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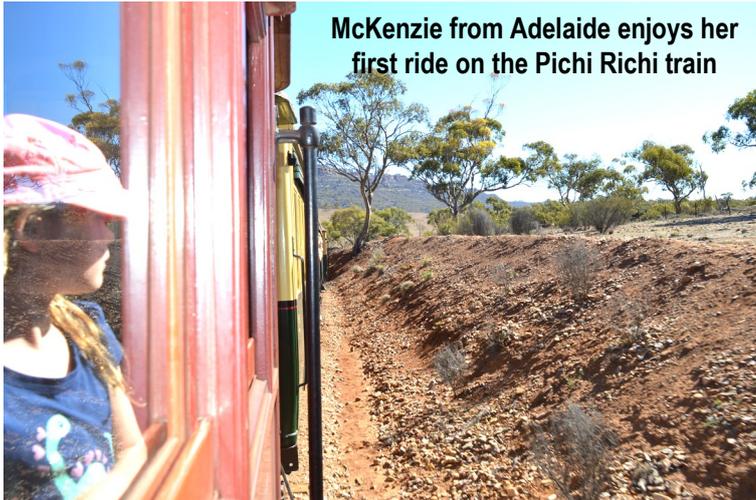
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McKenzie from Adelaide enjoys her first ride on the Pichi Richi train



Lest We Forget

RESIDENTS AND VISITORS gathered at Anzac Day Remembrance Services throughout the Flinders Ranges Council area. There were good attendances in Quorn and Hawker, and over sixty five persons attending at Craddock.

Very warm dry days, and cool nights are certainly welcome for visitors to the Flinders Ranges. A steady stream of visitors came to stay, and travelled further North as well, to explore our *backyard*.

As always, the wonderful attraction of a steam train drew families, travellers of all ages and some Quorn residents, to take a leisurely ride through the Pichi Richi Pass. Cyclists on a tour to raise funds for African schools, saw the train arrive at the station and appreciated the donations of passengers. ■



The train crossing near the Summit



See Page 8 to find out more about Lorie Paynter's chooks!



Cyclist shows the map of their tour.



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Philippine Holiday

HAVE YOU HEARD of the Last Frontier in the Philippines?

The island of Palawan is one of more than 7,000 islands of the Philippines. It is one of the paradises of Asia, but is gaining in popularity..

I spent four days there during my holidays in the Philippines in March 2018. Life in this small island is simple, laid back and natural. It is home to stunning exotic wildlife, coastal scenery and the best beaches I've ever seen.

There are many tours and activities available—diving between old WW2 Japanese shipwrecks in Coron; kayaking in El Nido's Big and Small Lagoon, or taking an Underground River cruise in Puerto Princesa.

Palawan has many unique sights, including three places that I've recently seen for the first time: El Nido (the nest), Coron and Underground River.

El Nido was unknown to foreign tourists, until recently. Lonely beaches, crystal clear waters, jungle, and steep limestone cliffs make its beautiful seascape popular with Europeans.



Underground River in Puerto Princesa

Coron is just as majestic as El Nido. It is also home to a number of unique experiences—gigantic limestone formations, snorkelling in the crystal clear lake and enjoying the therapy of a hot springs bath.

Underground River has been named one of the world's New Seven Wonders of Nature. A tour shows visitors the first 1.5 km of the cave.

The photos show these lovely places I visited during my holidays. As the saying goes: *a picture is worth a thousand words.* **Fr Jimmy Pantir ■**



Father Jimmy at El Nido on the island of Palawan.



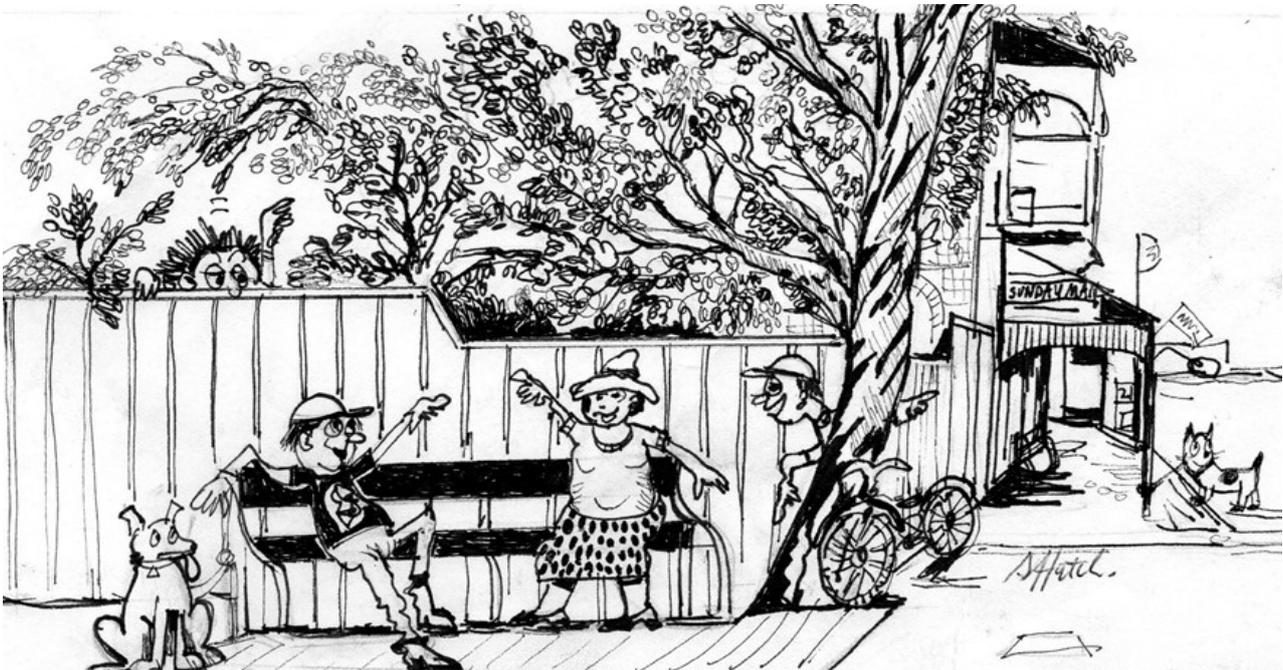
Coron beach on the island of Palawan

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Chat with a Quornie

Rene Reschke



THE FIRST HOME I remember was in Hindley Street, Adelaide, opposite a blacksmith shop. I remember the sounds of the draught horses going in to be shod. It was early in World War 2.

