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TRAVELLING TO CANBERRA with five other young South Australians in January, were Amy Hannigan and Dante Zanet from Quorn. They are students at the Royal Military College Duntroon. Amy and Dante were appointed as officers at their Commencement ceremony for the Army Officer Training School.

After completing ten weeks of basic training they will begin an eighteen month General Service Officers course.

Pictured at left, Amy is the daughter of Jacinta and Darryl Hannigan, and Dante, the son of Donato Zanet and Ursula Pumpa.

Best wishes to both as they begin their careers. ■

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Lizzie Britza in Poland

ON THE 10TH FEBRUARY I started my long journey to Warsaw, Poland. Along with 26 other young people from all around the world—Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Argentina—I will be volunteering my time and teaching English to students from the ages of 7-19.



Recovering from jet-lag, lack of sleep, and culture shock, the first week has been a whirlwind.

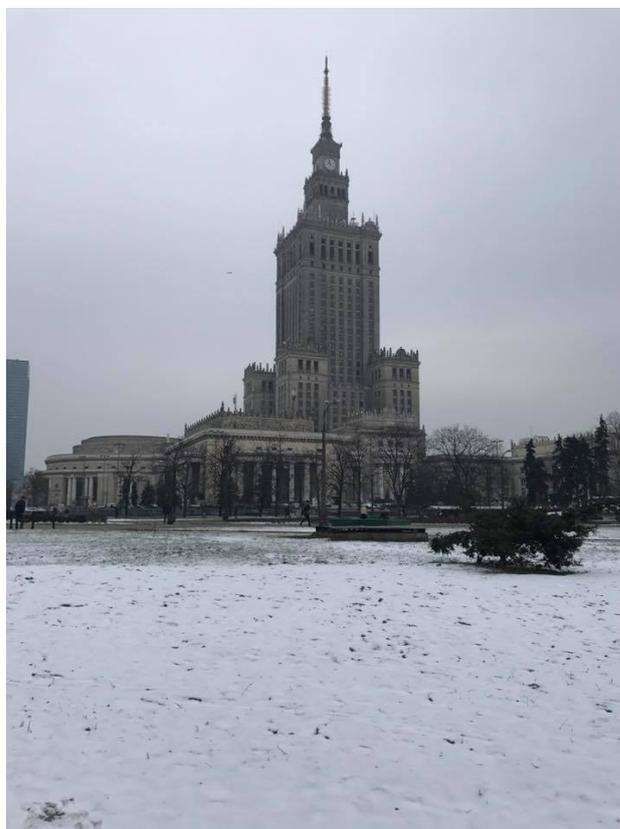
Warsaw is a gorgeous city; so much history and culture in one place. The weather is *so* different from home. I left temperatures in the high 30's and landed in -2°C . Quorn winters really didn't prepare me for how cold the world could be.

I will be spending the next 5 months in Warsaw, teaching students and living with host families.

I hope this experience is a strong, positive one, and one I will take with me for the rest of my life. I'm excited where the next five months will take me, and can't wait to teach the students about Quorn and what it is like to come from a small community. ■



Karen the Koala enjoying the snow



The Palace of Culture and Science, Warsaw

QUORN ALL SCHOOLS REUNION 2018

Date: Sunday 30th September

If you are 35 years of age or older and attended Quorn Area School and would like an invitation to join us, could you please forward your contact details to the following email/telephone so invitations can be sent.

As this is FIFTY YEARS of the Quorn Area School we would like to find as many past students as possible to make this a special time for all to get together.

Also if you have any class photo's we are willing to pay for copies, as we like to display them at the luncheon. They may be emailed to me to print off, or taken to the area school library. The staff has kindly offered to copy any taken in to them - it would be very much appreciated.

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Joy Lee (nee Searle)
Assistant Co-Ordinator
All Schools Reunion.

Crab Night at the Bowls Club



BOWLS CLUB MEMBERS and friends recently enjoyed a meal of delicious, freshly caught crabs. It was the idea of Lou Walker, as he and several mates had a very successful fishing trip. We hope it will be a regular event on the bowling club calendar. ■



L-R Anne Kane, Michael Abfalter and Ted Paynter



L-R Dana & John Miller from Mundallio Station with Ritchie Paynter



L-R Caroline Britza, Sam & Brian Hartin, Robert and Mat Britza



The Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) is visiting Hawker on 22-23 March

ARPANSA is the independent regulator of Commonwealth entities that use or produce radiation. If the Wallerberdina site is selected by the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science for a radioactive waste facility, our role will be to assess a licence application.

ARPANSA's objective is to protect people and the environment from the harmful effects of radiation.

Do you have concerns about radiation safety?

Do you want to find out how a licence application could be assessed?

Community drop-in meeting

We invite you to drop by for a chat. The ARPANSA CEO and staff will be at the Community Room at Hawker Hospital on:

- Thursday 22 March from 4pm to 7pm
- Friday 23 March from 8:30am to 11:30am

Quorn Women's Fellowship



From Left: Jenny Thompson, Val Roebly, Di Williams and Sue Kelly

ON THE 21ST of February Quorn Women's Fellowship began their 2018 monthly gatherings with a meal at the Golden Pearl Restaurant in Port Augusta. This is always a popular activity, with 22 women attending.

Photographs from previous gatherings over past years were shared by Di Williams, an activity sheet was included between courses.

Women's Fellowship welcomes new participants at any time. Monthly activities, usually on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, vary from games, films, guest speakers, meals, and crafts.

The popular *Amazing Race* scavenger hunt is held each year and also a Christmas Dinner in November. Other suggestions are welcome.

Notices in the Washhouse or Newsagency windows and on the *Quorn Out and About* Facebook Page give details approximately a week in advance. ■



From Left: Mary Francis, Jenny Crisp and Kay Freebairn



From Left: Pat Wiseman, Pam Hunt, Anne Freebairn, Leslee Sharp, Betty Eckert, Lorraine Pumpa, Sue Hatch, Tricia Kennedy, Di George



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Quorn Community Landcare News

A stitch in time saves nine....

A SMALL AMOUNT of time spent on weed control when you first notice it, can save a lot of grief later on.

Engelmann's Prickly Pear is continuing to spread and germinate around the Quorn region. This cactus plant was found and photographed in a cropping paddock near Quorn less than two years ago. On a recent visit, it was now triple its' size and due to being broken up with cultivation equipment last season, has now developed into another three plants. After being broken off, cactus pads are able to root and re-colonise from a single piece of 'leaf' material. In cropping country, this means that a small cactus can turn into a significant problem with cultivation and harvesting equipment.

Many farmers and landholders around the

Quorn district are using various successful methods to control or eradicate cactus.

Cochineal bugs are successful at controlling and eventually killing off Engelmann's Pear in the region, and are particularly useful to spread and use in country hard to access with spray equipment. Chemical control is also really useful, with farmers recently having success with a Daconate mix that is sprayed over the plant – this works best in warm weather. Cactus can also be 'needled' with a mix of glyphosate (Round-up).

For more detail on chemical mixes suitable for your situation, talk to your local chem dealer, or check out the latest information in the PIRSA weed control handbook, which can be found online. ■



Above: This single cactus emerged in a cropping paddock north of Quorn in 2016.

