

Quorn Mercury

Recording Quorn's History while it's Being Made

May 2021

Established 1895

Number 25/276

Roll-up in Quorn

Kanyaka Surgery's first Covid Clinic



Janet Thomas receives her first Covid vaccination from Skye Gilbert RN while Dr Tony watches on

FIFTY-FIVE PEOPLE from our community were successfully vaccinated for COVID-19 on 15/04/2021, with no adverse reactions. All precautions were taken to ensure the community members were in safe hands.

Dr Tony Lian-Lloyd, Dr Muhammad Akbar Hussain, Skye Gilbert RN and Lorraine Hilder RN, who returned to assist the clinic, vaccinated thirty-one residents from 9:30am-12:30am. The clinic was well organised and ran very smoothly.

Dr Muhammad Akbar Hussain and Skye continued with an afternoon clinic. They finished vaccinations for the day at 4:30pm.

The practice team worked well together to ensure the clinic was a success. ■

**Have you had your jab yet?
Call the Surgery for an
appointment: 08 8648 6338**



*Back from left—Dr Tony Lian-Lloyd, Kathy Rabig Office Manager, Kate-Lyn Wilson Receptionist and Dr Muhammad Akbar Hussain GP Registrar
Seated front—Lorraine Hilder RN and Skye Gilbert RN*



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\$2.50

Walking Trails

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

1. *The Dutchman's Stern Park*

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

2. *Warren Gorge*

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

3. *Devil's Peak*

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

4. *Mount Brown Park*

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

5. *Waukarie Creek*

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

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Filming in Quorn

IT WOULD BE HARD not to have noticed the presence of the Stan mini-series film crew around the town and district over the last few weeks.

The Grand Junction Hotel got a bit of a face lift including some lattice-work below the top floor verandah, complete with a well-established glory vine. It was quite intriguing to see the lattice and vine growing along the top with no connection to the ground! That came a week or so later, just before the filming started. The trunks of the vines on more lattice was added.

Anyone driving to or from Hawker would also have noticed a new (old-looking) roadhouse suddenly appear beside the ruins of the Wilson Hotel. The sign on it said Saddlepack Roadhouse.

Monday 12th of April was the start of filming out that way. Just before sun-up, an early morning jogger, walker or bike rider would have been surprised to see the activity in the depot opposite the barytes crusher. Inside the depot it was packed with vans, trucks, cars and even a big blue bus. The area was lit with floodlights and the air was filled with enticing smoky bacon aromas of a hearty cooked breakfast.

Either side of the main road and along the dump road was packed with cars and trucks. The rough count of all vehicles was over 70!

It just goes to show what a great boost to our local economy and community it is to be known and selected as a good film location. ■



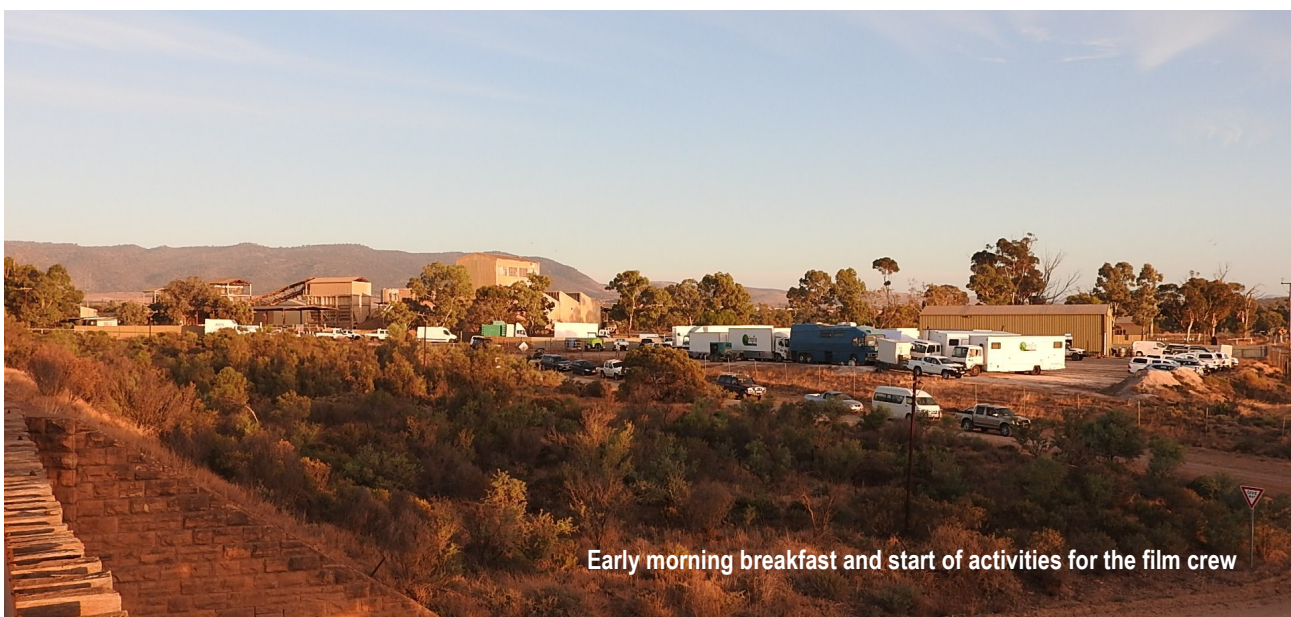
"The Weary Head Motel"



"Saddlepack Roadhouse" at Wilson



"Vintage Vehicle" film prop



Early morning breakfast and start of activities for the film crew

Chat with a Quornie

Helen Michael



MY PARENTS, Cath and Bert Keast, went into the Port Admiral Hotel, Pt Adelaide in 1962. It was rough but Dad cleaned it up. It was one of few pubs in Pt Adelaide that you could go to the toilet, leaving your money on the counter, and it would be there when you came back.



Port Admiral Hotel, Pt Adelaide, in the 70s

After more than eighteen months in the hotel my father died suddenly of a brain aneurism. I was in my last year at Teacher's college when we left. We'd been there for 11 years.

We had rooms, but Mum preferred not to use them. They were always 'full', except for family. (Dad's two brothers were in the Riverland. He was from Broken Hill, so we were a good base when family came down).

In 1966, I remember my cousins and I sitting in the passageway, feet out on the roof (There was no verandah in those days). The Royal Yacht, *Britannia*, was moored at the end of our road, as the Queen was in Adelaide. We saw her and Prince Philip coming and going.

Pt Adelaide was a real hub before West Lakes was built. People came there to do their shopping, and have a drink in the Saloon Bar.

There was the old *silent cop* in the middle of the road—no traffic lights. Trying to cross the road was interesting, with all the cars and the number of pubs in the area.

I started school at Pt Adelaide Primary, and went to Woodville Primary and High when we moved to Cheltenham. I caught the train at the old railway station (SA Railway Museum).

Our pub clientele were businessmen and wharfies. In the day of the *six o'clock swill* drinks had to be set up for when they walked in the door. They drank till six o'clock.

You added up in your head. Drinkers knew exactly what their 'round' cost. You'd be told 'You're wrong!'. Kept me on my toe.

Our staff and drinkers looked out for Mum. The barman would jump over the bar if anyone became abusive. I worked mostly the Saloon bar, where women drank. If I cut through the front bar, they wouldn't swear. They were very respectful of Mum and I.

Teaching

MY FIRST teaching job was at Mt Hill, a one-teacher school, about 20 miles from Pt Neill. Parents took turns to empty the bucket toilets.

There were 17/18 students from Reception to Year Seven, like a big family. The day we raised the flag upside down, a parent immediately came running to find out why.

Some kids still drove to school in a horse and cart. I attended P & F meetings in school time, so Grade 6 & 7 had responsibilities. I still have friends, and good memories of those days.

I taught at Ororoo for two years, and met Alan in my first year, at a Football-Netball dance at Wilmington.

It was quite funny. We went to a dance at Carrieton, and kids in my class were there. They'd found out who Alan was, and told me at school, how many dances we'd had.

Alan and I were married in 1977. Then I came to Quorn and taught for two years, before I left to have Tamsyn.

After our boys, Bradley and Alastair, were born in 1981 and 1986, I went back to teaching, and did relief and contract work at Pt Augusta West, Willsden and Carlton.

We could take the kids out in our cars then. I took my class home for shearing, and Alan's mum made some biscuits, and gave them some wool to take home. It was a wonderful experience for them.

When I started at TAFE, I taught Literacy, Numeracy, Special Ed and Basic Computing. I had two 18 month full time contracts before being made permanent in 2000.

I was there from 1994 to 2009. I also taught Cert 3 in Education on a new computer platform for School of the Air. I created slides to add to lesson notes. In 2009, I retired with a package, which stipulated I couldn't work for the Government for three years.

But in 2010, the gaol needed a teacher, and someone told me, 'You can get a job through the Employment Agency. You're not technically working for the government'.

I registered with Centrelink, joined an employment agency, and worked a few days a week. It soon built up. I worked with Gary Konyn, Sue Tulloch, and others.

Classes for prisoners weren't compulsory, but they got out of their cells, with something to do three days a week, and school holidays off.

When I accidentally pressed the duress button I was happy to see guards there quickly, and my students didn't have to get on the floor.

In 2010, after six months, I was told I was breaking the rule, and shouldn't be working, as I was stopping somebody getting a position. In September, 2013, I signed a new contract

Family

TAMSYN SPENT three years boarding at Woodlands CEGS in Adelaide. Brad stayed at Quorn Area School and Alastair went to Caritas College, from Year 9 to 12.

In 2001, Tamsyn taught in Japan. When she came home, she did engraving, and now works at Centrelink in Adelaide..

Alastair did a school exchange to Finland (Somewhere different and cold), before studying aquaculture at Flinders Uni, working on trout farms in Victoria, and *couch-surfing* round the world. He's now a baker.

