

Quorn Mercury

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Citizenship Ceremony



L-R: New Australian Citizen Mr Stephen Willis, and Mayor Ken Anderson

A CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY was held as part of the Australia Day celebrations at Quorn on Thursday January 26th. Mr. Stephen Willis was sworn in during the ceremony conducted by the Flinders Ranges Council Mayor Ken Anderson.

Stephen's first duty as a new citizen was to raise the Australian flag, after which the National Anthem was played.

Citizen of the year awards and certificates of recognition were presented at the celebrations in Quorn, as well as at events held in Hawker and Craddock.

Everyone enjoyed the bacon and egg breakfast cooked by the Quorn Lions Club and supplied by Council, along with the Aussie lamingtons.

See more information about the Australia Day celebration inside! ■



From left—Mayor Ken Anderson with award winners, Claire Moran, Jacinta Hannigan



From left—Certificate of appreciation recipient Yvonne Player, Active Citizen Award Winner, Anne Freebairn

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Award Winners Recognised

Citizen of the Year– Jane Tanner

Jane is a “silent achiever” for the Hawker community with people maybe not realising how many projects or committees she is involved in. To name a few, Jane is Secretary for the Hawker Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and has been a volunteer for many other organisations including the Hawker Community Group, Hawker Hospital, Hawker Area School and SA Ambulance Hawker Group. Jane is a worthy recipient of the 2023 Citizen of the Year Award and Council thank her for her ongoing service and contribution to the community.

(Jane will be presented with her Award by Mayor Anderson in Hawker this week).

Young Citizen of the Year, Louise Lynch

Louise has made and continues to make a massive contribution to the Hawker and surrounding community with her volunteer work as Chair of the Hawker Community Development Board, active committee member of the Hawker Hospital Health Advisory Committee, the Hawker Racing Club Committee, and the Hawker Hospital Centenary Committee - all the while working hard with her partner Doogal in running a very successful and award-winning business in Flinders Food Co, and looking after a toddler. Louise is an inspirational young member of our community.

(Louise was presented with her Award by Deputy Mayor Patsy Reynolds at a ceremony in Hawker).

Event of the Year, Don't Wait until you're Stuffed

The true-community event focused on raising the awareness of mental health, addressing mental health issues and raising the awareness of the importance of emotional wellness to rural communities and was held during Mental Health Awareness Month (October 2022) and consisted of two highly successful and engaging events. Jacinta Hannigan and Claire Moran both worked very hard to secure funding and sponsorship for the event to ensure it was free for all community members, with attendees extending beyond just Quorn. The event solidified the community spirit and support by encouraging and welcoming the integration and fellowship of individuals.



Presentations held at Hawker
L-R–Young Citizen Award recipient, Louise Lynch,
Councillors Patsy Reynolds, Ian Carpenter, Steve Taylor

Active Citizen Award– Anne Freebairn

Anne is one of those community members that is seen everywhere. As well as the Lions Club Anne can be seen out and about with her volunteer involvement in groups such as the Women's Fellowship, Meals on Wheels, Probus, Red Hatters and the Hospital Auxiliary just to name a few. Anne was also awarded Life Membership of the Quorn Gun Club in 2022 to recognise both her and her late husband, Robins, services to the club over the years. Anne has been described as a social butterfly who supports all the local businesses but who is not afraid to get her hands dirty and assist the community through her volunteer work.



Active Citizen Award
From left–Mayor Ken Anderson, Cr Patsy Reynolds,
Recipient, Anne Freebairn, Cr Ashley Parkinson

Certificates of Recognition—

Juanella McKenzie

Juanella has made a significant contribution to her local community and has been involved in various projects with a focus on the arts. Juanella has been recognised for assisting cultural awareness through arts and also for her volunteer work with the Yappala community.

Jacinta Hannigan

Jacinta is known for her long-standing community spirit spanning many years, even as far back as 1987 when she was a nominee for Miss Charity South Australia. Her enthusiasm for everything Quorn and Flinders Ranges is contagious, and Jacinta goes above and beyond in promoting and connecting small businesses in the community and making sure that no one misses out.

Jacinta has many cards to juggle and her vibrancy and energy in everything that she does is appreciated by all in the community.

Claire Moran

If you go to a local community event you will probably see Claire there, whether it be at the local Christmas Pageant, Quorn Show or many other fund raisers. Claire also takes time to organise lunches in support of allied and mental health.

Claire also does considerable fundraising for the Quorn Kindergarten and has also taken on the Quorn Amateur Swimming Club amongst everything else.

Yvonne Player

Yvonne is another bubbly personality around Quorn and has committed many years to servicing the local community in many ways. Yvonne has been assisting Meals of Wheels for over 40 years and is also a member of the Probus club and assists in organising speakers and other events.

Yvonne is another one of the quiet achievers in the town and plays a vital role as the contact person between clients and the hospital for Meals on Wheels.



From left— Jacinta Hannigan and family, Husband Darryl Hannigan, and parents Jan and Mel Noden



New citizen Stephen Willis raises the Australian Flag

New Australian Citizen Stephen Willis

Stephen Willis, from England, was sworn in as a new Australian Citizen at an official ceremony held at the Quorn and District War Memorial Swimming Pool on Australia Day.

Stephen nominated Quorn as his place of choice to be sworn in as he has connections here and whilst he currently resides in Melbourne he would love to move to Quorn one day.

Stephen undertook the Australian Citizenship Pledge in front of a large and welcoming crowd and is now proud to be classed as an Australian. Congratulations Steve and welcome to our Australian family. ■

From Flinders Ranges Council Facebook Post

Charlie King Visits Quorn

MY WIFE ANNETTE and I were transferred to Quorn from Lock by Elders Stock agent during 1972 after Kevin Leslie approached Mr Bob Dunsford, Elders Branch Dept. manager in Head Office Currie street Adelaide to appoint an Elders representative to be based at Quorn. Kevin and Bill Leslie agreed to rent their house on the property known as Barrindilke.

Our daughter Margaret had commenced her schooling at Lock with our son Tim, commencing his schooling at Quorn. On his first day the Pinkerton creek was in full flood which resulted in Mr Frank Roberts, local grazier driving him across in his Toyota Land Cruiser.

I can still remember my first week meeting all Elders and opposition clients. Lyall and Bert Francis were the first followed by Jimmy Britza, Huey Schnell, Claud Stokes, Joe Zanet and the FitzGerald's, just to name a few.

