Quorn Mercury

Recording Quorn's History while it's Being Made

Jan-Feb 2026 | Established 1895 | Number 30/328

Australia Day Breakfast



Above, serene Quorn Swimming pool reflections foreground the gathering for the Australia Day breakfast, and presentation of community awards.



New Citizen Daniel Lutz raises the Australian Flag



Quorn Cricket Club: ,proud conveners of the Event of the Year!

QUORN COMMUNITY MEMBERS gathered to enjoy a delicious bacon and egg breakfast, to support the recipients of the Australia Day awards, and welcome a new citizen. Awards and Recognition certificates went to: The Citizen of the Year, John Teague from Hawker
NRMA Quorn Cricket Festival
Active Citizen: Sarah Kruger
Quorn Hospital Auxiliary
Quorn Line Dancers
Claire Moran– *Love the skin you're in*
Terry Smith
Clean Up the Pass– Sally and Wendy Brown

→ **See back page for**

Love the Skin You're In photos

$2.50

Flash As
Fashion & Home Décor

Casual Resort Clothing & Dreamcatcher Fashion
Seedlings, Potted Colour & Planters
Wall Art, Signs, Dream Catchers & Wind Chimes
Macramé Hangers, Hats & Bags
Incense, Perfume Oil & Jewellery
Man Cave Accessories
Giftware
Lisa Pollack – Art from the Heart
Gift Cards Now Available

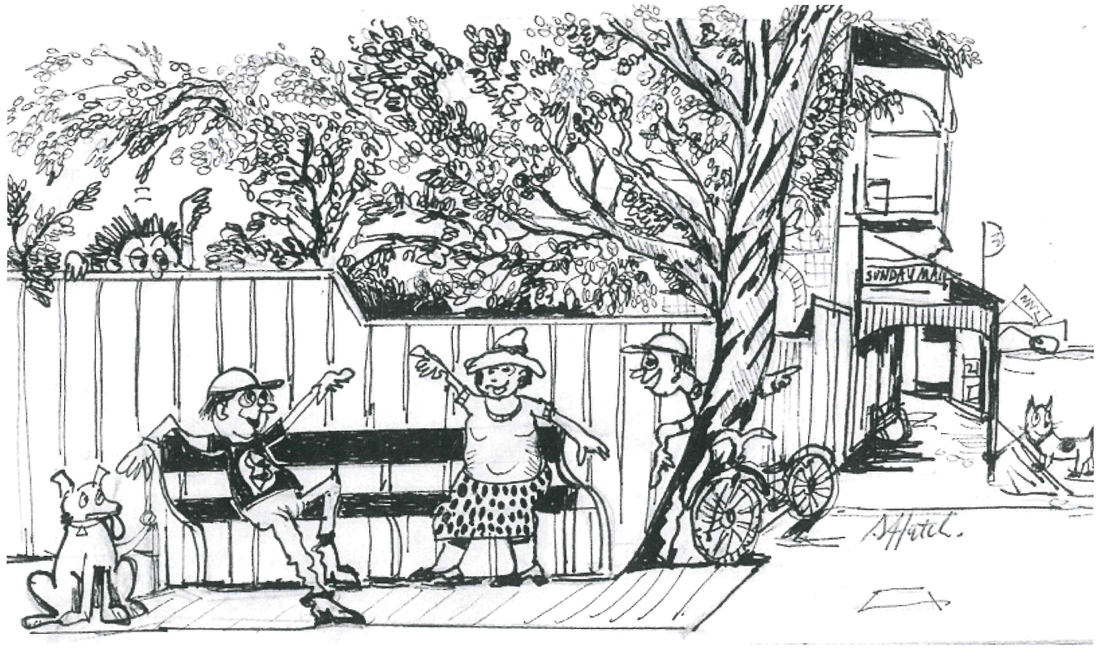
42 First Street, Quorn
Open 7 Days 9:30am – 2pm

(Please note: Hours of trading are subject to availability and can change at any time)

Personal Shopping Welcome by Appointment
Cindy Veen 0428 855 639

Flash As

Chat with a Quornie



PAT AND I MOVED TO QUORN in 2016. After living and working for many years on Commodore Station, near Parachilna, I retired to Hawker.

I was born in Port Augusta in January 1943. My parents were Jim and Marjorie who lived in Wilmington at the time where Dad worked for Elders as a Stock and Station agent. By the time the family had grown to include four children, Jan, myself, Wendy and Richard they had moved to Burra, and then began life on stations East of Burra where Dad was employed by I J Warnes and Company, overseeing the sheep and wool operations of the family's large sheep properties.

We began living at Braeside Station and a house was built for us at Koomooloo Station, where my parents lived for many years, until after the property was sold by the Warnes family.

My sisters and brother and I completed our primary education by correspondence, supervised by Mum, after which secondary education became a problem due to the family location, and the need to live away from home to attend secondary school.

Jan began secondary school in Broken Hill, staying with our grandparents. She was required to repeat year seven because of the structure of the New South Wales secondary education system. She then went down to Adelaide the next year, boarding privately and attended Adelaide Girls High School for the remainder of her secondary education.

I also had to repeat year seven as I was considered too young to be sent away to school. I then boarded privately in Adelaide and went to Urrbrae Agricultural High School for my secondary education. Wendy boarded with Mum's mother as a weekly boarder, in Burra attending Burra High School, and completed her education at Victor Harbor, as did Richard, when Dad left Koomooloo and went to manage Mirrumbeena, a property out of Victor Harbor, at that time.

The family has many stories of life on Koomooloo Station. We children enjoyed the freedom of life on the station. We were similar ages to the Warnes children, and we all played together and made our own fun and adventures in the bush.

As correspondence students we had to finish our schoolwork before play or helping with sheep work. Mum had her home chores to

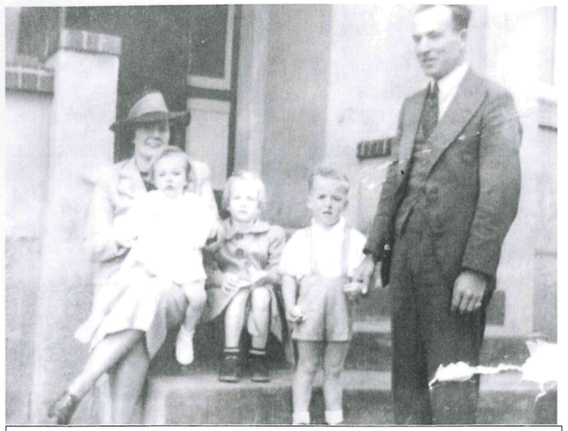


Photo of the family about 1947, taken at Burra.
From left: Marjorie, Wendy Jan Keith and Jim Wiseman

complete and we had to get on and finish our correspondence work and show it to her when it was done. We had to do it again if it wasn't good enough. Mum talked of the different experience of correspondence for Richard, the youngest who began school after we had gone on to high school. He did his schoolwork at the kitchen table while Mum worked in the kitchen and the rest of the house and yard, but she thought they had more time together during the day.

After I left school I came home to work with my father. During this time, tragic events occurred. Our neighbour Mr Neville Lord was murdered on Pine Valley station. I rode a motor bike, joining those assisting the trackers search for the perpetrator. I was impressed with the skill and speed with which they recognised and followed all the signs of his attempts to escape. The man eventually gave himself up to police, faced a trial and was imprisoned.

Sometime after, a senior station hand was sighting in my rifle for me. Unexpectedly, a younger station hand stepped in front of the rifle just as the trigger was pulled. Dad got me to sit with the victim in the back of a utility as we desperately tried to get him to hospital, but he died on the way. I couldn't touch my rifle for two years after that. I learned tragically, the need for safety and meticulous attention to correct procedure.

While I was living with the family on Koomooloo, I worked with Mr Frank Doeke a shearing contractor, doing shed work with the shearing team. At the time the shearing team was used in the making of the film *The Sundowners*. As well as being filmed throwing a fleece, I was also used to double for the actor Michael Anderson in the horse riding scenes. I worked for three months during the making of the movie and got to mix with everyone, including Robert Mitchum, Deborah Kerr, Peter Ustinov, Leonard Teale and others, being part of the production. I remember Robert Mitchum trying to teach me to drink martinis. They tasted awful, and I nearly killed a pot plant where I disposed of most of the martinis. I was also offered an opportunity to go to England to finish the film, but it did not interest me, and I turned it down.