PEST ANIMAL AND PLANT CONTROL REMINDER

The next **free Fox Bait Injection Service** in the Quorn region will be held at the Quorn Gun Club on **Monday 19th March from 9 to 2pm**. BYO semi dried meat for needling.

Boxes of cochineal will also be available for distribution.

Please contact Andrea Tschirner 0437287130 or Kevin Smith 0427799912 for more information.

Right: On a recent visit to the same location – the cactus has now grown up and out. Quick control action can prevent spread of cactus into valuable cropping and grazing areas.



PICHI RICHI RAILWAY



Hello, Quorn!

Welcome to the March edition of our Quorn Mercury newsletter, keeping you up to date with the latest news from the Pichi Richi Railway.

Upcoming Train Journeys

March

Sat 10 th	5:30pm, Twilight Explorer
Sat 17 th	5:30pm, Twilight Explorer
Sat 24 th	5:30pm, Twilight Explorer
Sat 31 st	10:30am, Pichi Richi Explorer

The popular Twilight trips depart from Quorn at 5:30pm and return at 8pm. with the Brill Rail Car depart Quorn. Spend a pleasant evening travelling to Woolshed Flat on the Brill Car, enjoying the ambience of the late autumn afternoon. Relax with a BYO picnic hamper tea or book a table at one of the pubs or restaurants back in Quorn.

What's happening down at the Workshops and Pichi Richi Railway...

Mad March is not only synonymous with the Adelaide area, it is also happening around the Pichi Richi Railway.

The 2018 steam running season starts at Easter, which is at the end of March, so the depot is a hive of industry. If you visit you will see engines in a multitude of pieces and carriages being worked on for accreditation, as members get ready to commence the season. However, it always comes together thanks to their dedication.

At Easter the Pichi Richi Explorer will run on Saturday March 31, Sunday April 1 and Monday 2, departing Quorn Station at 10.30am.

They will be either steam or diesel hauled depending on weather conditions at that time. PRR needs a permit from the CFS to run steam during fire ban months; it is dependent on the prevailing conditions on the day, and a fire patrol following the train is mandatory.

If you are able to assist in any way in preparation for the running season, or help on one of the fire patrol trolleys, please contact the Visitor Information Centre – we welcome your participation.

The Caravan and Camping Show at the Wayville Show Grounds from February 14 - 18 was an opportunity to promote the Flinders Ranges and Outback. Station Stays were the main focus of the promotion, but Quorn and Pichi Richi Railway was well represented.



For all Pichi Richi Railway Train bookings, visit www.pichirichirailway.org.au or Phone 1800 777 245

Chat with a Quornie

Lois Litchfield



I WAS BORN over eighty years ago in Cloncurry—the first daughter of Maurice (Maurie) Anderson and Margaret, who was always called Meg (nee Burness). My sister, Beth, was born two and a half years later.

Since 1928, Dad had worked for Alfred Traeger (the inventor of Rev John Flynn's pedal wireless), at the first AAMS (Australian Aerial Medical Service) base at Cloncurry. My mother was a trained nurse, one of the first to fly with the doctor on emergency flights.

Dad set up pedal wireless sets for isolated station folk to talk to neighbours, in the days before radio. He relayed medical calls and telegrams. Being a radio ham, he tuned in nightly to the overseas news and relayed it to neighbours.

In 1938, a new flying doctor base was opened at Alice Springs and Dad was asked to go there. We could still smell the new paint when we got there. World War 2 began, and I started school in Alice shortly after.

Trains were constantly passing through Alice taking convoys to and from military operations in the north. The town had 500 people before the war, but became the NT Administration centre, and the base for 8000 troops. Tribal aborigines poured into town and lived in the sandy bed of the Todd River. It was a colourful, busy town.

Dad tried to join the RAAF, as he wanted to be a pilot. As a transceiver operator, he was in

contact with people on the isolated northern coast of Australia. Military recruiters seconded him to Intelligence, employed to maintain radio contact to Cape York. This caused an upheaval in our family.

I was sent to Presbyterian Girls College, Adelaide. Beth followed. Mum was very busy at the Alice Springs hospital, particularly with all the new babies.

Later my parents separated, and Mum became Matron at Scotch College, in Adelaide.

When Mum married Harry Crombie, Manager of Glengyle Station, north of Birdsville, we girls were sent to boarding school at Charters Towers. It was the first co-ed boarding school in Qld.

My future husband, Lyle Litchfield, had joined up and served in the AIF for several tours of duty, as a commando in Japanese-occupied New Guinea.

Lyle and his mate Shorty Stevens were ambushed behind the lines in the Kunai grass jungles. Shorty was hit—the bullet going through his elbow and midriff to lodge in his buttock. Luckily it missed his vital organs. Lyle, other mates and the *fuzzy wuzzies* (natives) carried the delirious Shorty for three days through Japanese-occupied territory to safety.

After being demobbed, Lyle and Shorty pooled their army pay to buy horses to go brumby shooting. They put together a plan to take a mob of Glengyle cattle up and down

western Queensland on a long droving trip, following feed.

Lyle was Head Stockman on Glengyle for the next five years. He had regular bouts of malaria from his jungle service. My plan to train as a nurse, after a year at home changed. Lyle and I were married in 1952.

We went to Commonwealth Hill, the largest sheep station in Australia, to work for Byron McLachlan. Lyle, with no experience of sheep, became overseer (The equivalent of Head Stockman on a cattle property). While we were there, Gordon was born.

After two and a half years we left for Kenmore Park—a cattle property in the north-west, with a fantastic 12 inch rainfall. Lyle had been offered the manager's job. Our northern boundary was Victory Downs Station across the NT border, Ernabella was west, and Finke, to the east, was the railhead.

Our daughter, Sheryl, was a newborn when we went to Kenmore. Peter was born while we were there. Having babies 400 miles from the nearest hospital took quite a bit of organising.

As I had to be in Port Augusta for four week's ('holiday') before the birth, Beth took time off from nursing training to mind the older two children. A visiting uncle of Lyle's, an ex-policeman, was horrified at her seeing the 'obvious nudity' of the tribal Pitjantjatjara people who lived in the station creek. But Beth said she was only frightened hearing the corroborees at night.

We enjoyed visits from Len Beadell, a surveyor and road builder. He always had sweets in his pocket for our children. When he went to the city, he took children from the Orphanage on picnics to the hills or swims at the beach.

Len had a LandRover, theodolite and bulldozer to construct the Gunbarrel Highway, from Victory Downs Station west to WA. He selected the site and built the first road for the British A-Bomb tests in 1953.

Lyle experienced the A-Bomb tests firsthand. He knew they were to happen, but there were several false alarms.

He was driving home early after trucking at Finke when he saw a great streak of lightning to the south. 'Bomb boys' had been sent to put out chemicals measuring radioactive fallout.

But when Lyle called them to say he'd seen the flash they were still fast asleep.

Other welcome visitors at Kenmore were Charles and Elsa Chauvel, who filmed Jedda. They stayed on their way to Everard Park to visit the film's star, Helen Grieves, who'd married our neighbour, Dave Joseland.

We had become interested in share-buying a station. The first sale didn't eventuate, so we drove for three days via Alice and Boulia back to Glengyle.

