

Quorn Mercury

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THE SUNDAY MARKET held at the Quorn Town Hall at the end of each month is well supported by community and visitors.

There is always a variety of produce, baked goods, preserves, art and craft items for sale. You need to get there early for the food and produce items, as many regulars purchase their favourite items each month.

It was pleasantly cool inside the hall as the day warmed up outside, but the plants outside looked fresh and well watered.

Stall holders were happy with the day's sales ■



Admire the many plants for sale, all the way from Whyalla, as you approach the entrance to the Quorn Town Hall



A fish-eye view of children's bonnets
Displayed by Kathy's Embroidery



A fish-eye lens view inside the hall
From left:—Carolyn Bury, Kylie Finlay Keith Wiseman

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Attention Quorn Community

DR TONY LIAN-LLOYD has recently raised the issue of succession planning, (with the Quorn Health Services Health Advisory Council), regarding attracting a Doctor to Quorn when Tony decides on transitioning to retirement.

This is an issue that every citizen of the Quorn community needs to be concerned about, considering the current difficulty of recruiting Medical Officers to regional areas.

We, as the Quorn Health Advisory Council, have had considerable discussions about this. At our 2018 AGM, a number of community members, along with two Members of Parliament were present, and all expressed their concern with the current situation.

This is a whole community issue, and the Health Advisory Council agrees that a Community Committee should be set up, to look at options to attract a medical officer to this region.

Therefore, we are calling for nominations from interested people, to be part of this committee and advance this issue which is vital to the town and region as a whole.

Nominations can be made prior to the first meeting, by email, to Quorn Health Services Health Advisory Council Presiding Member, John Loechel at jkloechel@mail.com or Phone 0428855074.

The first meeting is scheduled to be held in the Flinders Ranges Council Chambers on March 20th at 7.30pm.

ALL WELCOME.

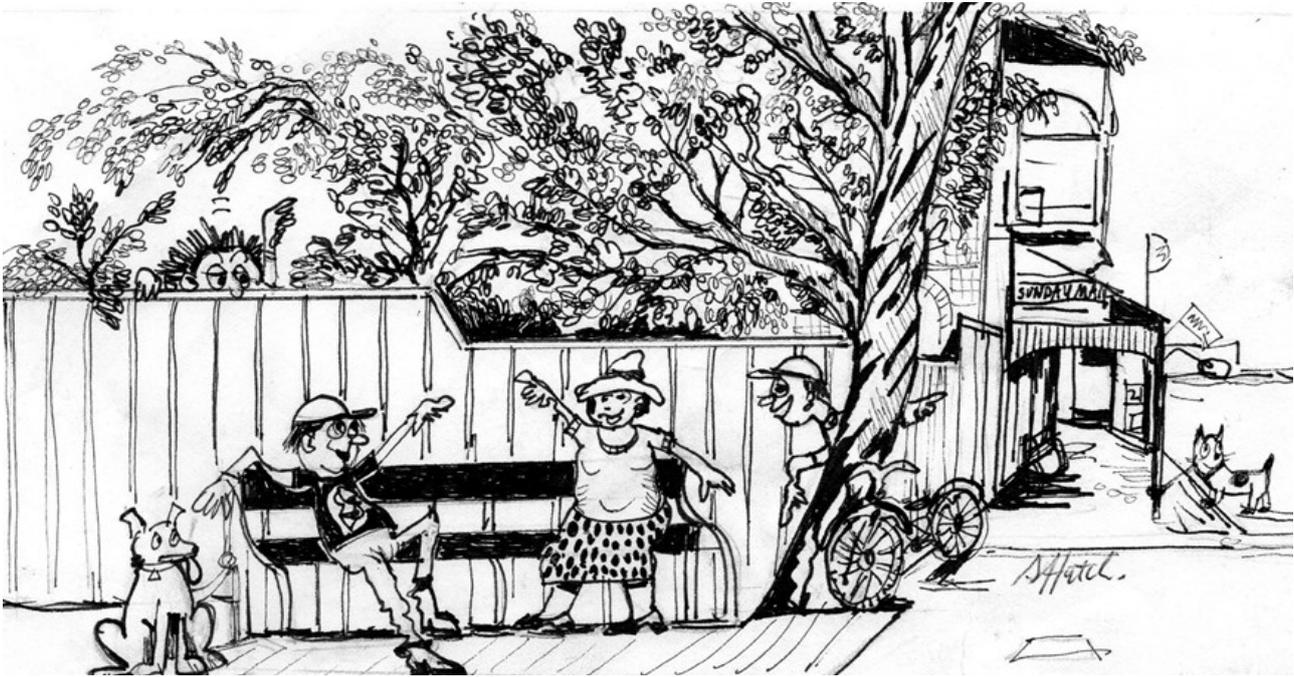
Quorn Health Services Health Advisory Council

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Chat with a Quornie

Kevin Montgomerie (Monty)



MY GREAT GRANDFATHER was born in Calcutta, the third of eight children. His father was a surgeon for the East India Company.

Great Grandfather, Spottiswoode, joined the SA Mounted Police when he was 18. He married Margaret Bennett in 1854, and sailed on the *SS Marion* to Port Lincoln to be overseer on stations in the area.

In 1862, he built *Cooeyanna* eating house, for coach passengers. (The site of Edward John Eyre's water hole, near Streaky Bay).