I got my merino wool classing qualifications at the School of Mines. I had two more years to complete handling of English sheep breed wool to complete my classing qualification. I wanted get out on stations and work my way up to one day being a station manager like Dad.. He was highly respected by wool growers in the area, and he passed on his knowledge and skill to all who shared his love of the industry. It was organised for me to travel to Broken Hill with a Mr Smith, owner of a sheep and cattle station to work during their shearing As it turned out it had been arranged a little differently between Dad and Mr Smith,. and I found I was to begin employment as a jackaroo on Willangee Station

The Bolton Smith family treated me and the other jackaroos in the tradition of the original intention of training young men in the pastoral industry. We lived as members of the family, learned the social *do's and don'ts* and the methods and traditions of pastoralism. We had to dress appropriately for dinner and serve the correct beverages at the dining table, entertain guests, as well as working diligently on the station. When Mr Smith had a test drive of a Rolls Royce he expected us to drive it as well. It was the aftermath of the 1950s wool boom, and a great memory of the old days. I stayed there to learn all I could for the next few years.

The plan was to work for at least two years on a property to learn about stock and property practices over several seasons. As it became time to move on, take more responsibility, and gain more experience, I moved back into South Australia. I began work in the Flinders Ranges on Commodore Station. The sheep and cattle property owner, Mr Ray McAuley lived in Adelaide and was a frequent visitor. His nephew Jack McAuley was manager.

The contrast between properties was quite significant. I lived alone in the homestead and took care of myself. Whereas I had been used to operating different vehicles and modern machinery in day to day duties. I now gained experience in riding a horse to check the waters, repair fences and muster sheep through both sandhills, stony plains and thick acacia scrub.

A day of fencing meant saddling up a horse, putting a roll of used wire, with a bag to cushion its weight, around the horse's neck. A crow bar, axe and other historic tools would be distributed around the horse and on the rider, as well as lunch, wrapped in newspaper, and a water bag. On the job, if you didn't already have one, a wire strainer, made from a forked branch, would be fashioned to tighten up the wires.

At that time, the carrying of sheep on the property had not been questioned. Much damage occurred in the dry times especially in the sandhill country. In time, after a severe drought, the property would cease to carry sheep, and remained a cattle station.

I enjoyed the social life in the district. I was allowed to ride an old Harley Davidson motor bike to Copley for tennis and social visits. I attended the round of race meetings and dances held in the Northen towns over the year.

The male school teacher at Parachilna and I dug the holes to house the underground fuel tanks for the petrol bowsers at the Parachilna Hotel, for Mr Angus McKenzie. On weekends we carted rocks, from the ruins of an old boarding house, to fill the cellar under the bar. The bar was rebuilt by removing its tin ceiling and letting the accumulated sand drop down to fill in the cellar. When the renovation was completed, old bottles of spirits from the cellar were put on display. Their ancient labels appearing like clear transfers after being stored in the heat for so many years.



Left, Jean McAuley, Jack McAuley's sister,
Keith cutting his 21st Birthday Cake and Joan McAuley, who baked the cake. Photo by Jack McAuley

Before leaving the Flinders Ranges, I also worked on Narrina Station with Mr Jack Ireland. The property was very rugged and a lot of the mustering in the ranges was done on foot. Chasing sheep in the hills made me super fit. When I moved to Victor Harbor shortly after, that helped me keep up with my other teammates when I joined the Encounter Bay football Club.

My family then lived near Victor Harbor where Dad managed Mirrumbeena Station, for Mr. John H Ellers. I lived and worked casually in the area for some time, working, enjoying sports, and social life. I even managed the trampolines in *Victor*, during the evenings after work, and on the weekends, during summer.

I then began working on Old Koomooloo station, East of Burra, and by the end of that year had accepted the position of overseer on Commonwealth Hill Station in the far North West of South Australia.

Commonwealth Hill Station was, at the time, the largest fenced sheep station in the southern hemisphere. The property was owned by B.H McLachlan, principal of the Jumbuck Pastoral Company. It ran in excess of ninety thousand sheep and marked a minimum of thirty thousand lambs a year. Shearing lasted three months.

I was based at the homestead, and a second overseer was based at Indooroopilly outstation about 130km West of the homestead. There were also smaller outstations housing a station hand with his family, where he would take care of stock and infrastructure in an area of roughly 800 square kilometres each. Several bomb shelters were constructed near the houses by Woomera Rocket Range.

Over forty station hands were based at the homestead and I oversaw daily operations with the manager Mr, Matthews. It was expected that I would be addressed as Mr. Wiseman or "Boss" which had me expecting to see Dad behind me when someone called out to me. I never got used to it.

The challenge of huge distances, numbers of employees, thousands of sheep, life on a larger scale than my previous employment, was an unforgettable experience. I took on the job with all my energy over the next three years.

It was during this time that I met Pat, who had arrived in Tarcoola, about one hundred and thirty miles to the South East. She was teaching the junior primary class there. She was definitely from the city, and had come to Tarcoola as a means of winning a teaching position in the city the following year.

I met Pat at a cricket match in Tarcoola. The match was organised as a fund raiser for the Tarcoola Hospital, The shearing team working on Commonwealth Hill Station would play against the local town and station people. The shearer's cook made and donated a large number of pies and pasties, and yeast products to be sold to the players and spectators during the day. I was Pat's best customer, managing to eat way too many pasties in order to keep her company and get to know her. I thought she was "a bit of alright".

We did not see each other again for almost six months, and then the romance bloomed.

Although we both expected to stay in the far North West, we both moved to work in the Mid North, Pat to teach in Hallet, and I accepted the manager position at Kiaora Station, east of Burra.

When we were married we lived briefly on Stud Park North, a Peppin Merino Stud in the Riverina of New South Wales. Then we moved to Melbourne during a serious slump in the wool industry, and finally moved to Bidura Station, out of Balranald in NSW, and embarked on family life. .

It was great being back in the bush and I settled in to managing Bidura station for the Boynton family. Our first two children, David and Claire, were born while we lived on Bidura. When Peter was about to be born severe bush fires threatened the area and the property was largely burned out. I stayed to fight the fires after taking Pat and the children to Adelaide where Peter was born in safety.

We then took up the manager's position on Commodore Station and we moved back to South Australia. It was 1975, and I would stay there for the next thirty three years,

Commodore Station and the Flinders Ranges was home. When Mr McAuley passed away I continued to manage the property for the family company, answering to his son Ian, and daughter, Mrs Carola Cox, and in consultation with Jack McAuley with whom I had worked there before.

With the owner's support I set about managing the property from a position of sound experiences in the pastoral industry. I began to improve and develop practices that conserved the land and maintain a herd of high quality cattle.

Now that the family had settled, the children were growing and they were taking an interest in their surroundings. They loved going out with Dad. As they got older I taught them all to recognize animal tracks and to read tracks.

Now with children who would be going to school and growing up in the Flinders Ranges. I began take an interest in community responsibilities. I became involved in local organisations and services, as well as industry support groups. Over the years, I have played a role in organisations such as:
Parachilna Rural School Council, and the Parachilna Sports & Community Association
Outback Areas Community Development board member, Flinders Ranges Management Review
Central Flinders Soil Board delegate at WA Soils Conference to present a paper on sustainable pastoralism.

I also became involved in movies filmed locally, They include *Robbery Under Arms* - Commodore cattle became the herd rustled by Captain Starlight. I played a Police Trooper in the Mini Series.
A Thousand Skies: I woke the children at 5am. to ride horses for use at the Parachilna airstrip, before they went in to school. They leapt to it!
Other films include: *Gallipoli, The Territorians, Stealth* and *Beautiful Kate.*
Because the beauty of the Flinders Ranges attracts commercial advertisers, I also appeared as an outback type for product brochures and television commercials made for Ford, VW, and Holden Commodore.

I retired from Commodore in 2008. At that time we owned Windana Cottages in Hawker. The property was nestled behind Camel's Hump, south of Hawker with a beautiful Flinders Ranges view. Two self contained tourist cottages offered a small income. It was a lovely property, but needed constant upkeep.

In 2016 Pat and I left Hawker, moved to Quorn, and now live in quiet retirement. ■



Keith and Pat
celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversary
January 2020

The Quorn Op Shop Preloved Boutique

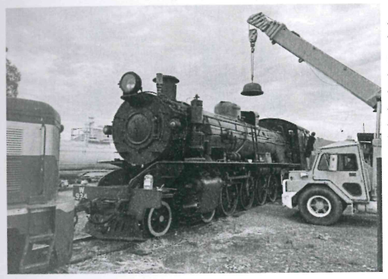
is getting a make over courtesy of the council and with assistance from the Men's Shed.
Council anticipates renovations will be completed by Easter 2026.
Stay tuned for updates.