While we were there, Malcolm and Hector Brooks offered Lyle the management of

Clifton Hills—a 9000 sq mile property, 90 miles south of Birdsville, 90 miles north of Mungerannie and nothing east or west.

Lyle and the men were often out mustering for a week, or grading roads that we know today to Innamincka. Internal station roads were few and rough, but rabbiters forged new tracks all over the country. I was able to contact Lyle over the transceiver, but he couldn't fix my problems.

Tom Kruse, the Birdsville Mailman was often my lifesaver—starting the lighting plant, fixing anything broken. He would stay as long as it took to get the job done



Lyle and Tom Kruse, Flinders House 2002

We were at Clifton Hills only months, when Bert Overton, a prosperous businessman who'd taken a liking to Lyle, offered us a share in Mundowdna.

After some organising, and the birth of Jeffrey, we came south several hundred miles to the Marree area.

The sixties was a time of terrible dust storms, blowing daily from the north

It would become dark at about three or four pm, and we would close up at the house and wait in the breathless heat.

Being so near a town was terrific for us: no breadmaking, or silver beet growing in a wooden box. We shopped weekly in Marree. I was kept busy with working men, pre-school children and a new baby, Ian, to care for.

Landed as we were in the *suburbs*, we boarded a teacher, who drove the older children to school in our new purchase—a Volkswagen. Due to the good rains that year, it spent much time on the opposite side of the creek.

We became involved in town affairs: raising money to keep two trained nurses at the hospital; helping build a new town hall (using our new shearing shed plans).



L-R: Lois, Sheryl, Jeffrey, Ian, Gordon Peter, Lyle, 1966/7

Registered race meetings had recently being banned, so we helped organising and running two Gymkhanas a year.

We were a busy, young group of neighbours. Our older children went to boarding schools in Adelaide, too far to come home for breaks. So our Muloorina neighbours, Hazel Mitchell and Lorna Hughes and I bought a shack near Port Augusta, to halve travel time. We enjoyed holidays there, with the kids sleeping in swags in the fenced yard.

When the Isolated Children's Parents Association began, I served for years as State Council's news editor, and REVISE program organiser.

Peter took over Mundowdna, and we bought neighbouring Wilpoorina for Gordon and Lyn.

In 1992, when Lyle needed knee surgery (He blamed trudging up and down the NG

mountains), we came south to Quorn, to a home we'd bought in 1982. We joined many old bushies and neighbours there.



Lois and Lyle's 50th anniversary at home in 2003

Lyall died in 2003, after celebrating his 80th birthday, and our 50th wedding anniversary.

Our family still calls in on trips south. I have kept the 4-wheel drive to go home occasionally.

Our only daughter, Sheryl, trained as a nurse and flew with the RFDS, Port Augusta. She married DPI vet, Dr Greg Curran and they had twins, Clare and David. Tragically, Sheryl died of cancer when they were five. The children, now 17, live with Greg in Broken Hill.

Since we left Mundowdna, I've been involved in Probus; Friends of the Dutchman; Meals on Wheels; craft and reading to Flinders House residents; and reading Tapes for the Blind.

It's 50 years since we went to Mundowdna and 15 years since Lyle died. There don't seem to be the dust storms in the north now: the country has never looked better.

Mundowdna and Wilpoorina have 60 solar panels and batteries on the roof to provide 24hr power, instead of having to start diesel engines every morning. Compensation from the mining industry for having lowered the artesian water table, has helped buy

many kms of pipeline and enormous water tanks.

Last year I was honoured to be asked to open the John McDouall Stuart photographic exhibition (next to the Tom Kruse Room) in the Marree Hotel. It is a great exhibition.

These days, I'm writing a small history of the station. It's a greater challenge than when

I wrote *Marree, and the tracks beyond in black and white* in 1983 as I first have to master my fantastic baby computer.

I hope the story I pass on will give my children and grandchildren an appreciation of what we have today. It has always been my belief that we get out of life as much as we put into it. ■



Lyles 80th Birthday 2003 Left to Right: Lois, Peter, Ian, Lyle, Jeffrey, Sheryl, Gordon

Month	Rainfall (mm)												
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2015	63.4	1.6	0.0	137.2	20.6	51.2	34.0	34.2	17.8	2.8	48.0	3.6	414.2
2016	17.8	12.8	36.0	7.6	56.8	75.0	26.2	31.2	62.6	16.0	2.8	118.	482.2
2017	66.2	4.2	1.0	54.0	20.0	2.0	6.6	34.6	1.0	22.2	20.0		212.4

The Mercury staff apologises for not updating the Rainfall but it is now under the control of BOM, (The Bureau of Meteorology).

PROBUS

PROBUS HELD A successful twentieth birthday meeting on February 6th. attended by thirty-six members.

President Brenda Hunt presented Brian Stephenson with a life membership medal. Brian is one of the foundation members of the club and over the years has held many positions.

Brenda said it had been a privilege to have given life membership to two members, who were both foundation members of the club. Peter Maloney was a recipient last year.

Brian had the privilege of cutting the birthday cake.

After morning tea we had a very informative talk from Tony, our guest speaker from the RAA. Tony works for the RAA on a casual basis, going around the state giving talks on different aspects of road rules to senior people.

Tony spoke on road crashes, road rules, safe driving tips, vehicle safety, pedestrian safety and health issues.

There are more fatalities statistically in the sixty plus age group. The age group breaks more easily, mends more slowly and is more vulnerable because of age.

Tony answered questions on road rules asked by



Brenda Hunt presenting Brian Stephenson with life membership.

members, showed a short video on vehicle safety, and spoke briefly on new technology in motor cars.

One in seven road deaths are pedestrians. Senior pedestrians make up the bulk of fatalities.

Twenty two members went to the Austral hotel for lunch after the meeting.

Our next meeting is our Annual General meeting to be held on March 6th at the bowling club. ■



Brian Stephenson cutting the birthday cake.



Bob Rankin with guest speaker Tony from the RAA

Pests — Bruce Delany

A FEW THOUGHTS on the pests in Central Australia. (I could name a few human ones, but I won't.)

The Brumby

NO DOUBT brumbies are now run on motor bikes, but in my day it was a most distasteful business. Good, honest working horses dropping dead at full gallop. Horses crippled for life—broken legs, busted lungs. The motor bikes couldn't come quick enough for me.

I was a pretty callous young beggar then, but the older I am, the softer I get. It still brings a tear to my eye to remember poor old 'Wild Dog'. He was a lovely-tempered horse, lying in a gully with two broken front legs for about eight hours, until someone had the time to go back and shoot him.

I had no compunction about shooting brumbies, though. I didn't lose any sleep over *them*.

The Donkey

HE WAS IN plague proportions. So much so that he had a bounty on his head. The donkey is a lot easier to shoot than a horse, but a lot harder to kill.

They don't gallop as fast as a horse, and are much easier to approach. Kill the lead buck, and all the rest of the mob will stand around him having a corroboree. It's no good shooting a donkey behind the ear like a horse. Either they have a brain the size of a pea, or it's situated differently. The only sure shot is dead centre in the forehead, in the star.

They're incredibly hardy. I saw a Jinny donkey miss-shot in the knee with a .44, and run away with the front leg swinging. About three months later I came upon the same animal with the leg missing altogether from the knee down, and feeding along contentedly, as fat as mud. A horse would have been long dead.