I was born in Woodside in 1935 'under a cabbage' Mum said. Mum, Doris Pullbrook, and Dad, Keith Gilbert, divorced when I was young. I had two older brothers, and three younger stepsisters. Dad died later of septicaemia, from a wood chopping accident.

We lived in Crafers, Bridgewater, Springton, Tea Tree Gully. We always had a roast dinner on Sundays, and ate the meat every meal through the week. Then we lived on bread, dripping and tomato sauce or jam.

I started school at Crafers. Mum drove all five of us there in a horse and buggy. At school, I tried hard and loved to draw, but what I wrote didn't mean what I thought it did. I reckon now that I was dyslexic, though I'd never heard of it then. Mum always said I talked 'like a butcher's magpie'.

Colin, my older brother, looked after us kids when Mum was down in the city working and singing. We'd play hide 'n' seek in the creeks under the reeds. We could crawl a hundred yards, and not get caught. Sliding down hills on corrugated iron would give us hot bums, but was fun and a bit dangerous.

There was a table by a tumbledown shed

covered by ivy next to Newmans' garden at Tea Tree Gully. We climbed up on it and jumped down in the strawberry and watermelon patch. We'd cut a three-sided hole to find a ripe melon. We were naughty, but not bad kids. We never needed shoes in that soft country.

When I was 10 we moved down to Woodville North and a succession of temporary homes in Adelaide. It was the end of World War 2 and I wasn't sorry to see the end of rationing—meat, bread, butter, tea, sugar.

In the Christmas holidays that I turned 14, Mum applied for an exemption for me to go to work. My best job was hemming double sheets at a factory. The sheets hung on long racks in front of a line of sewing machines. We'd pull one toward us, hem the bottom, flip it over the rail and hem the top. Working overtime, earned me £12 or £13 a week.



Rene in the Bo-Peep dress her mother made

My brothers Colin and Les were working on Wirrealpa Station, so Mum took the young ones up there and cooked for the shearers. My sister, Betty and I followed later on the Ghan.

We had a house at South Blinman, with a pale blue fence painted by a previous owner. I loved being back in the hills, with creeks, trees and rocks. We couldn't get around without shoes though—too many bindiis.

There were sheep on the Common at Blinman, that our four year old brother rounded up, with our border collie's help. He'd never done it before either, and had sheep running everywhere.

The first time we went out to Wirrealpa, Betty and I met our future husbands. Hers, John Player from Angorichina; mine, Colin Reschke.

When I was 20, Colin and I got married in the Anglican church, Quorn. Pop (Reschke) paid for the wedding, and chose the attendants. We dressed at the Austral Hotel and had our reception in the Town Hall.



Colin and Rene's wedding party, with Brian right

Pop (Ern) sold Mulga View to Colin and his brother Brian. We moved into the two-room pine and iron shack. Our bedroom (two foot down) was a dirt-floored *Tack room*, lined with old woolpacks and redbacks behind the curtains.



Colin with, from left: Mark, Luke, Puddy, Dennis

Like Colin's mother Isabel (nee Grock), my three older boys Mark, Dennis and Grant (Puddy) were born in three years. The boys slept on *Queensland gate* beds in the Mulga View shack.



Miss Australia, Tricia Reschke, meets Leanne Tricia Reschke

After 12 months—1957/58—Colin and Brian bought Pinda Springs, 75 miles south of the Wertalooona Station boundary. Colin and the boys stayed. But I went down to North Quorn to wait at Nan's, for the birth of our hoped-for baby girl.

Leanne Tricia's birth notice was in the Sunday Mail two weeks late—the day late in October 1962, that Tricia Reschke was crowned Miss Australia. And Blinman claimed the new *Tricia* Reschke!

I stayed where Amelia and Terry Reschke now live. Sadly, Pop had died in 1962, after eight grandsons, and before the birth of his long-awaited granddaughter.

The Pinda Springs home was a leaky tent, because the boys used it as a slippery dip. Colin built our house, carting timber on a short wheel based landrover, on a road he made through NarinnaValley.

When the walls were up and the roof iron laid out, the first rain came. I helped Colin get half the roof on, except for the ridge-cap, and we rushed to moved in.

We shifted beds, the Metters number 2 stove,



The house that Colin built at Pinda Springs in the 60s

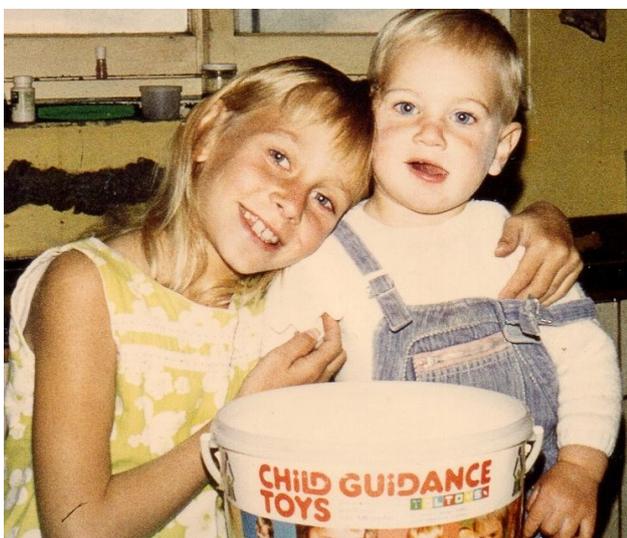
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the table—an old wooden door on two drums. (I'd scraped ice off it many times when it was outside during the winter), and the chairs (wheat bags on drums).

For two days it poured rain, but we were pretty well dry. Though we lived there for about four years, the promised cement for the floor never arrived.

We moved to Pinda Springs block, 75 miles off the Wertalooona boundary, and lived in Terry Reschke's old brush building (for two years).

