

# Quorn Mercury

Recording Quorn's History while it's Being Made

Jan—Feb 2021

Established 1895

Number 25/273

## Welcome to 2021



Mrs Kaelene McMillan

NEWS OF FLOODING rains, promising a cool change greeted those attending citizens awards ceremonies on Australia Day.

In her Welcome to Country in Quorn, Mrs Kaelene McMillan included the singing of the National Anthem in Adnyamathanha language.

The awards recognized citizens, initiatives and events across the Flinders Ranges Council area. And of course, the breakfast was yummy! ■



New Mayor, Mr Greg Flint presenting Loraine Pumpa with a Certificate of Recognition



Relaxing after the Australia Day awards.  
Back Row—Ellie Bury, Maya Kruger, and Evie Hackett  
Front Row—Lily Hackett, Maddison Pyman and Zac Bury

**We begin 2021 as we left 2020**

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Peter Taylor Photos





# Boolcunda Flows Jan 25/26

**TWO DAYS** of shearing and crutching took place 25 and 26 January at Hilder's "Boolcunda" property. Lorraine said their main shearing is in June/July with crutching done this time of year. They also had the sheep and lambs that are being sold in for shearing.

Everyone thought it was exciting to have the creek come down after 42ml and have shearer Eddie Fielding ferried across the creek on the tractor. Luckily they didn't have to get in the bucket!

Mick Bury was helping the day before when the thunder and rain started about 4.30pm just before knock off time. Everyone hightailed it back to Quorn but could not get back to the shed until 12pm the next day (Tuesday 26th). They had to get back there because of the sheep penned up in all the sheds.

Lorraine said all the family is now enjoying being involved and helping Dale in the shed.



Dale ferries Eddie across the creek

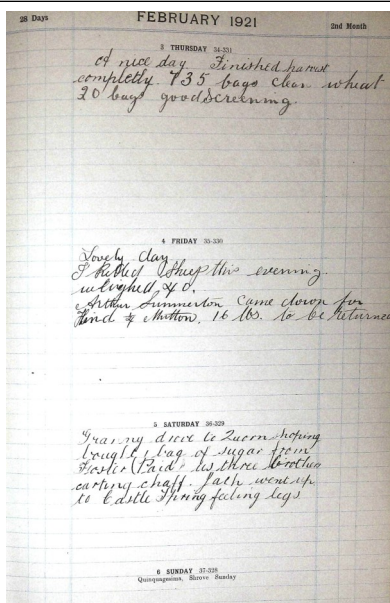
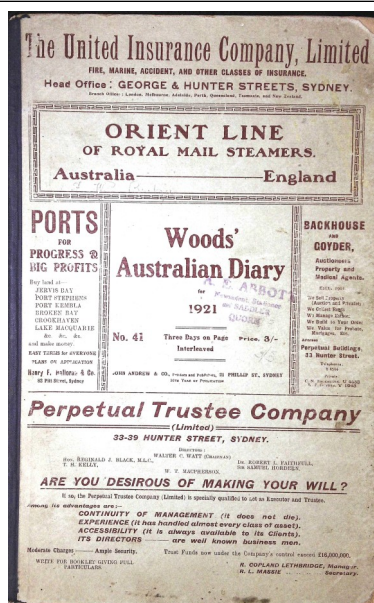


Boolcunda shearing shed team—Dale, Eddie, Mick, Ben (hidden), Toby and Chloe



Ben Hilder  
crossing the  
Boolcunda  
26th Jan  
2021

## From the Diary of Fred (Friedrich) Britza



A nice day. Finished harvest completely. 735 bags clean wheat. 20 bags good screening.

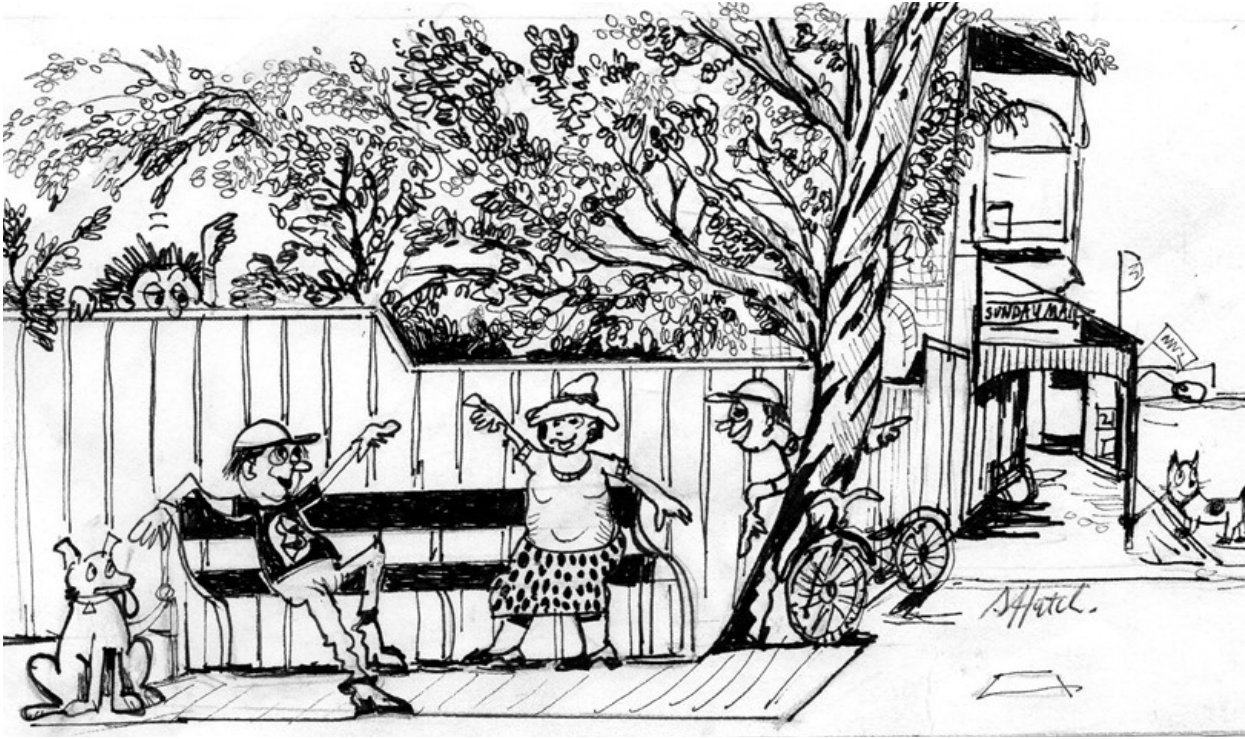
Lovely day. I killed a sheep this evening, weighed 40 (lb). Arthur Summerton came down for hind quarter of mutton (16 lb) - to be returned.

Granny drove to Quorn shopping.  
Bought one bag of sugar (Paid).  
Us three brothers carting chaff.  
Jack went up to Castle Spring  
feeling legs. (*Perhaps he had  
aching legs—Does anyone know  
what this means?*)



# Chat with a Quornie

## Lawrie Fitzgerald



BEFORE THE FITZGERALD'S came to live in Quorn district, they'd taken up *Narcoona* station near Pt Augusta.

My grandmother, Bridget (nee Carrig), and grandfather, John Fitzgerald, walked the eight miles (about 12 kms) through Thompson's Gap to settle at their farm at Depot Flat. (Where Tim Wooley now lives).

There were three Fitzgerald families farming near Quorn—Dad's parents; his brothers, Jack and Jim, who lived with their sister, Mary, the teacher at Arden Vale School for over 25 years. A cousin, Gerald (*Big Gerald*), lived further out, towards Arden Vale.

I was born in the Cottage Hospital in First St. Doctor Nairne was Quorn's resident doctor.

Our family—my father, Gerald Ignatius; mother, Hanorah (Nora) nee Dwyer; my older brother, Peter, and I, lived on our farm just south of Quorn for some years.

When I was six or seven, Dad bought a property on Arden Vale Road. A fellow by the name of Klingberg, sold it when he moved to Kimba, where new farming land was being cleared. We moved to the 1400 acre property, *Carinya*, in 1937/8.

Dad started growing a bit of wheat, and running sheep and cattle. Peter and I helped him while we were still at school.

The Government surveyed and built a reservoir on the farm in the 1880s, for Quorn's water supply. Its catchment was

creeks round the Arden Vale area. In the 50s, a stone viaduct was put underground near *The Dutchman*, to increase the catchment area.



Gerald Fitzgerald's family at their Arden Vale farm. From left—Lawrie, Gerald, Nora, Peter



## My Schooling

I WENT TO PRIMARY SCHOOL at St Joseph's Convent. Peter and I rode our bikes to and from school.

There were only three or four teachers, teaching seven classes in the (now) church hall. It was partitioned into three classrooms, with several grades in each. We did all our primary schooling there, and I remember the names of all the kids in my class.

