

Quorn Mercury

Recording Quorn's History while it's Being Made

May 2023

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ANZAC Day 2023



From left—Mayor Ken Anderson, Fr. Mark Whybrow, Amaru Omonte Kramer, Elise James, Kayla Daly, Lou Walker



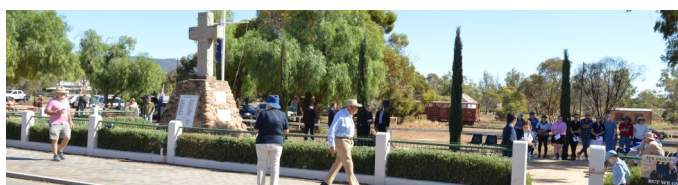
Laying the wreaths:
Mayor Ken Anderson, Kayla Daly



The Anzac Day Ceremony in Quorn was well attended



Good to see the arrival of
horse riders at the ceremony



**See inside for
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\$2.50

Walking Trails

*All five Trails cleared and signposted
1–4 offer spectacular Summit Views*

1. *The Dutchman's Stern Park*

*Drive 8.5 km via Arden Vale Rd from Quorn to Car Park
10.6 km circuit (easier clockwise) or
8.4 km return via Terrace/Northern Trail or
6 km return to Stony Creek Lookout or
5 km return to Terrace Lookout*

2. *Warren Gorge*

*Drive 22 km via Arden Vale Rd from Quorn to Trailhead
5.2 km circuit (easier clockwise)*

3. *Devil's Peak*

*Drive 10 km via Richman Valley Road & Devil's Pk Rd to start
2.6 km return (some scrambling last 300 m near top)*

4. *Mount Brown Park*

*Drive 14 km via Richman Valley Road to Olive Grove to start
15 km circuit or 12 km return via Western Trail or
5.4 km return to Bald Hill Lookout*

5. *Waukarie Creek*

*Drive 14 km via Richman Valley Road to Olive Grove to start
12 km return to Woolshed Flat Railway Station or
2 km return to Heysen Trail Shelter*

Details & Leaflets Flinders Ranges Visitors Information Centre Quorn, Quorn Railway Station

Dawn Service at Cradock

CRADOCK ANZAC DAY Dawn Service - Had a great day, commenced at 6am for a catch up then 6.30am for the ceremony to commence. Had about 80 attending. Unfortunately, being a week day a number of folk were unable to attend due to business, work or personal circumstance.

Among the attendees was Ken Anderson, Mayor of the Flinders Ranges Council who gave a very in-depth presentation relating to not only the history of Anzac but also the different conflicts we have 'recently' engaged in such as Iraq and Afghanistan and the unfortunate impact they had on the lifestyles on many of our serving members and those who had left the military.

In addition to our Mayor, was the unannounced presence of a SA politician—Leon Bignell MP. He arrived without notice and caught up with many of the folk attending the service. Apparently he was a media correspondent before becoming a polliie. He really appreciated what we presented during the service and the presentation of our Memorial Garden.

The morning ceremony also included a dedication of our latest on-site memorial being a backlit metal sculptured silhouette of a Light-horseman crafted by an artist from Port Broughton. The Light-horseman commemorates the local Cradock District members who enlisted in the 3rd the 9th and the 11th Light Horse regiments during the First World War.



During the morning Leon stated he was contacting the ABC and providing comment on our ceremony which he did at the time. He also chased up a number of different people including myself, Maurie Burke, chair of the Cradock Heritage Group and Justin Brown, retired Army veteran of the Combat Engineers who officiated during the main ceremony. He sourced the background of the community and especially the background of our Memorial Garden and War Memorial. He put together an entry on Facebook during which he stated, the "Cradock Anzac Day dawn ceremony was one of the best, this tiny town, with a massive heart and community spirit, puts on one of the best ANZAC Day Dawn Services in Australia."

His comments have been widely circulated since the Anzac ceremony. If you chase up his name on Facebook you'll see his entry, in addition to his spiel on the day etc, there are also 75 photos which he took during the day.

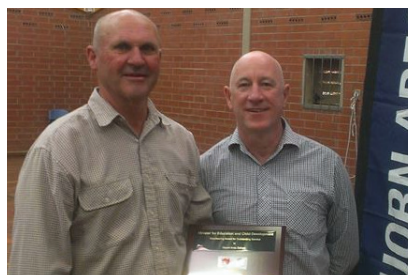


M & M Burke, CRADOCK SA ■

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

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

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



My office can help you with

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



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University of Adelaide

Students at Pichi Richi

YOU MAY WELL have seen hoards of students in high viz tops over Easter around Pichi Richi. In fact, you may well have passed similar groups any year over the last sixty years doing very similar things as this year was the sixty first consecutive year where students from The University of Adelaide have spent a week in the region training to be earth scientists.

The students turn up fresh faced and a little sad at having to give up their holiday for an intensive week learning how to read the rocks, how to collect orientation data from the rock outcrops and how to tell the stories of the deep past from the rocks in the pass.

Pichi Richi Pass is one of the best places in the country to train students in this as it contains a wonderful array of sedimentary rocks—those are rocks that were deposited as sand or muds on the surface of the earth by rivers and tides.

Within them they preserve evidence of what this part of the world was like 600 million years ago. That is long before the dinosaurs roamed the continent, in fact even before animals had evolved and before the amazing impressions that you can see in the rocks in the new Nilpena National Park evolved. It is an incredible part of

the world and one that has inspired generations of earth scientists and where generations of students have realised that earth science and geology is what they want to do with their lives—including a number of students from Quorn over the years!