PICHI RICHI • RAILWAY •

During the warm summer holidays, the PRR Society members have been actively preparing for another busy year, especially over the Australia Day Long Weekend. Some activities have included:

- Members Australia Day BBQ and General meeting on 25 January
- Track working bee led by John Hall down towards Port Augusta to carry out essential track work
- Carriage working bee led by Travis McDonald concentrating on BV4891
- Steam loco working bee led by Jarrod Smythe concentrating on W934 and NM25
- Rolling Stock Mechanical working bee led by Dean Foster



Train services for the 2026 season commence on 7 March when passengers will get to ride on the Sundowner trains and enjoy the scenery and colourful sunsets of the Pichi Richi pass. Riding on the stately steam locos gives our visitors an experience of transport, and 'the sounds of history in motion' observed Jane, one of our Melbourne visitors in late 2025.



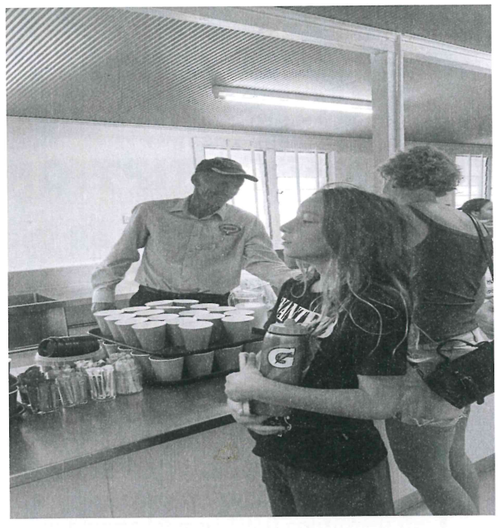
New staff members in 2026 include Julie Johnson as Marketing Co-Ordinator and Track guards Stan Pietak and Arnold Kruger.

Many thanks go to our trainers including Leanne McGill, Andrew Thompson, Phil Mellors, Richard Atkinson and David Southon who give up many hours to mentor others.

Considering Volunteering?

There are lots of interesting areas for volunteering with the PRR.
If you love the outdoors, track work could be for you. Catering at Woolshed Flat is also fun for our volunteers. Our passengers certainly enjoy refreshments at Woolshed Flat.
It's not all about work at PRR. There is camaraderie in the camp kitchen as people prepare meals, watch TV (thanks to our IT Tech wizard, Bob Beare.)
We also go on many beautiful walks like Devils Peak & Dutchman Stern.

To discuss volunteer roles please contact John Humphries on
0427 602 886
or
john.humphries@prr.org.au



Printed Brochure and Train Timetable

To obtain a printed copy of our brochure and timetable visit the Visitors Information Centre at the Quorn Railway Station.

Timetable & tickets

2026 timetable: www.pichirichirailway.org.au/train-services/timetable

Flinders Tradition since 1973 :: September 2025 :: pichirichirailway.org.au :: 1800 777 245

Pichi Richi Railway acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waterways on which it operates.



Elders

Real Estate

Passionate about helping clients find their perfect home, Phallen is a motivated and dedicated Elders Real Estate Agent eager to make a positive impact in the community. With a fresh perspective and a commitment to personalised service, Phallen works tirelessly to guide buyers and sellers through every step of the real estate journey. Known for excellent communication and a genuine approach, Phallen is ready to help you turn your property goals into reality.

Summer Special now on offer! Get a FREE appraisal and go in the draw to win a $200 voucher to your local IGA or Foodland Supermarket.

Contact her today for more details. Email: Phallen.young@elders.com.au Mobile: 0457 966 610

QUORN MERCURY SUBSCRIPTION

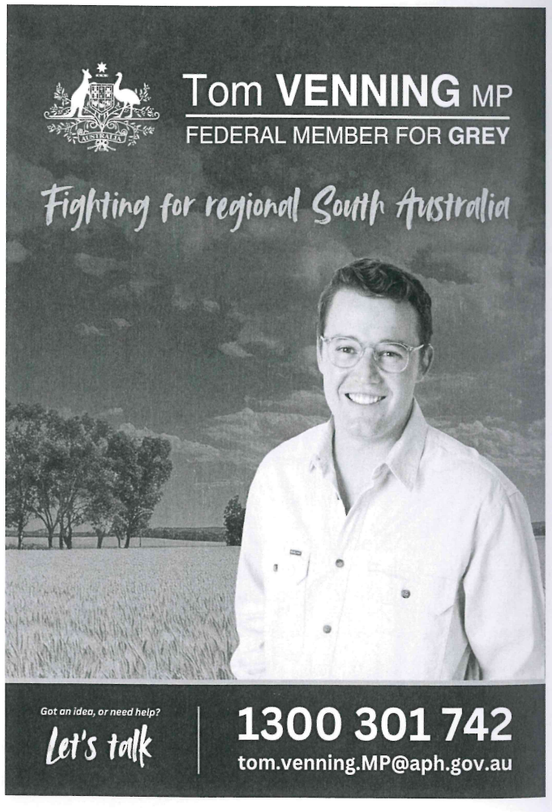
A gift that gives all year round!

- Birthday gift
- Friend who's moved away
- Christmas present
- Leaving town for study or work
- Farewelling a resident
- Celebrating an anniversary
- A treat for you

A gift subscription to the Quorn Mercury is an ideal way to mark an occasion

$50 a year for 11 editions

Delivered to your door or post box each month



Quorn Bakery



A LONG-AWAITED BAKERY and garden space in Quorn is nearing completion, with the final stages now focused on commissioning equipment and learning the rhythms of a rare wood-fired oven.

Located at 28 First Street, the project restores a historic bakery site and introduces an adjacent casual garden area designed for locals and visitors to enjoy a quick bite. The garden will operate without table service, with public toilets available at nearby council facilities.

The space also features the original Flinders Gin caravan, a restored 1960s Zestline, which will be permanently housed on site as a display and photo opportunity, adding another layer of local character and heritage storytelling.

While the bakery fit-out is almost complete, some specialist equipment is still in transit. The bakery will operate uniquely as a wood-fired facility, meaning it will not be used during the hotter summer months. As a result, exact operating days, times and dates for 2026 are still being finalised.

The team is taking a measured approach to opening, acknowledging that ovens of this kind are now uncommon and require careful learning. Baking will begin slowly as the oven's capabilities are understood and staff skills are developed, with an emphasis on quality, safety, and sustainability.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to watch this space as the project moves from restoration to operation, marking another step in Quorn's ongoing story of craftsmanship, community, and place.

Did You Know?

Quorn once built its own bakery — together as community.

In June 1910, the people of Quorn took a stand over the price of bread.

According to a report published in the Daily Herald (Adelaide) on Wednesday 29 June 1910, local residents were frustrated that bread prices in Quorn remained high despite a significant fall in the cost of flour. While bakers in other towns reduced prices, Quorn's did not.

The response was swift and collective. More than 60 residents, including around 20 women, crowded into the council chambers for what the newspaper described as a "meeting of indignation." The meeting resolved unanimously to form a co-operative bakery, owned by the people of Quorn, so the community could control both price and supply of a basic necessity.

Shares were set at £1 each to allow broad participation. A provisional committee was elected that same evening, and immediate steps were taken to secure an oven from Adelaide and obtain operating rules from established bakeries in Adelaide, Port Adelaide and Port Pirie.

Follow-up reports later in 1910 confirmed the appointment of a baker and the rapid progress from protest to production, demonstrating how quickly the town turned principle into action.

Now preserved through the National Library of Australia's Trove newspaper archive, these articles record a defining moment in Quorn's history — one that reflects the town's long-standing values of fairness, self-reliance, and community cooperation.

More than a century later, the revival of this bakery on First Street continues that story.

Visit trove.nla.gov.au and use the search term Quorn Bakery ■

Aussie Discount Chemist

QUORN PHARMACY

Our Services:

- Flu Vaccination
- Whooping Cough Vaccine
- Webster Packs
- Immunisations
- Vitamins & Natural Health
- Diabetic Sub Agency
- Covid-19 Vaccinations
- Cosmetics & Gifts



quorn.pharmacy
aussiediscountchemistquorn
quorn.pharmacy@frednet.com.au
+61886486883

Quorn Lions Club

On Monday 26 January the Flinders Ranges Council hosted the Australia Day Awards Ceremony at the Quorn pool. Once again, the Quorn Lions Club cooked the breakfast barbecue for the local community. This year the Quorn Mens' Shed also assisted us, and their help was greatly appreciated.

It is a busy few hours and it is great to see so many locals attend the awards ceremony. Congratulations to all the award winners, your awards were well deserved.

Our community is very well served by volunteers and organisations making it a great place to live. As we are only a small band of people any assistance we get is very much appreciated. Thanks also to Stu for his help.

We welcome anyone wanting to join the Lions and any questions can be directed to Anne Freebairn on 0429486586 or Ian Carpenter on 0417810324.