Spottiswoode moved his family into Streaky Bay township in 1868. He built the first hotel there—the *Criterion*.

My Grandfather, Herbert Bennett, was the youngest of six children. He led a life of action as a horsebreaker and drover. His plant was a four wheel horsedrawn trolley.

He and grandmother, Grace (nee Mudge), had eight sons, and took up land at Yantanabie in 1914. The family lived there until 1945. My dad, James Richard (Dick) was the sixth son.

Dad built stone walls on Gawler Range stations, practising skills he later used to build his home in Streaky Bay.

After his marriage to Mary Beatrice Chester, he share-farmed, before he took a job with Streaky Bay Council.

Dad drove a grader, but strained a heart muscle. His declining health meant he had to

find lighter work with E&WS, checking diesel pumps.

I was the second of four children. The two girls—Irene and Phyllis, went away to school, but my young brother, Ross, and I went to Streaky Bay Primary School.



Fancy dress—Monty and neighbour, Rae Redding in fancy dress competition Streaky Bay

I'd left school at 14, to work in the sheds, and do town deliveries.

I delivered medicines for Mildred Laffer, the chemist, for 10 shillings a week; I carried fruit and veg for the green grocer (in a box on my handlebars).

Most of the Streaky boys got jobs at SA Co-op Fish Factory. I was at David Hyland's Fish Factory, and then at the SA Fish Factory.

Dad died in 1949, aged 46, when Ross was only four, and I was 16.

After a while, I went fishing for Jack Talbot. We'd anchor the cutter and lower our dinghies. His had a motor, and he fished wide, but I had to row, and fished in a circle round the boat.

We'd be out for three days, and generally found good fishing down towards Haslam.

In the winter, I worked in the shearing sheds, before I got a start as a shearer.

In 1953, I was called up to do National Service. We did three months at Woodside, and a yearly camp up the Murray River or at El Alamein, Pt Augusta. For six to eight years afterwards, we could be called up to serve.

In 1954 I married Joan Warner, a farmer's daughter, from Poochera. We lived at



National Service—Monty at Woodside Army Barracks, 1952

Cungena—my first posting with E&WS. Our first two children—Marlene and Trevor were born while we were there.

I went to E&WS, Wudinna in 1959. Sharon was born at the Queen Victoria Hospital. Two years later our twins, Dean and Darryl were born at Wudinna

We moved to Quorn in 1965, when Murray Kipling stepped down from the waterworks. We stayed from 1965-71. Nigel was born in Quorn Hospital.

I travelled many miles on dirt roads in those years, as the E&WS District took in Marree and Oodnadatta.

On one trip, I went with a gang from Crystal Brook to renew the infrastructure at

Oodnadatta. The cast iron pipelines carrying the artesian water to the town were leaking.

We camped at the borehead, knowing that the townspeople wouldn't welcome us. They'd enjoyed free hot showers from the leaking pipes in the town, until we disconnected them.

The water still flowed through the town, via an overhead cooling tank. We'd rigged up a (hot) shower at the borehead, but the people in the town had cold water. And had to fork out for hot water systems.

It took a fortnight to connect the new pipes, but Malcolm Eckert and I were back after three weeks, to renew the pumping system.

In the 1960s Coober Pedy was in Quorn E&WS District. Tommy Wills and I went to check the Solar Still, designed by CSIRO, to provide water to the town.

The glass modules measured 100 x 2.5 ft (3048 x 76.2cms). Condensation trickled down under the glass into gutters, to produce pure water. (After miners collected it in their dirty 40 gallon drums, it wasn't so pure).

After one of the frequent whirly winds ripped up the glass, the E&WS boss, the designer and I went up to see the damage. The Still was used until a Reverse Osmosis plant was installed in 1985.

In Quorn, I became a member of the Quorn Corporation. I took Jack Whitford's position when he died. It was something I'd never thought of doing, but a really good experience.

We represented the local town area. In 1969, it became the Kanyaka-Quorn District Council, with responsibility for roads too.

Quorn's water supply came from a bore by Lawrie Fitzgerald's reservoir. It was piped up to the reservoir on the hill, south of Quorn.

Before I left, the Mines Dept sent up an engineer to put in a new pump. It took a second engineer's visit, before they agreed it should follow the same creek into town.

In 1971, I was appointed E&WS District Superintendent at Ceduna. My duties included inspecting bores, wells, and making monthly trips on the dirt road to Eucla. I had five staff.

There were Government tanks all over the West Coast. I had to check them and clean them out. Reservoir water was too muddy to drink, but instead was used for town gardens.

We spent 10 years in Ceduna. Then I got a job in the E&WS Maintenance section in Port Lincoln. Joan was unimpressed, as it seemed to be a clique town.

When a job came up in Ceduna, the boss said 'put in for it, nobody will beat you for it'.

(From previous page)

I dropped status, but Joan got a job at the Hospital, and we settled in again.

While we were there, Marlene's husband, James Chapman (*Mate*), was killed in a car accident near Quorn (December 7th, 1979). Joan and I were at an early Christmas function, but left for Quorn straight away, to be with her, Melissa and Corey.

In 1999, Marlene had remarried, and was living on Richmond Valley Rd in Ian Rodgers farmhouse. She and husband, Geoff (Evans), had built a new house in Quorn. They suggested that Ian might like us to live in his farmhouse, and look after the farm.