The Camel

BY FAR—in my humble opinion—the most dangerous animal in Central Australia is the bull camel. Unlike most animals, the bull, not the cow, comes into season. Then, *look out!*

Cattle will charge you, but usually make only one pass at you, then look for a way out. Not the bull camel—he's implacable. He's out to kill you. When you hear him bellowing, see his tongue distended and hanging a foot from his mouth, and his head is covered in froth, it's time

to hightail it. You won't have to urge your horse—you'll think you're on 'Phar Lap'! Their usual method is to try to crush you, flop on you and grind you with their brisket.

On Macumba, Alf Maynard went to check Wire Creek Bore near Alberga Siding, and his horse returned, dragging his reins. We assumed his horse had been tied up, and had jerked away, breaking free, and that Alf would walk back some time during the night. But he didn't.

In the morning a couple of blokes went looking for him, taking a spare horse. They found him up a tree, with a bull camel camped underneath it. He'd been there all night long.

The horses refused to go anywhere near the tree (horses and camels are not compatible at the best of times). So they rode on to Alberga, borrowed a .303, and shot the camel. 'Not before time!' said Alf.

The Dingo

THEY WEREN'T a great problem, as it was all cattle country, but they still brought down the occasional calf. I personally have never felt threatened by them, but then again, I've never been lying incapacitated, with blood running out of me, in their presence.

Make no mistake: they will attack a young, weak, or injured human, no matter what the people at Ayers Rock [Uluru] say! The bounty on them was 15 shillings (\$1.50), but I never caught one. They were far too cunning for me.

I've seen them follow along behind a horse like a station dog. But the minute you stop the plant to get a rifle, they disappear!

The Ant

I THINK THE pissant* is the only thing that made me cry on Eringa. If you haven't experienced them, you can't imagine it. I was camped with Alfie, Tom, and Spaniard at Euytalyera Waterhole on Stevenson Creek. We'd got on camp late, and it was dark when we unpacked.

When I got into my swag it was full of ants. What to do? 'Put your swag in a new place, and put Gidyea ashes around it,' said the boys. Did that. Ants *already* in the new spot! 'Clean off another area, put ashes around it, put swag inside it,' they said. But I'd forgotten to shake the ants out of my swag! And no ashes were left!

Sat up for the rest of the night. I think I heard someone say that I must have got into the Gene Pool when the Lifeguard wasn't looking! ■

* Greenish-black ant with strong formic acid smell.

Courtesy *The Western Herald*, Bourke, NSW

Wheelie Wheelie Big

HARD TO BELIEVE that train wheels need to be re-tyred. Not retired to pasture, but actually re-tyred. Pichi Richi's 'W' class locomotive is a big beast, with four sets of driving wheels.

The wheel axles are supported in white metal bearing caps, and from time to time, as with all mechanical things, they need maintenance. Tolerances have to be checked and, if needed, new bearings are made to suit.

Now, getting back to these tyres : loco wheels and train carriage wheels actually do have steel tyres. They are shrunk on, just as wagon wheels were in the past.

They are also machined to a profile, or shaped so they run correctly on the rails.

The flange on the inside of the tyre keeps the loco within the rails.



'W' 934 with the main drive wheels removed for repair

Members from all walks of life regularly come to Quorn to maintain and rebuild all the locos and rolling stock that are required to operate tourist passenger trains.

How, you might ask, does one remove such a large assembly?

With a Wheelie-wheelie large Hydraulic Jack.

Within the loco shed there is an allocated wheel pit just for the job.

The axle assembly is dismantled, and then the whole axle and its wheels are lowered from the loco.

Many things we made in the past here in Australia are now sourced from overseas. This adds many extra dollars to repairs and waiting times increase dramatically.



'W' 934 wheel and axle assembly, re-tyred and ready to be fitted back to the loco

Steel tyres come from South Africa, dog spikes from China, and drawbar springs from Canada. All were once made in Australia. ■



'W' 933 with wheels, springs and crank rods



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Anniversary Celebration

DAPH AND RON Hilder celebrated their Wedding Anniversary on 16th December 2018, 67 years later, to the day.

The wedding was held at the Quorn Methodist Church, on 16th December 1950.

The Reception was held in the Methodist Hall, at the rear of the church. It was catered for by the Methodist Ladies Guild.

Celebrant, Rev LL Hunt remarked that of all the weddings he'd celebrated, he'd never met such a relaxed bridegroom. Or one with such a healthy appetite!

In 1990, the bridal party gathered at the Quorn Bowling Club to celebrate Daph and Ron's wedding day. All the ladies wore a 40th Anniversary red rose.

The 67th Anniversary celebration at Emily's Bistro, was a happy occasion, attended by near 50 people.

Of the original attendants, only the Flower Girl, Joy Martin (nee Herbert) was able to be present.

On the next night, Ron and Daph were guests of the Great Northern Lodge, in the Honeymoon Suite. 'It was perfect,' Daph said.

They had breakfast at Emily's with Joy and her husband, Kingsley, who also stayed at the Lodge. ■



Ron and Daph Hilder, 16th December 1950

More photos on the centrefold.



Bridal party December 1990, Quorn Bows Club. L-R: John Carling, Ken Stewart, Ron and Daph, Madge Modystach, Silvie Stewart, Joy Herbert



Left: Daph shares a laugh with some of her friends.

Below: Guests at Daph and Ron's 67th wedding anniversary celebration held at Emily's Bistro recently.



Ron and Daph Celebrate



Daph and Ron cutting their anniversary cake which had the original cake decoration from their wedding in 1950.

Quorn Pictorial



A recent visitor to Pat and Keith Wiseman's garden was a Rainbow Bee Eater, shown here with bee in its beak.

Pass the Baton

James Chapman carrying the Commonwealth Games baton in the main street of Angaston



JAMES AND FAMILY, together with a group of Quornies travelled to Angaston on Sunday February 18th to watch the passing of the Baton in the Main Street.

The Queen's Baton arrived in Australia on December 24th 2017. In total the Baton bearers will take more than a million steps to bring the Queens' baton to the Gold Coast 2018 opening ceremony.

On average each Baton bearer will carry it some two hundred meters to the next bearer.

James was in good company, Maggie Beer and James Graetz from the Barossa were participants also. Some 3800 other participants from around Australia have been given the opportunity to carry the Baton.

Sally Brown visits Cambodia

Sally (pictured right) recently explored Cambodia with an organised tour company. She visited temples, small villages, the Killing Fields and Angkor Wat. Her tour started in the capital Phnom Penh. Sally said "the country is full of beauty with many hidden gems but what makes this country an amazing place to visit is its people". She highly recommends considering Cambodia as a place to visit, "you will love it!"