Home was a tent that the boys used as a slippery dip, until it got holes and leaked. Colin built us a house. He made a road, to cart timber up through Narrina Valley.



Jenny and Luke at The Gap, 1978

A welcome visitor was an aboriginal man, Ollie James, who rode his pushbike from Irish Well, an out-station of Wertalooona Station to Pinda. He loved cards and would sometimes play all night with Colin.

During one of the musters, Ollie disappeared. Sadly, he was never found. Only his saddle left hanging on the fence showed where he'd been.

In 1969, we bought Mt Falkland (The Gap) and some blocks round Parachilna. Colin mustered Henery's Gum Creek station hills country, and earned a reputation for defying the forces of gravity, riding his horse in the steep hills.

We lived in Blinman, where Leanne and the boys went to school, (better than me teaching them). Jenny was born when we were there,



Boys and buggies: family day out, northern Flinders

but twice-yearly shearing meant we saw little of Colin, so we moved down to Pumpa's old house at The Gap.

Luke was born in 1976. When he was three and a half, we sold The Gap to Brian, and bought Meryula, a 500sq mile sheep station at Cobar, NSW.

After three years, when we still hadn't settled in to the Cobar district, we decided to leave. The station which had taken 25 years to sell to us, sold in 10 days.

The older boys had left home: Dennis and Puddy working on stations, Mark truck-driving, and Leanne married and was living on Mt Lyndhurst Station.

We'd decided to go back to Quorn while we looked round for a property up the River (Murray). But we didn't get past Quorn.

For three years, we lived in a caravan in Nan's yard, while Colin carted wool, sheep and general loading.

Colin and I decided to stay in Quorn, and put a transportable house on the block next to Nan. Jenny and Luke were still living at home, but Colin decided we'd have a two-bedroom house. I held out for three bedrooms.

Our new house, Leanne's first baby (and new foal) arrived within 24 hours. By 1993 Jenny and Luke had left home. Schooldays, weddings, babies, anniversaries passed.

Colin and I and some 4-wheel-drive friends enjoyed many camping and bush-bashing trips to places we'd loved to go as a family.

Through my church, I'd made many friends, and joined them on trips to Adelaide and interstate for meetings and gatherings.

Colin's health had been poor for some years. He died in 2006. My good friends from church, and Quorn people prayed with me, and helped me through the sad times.

Chat with Rene Reschke

We were lucky to have had 50 years of marriage, and for Colin to have seen our many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Colin would have liked that his girls are horse-mad, his boys truck-mad. And, that Puddy has his own shop in Blinman.

When I was 71, (and before I had my hip replaced), I repeated the climb that I'd done when I was 30, to the top of Mt Pattawerta, north of Blinman.

In later years I've taken up swimming. It helps my breathing. Swimming 30-40 laps in the mornings keeps me mobile.

The Church on the Corner—Flinders Christian Fellowship—suits me well. I help with lunches twice a week, and attend weekly Bible Studies.

I enjoy weekly lunch with my friends, the Wednesday Wags. We have a good laugh at life, and catch up with news (gossip).

Life's mostly memories now, of busy days, all the worries, and what-could-have-beens: reminiscences of my busy and eventful life. ■



Rene at church dinner

Reader's Suggestions

THINGS COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE SUGGESTED TO US AT THE MERCURY:

- We should know exactly what rubbish should go in our bins.

Anne Calliss read an article in a newspaper recently. It explained what could and couldn't be put in our bins.

e.g. shredded paper shouldn't go in our yellow bins

Perhaps a more itemised list could be printed in our Council bulletin.

- Our Telephone Directory should be re-written.

The most recent local phone book has the numbers of many people who have let their landline go, and use a mobile number.

Perhaps there's a group in the town who would like to take on the task of rewriting it. ■

Blindsided by Announcement

AN ANNOUNCEMENT on GTS BKN has stunned Quorn's hardworking supporters of the Pichi Richi Marathon: the 2018 marathon will be run from Port Augusta to Wilmington via Horrocks Pass.

Flinders Ranges Council was responding to a request for support by the PRM committee. It was not aware of the decision to change the race from its traditional route.

The marathon is a popular longstanding event which has had the support of many groups in Quorn for over 30 years.

Flinders Ranges Council has requested a meeting with the PRM committee, but hasn't heard from them at this time. ■

Showing Quorn's Potential

AS THE SCHOOL holidays draw to an end, Quorn Area School, Year Eleven student Lorie Paynter tells of her involvement in showing poultry at the Quorn Show.

Lorie reflects that since the age of four, she has participated in Agricultural shows and Club or Breed competitions in Quorn, Melrose, Crystal Brook, Jamestown, and Whyalla. She has also exhibited poultry in Adelaide.

Her family's long-standing involvement in showing poultry, has helped and encouraged Lorie to learn and develop her skills in caring for, and understanding the complex requirements of breeding and preparing poultry for shows. Lorie is also a steward at shows.

She introduced the first of her birds as she explained about the characteristics of their breed.

The White Silky standard light breed, has black skin, voluminous fluffy white feathers and

blue lobes under its ears. Lorie advised that the bird struggles to stay cool in the warm weather. The density of its feathers makes it better suited to winter conditions.

The second bird was a Rose Comb soft feathered Bantam, with light well spaced black feathers and white lobes under each ear. This bird needed to be kept warm in winter, with its white lobes prone to frostbite.

Lorie explained how to prepare birds for showing—washing, blow-drying, cleaning and ensuring they are free of any parasites such as lice or fleas, which would disqualify the bird.

Lorie aims to present the birds as the best example of their breed, and has been rewarded with numerous trophies and ribbons from showing.



Lorie with from left the Rose Comb, and White Silky at right



Some of Lorie's many awards

Lorie is most proud of winning the State Junior Show Best of Breed award, held in Adelaide in 2015. The Award is shown below:



Showing Quorn's Potential continued ..

Lorie intends to continue showing poultry at Quorn Agricultural Shows, and other shows in the region. She would like to “give Mum a holiday” by convening the Poultry and Pigeon section of the Show one day. She thinks that her participation is important because it demonstrates that there are different things young people can do in life that are enjoyable and rewarding, besides sport and using technology.