Back in those days Annette and Ian were in their mid-thirties with plenty of energy. Ian was selling houses and property under the Elders real Estate license held in head Office Currie Street Adelaide also selling livestock, wool & merchandise.



The property, Annette and Ian purchased back in 1975, is where Charlie King as a teenager and his family were renting from Mrs French in the early sixties.

It was a tremendous surprise to have Charlie King and all of his relatives visit our property on 2nd November 2022 to view the autograph that Charlie wrote in green paint when he was 16 years of age. It is still in an excellent condition and is located on a sheet of iron inside one of the original sheds. It is the only original shed left on our property. Annette and Ian will always treasure this autograph.

Charlie King's Mother has fond, but hard memories of the house, carting water in a bucket for washing, a chip bath heater, no running water in the kitchen or connected to any part of the house or garden.



We rented Barrindilki for approx. 3 years, then the opportunity came along to purchase our property from Mr Les Brewster.

Our property, now known as "Martimia" was owned by Mr Edward Francis Lynch, Storekeeper of Quorn from the 18th day of September 1879. In August 1950 Mr John Frederick Roberts sold the property to Laura Anne Violet French, who then sold to Leslie Nathan Brewster of Quorn Farmer on 10th February 1965.

When we purchased the property in 1975, it was in a similar condition as when the King family rented the house from Mrs French. Mrs King can remember the two cows Mrs French would milk to supply milk to people in Quorn. We connected water to the house by laying pipe from S.A. water metres. The trench was dug by us with crowbar, pick and shovel.

I can still remember Leigh Lewis, the local electrician at the time buying a new "Ditch Witch" trencher for his electrical work. Leigh said, "I will dig the trench". He covered 2 metres in three hours, deciding the ground and rocks were too tough for his machine. We had a long drop toilet, later we upgraded to a bucket. Then the time came when we installed a septic tank, the hole and soakage pit was again dug with a crow bar, pick and shovel. French drains came in later. I serviced my private vehicles back then, therefore I needed a service pit, which was dug by the same method.

We were very fortunate, during my travels with Elders to notice a man laying bricks for a fence around a house in Quorn. Knowing that we were looking for a builder to do the extensions and upgrade our toilet, bathroom and laundry areas, I pulled up and it happened to be Doug Kite. I asked Doug, "Are you interested in inspecting our proposed project?" From then on the better bricks were ordered and Doug travelled out of the hills where he owned a property each week end.

We dug the foundations and Doug would instruct me to have all the preparations ready for the next week end. I made sure the instructions were carried out, even sometimes I would be working late at night after working for Elders during the day. There were no angle grinders back in those days. The iron was scored with a sharp blade made on the end of a file. Same as building a fence or putting a roof on a shed, it was all clouts, roofing nails, no such thing as tek screws back then. It took 12 months of weekends to finish the renovations, then came the tiling which both Annette and Ian accomplished.

Then came the concreting, all around the house. It would take 7 X 40 kg bags cement for one slab which resulting in the finishing off taking until the early hours of the morning.

The kitchen cupboards were purchased from a Company called "U install it", situated on Anzac Highway in Adelaide. The measurements of the kitchen area were taken and the cupboards were delivered. Then we installed the excellent product. There had to be a few minor adjustments as rooms are not exactly square but never the less we were very pleased with the finished job.

All sheds on the property were erected by us except the 60 X 40 cyclone shed. Maurice Hannigan assisted with the 30 foot beam and the clear span trusses. We borrowed a theodolite from Harold Eckert to take the levels on the proposed site.

The middle shed was erected by Ian during his long service leave from Elders. He lived in a caravan in the sheep yards, again using a bucket toilet and showering at the caravan park as tenants were occupying our house.

All the property required new fences. I can remember steel pickets and creosote posts were the same price at \$1.00 each. A lot of difference now! There are many challengers ahead when buying a rural property whilst working for a stock firm particularly without the modern luxuries in the house, although we did have a

kitchen sink, without taps or water drainage and a Meters wood stove, there were four main rooms plus a kitchen. All the walls in each room needed the plaster removed back to the stone work, stones re pointed with Dribond – a new product on the market, then re plastered with a mixture of, sand and cement, then panelled with timber panel board. The fifteen foot high ceilings were then lowered to nine foot with a suspended ceiling product, consisting of aluminium angle, steel rods, with panels of 3 inch foam with a white vinyl finish.



Charlie with his wife and mother taken 2021

All this work was completed by Ian with help from Annette when not committed to her other family duties. Annette painted the whole exterior of the house and the new interior walls of the new extensions.

Whilst we were at Barindilki, Kevin & Bill Leslie allowed us to keep a cow on their property. We purchased a Friesian cow and calf from Hans Friedinger and named her Bessie. We shifted Bessie to our Quorn property. We purchased a yearling Hereford bull from Gladstone market for Bessie but after a big flood which washed the old fence away, the bull was never seen again, although attempts were made to try to find him.

Mr Rex Finlay gave us a lovely dog named Oilgle, I would tell Oilgle to "go and get the sheep", and he would bring them back to the yards. A farmer from Baroota gave me a pup, we named him Bandit, he would follow Oilgle, and then when Oilgle passed away, Bandit followed the same instruction. I arrived back from Port Augusta one day after working for Elders all day, and was cleaning out the sheep trough, I instructed Bandit to go and get the sheep, he never returned. I purchased another dog but it was difficult to train it when time was a factor.

I can remember our first shearing on the Quorn property, 40 sheep were given in with the sale of the property. I made a very make shift yard as there was no shearing shed. The floor was hessian bags, then I contacted Lyall Francis for a loan of his portable Crutcher. Later when Lyall came to pick up his plant, he said, I thought you were only going to crutch them. I learnt how to shear in my teenage years, not quick but I knew how to get the wool off. We have since built yards, with a small shearing shed.

We purchased two ponies from Rex Finlay, they were unbroken, one we named Tangles (Tim's pony), the other Shep (Margaret's pony). Then came buying saddles, bridles, saddle cloths. With the help of Lyall Francis, Pam Hombsch and Leo & Nancy Murray we were able to have the ponies fully equipped and quiet.

A very good friend of mine and Elders client Joe Zanet said I have a few pigs for sale which I will take to the next Gladstone market, indicating that there will be space on the car trailer for more pigs from other farmers, if the pigs are delivered to the Quorn sale yards. Joe agreed to take them to the market with his trailer but when the time came Joe had other commitments with his garage, then known as Quorn Motors.