I'm a professor at The University of Adelaide and ran the trip for a decade in the 2000's. Now my colleague A/Prof Ros King leads the trip, but the wonderful area got into my bones and my wife and I now own one of the properties in the pass, so we have joined the generous land owners who make this trip possible every year and help the next generation of earth scientists learn about this amazing planet of ours. Next time you see students in the pass, stop and talk to them about what they are doing... there are some amazing stories about our planet preserved in those rocks! ■

Professor Alan Collins
School of Physics, Chemistry and Earth
Sciences, The University of Adelaide
Chair, Geological Society of Australia (SA
Division)



University of Adelaide students geologically mapping at Pichi Richi

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Quorn: Our 145th Birthday

THIS IS OUR BIRTHDAY ISSUE of the *Quorn Mercury*. It's to celebrate the birthday of our town. Towns and cities hold their birthdays on the day they were proclaimed, and Quorn was proclaimed on 16th May, back in 1878.

So we'll be 145 years old on the coming Tuesday 16th May. Now that's only five years to go before we'll celebrate our Sesquicentenary, our 150th birthday. And *that* should be a truly major occasion!

We had a celebration for our 50th birthday. It ran for a week from 21st to 30th September, 1928, as you can see on the front of the Souvenir Program below. It's a Library copy of it. Hence the labels.

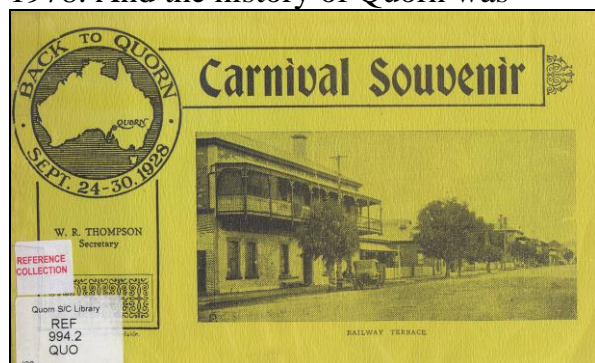
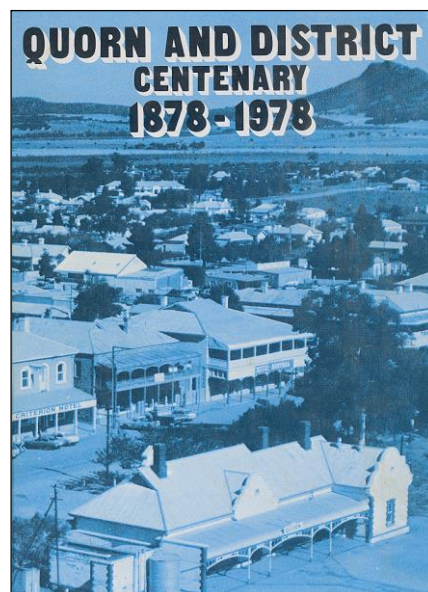
Then we celebrated our Centenary in 1978. And the history of Quorn was

published in September that year, too. You'd think therefore that that was also when the Centenary celebration was held.

But why September? Why not May? Perhaps someone could let us know why September was chosen instead. Maybe the thought was that Spring would be better for our Birthday Party than Autumn?

Well, whenever it's to be held, does it seem a good idea soon for someone to set the planning going?

Let us say that we want to arrange for the State Governor to attend. Or for the ABC to come and film some of it. Waiting until the last minute to ask for such things might mean the answer would be 'No'. ■



Do you need support with meals as you grow older?

Bungala Food Service are delivering freshly cooked 3-course meals to Quorn every week-day.

Meals are delivered hot for immediate consumption or can be arranged to be delivered cold so that they can be conveniently reheated in the oven or microwave whenever required.

For those on a Commonwealth Home Support Program or a Home Care Package, meals can be subsidised in conjunction with your aged care provider.

Our home style meals are cooked fresh in our Port Augusta kitchen using ingredients that are in season, creating flavours that you can actually taste!

For any enquiries, please contact your aged care provider or

Bungala Food Service on 8643 5500



REPRESENTING THE
QUORN COMMUNITY

**Rowan
Ramsey MP**

Federal Member for Grey

My office can help with Federal issues including, Centrelink, Immigration, Communications, Veterans Affairs and many others

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Serving up a Treat

JIM AND RUBIANN Meyers have been heartened by patronage for their new cafe, by locals, Quorn Area School, and visitors to Quorn. The café is situated on the old tennis courts, Railway Tce, and is open daily for drinks, snacks and light meals.