Woodcutting Easter 2003 at Britza's. From left—Gerry Webb, Ross Montgomerie, Lou Walker, Monty and Joan

We left Ceduna, and spent five happy years out at Rodgers', until Marlene and Geoff left Quorn to live in Adelaide. We agreed to live in their new house in Shepstone Street.

After a while, they decided to sell the Quorn house, but we couldn't move back to Rodgers' farm. Grant and Vicki Fuller were living there while their new house was being built.

Instead, we rented a house on Park Terrace that Peta and Bluey Paynter had just left. It was

next to Gerry and Spider (Kevin) Webb's, and we became good friends.

For a while, I helped Jim and Rita Britza hay cutting and making chaff on their farm

Then Joan and I went cooking for the shearing at *Willow Springs* and *Tregalana*. (for Nick Bouilly). Sam starts didn't worry us. We also cooked for Toby and Sharon Bury's shearing from 2004-09.

We visited family members—Dean, in Darwin, in the bank at Winnellie, and later on, at Jabiru mine. And, we called on my brother, Ross, who lived (and still lives) in Ceduna.

In 2009, when we were house sitting at *Kyoota*, Joan and I, and Rita and Jim, went to WA for the Sharon's daughter's wedding. We were happy to see the family, and had a lot of fun travelling with the Britza's.

When we got back, Joan wasn't doing so well. We chased doctors and specialists for treatment over the next two years. But, her health failed. She died on January 27th 2011.

Three years later, Trevor and Teresa came down to Quorn, from the NT station they'd leased at Adelaide River. They set up racing stables, and I was happy to help them. I'd worked on well-known West Coast racing trainer, Johnny McInnes's farm, years ago.

Trevor's had a few good wins—in Balaclava, Clare and Adelaide. Last year, Dean came to settle in Quorn. He's working at Roxby, but helps with the horses too.

Joan would have loved having the boys here, and following the racehorses. We always



Monty's 70th birthday at Mt Brown East 2003. Back. From left—Kym and Sharon Nisbit, Kevin, Geoff and Marlene Evans, Heath Montgomerie, Vashti Evans, Joel Nisbit, Nigel and Tom Montgomerie Front.

From left—Colleen, Darryl, Monique Montgomerie, Joan, Jayden, Todd, Chloe, Ursula, Jason, Cathy, Dean and Rhett Montgomerie



Joan and Monty at their Granddaughter's wedding in Perth 2009

played and followed the kids' sports when we were living on the West Coast.

I played football, cricket, golf, tennis and followed the horses. I still play competition bowls in Quorn. Trevor and Dean have taken it up, and are enjoying it.

For some time, I helped Darren Bury at his Wudinna farm, but with Trevor working in the mines, I'm kept busy looking after the horses.

I am lucky that I've seen our 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren growing up, and to have Corey (Marlene's son) and Danielle's family—James, Jaquarra and Mackenzie living nearby.

My cousin, Jock and his wife, Marie are in Quorn, and we have a weekly meal together.

I am happy to be able to do things I enjoy, with my family and good friends nearby. ■



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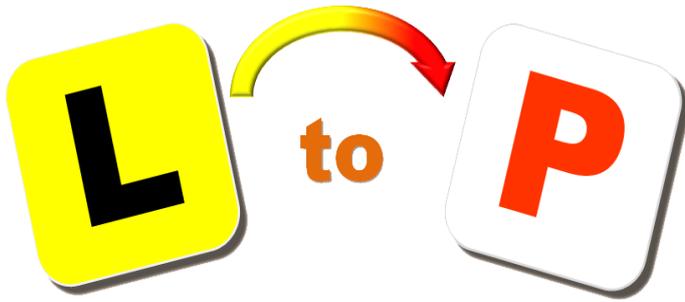
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News from Flinders House

ON TOP OF our regular activities, we celebrated Australia Day with a BBQ and had lots of fun for Valentine's Day. It is always a favourite day to order Fish and Chips from the pub.

This month we also had the fabulous ladies from the Second hand shop show us all the latest fashions, and give us the chance to do some shopping.

Our bus trips lately have taken us to Emily's Bistro and Wilmington to see the foal, Flynn (named after Flinders House).

The Line Dancers are always very popular and it was great to have them, as the weather turned a little cooler.

We were very lucky to have had some very talented student nurses with us recently. One played the piano, trumpet and cello and had a beautiful voice. Two more also sang and played guitar.

They gave us a couple of afternoons of entertainment, one loaned her parents (with a very talented father, playing piano) when they came to visit. ■



Musical students



Gerald at Emily's



Heather and Peter on Australia Day



Carlene from the Opp Shop



Pub fish and chips



Ollie and Maureen with Flynn in Wilmington



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My First Train — Bruce Delany

WHEN I FIRST WENT bush, I travelled by train from Adelaide to Abminga siding. This was a distance of 700 miles/1120 km.

My previous longest train trip had been to Gawler, only 25 miles/40 km from Adelaide. And the furthest I'd ever been from Adelaide had been no more than 50 miles/80 km to the Murray River town of Mannum.

So this trip to Abminga came as a bit of a culture shock, as you can imagine.

The train left Adelaide on broad gauge (5 feet 3 inches), and you barely had time to sit down when you had to change to standard gauge (4 feet 8½ inches) at Terowie.* A bit further up the track you changed yet again to narrow gauge (3 feet 6 inches).