Lorie talked about enjoying meeting other participants in shows, forming friendships, learning important information, tips and tricks for improving presentation of her birds in shows. She hopes to continue a long held tradition in her family for showing poultry.

She prefers to be in the background, enjoying getting the job done, not needing recognition, but rewarded by the continuation and improvement of the show.

She values carrying on the family tradition, feeling close to absent relatives and building and improving on their work.

Lorie is also keenly involved in Art and Drawing and has recently entered three pieces in

an exhibition currently on show at the Platform Gallery in Port Augusta.

It was a pleasure to learn so much from Lorie, a talented and quiet achiever,—one of the many young people building their future in Quorn today. ■



Lorie, explains the features of the Rose Comb light feathered bantam

Team Penning



THE TEAM PENNING event on the weekend of 28-29th April included opportunities for juniors to learn and practise cattle and horse handling skills . In the photo above, MacKenzie Chapman shows her enthusiasm, skill and enjoyment as she and her horse execute a tidy turn in the Junior Barrel Race.. ■

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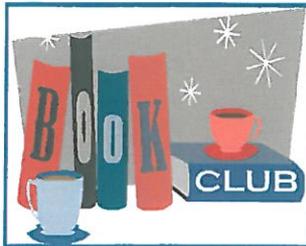
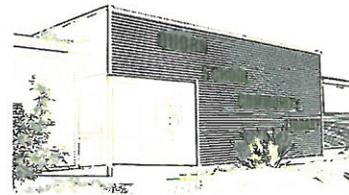
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Media Release

2018 WHYALLA RECORDING SCHOLARSHIP LAUNCH! Major Expansion Announced!

WHYALLA'S STORMFRONT PRODUCTIONS is proud to launch the 2018 Whyalla Recording Scholarship (WRS) to "Expand the Horizons" of young original music talents from our region.

2017 winner Breeze Millard has just finished her tenure, having seen her debut single "I Have My Own Life" sell strongly on iTunes, reach Number 8 on the National AMRAP Radio Chart and result in over 100 broadcast, print and online media interviews & Features during the last 12 months.

In 2018 WRS will cast a much wider net - young original musicians aged 12 to 21 can now apply if they are residents of Cleve, Kimba, Franklin Harbour, Whyalla, Port Augusta, Flinders Ranges, Mt Remarkable and Ororoo Carrieton.

WRS Founders Mark Tempany & Alison Hams said "Our inaugural year with Breeze proved what amazing young talent is out there and how important it is to have such a rare professional package like this available in a Regional setting.

"As Breeze has built her musical profile we've continued to receive enormous interest from people all over the state – as a result we're delighted to expand our net to many neighbouring areas this year!"

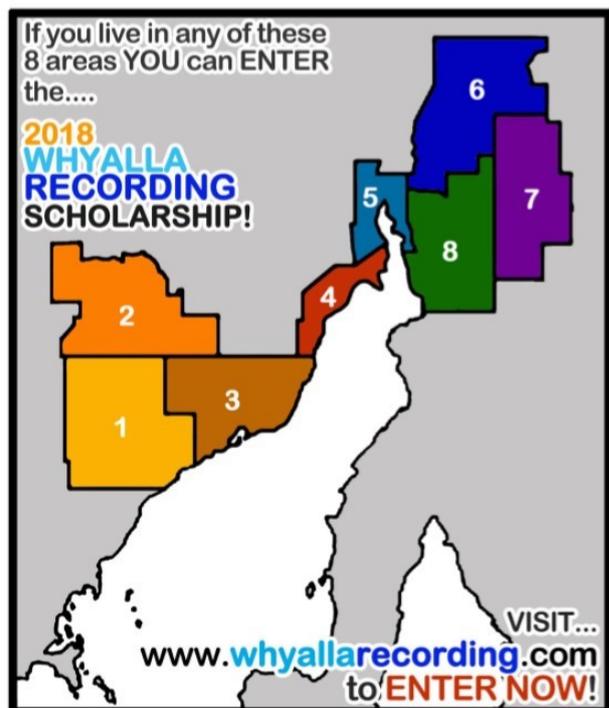
With "I Have My Own Life" as a major credit, Stormfront was named in the state's Top 5 Recording Studios at the 2017 South Australian Music Awards.

"All people should have access to the arts & creative excellence. We are particularly passionate about providing professional guidance & resources to young people in Regional areas where such opportunities are rare or non-existent. The WRS Audition process offers this and so much more to all entrants - not just the winner," said Alison.

The Whyalla Recording Scholarship is an entirely independent and not-for-profit initiative inviting financial and in-kind donations to support its work. Anyone interested in entering or supporting WRS in 2018 should visit www.whyllarecording.com for more information.

2018 ENTRIES CLOSE on 29th June!

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- 8 DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MOUNT REMARKABLE



PICHI RICHI RAILWAY



Hello, Quorn!

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

Train Journeys in May

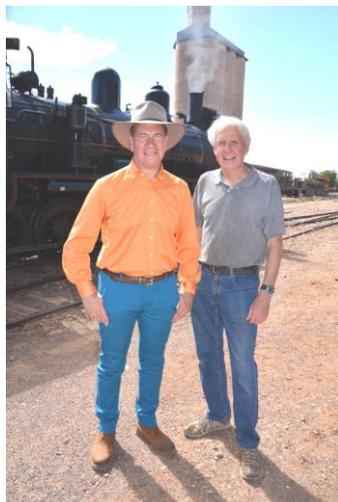
AFGHAN EXPRESS – departing Pt Augusta Saturday 5th and Saturday 19th

PICHI RICHI EXPLORER – Departs Quorn Sunday 13th and Sunday 27th

Michael Portillo comes to town

On Saturday April 21st the host of the BBC documentary series Great Railway Journeys, Michael Portillo, joined the Afghan Express at Port Augusta to travel to Quorn. His film crew are currently making 3 documentaries in Australia one of which is the story of the Ghan. On April 7th they filmed in the area and photographed 2 of our engines and rolling stock which relate to the original Ghan trains operated by the South Australian Railways and the Commonwealth Railways.

Following his arrival in town Michael was transported to a property just out of town for a camel ride to highlight the role played by the Afghan Cameleers. Then he sampled a quandong pie and filmed a little story about the iconic fruit of the area.