Jim and Rubiann at the Corral Coffee Cafe



Jenny Litchfield and Jim

Drinks

Flat White	\$4
Long Black	\$4
Cappuccino	\$4
Latte	\$4
Mocha	\$4
Chai Tea Latte	\$4
Hot Chocolate	\$5
Espresso	\$3
Tea	\$4
Extra Shot	\$2

Food

Bacon & Egg Roll (Tik)	\$8
2 slices bacon, egg, sauce (optional) on lightly toasted bun	\$10
Bacon & Egg Roll (Dit)	\$10
3 slices bacon, egg, sauce (optional) on lightly toasted bun	\$10
Hot Dog	\$8
Hot dog, sauce & cheese	\$9
Spicy Hotdog	\$9
Toasted onion, Cheese & Tomato	\$9
Seared Pork	\$8
Chicken Schnitzel, Lettuce & Mayo	\$8
Chicken & Mayo	\$8
Chicken & Cheese	\$8
Ham & Cheese	\$8
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$7
Cheese & Tomato	\$8
Veggie & Cheese	\$8

Sweet Treats

Assorted Cheesecake	\$5
Cupcake	\$3
Banana Bread	\$3
Muffin	\$3
Musli	\$4
Lamington	\$3
Lamington W/C	\$4
Baked Cake	\$2
Mousse	\$2
Tofu	\$6
Cookie Biscuit	\$2
Walnut/Macadamia	\$3
Jelly Cup	\$1
Frog in a Pond	\$2
Jelly & Custard	\$3

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Public Consultation – Community Land

Proposal to Revoke Community Land Classification

of Land



Council is seeking community feedback on a proposal to revoke the classification of “community land” for identified parcels of land.

Council has re-evaluated the need for 20 parcels of “community land” and has deemed them to be surplus to the Council’s needs. Historically, these allotments have either been inadvertently categorised as community land or are no longer deemed required for a community purpose. It is Council’s intention to include this land in a divestment strategy to enable the parcels to be sold at a future date. However, to do this, the land status as community land must be revoked under the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act).

The allotments identified, by and large, are redundant, not used by the community, and cost the Council money to maintain and upkeep. It is considered that the value held in these properties may better be realised if they were sold (either now or in future), with the funds to be redistributed into other community assets and infrastructure.

For the Council to revoke the community land classification of the properties it is necessary to undertake a process prescribed under section 194 of the Act. The first step was to prepare a Report for Council to adopt. This Report (Proposal to Revoke Community Land Classification of Land) addresses the criteria prescribed by section 194(2) of the Act and was adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of 16 August 2022.

This Report contains:

- a summary of the reasons for the proposal; and
- a statement of any dedication, reservation or trust to which the land is subject; and
- a statement of whether revocation of the classification is proposed with a view to sale or disposal of the land and, if so, details of any Government assistance given to acquire the land and a statement of how the council proposes to use the proceeds; and
- an assessment of how implementation of the proposal would affect the area and the local community; and
- if the Council is not the owner of the land—a statement of any requirements made by the owner of the land as a condition of approving the proposed revocation of the classification; and
- details of all parcels of land.

This Report is now out for this report out for community consultation. A copy of this report is available from www.frc.sa.gov.au/community/latest-news or in hard copy from the Quorn Administration Office or Teagues Motors, Hawker.

Council is now seeking written submissions on this Report. Once received the submissions will be collated and considered by Council at a future Ordinary Meeting and submitted to the Minister as part of the application process seeking Ministerial endorsement of the proposal.

The power to resolve and revoke the community land classification of land is only available after the Minister has approved the proposed revocation.

Submissions must be received in writing to:

Mr Eric Brown, Chief Executive Officer,
The Flinders Ranges Council, PO Box 43, Quorn SA 5433
Or via email to council@frc.sa.gov.au

(Please note that due to the requirement to forward all submissions to the Minister – social media comments and verbal submissions will not be accepted.)

Submissions will close 5pm on Tuesday 16 May 2023

Railways: A Wondrous Journey

VISIT THE Pichi Richi Railway and experience the Great Northern Railway that was built from Port Augusta to Quorn in 1879, to serve mining and pastoral enterprises in the far north of the colony. The new transportation system meant a passenger could reach their destination at a cracking pace of 15 mph and the vast outback was within everyone's scope. Learn about communication through the Overland Telegraph with relays at railway stations, the mail train and the social benefits of travel, employment, and entertainment of international standard with celebrated acts such as the *Marvellous Corricks*.

Communication

During the 19th and early 20th centuries, railways provided a fast and reliable means of carrying the mail. The opening of a new line usually meant transferring the carriage of mail to rail, instead of by coach or ship, to ensure the mail arrived sooner and at more predictable times.

The rail link allowed mail to be carried between cities and townships in a day, compared to a week-long journey by coach in earlier years. Also, railways offered greater security against robbery, particularly for registered mail (which usually contained valuables), compared to coach journeys.

The importance of railways to postal services was reflected in a common practice of locating post offices at railway stations in smaller towns. The duties of stationmaster and postmaster were often combined to facilitate the handling of mail. The General Post Offices of capital cities were located near the railway stations for more efficient mail handling.

A special feature of "mail by rail" was the Travelling Post Office (TPO). TPO services comprised dedicated railway carriages specially outfitted for mail to be sorted and



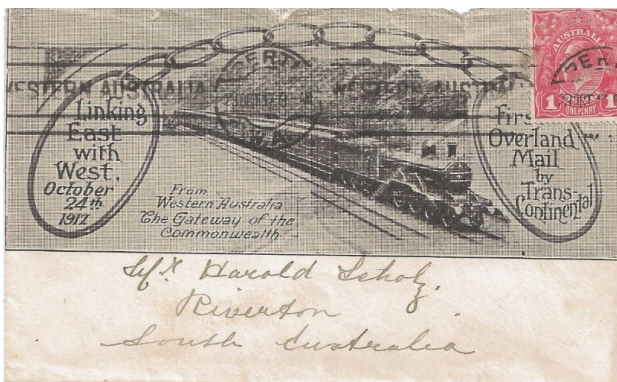
Mail sorting on the train

postmarked during the journey. Most TPOs were phased out by World War II, although some that linked isolated areas continued operating until more recent years.