At recess and lunch times all the kids played in Pioneer Park. It wasn't fenced, and footballs were often kicked on the road, towards the Barytes Plant. I don't remember teachers doing yard duty in those days.

The Catholic Church owned the whole block the church and hall were built on.

There were four tennis courts on the corner of Railway Terrace and Ninth Street. The school used them, and the adults who had a team in the weekend tennis competition.

Behind the courts, on East Terrace, there was just scrub. In the 70s, the courts and scrub block were sold to the Government. The Education Department and SA Water built houses there in the 1980s.

I went to Quorn High School (where the Area School is now), until I was 14 and able to leave school. The only school building then was the one facing West Terrace, that is now the Admin area.

There were 25 or 30 boys and girls in my class. A lot of them were town children,



The *Tip dray* was pulled by a draught horse until the early 1950s. Later the shaft was cut off, a tow bar fixed, and it was pulled behind a tractor. The dray above was sold at Lawrie's auction in Nov 2020

mainly the children of railway families. They were settled families. Nearly all are dead now.

Once a week, the boys walked up to the Primary School in First Street, where a primary teacher taught us Woodwork. I think the girls did Home Ec. Our class was in the part that's now the Outdoor Education Centre.

Peter and I had to do our jobs around the farm before and after school. They included taking the draught horses—up to 14 at one time—to water at our dam, halfway up to Arden Vale road. When the dam was dry, we watered them from the (metered) mains water on the property.

## The Family Farm

WHEN WE FIRST moved to the farm, our transport was a horse and buggy. Twelve months later, Dad bought a new soft top Whippet car.

He'd bought Altmann's farm, about five miles from Quorn, along Pichi Richi Railway line in 1945. He sowed it with wheat.

In those years, many farmers walked off the land. Banks didn't chase them for the money owed, as they knew there were no buyers.

Dad had bought some cattle. Milking cows for a start, but later a few Hereford beef cattle. One of my jobs was milking them twice a day—out in the early morning, to get them and bring them in for milking. In winter—cold and frosty; in Summer—hot and dusty.

Peter and I chopped wood to keep the kitchen fire going all day. Coming inside with the fire going was good in the winter, but shockingly hot in the summer.

Dad went to the stock sales, but we seldom came into town, apart from school and to Sunday Mass. The church was filled with all the families here in those days.



*Carinya*, the property taken up by his father, that Lawrie farmed til his retirement



Football was very strong in Quorn. There were three teams. But neither Peter nor I played sport, or went to see weekend matches.

I didn't read much, either. We were kept 'occupied', so we didn't have time to get into mischief. But we did have a couple of ponies, and we could ride them on the weekends.

One year when Mum was sick, Dad asked Rita Britza's aunty, Molly Donovan (nee Wallace), to keep house for us. Molly stayed with us for 15 years, and was a great friend.

### **My working life**

WHEN I LEFT High School, I worked on the farm with Dad and Peter. In 1956, Peter left and bought a farm in the southeast. He married, and stayed in the southeast with his wife, daughter and son.

Every Tuesday, I came into town with Dad for the sheep and cattle sales. Each of the four stock firms—Dalgety, Goldsborough Mort, Bennett and Fisher and Elder, alternated in having a monthly, or often twice monthly sale at the saleyards in North Quorn. (Where the Stockyard Arena is now).

Each stock firm had at least three agents. Some were qualified auctioneers, who lived locally, and ran the auctions. Crowds of people came, from the district and everywhere, making the town very busy. Ladies sold home-made food from a small shed in the yards.

Cattle came down on the *Ghan* (train) from stations north. They were unloaded along Silo Road. You can see the fence posts (part of a horse yard) in a paddock next to the sheep yards (where the CFS shed is now).

It was part of my *education* to go to the stock sales, and learn what to look for in sheep and cattle. But it took some years for Dad to step back and let me decide what to buy.

When I could decide for myself, I bought some Murray Grey cattle to replace the Herefords we'd previously run. They proved very quiet, and I liked the look of them. Over the years, I put in some good bulls to improve the breeding.

Mum died in 1959. Dad in 1980. In all their years on the farm, they'd never taken a holiday. They could see all the family at weekly Mass and the stock sales, so there was no need to go visiting. And, there was no money for time off.

### **Holidays**

IN THE 1980s, I WENT on the first holiday of my life, with my cousin, Ambrose Reynolds, from Upalinna. We went to Southeast Qld. It was something different.

Graham Davis and I drove up to Winton (Western Queensland) in 1995, celebrating the 100th birthday of *Waltzing Matilda*.



Brothers: Laurie and Peter at Laurie's farm on Arden Vale Road in about 2010



On our way north, we went through towns whose names I'd heard over the years, like Julia Creek and Boulia. I'd never seen pastures like those in western Qld. You could go for miles and miles and not see another car.

On another trip, Graham flew me up to *Flora Valley Station*, Halls Creek, to see his son, Tim, who was working there.

In the 2000s, I went up to Katherine, NT, for Damon Michael's wedding.

### **Winding Down**

10 OR 12 YEARS AGO, I bought Edna Francis's house in Quorn at auction. For some years I rented it out, but eventually it was empty, and I slowly went about furnishing it.

In 2018, I got an abscess on the brain. I spent several weeks in hospital and rehabilitation in Adelaide.

When I came home, Graham, his wife, Geraldine (a Fitzgerald cousin), and another cousin, Matt (Williams), had moved all my things into my 'Town House'.

They told me 'you're not going back out there to live!' But until I sold the stock, I drove out every day to check on them.

By about 2016 I'd decided that cattle were less work than sheep, so sold all my sheep. In March 2020, I sold the last of my cattle. Now Douglas Francis is farming the property.

Shirley Hughes (Quorn's oldest citizen) told me that I'm the oldest man living in Quorn, who was born here. So I s'pose that's right.

I lived in the same house for over 80 years. I'm getting used to living in town, but it will take some time. ■



Lawrie, at Quorn Catholic Church, after the Clearing Sale at his property, November 2020



Laurie today—living in Quorn, pictured with old friends



# From The Flinders Ranges Council

**Australia Day** Recipients of the Australia Day award for 2021 were:

## **Citizen of the Year**

Maurie Burke, Cradock

Years of tireless contribution to improving the township of Cradock. Recognition also goes to Maggie Burke who is involved in all of the initiatives. Their community spirit is noteworthy.

The major contribution is through the Cradock war memorial and memorial gardens and history walk.

Maurie with help from Maggie has instigated and worked on many initiatives including the clean-up and maintenance of the cemetery, tree planting, grant application writing and acquitting, beautification projects, watering the trees etc.

They also organise the town events like Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, service to commemorate the end of second world war and Australia Day events.

Both Maurie and Maggie are often seen spraying and mowing weeds, watering trees, checking on the welfare of locals and clearing the roads of roadkill to make it safe for motorists.

Maurie was nominated by a collective of the Cradock community with a strong recognition to Maggie. They are both great ambassadors for the Cradock community and our wider council.

## **Community Event of the Year**

Drought Muster, Hawker

The event was created to encourage people to gather together and talk to each other and gain support during uncertain times of drought.

The event lifted community spirit opened doors for mental health and brought the Hawker community together.

This event together with the hay drops has helped those hardest hit with the drought and also put information out in the community that there is help out there and how to access it

## **Certificates of Recognition - Individuals**

Loraine Pumpa (Photo on Front Page)

Years of helping and supporting community groups such as meals on wheels, Quorn hospital auxiliary, Quorn fellowship, Red hatters' clubs and the Lions club.

Loraine continues to work behind the scenes, cooking or selling raffle tickets and is known for dressing up for each occasion to lift the community's spirits. Loraine is an active support to our town and its community.



*From left—Mayor Greg Flint and Maurie Burke*

## **Sharlynn McCarthy**

In recognition of her dedication to fostering children for the past 30 years and providing emergency care to children whenever it is required.

## **Nancy Norris**

Nancy has worked with children within our community for 25 years. Nancy is caring, nurturing and gives total commitment to the children she works with. Nancy provides support when required, boosts children's confidence and sense of self-worth. Her contribution to our younger generation of community members is invaluable.

## **Certificate of Recognition – Event**

Rock the Ranges

Rock the Ranges was a great event held in uncertain times by John Simpson. The event gave great exposure to our region with people visiting from far and wide. The event was enjoyed by over 500 people and was a well organised event, and not to mention a fantastic show enjoyed by all.

Council wishes to congratulate to all nominees and recipients and is proud of the community spirit and encourages community members to continue to nominate people and events to recognise the hard work that is undertaken to ensure the community is a safer, vibrant and better place for all to live and visit.