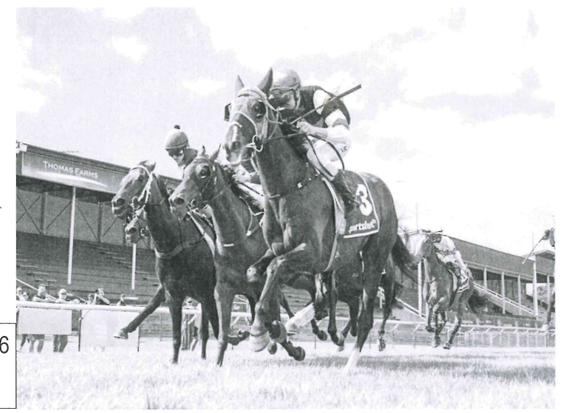
Quorn Trainer wins

Emmetts Rating

0 - 56 Handicap at Oakbank

Galloping Guru ridden by Campbell Rawiller and trained by Trevor Montgomerie (Quorn) won the Emmetts Rating 0 - 56 Handicap (1900 METRES) at Oakbank on January 21, 2026 in South Australia..

(Photo by Terry Hann / Atkins Photography)n



Galloping Guru Oakbank, 21 January 2026

'Homemade Produce'



* Relishes
* Chutneys
* Lemon Butter
* Pickled Onions

Kylie Finlay ~ 0448 658 720

SPIRIT of the FLINDERS

Proudly supporting the Quorn community

Traditional Newsagency

Unique Gifts

Rural Essentials

CALL (08) 7659 0155 VISIT 5 sixth St. Quorn

FORSYTH CRASH REPAIRS

"24 HOUR TILT TRAY TOWING"



24 HR TILT TRAY TOWING



5 Caroona Road • PO Box 88 • Port Augusta SA 5700
P: (08) 8641 1238 • M: 0416 564 150
E: forcrash@bigpond.net.au

20 Years Ago

Jan-Feb 2006

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The annual Quorn Christmas pageant was held on Sunday 4th December with approximately 30 floats entering.

The pageant started from the Post Office, and finished at the oval. The winning float was from Buckaringa Holdings whereby Nar, Annabelle and Belinda dressed up in their Thai outfits and rode on their engineered and constructed elephant. Carols by Candlelight were held in the evening and was enjoyed by all present.

The Christmas Street party was held on Friday 23rd December and was well attended. Street stalls provided food and entertainment. This is a much looked forward to event for our community and we hope it continues to be an annual event.



at— Pictured Above: Nar Schuttloffel with daughters Annabel and Belinda

Above: a greatly reduced photo of the winning float
From left Nar Schuttloffel with daughters Annabel and Belinda

10 Years Ago

Jan-Feb2016

War Memorial Tree Plantation

Many of the plantations of bushes and shrubs round the town are suffering from a lack of maintenance during the spring-summer period. The War memorial commemorative tree plantation in the parklands on First Street East is in dire need of attention, as 15 of the 32 donated trees have died through lack of attention.

Since being planted, the trees have benefitted from the good rains that fell through the winter, but do not appear to have been watered, staked or weeded on a regular basis since then.

Budgetting for and maintaining a regular watering and weeding regime for all the plantations round the town would seem to be a simple matter, and would result in a more attractive and inviting environment.



QUORN
Business Group

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

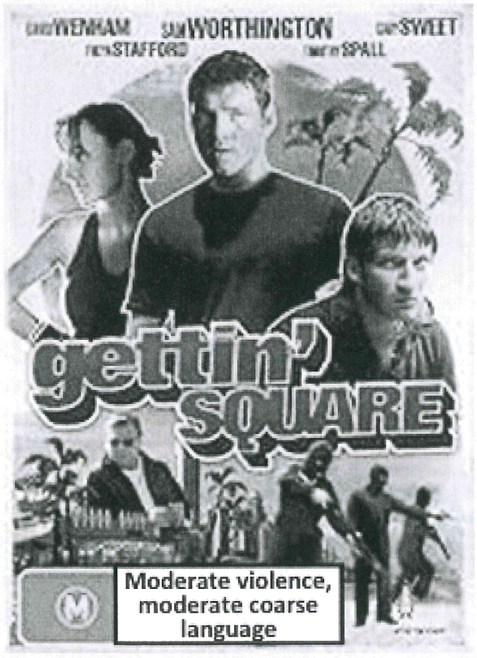
Upcoming meeting and event details will be posted in the *Quorn Out and About* group on Facebook soon.

flinders flicks

Film Club of the Flinders Ranges, South Australia

SCREENING AT THE EMPORIUM
(Great Northern Lodge)

Friday 27 February 2026 ..... 7.00pm for 8.00pm START



FIRST WATCH THIS AUSSIE MOVIE FILMED 2003

"GETTIN' SQUARE" TO BE FOLLOWED NEXT MOVIE NIGHT WITH THE SEQUEL "SPIT" FILMED 2025

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Meal by Wendy

Bookings phone 8648 6940

SAM WORTHINGTON as Barry Wirth DAVID WENHAM as Johnny Spitieri
FREYA STAFFORD GARY SWEET
AND TIMOTHY SPALL as Dabba

STARTIN' OVER. KEEPIN' CLEAN. GOIN' STRAIGHT. IT AIN'T EASY.....

Gettin' Square is about starting over, keeping clean and going straight. Barry Wirth is fresh out of prison and determined to stay on the straight and narrow. But like his mate Johnny 'Spit' Spitieri and reformed gangster turned restaurateur Dabba, he finds out the hard way that there are old scores and a few new ones that'll make getting square a lot harder than he thought.

CENTREPRINT
Supporting the community of the Flinders Ranges

Phone or email for a free quote:
T: (08) 8351 4605
E: sales@centreprint.com.au

For all your printing needs
centreprint.com.au

• OFFSET PRINTING • DIGITAL COLOUR • SIGNAGE • GRAPHIC DESIGN • BINDING & FINISHING

Quorn Meals on Wheels

Quorn Meals on Wheels has been delivering fresh meals to residents in Quorn for nearly 50 years

Meals are cooked fresh at the Quorn hospital and delivered five days a week
The service is run by volunteers

If you are on a Commonwealth Home Support Program or a home care package, you are able to access Meals on Wheels

Contact your aged care provider
or
Kath Altmann on 86486058 for more information.

Love the Skin You're In

On Sunday the 30th of November the Quorn Swimming Club ran the skin cancer prevention event *Love the Skin You're In – For Life* The purpose of the day was to promote sun safety and share information with the Quorn community on how to be "Sun Smart" and prevent skin cancer - something that could potentially effect a large part of our community with 2 in 3 Australians being diagnosed with some form of Skin Cancer in their life time.

The town precinct was busy with stall holders including Rural Aid, *Nuthin but Natives*, Rural Skin Cancer Service, Quorn Rural Traders, and Skinwise Healthcare and Jasmine Kimber on the stage entertaining the crowd with her fabulous music.

The Swim club hosted Devonshire tea and organised a Sun Smart Trail where children had to visit all stallholders as well as the Quorn Op Shop. At each stop participants were given a sun smart tip on what it means to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide – and get a stamp on their trail map. Once completed they were given a free tube of sunscreen or lip balm with over 66 tubes given away and approximately 120 people attending the event throughout the morning.



Dulcie Wright, Ruby Connell, Evelyn Wright, Ava Perry, Maya Kruger

Cancer Council SA provided colouring sheets, pens and games for the children as well as flyers about what to look for when doing a skin check and how important it is to check the UV rating through the Sun Smart app.

On the main stage invited guests were interviewed on how to keep yourself Sun safe. Guests included Teesha from *Nuthin but Natives* discussing Sun safe plants and how to keep your garden cool. Dr Mlwanda from Quorn Medical Practice , Dr Gerry Considine from Rural Skin Cancer Service, Dr Jane Landers from Skinwise Healthcare and Quorn Resident and Skin Check advocate, Janet Thomas all spoke about the importance of skin checks and what to look out for when self checking at home. The final part of the day was a Sun Smart Fashion parade featuring the Quorn Swim Club kids wearing Sun Smart clothes from the Quorn Op Shop – a highlight and great end to an educational morning.

A special thank you to Flinders Ranges Council who sponsored the entertainment and sunscreen through the Community Grants program. This grant was also able to be used to provide additional sunscreen at the recent Australia Day breakfast.