The Trans-Australian Railway operated a "pay train", which commenced service in 1915 (during construction of the railway), and continued operating until 1986. The pay train provided stamp sales, money orders and banking facilities for railway employees working along the line. The actual post office was situated in the middle of one carriage, with a public area of about two metres long and one metre wide, and a foothold to reach the counter when the pay train was not operating at a station.

Railways were important for carrying domestic mail, but they also provided the vital link for overseas mail. Until 1917, Adelaide was the "first and last" port-of-call for most of Australia's overseas shipping links. From Adelaide, passengers, freight and mail could be transported more quickly by rail to Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and elsewhere in eastern Australia. The Adelaide-Melbourne express train provided the key for the efficient handling of the inwards and outwards overseas mail. On some occasions, it was even necessary to arrange dedicated trains solely to carry the mail between Melbourne and Adelaide.

With the opening of the Trans-Australian Railway in 1917, Fremantle replaced Adelaide as the "first and last" port-of-call and, as a result, reduced the time required to transmit overseas mail within Australia.



The “mail by rail” era came to an end in the mid-1980s. The carriage of non-standard letters and parcels by railways was replaced by a fleet of trucks acquired by Australia Post to carry this mail between capital cities and regional centres. However, “mail by rail” has returned in recent years. As part of Australia Post’s commitment to continuously improving environmental efficiencies, the corporation returned to using rail to carry mail between Adelaide and Perth. This has reduced its total annual greenhouse emissions by 2.5 per cent <https://australiapostcollectables.com.au/articles/mail-by-rail>

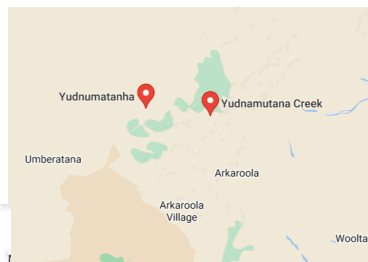
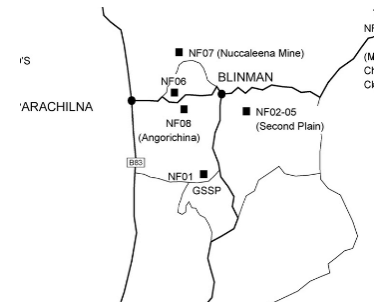


Stagecoach

The only means of transportation prior to the railways was Stagecoach. A long journey which required changing horses, a few rest stops.

To the north of the city the longest route went to Yudnamatana, via Kapunda, Melrose and Nuccaleena, from whence a packhorse completed the final 100 miles of a 400 miles journey.

It was no light responsibility to be the driver of a team of six or eight horses attached to a crowded coach through the Adelaide hills and across the sprawling plains of the north.

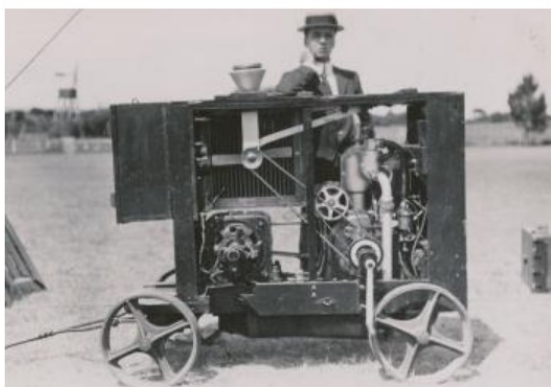
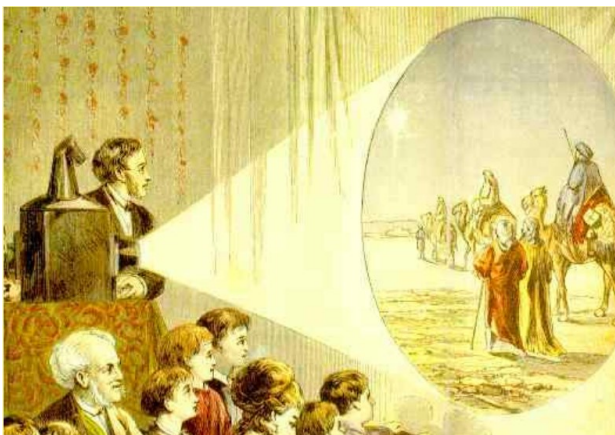


John Hill & Co. coaches in Franklin Street, Adelaide, during the final days of horse transport in 1903

Entertainment

Railways enhanced and introduced many Social benefits through providing entertainment of international standard with celebrated acts such as the *Marvellous Corricks* and Lionel Logue.

These visitors not only provided entertainment, but brought news of the world, and the latest technology such as magic lantern shows and moving pictures.



The Corricks' Electric Light Plant (De Dion Engine), c1909. NFSA title: 755810.

Entertainment at Quorn.

THE LOGUE-CHENOWETH RECITALS.