It says a lot about the thought processes of our early decision-makers, when there were three different gauges in a distance of 330 km, all of them in the same State!

A policeman travelled as far as Port Augusta, but from then on, it was 'Catch and kill your own'. Let me tell you, a lot of evil buggers travelled on that train.

The trip I did was full of incident, starting at the Pichi Richi Pass, just south of Quorn. The poor old steam engine couldn't handle the steep gradient, and had to back up a fair bit, and stoke up again. On the third run we made it—just!* And we continued to Quorn,

The accepted practice once the policeman had left the train, was for all the drinkers (about 80% of the passengers) to rush off to the pub at each station, and also to stock up enough to last them all the way to the next station.

We left Quorn in the dark, with most of the passengers in various stages of inebriation. It wasn't long before two blokes, who'd been sucking on 'King Browns', decided to alleviate their boredom. So they got into an argument over the charms of a 'Lady of the Night', who was heading north to make her fortune.

These two blokes took their argument out on the platform outside the end of our carriage, where the waterbag swung in the night air.* And they started up a good old-fashioned stoush. But one of the blokes slipped, and unfortunately fell off the train.

I can't remember how the train was stopped in those days, whether a lantern was swung out of a window, or there was a communication cord to pull. (No train radios in those days.) But it was about two miles before the train stopped.

After a long discussion between the guard, the engine driver, and some of the drunks, the train was backed up until the bloke was found. He was dead. Apparently when he fell, he had hit his head on a sleeper.

Nothing was said about the fight, and the body was taken on to Hawker, and left in the care of the local policeman. I don't believe any official Inquiry was held, so it was probably put down to 'Death by Misadventure' which, after all, was what it was.

It was three or more days to Abminga, and by the second day my belly had begun to think that my throat had been cut. This was because I'd had nothing to eat all the trip, for the simple reason that I had no money.

One of the kitchen crew pulled me aside, and asked me with a grin if I was on a diet! At the time I weighed about nine stone (56 kilos), and you could smell the sweat through my ribs. So I admitted to him that I was skint.

From then on, I dined like royalty. After the paying customers were all finished, I would wander down to the galley, and eat with the crew. They were a top bunch of blokes, who must have felt sorry for this forlorn-looking, skinny kid, who was off having his first look at the real world.

I would give my eyeteeth to have those days come back to me again.

PS. It's been a long time since I weighed only fifty-six kilos!

Courtesy *The Western Herald*, Bourke, NSW

* Delany is confused here. Though the Ghan had originally gone from Adelaide to Terowie, across to Quorn, and then north to Alice Springs, by his time it went via *Pt Pirie* to Pt Augusta, then north through Pichi Richi Pass.

* Taking three runs at climbing up to Woolshed Flat did happen. I remember it taking three runs in the 1950s.

* I remember travelling on the Ghan on its original carriages, when the only drinking water was in canvas waterbags hanging out on those platforms. I was told the difference between 1st and 2nd class was that the 1st class waterbags had ice in them (until it melted)! ■

PICHI RICHI RAILWAY



WELCOME TO THE March edition of our Quorn Mercury Newsletter. We will be keeping you up to date with the latest news from the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society.

The Sundowner Trips

The 2019 season starts once again with our popular evening trips to Woolshed Flat in the Brill Rail Car. While the trip is essentially the same it has been renamed the Sundowner.

The dates for these trips are as follows.

Saturday March 9th
Saturday March 16th
Saturday March 23rd
Saturday March 30th

Depart Quorn 5.30pm and return at 8pm

Special Brill Service

The last publicly scheduled passenger service from Peterborough to Quorn ran 50 years ago. To commemorate this event the Brill Rail Car will run services from Quorn to Woolshed Flat on Sunday March 10th departing at 10.30am and 1pm.

To book any of the above services contact the Visitor Information Centre in the Quorn Railway Station.



Brill Rail Car Number 106 and Trailer attached en route to Woolshed Flat

Caravan and Camping Show

From February 13th to 17th the Let's Go Caravan and Camping Show was again held at the Wayville Show Grounds.

It has been six years since Pichi Richi Railway last conducted a promotion at this event and it was decided to apply for a site for the 2019 event. An application for a site was granted free of charge for which we were most grateful.

A fantastic team of volunteers attended the Show and over the 5 days we distributed 2000 brochures and 500 souvenir flags.

This was a great result and enabled us to promote the Railway and advertised the services we operate in the fabulous Flinders Ranges.



Julian Hipwell on duty at our recent promotion at the Caravan and Camping Show

March Maintenance

As the 2019 Steam Season approaches the Track Gang is working hard to have the track in readiness to commence services. The Loco Team is preparing engines to have their annual boiler inspections. The Carriage Team is giving carriages a thorough clean inside and out and the Rosterman is filling vacancies with members volunteering for the coming train services.

If you would like to join one of these groups just indicate your willingness by contacting our Member Services Manager on 0411 133 641, or advise the Visitor Information Centre.

More market scenes



Jacqueline Hancock with her beautiful artwork for sale



A member of Port Augusta Charities applying intricate glass beading design.