Brad lives at Arno Bay. He did a commercial diving course, and worked at Pt Lincoln and Arno Bay for Haagen Stehr. He's married to Stacy. They have three children—Courtney, nine, Tate, seven and Chelsea, four.



Helen (pushing) went dog and reindeer sledding in Finland in 2016

Travelling

IN 1984, Alan and I took Tamsyn and Brad on a cruise. In 2001, I visited Tamsyn in Japan.

My favourite place was Matsumoto in the alps. At an *onsen*, I showered and entered the pool naked (women and men segregated). It was half outdoor with lights in the trees.

We cried in Hiroshima Museum. No one was left to claim bodies in the burial mounds. Paper cranes, the peace bell, and letters displayed in the city said 'Don't ever let this happen again.'

My accommodation was a *rykon*—bedding on the floor, and tatami matting. I wore indoor shoes and toilet shoes, and chose food from a window display. It was about 9/11, so I was often the only one on a tour.

The ‘floating’ Shinto Torii gate at Myojima Island is featured in many Japanese scenes. At Mt Fuji it snowed, so I’m meant to go back.

In 2005, I flew to visit Alastair in Finland, and saw Helsinki; the church in the rock, and an ice bar, where I drank the most expensive vodka ever.

Kotka, Alastair’s host’s town, was about two hours from Russia. His host’s father took us sailing round the islands as the ice had thawed.

In Norway, a coastal passenger ferry dropped us off for a Viking dinner, and I slept ashore in a glass domed igloo. When I returned to Bergen in 2016, *chasing the lights*, I snow shod through fir trees, and saw a reindeer, the Northern Lights behind it. A postcard scene.

I stopped off in Dubai on the way home that trip, and explored gold *souks* before a sundown sandhill tour. My day ended with a starlight dinner, with Arabic music and dance.

Off to the United States

I DECIDED to go to the US in 2009. It was ‘leaf-peeping time’ (The Fall).

We saw the *Jersey Boys* at Broadway, New York, and travelled by bus across America—Niagara Falls to Detroit, Chicago to Minneapolis. We saw Mt Rushmore at Keystone, and the Crazy Horse Memorial.

At Washington DC we were in shorts. At Yellowstone we Aussies had snow fights, but we were in shorts again in Los Angeles.

There were no guard rails in sight at the top of the Grand Canyon—in a country full of litigation. On the horseshoe-shaped glass skywalk I wore overshoes that didn’t scratch. It jutted 70 ft (21m) out from the canyon wall.

Bellagio Fountains in Las Vegas were stunning. 1214 fountains set in 8.5 acres, choreographed with music and lights.



Helen by a helicopter on a glacier in Alaska, 2016

In Victoria, Canada, I looked down on the Butchart Gardens begun in 1909 in a quarry.

I saw amazing man-made sites but much natural beauty too. On the day I flew into Calgary, the country was green. Next morning it was white with snow.

In the Canadian Rockies near Jasper, I drove an ice buggy onto a glacier. Killer whales put on a show for us, with the star a baby whale, in the Pacific off Vancouver Island.

I ‘d flown from Vancouver to San Diego in 2010, and went overland to Tijuana, Mexico. Next trip, I sailed from San Francisco, to visit forbidding Alcatraz (island) prison.



Zonkey cart—painted stripes, 2010

Hawaii

KAUA ISLAND, Hawaii, the ‘chicken isle where *Puff the magic dragon* lived had stargazing domes on Mauna Kea. We felt the Mauna Loa volcano eruption in the Hawaii National Park, where Lava tubes and the spectacular Maui Gardens, were made of volcanic soil.

The *USS ship, Arizona*, in Honolulu, is a memorial to WW2 sailors killed at Pearl Harbour. They have a tradition that oil will run out of the ship, until the last of its crew dies.

New Zealand

COMING HOME, I stopped off in Auckland, to visit Coromandel, hot water beach. I took a shovel and dug a hole in the sand that filled with water—hot, cold or just right.



My next NZ tour was of both islands. I sand-boarded down dunes on the Bay of Islands; jet boated (Exciting, soaked); and sailed through the 'hole in the rock'. I had a drink in the *Green Dragon Hotel* at *Hobbiton*, where 'The Lord of the Rings' was filmed from 1997-2004.

Though I saw Christchurch years after the 2011 Earthquake, the cardboard Christ church cathedral; the shops made of shipping containers; and trams that still couldn't go places, were a sad reminder of the devastation.

2017 US trip

I flew to Dallas to see the memorial to JFK's assassination in 1963. At Nashville I saw country and western memorabilia.

In Memphis, Elvis's home *Graceland* was a tourist magnet. The Epcot Centre at Orlando, Florida, had bushes cut out to look like Disney characters (Below).

I rode an air boat on the grassy water of the Florida Everglades, and at NASA, Kennedy Space Centre, I slid down a 22 degree slide.

Down in New Orleans I took a riverboat tour to an *antebellum*—a planter's grand old home, and saw alligators on the swamps.

A friend and I went by train up to Anchorage and sailed round Alaska, where we saw sea

otters; Fairbanks Pool—vast, steamy, mineral water and bears and eagles in Denali National Park. Near Juneaux, glaciers calved.

At the Space Needle, Seattle, a simulator showed Canada from the air. Chihuly Glass centre was acres of glass sculptures. We saw planes (soon to be grounded) at the Boeing factory, and finally, Yosemite National Park.

I came home in September, and left for Beijing in October, on a *special*—two people for \$500, for eight nights, including air fares.

A Chinese government guided tour showed us jade and silk factories; a Shanghai River night cruise, showing the city lights, and a 430+ kph train ride. Standout sights were a concert, with a waterfall on stage, draining pools outside the theatre, and Tiennamen Square.

When I got home, I found I had Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma in my intestine—a moving target. I couldn't have radiotherapy, but had six chemo treatments and felt very well.

During my treatment, Tamsyn's partner was diagnosed with cancer in a lung sinus. Tamsyn got the double whammy, and with lockdown and my immune system, I couldn't help.

I hadn't seen my grandkids during treatment, and when they saw me after Covid, they were shocked. I knew how Alan felt in the sun!



A saving grace was Sue Smith coming out for coffee on my verandah.

I'm now in remission and getting back to normal—enjoying doing my yarn dyeing and (mainly) knitting socks. ■

The Flinders Ranges Council



ANZAC DAY IN QUORN started off early with a premiere screening of “The Anzac” which was performed by Adam Brand at his Quorn concert in January this year and filmed by John Simpson. The screening took place at



5.45am to coincide with Adam also recreating the moment via his Facebook site. A small crowd gathered to enjoy the screening.

The official Anzac Day ceremony kicked off at 10.45am with a large crowd gathering at the war memorial. An

impressive entourage of horses and riders made their way across from the Stockyard Arena which was a valued and great addition to the ceremony. Mayor Flint told a moving story of his grandfather’s plight during World War II, and we were also blessed to have Father Harold deliver the scripture reading.

Lou Walker, OAM read the Ode and then assisted the Quorn Area School prefects lay the wreaths. The ceremony was completed with a fly-over by Julian Hipwell. The Flinders Ranges Council thanks all attendees, the Stockyard Arena, Lou Walker, OAM, Father Harold and the Quorn Area School prefects for their assistance in making the service a success. It was great to see so many locals and visitors showing their respect.



Upcoming Events and Happenings

The Flinders Ranges Council is partnering with various organisations to bring lots of entertainment and events your way over the coming year.

The Melbourne International Comedy Festival is back this year with a blast! Happening on Wednesday 12 May 2021 from 7.30pm it will provide a night of stand-up, sketch, satire, silliness and song to satisfy all your comedy cravings! Tickets are available from the Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre (call in or telephone 8620 0510) or online from Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/3g285TF>



In addition we have various groups heading our way in the next few months including:

Bicycle SA Outback Odyssey—11-12 May 2021. Keep an eye out for the many cyclists as they head through the region.

39th Pichi Richi Marathon—Sunday 27 June 2021. After being cancelled due to COVID in 2020 the marathon is back.

Variety Club Bash—14-15 August 2021— you won’t miss the bash as it stops in Quorn overnight and heads north.

These events bring many visitors to the region which all contribute to the local business economy and sporting and community clubs, so please give them a wave or say hello when you see them around the towns and please continue to support and attend these events so that we might see even more here in the future. ■

Bike SA's Outback Odyssey 2021

Adventure on the Mawson Trail



AS YOU READ this article, a group of intrepid off-road riders will have begun the cycling adventure of a lifetime—tackling the 900km of the spectacular Mawson Trail on Bike SA's Outback Odyssey 2021!

The route will take them north from Adelaide—where they began on May 1—riding the trail through towns including Tanunda, Burra and Melrose before arriving in Quorn on Tuesday, May 11.

They will be staying the night at the Community Hall and Oval—with gratitude to the Flinders Ranges Council—and will be catered for dinner by the Ladies' Auxiliary and breakfast and lunch the next day by the Quorn Bowling Club.

The Cricket Club will be running the bar for the thirsty riders at the Community Hall and Bike SA President Maureen Merrick said the group would warmly welcome any locals who'd like to drop in for a drink and a chinwag.

The next day, after taking in all the sights and experiences Quorn has to offer, the riders will begin their final push north, taking the next four days to ride even deeper into the

spectacular Flinders Ranges. The first stop after Quorn will be in Hawker and they'll then venture to Rawnsley Park, Wilpena Pound and finally to end their 900km trek at the Mawson Trail's northern end in Blinman.

Bike SA's Outback Odyssey is a biennial experience for active travellers seeking either challenge, a new way to experience the beauty of the Outback, new friends or all of the above.

This year's Odyssey will be a triumph of persistence, not only for those who proudly complete their challenge, but also for the team at Bike SA who have brought this event to fruition in the face of the enormous challenges and uncertainty of the past 12 months.