[BY ONE WHO KNOWS,]

Lovers of high-class entertainment were afforded a rare treat on Tuesday, 8th November, at the Quorn Town Hall, when Messrs. Lionel Logue (elocutionist) and Maurice Chenoweth (leading tenor of Adelaide) produced a programme that, for excellence, has never been surpassed locally. There was only a moderate assemblage inside the hall. No doubt the large number of entertainments that have taken place locally of late and the oppressive times had a great deal to do with the lack of attendance. Those who were present thoroughly appreciated the performance and the end came all too soon. Both Mr. Logue and Mr. Chenoweth came to Quorn with the highest testimonials and they fully maintained their reputations.

Mr. Logue's ability as an elocutionist is so well and favorably known in the north that it is hardly necessary to say that his recitals were first class. The pieces rendered were:—"The Lost Ship" (W. W. Jacobs), "In the Evening" (Dutton), "Hanging the Picture" (Jerome K. Jerome) as an encore, "The Screamer," all of which were well received.



Billboards advertising the Corrick's variety act, Adelaide, South Australia, October 1912

Flinders House

WHAT A BUSY FEW WEEKS it has been. We've had many celebrations in recent weeks with birthdays and St Patricks Day, International Women's Day and the Adelaide Cup.

Our consumers have enjoyed all the get togethers for special lunches provided by our kitchen staff. ■



Melenee and her dad getting into the spirit with their St Patrick headbands



Group photo before lunch arrives. Our consumers enjoy getting together for special lunches in the activity room



Daph trying on the glasses and hats having a laugh

Bus Trips are Back!



Our consumers were asking about the grave site across the road from Flinders House



We went and had a look, if anyone has anymore information about this, I'd love to be able to pass it on.



Morning tea time



Brenda enjoying the morning tea

OUR CONSUMERS ENJOY the bus trips and we are looking forward to hopefully doing this twice a week. So stay tuned for more exciting adventures! ■



Trevor and Coral very pleased with our bus outing

Shirley Hughes turns 100!



Shirley Hughes reached triple digits on April 14

Quorn Out and About



Red Hat ladies met for lunch at Tickle Belly Hill, Thursday April 27

From left—Carlene Voigt, Heather Roberts, Sandra Everett, Loraine Pumpa, Jan Jarvis, Kay Freebairn, Anne Freebairn, Jenny Laidlaw, Shirley Cam, Marg Summerton, Pat Wiseman, Yvonne Player



Enjoying the Easter Market



Paula Roberts at her Market Stall at the Quorn Market



IGA gets a fresh lease of life



David Coverdale (left) with visitors to his Market Stall at the Quorn Market on Sunday May 30



Kate Fitzgerald performs at the Market



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ALL WELCOME

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Prospective shedders start nailing



Paul busy sorting cans & bottles



Naomi's vintage light gets a paint and make over



Doors ready to go onto Naomi's vintage cupboard



Lothar's refurbished dining room chairs



AMSA Registration No. AMSA100844

Shoulder to Shoulder

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

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Now the weather is cooling down we can enjoy an Old Codger Tawny Port from Dutschke Winery Lyndoch. We toasted this wine at Woodies wake, supplied with Old Codger playing Cards

Shed breakfast at 0900hrs on 11th & 25th May. Steak sandwiches for workers lunch, on 4th & 18th May, only \$4.
Cuppa 0900 to 1400.



Col has beetroot growing well, must be using hillbilly worm juice

Quorn Community Landcare Group

Sunday 7th May

Bettongs & Buddies – family entertainment (please pre book tickets on line through Arid Lands Landscape Board web page)
11am Quorn Town Hall

Quorn Community Landcare Group AGM & BBQ
1pm Pithi Kawi BBQ Area

Quorn Bush Food Garden Working Bee
2pm Pithi Kawi Walking Trail

Please BYO Gloves. Jobs to finish include dead heading Kangaroo Paws, Wheelbarrowing weeds to Compost pile, Weeding Native grass beds, Seed collection, general socialising!

Quorn Show 2023



Want to promote your community group at the Show? Contact us!

We'd love to see more entries in the Memorial Hall this year!

Thinking of putting a stall in the show? Contact us.



We ARE EXCITED to have secured *RevitUp* to return to this years Show!

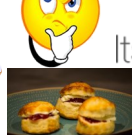
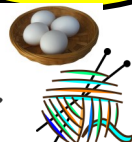
RevitUp, delivers a fun family activity that all can be involved in. Challenge your friends or family to be the first in a virtual speed car race!

We are looking at having a Wool Bale rolling race for this years show. Watch this space for more information!

Amelia Greenfield will again coordinate the 2023 Horses in Action Programme. A new Trophy will be introduced this year, the Horses In Action Points Plaque. Please contact Amelia for more information at: Ph: 0427 585 978
Email: ourhome@rangescountry.com.au ■



ItsHandMade



**Show Day
Sunday Sept
24th**

Horses in Action!



FEES FOR 2022

Admission:

Adults :	\$10.00
School age Children:	\$ 2.00
Concession	\$ 5.00

Membership 2 Adults \$15.00

Family Membership

2 Adults, 2 Children \$20.00

Save money!

**Purchase a show membership!
Contact Jillian at the VIC for details**

Proceeds from memberships help with preparation and planning costs, and in securing attractions for the event.

At the Show!