Deciding not to sell his pigs, but agreeing to lend his trailer to Ian for delivery of the pigs to Gladstone market which happened without a problem until the next morning, when Southern Farmers, an opposition agent had reported Ian to Elders head office for carting stock to a market with a company vehicle. A report was given on the incident and I was told to remove the tow bar. This made it difficult for the family holidays for towing our camper van.

We borrowed Joe Zanet's car trailer for moving our furniture from Barindilki to our new property in Quorn.

Ian purchased a pure white week old heifer calf from Gladstone market which came from a well-known stud property. The stud master said he normally would not sell the heifers but being pure white they tend to have cancer later in life. The calf was delivered to Quorn in the boot of Elders car because there was no towbar. Our children had fun feeding the calf with a bottle, we named her "Milky". She turned out a nice cow but did eventually die of cancer.

Part of my employment with Elders at Quorn was on each Wednesday to canvas farmers in the Mambray Creek area. During one of my visits I called on Les Coe who at the time was cleaning his boat for sale, with a 25 HP

Evinrude motor. Les said "Do you want to buy my boat for \$2,000, it is advertised in the local paper?" At first I said no, then after leaving his property, I returned to buy the boat. We stayed in the Tumbly Bay cabins to try the boat, catching a nice lot of fish, then one day when the sea was too rough, we went for a walk along the shack area, noticing an Elders sign on a shack for sale. The Elders representative in charge of selling the property said, "I will delist the property", allowing us to deal direct with the owner. He also commented, "Surely Elders can do something for their staff". We purchased the shack.

Ian when attending Urrbrae High School and before had always wanted to be a farmer. He would go to his uncle's farm at Dartmoor, Victoria regularly on school holidays and for work experience at Pinnaroo during the Christmas holidays.

I applied to buy farms at Penola with the AMP scheme but farmers sons were selected owing to the availability of machinery.

Elders were not in favour of us owning our own property, then eventually the Elders supervisor wanted us to shift, although the Elders business at Quorn was very strong. They offered Strathalbyn or managing the merchandise business at Port Augusta. Ian chose Port Augusta, to give our children a chance to finish their schooling at Quorn and to finish the development of our property. I had to surrender the company vehicle, then went to Farley Ford to buy the cheapest motor bike which was a 125cc Yamaha.

Elder's salary was low, on call 24/7 with no paid overtime. I was determined to never be late for work, resulting in a million dollar turnover in a short time, far in excess of previous years. The little bike was changed to a 250cc Honda. I rode a motor bike for five years, then was given a Company vehicle for a Merchandise manager's position covering Port Augusta,



Quorn, Hawker,
Melrose, and Orroroo.

We will both always cherish our small hobby farm at Quorn, it is now 50 years since we were shifted to Quorn and it is surprising what can be achieved with very little financial backing, without a degree or certificate, as the saying goes “Where there is a will, there is a way”, There will be many hurdles to jump and a lot criticism to deal with, but at the end of the day you will come out on top.

Similar to how Charlie King rose to the top and we wish him and his family all the best in the future.

Article by Ian and Annette Cameron



Recipe

Quick Chicken Curry

300g frozen Mixed Vegetables

500g Chicken pieces

2 tblsp Green Curry paste

1 can Coconut Cream

1 cup Chicken stock



Heat wok /frying pan. Add curry paste and stir briefly. Add chicken and stir fry, tossing so paste doesn't burn.

Add coconut cream and stock and bring to boil. Add vegetables. Reduce heat and simmer for approx. 10 minutes. Serve with rice.

Variations - replace green curry paste with red curry paste. Some curry pastes are hot. To reduce this, add some fresh lemon or lime juice to cool the heat.

Recipe taken from Readers Digest 5 ingredient cookbook

COMMITTEE BASICS

Training

QUORN

Wednesday 22nd February, 2023
6:00pm – 9:00pm at the Quorn Community Hall

What is it?

A FREE three-hour training session with leading mentor and award winning rural advocate, **Sarah Prime (Founder of Champions Academy)**.

If you volunteer your time for a local committee, sporting group, council, progress association or community-based organisation this is for you.

If you are not part of a committee, but would some day like to be, this is a great place for you to start your learning!

How to Register:

Scan the QR Code or click:

[Quorn Registration](#)



What's in it for you?

- Build your confidence, insight and skills as a committee member;
- Understand different roles and responsibilities of committee members;
- Develop best practice committee admin, governance and basic organisational leadership;

Here's what you will get...

- You will receive a compendium packed with resources, including 'The Committee Members Ultimate Survival guide' hand-book;
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Transperineal Biopsy Machine

MAYOR KEN ANDERSON attended the launch of the new transperineal biopsy machine at Port Augusta Hospital in December.

The Flinders Ranges Council donated \$5000 to towards the \$90,000 cost of the machine, which will enable men in the Upper Spencer Gulf and Mid North at risk of prostate cancer, to be checked locally, instead of making an overnight trip to Adelaide.

The instigator of raising money for the machine, Steve Fawcett, on behalf of the Lions Club stated 'From a health perspective, the country is a very poor cousin to the city' and that having to stay in Adelaide overnight or for an extended period all adds up, so it costs a lot more for country people to get a health service equal to the city.

Money was donated through the Postie Bike run, The Trapper Bar (Mambray Creek), charity events run by Barrie Cotton, family and friends, and by local donors.

Ken Anderson said the machine now offered a safer, better view of the prostate gland, to make cancers more detectable and less traumatising for the patient undergoing the process.

He said doctors often had to reassure men needing a biopsy, who experienced the older procedure, that the experience under general anaesthetic would be much more comfortable. 'They tend to be quite comfortable when they wake up, and to recover quickly'. It is a valued piece of equipment not only for local, but regional men too. ■



Ken Anderson and Steve Fawcett



Ken Anderson, Barrie Cotton (major donor) and operating staff from Port Augusta with the transperineal biopsy machine

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Murray River Flood

QUORN SES UNIT responded to a request for volunteers to help out with flood preparedness and monitoring in late 2022 and early 2023.

Frank Lyman was the first to be deployed, travelling to Murray Bridge, where he was involved with the construction of Defencell Levee Banks and other duties, to protect low-lying sections of the town from the advancing flood waters.

In early December I was deployed to Mannum, again constructing Defencell Levee Banks in the town centre to protect homes and businesses.

Then in early January this year John Simpson and I drove to Renmark, and were assigned to backing up the local SES Unit, logistical support and monitoring levee banks and the advancing flood peak.