Michael Portillo with PR Railway President Julian Hipwell

Coffee Pot catering

The first of our 4 Coffee Pot Lunch trips for 2018 ran on April 22nd and 2 local ladies responded to an SOS which went out for help. They assisted with preparation of the dining room and serving the 3-course meal at Woolshed Flat.

Our grateful thanks go to Carlene Voigt and Cindy Hay who joined our team and did a fantastic job on the day. Thank you ladies.



The Coffee Pot Catering team



School Holiday Explorer Trains

April was an extremely busy month for Pichi Richi volunteers. Easter, School holidays and special hires kept us all on the go. Six Explorer trains operated during the school holidays and carried close to 800 passengers.

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Probus

AT PROBUS April meeting Jeff Morgan was a very interesting guest speaker.

Jeff spoke on his life and the work he did before moving to Hawker from Laura to follow his passion to be an artist. Jeff has been an invited guest speaker in different countries around the world. He spoke about the panoramas he has done and seeing others in countries he has visited.

On April 17th fourteen members went to Gladstone to visit the gaol. Morning tea was served before an organised tour of the gaol.

The tour guide talked on each aspect of the gaol as we wandered through. The gaol is hired out for functions and has rooms available for overnight or longer stays. There is a barbecue area and a well equipped kitchen.

We stopped at Laura on the way back to Quorn for lunch in the park. After lunch, we visited the CocoLaura Gourmet chocolate shop. The visit was enjoyed by all.

The owner David Mellow Smith is guest speaker at our meeting on May 1st. ■



Front: Rod Jarvis, Jan Jarvis, Carlene Voigt, Pauline Colliver, Fay Powell, Fanny Couthard Ronda Lorimar
Rear : Lois Litchfield, Lyall Voigt, Mary Francis, visitor, Kingsley Marr, Charlie Lorimar, Brenda Hunt

QUORN OUT AND ABOUT



ON THURSDAY APRIL 26TH twelve ladies from the Red Hat group journeyed to Hawker to have lunch at the recently opened Flinders Food Co.

After a very enjoyable lunch, ladies had fun with jokes and quizzes before the day concluded. All agreed it was a good day of friendship and fun.

The Red Hat group meet on the fourth Thursday every second month. Next meeting is June 23rd with a lunch in Quorn.

To be a member you need to be over sixty years of age and wear a red hat to the outings. ■



Kate Collins celebrated her 21st birthday with a party in Adelaide recently. A number of Quornies were on hand to help her celebrate. L to R: Mikaela Duncan, Sharna Geldard, Skye Gilbert, Kate Collins, Brenna Gilbert, Tricia Slattery, Shannon Maloney.



Two of Quorn's ex-servicemen: Jeff Michelmore who served in World War II, and Dustin Hombsch who was in the Australian Navy.



Anzac Day in Quorn



Michael Portillo and Julian Hipwell
See PRR page for the story.



Still Celebrating!

PAULA ROBERTS had a significant birthday in February, and, true to form, is still basking in the memory.

There was a memorable feast for the many relations and friends who stayed to celebrate. Paula and Jeffrey's daughter, Sara, who was home from Adelaide, helped entertain.

Her workmates, and swimming mates wish her good health, and thank her for the jokes and good company she's given over the years.



CURRENTLY VISITING QUORN FROM CANADA are Jo and Connor Graham and their boys. Lucas is to be christened in Adelaide at Passionist Monastery where Jo was christened. Dr Tony is pictured with Austin. Below left is Jo's husband Connor and right, Nes holding Lucas, Austin and Jo.



A cycling touring group passed through Quorn on 18th April. They are raising funds for African Education.

Happy Birthday Karen Evans

Love from Anne and
David
Your smile brightens
everyone's day.



Jenny Cross turns 60



Di Williams, Franc Carling, Patsy Reynolds, Jenny Cross, Jacinta Hannigan, Tricia Lehmann, and Andrea Bury
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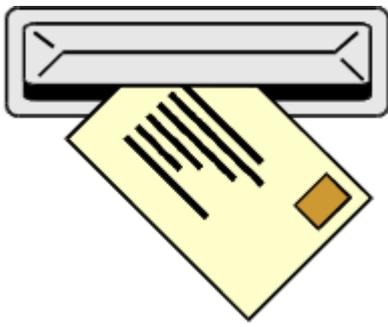
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Letters to the Editor

The Quorn Mercury
27th April 2018

The Federal Minister for the Environment, Mr Canavan, announced last week that voting will commence from August the 20th, 2018, both here and at Kimba, as to whether we want a National Radioactive Waste Management Facility (NRWMF) in our region or not.

We are now into our third year of this process. Most of the information being supplied to the general public is given by The Department of Industry Innovation and Science (DIIS). Anybody who questions what information is being mailed out are accused of using scare tactics and providing non-factual information. It now appears that others are also starting to question what DIIS is or is not telling us.

1) The survey, conducted by Orima Research for the Department, was totally flawed in so many ways it should have been discredited on the spot. Confirmation of this can be read in a critique supplied to the Hawker Community Development Board last November by an independent researcher. Minister Canavan has at last acknowledged this.

2) There is indeed a lot of disunity within the communities. There have been people flown to Adelaide by RFDS with life threatening conditions directly relating to stress, from this process. Minister Canavan has at last acknowledged there is disunity also.

3) Both issues have been overlooked by the Department. However Minister Canavan is now agreeing that this process is causing disunity and was flawed. He has also added that 15% of the waste coming to the NRWMF will be Intermediate level waste (ILW), including reprocessed spent fuel rods from Lucas Heights. In France, this ILW is considered as high level waste. There is no permanent site for disposal of ILW in Australia. DIIS states that ILW requires burial in stable conditions deep underground. To

date no such site exists and it is too cost prohibitive to build one.

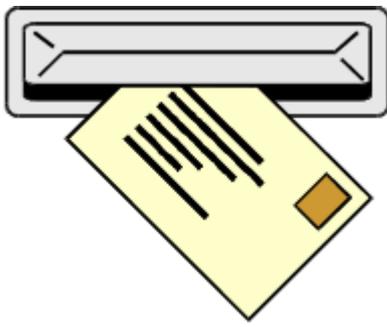
4) Five eminent scientists with years of collective expertise in this region say Wallerberdina is the worst location to put a waste dump. Confirmation of this report can also be obtained from the Hawker Community Development Board. It was supplied to them last November.