Thank you also to the volunteers from Quorn Swimming Club who all contributed to make it a fun community event. ■



Renata Hackett interviewing Dr Gerry Considine

Out and About in Quorn



Elspeth Caroline and Rebecca celebrate Caroline's 80th Birthday



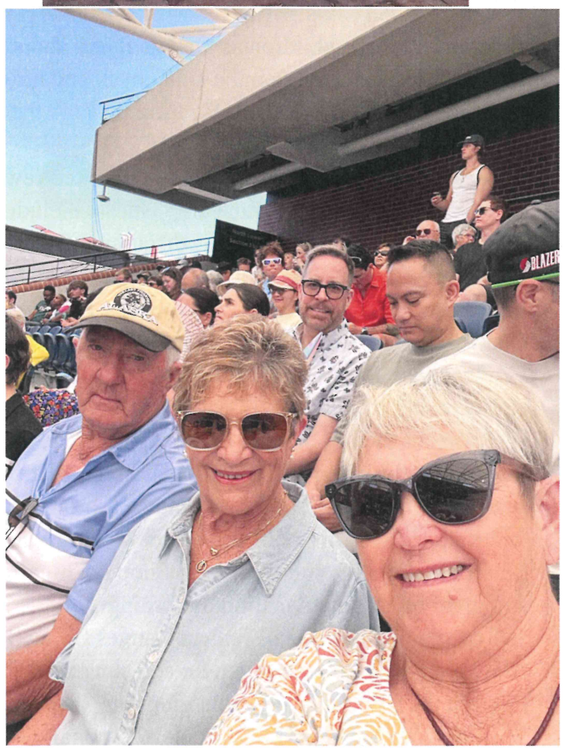
Celebrating her 80th Birthday at the Quorn Bowling Club, congratulations to Fanny Coulthard



At the Australia Day Breakfast, Geraldine Davis, Lorainne Pumpa, Shirley Carn, Barbara Fels, Marg Summerton (obscured)



Sally Brown with Clean Up The Pass Award



Peter & Jenny Crisp with Julie Lewis at the Adelaide International Tennis finals.
Following the tennis they walked over to Adelaide Oval for the Big Bash Strikers defeating Renegades. A great day out Saturday 17 January



Bowls Ladies, Back: Jane Paynter Liz Collins Marls Evans Jenny Crisp Chrissie Brindal Di Paynter
Seated: Sue Smith, Sam Hartin and front Sue Kelly for Sam's 60th Birthday.



Trevor, Lothar and Ian assist in preparing for renovations to the Quorn Pre-Loved Boutique

Carbon Accounting Roadshow

with Richard Brake



If you have a pastoral or rangelands business, join us to learn how to create a carbon account for your property in a practical, small-group workshop.

Expert Richard Brake brings more than 25 years' experience in the industry.

This hands-on session will focus on real operations, not theory.

Bring your laptop and property data (or use provided data). Attendees will be contacted prior to the workshops about information needed.

Nonning | Monday 2 March

Quorn | Wednesday 4 March

Lyndhurst | Thursday 5 March

Hawker | Friday 6 March

Find out more:
Matthew Westover 0438 816 210
matthew.westover@sa.gov.au

Book now:

Australian Government

BUILDING PASTORAL SUSTAINABILITY
Adaptation · Innovation · Diversification

LANDSCAPE SOUTH AUSTRALIA SA ARID LANDS

SA Arid Lands Landscape Board

PORT AUGUSTA-QUORN LANDSCAPE GROUP

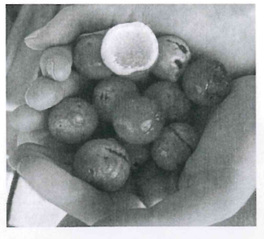
The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board (SAAL) supports seven Landscape Groups across the region to ensure it remains connected with community and local landscape issues. The Port Augusta-Quorn Landscape Group Quorn-based members are Richie Paynter, Renata Hackett, and Pauline Zanet. The group meets every two months with the next meeting to be held at the Stirling North Golf Club on Friday 6 February 2026. If you have an item 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

The last group meeting for 2025 was held in Quorn, where the group reflected on the year's achievements and discussed plans for 2026. In attendance were, pictured below from left, Rebecca Buono, Renata Hackett, Pauline Zanet, Francene O'Connor, Garret Miller, Jeff Bowey and Richie Paynter.



TREES AND SHRUBS FOR ECONOMICS

Join us for an afternoon stickybeak looking at the potential economic benefits of trees and shrubs in the arid zone. You will see and hear about native plants of economic importance that are suitable for diversification and bush food business opportunities.



There will be talks, field site visit, and a bushfood-themed dinner at Hawker in the evening, hosted by the SA Native Foods Association. Hear from native plant specialists Neville Bonney and Angus Jones, native vegetation consultants and staff. Spaces are limited with registrations online at https://events.humanitix.com/trees-and-shrubs

DRONE WORKSHOP

Are you interested in using drones on your property? Join this free, one-day workshop on practical drone use for land management, using kangaroo monitoring as an example. This workshop will be held in Stirling North on Friday 13 February, 9-4pm. Spaces are limited. https://events.humanitix.com/drone-workshop-for-land-management-port-augusta

ACROSS THE OUTBACK MAGAZINE

The latest electronic edition of the Board's *Across the Outback* was released in December, with a hard copy edition due out in April. Subscribe now to have a copy delivered directly to your inbox at https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/saal/news-resources/publications/subscribe

QUORN MEN'S SHED

ALL WELCOME

QUORN MEN'S SHED
10 Seventh Street
PO Box 108
Quorn SA 5433
PH: 0417 810 324 Ian Carpenter (Chairman)
PH: 0488 069 943 Terry Smith (Sec / Treas)
PH: 0407 607 847 Dave Wingrove (NewsLetter)
Email: quornmensshed@gmail.com

Issue 78
February
2026

Editor Dave Wingrove

January has proven to be a busy time preparing for 2026. It was varied, busy and rewarding. Firstly Dave Wingrove has been on the sick list but is now home and on the mend.

The women elected to change their day to Mondays. It is now 9-12 and will allow a few more people to attend. They have various individual projects they are undertaking.

We have been assisting the Pre Loved shop with some furniture modifications etc they require due to their shop revamp.

Australia Day saw a lot of our members assist the Lions with the cooking of the breakfast barbecue. A great turnout and get together and our assistance was acknowledged by the FRC. Thanks everyone, a great turn out.

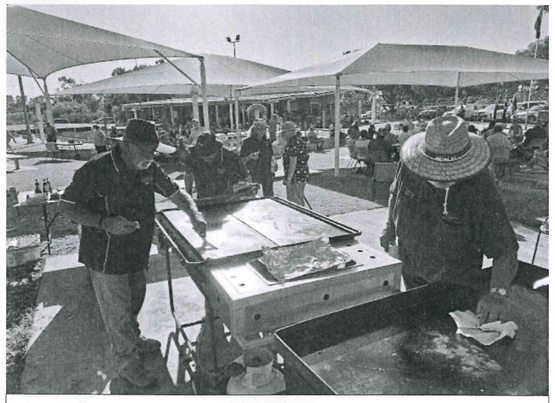
Congratulations to Terry Smith who was a recipient of an Australia Day Award. Well done.

A few jobs have been 'quoted' on so it looks like a busy few months ahead. Lothar has kept the veggie garden watered and the new exterior sanding bay been completed and the pavers laid. It has already been used by both groups and is proving quite successful.

New members are always welcome. Call in to the shed on a Thursday morning if you would like to have a look around and a coffee.

Thanks everyone for your contribution which helped make this community event so successful and enjoyable for all. ■

Ian Carpenter



Combined Quorn Men's Shed - Quorn Lions BBQ

Australia Day

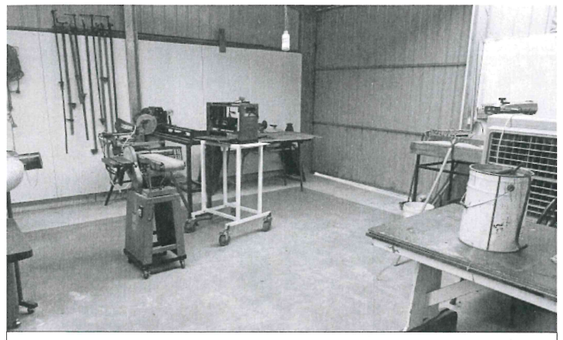


QMS and Lions Christmas lunch.

Quorn Men's Shed and Lions Christmas lunch.







Cleaning workshop.



Shade area paved ready to go.

Shed breakfast at 0900hrs
12 and 26 February.

Hamburgers for workers lunch
5 and 19 February

Ladies' workdays
Monday mornings



Shed Funnies

Why don't you ever see hippopotamus hiding in trees? Because they're really good at it.

My friend recently got crushed by a pile of books, but he's only got his shelf to blame.

I was driving this morning when I saw a parked RACV van. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself that guy's heading for a breakdown.

Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarves are not Happy.



Rearranging machines and equipment



Bronwyn and Trevor Christmas lunch.

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.

Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.

The best sermons are lived, not preached.

If you don't take the time to do it right, you'll find the time to do it twice.