We were just a few of the hundreds who were, and still are, engaged in flood-related work along the Murray. They include Council workers and earthmoving contractors, as well as CFS and SES volunteers from SA, and SES swift water rescue crews from NSW, who arrived with boats and Unimog trucks. The earthmoving plant included skid-steers, loaders, excavators, graders, pad-foot rollers and semi tippers.

The extensive network of levee banks constructed around Murray River towns is mind-boggling. Many new clay banks were built, and many old ones built for previous floods, were repaired and topped-up. The work was carried out to a high standard, with the new banks being keyed-in and clay spread, watered and compacted in layers, until the required height was reached. Where there was not enough room to build earth banks, or they were not quite high enough, Defencells were used. They consist of a line of geotextile and mesh baskets which are keyed-in, linked together and filled with sand. These are then protected by plastic sheeting held in place by sand bags.

It was an honour to be part of this huge undertaking, which has hopefully minimised the impact of the flood on River Murray Communities. John Badman ■



Flood Response

FLOODING ACROSS THE states has seen hundreds of volunteers, Government agencies and affected community members all working together to assist others.

Community members from the Flinders Ranges council district travelled over to assist in the emergency operations. Volunteers including Modras Ozlins, John Badman, John Simpson and Ken Anderson (DEW) from Quorn. Other volunteers for SES and Hawker, undertook works ranging from assisting to operate the Incident Control Centre in Murray Bridge, to working alongside Defence Force personnel, attending to emergency call-outs.

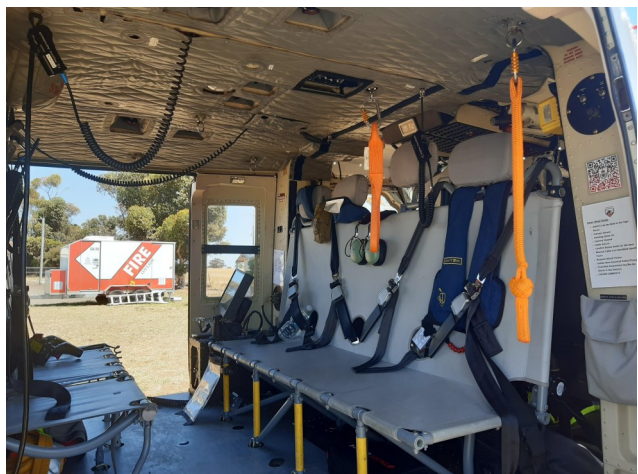
Also working as part of the response teams were the NSW Rural Fire service, and Queensland personnel, who were tasked with their special operations helicopter and Swift Water

rescue team to attend to call-outs ranging from house boats breaking free from their moorings, assisting persons in distress and removing very large items such as water tanks, large gas bottles and debris being washed down the river in the flooding waters.

Our community members also assisted in Levi inspections teams, public notification and welfare teams, assisting in delivery and operation of large and small pumps to protect assets and buildings and repairs of levees and protection barriers.

It was an amazing display of great Australian spirit, and volunteers helping, not only their own communities, but others in need. Well done to all who helped in any way, including those who donated to charities assisting those affected by the floods.

Ken Anderson ■



The NSWFS Helitak helicopter

River Murray Flood

THE CATCHMENT AREA Spans 3 states and many other quite large rivers. SA's contribution to the flow is very minimal.

Over the years as trade on the river increased so did development in the basin. One of these developments was shacks. from the humble tin shed for fishermen, to what is now luxurious accommodation. Houseboats and all sorts of other rivercraft now ply the waters regularly. Ski boats on a busy long weekend are the most prolific but the little rocket ship jet skis come a close second.

My family first bought an outboard runabout in the late 60s and started water skiing at white sands just downstream from Murray bridge.

Learning to water ski was such great fun both for the adults and the children alike.

As the years progress and skills improved so did the quality and speed of the ski boats. Boating became addictive and parents and friends all bought their own boats, space along the public areas of the river became very crowded, sometimes it was impossible to get a park along the shoreline. In the 1970s many people started to build shacks so that they could have their own private beach area and somewhere to stay over the weekend.

Most of the shacks were built at ground level but after the 1974 floods the regulation was bought in to raise shacks onto 2 metre high pylons. The lower area of these shacks were not to be enclosed other than a wet area. There was no solid fencing allowed, this was so that at high river flows erosion and damage would be restricted and the river flow unimpeded.

Flooding is a normal part of the river flow but unfortunately short memories by some see

development happening in the flood zone with consequential panic and losses. I have included photos of the family shack at Scotts Creek, just downstream from Morgan.

Modris Ozolins ■



Going—This is approximately the 1974 level



Gone—This is the highest level in 2023, 1956 was another 2Mtrs higher. Photo below is upstream from Swan Reach showing the *full* river basin



NOTICE OF AGM

Quorn Agricultural Show Society Inc.

Tuesday 7pm, 14th
February, 2023



ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

Flinders Ranges Council
Meeting Room

Queries Phone: 0402 547 594 or 0459334062

Thanks Ray!

THE MERCURY TEAM would like to thank Ray Wood for all his contributions to the Mercury over the years, not least for over 25 years as Archivist. Minette Gorecki has stepped into the role.

Ray Wood was one of the founders of the Quorn Mercury when it was raised from the ashes in 1996, and while he stepped out for a few years, in 2016 he was back! For five years he cracked the whip over the Mercury Team, making our little publication look far more professional. Consistency was his key word.

Since 2016 he also submitted hundreds of articles, and encouraged other Quornies to contribute. Thanks to Ray, readers enjoyed the Bruce Delaney stories, Jan Arnold's memories, historical pieces, information on many bushwalks in the region, Pictures from the Past, and a few opinion pieces. Ill health has made it harder and harder for him to maintain the output, and his work will no longer appear.

We wish him all the best for his remaining years, no doubt spent scribbling and walking. ■

Craft Shop

Craft shop will be open on 8 February with our usual goodies.

Our Easter Fair will again be held from Friday 7th April to 10th April
at the Town Hall.

We would love to see you there.

If you would like a stall, contact Betty on 8648 6469

The Cost of Renewables

THE PROBLEM WITH Parliament House Canberra is ministers become so isolated they may as well be on a spaceship.

The ministry is disconnected from the backbench, the offices are disconnected from each other, the building is disconnected from Canberra, and Canberra is disconnected from the rest of Australia.

So when eminent engineers and nuclear scientists, with a combined 500 years of real-life international experience at the top level of complex power systems and an alphabet of letters after their names from PhDs to OAMs come into Parliament House, wouldn't you think government MPs would want to listen to these people?