# Council Projects Update

## South West Precinct Upgrade Works

The South West Precinct upgrade has been completed! The works included road alignment, drainage, road sealing and kerbing. Whilst the contractor is completing the final touches the works are essentially complete and the area looks great. Line marking will occur later in the year in line with other maintenance schedules.

## Bush Tucker Garden Walk

The Bush Tucker Garden Walk project is progressing well with the established working group having submitted the final garden plans and the species list for the Autumn plantings finalised. Over 600 sandalwood and quandong seeds have been planted under host plants adjacent to the creek in the parklands, with most of these growing well. Pest plant control has taken place for the boxthorn and olive plants. Propagation of eremophilas and saltbush species is also well underway. The construction of the walking path is due to start in February.

## Hawker Airport Refueling Facility

The Hawker Airport is now equipped with a 24-hour self-serve credit card operated refueling facility for users. The project was funded under the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility Community Benefit Programme Round 2 and involved Council purchasing and installing a refueling unit to enable users to easily access fuel for aircraft and to assist in enabling the expansion of tourism charter opportunities.



## Quorn Lions Park Agricultural Museum

The volunteers of the Quorn Agricultural Museum were over the moon when they recently received the news of their successful grant for nearly \$350,000 under the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility Community Benefit Programme Round 3 for a major restoration project. The project is aimed at preserving its nationally significant and extensive collection of agricultural machinery. Other infrastructure works include formalising access, paving, shelter, plantings and more.



2019 ANZAC Day commemoration  
Left— Peter Slattery, 'Broom' Hilder and Graham Davis

## Mayor Update

A formal farewell will be held for Peter on the 5<sup>th</sup> February to celebrate his time as Councillor and Mayor for The Flinders Ranges Council. Peter served as a councillor for five years before taking the big leap and winning the position of Mayor in 2010 which he served in for 10 years. Peter's dedication to the wider community is evident in his achievements during his tenure with Council with some of the notable achievements being:

- Sealing of the Arden Vale Road to Warren Gorge, including a revitalisation of Warren Gorge;
- Obtaining funding for the bush food garden project and the upgrade for Railway Terrace;
- Significant infrastructure improvements, including the sealing of much of the unsealed areas in Quorn and Hawker;
- Community Waste Water Management Scheme Quorn
- Relocation of the Tennis/Netball Courts in Quorn
- Entrance walls and Wallabies on the entrances into each township.
- Heritage walks
- Quorn transfer station conversion
- Desalination plant in Hawker
- Quorn Pool revitalisation
- Solar energy and solar lighting
- Security upgrade Quorn and Hawker (CCTV)
- Hawker Gym
- Hawker Tennis Courts upgrade
- Wirreanda Cottages
- Stockyard Arena Upgrade
- Quorn Skate Park
- Hawker Pool relocation and development
- Hawker Airstrip upgrade

With appreciation and recognition of the exceptional leadership Peter has provided to Council and the community, we wish Peter all the best for his quieter life post Council. ■



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Federal Member for Grey

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# Blaze at Quorn

## Splendid save in early morning firefight

### Portion of "Mercury Printing Works" Damaged—No Serious Loss.

A FIRE, WHICH broke out on the premises of the Quorn Mercury Printing Works, early on Friday morning, April 11th was quickly brought under control and what might have been a serious conflagration was averted.

Mr Bert Moore of The Criterion Hotel which is a short distance away while about on early morning duties noticed an unusual amount of smoke coming from the direction of the Printing Works.

Upon investigation he found the centre of the work room alight. He thereupon called Mr D Melville and gave the alarm. The ringing of the railway bell and Mr BR Fisher of the Telephone exchange in cooperation with the Police soon had a gang of official gang of firefighters at work.

Mr J Mayes struggled with two fire extinguishers from the railway and with those brought by Messrs LB Adams, G Ponting and D Melville played a most important part in getting the blaze under control.

The fire, which was making towards the front of the building was only caught in time when the front doors were forced and fire extinguishers brought into play. A bucket gang organised by Mr D Melville kept it in check at the rear.

Within half an hour the fire was out, after what must be credited as one of the most efficient and effective fire saves in the history of the town.

Too much praise cannot be given to the manner in which the blaze was fought by the men who responded to the alarm and who worked with all the efficiency and co-ordination of a trained brigade.

"The Mercury" Office is situated in a block of shops in First Street in the business centre of the town.

Among those who worked so strenuously and successfully were Messrs, Bert Moore, D Melville, J Mayes, LB Adams, MC Ward, Frank Flower, BJ Wall, G Ponting and others to whom all credit is due.

The most important factor in the quick subjection of the flames was the fire extinguishers. In a blaze such as this where it is practically impossible to bring a fire hose into effective use the fire extinguisher is unparalleled as a fire fighter.

The fire which was confined to the centre of the building seriously damaged the floor, woodwork was blistered and ceiling heavily smoked. The damage to the printing plant included the destruction of a work bench, store and a quantity of type and office accessories. The machining and paper stocks as far as can be ascertained escaped lightly.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The building and contents were fully covered by the Western Insurance Company. ■

*Times and Northern Advertiser,  
Peterborough, South Australia  
Friday 18th April 1941*

## New Mayor Appointed

FOLLOWING A SUPPLEMENTARY ELECTION process to replace Mayor Peter Slattery, Greg Flint has been appointed as Mayor of The Flinders Ranges Council on 28 January 2021.

The election process was managed by the Electoral Commission of South Australia and Council would like to thank the Commission for their support throughout the process. Council would also like to wholeheartedly congratulate Mayor Flint on his appointment to the role.

Mayor Flint previously held the positions of Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor of The Flinders Ranges Council and his strong stable leadership will see Council continue to achieve for the community. ■







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**March 26**  
**The Light Between Oceans**



# Tickle Belly Hill Event Centre

SACHA AND ERIC BROWN have purchased Tickle Belly Hill in Pichi Richi Pass and are looking forward to bringing this iconic event centre, café, and restaurant back into operation. As a qualified chef with nearly 20 years experience, Sacha will be taking the lead with the first event booked in for Valentines day on 13 and 14 February.

The Tickle Belly Hill Event Centre is situated in the heart of the stunning Flinders Ranges, beautifully secluded by the ancient contours of the Pichi Richi Pass. The venue comprises a beautiful purpose-built facility, surrounded by native bushland, with stunning views of Mt. Brown and overlooking the iconic Pichi Richi Railway and famous lattice bridge.

Tickle Belly Hill offers a multi-functional venue for your special occasion, catering for 40 to 180 guests with a variety of experiences from fine dining, canapés, buffets to high teas.

## Plans ahead:

Apart from continuing to provide memorable events for special occasions, such as weddings, birthdays and corporate functions, Sacha is hoping to open the centre as a café/restaurant for breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday from March this year, as well as potentially increased hours during the school holidays and in peak tourist times.

Sacha and Eric are hoping to continue to improve the facility to make it a tourist drawcard and create local employment. Initial plans are to refurbish the facility with new tables and chairs, to improve the road access, install road signage and improve outdoor areas to provide a truly memorable experience.



Sacha Brown

Sacha is also working with John Simpson to arrange regular music events at Tickle Belly Hill, with the aim of organising an event each month, with South Australian and national musicians visiting regularly.

## Upcoming events:

- Kings and Associates is booked in on 19th March 2021 in conjunction with Outback PA Hire
- Saturday Soiree with Kim Blay is booked in for 6 March 2021

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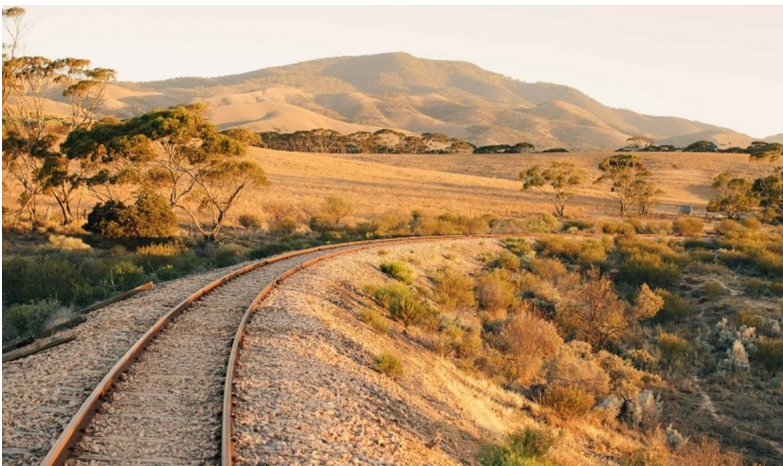
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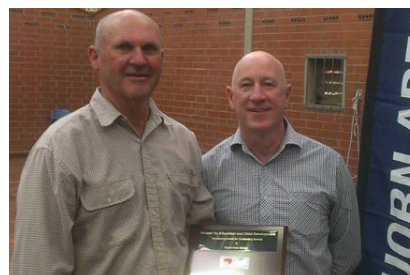




I have been the Member for Giles since 2014 and was appointed Shadow Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development in 2018.