That will make the experience so much sweeter for all involved as so many trade lockdowns for the endless stunning vistas of the Flinders Ranges, the Adelaide Hills, the Barossa and Clare valleys and the Mid-North in the company of friends new and old. ■

Breathtaking images of the beauty to be found on the Outback Odyssey. Photo courtesy of Bike SA.

Obituary—Peter Vincent Maloney

5/1/1936—28/4/2021

PETER VINCENT MALONEY came into this world on Sunday 5th January 1936. There was a big hailstorm that night killing a foal on the farm. Peter – or PV as he referred to himself - was the third born to Annie and Thomas Maloney alongside his sister & 4 brothers – Patsy Manning, Des, Chris, Terry, and Thomas.

His early schooling was in Bruce, a journey of 3 miles on the back of a donkey. The donkey kicked him on the chin once and he was unconscious for five days in the Quorn hospital. In 1949, he went to St Francis' Seminary, Rostrevor, and passed the Leaving certificate in 1953. His father wanted him to study and become a teacher, but he wanted to be a shearer, and came back to the farm in Bruce.

Shearing sheep became his profession. He would shear locally around Bruce, Quorn, Carrieton and Eurelia and then venture to the South-East leading up to Christmas. He was not the fastest shearer in the district, but a cleaner shearer could not be found.

Whilst shearing for Smith's at their Nackara property, a neighbour, Mick McMahon asked Dad if he would shear his sheep. Not knowing he had a daughter called Mary, he got them done as fast as he could. The following year, however, there was no such rush. Later that year when Mick announced at the dinner table one evening that Peter would be coming back to Nackara for a visit, Mary's uncle Pat dropped his knife and his fork in horror and said, "you are not shearing again are ya". No Peter was not coming back for shearing, but for a far greater prize.

Mum and Dad were married in October 1961 - it was a bittersweet day following the death of his father 6 months prior. Dad bought out the remaining shares of the farm and life at Bruce for our family began.

Peter and Mary decided that they wanted a big family. From 1963 to 1976 they had 9 children - Pauline 63 Rose 65 Adrian 66 Francis 67 Julia 68 Anne 70 Susan 71 Katrina 73 and the baby Michael 1976.

Dad was a very loving father—he was tough but very fair. When it came to punishment, he was the judge and jury, and no appeal was ever upheld. He had high standards and raised his children to work hard to achieve things in life.



Peter always loved playing sport and being involved in a club. He played cricket for Eurelia until 1969, then Quorn for many years. There he coached numerous junior teams, umpired, and served as Treasurer and President. He played football for Carrieton in the Far Northern Football Association until it folded, then for Wilmington. In 1985 he took up bowls in Quorn, serving a period as Treasurer and President. He was the inaugural President of the Quorn Probus Club in 1998 where he and Mum made many friends and enjoyed the social outings and holidays.

He had an annual tradition of attending the Adelaide Test Match – all holidays to Adelaide revolved around the dates of the Test! Between 1961 and 2018, he did not miss one as he loved everything about the oval and the friends and family he would catch up with. For his 80th birthday Mum and all 9 children attended the days play on the Sunday. His devotion to the Test captured the attention of Channel 7 who featured him and the entire family on Sunrise.

The move into Quorn in 1989 was a big one - not sure Dad was ready, but it was the right time as it was a promise he had made to Mum. He kept running the farm until 1999 when he handed the reins over to Adrian. His involvement did not stop, helping when required, and as you can imagine—offering plenty of advice.

Peter's faith was always strong and the foundation of his life. He was a member of the Knights of the Southern Cross for 64 years, serving as Treasurer of the Carrieton Branch for most of that time.

Other community service included Wilmington council, Quorn Area school council, Quorn hospital board, Justice of the peace and Meals on Wheels. He was awarded the Quorn Community Australian Citizen of the year in 2004 for his service.

Peter and Mary had a wonderful marriage for 59 years. He was immensely proud of all his grandchildren letting them get away with a lot more than his own children. When they asked, 'Poppy can I please have a can of soft drink?' His reply would be 'have 2'.

Dad used to say that he was never rich in worldly possessions, but he was rich in family.

In 2015 Peter's run of good health started to

deteriorate. We are extremely grateful to all the staff at Flinders House for their love and compassionate care for Dad. It has been his home for nearly 4 years and after a slow start, he has enjoyed it and loved the friends that he got to know there.

He impacted people's lives in many ways. To some he was an experienced and trusted adviser, to others it was his interest in the community with hard work and leadership. Some were familiar with his reminiscing of past events and the people involved or telling a funny story that would have him laughing louder than the members of the audience.

We will celebrate a life well lived today. We will celebrate each one of those 85 years and be forever thankful that God kept you here with us for as long as he did.

Rest easy PV – we will all miss you. x

Nurses Quarters Update



THE QUORN HEALTH Advisory Council together with the Quorn Auxiliary have welcomed the news that our joint grant application through the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility New Community Benefit Program for the completion of the nurses quarters on Wolseley Terrace has been successful.

You will see work gradually being carried out over the coming months. Air-conditioning has been supplied to all units so far.

The picture shows the new decking and vermin board completed recently. Further works will include fencing, car ports and rain water tanks. All works will be carried out by local businesses.

We would also like to acknowledge the Quorn Pre-Loved Boutique for the supply of interior blinds for the units.

The new Nurses Quarters will be a vital part of our Health Service in offering short term accommodation for nurses who are not resident in our area.

Caroline Walters
Presiding Member
Quorn Health Advisory Council

Judy McLeod
Quorn Auxiliary

Monster Town Garage Sales

Quorn 8.30am to 2.30pm

Haven't cleaned the shed out for a few years?

Odds and ends lying around that are too good to throw out?

Why not join the fun!

A bargain hunting extravaganza.

A monster day of **Town Garage Sales** are planned for **Sunday 23rd May 2021.**

We are looking for anyone to join us in Quorn.

Sales are held at individual's properties and a map showing all sale sites will be available from the Visitor Information Centre Quorn on the sale day.

All **profits are kept by participants**; this is a great fundraising opportunity for **you!**

Our aim as The Flinders Ranges Council is to attract **increased day visitors**. So, let's come together as a community to showcase Quorn's attractions and lifestyle.

A \$15 fee is payable on submitting your registration from below, this fee will be used to advertise the day throughout the region. Registration forms can also be obtained from the Visitor Information Centre at the Quorn Railway Station.

Name: _____

Sales Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Business welcome if having a garage sale to add if any discounts/ lunch specials ect: _____

Please drop your registration form and fee to the Visitor Information Centre, Railway Terrace by Monday 17th May 2021.

Businesses: participating will be named on the sales location map and are welcome to add opening times.

Participating households will have addresses and marked on the sales location map.

Quorn Aged Care News



April is Falls Prevention month! Are you wearing appropriate footwear? Drinking enough? Exercising? Lots of things help us to prevent falls.

Jeff (left) and Peter (right) on ANZAC Day



Des and Mel busy with the Easter Egg Hunt



Gerald winning the hunt



Ollie with the Easter bunnies



Exercise group



Melva (left) and Daph (right) taking advantage of National Beer Day—also coincidentally is “No Housework Day”!

Bush Food Garden Update

MORE THAN 30 local residents and interested community members attended the April community planting days in the Quorn Parklands. Participants came from as far as Adelaide and Port Augusta to support the development of the gardens and signage.

Council will be undergoing a community consultation process and seeking input from the community on the naming of the bush food garden. So please start thinking of names that you believe would be appropriate and write to Council. Bitheeowie Walk has been one of several popular suggestions so far.

Approximately 1,600 trees, shrubs and grasses were planted into the parklands during the April Community planting events. More than 45 species of local native plants have been propagated or selected to be showcased in the gardens in three sections; Food plants, Medicinal Plants & plants used for Tools and Cultural ceremony.

Many of the species in the parklands were used traditionally as important food plants, a large number of these plants continue to be used for their health and cultural benefits today. The development of the gardens along the new path will showcase the beauty of the local region and our rich cultural history in and around Quorn. ■





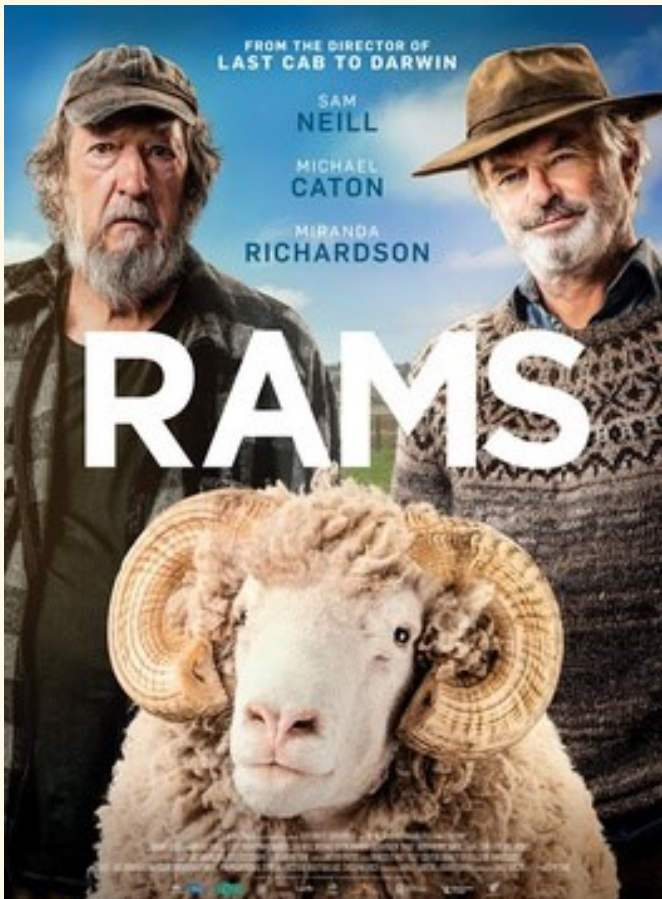
Bitheeowie (pronounced “pid-ee-awi”) is the Nukunu name of the creek running through north Quorn (more recently known as Pinkerton Creek). “Awi” refers to a waterway, and “Pidi” refers to the bark dishes that were cut from mature red gums.