Horses in Action,
Poultry & Pigeon Pavilion
Wool/Fleece Judging
Plants & Flowers. Dairy Produce & Vegetables,
Jam & Preserves,
Handicrafts & Needlework,
Cooking,
Art & Craft,
Photography.
School & Early Childhood Displays

Next Committee Meeting

FRC Council Chambers

Thursday 11th May 7:00pm

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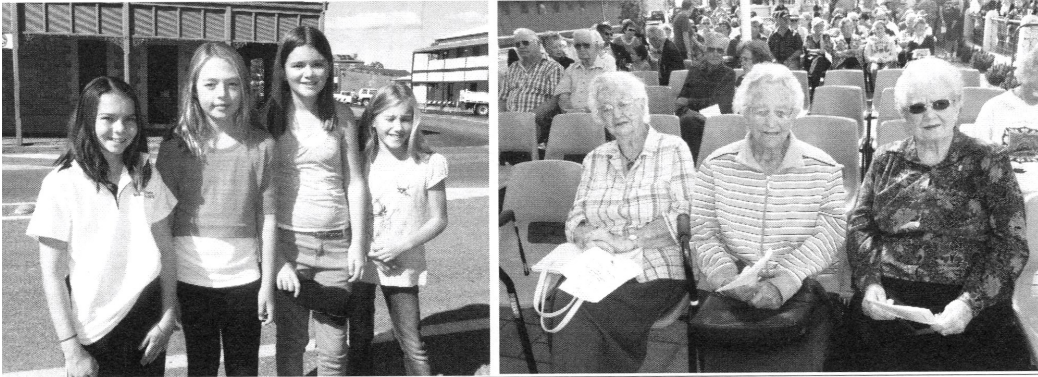
email: jkw@frc.sa.gov.au

Trade Spaces:- Mark Tuckwell

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Quorn Mercury Revisited



10 Years
Ago

Anzac day Attendees:

Above left: Emily O'Sullivan, Tiarna Rigden, Aleesha Baker and Kaitlyn Roberts.

Above right: Sylvia Stewart, Edna Rodgers and Daphne Hilder.

Below: John Deer, Alison Keech, Abbie Rowney, Macey Hancock, Amber Johnson and Bree Elliott.



20 Years Ago

Recommissioning of NM25

ON SATURDAY April 26th the recommissioning of steam locomotive NM25 took place at Quorn Railway Station.

Official guests included the SA Minister for Tourism, the Hon. Jane Lomax-Smith and Port Augusta Mayor, Joy Baluch.

The ceremony was to have taken place in Port Augusta, but during tests on Friday 25th April the NM25 developed a fault.

Frantic efforts

Despite frantic efforts of Pichi Richi Railway members most of Friday night to correct the fault, the locomotive was unable to make the journey to Port Augusta.

Phones ran hot and an alternative plan developed.

Even though time schedules changed dramatically, participants agreed it was a successful day.

Minister Lomax-Smith was extremely impressed with the work of all concerned and the volunteers of the PRRPS.

Working life

Commenting on the days events, John Evans of the SA Tourism Commission pointed out that as NM25 spent its working life operating out of and being serviced at Quorn, it was not inappropriate that its recommissioning took place here.

In a few weeks, after the fault has been rectified, NM25 will take its place in Pichi Richi fleet regularly hauling the Afghan Express between Port Augusta and Quorn. □

Quorn Pick Up and Delivery

Deliveries Tuesdays through to Sunday from:

~ IGA ~ QRT ~ PUB MEALS ~

Going to Port Augusta twice a fortnight

CONTACT: TINY

(ABN: 47 887 561 009)

0497 807 192

'Homemade Produce'



- * Relishes
- * Chutneys
- * Lemon Butter
- * Pickled Onions

Kylie Finlay ~ 0448 658 720



SCREENING AT THE TOWN HALL

Fri 19th May

6.30pm for 7.30pm start

Est 10.00 pm finish



ABOUT THE MOVIE:

'THE OVERLANDERS'

Set in 1943, *The Overlanders* is a classic Australian outback survival story based on true events, starring legendary Aussie screen icon 'CHIPS' RAFFERTY as Dan McAlpine.

With Australia facing invasion from Japanese forces during WWII, man of the land and master drover Dan McAlpine sets out to preserve his very livelihood and the fate of more than a thousand head of cattle by trekking them across an alternate route over three thousand kilometres. Facing an arduous and desolate landscape, from the dry extremes of the Northern Territory to the dense pastures north of Brisbane, McAlpine is joined by a dedicated yet disparate band of horsemen who set about bringing their considerable charge in for head count.

An adventure of the grandest scale, produced by the famed Ealing Studios and also featuring JOHN NUGENT HAYWARD and DAPHNE CAMPBELL, *The Overlanders* captures a uniquely Australian story of hardship and survival, celebrating a remarkable historical achievement.

General

BYO DRINKS & EATS

And a cushion for your comfort

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

**Pre-order your meal by messaging Kathy Rabig 0402 547 594
by 5pm Tues 16th May**

and it will be delivered to the Town Hall at 6.30pm

YOUR DINNER BOX WILL BE SIMILAR TO BELOW

Miso Soup & 3 Rice Balls

Chicken & Potato Salad

A small cake—ALL FOR \$20

Coffee/tea available

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



Interested in being part of the Quorn Business Group?