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.



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- 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 Aged Care News



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Betty

## Fun and Games for Australia Day



Peter



Heather and Maureen

## Good Food, Good Music, Good Company



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# Restoring the old, nurturing the new....

## From the Quorn Uniting Church

LATE LAST YEAR some vital restoration work was carried out on the stonework and window surrounds of the Quorn Uniting Church. This building dates back to 1880, held numerous special and memorable services over the decades. This includes welcoming new life, joining two lives, remembering loved ones and the regular Sunday worship ushered in by the organ or on occasion, Youtube.

We value our church's history. We strive to preserve some of the traditions that are meaningful to many Quorn folk who have faithfully attended and contributed for many years.

Keeping the church going with fewer members and no minister has been challenging over the past few years and we have relied upon visiting ministers or lay preachers to lead our services or share a message. They've done a stellar job! We have also enjoyed and will continue to nurture a close relationship with St Matthews Anglican church. Our church members also contribute where they can and every effort, both public and behind the scenes, is valued and appreciated.

Simply put, we want to honour God and bless people and we've been praying for some more help!

That 'help' was warmly extended from the Flinders Parish before Christmas with an

offer to join the church parish, which includes Wilmington, Booleroo Centre, Booleroo Whim, Melrose, Wirrabarra and from March, Quorn.

Pastor Brenton Smith will be leading our service once a month (following the service at Wilmington), and will alternate between 9:15 and 11am, with communion bi-monthly. Through the parish, the Quorn Uniting Church will also have more pastoral care and other support.

***'Save the date' March 21 at 11am –  
Please join us at this 'welcome' service  
for Pastor Brenton Smith in the Quorn  
Uniting Church, Fifth St.***

We look forward to building on the firm foundation of our church, giving some more life where it's needed and building up our younger generation with our fellow churches through Kids Club@God's House Sunday school. This is held on the third Sunday of the month at the Uniting Church.

We also warmly welcome you to attend the special 'welcome' service on the 21<sup>st</sup> March for Pastor Brenton Smith, and for any Sunday service—check the time on our church sign.

God bless you and the town of Quorn!

**Quorn Uniting Church** ■



# Warndu Mai–Good Food

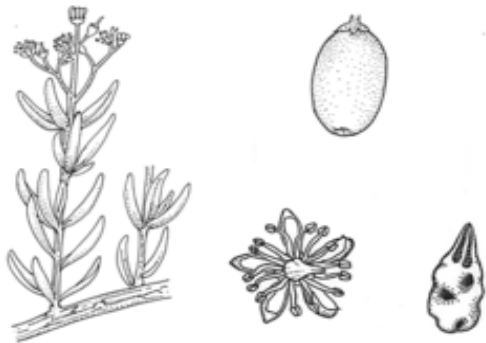
## News from the Bush Food Garden Walking Trail Working Group



### Plant Information

NITRE BUSH is a medium sized dense shrub and commonly seen around the Willochra Plains, it prefers to grow in clay and loam soils and will tolerate salty areas. Shrubs grow to between 1 and 2 metres in height and branches and leaves sprawl upright and to the ground. Leaves are grey-green and the shrub can tolerate some frost as well as dry conditions.

Nitre bush is largely left alone by grazing animals making it a suitably tough plant to use for shelter in paddocks as well as planting to stabilise soil when controlling erosion. These plants also provide wonderful shelter for birds, reptiles and but unfortunately are often a favourite hang-out for rabbits. Flowers are white and the shrub fruits in summer, producing grape size fleshy fruits that can be yellow, orange, red or deep purple. ■



### Favourite Recipe Ideas



AFTER PICKING RIPE fruits, I like to rinse and push them through the 'mouli sieve' to remove the flesh and juice from the large pip in side (smaller but same shape as an olive seed.) After adding some lemon juice and boiling with extra sugar, this pulp makes a lovely sweet and salty cordial that is great on

a really hot day when you are after a thirst quencher and want to replace body salts. ■

Adnyamathanha name—Wadniri  
Common name—Nitre Bush  
Scientific name—*Nitraria billardierei*



### Eating Nitre fruits

EATING A WADNIRI fruit is like eating a salty grape! The shrubs are heavy fruiters, and it can only take a few minutes to harvest a few kilograms of fruit.

In many parts of regional Australia, Nitre Bush is a popular ingredient for jam. It's salty, buttery sweetness is particularly lovely on toast. ■



Bush Food Garden Working  
Group contact:

Andrea Tschirner 0437287130



# Native Grasses

## The foundation of healthy grazing systems

IN LATE JANUARY, a native grass identification workshop was held in Quorn. Hosted by the Quorn Caravan Park, the afternoon session covered topics of managing grasslands and identifying important species. A walk in the parklands was followed by a presentation looking at threats and grazing management, and learning



how to collect specimens for identification. Around 40 people from around the district attended the event, staying on for a BBQ dinner after the presentations.

The Quorn region (de-lineated by the Flinders Ranges Council boundary) is now included in the newly formed area of the Landscapes Board and is part of the South Australia Arid Lands region. Community Project Officer Hannah Ling is based in the Port Augusta and is responsible for supporting the Quorn community. Hannah did a great job organising an interesting event and inviting speakers with a wealth of knowledge and expertise in grassland and grazing management. This includes Ben McCallum (pictured above right), Anne Brown (Greening Australia) and Di Makkoter. It was a great afternoon and a fabulous opportunity for people to network and get to know others from the region. ■



For more information about events like this, Hannah (pictured left with Di Makkoter) can be contacted on 0409753495, [Hannah.ling@sa.gov.au](mailto:Hannah.ling@sa.gov.au) or check out the Quorn Community Landcare Group page.



# Holiday in Tasmania



Douglas Apsley National Park

**JACINTA AND DARRYL HANNIGAN** recently enjoyed a sight-seeing holiday in Tasmania. For three weeks over the Christmas break they did some exploring in the “Apple Isle” State.

A two hour walk and a bit of a climb in the Douglas Apsley National Park was well worth



Peppers Silo in Launceston

the effort. The Park is located fifteen minutes from Bicheno, a little seaside town.

They loved the idea of the silos turned into a hotel—Peppers Silo in Launceston.

*“How cool is it!”* ■

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## Jack Fuller's Wedding in Adelaide



Frances and Brenton Carling were guests at the wedding

The wedding of Jack Fuller and Emily Muller took place at Howard's Vineyard, Adelaide Hills in November 2020. The groom is the son of Vicki and Grant Fuller.



The Wedding Party from left—Ben Carn, Steve Fuller, Saul Tomlin, Nick Collins, Jack Fuller, Emily Muller, Jess Williams, Katherine Muller, Monica Muller and Sophie Hiddleston.



# Alycia's Wedding

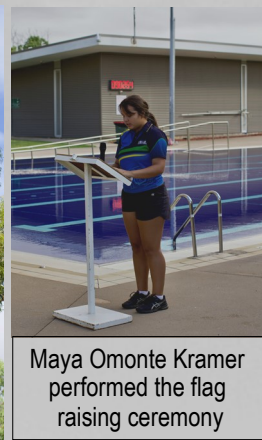


On 30th January 2021, Alycia Rabig married Matthew Morton at The Manor at Basket Range. It was a perfect day for a beautiful wedding, with a violinist and pianist adding to the magical event.



*From left—Joseph Rabig, Kimberly Tsu, Alycia, Matthew, Kathy and Merv Rabig*





Maya Omonte Kramer performed the flag raising ceremony



Nancy Norris received a Certificate of Recognition for her work with children in the Quorn community



The very pleasant weather conditions were enjoyed by all who attended the event



From left—Kay McMillan, Fanny Coulthard, Rene Reschke and Paula Roberts



John Simpson Received Certificate of Recognition – Event “Rock the Ranges”



From left—D’Arcy Gotch, Ken Anderson, John Badman and Eric Brown, Flinders Ranges Council CEO

# QUORN OUT AND ABOUT

## Happy New Year and Australia Day 2021



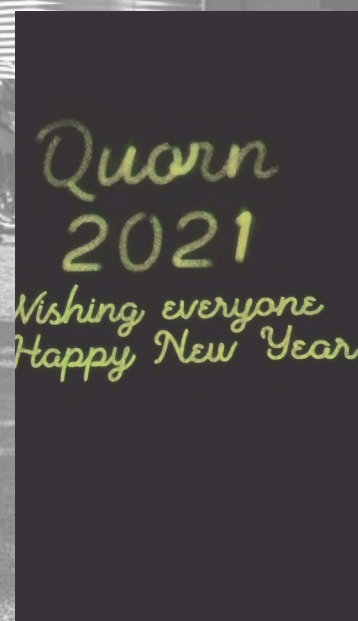
Shirley Hughes



Cooking and serving breakfast: from left—Lorraine Pumpa, Minette Gorecki, Amanda O’Loughlin and Jane Egerton Warburton



From left—Kiera and Maddison Pyman, Marlene Gloede, Ted Paynter, Anne Kane, Di Paynter, Gerry Webb and Gillian Taylor



The Quorn Silos was a good place to see in the New Year. Early fireworks for the kids and then a movie for the grown-ups followed by more fireworks. Many people sat out in their deck chairs or in their cars and tuned into FM radio



From left—Lucas Bury, Richard Lyman, Evie Hackett, Elspeth Lyman, Geri and Maia Tschirner





# Loraine Turns 70

**FRIDAY THE 29<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY 2021** found about fifty invited guests at the Austral Hotel to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Loraine Pumpa**, a resident of Quorn for most of her life!