These dishes were used to harvest local foods, especially seeds of grasses, shrubs and fruiting trees. Some dishes were designed to winnow and clean seed to prepare for grinding into flour, others were used to carry larger objects.

Areas around Quorn were once abundant in native grasses that provided nutritious seed for making flour which was baked and eaten by local indigenous people. Many scar trees can still be seen today along the Bitheeowie creek. ■



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ABOUT THE MOVIE:

In remote WA two estranged brothers are at war. Raising separate flocks of sheep descended from their family's prized bloodline, the two men work side by side yet are worlds apart. When Les's prize ram is diagnosed with a rare and lethal illness, authorities order a purge of every sheep in the valley. While Colin attempts to stealthily outwit the powers that be, Les opts for angry defiance. But can the warring brothers set aside their differences and have a chance to reunite their family, save their herd, and bring their community back together?

**Starring Sam Neill, Michael Caton &
Miranda Richardson**

RATING PG
Mild themes violence and coarse language

"An absolute delight"
THE AUSTRALIAN

June 25—"THE DRY"



Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society

QUORN PIONEER MACHINERY MUSEUM has finally become an Incorporated Body. It has taken quite a while to achieve, and this now means we can get on with the job of appointing Office Bearers.

Our other great news—the Nuclear Waste Management Facility Community Benefit Fund will allow the major amendments we requested to our grant application. As soon as the funds become available work will begin on the new facilities and projects.

Meanwhile restoration on stationery engines, the Caterpillar, tip cart and other items is continuing. Last Wednesday saw Alby light up the mobile blacksmith's forge which he has fully restored. It is great to have a blacksmith as a member.

Members meet every Wednesday from 9.00am and new members are most welcome. ■

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



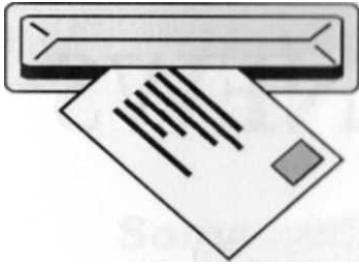
Alby lights up the blacksmiths forge that he has just restored



Dave working on the Lister Stationary engine donated by Kevin Dale



Alan hard at work sanding down cart wheels



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Letters to the Editor

The Mercury has been in communication with a family with strong links to Quorn. Supplied with the letters was an article from the Mercury dated Friday, February 23, 1945.

The article is too long to be used by the Mercury at this time BUT we have the contact details for the family.

If you would like to contact the family please contact Peter on 86486768. There are photos of the relocation on Page 26.

9 April 2021

Hi Editor,

My name is Rex Herde.

My father and Grandparents were citizens of Quorn in the pre 1945 period. Subsequently all relocated to Adelaide and various locations after that date. Having passed away prior to my existence, I never knew my grandparents, but upon the passing of my parents, I became custodian for some family memorabilia and photo albums.

I discovered in one early album an article from The Quorn Mercury dated Friday February 23 1945, titled Farewell to Mr. And Mrs. A.H Herde – QUORN LOSES GOOD CITIZENS. An interesting period article about the function organised for the Grandparents prior to the leaving of town.(copy of the original article attached)

60 years later the lease of the cemetery plot is due to expire at Centennial Park in Adelaide, so the remaining family members were in

agreement, that historically the best place for their recognition would be back home in Quorn, so on April 17th descendants of A.H Herde will gather at the Quorn cemetery to reveal the relocated headstone and welcome them back home to Quorn.

The members of the party group will be around Quorn for the weekend to trace some of the family history, enjoy The Great Northern/Emily's hospitality and then culminate activities with a trip to Woolshed flat and return on the famous Pitchie Ritchie train, as our forefathers did.

I thought this maybe of some interest for your readership given the 1945 Mercury news story started the idea of the grandparents retuning home.

Should you have any queries, I can be contacted on 0418 813 758

Regards Rex Herde

20 April 2021

Thank you for your interest in my story which I give permission for any/all to be used along with photos.

I must pass on to your townspeople, local historical societies, Pitchie Ritchie society, Flinders Ranges Council my personal thanks congratulations and admiration of how well the town is presented with it's rich history, the silo light show, the accommodating nature of the business's staff, the presentation of the cemetery and the amazing help of the volunteers in the old courthouse and train volunteers.

I am familiar with good country hospitality and country friendliness coming from the Yorke Peninsula, but your community has that special feel which is to be savoured, so thanks to all for our amazing family weekend, we shall be back

Regards Rex

PS. Upon consulting with our family members I have donated the wedding certificate of our grandparents Albert & Helena Herde to the Quorn museum at the Courthouse, as the headstone is now at the cemetery, the beautiful certificate has some validity being back in the town where it all happened and their memory now resides.

Rex Herde

Letters to the Editor cont

Rate payer Generosity to Pichi Richi Railway

Dear Editors

A minute on the Council's books shows that 6% of Ratepayer income is spent on the Pichi Richi Railway.

FRC has a rate payer income \$2.38m

Approximately 900 rateable properties exist, so, they each pay 6% towards supporting the Railway, = \$158.00 each.

There are approx 1690 people living in the Council area, so, each person is contributing \$84.00 towards supporting the Railway.

These figures are an average, some pay considerably more others less.

FRC, Pt Aug. Council and SA Government spent \$60,000.00 on a review of PRR operations and provided recommendations, this was done by Ernst and Young as a forensic investigation.

Governance change was recommended.

Back in 2004 a report by Linqage International was provided for the society. Governance change was recommended then.

The Society has serious problems in keeping local members assisting in operations, dozens have left over the last couple of years.

Governance change is recommended.

There seems to be a pattern here.

The Society is reviewing it's Constitution at present, one hopes they can make the changes as recommended over and over again by expensive reports. This includes the code of conduct. Good local members have left from frustration and bullying.

FRC minute.

14.4.2 Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society - Update MOVED Councillor Hipwell, SECONDED Councillor Anderson That Council request the Chief Executive Officer write to PRRPS noting the following matters:

- 1) Recognising PRRPS for the renewed focus on relationship building with Council and the Quorn Community, including the Quorn Town Trail, Emergency Management Exercise and Meeting with Council in 16 September 2020 – noting that a concerted and long-term approach is required (as outlined in the PRRPS presentation to Council);
- 2) Acknowledging the progress made to date on the recommendation of the Ernst & Young report;
- 3) Identifying the importance to Council of the Ernst & Young report recommendations specifically with respect to governance, constitutional review, a skills-based board, independent/appointed members and the focus on strategic matters rather than operational matters;
- 4) Expressing an expectation that Council would be kept fully informed on the progress of achieving the recommendations in the Ernst & Young report and that Council be consulted as a very important part of the constitutional review process;
- 5) Expressing an expectation that the Flinders Ranges community, as financial stakeholders, noting the \$117,000 annual contribution which represents a significant 6% of Council rate income and the allocation of funding for the Ernst & Young report, should be kept informed of the achievement of actions identified in the Ernst & Young report. CARRIED (279/2020) Sept.

Information is provided to Council residents to keep them abreast of their generosity to the Railway.

M.Ozolins.

Rainfall 2021

Jan	10.2mm
Feb	1.4mm
March	5.2mm
April	NIL
YTD	16.8mm

The Fate of Photographs

WHAT HAPPENS TO family photographs in the end? Well, very few people caption them at the time they were taken, not even years later on while they still remember what they're about.

I don't know how many older people I've asked if they've captioned their lifetime's family photos, and they've said they haven't. I've pleaded with them to do so, but all they'll grudgingly say is, 'I'll do it some day.'

But you and I and everyone else surely know that 'Some Day' never comes. So people die, and their successors look at all those uncaptioned photos, wondering *who* on earth the people in them were, *what* they were doing, *where* they were at the time, and *when* the pics were taken.

And so (sigh) into the fire they go. And family histories die such an ugly death. Do so many families no longer even care about their past?

Please! *Caption all your pics!* And remember, a good caption answers those four questions: *Who? What? Where? and When?*

Best of Five Years' Photos

BUT WHAT I want to do here, is celebrate what I believe to be the finest people-photos published in the *Mercury* throughout the last six years.



I have cropped the one to the left, which was in the March 2018 *Mercury*, p 33, to illustrate 'Social Basketball'. But how vastly more that photo is now! Its real subject is not the players, but the small child staring at the photographer.

So now the photo is amazing. There's a triple relationship in it between the woman, the child, and the photographer. It makes you wonder what really *is* spectacle in a child's world. You see, all the players are looking out of the photo to the left, while the child is looking at right-angles to them, straight out of the photo at the viewer. It says a child's world and an adult's are so different, that they're beyond comprehension.

In fact, I'd rename that cropped photo, 'The Spectator'. I used to be a photography judge, and if that pic had been submitted for an exhibition, I'd have awarded it first prize. In fact, sadly there's no indication at all of who even took it!

The second photo is Jan [Eley] Arnold's, of herself. It unfortunately had to be cropped for the Jan-Feb 2021 *Mercury*, p 29, and is very small in it too. So now look at it. It's a brilliant pic, with that desert-like emptiness behind her.

Yes, two great 2015-21 *Mercury* photos! ■



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Visitors to Quorn

SUNDAY EVENING 2nd May a busload of thirty-five sightseers visited Quorn to watch the evening Silo projection. They were visiting from the Reserve Lifestyle Village at Woodcroft.