Sue Smith with pre-loved books for sale



Chelsea from Hawker displays her crochet items



Frozen pies only, after freshly baked goods had be snapped up! Decorative bags and hand made greeting cards— all for sale in Lee-Ann's Messy Kitchen



Jackie O'Reilly with home-grown fresh produce from O'Reilly's Orchard of Wirrabara

Quorn Out and About



Fay Powell celebrating her 90th birthday with family and friends on 13th February at the Quandong Cafe



Fay with her son Ian, and her daughter Ann and granddaughter Isabel visiting from Italy



Anthony Gloede gives his 1927 Chevrolet a minor tune-up



Why do we not look at doing something with our drab looking silos?



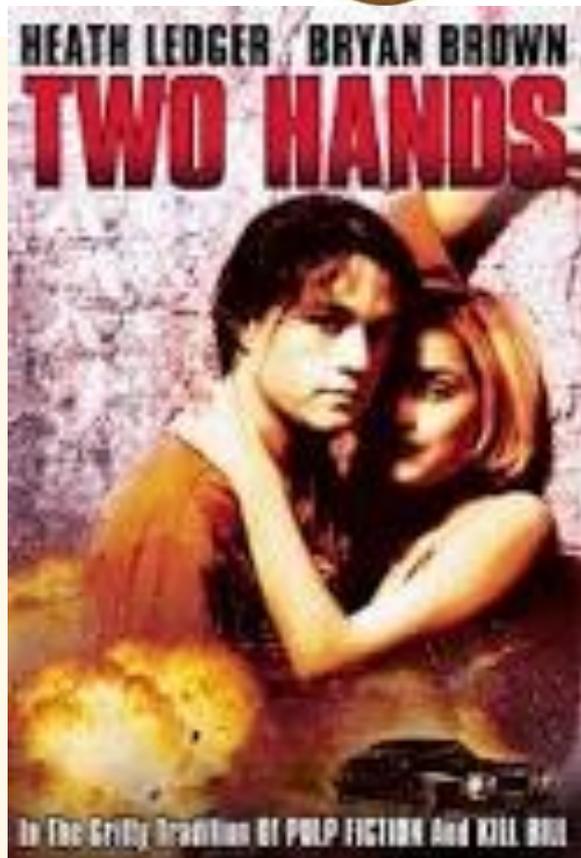
New signage for the Quorn Heritage Walk is currently in the consultation process—why not give feedback to the Flinders Ranges Council?



Flinders House Staff with Lorna getting ready for St Patrick's Day



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TWO HANDS

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ABOUT THE MOVIE:

Two Hands is a 1999 Australian comedy crime film. The film stars Heath Ledger as Jimmy, a young man in debt to Pando, a local gangster played by Bryan Brown, and also stars Rose Byrne, David Field, and Susie Porter. It won the Australian Film Institute Award for Best Film in 1999.

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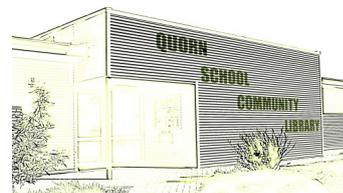


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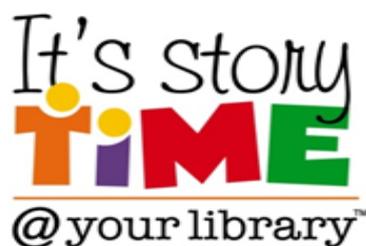


LIBRARY NEWS



Quorn Book Club

Wednesday 27th March at 21 Park Terrace 7pm .
All welcome. Please phone Sam on 0456 129 870 for further details.



Story Time

Welcome back to caregivers and children. It was also great to see so many new faces. Storytime is on every second Wednesday.

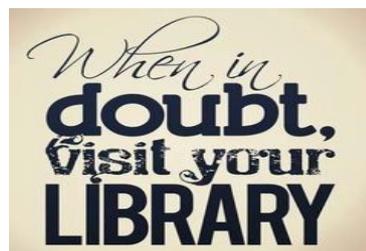
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27th March

Please check *Quorn Out and About* for any updates.

Nancy

Sing..... Dance.... Story Craft..... Fun



JP Service

Thursdays at 2–4 pm in the Library for witnessing documents and legal advice of a general nature within a designated private room.

News

We have a new Teacher/Librarian for 2019.
Her name is Megan Novillos and she would love to meet you all.

Just a reminder—Libraries SA have changed their courier service to Australia Post and we are still having a few teething problems, so please bear with us. We still have all of our other services available eg Books, Magazines, Computers, Photocopying, Scanning, DVDs, Laminating.

Keep an eye out for a slight change to the Library hours. This is to streamline school time and holiday time so all hours remain the same all year round. Once these hours have been approved they will be extensively advertised to save any confusion.

Ern Ash

ERNIE WAS BORN at Wauchope N.S.W. on Sunday 26th February 1933, the second child of Bill and Susan Ash. He returned to Willochra by horse and buggy later that same year. His father was a fettler in the railways. He spent his childhood living at Watson (on the East West line), Parachilna and Willochra.



Above—In 1971, Bill Ash on the Hawker Rd near the Carrieton turnoff

After the death of his grandfather in 1948, the family moved into the farm on the Boolcunda Road. Ernie and his brothers and sister walked to school at the Willochra siding. He finished his schooling at Grade 7.



