months out of action.



The sleeper recovery team with W934 on the 25th of June

In 2021, Bronwyn Ingram asked many of our volunteers three questions. We will be including some of the responses each month

PRR Volunteer 3 Questions Survey Jeanette Hodgson

How long have you been involved with PRR?

3.5 years

Best thing about volunteering at PRR?

The other volunteers, passengers, the train, history, being in the Flinders Ranges, love talking to passengers and exploring the Flinders Ranges.

Three words to describe PRR

All, Round, Experience



Scheduled Trains in July

Saturday 2nd Afghan Express –
dep Port Augusta 10:30am, return PA 16:30

Sunday 3rd Pichi Richi Explorer –
dep Quorn 10:30am, return Quorn 13:30

Saturday 9th Afghan Express –
dep Port Augusta 10:30am, return PA 16:30

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

Tuesday 12th Pichi Richi Explorer –
dep Quorn 10:30am, return Quorn 13:30

Thursday 14th Pichi Richi Explorer –
dep Quorn 10:30am, return Quorn 13:30

Saturday 16th Afghan Express –
dep Quorn 10:30am, return Quorn 13:30

Sunday 17th Pichi Richi Explorer –
dep Quorn 10:30am, return Quorn 13:30

Tuesday 19th Pichi Richi Explorer –
dep Quorn 10:30am, return Quorn 13:30

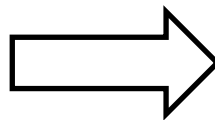
Thursday 21st Pichi Richi Explorer –
dep Quorn 10:30am, return Quorn 13:30

Saturday 23rd Afghan Express –
dep Port Augusta 10:30am, return PA 16:30

Sunday 24th Pichi Richi Explorer –
dep Quorn 10:30am, return Quorn 13:30

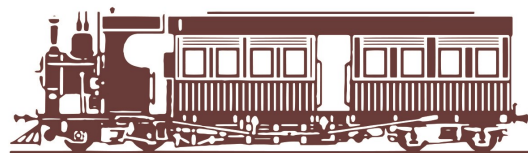
Saturday 30th Afghan Express –
dep Port Augusta 10:30am, return PA 16:30

BOOK YOUR JOURNEY HERE



Would you like to learn more about #teamPRR? Why don't you call our Members Services Manager, Bronwyn Ingram, to chat about the range of roles that may suit your availability, interests and capabilities. Bronwyn can be contacted on 08 8641 1527

PICHI RICHI • RAILWAY •



VALE – GERALD BRIODY

Pichi Richi Railway is saddened to learn that our former member Gerald Briody of Quorn passed away at the age of 98 in Flinders House on 5 May 2022.

Gerald had been a long-term member of the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society. He was known as a thorough gentleman who was an amazingly tough and hardworking volunteer track worker—who continued swinging a sledgehammer, expertly using his shovel and shifting sleepers until the age of 82.



Gerald at Gerald's Leap
around 1994-5

For many years Gerald also helped with caretaking and maintaining the grounds around the workshops and station yard and could often be found toiling away with his whipper snipper. He enjoyed stopping to talk and having morning tea with other members at the workshop. Gerald also assisted with several carriage and locomotive restoration projects, as well as building construction projects during the 1990s, and was a significant contributor to the Stirling North and Port Augusta track extension projects. He had a passion for small internal combustion engines and restored motor section cars as well as several other items of track plant.

Gerald's life experiences were most interesting. He was born in Ireland in 1923 into a large family and grew up on a farm, although farming did not interest him as a career. He served in the Local Defence Force during and after World War II before emigrating to England in 1950 to work on sewer and reservoir construction projects.

He pursued an opportunity to emigrate to Australia in 1952 and worked on construction projects in Melbourne and Geelong. A job at the Woomera Rocket Range brought him to SA, and he subsequently worked in a concrete gang at Willochra Creek during the construction of the Stirling North to Brachina standard-gauge railway.

He then spent up to a year working as a fettler for the Commonwealth Railways at Mount Dutton—a remote locality about 25 miles south of Oodnadatta on the narrow-gauge Central Australia Railway.