Apparently Energy and Climate Change Minister Chris Bowen - a former Fairfield councillor and political adviser - knows more about powering the largest grid on Earth than they do.

The Teals must believe they are satisfied with their enlightenment and require no further knowledge, as they also failed to attend the two-day Power Generation in Australia's Clean Energy Future conference featuring engineers who have worked on the most complex systems on Earth.

They should have heard the warning that we are betting the entire Australian economy on a net-zero scheme that cannot work, on renewable systems that are not significantly reducing emissions and that the actual cost of renewables to 2050 to us is an estimated \$1.2 trillion.

Despite repeated invitations, Mr Bowen could not make it to a moment of the two-day conference, about a two-minute walk from his desk. He could have even asked questions.

He would have learnt that the transition is not cheaper. That once we build wind factories over our prime agricultural land, dig up our National Parks for high-voltage transmission lines, chop down our state forests for solar panels, the electricity price we pay will never go down - because we will never stop rebuilding them.

Minister Bowen uses costs as an excuse for why he won't consider nuclear -yet engineer Dr David Hayden Collins, using AEMO figures,

calculates the first generation of renewable capital at \$383bn. When you include the costs of replacing batteries every 15 years, and wind towers and solar every 20 years to 2050, the cost is five times greater than what Bowen has budgeted -and it's all still reliant on fossil fuel backup power.

Where we once built power stations that would serve three generations on Australian resources, under Bowen's plans, we will be relying on Chinese-imported batteries that won't see your child go from nappies to their Year 9 NAPLAN test.

Wind towers and solar panels must be pulled down and replaced every 20 years. Then we must figure out where to bury them - three times before 2050. There is no viable method to recycle wind factories or solar, so they get thrown into landfill.

As NSW virtue-signals on banning plastic straws at the pub, all states will need giant landfills for expired renewable junk.

Minister Bowen's plan requires at least 28,000km of new transmission lines. His government signed off on Malcolm Turnbull's legacy project, which will rip up 8iha of Kosciuszko National Park to erect a 330-kilovolt overhead double-circuit transmission line connecting Snowy Hydro 2.0 to the Australian energy market.

This will be repeated over and across regional Australia, with solar and wind farms stamped over prime agricultural land from as far as Melton, Ballarat, Hume and New England needed to power Sydney and Melbourne.

While Minister Bowen couldn't make it, his Department of Climate Change in another room briefed out its community batteries program, where they will spend more than the average Australian does on their house on Chinese batteries they don't expect to last the decade.

Once each community solar battery - at a price to the taxpayer of about \$550,000 each - dies for good, we will be dropped in an international bidding war for more Chinese-made batteries that rely on rare minerals to produce.

This is why no other G20 nation is looking at a grid solely powered by intermittent flows. As we rely on batteries, solar panels and wind turbines made in China, we impoverish

Australia before an aggressive socialist behemoth that has no interest in us having a robust economy.

If Bowen had come to the conference, he would have heard not only are we weakening our grid, but we will be expecting it to do more.

When his 2050 policy says everything from cars to cement plants will be electric, we will need a 215 per cent increase on the 200 terawatt hours of electricity we generate now.

He also would have heard advice from the International Energy Association that you need nuclear to decarbonise. From electrical engineers like James Fleay, who deployed major solar farms and built deep sea gas projects, to Professor Stephen Wilson, who developed the bankability model to store Hungary's gas in an old oilfield after Putin turned off the gas tap from Russia.

He could have heard from Dr David Hayden Collins, who cannot believe we are destroying the environment to apparently save the planet.

He could have learnt that Canada leads the way with small modular nuclear reactors, the only low-emission power generator that can operate reliably, independent of the weather. That fission reactors can give an infinite supply of energy on just over a hectare of land, plugged into the existing grid with no extra transformers necessary.

And those at the conference wanted to hear from Bowen too. Why does he say nuclear is too expensive when more than 30 countries in the world rely on nuclear and pay less for power than we do? Why are family energy bills on nuclear in Canada, South Korea, the US, Taiwan and China half of ours?

When Bowen tells his colleagues in Question Time that no one will accept nuclear in their electorate, why are millions of Londoners and New Yorkers happy to live within 60km of a nuclear power plant?

Why do protesters in Finland wave "Go Nuclear" placards? Why have the Finnish Greens adopted it? Why has California's parliament voted 157 to 3 to keep their last remaining nuclear power plant open?

The shame is Minister Bowen can go to the dispatch box every day and repeat the junk-level sugar advice he readily accepts. If he could spend just one conversation with any systems engineer, he would learn the crisis we are leaping towards. If a single engineer could replace the swagger of Bowen at the dispatch

box with the cogent details of the grid before us, Australia would be better informed, better placed and less afraid.

Minister Bowen's office on the blue carpet was a few hundred metres away from the room of experts on Thursday after the house rose and on Friday when he was tweeting victoriously of his electric vehicle discount passing the Senate.

Just a few small steps for a very fit man could have led to a giant leap in his knowledge. ■

Submitted by Modris Ozolins

A poster for the Quorn Community Library. The background is a photograph of library bookshelves. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top left, 'QUORN COMMUNITY LIBRARY' is written in white. To the right is a logo of a stylized white snake wearing a graduation cap. Below this, 'NEW OPENING HOURS BEGINNING TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY' is written in large blue letters. Further down, the opening hours are listed: Tuesday 10.00am - 12noon and 1.00pm - 5.30pm; Wednesday 9.30am - 5.30pm; Thursday & Friday 1.00pm - 5.30pm; and 'CLOSED' for Saturday, Sunday & Monday.

QUORN
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SCREENING AT THE AIRCONDITIONED TOWN HALL

Fri 17 February

7.00pm for 8.00pm start

Est 10.00 pm finish

BYO DRINKS & EATS

And a cushion for your comfort

OR.....like to dine out on the night?

Pre-order and pay for your meal from Pat at Quandong Cafe
and it will be delivered to the Town Hall on the night.

Phone 8648 6155 Orders to Pat by 1st Feb

MENU

Chicken Cordon Bleu with Salad \$18

Spaghetti Bolognese \$18

Pavlova \$6

Coffee/tea available

**And remember to leave your donation to
Flinders Flicks at the door**



ABOUT THE MOVIE:

'THE DUKE'

THE DUKE is the true story of Kempton Bunton, a 60 year-old taxi driver, who stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. It was the first (and remains the only) theft in the Gallery's history. Kempton sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly—he had long campaigned for pensioners to receive free television.