Willochra School circa 1941

Front from left—Joan Ash (Fawkes), Lorraine Smith, Ashley Custance, Ern Ash, Roger Custance, Nielson French. Teacher Rhodder Parker

Centre from—Des Nugent, Barbara Custance, Holding the flag Roger Thompson and Joan Nugent, Vida Noll and Ken French

Back from—Ted French, Ron Smith, Jean Noll, Edley Lehman and Ronnie Lehman

At the age of 14 he started as a roustabout in the shearing sheds, this was in 1947, and graduated to shearing two years later

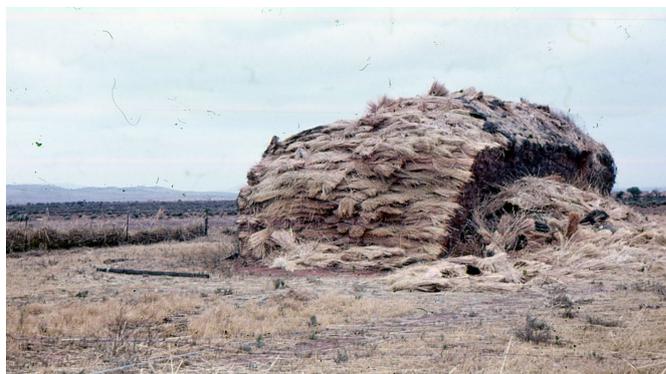
He continued to shear in some sheds for well over 25, years until he was nearly 60 years old.

In 1952 he was conscripted into the Army for National Service, he was officially discharged from the Army Reserve at the age of 45.

On the completion of his National Service training, he returned to shearing along with Ken and Ted French. Evidently this trio got up to a lot of mischief.

In July of 1958 at a dance in Port Augusta, he met his wife Elaine, and was married on January the 8th 1960 Ern and Elaine had four children, Graham, Neville, David and Rosalie.

In 1961 Ernie bought the start of his farm from Hooper's and added to it over the years. He was employed at the Baryte's plant for nearly 10 years, but continued to shear during that time.



Scenes on the Willochra in the '70s



When he scored a fairly big walk on role in the film *Sunday Too Far Away* he rubbed shoulders with the likes of Jack Thompson.

An invite to the World Premier of the film was extended to the family. We sat and watched as our father took his false teeth out and wrapped them into his hanky, just before the brawl, for the whole world to see.

After some 12 or 13 years Ken and Ernie renewed their friendship when Ken and family came back to Quorn for a holiday. (In 1964 they had moved to Western Australia's Pilbara region)

I do have vivid memories of that visit with what Dad and Ken got up to. (not telling tales out of school). Dad returned the favour in 1976 with the whole family going to Lalla Rookh for a holiday. That was before the bitumen was laid on the Nullarbor road.

Ernie and Elaine returned roughly every 2 or 3 years after that to see Ken and Margaret building a strong friendship and bond between the two families.

He retired after the sale of his property in September 1996 and moved into the house on



Above—70th Birthday Present in 2003

East Terrace just prior to the death of his parents, his mother in 1996 and father in 1997.

In 2003 on his 70th Birthday just to prove to himself and others that he had not lost it he gave himself a birthday present, he shored a sheep out at Dean Hooper's.

In October of 2018 Joan, *his big sis*, as he called her, suddenly passed an event that he never really recovered from.

Ernie passed away on the 11th December 2018 in the Quorn Hospital ■

Thank You

I WOULD ALSO like to thank the staff of the Quorn Hospital and Dr. Tony for their exceptional care and professionalism they showed for Dad after he was hospitalised.

I cannot thank every individual that has sent cards, phone calls or just stopped us in the street. But as a collective I say thank you from the family for your thoughts and well wishes. *Graham* ■



Go to the Classified page for more about the Muster

Pictures — From the Past



YOU COULD SUPPOSE that one difference between Quorn a century ago and today might be that back then most of the entertainment was away from home. Back then, in crowds—in the streets, on picnics, watching films in public. But today, no longer in crowds—in the home watching TV, in front of computers, on mobiles. These photos are of Quorn street events, when clearly people put enormous efforts into constructing and assembling floats for the processions, and also into getting dolled up in fancy-dress clothes. The two photos on this page are from 1920 according to the photo labels, but the bottom one 1919 according to *A Pictorial History of Quorn and District*, which says of it ‘Variety Stall on H.M.A.S. Sydney at Quorn Oval, 1919. Notice the money-collecting tin in the top one that looks like Ancient Greece; and the interesting sailors’ hats on Sydney in the pic below.





Whoever took the photo above was either drunk, or scared of the horse on the right, to tilt the camera so far. What elaborate efforts must have gone into producing the Cavalrymen's uniforms! The car (rego 1375) suggests later 1930s. Below is probably 'Primary Industries' rather than 'Primary School'. Certainly, the agricultural produce suggests this was so. Photos on the last page courtesy Lisa Southon, PRR Museum, Quorn Railway Station; on this page courtesy Val Francis. ■