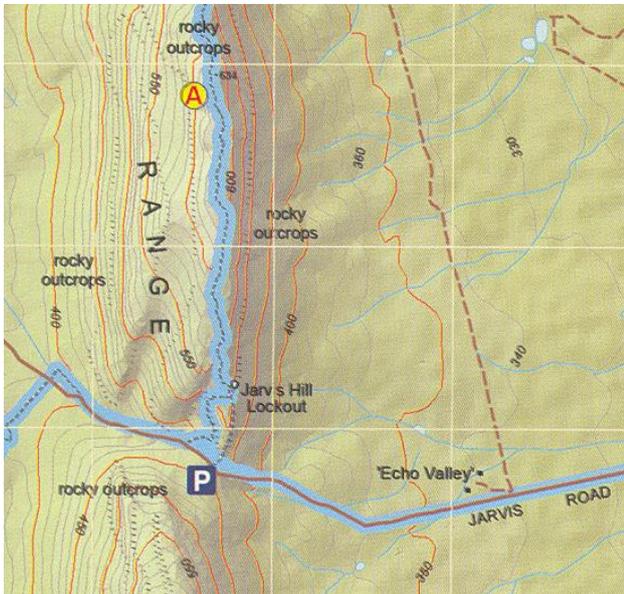
Mercury Delivery Drivers

KATH AND BILLY ALTMANN have been involved with the revived Mercury since 1996. Kath was part of the team to help copy and collate the paper. Kath remembers how everyone involved helped to put it together, then she and husband Billy would deliver it to the sales outlets in town. They still enjoy being part of the team as the couriers.



Jarvis Lookout Walking Trail

DRIVING FROM Quorn along the highway through Hawker, there's a big sign pointing to the Jarvis Hill Lookout down a gravel road to the left. From this it's 7 km to the Lookout car park.



The map's vertical grid lines point north. And each grid is one km wide. The Lookout is high on the Yourambulla Range, and gives 180° of spectacular views to the east and as far north as The Elder Range and Wilpena Pound. To the west of the Lookout is Wilson Valley.

The map shows that the Lookout Trail is a loop walk, but the turn-off to the western part of the loop is shown wrongly: it starts a little *north* of the Lookout. The direct climb east up to the Lookout is clear, but the western return Trail isn't recommended as it's in a bad state.

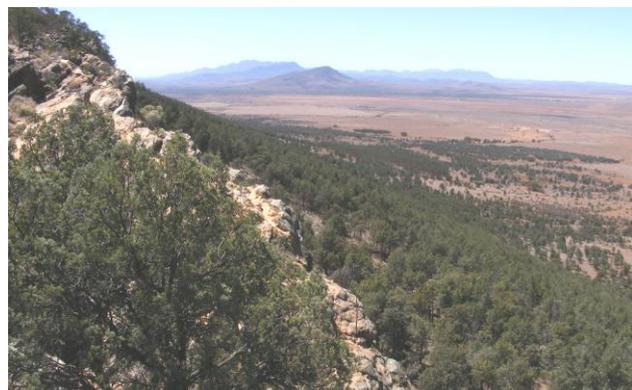
The climb is only 260 metres, and is through low scrubby bushes and trees, and often over rocks. You can see both in the photo below.



The Trail starts in the car park. It goes through bushes and trees, and over rocks of the kind you can see in this photo



The Lookout itself, and the view to the south-east



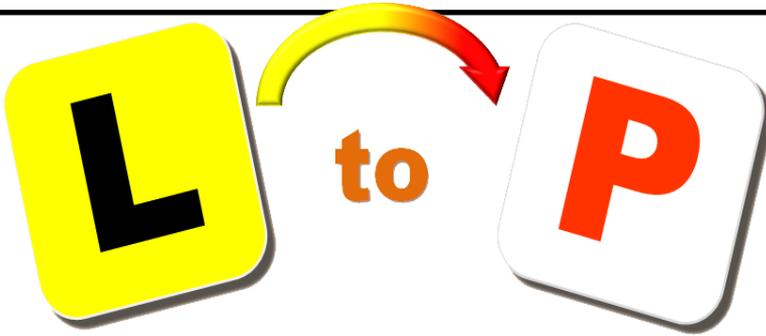
View to the north-north-east. In the distance the Elder Range on left, Wonoka Hill centre, and Wilpena Pound on right

The Lookout Trail is part of the Heysen Trail. Walk a little further north from the Lookout to the sign in the photo below. As said, don't return to the car park the way the arrow-head points.

But if you want to walk some more, follow the Heysen Trail arrow north for a while before turning back. It's a wonderful walk for, say, one km further. And it's well-marked by poles like the one on the right in the photo below. An extra km and a return the same way gives you a 2½ km walk. ■



Sign just past the Lookout. Don't return to the car park that way, but continue up the Heysen Trail for, say, a km more



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March 2018 is the 22nd Anniversary of the re-birth of "*The Mercury.*"

The present staff wish to thank all those who have worked in and for The Mercury over this time.

Pictures — From the Past



21 Mile Camp, Wire Creek, north of Oodnadatta, 1928. Staff Tents



21 Mile Camp, Wire Creek, north of Oodnadatta, 1928. The Hospital



21 Mile Camp, Wire Creek, north of Oodnadatta, 1928. Water Camels resting

Pictures—From the Past (Continued)

21 Mile Camp, Wire Creek, north of Oodnadatta, 1928. Loading Camel Wagons



At the Trailhead, 1928



THESE FIVE photos, from the South Australian Archives, show the conditions the workers lived in, and the kind of work they did, when the SA and Federal Governments began extending the Great Northern Railway from Oodnadatta to Alice Springs in 1927.

A base camp was set up 21 miles (34 km) north of Oodnadatta on Wire Creek, where was a bore with a 20,000 gallon iron tank.* The line reached Wire Creek at the end of August 1927. Then trains began to shuttle materials from Pt Augusta to Wire Creek, where they were stored.

In mid-September 1927, 650 navvies began laying the line north of the Wire Creek Depot.

These were the last days when camels were still used in a big way. Notice the number of camels used to carry water in the third photo.

Most of the labour on the line was done with picks, shovels, and barrows. The last photo shows the kind of heavy work that was done. In fact, not much had changed from when the line

had been first built from Pt Augusta in the 19th century. The photo shows men manhandling rails off a flatbed wagon that's also carrying what look like sleepers.

Ridge tents were used not only in tent camps for the labourers, but as you can see in the first two photos, for the staff—presumably the bosses—and the hospital, at Wire Creek. But tented camps for the workers were established every eight to ten miles as the line advanced.

There are probably people in Quorn today, whose forebears worked on this line in 1928. It would be great if any of them could submit what tales they heard from them to the *Mercury*. You can imagine how busy Quorn was at this time too.

Basil Fuller's 1975 book, *The Ghan: The Story of the Alice Springs Railway*, describes the building of the railway from Oodnadatta in his chapter 14, 'The Road to Rumbalara'. ■

* By coincidence, this Wire Creek Bore is mentioned in the Bruce Delany article in this issue of the *Mercury*.

Young Rural Ambassador Award

THE QUORN AGRICULTURAL Show welcomes their first ever candidate in the Young Rural Ambassador Award. The 2018 Committee is keen to support Chloe Hilder as she completes the requirements of the programme.

Chloe has been competing in Horses In Action events since the age of three in Agricultural Shows, She began in the Encourage Ring, and then from age seven, in the Open Ring, and has continually worked towards gaining qualifications to ride at the Royal Adelaide show.

In a recent interaction with senior secondary students at Quorn Area School, Chloe and her peers reflected that for them, "the show has always been there". They have grown up being involved in the process of showing their skills, products and livestock to the community. They have been accepted as contributors to agriculture and the life of a rural community.