What happened next became the stuff of legend. Only 50 years later did the full story emerge—Kempton had spun a web of lies. The only truth was that he was a good man, determined to change the world and save his marriage—how and why he used the Duke to achieve that is a wonderfully uplifting tale.

M—Comedy-Drama■

Fun at Flinders Flicks

The Boat with No Name



“THE BOAT WITH NO NAME” was the recent Flinders Flicks film screened at the Town Hall. Phil O’Brien, the producer and star of the movie, travelled to Quorn specially for the occasion. Phil lives in Nhulunbuy NT, and has been holidaying with family in Adelaide.

The film was set in Nhulunbuy with many community members taking part. Phil gave a short introduction to the audience about how the film was made on a shoestring budget over a very short time. The camera used cost \$100 from a pawn shop, plus there were some stunning drone-camera views from above, taken by one of his friends.

Most enjoyed a light meal which they pre-ordered from Pat at the Quandong Café. Pat will also be providing the supper meal for the next movie night on 17 February.

The DVD will be available to borrow from the Community Library Flinders Flicks collection shortly.

Children’s Matinee

Over 30 children attended the Matinee at the Town Hall on January 18th during the school holidays. Facilitated by Flinders Flicks, *Minions: The Rise of Gru* proved to be very popular with the children. One child commented after, that he would like to see more movies during the holidays. ■





Jack, Claire and Ruby



Stephen Willis and Mayor Ken Anderson



Therese Connell, Mark Tuckwell, Michelle Densley, Claire Moran,
Ruby Connell, Milly, Fiona and Maddie Pyman



Marg Summerton, Heather Roberts, Yvonne Player and
Jean Sandles



Simon, Ruby, Jim and Rubiann Meyers

Australia Day



Yvonne Player and Anne Freebairn



Marg Smith, Carmel Reid, Mary Francis, Miriam Lehmann
Betty Eckert and Paula Roberts



Deputy Mayor Patsy Reynolds, Kathy Rabig



David Coverdale, Emily Millington, Bronwyn Millington,
Susan and Terry Smith



The Lions Club providing a delicious breakfast
Kaye Popp, Sheila Burke, Minette Gorecki and Lorraine Pumpa



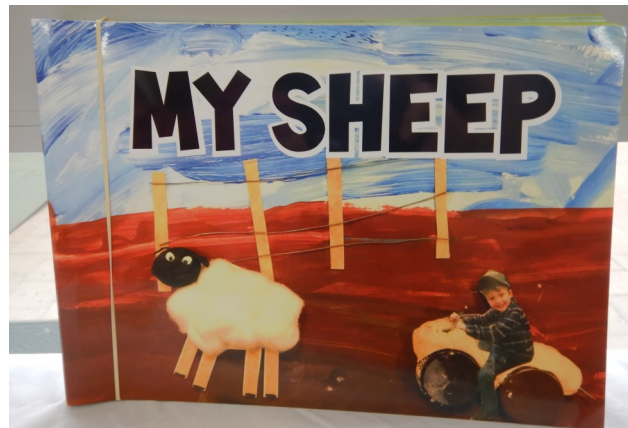
Kindy Book Launch

WEDNESDAY 7TH OF DECEMBER 2022 was a very exciting day for the children of Quorn Kindergarten because they were launching their very own picture book!

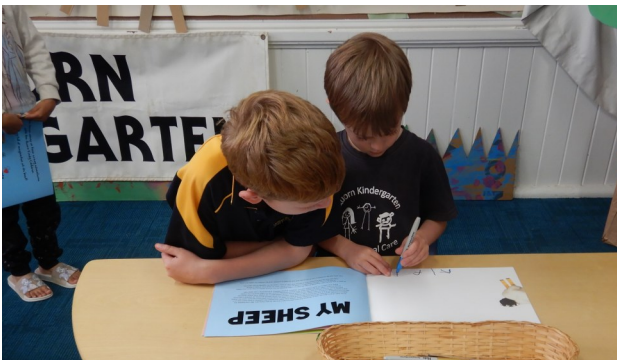
The book 'My Sheep' was written and illustrated by the kids. Thanks to funding from the Variety Club plus donation from the Rodgers family, the book was able to be printed in full colour.

You can purchase a copy for \$15, and all proceeds go back to Quorn Kindergarten.

Director Maggie Kamin said "The children worked hard completing this story and look forward to sharing it with the community. Money will be spent on a decking upgrade to our grass hill. Future children and families will enjoy using this equipment."



Buy it at the kindy and the Transcontinental Hotel!



Signing their books!



Jacky Zauch brought a very special guest



The proud authors

Pictures from the Past



Quorn High School staff and students taken c. 1962-63

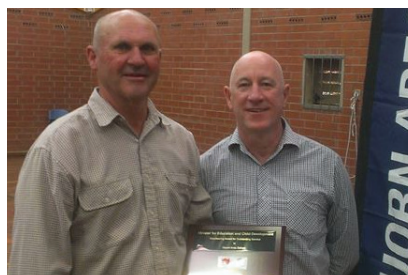


This photo taken c. 1962-63

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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Quorn Mercury Revisited



10 Years Ago

Your worship the Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls; last year I was honoured to receive the Quorn Citizen of the Year Award. I told you why I do so much volunteer work. This year I would like to talk to you about the changes I have seen in Quorn, Australia and the world during my lifetime.

As a young girl I lived at Olive Grove, at the end of Richman Valley. The family had to travel by horse and cart to get to church each Sunday; it felt like the middle of the night when we set off. Now a car can make the journey in 20 minutes. We only travelled to Port Augusta once a

year, to attend the Quorn picnic, and back then a chop picnic was just that. We took chops, bread and sauce and that was our picnic. Nowadays we take everything but the kitchen sink to a picnic.

We had no electricity at Olive Grove, so no fridges, television or other electronic entertainment. It was a wonderful treat when the family moved into Quorn and we had electric light and other mod cons. We didn't even have a phone until the late 1950's. All messages had to be delivered by horse and cart, and later by motor vehicles.

We did all our shopping in Quorn as there were three grocery shops as well as the existing four hotels, a barber shop, two banks, a bakery, two butcher's shops, and a garage—everything a community needed to survive. There was even a grocery shop in North Quorn! The road to Port Augusta was all dirt and a little rough back in the old days. When the road was finally bituminised it made the journey a lot smoother and faster. It also made it easier for banks and other facilities to close, as people could make the journey to Port Augusta for work, entertainment and shopping.