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

Members have access to these great benefits:

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

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

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

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

President – Stu Hackett 0475 410 127

or

Secretary – Ellenor Day 0403 011 230

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

Landscape Group

GRANTS FOR NATIVE PLANTS

Time is running out for local schools and community groups to receive up to \$300 worth of plants to establish native gardens with students and community group members. *Planting Native Gardens* is an initiative that has been funded by the Port Augusta-Quorn Landscape Group and more information is available at landscape.sa.gov.au/saal/get-involved/grants-and-funding

GRASSROOTS GRANTS

If you have a project that will raise awareness of the region's natural values, connect people to nature or support community action to achieve land, water and coastal management outcomes, why not apply for a Grassroots Grant? Grants of up to \$10,000 are available in the SA Arid Lands (SAAL) Landscape Board's 2023/24 *Grassroots Grants* program. Applications are open until Monday 8 May and you can find more information at landscape.sa.gov.au/saal/get-involved/grants-and-funding

BETTONGS AND BUDDIES

The board is offering families a free, interactive children's theatre production at the Quorn Town Hall on Sunday 7 May. Rufous the Bettong will journey through the bush to meet his animal friends and members of the audience will have an opportunity to meet the native animals after the show. You can book your ticket at <https://trybooking.com/CHCOI>

CALL FOR NEW LANDSCAPE GROUP MEMBERS

If you have an interest in managing your district's natural resources, why not consider becoming a group member. Groups play an important role in encouraging community partnerships and engagement with local people, evident at community events, through access to grant funding, training for land managers and involvement in education programs. An opportunity to join your local Landscape Group is currently open, with nominations accepted until 4pm on 16 May. Find out more at landscape.sa.gov.au/saal/about-us/our-board/landscape-groups or contact your Community Landscape Officer.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROGRAM

Applications are now open for the comprehensive four stage PMP program, . It helps participants identify their personal motivation and business drivers and work with professionals to develop a financial business management report. All properties involved in the program finish with an Action Plan. Find out more at landscape.sa.gov.au/saal/projects-and-partners/projects/building-pastoral-sustainability-program

HAVE A STICKYBEAK AT BUCKLEBOO STATION

Buckleboo Station, in the Gawler Ranges, has undergone a change in management systems in the past few years. This has included the installation of telemetry technology, improvements to infrastructure and the creation of distinct grazing areas to implement rest-based grazing programs.

The stickybeak day on 18 May will begin at Buckleboo Sports Club, with a range of guest speakers sharing knowledge about plant adaptations, native grasses, bluebush germination and root uptake of perennial plants in arid soils. A tag-a-long tour follows in the afternoon, where you will see camel pitter trials, read a soil profile, take a walk through native pastures and consider soil erosion and germination, before joining a plant identification walk. Bookings are essential, as the last event here proved very popular. Book at landscape.sa.gov.au/saal/events/the-secret-life-of-seed-and-soils

PORT AUGUSTA-QUORN LANDSCAPE GROUP

The Quorn-based members of the Port Augusta-Quorn Landscape Group are Richie Paynter and Renata Hackett, with Kurt Tschirner also attending as a board member. The group will meet on Tuesday 30 May in Quorn. If you have an issue to raise or would like to attend, please contact a local member or Community Landscape Officer Brett Devitt on 0409 753 495 or Brett.Devitt@sa.gov.au



Flash As Fashion & Home Décor

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Flash As

PICHI RICHI • RAILWAY •



APRIL HAS BEEN a busy time on the railway with 13 trains running, most over the school holidays. All were well patronised and ran without incident apart from the failure of W22 during preparation for the Anzac Day train. This had to be replaced at last minute by NT76, and although there was a working steam engine, W934 in Port Augusta, it could not be brought to Quorn until after dark on Friday 28th April.

Steam Locomotive Superintendent Jarrod Smythe and other volunteers will be looking to make repairs over the next couple of weekends including carrying out final repairs to NM25.



NT 76 heads the ANZAC Day train. Photo Damien Butler

PRR Volunteer 3 Questions Survey Dion Chandler

How long have you been involved with PRR?

43 years

Best thing about volunteering at PRR?

Giving passengers the experience of steam

Three words to describe PRR

Awesome, steam, experience



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

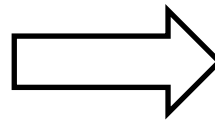
Scheduled Trains in May

Saturday 6th Afghan Express – dep Port Augusta 10:30am, return PA 16:30

Sunday 14th Pichi Richi Explorer – dep Quorn 10:00am, return Quorn 12:30

Saturday 20th Afghan Express – dep Port Augusta 10:30am, return PA 16:30

BOOK YOUR JOURNEY HERE



Training weekend

TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT Manager Gavin Clark is up from Melbourne on the first weekend in May for another training weekend. It is good to have so many keen trainee diesel drivers, we just need a few more steam ones!



Driver Dave Fisher, Guard Walter Woods and Trainee Driver Travis McDonald on one a Special Hire run to Stirling North. Photo Dom Quartuccio

50 Years of PRRPS

At the meeting between Mr KA Smith, Commissioner of the Commonwealth Railways, and representatives of a number of organisations in Port Augusta on May 3rd 1973, the decision was made to hold a public meeting in July, again in Port Augusta. ■

A Flinders Tradition since 1973

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1800 777 245

OFFICIAL

**Connecting your health and wellbeing with Community based
health professionals from Country Health Connect
Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network
To Access these services**

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

Under 65yrs register for any care needs: CALL 1800 003 307

Quorn March 2023 Service Report:				
New referrals received	Number of in person services	Number of phone services	Number of telehealth / video conferencing services	Number of “consumer not attended” services
47	295	11	19	5
Allied Health Professionals May 2023 Visiting Schedule				
4th May	10th May	11th May	18th May	25th May
Dietetics	Physio Community Consultation	Speech Pathology Diabetes Nurse Educator	Dietician Diabetes Nurse Educator	Dietician Diabetes Nurse Educator
Community Care Nurse in the Quorn Community Visiting Schedule				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am – 3pm				
Hours available to provide services as needed. Based from Quorn Medical Practice				



Classified Adverts

Rainfall 2023

Jan	23.0mm
Feb	0.0mm
March	1.0mm
April	30.0mm
YTD	54.00mm

Quorn Community Landcare Group AGM

To be held at the Pithi Kawi Walking Trail
BBQ area (parking at the Swimming Pool).