As a child born in 1951, one of the late baby boomers, she grew up in north Quorn and went to the local school.

After she married, Loraine moved north. They lived in Marree and along the Birdsville and Strezelecki Tracks in an old second-hand caravan.

With a new husband who graded the continuous corrugated dirt roads of the region, she lived in the caravan playing house to husband on the side of the track who would be working away for a few days to a few weeks. Once a week the highways department would arrive with supplies, some times the only person Loraine would see all week!

Then with the onslaught of children and then with children needing to go to school,



she moved into town and finally returned to Quorn.

At seventy she has three sons and a good number of grandchildren located all over the state.

She occasionally helps out with various charities in the town but in the last year has been helping raise funds for Quorn's Lions Club.

In the last week she was recognised for this charity work with an Australia Day Award from the FRC Council, and Towns Person of the Year Award from Planet Earth Guild of Australia.

Loraine normally is seen but not heard and can be seen daily roaring around the town in her little KIA grey and black, two door motor vehicle.

Well done Loraine, you're an extraordinary person that we all love!■

*Photos and story by Peet Dixon 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021*



Loraine with sons Danny (L) and Bill (R)



Sisters from left—Irene Chandler, Loraine, Shirley Carn, Marg Summerton



Loraine and Shirley



# Morning in Paradise

These are the mornings I love:  
bright summer sun  
cool southerly wind  
and the kids have gone back to school.

I take my morning coffee  
to the palm leaf shelter,  
promising to do it more often.  
Every day, ideally.

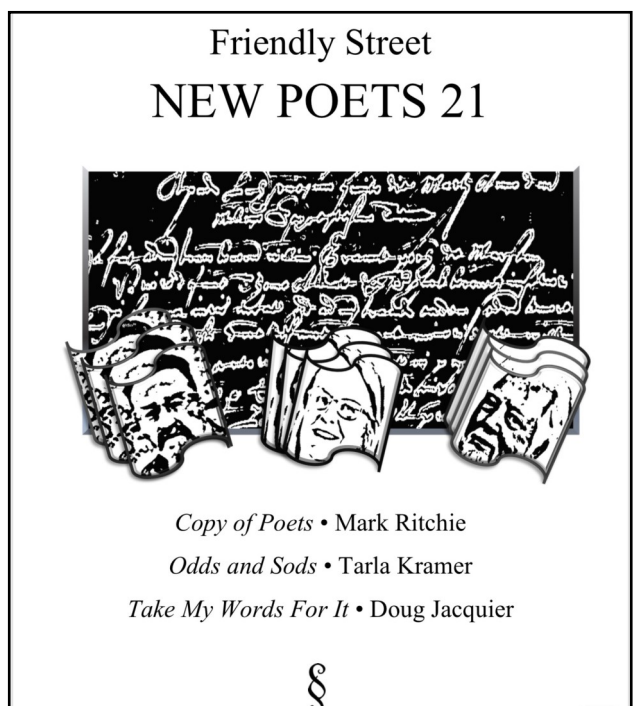
The only sounds the caw of the crow,  
the wind in the trees,  
and a bit of loose iron rattling nearby.  
And the light, oh the light, on the hills.

But it's too bright for my laptop,  
wind blows my paper about  
and when it drops,  
out come the flies.

The next day I'm busy  
then it's too hot or too cold.  
Another year is gone  
before I do it again.

Tarla Kramer

*Morning in Paradise was first published in the online newspaper InDaily, and also appears in New Poets 21, which can be purchased at the Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre*



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# Starlink “String of Lights”

By Lisa

HAVE YOU SEEN a string of lights crossing the night sky? Just after 5.00 am on Thursday 22 January, a Starlink satellite string was visible from Quorn, much to the amazed delight of at least one resident.

Seen as a long string of over sixty lights rapidly crossing east to west, they are a spectacular sight. You are most likely to see them around half an hour before sunrise or after sunset.

Starlink is a low-orbit satellite relay network under construction by SpaceX (Founder and CEO, Elon Musk). So far about 500 satellites are functional and it is expected when completed that Starlink will connect any point on the earth’s surface to high-speed internet.

SpaceX launched its first batch of 60 Starlink satellites on **May 23, 2019**. They lifted off from



Florida's Cape Canaveral Air Force Station on a Falcon 9 rocket at 10:30 p.m. EDT (0230 GMT on **May 24**).

Further information about this can be found on internet search engines.

EDT—Eastern Daylight Time / GMT—Greenwich Mean Time ■

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## Ehrlichiosis—tick-borne disease of dogs

By Lisa

EHRlichiosis is now present in Australia and spreading rapidly. This notifiable disease is spread by a bite from an infected tick, and can cause severe and fatal illness in all types of dogs.

First detected in Northern Australia in May 2020, it has spread rapidly through WA and NT, where it has reportedly killed thousands of dogs. Once the disease-causing bacterium is established in an area it is extremely hard to eradicate, and it has recently been detected in SA.

Most dogs can be treated with antibiotics, but may develop chronic and fatal infections. Both prevention and early detection of the disease is vital.

Symptoms of the disease are fever, lack of appetite, lethargy and bleeding (eg from nose). Some dogs develop rapid severe weight loss, swollen limbs, breathing difficulties, and blindness.

Owners need to:

- Ensure tick prevention is effective and up to date.
- Take extreme care when travelling with your dog, especially along transit route facilities and areas where dogs can meet
- Keep your dog out of potentially tick-infested areas, eg bushland, whenever possible.
- Regularly inspect your dog/s for ticks.
- Seek more information from reputable sources, or speak to your veterinarian. ■

Editors Note: This disease is not an issue in this region at present according to a Port Augusta Veterinary Clinic. This information is relevant to those who travel further North with their dogs.



# Jan Arnold's Quorn Memoirs

Tanner's Hotel (the Pinkerton, later the Austral Hotel), around 1900



## Part 7 (The Final Part)

### The Brownie Pack

I WAS A BROWNIE (for girls 8–10 years). I was enrolled at seven. Brownies were very much based on Fairies, so Sixes were named Elves, Sprites, Imps, etc, and I was an Elf. We opened our meetings standing in the Pow-Wow Ring around our magic Toadstool.

When I joined, we met in a large shed at the back of Tindall's property, going down a lane about three doors from the Chemist in First Street. I think Bonnie Thompson was our Brown Owl.

Mrs Stribling, the Savings Bank manager's wife was next, and our meetings were then held in the Bank's vault. Then Mrs Goldsworthy, wife of the High School headmaster, took us in the Methodist Church kindergarten room.



Quorn Brownies c 1942. *From left—Back*, Joan Jarrett, Heather Wright, Katherine Castine, ?, Val Brewster, Maureen Musgrove; *Front*, Gipsy Castine, Betty Foster, Janice Eley, Janet Simpson?, Heather Musgrove, Roma Williams, Marilyn Bell; *Seated*, Lorraine Smith or Nancy Harding, Jean Mayes. The Toadstool is in the centre

After she left, the Brownie Pack lapsed for several years. So I decided Quorn needed a new Brownie Pack, and at the tender age of 13 wrote

to the Guide Association to suggest that my friends and I might run one!

Needless to say, Guide HQ did not think this a good idea, but they did set up a new Pack with a High School teacher, Lois Rooney, as Brown Owl. Two of my friends and I were helpers. This was the Pack which gave a concert in the Methodist Hall, where the Brownies sang 'Christopher Robin is saying his Prayers'.



Guides in Railway Tce. *Front from left*—Ruth Neville (Captain), Gwenda Salmon (Lieutenant); *between them at back* Jan Eley. *From Gwenda's right*—Lois Williams, Erica Hughes, Valerie Brewster, Frances Barnett, Norma Thomas, ?

### The Guide Company

I BECAME A GUIDE (for girls 11–16), with a wonderful young Leader, Ruth Neville, who took us on many adventures. These included a train trip to Parachilna, Beltana, and Copley, another to Paxlease [the Girl Guide Campsite] at Crafrers in the Adelaide Hills, and hikes.