Chloe values her childhood experiences growing up on the family farm. She is also aware that there is usually a struggle to find volunteers to run the show, putting its future at risk. As a representative of the next generation in agriculture and rural communities, she hopes to encourage other young people to become involved in the Young Rural Ambassador Award.

We wish Chloe every success, and appreciate her contribution to the sustainability of the Quorn Agricultural Show. ■



To be unable to compete in my own local show and for children who are just starting out, not to have the opportunity to attend their local shows, would be terrible.





Rural Ambassador Award

South Australian youth in the agricultural show movement

Are you young and enthusiastic about rural life?

Have turned 16 / be under 20 on 1st May 2018?

OR

Have turned 20 / be under 30 on 1st May 2018?

Do you enjoy travelling and meeting new people?

Are you involved in your local community?

The Rural Ambassador Award aims to highlight the importance of youth in rural South Australia and, the agricultural show movement.

The award provides a great opportunity to give young people a forum to express their views through education and experience, develop closer links with primary industries in South Australia.

For further information:

Link to SA Country Shows web page:

<http://sacountryshows.com/pages/rural-ambassador.php>

Email the Quorn Agricultural Show Committee to see how we can help:

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Next meeting: Wednesday 14th March 5:30pm at Flinders Ranges Council Room



September 23rd 2018

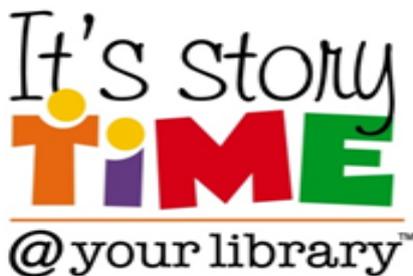


QUORN BOOK CLUB

Next meeting is March 21st **7pm** at 21 Park Tce, Quorn. All welcome. Bring along a plate of food to share. Coffee supplied.

Copies of the book *Seabiscuit* by Laura Hillenbrand are available from the library.

For further details please phone Sam on 0456 129 870



STORY TIME

Term 1, 2018 - Wednesday fortnightly -
For up to date Story Time dates please
contact Nancy Norris at the Library
8648 6705

Stories - art and craft - sing-a-long -
dancing - and in Term 1 an Easter special

JP SERVICE

Each Thursday 2 - 4 pm at the Library for witnessing documents and legal advice of a general nature, within a designated private room.

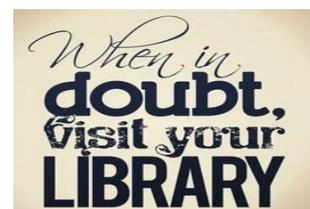
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INTERNET FOR SENIORS:

Every Friday 10am with Anne Freebairn



Some of the new books in the library

ADULT FICTION:

- Fools and Mortals – Bernard Cornwell
- The Passage of Love – Alex Miller
- In the Midst of Winter – Isabel Allende
- The Stolen Marriage – Diane Chamberlain
- The Mountain – Luca D’Andrea
- Suddenly One Summer – Fleur McDonald
- The Deserter’s Daughter – Susanna Barin
- The Trust – Ronald H. Balson
- The Tea Gardens – Fiona McIntosh
- Come Rain or Shine – Tricia Stringer
- The Red Coast – Di Morrissey
- Nightblind – Ragnar Jonasson
- The Rooster Bar – John Grisham
- Six Ways to Sunday – Karly Lane
- Mind Game – Iris Johansen
- The Horse Thief – Tea Cooper
- Tell Tale – Jeffrey Archer
- The Assignment – Nora Roberts
- Grist Mill Road – Christopher J. Yates
- Where the Murray River Runs – Darcy Fraser
- Kings of Australia – Emma Darcy
- Last Seen Alive – Claire Douglas
- The Betrayal – Kate Furnivall
- Prodigal Daughter – Jane Carter
- The Stolen Child – Sanjida Kay
- Hill Country Reunion – Myra Johnson
- The Man in the Crooked Hat – Harry Dolan
- The Last Wave – Gillian Best
- The Miniaturist – Jessie Burton
- Death Message – Kate London
- Moment of Truth – Mandy Magro
- I Will Send Rain – Rae Meadows
- Into the Wild – Stephanie Parkyn
- Rugged Texas Cowboy – Lora Leigh
- Small Treasons – Mark Powell
- The Silent Corner – Dean Koontz
- The Naturalist’s Daughter – Tea Cooper
- Wayward Heart – Cathryn Hein
- The Place we Met – Isabelle Broom
- Kompromat – Stanley Johnson
- The Puppy and the Orphan – Suzanne Lambert
- Highland Sisters – Anne Douglas

ADULT NON-FICTION:

- The Edge of Reason: A Rational Sceptic in an Irrational World
- The Electric Guitar: Design and Invention
- Valour and Violets: South Australia in the Great War
- Taming Toxic People
- Build Stuff with Wood
- Under the Southern Cross: The Ashes in Australia
- John Curtin’s War
- Burke and Wills
- John Clarke

LARGE PRINT:

- A Legacy of Spies – John Le Carre

DVD:

- An Inconvenient Sequel

AUDIO BOOK:

- Gunpowder Plot – Carola Dunn
- Australia’s Best Unknown Stories

CD:

- Paul Kelly – Life is Fine

TEEN FICTION:

- Last Descendants – Matthew J. Kirby
- Expelled – James Patterson

JUNIOR FICTION:

- Tom Gates Epic Adventure – Liz Pichon
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway – Jeff Kinney

CHILDREN’S PICTURE BOOK:

- The 12th Dog

JUNIOR NON-FICTION:

- Survival Skills Handbook
- Coding for Kids
- The Ultimate Minecraft Survival Guide

GRAPHIC NOVEL:

- Looney Tunes

School News



WE ARE EXCITED about the changes we have introduced this year to develop improved learning outcomes for our students. These changes include:

- The refurbishment of high school learning spaces and the installation of LED Interactive screens.
- A restructured high school timetable with smaller targeted classes in the key areas of Mathematics and English.
- The introduction of a three lesson day in our senior school, aimed at increasing the time spent actively engaged with learning.
- A restructured primary school with focused support, aimed at building firm foundation for future success in learning.
- The rollout of improved learning spaces in our primary area, aimed at providing access to the latest technology in a stimulating environment.



2018 Kanyaka and Yarra House Captains

New Staff

Faruk Pathan—Yr1 1/12/ Homegroup/Maths/ Chem

Megan Novillos—Yr 8 Home Group/SOSE

Tegan Miller—Reception

Matt Buckingham—Yr 5/6

Coordinators

Monique Carcuro Reception—Y4

Sarah Bury Y5—Y8

Matt Griffiths Y9—Y12

Andrew Gilsenan-Reed—Principal ■

HOUSE CAPTAINS—2018

Kanyaka Captains: Kate Ozolins

Abraham Tuckwell

Kanyaka Vice Captains: Aleesha Baker,

Jaquarra Chapman, Aiden Hatley-Bell

Yarra Captains: Teagan Murray

Tom Millington

Yarra Vice Captains: Tayla Finlay,

Chloe Hilder, Joe Eckert

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our annual Swimming Carnival was once again a great success.

Vinny Urbanic from Hawker Area School

organised some of their students to join in the Carnival. It was great for all our students to have added competition and I am sure that the Hawker students loved the experience.