Gerald took a job at a mine at Tennant Creek, then returned to SA and worked for BHP at Iron Knob and Iron Baron, where he operated electric shovels and the crusher. In 1959 he moved to Leigh Creek where he would spend the remainder of his career working for ETSA, operating electric draglines, dump trucks and other earthmoving equipment.

Upon retiring in 1988, Gerald moved to Quorn. He joined PRRPS in 1989 and remained actively involved in the Society until 2009.

Gerald will be sorely missed by his friends in both the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society and the Quorn township. ■

LDF (Local Defence Force)
Soldiers with a Stokes 3" mortar.
Gerald Briody, top right, at the McBride Rifle Range in the Dublin Mountains, ca. 1947



Gerald restoring a Fairmont section car in 1996

Photo by
Chris
Carpenter



Gerald's most recent photo taken at Flinders House



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ALL WELCOME

PH: 0416 137 244 Rob Stanford (Chairman)
PH: 0488 069 943 Terry Smith (Sec / Tres)
Email: quornmensshed@gmail.com



Wood storage and benches



Rob has dust extractor and saw guard back on bench saw. Health and Safety comes first and fingers

Can members please 'like' or 'friend' the QMS,
with luck the audience will build up.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069005856706>

Anyone can drop in for a cuppa and a chat on
Thursdays any time between 9am and 2pm
Shed breakfasts at 0900hrs on 7th & 21st July
Steak sandwiches for workers lunch, only
\$4—on 14th and 28th July.



AMSA Registration No. AMSA100844

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Patron: Dr. Tony Lian-Lloyd B.M.B.S, Dip, R.A.C.O.G, F.A.C.R.R.M



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ALL WELCOME

Rob's Corner

Hello everyone, this has been an eventful month with the loss of our previous president, and my appointment to take on the position. Thank you to all the members who voted for me, and your subsequent support with keeping the Quorn Men's Shed a viable and vibrant group.

Recent weeks have seen a flurry of activity in the workshop with dust and cobwebs being cleaned from the corners so now we can see clearly what assets and tools are available for members. More cupboards and shelves have been set up so tools and odd bits are easier to find and "b***dy put away!"

Upcoming plans to expand the capabilities of the workshop will include a specialty tool for finishing the surface of 'slab timber' and an assortment of precision grinding tools for saw and planer blades and so on, something to look forward to.

It's a part of the QMS objective to expand the range of 'in house' tools and equipment to facilitate the skills of its members, and equally important, to make these available to others in the community so the skills can be shared by all.

The QMS is for men both young and old, to expand skills, get experience and meet others with like interests, and support your community. If you can find some time next Thursday morning (after 9:00am) why not call by for a coffee and a chat, that would be great!

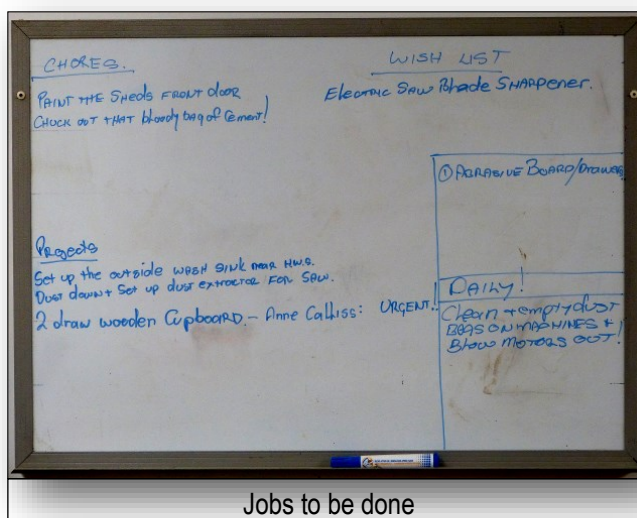
Anyone interested in a community garden, feel free to come along have a chat and a cuppa.