We didn't have much to do with Scouts. [First Quorn Scouts had been in recess from 1927 until starting again in 1931, then apparently meeting until August 1948]. However, girls in that time were more about homemaking, cooking, hand-crafts, first aid, and generally being helpful.





At the Racecourse before catering for Race Day. *From left, front*—Gwenda Salmon (Lieutenant), Bernice Crowe, Norma Thomas, Ruth Neville (Captain), Frances Barnett, Jan Eley

We did learn Semaphore signalling, and how to light a fire, and tie knots. Even in the 1950s I remember teaching the Brownie Pack I ran then, how to wash up! We had plenty of outdoor activities, games and ‘adventures’, as well.

We held money-raising events to build our own Hall, too, with concerts, etc. That hall has now been moved and used for something else.

We even catered at Quorn’s annual Race Day. Prior to this, we met in the little ‘Buff’ (?) Hall. I think that Hall may have been the original Methodist Church.

Guiding for me was most adventurous. Our two very young leaders, Ruth and Gwenda, took us on hikes, train trips, and camps. There was even a night hike at which a ‘ghost’ appeared out of the North Quorn Creek—a ‘ghost’ that managed to frighten us half to death!



Quorn Guides at Leigh Creek. *From left back*—Ruth Neville (Captain), Val Brewster, Marie McMullen, Sheila Kipling. *From left front*—Jan Eley, Glenis Buik. Vida Thomas took the photo. [Looks like a dragline excavator working behind them—the first dragline excavations at Leigh Creek began in January 1943]

On one of our most adventurous trips, we travelled north—both ways by train. We stayed at a family property (Sheila Kipling’s family). During it we visited Beltana, Blinman, and then Copley, where we slept in a railway goods shed.

As happened with many who had a wonderful time in Brownies and Guides, later on I ran my own Brownie Pack in Whyalla. And later still I ran a Guide Company in New Zealand.

### And Finally...

**MY PARENTS** had retired in 1950 to a new house in Whyalla, so journeys to Adelaide and MLC were by Guinea Airways DC3, flying to Parafield Airport over the two Gulfs. At the end of my final year, my father rang to say an old friend/bank boarder had been to see them, and had mentioned that a vacancy was coming up at the SA Savings Bank in Whyalla.

I was to go into the bank in King William St one night at 6 pm to take an examination. I did—and got the job, and so I flew at the end of term to my new Whyalla home.



Sunday School picnic, Pinkerton. *From left*—Jan Eley, Janice Goldsworthy, Wendy Byrne

In the new year I went to work, filling ink-wells, changing nibs and blotters, writing in passbooks, collecting ‘penny bank’ money from schools, and learning to typewrite. What a comedown from the heights of Leaving Honours! But I soon found new friends, new interests, and a good life.

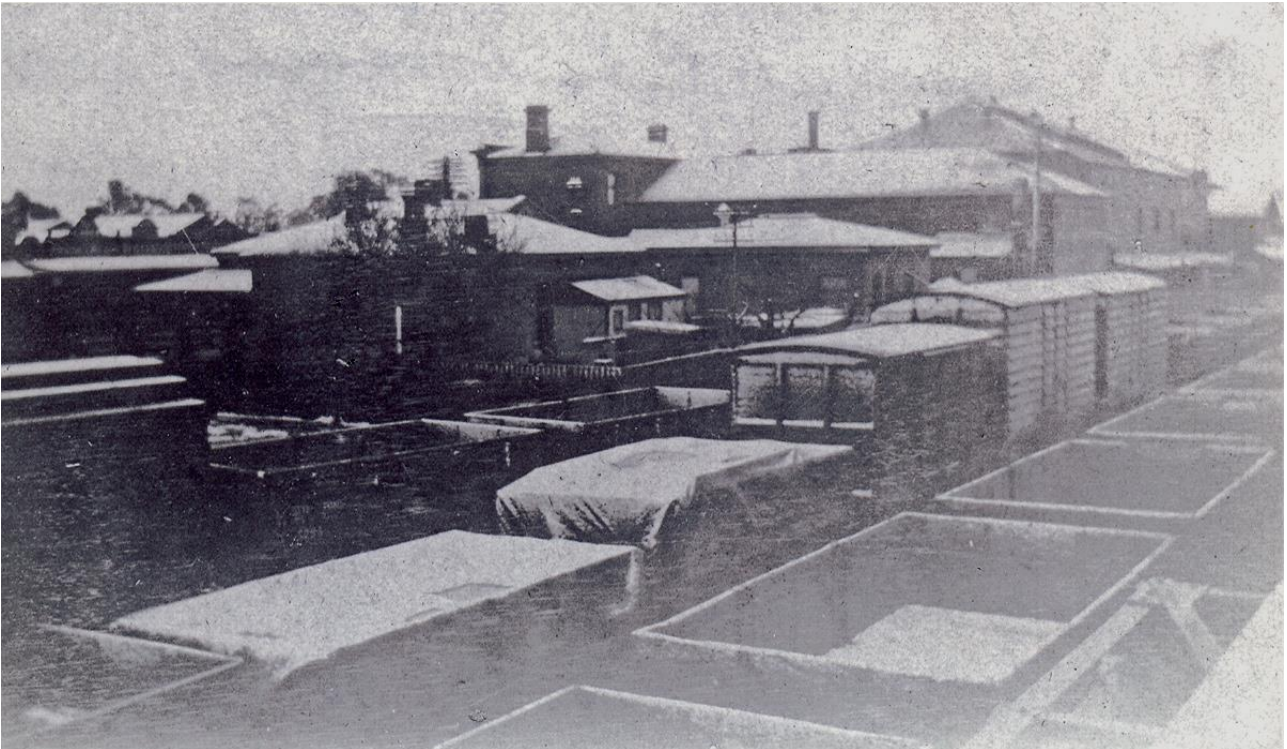
In 1958, a matinee idol from Pt Pirie, a yachtsman, and also a great baritone, arrived. Through a mutual friend he arranged an evening at our house, supposedly for me to transpose some music. He then bought a piano so that I could visit *him*! We ‘went out’ together for three weeks, he asked me to marry him, I said ‘Of course!’ and here we are, five children and sixty years later on. ■



Jan



# Pictures — From the Past



SNOW FALLING on Peterborough. Photo courtesy Jan Arnold—she thinks that it was taken around 1929.



YET ANOTHER wide-water Waukarie Falls photo, possibly taken in 1973. Photo courtesy Rita Britza. ■



# Locomotives of the PRR



A Y Class Locomotive

**THIS MONTH'S** article will be followed next month by one about the PRR's restored Yx.

The Y class locomotive was introduced into the South Australian Railways (SAR) in 1885. It superseded the smaller W class locomotives, and was a strong and reliable workhorse. It was built by Beyer-Peacock & Co. of Manchester, UK.



Y 97 at Port Dock Railway Museum

This design proved popular, and it was nicknamed the 'Colonial Mogul' (2-6-0). These engines were supplied to many narrow-gauge railways throughout the British Empire of those days.

Many of the SAR's Y class engines were built locally. Two were built by the Adelaide Locomotive Works at Islington, and 85 by James Martin & Co. at Gawler. The SAR had 129 Y class engines.

From their introduction, the Y class worked all trains on the Great Northern Division until the Commonwealth Railways (CR) takeover of its operation in 1926. The T class superseded them on the Terowie to Quorn line in 1918.

From 1904 until 1928, 58 of the Y class were rebuilt as the Yx class. This was done by fitting larger, higher-pressure boilers, with Belpaire fire-boxes. Some of these rebuilt engines were employed between Quorn and Port Augusta.