The railway used to be the backbone of our community, along with farming. It is good to see that the Pichi Richi Railway continues to bring tourists to our town, ensuring its survival. Our families rarely went out for meals, not like we do now. Only very special occasions meant an outing to the local pub or restaurant.

I played basketball as a girl on a dirt court at the oval. The court was situated about where the bar shed is now located. Netball was played in later years on the courts opposite the Mill. Quorn has always had a reputation for being good sportsmen and women. This hasn't changed over the years, only where the sport is played these days. Not being able to play football on the local oval, for example, has not stopped our youth from playing; they just play out of town.

Jim and I travelled quite extensively over the years both in Australia and overseas. We always felt that Australia is the best country in the world to live in after seeing how people in other countries managed. I still feel that way about Australia, and more particularly about Quorn.



Win for Quorn A grade cricket- (from left) Dwayne Reichelt, 48 n.o, Clayton Finlay 121 n.o. and Michael Maloney were the successful batsmen for Quorn in reaching 4/260 to win the A Grade match against South Augusta on 18th January.

Rita, a real local identity, sadly passed away on January 23rd 2023

20 Years Ago

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E: forcrash@bigpond.net.au

The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board (SAAL Board) has a number of events and activities across the district in coming months, all supported by your local Port Augusta – Quorn Landscape group.

PLANTING NATIVE GARDENS

The Port Augusta - Quorn Landscape Group has created an opportunity for local schools and community groups in the district to receive up to \$300 worth of native plants for planting with students and community group members. More information is available on our website at landscape.sa.gov.au/saal/get-involved/grants-and-funding

GRASSROOTS GRANTS

Applications for SA Arid Landscape Board's 2023/24 *Grassroots Grants* program will open on 6 March until 8 May. Grants of up to \$10,000 will be available to help raise awareness of the region's natural values and to connect people to nature, and support community action to achieve land, water and coastal management outcomes.

GRANTS WORKSHOP

To help individuals and community groups apply for *Grassroots Grants*, the Port Augusta - Quorn Landscape Group is sponsoring a face-to-face Grant Writing Workshop on 25 March. The 2.5 hour workshop will be run by Ellenor Day from local communications company Wordsworkers at the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens. This is a great chance to network with other groups afterwards over lunch. Please book your seat at events.humanitix.com/grant-workshop.

WATTLESEED GROWERS FORUM

A stickybeak afternoon for farmers interested in the wattleseed industry and native plants of economic importance, the Wattleseed Growers Forum is suitable for landholders interested in farm diversification and bush food business opportunities. Held on Wednesday February 22 from 1pm guest speakers are native plant specialists Neville Bonney and Angus Jones, farmers Trevor Gum and Neil Sleep, and Greening Australia's Mick Durant. A bush foods themed BBQ at the Cradock Hotel will follow the event. Tickets are free and are almost fully booked. Secure your ticket now at events.humanitix.com/wattleseed.

SECRETS OF PORT AUGUSTA'S GULF - Saturday 18 March, 12-4pm

Hosted by Port Augusta Coastcare Inc, through support from a SAAL Grassroots Grant, this family friendly community event looking at the uniqueness of the Upper Spencer Gulf. Stalls and hands-on activities, with children's activities and refreshments on site at the old Barracks in Beauchamp Lane, Port Augusta (opposite Gladstone Square).

PORT AUGUSTA-QUORN LANDSCAPE GROUP

The next group meeting will be held jointly with the Gawler Ranges Landscape Group in Quorn on Friday 17 February. If you have an issue to raise or would like to attend, please contact a local Quorn member (Richie Paynter or Renata Hackett) or Community Landscape Officer Brett Devitt on 0409 753 495 or Brett.Devitt@sa.gov.au

SAAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Douglas Lillecrapp from Todmorden Station in the Marla Oodnadatta district was recently appointed as the board's new presiding member and Flinders Ranges Council CEO Eric Brown was appointed to the board. They will attend their first meeting in February.



QUORN MEN'S SHED

ALL WELCOME

QUORN MEN'S SHED
10 Seventh Street
PO Box 108
Quorn SA 5433



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



Paula and Jeff



Relaxing around the tables



Still relaxing around the tables



Shed Breakfast at 0900hrs on 16th February
Steak sandwiches for workers lunch,
on 9th & 23rd February, only \$4
Cuppa 0900 to 1400



Lothar and Rob

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Terry finishing off meal preparation for our 2022 Christmas dinner .
Big thanks for job well done cooking meats and preparing salads.



Jeff, Paula, & Col



Flash As Fashion & Home Décor

Casual Resort Clothing & Dreamcatcher Fashion

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Flash As

PICHI RICHI RAILWAY



AFTER A VERY quiet Christmas season it has been all go up at loco with multiple workshops happening, and I can't think of a better way to kick off the Pichi Richi year than the volunteers' BBQ at the CWA hut, can you?



PRR Volunteer 3 Questions Survey Clive Bennett

How long have you been involved with PRR?

5.5 years

Best thing about volunteering at PRR?

Getting away from Adelaide


Three words to describe PRR

Volunteering, good, rewarding



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

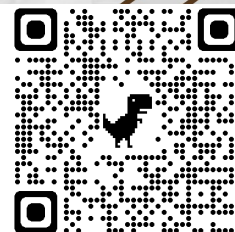
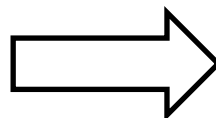
Passenger Survey Feedback
@reallygreatsite

 22 October 2022

Railway & cafe down street & tourist information centre is really good, i do this trip every october for last 4 years, see you next october, it's Michael by the way. ”

★★★★★

BOOK YOUR JOURNEY HERE



50 Years of PRRPS



The station in 1972. Courtesy of Chris Carpenter

15 years after the last scheduled train departed for Port Augusta in 1957, there were rumours circulating that Commonwealth Railways were going to dismantle the line.

The station itself was still in use though, with the line to Peterborough still being open, and had a full time station master until 1978. ■

Quorn's Cricket Juniors On-Ground Experience

ON SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER, the Quorn Cricket Club Cricket Blasters group were very fortunate to be invited by Bridget Hallion & Drew McDonald from the South Australian Cricket Association to attend an On-Ground Experience at the Adelaide Oval for the Australia v West Indies Test Match!