AUSTRALIAN MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION
Shoulder to Shoulder

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
https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069005856706

MID NORTH SCOOTERS



Sales and service of Mobility Scooters

SHOPRIDER *MERITS* *AFIKIM*

Wheelchairs, Walking Frames Independent living equipment

Pickup and delivery available

Third Street Orroroo Ph 0427 581 058

Do you need support with meals as you grow older?

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

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

Bungala FOOD SERVICE

CHAPMAN FAMILY HISTORY

part 15

THE CHILDREN OF JAMES AND ELIZABETH CHAPMAN.

Robert William Chapman Snr. was born 25 December 1883 at Coonatta Station in South Australia and did his schooling at Hammond from 1891 to 1897.

Robert spent his youth at Coonatta Station and Hammond town before he married Mary Jane Rogers in St. Andrews Church at Hammond on 15 February 1910



Elizabeth Rogers with her

Robert worked on the construction of the Transcontinental Railway from 1912 until its completion in 1917, then took up employment with the Commonwealth Railways from 1917 until 1924, later returning to Quorn to go droving with his brothers.

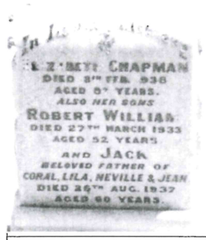
Robert died on 27 March 1933. He is buried with his mother and brother at Quorn Cemetery.

Robert and Mary Chapman had four children, all born at Hammond as no matter where Robert was working Mary always went home to Hammond for the birth of their children – particularly when son Jack Chapman was born in 1915 when Robert was working at the 210 mile post of the Transcontinental Railway.

Robert (Bob) William Chapman Jnr was born at Hammond 16 April 1910.

Edna May Chapman, born at Hammond on 29 August 1911.

John Benjamin James Chapman was born at Hammond on 7 June 1915 ■



Robert Chapman 1883-1933 and his mother Elizabeth Chapman's headstone



Robert William Chapman Jr (Bob), John Benjamin James Chapman (Jack) and front Edna May Chapman:

Sam's 60th Birthday



Sam with her brother and sisters: Christine, Sam, Mathew and Caroline.

SAM HARTIN WAS SURPRISED by friends and family on 24 January 2026, at the Quorn Bowling Club, on the occasion of her 60th Birthday. Sam turned 60 on Australia Day, 26th January.

Sam's brother Mathew travelled from Bendigo to surprise her. The other surprise was her son, Sol and his family who travelled from Eden. ■



Sam with husband Brian and her children Serena and Sol

Library NEWS

Libraries SA

OPENING HOURS

Tuesday	10am-5:30pm
Wednesday	9:30am-5:30pm
Thursday/Friday	1pm-5:30pm
Closed :	Sat/Sun/Mon



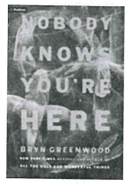
Phone Number
86486705

Quorn School Community Library Group

Join to keep up to date with Library events (story-time, book fairs etc), services and notification of new books on shelves

New Releases

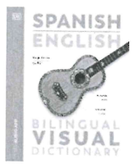
Nobody Knows You're Here by Bryn Greenwood – A woman hiding from her past forms an unexpected connection that forces her to face trauma, trust, and survival.



- **Above Suspicion** by Lynda La Plante – A senior police officer becomes the prime suspect when a secret affair leads to murder and corruption.
- **Cues** by Vanessa Van Edwards – This book explains how to read body language and behaviour to better understand and communicate with people.
- **Kukum** by Michel Jean – A young woman's life with an Indigenous community reveals deep connections to land, culture, and resilience.



- **A Murder Is Going Down** by Kate Emery – A group of teens investigate a murder during a live-streamed event that quickly turns dangerous.
- **Spanish–English Bilingual Visual Dictionary** – A picture-based dictionary that helps readers learn everyday Spanish and English words.
- **Guinness World Records 2026** – A collection of the world's most amazing records, achievements, and extreme facts.
- **We Saw What You Started** by Carla Salmon – Teens uncover dark secrets and crime while investigating a mysterious death in their community.



- **The Long Night** by Christian White – A couple's weekend away unravels into a tense mystery when secrets and danger emerge in a small town.
- **An Inside Job** by Daniel Silva – Spy Gabriel Allon hunts a powerful enemy linked to global corruption and deadly secrets.
- **The Proving Ground** by Michael Connelly – Detective Renée Ballard investigates cold cases that threaten powerful people within the justice system.



- **Peace** by Garry Disher – Detective Hal Challis investigates crime and moral complexity in a small Australian town.
- **Short Range** by Stephen Leather – A former SAS soldier is drawn into violent conflict when his past catches up with him.
- **The Secret of Secrets** by Dan Brown – Robert Langdon uncovers a hidden mystery involving science, religion, and ancient knowledge.



- **Nash Falls** by David Baldacci – A man with a dangerous past returns to his hometown and becomes caught in a deadly conspiracy.
- **Bleed for Me** by Michael Robotham – A psychologist becomes entangled in a brutal case involving abuse, lies, and survival.

LIBRARIES SA one card

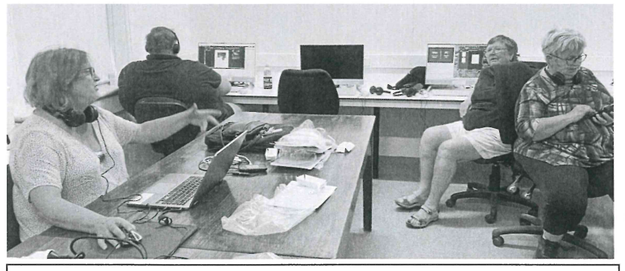
Our Library is a One Card Library, and enables you to use your card at any South Australian Library.

Libraries SA

Being Digital Update

The Quorn Mercury team took advantage of the Telstra and SA Libraries *Being Digital* training initiative and receiving training in the new Affinity Publishing program. The aim is to use the new Affinity program for future publications. Six people have commenced the course and had opportunities to practice their new skills along the way.

The Publisher program is gradually being phased out, anyone who is interested in learning Affinity Publisher program and is encouraged to let the Librarian know.



Justice of Peace Service

A **Justice of the Peace (JP)** service will be available at **Quorn School & Community Library**

Wednesday, 3rd and 17th January

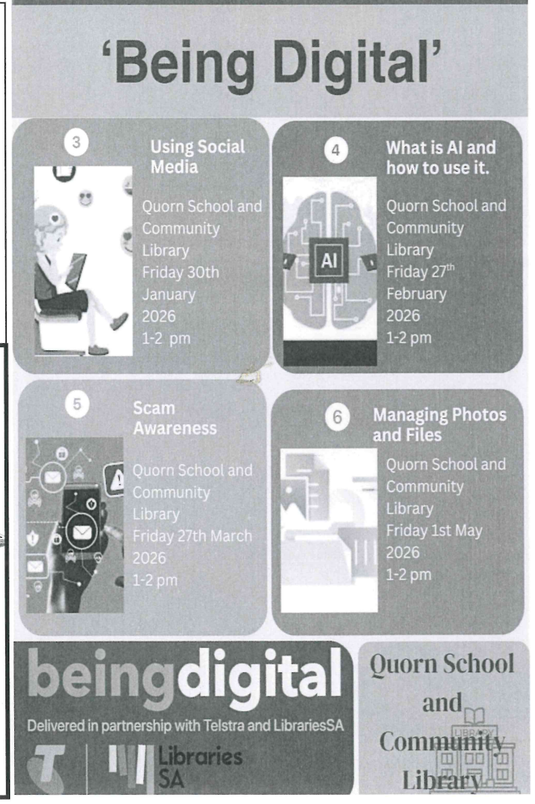
10:00 am to 12.00 pm
Provided by **Tim Hobbs, JP (ID 32451).**



Term 1, Wednesday's
4th February (Week 2)
18th February (Week 4)
4th March (Week 6)
18th March (Week 8)
1st April (Week 10)

Story-Time
Starts 10.00 am
Quorn School and Community Library





Y-NOT SHEARING
SOUTH AUSTRALIA EST. 1964

The FINEST SERVICE In The SHEARING INDUSTRY

CRUTCHING, SHEARING & YARD WORK

GET IN TOUCH WITH KEN OR ALIAH

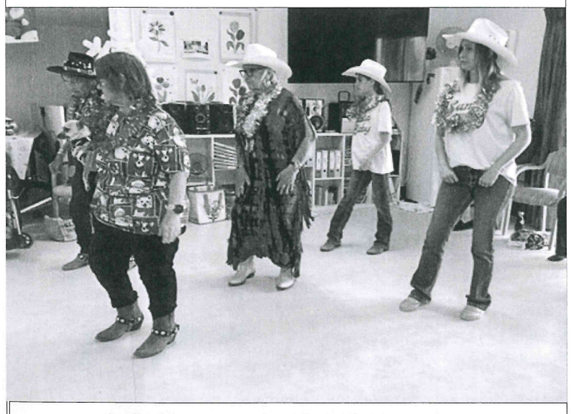
KEN SCOTT 0467 399 080
ALIAH McDOWELL 0418 142 881
admin@ynotshearingcontractors.com
Y-NOT SHEARING CONTRACTORS

Flinders House News

December and January have been busy with seven birthdays celebrated, cooking, craft, Mayor's Christmas lunch, Christmas Carol singers, Quorn Pageant, movie mornings and quizzes just to name a few.