5) The Department have tried to back up their talk by making the local public feel obligated to host a waste dump as we have all had some form of nuclear medicine and yet we don't want to have the waste dump. As Dr. Geoff Currie who came to Hawker last year said (BCC notes, Oct 10th, 2017), that hospitals today burn their own waste. It is now ascertained that the largest amount of Low Level Waste and Intermediate Level Waste will come from Lucas Heights and Woomera etc. and not from Hospitals around the country side.

6) The \$10 million Capital Contribution Fund, promised once work on the NRWMF commences, may not even end up in the community. Conditions are that it must be used for health, education and/or infrastructure in the relevant State, under agreement between the Commonwealth and a panel chaired by the State Premier and three others with expertise in the three relevant areas.

7) I, like most others who are against a NRWMF going at Wallerberdina, am NOT against having such a facility in Australia if it is a confirmed fact, by all credible organizations and departments, that we need one. Then we can all sit down with the Department and other credible organizations that we can TRUST, without bullying, corruption, lies and bribes, to work out a solution on a national level, rather than home in on already struggling communities.

Yours sincerely
Leon Ashton, Quorn.



Letters to the Editor continued

TO THE EDITOR

A PARABLE

There was once an old church, in use by generations of families for hundreds of years.

A new freeway was being built to provide better access to the airport, for passengers and freight.

The old church was in the way and would have to be pulled down.

The parishioners didn't want the church demolished. To them it was important and unique.

The planners came to speak to the parishioners and explained to them how everyone would be better off with the new freeway. There would be more freight through the airport and more jobs.

The planners explained how it could be scientifically proven that demolishing the church would not make them sick of body or spirit. That there were plenty of other churches.

That really, putting significance into a place was not very reasonable, even if their families had been baptised, married and buried there. Even if this church, being old, could never be replaced.

At Wallerberdina generations have continuously used the land not for hundreds of years but for 60,000 years, for hunting, for ceremonies, for births and burials.

The only difference is the European view of place as built things and the Aboriginal view of place as all of an area. The European way of caring for place by adorning it with buildings and the Aboriginal way of honouring and caring for the land by leaving it in a more natural state.

If there was no other option for the freeway, or the National Waste Facility, perhaps all this would not be important enough, but there are other options. There can be a better process.

There are very few places on Earth in continuous use by the same People for 60,000 years – that is something to protect.

Using a relatively small area for a Waste Facility may seem to some of us insignificant but it damages and taints the whole of the place cared for by the Traditional Owners.

Maintaining the integrity of the place is the responsibility of the current generation of Traditional Owners

Content and publication supported by several Adnyamathanha Traditional Owners.

S. Andersson ■

Some of the books in the Library—May 2018

Adult Fiction:

Now that you mention it - Kristin Higgins
Lincoln in the Bardo -George Saunders
Disgrace - JM Coetzee
Oscar and Lucinda -Peter Carey
The narrow road to the deep North - Richard Flannagan
The life of Pi - Yan Martel
The god of small things - Arundhati Roy
The true history of the Kelly Gang - Peter Carey

Children's Picture:

My Mum is a Magician
I spy in the Sky
Sweet Petite

Junior Non-Fiction

The Slime Book



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- Band-aids
- Paracetamol – Including age-appropriate children’s paracetamol for your children or those who visit regularly
- Tweezers
- Antiseptic such as Betadine
- Simple bandage
- Non-adhesive wound pad (dressing)

Pharmacies can help getting these items together, including suggesting suitable cheaper generic brands.

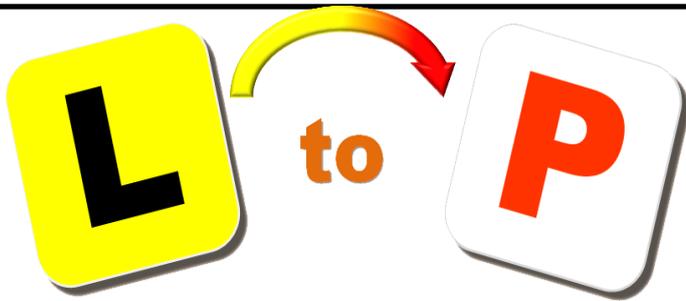
Please advise your pharmacist of allergies

Most items are available at your local supermarket.

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Federal Member for Grey

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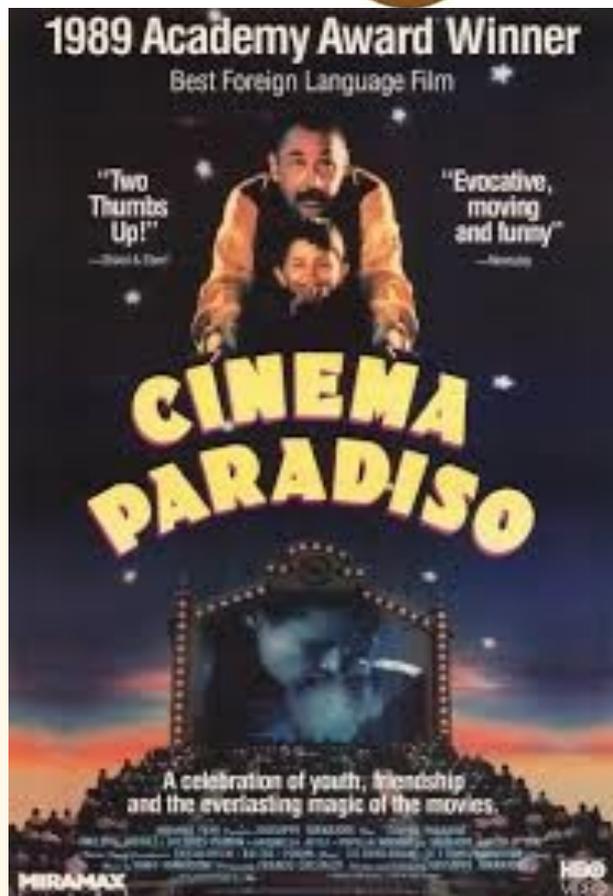
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Enjoying the recent film night Pam Dyska, Kay Freebairn, Janet Sharnock, Pauline Colliver and Maxine Norfolk.