Hawker students will also join the QAS Sports Day on Friday 9th March.

The Splash & Dash games were a hit with all students participating and eager to have a go. A favourite by far was the 10m long slip and slide.

(Results and photos next page). ■

QAS 2017 END OF YEAR AWARDS

Maloney Primary Sports Award

Lachlan Finlay

Claude Stokes Secondary Sports Award

Karl Finlay

Des Wallace Swimming Award

Abraham Tuckwell

Tom Bury Athletics Award

Codin Mason

Student Voice Service Award

Macey Hancock & Aleesha Baker

F-6 School Council All-round Achievement

Emily Millington

7-9 Flinders Ranges Council All-round Achievement

Tayla Finlay

10-12 Caltex All-round Achievement

Grace Smith

Eddie Hughes Certificate of Excellence - Year 12

Grace Smith

Sally Smart Art Award—Lorie Paynter

Australian Defence Force Teamwork

Leadership Awards

Shay Geldard Karl Finlay

Dan van Holst Pellekaan Attendance Awards

Abraham Tuckwell

Renae Churchill

Traffic Monitor Awards

Emily Millington Mia Crisp Renae Churchill

Minister of Education Award for Outstanding

Volunteer Excellence Glyn Cawthorne

Rowland and Phyllis Nicholas Scholarship

Tori Kaesler

ICAS Awards Haymish Moosha received;

Credit - Digital Technologies

Merit - English

Participation - Science

University of South Australia, Whyalla Campus

2017 Award for Academic Achievement

Grace Smith

END OF 2017 CLASS AWARDS

F/1/2 Class Noah Kruger

F/1/2 Class Georgia Shannon

2/3/4 Class Sarah Anjum

2/3/4 Class Mia Crisp

5/6 Class Mackenzie Chapman

5/6 Class Reece Freer

7/8 Class Ethan Baker

7/8 Class Jayde Finlay

9/10 Class Karl Finlay

9/10 Class Tahlia Powell

Year 11 Class Densy Finlay

Year 11 Class Abraham Tuckwell

Year 12 Class Kyle Maison

Year 12 Class Grace Smith

Elevated Work Platform Training

EWP TRAINING at Quorn Area School is planned for the week leading up to Easter on the 27th-28th of March, and is only open to people over the age of 18 years.

The course will be run over two days with theory and practical assessments delivered by TafeSA on the Trailerable Boom Lift and the Scissor Lift (up to 11 metres).

There is a maximum of 8 positions only (TafeSA guidelines) with a fee.

Interested people should contact the school and provide their Name, USI Number and TafeSA ID number to Michelle Baker. ■

2018 Swimming Carnival Results

Kanyaka 1049 Yarrah 998		
Individual Championship Scores		
	Winners	Runner-Up
U10 Girls	Madison-Lee Hately 42	Cheyenne Maher 36
U10 Boys	Jaiy Hately 21	Paul Haywood 18
U12 Girls	Mackenzie Chapman 42	Ella Maison 32
U12 Boys	Joel Finlay 42	Brodie Stirling 32
U14 Girls	Jayde Finlay 42	Maya Omonte-Kramer 35
U14 Boys	Bailey Stirling 38	Lachlan Finlay 36
U16 Girls	Tayla Finlay 42	Zoe Maloney 36
U16 Boys	Aiden Hately-Bell 40	Tom Millington 38
Open Girls	Chloe Hilder 42	Jaquarra Chapman 36
Open Boys	Abraham Tuckwell 42	Philip Taylor 23



Cricket News



Celebration: Alex Hosking scored his third *ton* in a row!
Liam Bury and Alex broke the record for a partnership of 200, held since 1981.
The Win against Central Stirling has again cemented a crack at the finals.
All the best for all the teams in the coming finals.

Social Basketball

Social Basketball season is coming to an end. Games were played in great spirits with lots of laughs. Well done to all teams. Well done Sarah Kruger for organising it again. And Ruby, for being our number one supporter. Right: Ruby Connell Far right: a spirited game.



SAA Motor-Gymkhana

THE STOCKYARD ARENA Association started their 2018 season off with a motorbikes and horses combined event.

Rather than start in the morning as usual, a twilight event was run very successfully.

Motorcycle events started off the day in the afternoon and horse events followed in evening under lights.

The program was: eight motorcycle events, split into senior and junior; eight horse events, split into senior and junior; and three special events, with horses pitted against motorcycles. Horses against motorcycles was a feature highlight of the day. The horses acquitted themselves very well, winning a number of events. A great deal of cheering and yelling from spectators was a chuckle.



Sack race for the Pee wee motorcycle class was well represented

The Pee wee class was exceptionally well represented, and the young riders showed a great deal of skill. The sack race tested the metal and stamina of riders. It was a 50 metre dash to their bikes, and some had great trouble getting forward motion.

All up there were 120 entrants, and as always riders of both sorts came from all over the outback areas and local regional cities.

The Finlays made up nearly half the contingent of bike riders. Kingpin Paul was a scratching for the day due to injury.



Mackenzie Chapman competed on her motor bike and later on her horse too

The Farmers Challenge was won by Michael Absalom, the dash for cash with horses was won by Alicia Thomas (Jnr) and Mikki Longbottom (Snr).

A variation of the normal barrel race with three barrels was made, and a fourth barrel was added just to make a challenge to horse and rider.

The day was a big success with a crowd of 400-500 people, and perfect weather with a breeze most of the day to keep the dust down.

To all those who helped in any way: a great big thank you from the SAA committee. ■

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Swim Club News

FEBRUARY IS ALWAYS a busy month with swimmers attending three interclub carnivals as well as a couple of school carnivals. Swimmers helped Quorn Area School win the MSEC meet at Booleroo Centre on Tuesday the 20th February.

Carnival medal tallies:

Jamestown—Sunday 4th Feb

Hannah Moosha Hancock: 2 gold and 2 silver

Aiden Hatley-Bell: 1 gold and 3 silver

Jarred Hilder: 1 gold and 2 silver

Chelsea Solomon: 3 silver and 2 bronze

Chloe Hilder: 2 silver and 1 bronze

Georgia Turner: 1 silver

Quorn A (Aiden, Georgia, Chloe and Jarred) won silver in the medley relay.



The club at Jamestown



Quorn C —Richard, Cheyanne, Elsa and Maddie—at Crystal Brook



Above: Aiden at Crystal Brook

Crystal Brook—Saturday 10th Feb

Aiden Hatley-Bell: 2 gold and 1 silver

Hannah Moosha Hancock: 2 gold and 2 bronze

Chloe Hilder: 1 gold and 1 silver

Anthony O'Loughlin and Maddie Hatley-Bruncic won 1 bronze each

Quorn B (Anthony, Hannah, Emily and Zoe) won bronze in the freestyle relay

Quorn C (Maddie, Elsa, Richard and Cheyanne) won bronze in the medley relay.