There were 35 people all set up with their chairs and evening picnics, relaxing and waiting for the show to start. It was to be Pizza under the stars after a day trip to Wilpena Pound.

They were staying in Port Augusta for four days while exploring the local area. The previous day their itinerary included a train trip from Port Augusta to Quorn and return, and all said they thoroughly enjoyed it all. ■



Allan and Jenny Murphy restored their Ford Model T, and hope to restore a second Model T in the future

From left—Keith Wiseman with Jenny and Allan Murphy, who drove their Ford Model T from Port Augusta to Warrens Gorge on a sunny April Day



A special Anzac pre-dawn screening on the Quorn silo



Greg Osborn and Leo Murray



From left—Father Harold Camonias with QAS prefects Maya Kramer, Ethan Baker and Jayde Finlay



Photo—Pat Gilbert



Shirley Hughes inspecting an ex-army vehicle

Quorn—Anzac Day 2021



Anzac Day service attend-



Terry McManus, Quorn, at Vets Anzac Day commemoration



Horses and riders pay their respects
Photo—Lisa Simpson

Albert and Helena Herde—originally from Quorn. The Herde descendants recently relocated their headstone to Quorn, see Letters to the Editor Page 18



L to R: Christopher Herde, Sandra Modra (nee Herde), Angela Herde, Barbara Glover (nee Herde), Rex Herde



The Michael family, Christmas 2019. *Back, from left—Alastair, Stacy, Tamsyn, Christina, Brad Front, from left—Chelsea, Tate, Alan, Helen, Courtney* See Chat With a Quornie Pages 4-7

Liz Nannes and Andrea Tschirner loading up native perennial grasses that have been grown from seed collected around remnant vegetation patches in the Flinders Ranges. The grasses have been planted into a seed orchard in the Quorn parklands with help from the Flinders Ranges Council and the Quorn Community Landcare Group.



Rodgers Field Day

Photo taken at a recent field day at the Rodgers family property attended by local farmers and land managers

Facilitated by the Upper North Farming Systems group the field day looked at restoring ex-cropping paddocks to pasture paddocks able to better cope with dry conditions and reintroduce perennial grasses.

Tale of the Hopping Man

One

I ALWAYS SQUIRM at ceremonies, and so I avoid them. On ANZAC Days I spend my morning remembering those of my family and friends who fought in wars—those who died, those who were wounded yet recovered, those who were wounded and suffered for the rest of their lives, and those who survived, seemingly unscathed.

Schools are closed on Anzac Days, but hold their own services the day before. There's one that I will never forget. There were three teachers at this High School who'd fought in the 2nd World War.

One was an Aussie who'd been in our Navy in the Mediterranean. One was Polish and was 15 when the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939 and killed his family. He then walked—yes, *walked!*—from Poland to Egypt and eventually got to England, where he ended up fighting in the Polish Squadron of the RAF. And one was German, and fought in the Nazi Army, and was captured, and ended the war in a POW camp.

Now and then in the Teachers' Common Room these three men would get together in a corner, talking quietly. None of us other teachers tried to join them—we knew they were talking about the war.

The Aussie was put in charge of this particular school's Anzac Day service one year. He had our 1300 high school students sit down on the edge of the school's main oval. Then he and the German stood in front of them, and they had their arms around each other's shoulders.

And he said, 'You all know me. And you all know Mister ——. Well, in Greece on [and he named the year, month, day, and the very hour], we've worked out that we were fighting on opposite sides, doing our best to kill each other. And now we're both here teaching you all. Now isn't that strange?' That was all he said.

Then he quietly dismissed everyone. I'll never forget that all those students walked away in total silence. What more ceremony *would* you need? I'll never forget it, and I'm sure none of the other teachers and students ever will, either.

Two

I WAS ONLY THREE when the 2nd World War began. An uncle and aunt lived behind the back of our house. Their sons were my much older cousins, and I'd visit them, and they were very kind to me. They even gave me little lead soldiers to play with in their sandpit, too.

Two of them were old enough to fight in the war. One became a soldier and fought in New Guinea. His right leg was badly shot up, and he never recovered from the pain in it, which spoiled the rest of his life.

The other became an airman and flew in bombers from England. I will never forget when he came home to us on leave, and we were down at the railway station to see him off. The station yard was full of soldiers, sailors, and airmen being farewelled. And the train was ready to leave as the sun was about to set—to go through the night, 300 miles to the city.

The station staff and engine driver kept trying to get away, but had trouble persuading those servicemen to get on board. The carriages all had platforms at each end with three steps down to the ground. And they ended up jam-packed with all those men waving and shouting farewells to their families and friends.

My airman cousin waited longer than just about anyone to leave us, and everyone was pleading with him to get aboard. He had to run to the train as it started slowly moving out, and couldn't even get onto his carriage's platform, because it was so crowded.

He got one foot on the bottom step, and hung onto the railing with one hand, and as the train gathered speed towards the setting sun, he had to keep on hopping on the ground, as he waved and shouted back to us. Our people were still shouting out to him in fear, to get on board fully, which he couldn't do anyway.

But as the train disappeared into the red sunset, he was still hopping along, still trying to get on board.

It was the last we saw of him. He was the tail gunner in a bomber, which was shot down in flames near Bremen during a raid over Germany. But German citizens always took great care to recover the bodies of our airmen, and give them a proper burial, even though they'd been bombing them. Yet although there were six men in the crew, they were able to salvage and bury the mixed-up remains of only five.

In recent times they were dug up and, using DNA, were separated properly at last into all six of them for reburial, more than half a century later on.

My aunt, his mother, lived to be 103. But she kept his bedroom exactly as it was when he left that last time. Except that she gave me one of his childhood books to keep. It's Stevenson's *Treasure Island*.

Although my memory is now rapidly deserting me, the sight of him hanging by one hand and hopping as the train trundled away into the red sunset, is still as utterly clear, and sharp, as it ever was. ■

The *Mercury* invites readers to submit short stories (fact or fiction), art works, and poems for consideration. This/these pages are devoted to the artistic work of any Quornie or ex-Quornie. Its purpose is to save Quorn's artistic life from being lost forever. Stories should occupy no more than two pages (around 1750 words). Art works in colour will be reproduced in colour

Pictures — From the Past

YOU HAVE TO think how much more slowly people travelled in the 19th century, either riding a horse or mule or donkey, or on a stagecoach or an animal-drawn wagon of some kind, or even only on foot.

People walked huge distances back then. My Grandfather walked 330 miles/530 km from Adelaide to Broken Hill in 1890 to get a job on 'The Big Mine' as the BHP was called at that time in 'The Hill'.

Think too how roads were often only wheel-ruts in the dirt. One account of a passenger travelling by stagecoach from Parachilna to Port Augusta says the journey took them a little over thirty days.

Stage coaches had to stop often at Stage Coach Stations to change their horses, and when a coach had to go uphill it was common for passengers to have to get out and walk up the hill behind it, and perhaps even to be ordered to push it up, too.

Overall, it's probably very hard for us to imagine how much more slowly life moved then, than now.

Think too, how hotels had to put up the horses of travellers staying overnight—indeed sometimes their licences ordered them to do that. And therefore think how large the staffs might be to run hotels. So there were far more shanties (usually illegal), hotels, and small towns around back then, than there are today.

Unfortunately for hotels, when the 20th century arrived, motor cars became more and more common, and better roads were built for them. Both of these meant travel speeded up so much that travellers didn't need to use hotels so close to one another.

A second problem hotels had to face was that as railway lines were built further outback, they had to go where the country offered the easiest gradients, which often meant hotels and even small towns were left stranded well away from them.

A third problem was drought. Long droughts meant far fewer people were employed on farms and in towns. So at such times hotels had fewer patrons too.

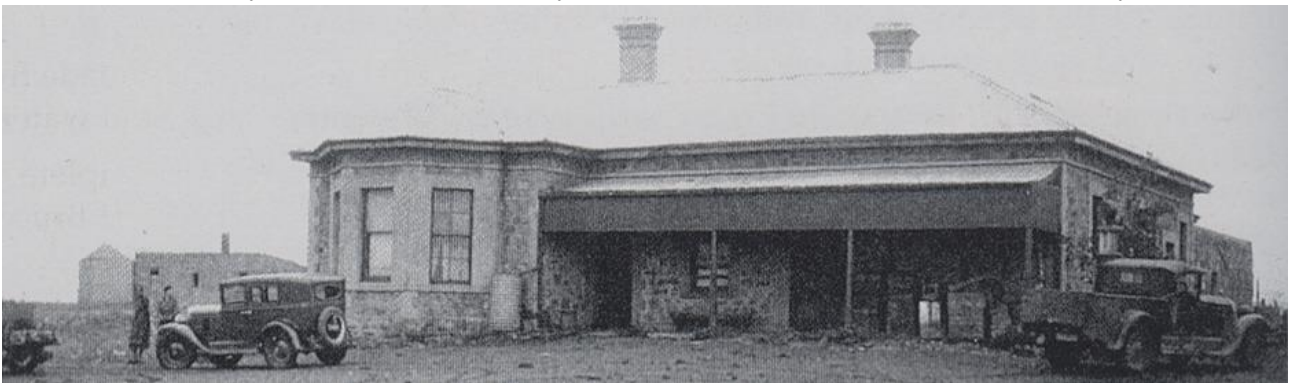
The 2nd World War (1939–45) in Australia meant petrol rationing (5 gallons/23 litres a month). As well, most people with cars donated their tyres to our armed forces because rubber was so scarce. So most private cars spent the war up on blocks.

All of this explains why so many hotels once existed in the region around Quorn, and also why so many of them have vanished, or are now no more than ruins or not even more than their foundations.