David Reubenicht, David and Lisa Southon and Minette Gorecki.

Leichhardt

— Bruce Delany

I WONDER WHAT happened to Leichhardt? This story has fascinated me since I was a kid. How a fully-equipped expedition could completely disappear without trace defies belief.

Friedrich Wilhelm Ludwig Leichhardt was one of our greatest explorers, with many successful trips to his credit. His last trip started in March 1848, but where he finished, nobody knows.

When I was working in the bush there was a lot of talk and conjecture about his fate, and a substantial sum of money was offered for any information that would lead to the discovery of his whereabouts.

A brass tobacco container was found on ‘Macumba’ with initials scratched on it, one of them being ‘L’, and the other obliterated. But it turned out to be the property of Larry O’Toole, who worked there!

In 1938, Ted Lowe from ‘Mt Dare’ said he had found the bones of seven humans on his property (the same number as in Leichhardt’s party!) An elaborate group, including an anthropologist, photographer, and surveyor, led by Dr Grenfell Price, set out for the site at Muckarinna waterhole.

The ‘skeletons’ turned out to be calcified tree roots, but the area was sieved, and turned up human teeth, bones, leather, and pieces of iron. But get this: two coins were found—a half-sovereign dated 1817, and a Maundy three-pence dated 1814!

Nothing was proved one way or another. Was it a genuine find or a hoax? I know what *I* think!

For a start, Leichhardt was an excellent bushman, and a cautious man, who wouldn’t go past the point of no return as far as water went. He would go ahead of the plant, and if no water was found, he simply wouldn’t go that way.

‘Mt Dare’ is on the western side of the deadly Simpson Desert, and Leichhardt was on the eastern side. I’ve crossed the Simpson in a 4WD, and to think that a group of men with horses, mules, bullocks, and drays could cross it is patently absurd. Whatever they found on ‘Mt Dare’, it wasn’t Leichhardt’s party.

In Bruce Simpson’s book, *In Leichhardt’s Footsteps*, he says that in 1948 he and three other

stockmen were mustering ‘Glenormiston’ Station. ‘Glenormiston’ is west of Boulia in Queensland. Its boundary is the Northern Territory border, and the homestead is on Pituri Creek.

Bruce was riding through a Gidyea clump, when he saw a bit of iron sticking out of the ground. The four of them scouted around, and found a saddle tree, steel from packsaddles, buttons, and clothing.

They didn’t stay long, as they were mustering, but Bruce took with him two stirrup irons of a design that he’d never seen before. Eventually, these were lost when inadvertently sold with Bruce’s droving plant.

‘Glenormiston’ had been settled for over 70 years, so no one knew anything about what had happened there, which leads one to believe that whatever happened occurred before settlement.

Several trees marked with an ‘L’ have been found in the ‘Glenormiston’ area, but the explorer William Landsborough was through that area, and some of the tree blazes are fakes.

Bruce Simpson left ‘Glenormiston’ not long after finding those relics, and didn’t return until 1996, when he led an expedition to try to recover them. But he couldn’t find the spot again.

If anything is found in the future, DNA comparisons could be made. I don’t know if any DNA tests have been made on the Mt Dare relics, but as they were (or should be) in Government hands, I should imagine they have been.

If I were a betting man, I would maybe put a few bob on the ‘Glenormiston’ site. But ‘Mt Dare’? No way José!

Courtesy *The Western Herald*, Bourke, NSW

Notes: Leichhardt (1813–48) was German, born in Prussia. He migrated to Sydney in 1842. Despite what Bruce says, he led only one *successful*—but very famous—expedition in 1844–45, from Brisbane to Port Essington (a settlement on the Northern Territory coast that was later abandoned), a distance of 3000 miles.

His reputation suffered after his next expedition failed, and then his party disappeared on his last expedition, as Bruce says. His reputation then suffered, though there are arguments that this was partly because he wasn’t British.

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Good Friday and Easter, commemorating the Last Supper. Maundy money was a gift from Britain’s sovereign on that day, of coins especially struck for the occasion—silver pennies, twopennies, threepences, and fourpences.

Dr Grenfell Price (1892–1977) was a well-known Australian geographer and historian. ■

Pictures — From the Past



LAST MONTH'S *Mercury* had a photo of J.W. Manfield's Store at Farina. He also had stores in Marree, Oodnadatta, and Innamincka. He sold

his chain in 1920 to the Quorn storeman, Jack Bell. Here you can see camels either being loaded or unloaded at his Innamincka Store.



THE INNAMINCKA Hotel in early days. The famous gigantic bottle heap came about by patrons being told about their empties, 'Throw 'em out the back door'. You wonder who the people are—the small girl in her Sunday best.

Innamincka (corruption of 'deep dark hole') cattle station dates from 1874 where the Cooper and Strzelecki Creeks join. The town was once named Hopetoun. Its present name is from 1892.

A wonderful book about Innamincka is Elizabeth Burchill's 1960 *Innamincka*. She was a Nurse at the Australian Inland Mission in the town, from 1930 to 1932. What a lesson there is for us in her book today, if we take the miracles of modern medicine, and the presence of doctors and hospitals in small country towns for granted!