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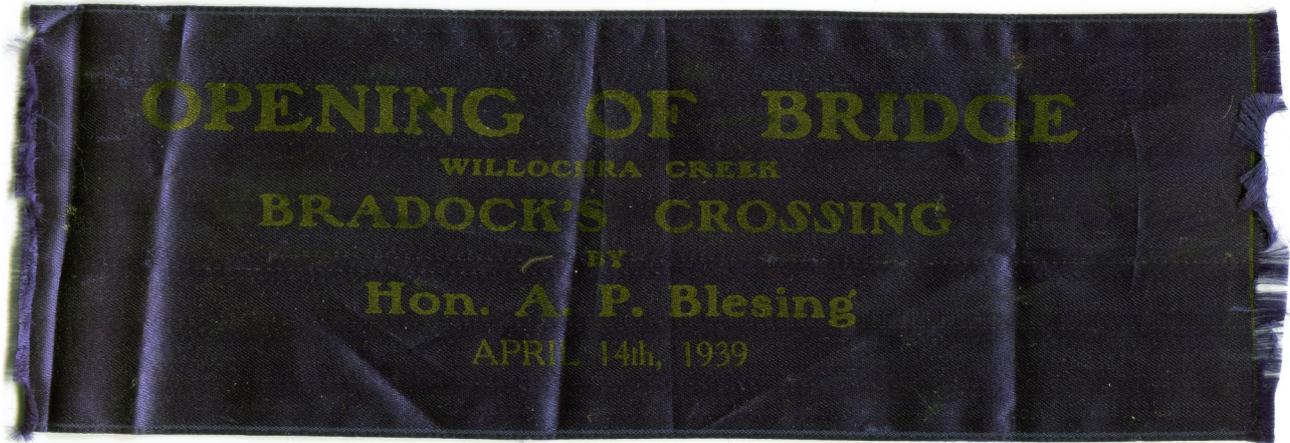


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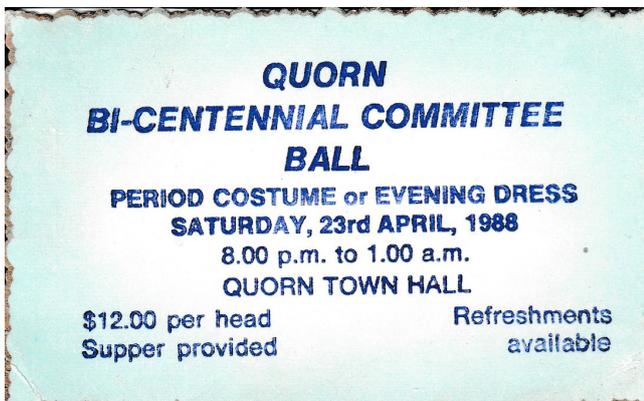
Items from the Past

SOME INTERESTING ARTICLES have come our way over the last month. We would like to share some of them with you.



FIRSTLY A PHOTOGRAPH of the banner shown above. We know where the bridge is but we cannot find anything recorded about the "event". Can you help? Do you have a photo of the opening?

SECOND is two tickets to the Bi-centennial Ball.



Again any information and photographs. Somebody out there may have attended and still may have a photo or two which we could use.

FINALLY an article from our own *Mercury* from December 1996.

Quorn Rodeo

THE ANNUAL RODEO was held at the Quorn Racecourse on Saturday the 9th of November.

Riders came from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. The Fraser boys Danny and Scott from Wilmington took part.

Around 1300 attended and gate takings were \$3000. Total Prize money was \$4000.

There was a strong southerly wind with increasing dust on the night, but the crowds stayed to the end and saw some good rides — and very mean looking bulls in the last event.

The Rodeo opened with the *Slack* at 4pm and the **Main** events at 7 pm.

(the *Slack* is when there are too many riders to fit into the scheduled times. Those riding in the *slack* may still qualify further.)

Winners

Saddle Bronc: Danny Fraser
Bareback: Danny Fraser
Rope and Tie: Paul Kenny
Team Roping: GLE Perkins
Bull Ride: Grant Wells
Ladies Barrel Race: Meredith Rehn
Breakaway Roping: Jenny Heath

Locals Danny and Scott Fraser were beaten in the Bull Ride, the main event by two visitors.

Jenny Heath and Meredith Rehn won the same events last year.

Financial Loss

The event was organised by the Flinders House Fundraising Committee. It is very disappointing to learn that this years Rodeo made a loss. As yet the size of the loss has not been disclosed.

On the other hand, an estimate given to the *Mercury* is that visitors to the town for the Rodeo spent over \$6000 in the community.

Can YOU help ?

Has anybody out there got any photos? Preferably with names of the people shown in them so that we can use them in a follow up issue. ■

Visitor Book

QUORN HAS A number of walking trails popular with locals and tourists alike.

Some are maintained with regular annual maintenance programs and some back-up maintenance on a regular basis.

Ray Wood keeps a regular monthly check on the visitors who sign the visitor's book at the summit of each trail. This is to have some idea of the number of walkers who use the trails, and their value to local tourism.

Also it gives an indication where some of the visitors live.

Visitors from all over the world use our trails. They quite often leave comments about their experiences on the walk.

These can be interesting and also enlightening.

From world traveller to local, this one entry stood out as worthy of passing on—a good news story of love.



Grapevine information is that the couple are to be married in Quorn, and will be using the Pichi Richi steam train as their transport.

Both Patrick and Danielle work on the rail track to keep it operational, so what better way to celebrate!

Best wishes to them both for the up and coming great occasion. ■



2019 Quorn Christmas Pageant

Quorn Christmas Pageant
December 7th or 8th
Date to be confirmed

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Richard Dyson
Mel Bowden
Marie Williams
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Donations of Christmas decorations for Santa's cave will be accepted gratefully throughout the year.