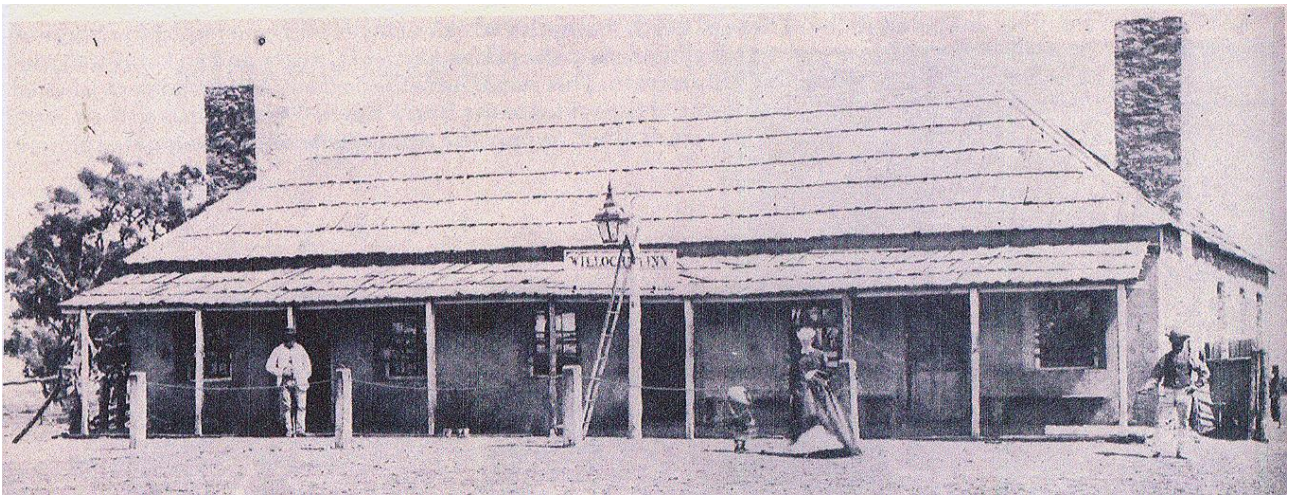
And so, here are several old pictures of hotels that once existed in the region around Quorn, but now—you might say regretfully—exist no more.



THE BRUCE HOTEL (1896–1959) 23 km south-east of Quorn. Its first publican was C.B. Walters (1896–1911), and its last Leslie Roy Barnes (1955–59). Today, restored as Cello's Art Studio. Photo, courtesy Jan Arnold.



THE GORDON HOTEL (1880–1942). First publican was John Markham (1880), and its last Hermann Schmidt (1921–1942). Only rubble is left today. Photo, R. Schmidt in Roger Wagstaff, *Only a Madman* (2004), p 110.



THE WILLOCHRA INN (1860–1906). The photo is c 1870. First publican was Richard Ragless (1860–68), and its last William Finlay (1890–1906). It was badly wrecked in March 1878 by the Boolcunda Ck flooding it, then in September fire destroyed all but the kitchen. It took three months to restore. Photo, Quorn Archive.



BUFFAM'S HOTEL, also called the Mount Brown Creek Hotel (1881–1904). First publican Robert Buffham (1881–1903), last The Buffham Family (1904). Ruins west side Quorn–Wilmington Rd, north of Mt Brown Ck. The crowd here were Greyhound enthusiasts, gathered for a Coursing Event. Photo, Quorn Archive.



THE GILICK ARMS HOTEL, WILSON (1881–1942). Named after Patrick Gillick, who lent John Fitzgerald the money to build it. The first publican was John Fitzgerald himself (1881–82), and its last was Evelyn Schmidt (1931–41). The photo is from *A Pictorial History of Quorn and District* (1983), p 49. ■

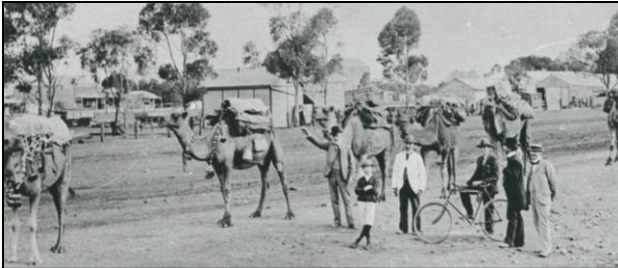
SA's History Month

MAY IS WHEN South Australia celebrates its own history, and how this independent colony was first settled in 1836 as a business enterprise set up in London in the then Great Britain. And how it grew into one of the States and Territories that are now federated as the Commonwealth of Australia.

OUR PARTICULAR interest here is in how rail-ways helped to open up our outback. This is especially of interest to Quorn, since our town began its official life purely as a railway town.

What few seem to know is that before its founding in 1878 Quorn was planned to be 'The greatest Railway Junction in the British Empire'!

Get a map of Australia, and rule a line from Perth to Sydney, then a line from Adelaide to Darwin. Where they cross was to be the site for this future gigantic railway junction. In effect it was to be Australia's grand 'Business Centre'.

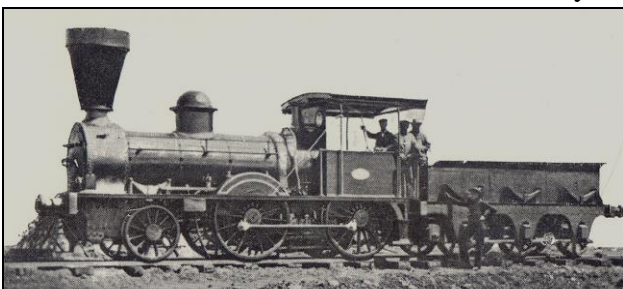


Freight loaded/unloaded for transport to or from the Quorn Railway Station using camels, horses, bullocks, etc.

In fact, they cross near Peterborough, so why was the site moved to where Quorn now is? Well, in an age where the world's most important form of transport was on ships, Port Augusta was a vital part of the planning. Of course that port is not deep enough for the bigger ships of today, but it certainly was for ships back then.

How often do plans for the future go astray!

Now, before continuing, read the introduction to this issue's *Pictures—From the Past*. It's about the far slower speed of life in earlier times that meant journeying was so a tortuous. It was one reason why there were many more towns and hotels, so much closer to each other than today.



SAR locomotive Number 1, converted to tender in 1869

Now, from Lisa Southon

RAILWAYS OPENED the outback. Travelling long distances became easier and cheaper for pastoralists, miners, rovers, and even families.



1884 double-deck Country Steam Motor, built in Belgium for SAR. Vertical boiler at front. Rolled tarp at the left end?

The colony of South Australia was established in 1836 during a time of great advances in technology, including agriculture, and transport. They all played a large part in the expansion into, and development of South Australia.

The building of an efficient railway system was integral to occupying the land, and to the growth of mining, farming, and pastoralism.

The Government-owned railways began on 19th April, 1856. The 12 km broad gauge railway between Adelaide and Port Adelaide was the first Government-built and -owned steam railway in the then British Empire.

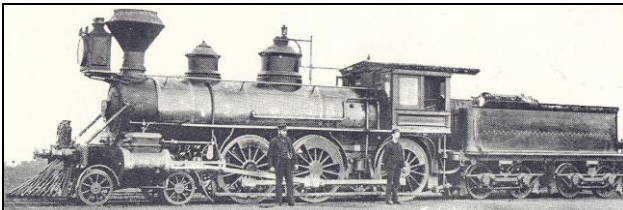


Quorn Railway Station in 1910—the original wooden station building. Two Y Class locomotives hauling the trains

In 1860 a line reached Kapunda. Copper was first found there in 1843. Branch lines went to Roseworthy and Burra to serve the mines.

Early lines were short and disconnected, built only to the nearest ports such as Port Broughton to Mundoorra (horse drawn), Port Pirie to Crystal Brook, and Port Wakefield to Balaklava.

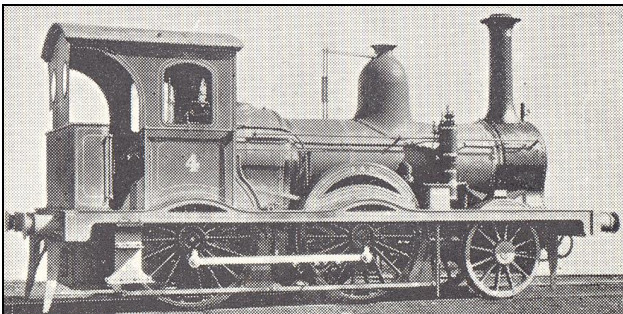
The Great Northern Railway was built from Port Augusta as far as Quorn in 1879. It was to go further north to serve the mining and pastoral industries in the far north of the State. It reached Marree in 1883, and Oodnadatta in 1891.



SAR N Class locomotive, 1881. Built by Baldwin Locomotive Company (USA). Rebuilt SA's Islington Workshops, 1904

George Goyder established a 'Line of Rain-fall', past which rain was not reliable enough to support cropping. However, for a while good crops led many to ignore Goyder's advice, and settlement occurred beyond his Line.

For a few years there were even thoughts of farming the desert with the catch cry of 'rain follows the plough'! Goyder's warnings were realised, and the poor return from many farms led to some lines being threatened with closure.



SAR B Class locomotives numbers 4 & 7, 1856. Note the tank under the footplate. Converted to tank engines in 1875

Railways were primarily built to transport grain to the nearest port. Cheaply constructed lines were to encourage agricultural settlement. Freight trains were most common. Transporting cattle and sheep from breeding areas along the route to the greater Adelaide area was a focus.

The trip to Oodnadatta from Adelaide included two scheduled nights in hotels in Quorn or Port Augusta, and Marree. Hotels sent handcarts, etc, to collect luggage from those wanting to stay in them overnight. The train journey lasted three days, and was offered every fourteen days.