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

Vale Peter Kelly



Peter always enjoyed Quorn Men's Shed breakfasts and the camaraderie which went with it



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Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network

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Quorn May 2022 Service Report:				
New referrals received	Number of in person services	Number of phone services	Number of telehealth / video conferencing services	Number of "consumer not attended" services
37	311	29	1	9
Allied Health Professionals July 2022 Visiting Schedule				
7 TH July	13 TH July	14 TH July	21 st July	28 th July
Podiatry Social Work Dietetics	Podiatry OT Physio	Speech Social Work Podiatry	Podiatry Social Work	Podiatry Social Work Dietetics
Community Care Nurse in the Quorn Community Visiting Schedule				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am – 3pm				
Hours available to provide services as needed. Based from Kanyaka Surgery				



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



Classified Adverts

Save the Date

**Quorn Bowling Club
is turning 100 this year**

WE ARE GOING to have a big Celebration on the 22nd September 2022. All past and current members are invited to come along.

Any information on how to contact past members would be most welcome. Due to catering and numbers we will need to know who's coming by 31st July 2022.

It will be a fun day, details still being finalised. More details closer to date.

Please contact Brian Hartin, Secretary on 0408 444 661 with any info or just to let him know that you coming.

Quorn Social Club Lottery Draw June 2022

1st David Wollaston
2nd Laurie Fitzgerald
3rd Pauline Colliver

Rainfall 2022

Jan	342mm
Feb	14.6mm
March	0.2mm
April	14.8mm
May	21.6mm
June at 24/6/2022	14.6mm
YTD	100.2mm



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July 2022

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Country Health Connect 8668 7706



July 2022

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

Catholic Church
Flinders Ranges Catholic Parish
Parish Priest: Father Harold Camonias
Mass Times:
Weekdays: Tuesday—Fridays 9am Quorn.
Friday 11am Hawker
Saturday Carrieton 4pm
Sunday Quorn 8.30am Hawker 10.30am
Leigh Creek 5pm 1st Sunday of the Month

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

Uniting Church
Sunday Services 10am

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Next Issue's (August 5th 2022) Deadlines:

- Submissions preferred as email attachments using Microsoft Word or Publisher
- Other submissions to Visitor Information Centre, Quorn Railway Station before 4.30 pm 29th July
- 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

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Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events July 2022

Regular Events

Quorn

Quorn Book Club

Phone Sam Nester for info
0456 129 870

Women's Fellowship—

3rd Wednesdays

see poster in Laundromat window
or Facebook for details.

Quorn Men's shed Thursdays

Quorn Play Group

Mondays 10-12 at the Quorn Kindy.
Gold Coin Donation.

Probus

1st Tuesday of the month 10am

Line dancing

Tuesday nights, 7pm, Town Hall.
Cost \$10

Quorn Business Group

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

Flinders Flicks Friday 29th at 6pm

Hawker

Community Group—Tuesday
fortnightly

Development Board—

2nd Wednesday of the Month
2022

Friendship Group—

3rd Wednesday

Hawker Community Singers -

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

Quilting Group—Friday

fortnightly

Events

Pichi Richi Railway

Afghan Express 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and
30th

Pichi Richi Explorer 3rd, 10th, 12th, 14th,
17th, 19th, 21st and 24th

Quorn & District Local History Group

2nd, 16th and 30th July 11am to 2pm at
the old courthouse

Quorn Silo Light Show

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

Quorn Product and Craft Market

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

Sunday 21st July at the Town Hall
8:30am – 2:30pm.

Next month

August:

Quandong Festival 6th and 7th

Quorn Races 20th

**Check out Facebook and or notice
boards for future events**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*Sitting quietly, doing nothing, Spring
comes and the grass grows by itself.*

Taoist Poem

Regular Events

Quorn

Hannifitt

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

Boot Camp

Tuesday & Fridays 6.30am Quorn Oval

Yoga

Thursday nights 6.30pm
Uniting Church Hall

Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group

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

Quorn Bowling Club

Interested in playing social bowls?
Tuesday 1:00pm
Saturday 1:00pm
Everyone is welcome to join in the fun

Pilates

Wednesday mornings at 9am and evenings
at 7pm at the Quorn Town Hall. \$15 per
session \$10 concession

Austral Inn Hotel

Sunday Pizza, Tuesday Seafood and
Wednesday Schnitzel Night

Transcontinental Hotel

Tuesday Night Schnitzel Night

Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society

Wednesdays from 9am at the Lions Park
Everyone welcome



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