A special thank you to all the Parents and Family members that made the trip down to Adelaide. ■



Cricket Blaster top left to right- Callan Finlay, Will Skull, Eddie Skull, Brodie Maloney, Will Du Bois, Lily Maloney, Lachlan Key & Clyden Weetra



Cricket Blaster bottom left to right- Oliver Du Bois, Oliver Finlay, Fin Bevan, Tate Bury, Clay Rodgers, Charlie Skull, Dane Collins, Jed Kelly, Wayde Finlay, Zac Bury



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Connecting your health and wellbeing with Community based health professionals from Country Health Connect

Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network

To Access these services

Over 65 years Register for Aged Care Services – CALL 1800 944 912

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Quorn December 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
34	181	11	0	2
Allied Health Professionals February 2023 Visiting Schedule				
9th February	15th February	16th February	23rd February	2nd March
Podiatry Dietetics	Physio Community Consultation	Podiatry Diabetes Nurse Educator	Podiatry Dietician Physio	Dietician Diabetes Nurse Educator
Community Care Nurse in the Quorn Community Visiting Schedule				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am – 3pm				
Hours available to provide services as needed. Based from Quorn Medical Practice				
Drop in to discuss your health services.				
Flinders and upper North Local Health Network (FUNLHN) staff will be on site in Quorn, and available to community members who would like to have a chat about any matters related to their health services.				
Quorn Medical Practice 11.00am - 3.00pm				
Dates:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15th February 2023• 15th March 2023• 12th April 2023• 14th June 2023				
Please call (08) 86486338 during these dates/times, if unable to attend in person				

Jedd Tosses the Coin



Jedd ready to toss the coin to decide who serves first



Players, Rublev and Bautista Agut, observe coin toss with umpire and Jedd

ON JANUARY 3RD, 12 year old Jedd Carn of Quorn, tossed the coin to decide the opening server, in a match played at the inaugural Adelaide International 1 tennis tournament 2023.

The 1st round match between Russian Andrey Rublev and Roberto Bautista Agut of Spain was played on the centre court at Memorial Drive .

Jedd is the son of Hayley and Henry Carn. ■



REPRESENTING THE
QUORN COMMUNITY

Rowan Ramsey MP

Federal Member for Grey

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Please contact Rowan's office 1300 301 742 or 8633 1744
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Interested in being part of the Quorn Business Group?

If you're a Quorn business and you would like to join, membership is just \$50 per year.

Members have access to these great benefits:

- Networking events with other local business owners
- Discounted training opportunities
- Information nights with expert guest speakers
- Current information about grants that can help your business

It's a great opportunity for us all to share information and to collaborate with like-minded business owners.

We want to support sustainable business growth and make it easier to do business in Quorn.

If you're a local business and you'd like to find out more, contact:

President – Stu Hackett 0475 410 127

or

Secretary – Ellenor Day 0403 011 230

Upcoming meeting and event details will be posted in the *Quorn Out and About* group on Facebook soon.



Classified Adverts

Quorn Social Club Lottery

Draw December 2022

1st Des Finlay
2nd Amanda O'Loughlin
3rd Michael Wills

Rainfall 2022

Jan	34.2mm
Feb	14.6mm
March	0.2mm
April	14.8mm
May at 28/5	2.6mm
June	14.6mm
July	3mm
August	47mm
September	68.8mm
October	101.8mm
November	63.8mm
December	27mm
YTD	412mm

Rainfall 2023

Jan	23mm
YTD	23mm



**The Flinders
Ranges Council**

Council is now a RAT collection point for eligible people

Free rapid antigen tests (RATs) are available to eligible South Australians, including:

- people with disability or who are immunocompromised
- a carer of someone with disability or who is immunocompromised
- eligible Concession Card holders (including Pensioner Concession Card, Health Care Card, Commonwealth Seniors Health Card and Department of Veterans Affairs Concession Card)

You must present your eligible concession card when collecting the RATs and no registration is required to collect them. (Please note that no personal information is collected or stored by Council).

Please do not attend if you have COVID-19 symptoms.

RATs will be available during the hours of 9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday from the Quorn Administration Office, 1 Seventh Street, Quorn.

February 2023

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist
Diabetes Education
Dietitian
Physiotherapist
Occupational Therapist
Speech Pathologist
Social Worker

Country Health Connect 8668 7706



February 2023

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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- Submissions preferred as email attachments using Microsoft Word or Publisher
- Other submissions to Visitor Information Centre, Quorn Railway Station before 4.30 pm 24th Feb
- 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**—mercury@frc.sa.gov.au

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Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events February 2023

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 (not in school holidays)

Quorn Business Group

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

Flinders Flicks – 17th 7pm at Town
Hall. Film is *The Duke*

Hawker

Community Group—Tuesday
fortnightly

Yoga with Polly at the Hawker Gym

Development Board—2nd

Wednesday of the Month 2023

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

Season start, first Sundowner 11th
March 2023.

For the 2023 Pichi Richi Timetable
collect from the Visitor Centre or go
to www.pichirichirailway.org.au

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

Wattleseed Growers Forum

22nd at Cradock Hotel. If you want to
hear about native food business
opportunities with great guest
speakers, field site visit, wattleseed
tasting and a bushfood theme BBQ
Tickets available at
events.humantix.com/wattleseed

Quorn Show Society AGM

Tuesday 14th 7pm at The Flinders
Ranges Council Chambers
All community members are
welcome an encouraged to attend

Ikara- Flinders Ranges National Park

Partial closure from 6am Sunday 12th
until 9pm. 19th February for feral
animal control as part of the
Bounceback Program. For further
information regarding this program
or temporary park closures please
contact the DEW, Wilpena Office, on
(08) 8648 0049.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Happiness should always be in season
Denis Waitley

Regular Events

Quorn

Hannifitt

6.30pm Monday nights Location TBA.
1:30pm Tuesdays Circuit meet at tennis
courts
10:30am Wednesdays Low impact Town
Hall

Boot Camp

Tuesday & Fridays 6.30am Quorn Oval

Yoga

Tuesday and Thursday nights 6.30pm
Uniting Church Hall

Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group

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

Quorn Bowling Club

Social Bowls Everyone welcome
Tuesday and Saturday 1:00pm

Pilates

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

Transcontinental Hotel

Tuesday Night Schnitzel Night
Meal Specials Nightly
Friday nights members draw and meat
raffles

Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society

Wednesdays from 9am at the Lions Park
Second Saturday of the month 10am -2pm
Everyone welcome

Step Aerobics

Monday and Thursday 5.30pm
St Mathews Church Hall

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