Some rebuilt engines returned to Quorn in 1948 for shunting, to relieve mainline engines of this. These engines transferred to the CR for use on the North Australia Railway during the 1939–45 Second World War. ■ — Lisa Southon, Archivist

Y Class Technical Specifications		
Wheel Arrangement	2-6-0	
Weight	47 tons 15 cwt	48.5 t
Length	39 ft 3 ins	11.96 m
Tractive Effort	13,300 lb	59.2 kN
Boiler Pressure	145 psi	1000 kPa
Driving Wheels	3 ft 3 ins	990 mm
Cylinders	14½ x 20 ins	370 x 510 mm
Valve Gear	Stephenson	
Grate Area	13.67 ft <sup>2</sup>	1.27 m <sup>2</sup>
Coal Capacity	4 tons 10 cwt	4.6 t
Water Capacity	2600 gallons	7300 litres



A Y Class locomotive in front of an engine running shed on the Great Northern Railway. Courtesy SA State Library SLSA B55492



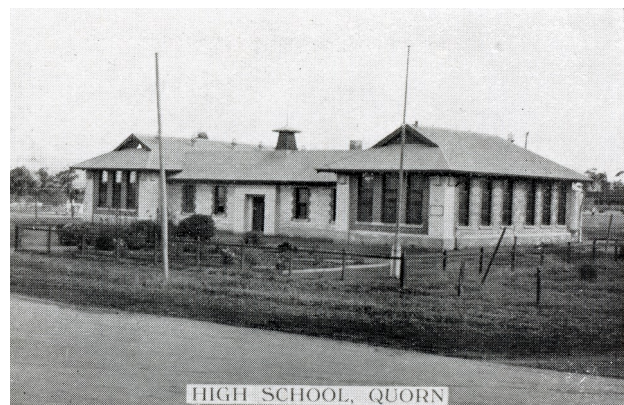
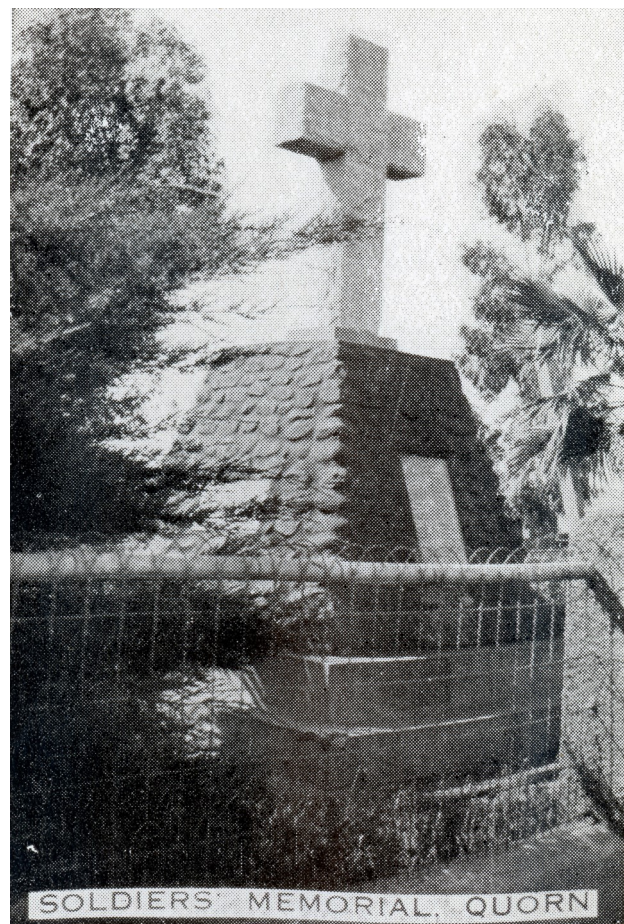
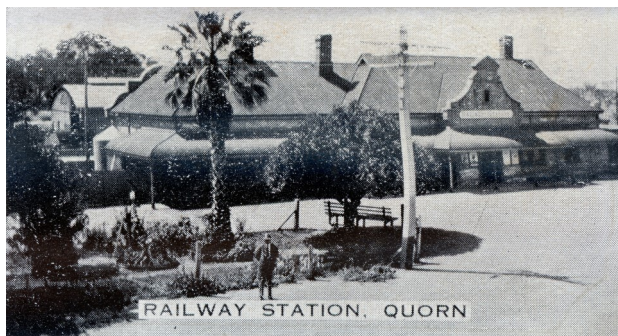
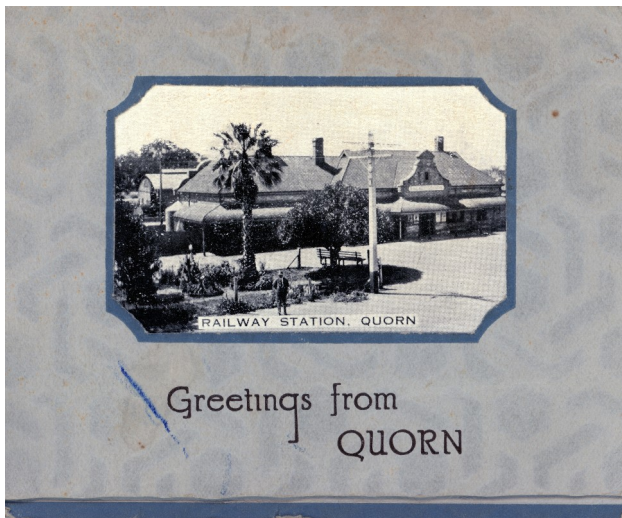
# Quorn in the 1920's

HAVING LIVED IN Quorn or out at Willochra most of my life I am interested in finding old photos of Quorn itself and the area.

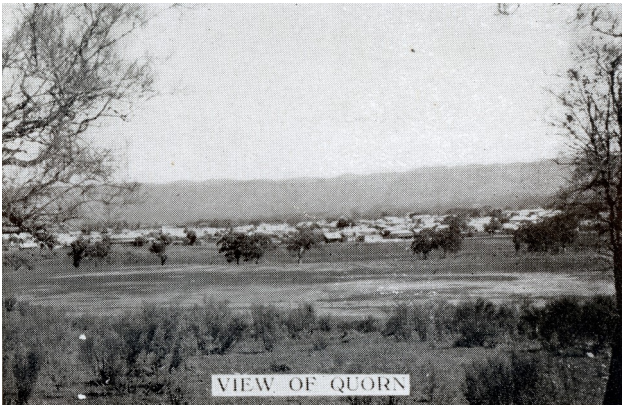
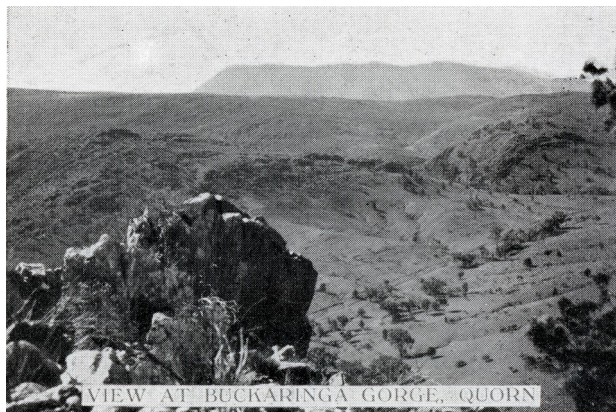
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They appear in order of the original copy. ■

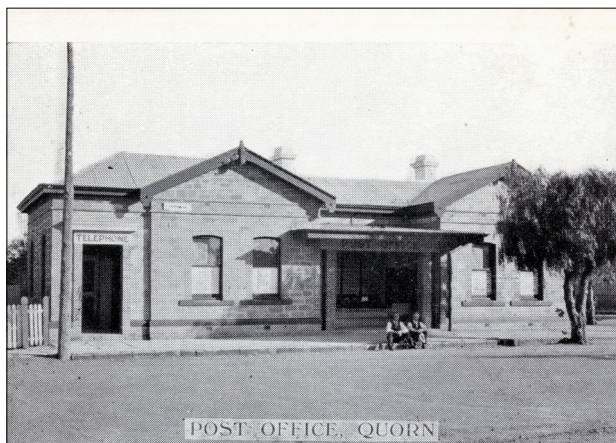
*Ashy*







If you have any photographs of Quorn and districts you would like to be shown here please copy and send them into the *Mercury* at [mercury@frc.sa.gov.au](mailto:mercury@frc.sa.gov.au) where they will be sorted and used. Permission will be requested to use them and acknowledged when printed





# Prosperous Quorn,

*Illustrated and Described by J. Edward Robertson.*

QUORN, FEBRUARY, 1909.



WHEAT ARRIVING QUORN STATION FOR THE FARMERS' CO-OP. UNION.

*Hunt Photo*

MR. G. DUNCAN WATT, AGENT.



*Hunt*

MEMBERS OF THE QUORN RAILWAY ASSOCIATION.

*Photo*



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ONE TIME MEMBERS OF THE QUORN ORCHESTRA.

*Photo*



*Hunt*

TWO 1,800 LB. BULLOCKS GROWN ON QUORN GRASS.

*Photo*



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MR. HERB HEASLIP'S BEAUTIFULLY BRED BLACK PONY STALLION.



*Hunt Photo*

QUORN TOWN HALL AND INSTITUTE.





Hunt A FINE PHOTO OF WARREN'S GORGE. Photo



Hunt A PRETTY SCENE ON THE CAPOWIE CREEK Photo  
AT QUORN.