Beltana Railway Station in 1890



Mail Trucks were vital to the early outback. Harry Ding's trucks covered a lot of territory, including ours. He was based in Yunta. Here, the Methodist Inland Mission van is being loaded—perhaps to avoid driving on the rough dirt roads

It wasn't completed until 38 years later. The 1420-kilometre track to Darwin was begun only in 2001 and took three years to complete.



You can see why the Methodist van driver above preferred being carried by Mail Truck, from the look of the road here

The maiden journey of the Afghan Express (named for the cameleers and known as 'The Ghan' for short), left Adelaide Railway Station 4th August, 1929. An excited crowd saw it off.



Another reason why travelling outback was so precarious in early times was badly flooded rivers—the Cooper, here

There were 100 passengers, mail, and fresh fruit on the nine carriages pulled by a steam engine. The trip took two days to reach the town of Stuart, later renamed Alice Springs. ■

— Lisa Southon, Archivist

Prosperous Quorn,

Illustrated and Described by J. Edward Robertson.

QUORN, FEBRUARY, 1909.

MR. HENRY WATERS, Grocer, Confectioner, Baker, &c.



A FINE GENERAL VIEW OF MR. WATERS' HANDSOME
Hunt BUSINESS PREMISES *Photo*

MR. HENRY WATERS is one of the most Progressive Business Men in the "North." For twenty years he was connected with the firm of DUNN & CO., Millers, some nine years of that time acting successfully as Manager. Some five years ago he started in Quorn on his own account, and deals largely in Groceries, Confectionery, and controls a very successful Bakery Department. The bread turned out by Mr. Waters is a first-class production, and Catering is carried out liberally and satisfactorily. Connected with the business are Chaff Mills, which are actively employed the

whole year. Thousands of bags are despatched monthly to Far Northern Towns, and the only difficulty Mr. Waters experiences is in supplying the demand. Mr. Water is Messrs. George R. Wills' Wheat-buying Agent, and a very fair share of cereal is secured by him. He is also Quorn Agent for the South British Insurance Co. His premises are up-to-date ones, occupying a commanding position in Quorn, and the Proprietor is to be complimented on the excellent manner in which his business is carried on. It is very greatly his energy that placed him in such a solid and flourishing position to-day.



Hunt A VIEW OF THE CHAFF MILLS. *Photo*

CAPT. J. A. WATT'S GRAND JUNCTION HOTEL.



Hunt CAPTAIN J. A. WATT'S HANDSOME AND POPULAR HOTEL, *Photo*
"THE GRAND JUNCTION," QUORN.

CAPTAIN J. A. WATT ranks amongst the best, straightest and most humane Publicans of Australia. He is Proprietor of the "Grand Junction Hotel," Quorn, and since his tenancy commenced some three years ago his trade has been a Quickly-increasing one, and the business to-day has never been better managed, and in a more flourishing condition. The hotel is two-storied, and is in close proximity to the Railway Station. A balcony surrounds the Hotel, and the interior comforts are all one

could wish. There is a large card room adjoining the bar, where large numbers attend nightly to pass away a pleasant and inexpensive few hours' recreation. A billiard room, well fitted up and conducted, is connected with the Hotel, and receives much support. Every care is taken by the Landlord to promote comfort, and every night the commodious and numerous sleeping apartments at "The Grand Junction" are occupied. The table is an excellent one, and sumptuous repasts are the invariable rule. "The Grand Junction" in short is an Hotel excellently conducted by a splendid Landlord. Captain Watt, D.S.O., V.D., served in the South African War with great distinction, and led the Fifth Contingent from South Australia. Previous to taking over the Hotel under review he was connected with the firm of Milne & Co., Wine and Spirit Merchants, as Commercial Traveller, and although his bluff hearty manner is missed on the roads, yet it can still be appreciated at "The Grand Junction." Captain Watt has been far from well of late, but the writer trusts that his indomitable pluck and "iron" constitution will pull him through, and he will regain his former self. A porter meets all trains, and this Hotel is strongly recommended to the public of S.A.



Hunt MR. SALMON'S HOMESTEAD, NEAR QUORN. Photo

M^R. ROBERT SALMON is the owner of one of the finest homesteads in Quorn District, which is distant some two miles from the Town. He is also the proprietor of Kalioota Station, which contains some 160 miles of fine fattening country, and carries about 1,000 cattle and 100 head of horses. The Willochra Creek runs

through the property, and a dam has been made, which throws the water some ten miles broad over the country. Mr. Salmon, who was the first man to take up land in the Quorn District (in 1876), uses his Quorn property as a depot for "Kalioota." He has brought up with credit to himself a large family, and is one of the most prosperous and energetic men in the Quorn District.



OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE "FORESTERS' LODGE," QUORN. Hunt Photo

G. R. COBBIN, Chemist and Dentist.



Hunt MR. COBBIN'S PREMISES, CHEMIST AND DENTIST. Photo

M^R. GEORGE R. COBBIN is proprietor of a well-stocked Chemistry business in Quorn. He has now been established some ten years, and has become possessed of a splendid reputation professionally. The purest of Drugs are used, and a large assortment of Fancy Goods, Toilet Requisites, etc., are on hand. It is seldom that a country town enjoys the advantage of a qualified resident dentist, and the public of Quorn should consider themselves fortunate in this respect. Mr. Cobbin has done some fine dentistry work,

and in his surgery he has advantages of treating cases with the most up-to-date appliances. The writer is glad to note that Mr. Cobbin's skill as a dentist is recognized by residents of the town and district who feel that while they can receive the best treatment desirable and suitable work, it is their duty to support the local professional man. Many "visiting" dentists charge enormous prices and give but poor satisfaction, knowing they may never visit the town again, and also they are not dependent on that particular town. Mr. Cobbin's reputation has grown slowly and surely, and patients can rely on receiving every attention—good work—a guarantee *re* satisfaction, and the satisfaction that if the work isn't good they will be able to call again and make the fact known. Probably the best advertisement Mr. Cobbin could possibly receive lies in the fact that his business has increased greatly, and is still doing so. Also that practically all the dentistry of the town and district is now carried out by him.

T. H. WARD, General Blacksmith.



Hunt Photo MR. T. H. WARD'S FACTORY, QUORN.

MR. T. H. WARD practically monopolises the Shoeing trade in Quorn, and ranks amongst the best tradesmen in this particular line in South Australia. His business has gone ahead rapidly and the cause is easily found. Mr. Ward makes it a practice to shoe each horse according to its requirements, and takes great care and trouble to ensure this. Repairing work of all kinds is carried out, and vehicles of various patterns are turned out according to orders. The residents of Quorn and district can feel assured that in dealing with Mr. Ward they are dealing with a

man in every sense of the word. He quotes a fair price, puts in a good work, and give satisfaction. Before many years are past the writer tips that Mr. Ward will control a very large business indeed. He is not afraid to go ahead, and puts his heart right into the work.



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It happened this month in Quorn

'BACK TO QUORN' 1928 happened 50 years after the proclamation of the town back in 1878. On Tuesday 22nd of May 1928 at 8:00pm a meeting was held in the Town Hall to begin the planning for this event. (*The full report of the meeting was published in the Quorn Mercury and the Hawker and Great Northern Courier.*)

The write up of the meeting is an interesting report but too long winded for the present day. We have taken the report and done a quick precis of the event as it played out.

The Mayor Mr R Thomson 'presided over an enthusiastic attendance with about a 100 people being present'

The celebration was to recognise that 50 years had passed since the town allotments were first offered by auction in Adelaide.

The Mayor said in opening "I cannot predict how successful it will be but if all the people who had left Quorn in the past few years returned there would be not less than 4000 people present".

He also remarked that people would not come back with empty pockets and the hotels would be taxed to capacity.

The meeting ended with the celebrations to be in September and to be a week of various events.

Ashy



The corner of First and Sixth street Back to Quorn 1928.



Back to Quorn Celebrations at the town oval in 1928



Railway Terrace Back to Quorn Queen's Parade 1928.

Thank You

Jenny and family would like to thank everyone for their sympathy on the sad passing of our treasured husband, father and pa.

Thank you Dr Tony Lloyd and staff at the Quorn Hospital and Flinders House for their wonderful, caring support given to George.

Our family greatly appreciated Father Harold's presence in preparing the funeral service and a special mention to the Quorn Jockey Club for allowing us to have the wake at the racecourse.

No words will ever express our appreciation for the love and support shown to us on the passing of George. We are truly grateful.

Jenny, Michael, Marie, Paula and family.



George Laidlaw



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\$1,095

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41.TBU20.04(B)

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\$1,295

4 Drawer Upright Truck Box 1300mm (WHITE/CHARCOAL)

41.TBU30.04(W)
41.TBU30.04(B)

24 MONTHS INTEREST FREE WEEKLY PAYMENT **\$12.45**

Box Size: 1300(W) x 600(D) x 750(H)mm.

\$1,395

4 Drawer Upright Truck Box 1500mm

41.TBU40.04(W)

24 MONTHS INTEREST FREE WEEKLY PAYMENT **\$13.41**

Box Size: 1500(W) x 600(D) x 750(H)mm.

\$5,495

525 Piece 4 Drawer Upright Truck Kit (White/Charcoal)

41.TBU30E.04K(W)
41.TBU30E.04K(B)

24 MONTHS INTEREST FREE WEEKLY PAYMENT **\$52.84**

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\$5,695

525 Piece 4 Drawer Upright Truck Kit (White)

41.TBU40E.04K(W)

24 MONTHS INTEREST FREE WEEKLY PAYMENT **\$54.76**

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Quorn Mercury Revisited



10 Years Ago

SAPSASA Netball

SAPSASA Netball

On Monday the 11th of April, a squad of 16 girls travelled to Port Augusta to represent Quorn Area School and compete in the Northern SAPSASA Netball Carnival at Port Augusta Netball Courts.