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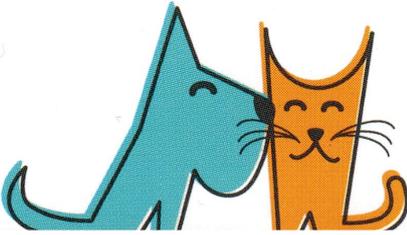
Watch this Space
Quorn SA Country Music Muster
Five Year Anniversary
May 16—19th

Quorn Ladies Auxiliary

THE QUORN LADIES Auxiliary (previously the Hospital Auxiliary) will be holding an AGM at 7pm on Thursday 14th March in the Hospital Boardroom. The Auxiliary has been in existence for many years raising many thousands of dollars to fund much needed items for the Quorn Hospital and Flinders House.

Although the Auxiliary is never short of volunteers both young and old to cook for or work on fundraising, office bearers and organisers are all in their seventies. They have all given many years of service and are looking to retire.

All interested members of the Quorn community are urged to attend the AGM with the hope that the Auxiliary will continue its important function in this town with some younger leaders.



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Juniors Selections begin Wednesday March 13th @ 5pm

Net Set Go will be running during Term 2 for 10 weeks starting on May 1st

Lets make this year another great year!



Rainfall 2019

January	4.2 mm
February	3.4 mm
Year to Date	7.6 mm

Health Calendar

Requests for Allied Health 1300 760 177

March 2019

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist
Diabetes Education
Dietitian
Physiotherapist
Occupational Therapist
Speech Pathologist
Social Worker

Bookings **8642 3201**



March

Anglican Church of St Matthews

Three services a year:

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

If required for a funeral service

Ph: 8648 6162 or 8648 6763

Catholic Church Church of the Immaculate Conception

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

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

Uniting Church
Sunday Service Weekly 11.00am

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Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events March 2019

Regular Events

Quorn

Powell Gardens Working Bee—
2nd Sunday and 4th Thursday
of the month

**Quorn Produce and Craft
market**— Sunday 25th

Quorn Book Club

Wednesday 27th at 7:00pm.

Phone Sam Nester for more
info 0456 129 870

Women's Fellowship— 3rd

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

Quorn Men's shed

Breakfast 14th & 28th

Spit Roast

at Emily's Bistro every Sunday

Quorn/Hawker Swimming

Pool:

Monday – Thursday: 2:00pm to
5:00pm + 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Friday – Sunday: 3:00pm to
7:00pm

Hawker

Community Group—Tuesday
fortnightly

Development Board—

3rd Monday of the Month

Friendship Group—

3rd Wednesday

Sing Australia Hawker-

welcomes everyone to sing
Friday 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Hawker Hospital Community
Room

Quilting Group—Friday

fortnightly

Events

Pichi Richi Railway Train Journeys

Sundowner Explorer aboard the Historic
Brill Car on 9th, 16th & 23rd and 30th
Quorn to Woolshed Flat departing 5.30pm
return 8.00pm.

Sit back and enjoy the Pichi Richi Pass in
the cool of the evening and watch the
setting sun sink lower in the sky over the
Flinders Ranges— a wonderful way to end
a lovely autumn day.

PRR are celebrating on the 10th March for
the commemoration of the last SAR train
to Quorn.

**“50 years ago, on the 29th January 1969,
the last SAR passenger train entered
Quorn”**

To commemorate that event, the PRRPS is
running two special services, Quorn to
Woolshed Flat return.

Bookings offered first to PRR members. If
any seats are available, they will go on sale
to the public.

Brian Letton Live

Anglican Hall Wednesday 13th at 7.30pm

Tickets available at the door.

Adults \$25, Concession \$20

Stockyard Arena Association Twilight Gymkhana and Motorkhana Saturday 16th

Horses and Motorbikes in Action—
showing their skills- 3pm

Bar and canteen facilities available all day
Everyone Welcome.

For more details go to the Stockyard Arena
face book page.

Flinders Flicks

Friday 22nd 7.00pm for 8.00pm screening
of *Two Hands* at The Great Northern
Lodge.

Pre-purchase tickets from Emily's Bistro.

Regular Events

Quorn

Aerobics/Walking Exercise

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

Asharnaye – Let's Groove

Wednesday night 6.30pm at the School
Gym. Cost \$15 per session or \$50 for 4.
*Groove is a simple & fun dance experience
that conditions the body & nurtures the
mind, body & soul*

Boot Camp

Tuesday 6am & Fridays 6.15am
School/community Gym. Cost \$2

Line dancing

Tuesday nights 7pm Town Hall. Cost \$6

Yoga

Thursday nights 6.30pm

Uniting Church Hall

Probus

1st Tuesday of the month 10am

Bowling Green Club rooms

Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group

Friday's at the Austral Hotel.

Everyone welcome

Quorn Bowling Club

Interested in playing a game of social
bowls?

Monday 1.00pm for 1.30pm start or
Thursday evenings 7pm for 7:30pm start.
Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

Suzanne's Dancers Quorn Tuesday at
Quorn Parish Hall for children ages kindy
to 10+

Quote of the Month

There is no human problem which could
not be solved if people would simply do as
I advise.

Gore Vidal



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Visitors to Quorn gardens