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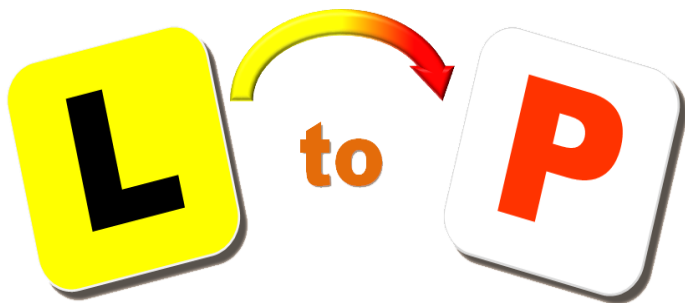


Hunt OFFICERS OF NEWCASTLE LODGE, No 61 U.A.O.D. Photo  
Top Row—W. Ridgway, A. E. Lock, C. Eckersley, J. H. Crapp, F. Gallagher.  
Centre—H. A. Klei, W. S. Hill, G. Buckley, E. Jephcott, A. J. Millard Secy.  
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Hunt A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF MR. NOLL'S FARM. Photo





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# Quorn Pioneer Machinery Museum

A FEW DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS we received the great news that we had been successful with our grant application from the last round of the NRWMF\* Community Benefit Fund.

The application process had been undertaken by the Flinders Ranges Council. The grant is quite substantial and will enable our group to completely revamp the site and establish paths and native plants to connect up to the Bush Tucker Trail.

Since Christmas we have gone back to the drawing board as these monies will allow us to do things which in the past were only a pipe dream. Quotes are being obtained and priorities outlined—watch this space for future announcements.

Meanwhile work has continued at the site. One of the current restoration projects is taking place on the 1926/7 2Ton Caterpillar Tractor. As you can see from the photos, the cat is being stripped down.

Richard has removed ninety-four years of rust from the panel work, undercoated and made it ready for a new paint job.

*\*National Radioactive Waste Management Facility*

The group has been in touch with Cavpower, the Caterpillar Agents in Adelaide. They seem very keen to sponsor the cat in some way. ■



The Caterpillar Tractor before work begins

The group meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:00am.

***For further details contact David Reubenicht on 0401 533 752***



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Rob making scraper gauge to set screenings level ready for pavers



Andy grading the sand for the laying of the pavers



Andy sorted the air conditioner out; it works well, and will be appreciated when the temp goes above 40°C



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Rob, Andy, Lyall and Paul plan and start digging trench for the drain



Jeff cleaning up garden seat ends ready for new seats

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If you're finding it harder to do the things you used to, you might need a bit of support at home. The Australian Government's myagedcare phone line and website can help you to:

### Access services to support you with:

- **Transport**  
(e.g. appointments and activities)
- **Household jobs**  
(e.g. vacuuming and preparing meals)
- **Modifications to your home**  
(e.g. hand rails, ramps)
- **Nursing and personal care**  
(e.g. help getting dressed, help shaving)

### Find information in one spot on:

- **Different types of services**  
(in home support, short-term care, aged care homes)
- **Your eligibility**
- **Your contribution to the cost**
- **Organisations that provide aged care**

Connect with myagedcare on  
**www.myagedcare.gov.au** or **call 1800 200 422**

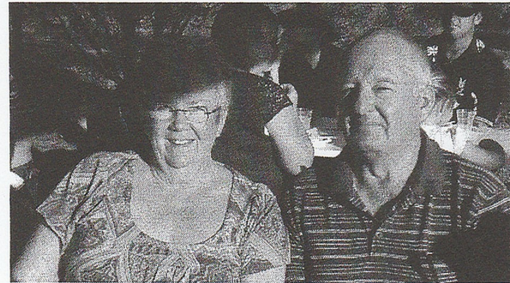
\*1800 calls are free from land lines; calls from mobile phones might be charged.



# ***Quorn Mercury* Revisited**

**Australia Day breakfast celebration**

**10 Years Ago**



**Left Row: Jean and Peter Sandles, Darren and Andrea Bury (last years winner)  
Right Row: Barb and Lou Walker, Avril and Richard Eeles (Balaklava)**

**Xmas Street Party December 22nd 2001**

**20 Years Ago**



**Back Row: Fraser Hoare, JD Banks, Rowan Chester  
Front Row: Megan Banks, Kayla Hughes, Kisa Bayley and Alycia Rabig**





# Classified Adverts

## Thank You

I would like to thank every one who sent cards, text messages and attended my 80th birthday open house.

It was much appreciated.

Brenda Hunt

## Social Lottery Club Draw

December 12th 2020

1st Geoff Williams

2nd Bushy

3rd Merv Coad

## Rainfall 2020

Jan	39mm
Feb	70.4mm
March	8.6mm
April	37.6mm
May	10.4mm
June	14.5mm
July	10.8mm
August	44.2mm
September	42.2mm
October	147.2mm
November	5.00mm
December	37.8mm
YTD	489.7mm

## Rainfall 2021

January	10.2mm
YTD	10.2mm

## Quorn AutoPort

PHONE 8648 6093

W/SHOP: MON-FRI 8am-5pm

FUEL: MON-FRI 8.00am-5.30pm

SAT-SUN & P/HOLS 8.30am-2.30pm

We stock:

**Camping gear**

**Batteries \*tyres**

\*auto accessories \*spare parts

\*GME UHF radios

car phone chargers

\*Kwik-Gas ICE

\*M/CYCLE JACKETS \*Hats

\*Andy Strapz

Did you know?

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## Health Calendar

**February 2021**

**Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates**

Podiatrist  
Diabetes Education  
Dietitian  
Physiotherapist  
Occupational Therapist  
Speech Pathologist  
Social Worker

**Country Health Connect 8668 7706**



## February

**Anglican Church of St Matthews**

3rd Sunday of month 10am

Holy Communion Easter Sunday 10am

Contact Number

Ph: 047711056 or 8648 6763

**Catholic Church**

**Flinders Ranges Catholic Parish**

Parish Priest: Father Harold Camonias

Mass Times:

Tuesday— Fridays 9am Quorn.

Friday 11am Hawker

Saturday Carrieton 4pm

Sunday Quorn 8.30am

Hawker 10.30am

Leigh Creek 5pm 1st Sunday of the Month

**Flinders Christian Fellowship**

Sunday Church 10am

Monday and Thursday lunch 12pm

Tuesday Bible Study 12pm

**Uniting Church**

Sunday Services 10am

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- Other submissions to Visitor Information Centre, Quorn Railway Station before 4.30 pm 26th February.  
Classified Ads on Visitor Information Centre form provided. Must be paid for when submitted.

### **Guidelines for Submissions:**

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

### **Contacts**

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

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# Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events February 2021

## Regular Events

### Quorn

#### Quorn Book Club

Phone Sam Nester for info  
0456 129 870

#### Women's Fellowship

3rd Wednesdays  
see poster in Laundromat window  
or Facebook for details

#### Quorn Men's shed

Breakfast 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> from 8.00am

#### Flinders Flicks Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb

Tickets at Emily's Bistro

#### Quorn Playgroup

Mondays 10am-1pm at Quorn  
Kindy

#### Kids Club @ God's House

21<sup>st</sup> February 2:30-4pm at Quorn  
Uniting Church  
SMS 0407 816 210 for info

### 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

### Quorn Silo Light Show

Every night from sunset at the  
Railway Yard Precinct

### Valentine's Day Dinner

February 13-14<sup>th</sup> 5-9pm  
at Tickle Belly Hill  
Bookings essential 0424 980 580  
Cash only

### First Nation Voices

21<sup>st</sup> February 1pm at Pichi Richi Park  
\$18pp - \$15 conc - U14 free  
Tickets via Adelaide Fringe Website

### Quorn Produce and Craft Market

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

*Journalism is a way of creating a  
sense of community among people  
who would otherwise be isolated  
from each other*

— John Maddox

## Regular Events

### Quorn

#### Aerobics/Walking Exercise

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

#### Boot Camp

Tuesday & Fridays 6.30am Quorn oval

#### Line dancing

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

#### Pilates

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

#### Probus

1st Tuesday of the month 10am  
Town Hall

#### Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group

Fridays at the Austral Hotel.  
Everyone welcome

#### Quorn Bowling Club

Night Owls bowls Fridays 7pm for 7:30  
start \$5 per player, bowls supplied

#### Suzanne's Dancers

Quorn Tuesday at Quorn Parish Hall  
For children

#### Yoga

Thursday nights 6.30pm  
Uniting Church Hall

#### Austral Inn Hotel

Sunday Night Pizza Night and Wednesday  
Night Schnitzel Night

#### Transcontinental Hotel

Tuesday Night Schnitzel Night



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Dutchman Enshrouded 25 Jan. Photo Darryl Hannigan



25 January cloud over Dutchman  
Photo Darryl Hannigan



Above—Boolcunda Creek  
in flood again across the  
Hawker road

*Right*—Just north of the  
road, the Boolcunda flows  
under the old narrow gauge  
Ghan line before it joins the  
Willochra. The Willochra did  
not run on this rain and the  
water under the bridge in  
that channel is flowing back  
from the Boolcunda

Photos Gavin Falconer  
25 January



Christmas Bush (*Bursaria Spinosa*) near Devils Peak  
Photo Katrina Bohr

Night Boolcunda Creek 25 Jan. Photo Damien Butler