Sunday 7th of May 2023, 1:30pm

1pm BBQ lunch, followed by AGM and
general updates.

Please BYO plate, cutlery & a salad to share

If you wish to stay on and help with the
afternoon Bush Food Garden working bee,
we'd love your help.

Thank You

I wish to thank family and friends for many
cards, phone calls and calls for my 100th
birthday on April 14.

Many friends came from near and far for the
day.

Also to Rubiann for the cake.

Shirley Hughes

Wanted

Volunteers are required and welcome at the Op Shop.

Opening hours 9:30am-12:30pm

Tuesday-Saturday.

Orientation is given to all new volunteers.

Support the shop that supports the community.

Contact person Carlene Voigt 0447 711 056.

May 2023

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist
Diabetes Education
Dietitian
Physiotherapist
Occupational Therapist
Speech Pathologist
Social Worker

Country Health Connect 8668 7706



May 2023

Anglican Church of St Matthews

3rd Sunday of month 10am

Contact Number

Ph: 0447711056 or 0407640425

Catholic Church

Flinders Ranges Catholic Parish

Parish Priest: Father Mark Whybrow

Mass Times:

Weekdays: Quorn: Tuesday, Thursday, Fridays 9am

Wednesday 4pm

Hawker: Friday 11am

Carrieton: Saturday 4pm

Sunday Quorn 8.30am Hawker 10.30am

Leigh Creek TBA

Flinders Christian Fellowship

Sunday Church 10am

Monday and Thursday lunch 12pm

Tuesday Bible Study 12pm

Uniting Church

Sunday Services 10am

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

Guidelines for Submissions:

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

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Quorn~Hawker~Gradock Events May 2023

Regular Events

Quorn

Women's Fellowship

3rd Wednesdays

see poster in Laundromat window or Facebook for details

Quorn Men's shed Thursdays

Quorn Play Group

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

Probus

1st Tuesday of the month 10am

Line dancing

Tuesday nights, 7pm, Town Hall.
Cost \$10 (not in school holidays)

Quorn Business Group

See Quorn Out and About on Facebook for details

Flinders Flicks – 19th 6.30pm for
7.30pm start at Town Hall.

Hawker for more information go
to Facebook or Hawker Motors
Development Board 2nd

Wednesday of the Month

Friendship Group 3rd Thursday

Hawker Community Singers

welcomes everyone to sing Friday
3.30pm to 5.00pm Uniting Church
Hall

Quilting & Handicraft Group

fortnightly Uniting Church Hall

Fellowship 4th Wednesday of
month Uniting Church Hall

Exercise Class 1st Monday of
month 11am Gym Activity Room

Social Bowls Tuesday 7.30pm
names in by 7.15pm

Storytime for Under 5's Thursday
9am (school term time) Library

Hawker Playgroup Thursday
9.30 am Multi-Purpose Room
Hawker Area School

Suzanne's Dancers Thursdays

Events

Bettongs & Buddies

Saturday 7th May, 11am Quorn Town
Hall

Hawker Races

Saturday 27th May, Cup Calcutta,
Racing from 1pm, Bookmakers, Full Bar
& Catering, Shuttle Bus Available
(within the town), Kids Entertainment,
Fashions of the field

Quorn Product and Craft Market

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

at the Town Hall 8:30am – 1:30pm.
last Sunday of each month

Quorn Silo Light Show

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

Pichi Richi Railway

Afghan Express – A full day trip from
Port Augusta to Quorn and return.
Departing at 10:30am

Pichi Richi Explorer – A half day trip
from Quorn to Woolshed Flat and
return. Departing at 10.00am from the
Quorn Railway Station

Transcontinental Hotel

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

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*Life is the greatest bargain, we got it
for nothing.*

Yiddish Proverb

Regular Events

Quorn

Exercises

6.30pm Monday nights School gym
10:30am Wednesdays Step, Squat &
Razzle Low impact Town Hall

Boot Camp

Tuesday & Fridays 6.30am Quorn Oval

Yoga

Tuesday and Thursday nights 6.30pm
Uniting Church Hall

Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group

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

Quorn Bowling Club

Social Bowls Everyone welcome
Tuesday and Saturday 1:00pm

Pilates

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

Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society

Wednesday mornings from 9am at the
Lions Park. Everyone welcome

Step Aerobics

Monday and Thursday 5.30pm
St Mathews Church Hall \$2

Meditation Sessions and Mini Healing

Tuesday nights at 6.30pm at the Quorn
Catholic Church Hall BYO yoga mat, chairs
provided

Lion's Club

On the second Wednesday of each month
at 7pm. New members welcome

Quorn Book Club

Thursday June 1st at 4 Second Street, 7pm
Bring a small plate of supper
Enquiries: Sam 0456 129 870

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Goodies for sale at the Easter Market