The Division 1 team (pictured left) coached by Tegan Cox, consisted of Brittany Lloyd, Anna Ozolins, Tori Kaesler, Shay Geldard, Grace Smith, Gemma Taylor and Jumeeka Saunders.

The Division 3 team (Bottom left) coached by Michelle Shepherd, consisted of Kate Ozolins, Jaquarra Chapman, Densy Finlay, Lacey Fraser, Taya Akker, Georgia Higgins, Amber McDowell, Kirby Coulthard and Aleesha Baker.



Back to Skools Reunion

20 Years Ago



The Front page of the *Mercury* 12-16th April—over a 1000 ex-school students and visitors attended.

Leading the Procession

Jenny Cormack's sulky and stallion Warnaga leading followed by a procession of old cars from the Port Augusta Car Club and the Quorn Lions Club restored Fargo truck from the Mill to the Quorn Railway Station.

Bringing Back the Show



Want to secure a Trades space at the Show?

Contact Karina Eckert:
Email: jkeckert@hotmail.com
Mobile: 0429091353



Save money by purchasing a show membership!
Contact Jillian at the VIC for details



Proceeds from memberships help with preparation and planning costs incurred in lead-up to the event.

See Membership Fees Below

Admission:

Adults :	\$10.00
School age Children:	\$ 2.00
Concession	\$ 5.00
Membership 2 Adults	\$15.00
M/ship Family	
2 Adults, 2 Children	\$20.00

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QUORN AGRICULTURAL SHOW Committee has welcomed Karina Eckert as Trades Spaces Co-ordinator. Please find Karina's contact information below left for all those wishing to enquire about and apply for a Trades space for their business or organisation.

Work is progressing to secure a range of attractions and activities at the show that will interest a wide range of age groups.

The Memorial Hall is to be fitted with new benchtops this year.

It is not too early to plan and prepare your own entry for judging at the show.

The categories are:

Horses in Action, Poultry, Wool, Plants and Flowers.

Dairy Produce and Vegetables,

Jam & Preserves,

Handicrafts & Needlework,

Cooking,

Art & Craft and Photography.

The highlight for many show goers is to inspect the range of entries in the Memorial Hall, the Wool Room and Poultry Pavilion.

Lets look forward to an exciting Show this September! ■



Photography exhibits at the Show in 2019

Quorn Agricultural Show
Sunday September 26th 2021

Next Committee Meeting:
FRC Council Chambers - 7:30pm
Wednesday May 5th

[Quorn Agricultural Show | Facebook](#)



QUORN MEN'S SHED
10 Seventh Street
PO Box 108
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ALL WELCOME

PH: 0429 977 015 Andy Smith (Chairman)
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Email: quormensshed@gmail.com



Jeff and Daniel working on a 150 year old rocker



New pallet wrecker tool



Thanking the Flinders Ranges Council for placing the memorial dedicated to the Still Born and unmarked graves for Babies at Quorn Cemetery. Plaque chased into stone by Ian



Repairs done to hold down bracket for wood lathe and easy tightener handle for chisel rest



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ALL WELCOME



Gavel under construction



Flag pole ready to be painted



Rob with gavel he has made for the Quorn Court House Museum



Andy, Ian and Paul cementing Flag Pole base

Shed breakfasts at 0900hrs
 on 13th & 27th May.
 Andy does Steak
 sandwiches for workers
 lunch,
 on 6th & 20th May, only \$4.



New container is
 now installed, all
 foundation work
 done by Andy



Col repairing a broken board in
 kitchen floor



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 Men's Shed
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PICHI RICHI • RAILWAY •



WELCOME to the May edition for the Quorn Mercury with the latest news from Pichi Richi Railway
2021 Steam Season is off with a blast

And what a busy period we've had during April, with tourists flocking to the Flinders Ranges and on to our trains!

Over the month, we ran 15 timetabled services as well as 3 additional special hires, carrying in excess of 1,900 passengers. Most trains were full whilst still meeting social distancing requirements, with the Pichi Richi Explorer on Easter Day carrying 229 people.



The Pichi Richi Explorer on ANZAC Day

Steam Locomotives, Carriage and Rolling Stock: Our volunteers have remained busy during the month to ensure all our steam locomotives and carriages are able to operate. Works are also continuing on the renovation of Car 470 whilst NIA 36 will be re-joining the fleet very soon.

Mill Level Crossing works update: Further to previous advice given, the commencement of the works to upgrade the level crossing at West Terrace has been slightly delayed. These works will now start in early May with final commissioning planned for late June.

Track and Structures: maintenance works have started on a major drainage culvert that passes under the Quorn Railway yards and

carries surface water from Railway Terrace. This work will require the removal of many years of sediment and rubbish, reconstruction of the steel rail top deck and headwalls with completion planned at the end of the year.



Culvert 0 exposed across depot tracks

Pichi Richi is run completely by our team of Volunteers. Would you like to learn more about #teamPRR? Why don't you give our Members Services Manager, Bronwyn Ingram a call to chat about the range of roles that may suit your availability, interests and physical capabilities. Bronwyn can be contacted on 0412 618 945 and

members.services.manager@pr-r.org.au

Also please note it is National Volunteer week between 17 and 23 May 2021. Details can be found at

www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/nvw/

Scheduled Trains in May

Saturday 1 May Afghan Express – dep Port Augusta 10:30 AM, return PA 16:30

Sunday 9 May The Pichi Richi Explorer – dep Quorn 10:30 AM, return Quorn 14:30

Saturday 15 May Afghan Express – dep Port Augusta 10:30 AM, return PA 16:30

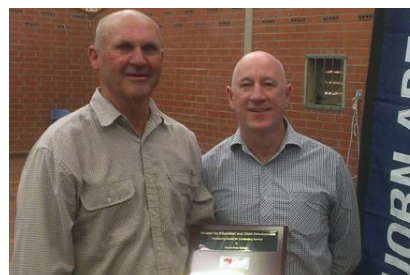
Sunday 23 May The Pichi Richi Explorer – dep Quorn 10:30 AM, return Quorn 14:30

Saturday 29 May Afghan Express – dep Port Augusta 10:30 AM, return PA 16:30

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

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- Provide advice on possible funding sources for community projects
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Eddie Hughes  **MP**

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May 2021

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May

Anglican Church of St Matthews
3rd Sunday of month 10am
Contact Number
Ph: 047711056 or 8648 6763

Catholic Church
Flinders Ranges Catholic Parish
Parish Priest: Father Harold Camonias
Mass Times:

Weekdays: Tuesday—Fridays 9am Quorn.
Friday 11am Hawker
Saturday Carrieton 4pm
Sunday Quorn 8.30am Hawker 10.30am
Leigh Creek 5pm 1st Sunday of the Month

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

Uniting Church
Sunday Services 10am

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Must be paid for when submitted.

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- **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
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Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events May 2021

Regular Events

Quorn

Quorn Book Club

Phone Sam Nester for info
0456 129 870

Women's Fellowship—

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

Quorn Men's shed 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

Hawker

Community Group—Tuesday
fortnightly

Development Board—
2nd Monday of the Month

Friendship Group—
3rd Wednesday

Hawker Community Singers -
welcomes everyone to sing
Friday 3.30pm to 5.00pm
Hawker Hospital Community
Room

Quilting Group—Friday
fortnightly

Cradock

Cradock Play Day
5th May 10am-2pm
bookings 86424477
hsclanon@rice.org.au

Events

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

12th May 7.30pm Australia's Ultimate
comedy Road Trip is in Quorn at the Town
Hall. Tickets cost \$55 and for purchase
online or at the Visitor Centre Quorn

Kids Club @ God's House ('Sunday School') – Quorn Uniting Church

16th May, 2:30-4pm. We welcome children
aged 4-11 for a fun time of stories, music,
craft & some yummy afternoon tea. Please
contact Rebecca Lyman on 0407816210 if
you have any questions

Town Garage Sales

23rd Quorn 8.30am to 2.30pm
Hawker 10am to 3.00pm

A bargain hunting extravaganza. Drive to
each individual garage sales identified by
coloured balloons. Maps are available for a
gold coin donation on day of sales

Hawker Races

Saturday 29th May, Cup Calcutta, Racing
from 1pm, Bookmakers, Full Bar &
Catering, Shuttle Bus Available (within the
town), Kids Entertainment, Fashions of the
field

Quorn Product and Craft Market

Quorn Town Hall
Sunday 30th May 8:30am – 2:30pm.
Homemade goods, fresh local produce,
handmade knits, crafts, cards and so much
more!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*The journey of a thousand miles starts with
a single step. Chinese proverb*

Regular Events

Quorn

Aerobics/Walking Exercise

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

Boot Camp

Tuesdays & Fridays 6.30am
Quorn Oval

Yoga

Thursday nights 6.30pm
Uniting Church Hall

Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group

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

Quorn Bowling Club

Interested in playing social bowls?
Tuesday 1:00pm
Saturday 1:00pm
Everyone is welcome to join in the fun

Pilates

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

Suzanne's Dancers Quorn Tuesday at
Quorn Parish Hall for children

Austral Inn Hotel

Sunday Night Pizza Night and Wednesday
Night Schnitzel Night

Transcontinental Hotel

Tuesday Night Schnitzel Night

Meditation Classes with Asharnaye

Held every Tuesday at the Catholic Church
Hall on Railway Tce. 6:30 – 7:30pm
Cost is by donation



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Mrs Kath Donellan, the librarian for 30 years popped into the library today and was very pleased with what she saw



Grantley and Lyn French celebrated their 50th wedding Anniversary with their bridal party and family on April 3rd at the stunning Ticklebelly Hill venue. Such a beautiful evening with beautiful memories. Thanks for sharing our special day



Regan Fleetwood



Mackenzie Chapman



Kathy Diener

**Team Penning photos by
Lisa Simpson**



Jenni Reschke



Rodney Fullerton