Gladstone—Sunday 11th Feb

Hannah Moosha Hancock: 2 gold and 1 silver

Annie Maloney: 1 gold and 1 silver

Anthony O'Loughlin: 1 silver and 2 bronze

Chloe Hilder: 1 silver and 1 bronze

Tayla Finlay: 1 bronze

Health Calendar

Requests for Allied Health 1800 003 307

March

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for more details

Podiatrist	15th
Diabetes Education	15th
Dietitian	15th
Physiotherapist	27th
Occupational Therapist	27th
Speech Pathologist	27th
Social Worker	Tuesday to Friday

Bookings 8642 3201



March

Anglican Church of St Mathew

Three services a year:

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

If required for a funeral service

Ring: 86486162 or 86486763

Catholic Church Church of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday Mass 8.30am
Weekday Mass (W-S) 9.00am

Flinders Christian Fellowship

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

Uniting Church

Sunday Service Weekly 11.00am

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Classified Adverts

Thank You

Ron and Daph Hilder have recently celebrated two very special occasions.

Firstly, on December 16th 2017, their 67th Wedding Anniversary and on February 10th 2018 a 90th birthday for Daph.

Lovely greetings and good wishes from family and friends make these events so special and enjoyable.

Thank you all most sincerely.

Ron and Daph

Thank you

Heather Oliffe

Heather's family express their thanks to all those who cared for or helped Heather in any way.

Thank you also for your kind words and thoughts on her passing - your kindness and sympathy is much appreciated.

Lindsay, Phyllis, Robyn and Families

Mass Times for Easter

Quorn

Church of the Immaculate Conception

37 Railway Terrace

Holy Thursday 7.00pm

Good Friday 3.00pm

Easter Saturday (Vigil) 7.00pm

Carrieton

St Raphael's

Orroroo Road

Good Friday 6.00pm

Easter Sunday 8.30am

Hawker

St Phillip and James

16 Craddock Road

Holy Thursday 5.00pm

Good Friday 11.00am

Easter Sunday 10.30am

Leigh Creek

The Good Shepherd

Town Centre

(Near Hospital)

Easter Sunday 5.00pm

Thank You

I would once again like to thank every one for their prayers, phone calls, flowers and visits, especially Susan, while I was in St Andrews Hospital and Calvary Rehabilitation Centre.

Rita Britza

WANTED

Don't forget to send us interesting photos of special events and places to make your local paper more interesting.

We need photos for our colour pages and information of sporting events.

Thank you

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Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events March 2018

Regular Events

Quorn

Powell Gardens Working

Bee—

2nd Sunday and 4th Thursday of the month

Quorn Produce and Craft Market - Sunday 25th Mar

Quorn Book Club

Wednesday 21st March at 7pm. Phone Sam Nester for more info 0456 129 870

Women's Fellowship—

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

Quorn Men's shed

Breakfast 1st, 15th & 29th

Spit Roast

at Emily's Bistro every Sunday

Quorn Swimming Pool:

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

Friday – Sunday: 3:00pm to 7:00pm

Lap Swimming:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 6.30am to 8.00am



Happy Easter Everyone

Events

Pichi Richi Railway Train Journeys

Twilight Explorer aboard the Historic Brill Car on 10th, 17th & 24th

Quorn to Woolshed Flat departing 5.30pm return 8.00pm. Sit back and enjoy the Pichi Richi Pass in the cool of the evening and watch the setting sun sink lower in the sky over the Flinders Ranges. A wonderful way to end a lovely autumn day.

Pichi Richi Explorer 31st March

Quorn to Woolshed Flat return departing the Quorn Railway Station at 10.30am

Happy birthday to Pichi Richi's Brill Rail Car, which celebrates its 90th birthday on 17th March.

Criterion Hotel - Live and Free Music

Friday 9th 8pm til late Hooligans playing good ol' Rock N Roll

Friday 16th 9pm til late Paulie playing acoustic covers from 60s to now

Adelaide Cup at Transcontinental Hotel

Monday 12th, pub open from 11am-8pm, Buffet Lunch \$30 per person from 12pm-2pm. Come dressed in your race day outfit. TAB facilities, Sweeps, Best Hat Competition, Complimentary Glass of Bubbles or Schooner of Beer & a Mystery Bet included with your meal booking. Bookings essential by 7th March. Phone 8648 6076 for more details

Quorn Art & Craft Easter Fair

30th March to 2nd April

Homemade cakes, craft, jams, Pickles, jewellery, plants, Candle Melts homemade cards in the Quorn Town Hall

Regular Events

Quorn

Line dancing

Tuesday nights 7pm Town Hall cost \$6

Yoga

Thursday nights 6.30pm Uniting Church Hall

Badminton

Tuesday nights 7pm School Gym

Probus

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

Aerobics/Walking Exercise

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

Quilting Group

Friday all day at the Austral Hotel Everyone welcome

Quorn Bowling Club

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

Flinders Flicks

The Rocky Horror Picture Show Screening at Northern Lodge Conference Room, Friday 23 March 7.30pm.

Hawker

Quilting Group—Friday fortnightly

Community Group—Tuesday fortnightly

Friendship Group—3rd Wednesday

Development Board—3rd Monday of the month

Quote of the Month

As simple as it sounds, we all must try to be the best person we can: by making the best choices, by making the most of the talents we've been given.

May Lou Retton



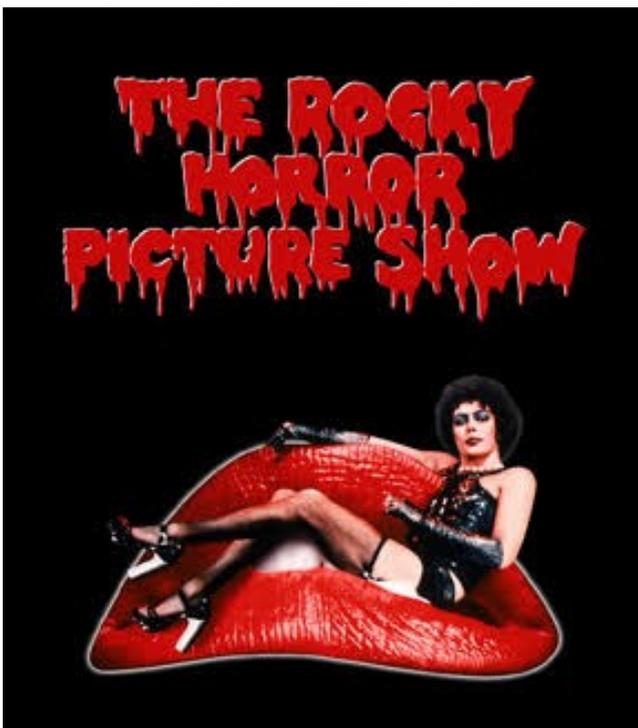
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“On top of Mt Arden”



No Location Too Difficult for Quorn Contractors

A new, air conditioned radio shack was needed on top of Mt Arden to house the equipment for Umeewarra Radio's transmitter. The job included provision of a 3 metre x 3 metre concrete pad. It was a big logistical exercise for Finlay's Electrical to get all the material, mixers and water, then later the shack itself, to the top. Corey and Nory's crews combined to mix and pour the slab, starting the day above the clouds in thick fog. The mists had lifted by the time the aerial inspector came past to check compliance (see photo below). ♦



Screening at the Great Northern Lodge
Friday March 23rd (the 4th Friday of the month)
7:30pm for 8:00pm start
Estimated 10:30pm finish
Please bring a plate of supper to share
Collect your tickets from Emily's Bistro

And remember to leave your donation to Flinders Flicks on the film night.

Further info: (08) 8648 6940