18 residents enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Mayors Christmas Luncheon



the line dancers perform their Christmas show.



The Carol singers entertained the residents with some of the old favourites and some new carols too



Beryl and Marlene reveal their artistic flair in the Christmas craft sessions.



Santa and his Elves made a special detour to Quorn to visit our residents

Graham and Carmel have a visit with Santa to tell him they have been good!



A lovely morning tea at Scruffy Fellas was had by the group of residents that go out regularly on bus trips. They presented Yvonne Bailey with a Premier's Award, representing 5 years of volunteering with the Quorn Health Services. Thank you, Yvonne, for your commitment and dedication to Flinders House. ■



Maureen, Ray, Marlene, Yvonne, Beryl, and Muriel.

Dementia Australia

Communication and Dementia

Port Augusta SA
Wednesday 25 Feb 2026

The session provides information on dementia, the way we communicate and how changes in communication can occur as a result of dementia.

Dementia Australia's facilitators have specialist dementia knowledge, skills and experience. This session is delivered interactively, you will be encouraged to share your experiences alongside other participants giving you an opportunity to develop new support networks.

Suitable for: Family carers and family members of people living with dementia. This session is not suitable for professionals employed in the health or aged care sectors.



When: Wed 25 February 2026
9:30am - 12pm, 2.5hrs

Where: Central Augusta Football & Community Sporting Club
3 Hannagan Street,
Port Augusta SA 5700

Cost: Free

Additional information:
Bookings are essential.

RSVP by Monday 23 February 2026.

Morning Tea will be provided.

Find out more
Please contact Russell Venning on 0411 553 299 or
Russell.Venning@dementia.org.au
Book on: https://CD_PA_25Feb26.eventbrite.com.au

This program and the National Dementia Helpline are funded by the Australian Government.

National Dementia Helpline **1800 100 500**
Find us online **dementia.org.au**

For language assistance call **131 450**

Country Health Connect Quorn Update

February 2026

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 December 2025 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
52	295	21	3	5

Allied Health Professionals February 2026 Visiting Schedule				
12th Feb	**19th Feb**	**26th Feb**		
Physiotherapy	Diabetes Ed Dietetics	Occupational Therapy		

Community Care Nurse in the Quorn Community Visiting Schedule				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
9am – 3pm **Hours available to provide services as needed. Based on Quorn Medical Practice**				

COUNTRY HEALTH CONNECT

Call us on 1800 944 912
www.countryhealthconnect.sa.gov.au

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Health. Although funding for these services has been provided by the Australian Government, the material contained herein does not necessarily represent the views or policies of the Australian Government.

Government of South Australia
SA Health

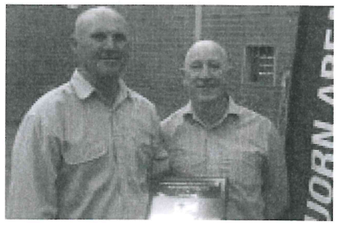
I have been the Member for Giles since 2014 and was appointed Shadow Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development in 2018.

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.

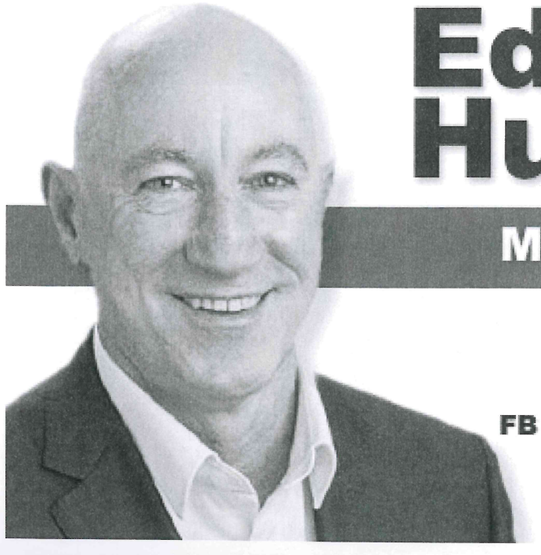






My office can help you with

- 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



Eddie Hughes MP

Member for Giles

Giles Electorate Office
Westland Shopping Centre
PO Box 2465, Whyalla Norrie SA 5608
FB | www.facebook.com/EddieHughesGiles
E | giles@parliament.sa.gov.au
P | (08) 8645 7800

February 2026

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist

Diabetes Education

Dietitian

Physiotherapist

Occupational Therapist

Speech Pathologist

Social Worker

Country Health Connect 8668 7706

February 2026

Anglican Church of St Matthews
3rd Sunday of month 10am
Contact Number
Ph: **0447711056 or 0407640425**

Catholic Church
Flinders Ranges Catholic Parish
Ph : 86486185
Parish Priest: Father Mark Whybrow
Mass Times:
Quorn Weekday Masses:
Tuesday, Thursday, Fridays 9am
Wednesday Mass and Adoration 4.00pm
Saturday Carrieton 6pm
Sunday Quorn 8.15am
Hawker 10.30am
Confession Times
Carrieton Saturday 5.30pm
Quorn Sunday 8.00am Hawker 10.10am

Flinders Christian Fellowship
Sunday Church 10am
Monday and Thursday lunch 12pm
Tuesday Bible Study 12pm

Uniting Church
Sunday Services 10am

Quorn Mercury 6th February 2026

Published—First Friday monthly, except January, Quorn South Australia 5433

Address—Town Hall, Seventh Street, Quorn

Postal Address—PO Box 367, Quorn, SA 5433 ***Email***—*mercury@quornmercury.com.au*

Public Officer—Tarla Kramer

Next Issue's (March 6th 2026 Deadlines:)

- Submissions preferred as email attachments using Microsoft *Word* or *Publisher*
- Other submissions to Visitor Information Centre, Quorn Railway Station before 4.30 pm 27th Feb.. Classified Ads on Visitor Information Centre form provided. Must be paid for when submitted.

Guidelines for Submissions:

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

Contacts

- **Coming Events**—Jillian Wilson, Visitor Information Centre, 8620 0510
- **News in Brief**—*mercury@quornmercury.com.au*

Charges

- ***Annual Subscription***—12 months (11 issues) $50 including postage
- ***Major Adverts***—

	Single	Year
Full Page	$30	$275
Half Page	$15	$145
Quarter Page	$10	$ 80

- ***Classified Ads***—$1 per line or part line, on the form provided at the Visitor Information Centre
- Bank Details BSB 105-028
  Account No. 063 601 740

All views & opinions expressed in the *Quorn Mercury* are those of the authors and contributors. The *Quorn Mercury* is not responsible for these views & opinions, and publication in the *Quorn Mercury* does not in any way guarantee their accuracy.



Classified Adverts

Please Note Changed Deadlines for Quorn Mercury Articles

The Quorn Mercury AGM elected to change the dates for submission of articles for the coming editions of the Mercury

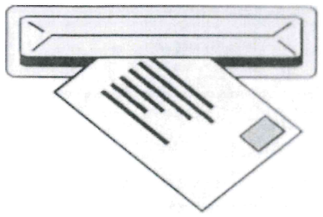
Publication dates remain the first Friday of the month

New Submission Deadline for March 2026 Edition

Wednesday 25 February by 5:00pm

Rainfall 2025/2026

Jan	3.4mm
Feb	1.6mm
March	6.4mm
April	1.8mm
May	0.2mm
June	27.4mm
July	94.8mm
August	30.4mm
September	25.3mm
October	21.8mm
November	41.2mm
December	6.0mm
YTD 2025	260.3mm
Jan 2026	0mm
YTD 2026	0mm



Letters must be no longer than 200 words

All views and opinions expressed in the *Quorn Mercury* are those of the authors and contributors. The *Quorn Mercury* is not responsible for these views and opinions, and publication in the *Quorn Mercury* does not in any way guarantee their accuracy.

Dear editor

My father and his brothers grew up in Broken Hill. Dad, his parents and brothers all talk about the horrific dust storms that inundated the mining town.

My own experience of this in that area of NSW whilst employed as a Jackaroo on Wilangee station.

In early morning strong easterly wind blew in a rolling dust storm. As it approached, it was frightening, as at several feet distance you could not see past the wall of dust before it completely obliterated any and all daylight. Sitting at the kitchen table inside the house with the light on, we could not see any room features or each other with the light a dull orange glow.