These pictures are scans of photos got around 1960 from the South Australian Archives. ■

Swim Club Presentation

Most Improved Top 10

- 10th place Tom Millington 21 Points
- 9th place Anthony O'Loughlin 22 Points
- 8th place Emily Millington 23 Points
Jayde Finlay 23 Points
- 7th place Abraham Tuckwell 24 Points
- 6th place Madison Hatley-Bruncic 25 Points
- 5th place Hannah Moosha-Hancock 29 Points
- 4th place Sasha Wilton 33 Points
- 3rd place Georgia Turner 38 Points
- 2nd place Zoe Solomon 50 Points
- 1st place Aiden Hatley-Bell 53 Points

Handicap Winners

- 3rd place Sasha Wilton 8 Points
- 2nd place Chelsea Solomon 11 Points
- 1st place Hannah Moosha-Hancock 19 Points

Male and Female Scratch Winners

Female Scratch:

- 3rd Chelsea Solomon 50 Points
- 2nd Georgia Turner 51 Points
- 1st Hannah Moosha-Hancock 100 Points

Male Scratch:

- 3rd Anthony O'Loughlin 33 Points
- 2nd Aiden Hatley-Bell 81 Points
- 1st Abraham Tuckwell 147 Points

John Everett Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the fastest Male and Female 100m Breaststroke
Abraham Tuckwell and Tayla Finlay

Rookie of the Year

Awarded to a swimmer under 18 The swimmer's first competitive year with the QASC with most combined points
Aiden Hatley-Bell – 135 points

-Overall Club Champion-

Awarded to the swimmer with overall most points
Abraham Tuckwell - 171 points



Club Captain and MC
Chloe Hilder



10th most improved:
Tom Millington



8th most improved:
Jayde Finlay and Emily Millington



6th most improved:
Madison Hatley-Bruncic

Swim Club Presentation



Handicap 3rd place
Sasha Wilton



Handicap 1st place
Hannah Moosha-Hancock



Male Scratch 3rd place
Anthony O'Loughlin



Female Scratch 2nd place
Georgia Turner



Rookie of the Year
Aiden Hatly-Bell



Club Champion (third year in a row)
Abraham Tuckwell

Whyalla Carnival



QUORN SWIMMERS HEADED to Whyalla on the 21st of April to take part in one last carnival, held six weeks late due to pool repairs. It was a very successful day.

Results:

Aiden Hatly-Bell: 5 gold

Georgia Turner: 3 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze

Hannah Moosha-Hancock: 2 gold and 2 silver

Anthony O'Loughlin: 1 gold, 2 silver

Sasha Wilton: 1 silver and 2 bronze

The Quorn A team: Georgia, Sasha, Hannah and Aiden, won silver in the freestyle relay.

The Quorn A team: Anthony, Sasha, Georgia and Aiden, won bronze in the medley relay. ■

Health Calendar

Requests for Allied Health 1800 003 307

May

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for May details

Podiatrist

Diabetes Education

Dietitian

Physiotherapist

Occupational Therapist

Speech Pathologist

Social Worker Tuesday to Friday
(every second Thursday)

Bookings 8642 3201

More health services information see Classifieds



May

Anglican Church of St Mathew

Three services a year:

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

If required for a funeral service

Ring: 86486162 or 86486763

Catholic Church Church of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday Mass 8.30am

Weekday Mass (W-S) 9.00am

Flinders Christian Fellowship

Sunday Service Weekly 10.00am

Lunch Mon & Thurs 12pm

Bible study Tues 12:30pm

Uniting Church

Sunday Service Weekly 11.00am

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Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events May 2018

Regular Events

Quorn

Powell Gardens Working

Bee—

2nd Sunday and 4th
Thursday of the month

Quorn Produce and Craft market

Sunday 29th May

Quorn Book Club

7pm Wednesday 23rd
37 Park Tce. Phone Sam
Nester for more info 0456
129 870

Women's Fellowship

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

Flinders Flicks

Friday 25th May – Tickets at
Emily's Bistro

Quorn Men's shed

Breakfast 10th & 24th

Storytime at the Library

10am 9th & 23rd May

Spit Roast

at Emily's Bistro every
Sunday

Events

Pichi Richi Railway Train Journeys

Pichi Richi Explorer - Departs 10.30am

Quorn to Woolshed Flat and return.

Afghan Express – Departs 10.30am Port

Augusta to Quorn and return

**Pick up your timetable at the VIC Quorn
or visit www.pichirichirailway.org.au**

4th AJ Muriel and Mavis Live music
supporting breast cancer at the Criterion
Hotel starts at 7.30pm

10th -13th Quorn Country Music Muster

Featuring live Music all weekend at the
Quorn Racecourse

Thursday 10th May food available at the
bowling club from 5pm

Friday 11th Walk ups at racecourse from
4.30pm, gold coin donation, food available

Saturday 12th Main show, 10am to 10pm,
entry \$10 per person, food available all
day. No BYO alcohol, bar available.

Sunday 13th, Musical Mother's Day train
with live music in all carriages. Live music
at the Trans Hotel.

20th Town Garage Sales

8.30am to 3.00pm

A bargain hunting extravaganza. Drive to
each individual garage sale identified by
yellow balloons. Maps are available for a
gold coin donation on day of sales from
the Visitor Information Centre, Quorn.

26th Hawker Races and Cabaret

Saturday 26th May, Cup Calcutta, Racing
from 1pm. Tea 6pm-8pm. The Crazy Katz
Band 8pm-1am.

Bookmakers, Full Bar & Catering, Shuttle
Bus Available (within the town),
Kids Entertainment, Fashions of the field.

Regular Events

Quorn

Line dancing

Tuesday nights 7pm Town Hall cost \$6
date TBC to resume

Yoga

Thursday nights 6.30pm Uniting Church
Hall

Badminton

Tuesday nights 7pm School Gym

Probus

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

Aerobics/Walking Exercise

Monday and Thursday Anglican Church
Hall 6pm cost \$2

Quilting Group

Friday at the Austral Hotel all day
everyone welcome

Quorn Bowling Club

Interested in playing a game of social
bowls? Monday 1.00pm for 1.30pm start
or Thursday evenings at 7pm.
Everyone is welcome to join in the fun

Hawker

Quilting Group—Friday fortnightly

Community Group—Tuesday fortnightly

Friendship Group—3rd Wednesday

Development Board—3rd Monday of the
month

Quote of the Month

*No matter how cynical you get, it is
impossible to keep up.*

Lily Tomlin



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Dust Storms over Quorn



Above—Looking towards Quorn Racecourse
Right—Looking East, Horseshoe Range barely visible

QUORN IS EXPERIENCING a long dry Autumn with higher than average temperatures.

We are hoping for some good rains in the near future that will revive our gardens, trees and spirits. On Friday 13th April much of the state experienced severe winds and dust storms. Pictures show some of the views around Quorn.■



Left—View over town looking south



The Dutchman