After the passing of the storm, a massive cleanup took place inside the house. The dust adhering on all surfaces was the same depth, be it ceiling, walls or floor. Once swept up the fine dust/sand was carted out by wheel barrow.

Apparently similar storms were experienced in this area on the Willochra Plain and many areas in Hawker and its environs.

My only memory of these conditions whilst living at Commodore station was in 1982-83. Grant Reschke and I were working cattle in the yards at Brachina bore. We watched the storm obliterate the Big Brachina Creek and keep coming at us. I suggested Grant and I shelter in the short wheel base Toyota. We watched the bull bar disappear, the bonnet disappear as the dust rolled on until the interior also disappeared.

Once the rolling front passed, we resumed our work in the yards.

This storm was recorded at the Parachilna Hotel and school. I am sure that Grant and I were not the first to witness this climatic event, nor will we be the last.

Keith Wiseman



Quorn Hawker Cradock Events February 2026

Regular Events

Quorn

Story Time
Wednesday 4th at 10am
at the Quorn Library
Women's Fellowship
3rd Wednesdays
see Facebook *Quorn Out and About* 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 (excluding school holidays)
Run-Walk-Push – Saturday mornings 8am from Quorn Pool car park -2km, 5km All creatures great and small welcome
Lion's Club
On the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm
New members welcome
Email: aefreebairn@hotmail.com
Local History Group
Quorn Court House
2nd Saturday of the month 11am to 2pm, recommences in March 26

Hawker

Fellowship –4th Wednesday Uniting Church Hall
Hawker Community Singers Everyone is welcome come along to sing Friday 3.30pm to 5.00pm Hawker Uniting Church Hall
Quilting and Handicraft Group
Alternate Wednesdays
Uniting Church Hall
Friendship Group 3rd Thursday 12pm
Venue TBA

Quote of the month

Life is an endurance test, so why worry about your age

PK Shaw

Up Coming Events

Bake Sale
7th 8am to 11am at the Quorn Arts Precinct. Supporting the Quorn Amateur Swimming Club
Andrew Swift Live in Quorn
3 X Golden Guitar winner at the Quorn Town Hall Saturday 7th with special guest Jaz Kimber
tickets on sale now from www.tickets.oztix.com.au
Trivia Night
14th Quorn Town Hall from 7pm hosted by the Quorn Swimming Club to book a table https://events.humanitix.com/quorn-swimming-club-trivia...
Tickle Belly Hill
☼FRINGE 2026☼
Show line-up for Fringe 2026 is here
Kicking off on Saturday the 14th
All shows are now available to be booked via the Fringe website.https://adelaidefringe.com.au/.../venues/tickle-belly-hill
or phone 0498 747 357
Connecting with People
Emotional Resilience free training 17th Quorn Community Hall 5.30pm to 9.30pm to register go to Eventbrite
Hawker Bowling Club Saturdays
Find a friend 7th come an try day
Fun for kids, adults with comps, prizes, entertainment
Bowls, Red & Rump Night 14th
Station and Business Bowls Day
22nd includes food,bar, prizes and raffles on the day
Quorn Cars & Coffee at Scruffy Fellas
Join people who share a passion for gasoline and caffeine. It doesn't matter if you've got 4 wheels or 2, old or new, schmick or a pile of sh*t - all are welcome! Last Sunday of every month, 8:30am, First Street

Phone: 08 8620 0510
Email: vic@frc.sa.gov.au

Regular Events

Quorn

Exercises
Town Hall 10:30am Wednesdays
Step, Squat and Razzle
Low impact –
Yin Yoga
Monday nights 6.30pm
Quorn Town Hall
Contact: Sharon 0429 197 290
Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group
1st and 3rd Friday of the month at the Lions Club Rooms. Everyone welcome
Quorn Bowling Club
Social Night Owls Bowls All welcome
Fridays at 7:00pm for 7.30pm start,
cost $5 per player No bowls, you can borrow them from the club
Pilates
Wednesdays at 9am and 6:30 pm at the Quorn Town Hall
Step Aerobics
Monday and Thursday 5.30pm
St Mathews Church Hall $2
Restarts mid-January 26
Chair Yoga
Tuesdays 10.00am
St Matthews Hall
Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society
Wednesdays from 9am at the Lions Park
Everyone welcome
Quorn School and Community Library
Justice of the Peace available 4th and 18th February 10am to 12pm
For future events check out Facebook
Spirit of the Flinders Makers Centre
Book our Maker's Centre Workshops
https://spirit-of-the-flinders.square.site/
Quorn Produce 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

Check out Facebook and or notice boards for future events

Love the Skin You're In

Quorn Swimming Club Event at the Precinct



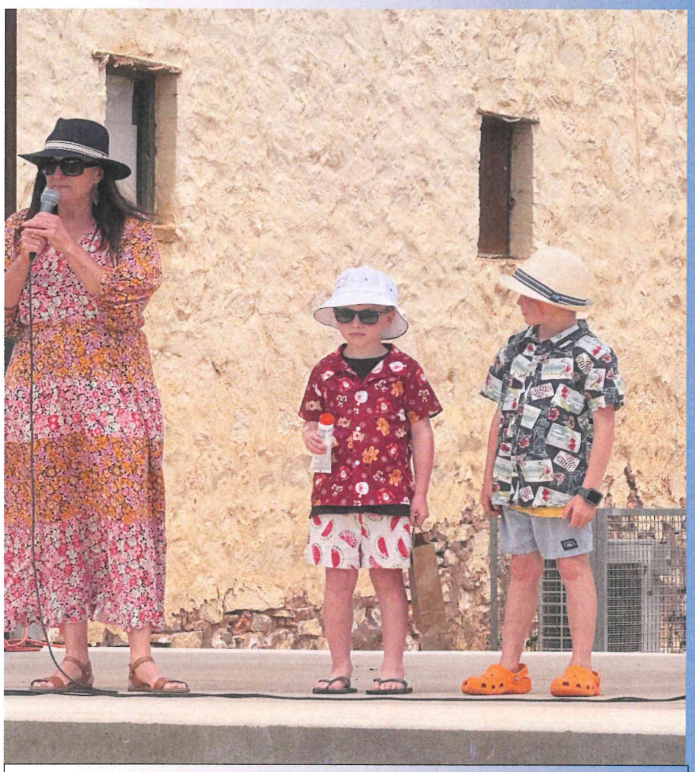
Lily Hackett and customer at the Cancer Council stand.



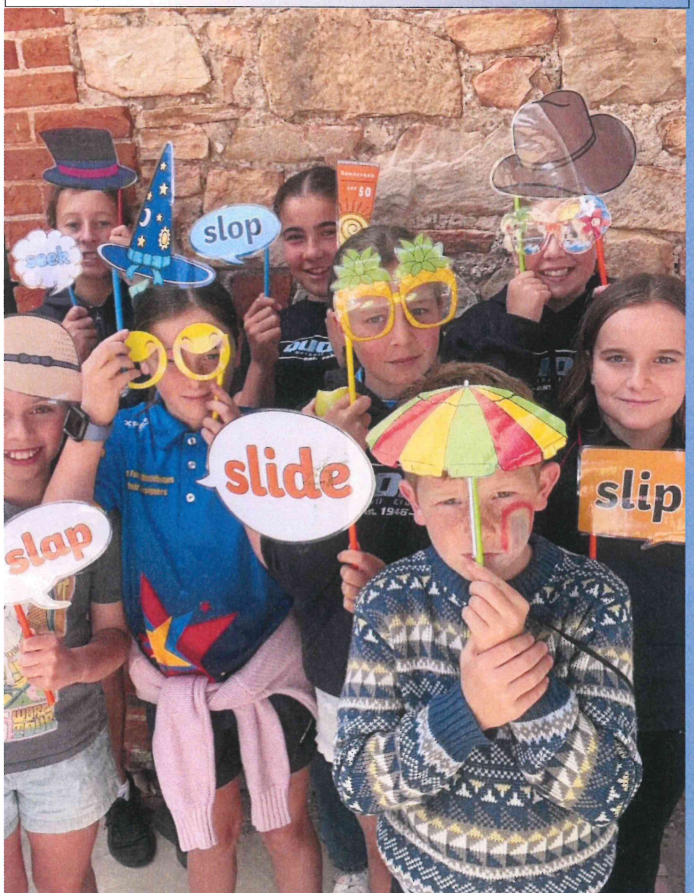
Club members dressed and ready for the fashion parade.



Guests Dr Jane Landers and Janet Thomas with Renata Hackett



Compere Renata Hackett with fashion parade participants Jack Connell and Charlie Skull.



Ruby Connell, Ash Scott, Ava Perry, Maya Kruger, Evelyn Wright, Dacie Wirght, Lily Hackett, Charlie Skull.