

# Quorn Mercury

Recording Quorn's History while it's Being Made

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## The Cup Comes to Quorn



Holding the cup  
Andy Thomas and Jenny Reschke

How LUCKY WAS QUORN Jockey Club to be successful in their application for the *World Wide Melbourne Cup Tour* for 2 days!

Monday saw the cup visit Quorn Pioneer Machinery Park, Bush Tucker Garden, Carling's shearing shed and Flinders House. Then a visit to Quorn Jockey Club, for the sporting club's photo shoot

The first day ended with a snitty night at the community hall with guest speakers from VRC. The women's Fellowship group entertained the crowd with hilarious skits.

Tuesday was an early breakfast at the Quandong Cafe learning about the *Urti / Quandong*, our native Australian bush fruit, and about the many movies made in Quorn. Then followed photo shoots of the Pichi Richi Train, Quorn Bowling Club and Quorn Area School.

Lunch and festivities in the Quorn town precinct area followed. Many local stalls and vintage cars were on display for all to see.

An evening meal at the Transcontinental Hotel was the final part of the two day Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour. The Quorn Jockey Club would like to thank the community for your support over the two days.

What an amazing and lifetime opportunity this was, for everyone who attended. Karen Finlay ■

### Interested in the Mercury's survival?

Our Senior Editor is retiring at the end of the year and would like to pass on the publishing information to keep the Mercury in print.

Maybe this might be in your field as a project, or you would like to see how the Mercury is put together and give it some thought.

Please call at the Council office for contact details.



At The Bush Tucker Garden

**Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society 50th Anniversary Celebrations**  
**Pages 16-17 and 24-25**

**\$2.50**



# Melbourne Cup Photos



Jemima from the  
Victorian Racing Club,



The Melbourne Cup at the home of racing in  
Quorn, with the Quorn Jockey Club members



*Back from left—*Ted Paynter, Jenny Crisp, Peter Crisp,  
Kath Altmann, Grant Lever

*Front from left—*Di Paynter, Christine Johnson, Sue Kelly,  
Sue Smith, Jayne Paynter, Barb Flower

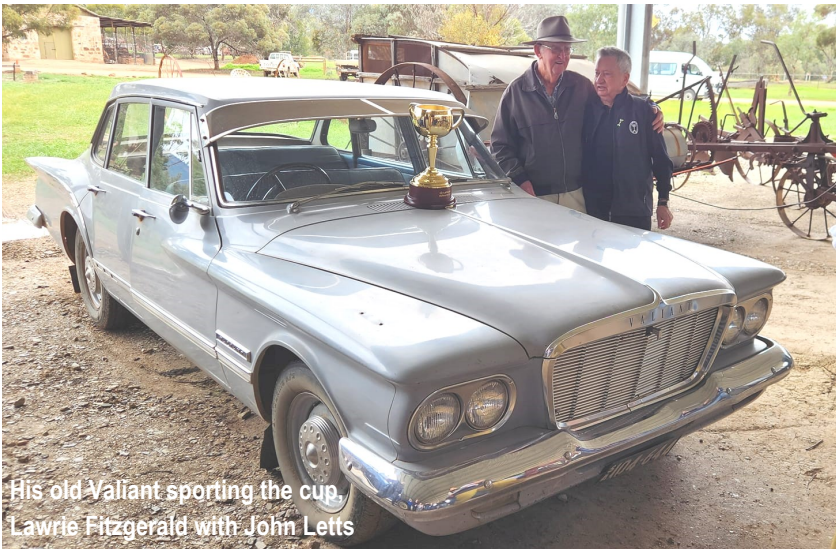


*left—*  
Victorian Racing Club Official, Caleb Finlay, Noah Kruger,  
Sue Smith, Karen Finlay, VRC Official, Lucas Bury



The famous Nimble escorting  
John Letts and a stylish lady





His old Valiant sporting the cup  
Lawrie Fitzgerald with John Letts



Eddie Fielding,  
shearing for the Cup



From left—Brenton Carling Tom Carling Franc Carling,  
Hannah, baby Bonnie and Jack Magarey



An historic moment as young  
Cricket Club members hold the cup



At the Pioneer Machinery Park



# Education in the Quorn area

## Part 2

**The Dyke (Partacoona)** was a small school with student numbers from 19 in 1882 to 6 in 1884. During this time parents paid school fees of 5 hundred and 25 pounds, 19 shillings and 6 pence.

### **Mrs Clark's Ladies School Quorn**

A Miss Halworth Clark commenced a Ladies' School in Quorn. Site is unknown. Terms were available on application. There is little known of this school.

**Gordon** had a wood and iron building erected behind the store which was owned by the Misses Pearce. This building was also used as a Community Centre for church, school and social events. Two years later as a Public School, a weatherboard building, with teacher's accommodation attached, was built. A grant was given to the school committee to erect a shelter shed. This school remained a Public School till 1888 when it was reclassified in 1889 as a Provisional School.

**Mt Brown School** was located upstream from the Mt Brown Hotel. This was another school which shifted as the school population altered. Within 2 years of it opening (1905), there were 50 students. This being a testament to the population shift. As the numbers declined by leaving school or to attend High School, the remaining students went to Bruce School or did correspondence lessons. This first building was demolished and the gum trees planted at the school are still visible today.

In 1939 when a need for a school in the Mt Brown Creek area arose, the Education Department provided a transportable wood and iron building and 2 acres of land was given by a Mr Twopenny on 'The Gunyah' property. This was located about 10 miles from Wilmington. The parents built straw stables which won a Government Shield for being best kept. A tennis court was laid by a Mr Keith Fraser using only a shovel. This too was a school that moved. As the student numbers declined to 5, the school was moved 2 ½ miles closer to Wilmington to Red Hill Corner. A year later the school was moved to Wilmington Primary School.

**Hundred of Palmer School** was built of pug and stone on the property of a Mr G Burgess. One day the teacher became ill, sent the



Mt Brown School 1941. Children on horseback ready for home.  
School building in background

children home, and this school was never to open again. In 1912 another school was built 9km east of the town of Stephenston.

**Stephenston School** grew from a demand for a flourishing township. This school and the one at Palmer shared a teacher (half-time schools). This school opened in the church building. Originally the building was erected as a store by Cottrell & Fyfe. When these people left the town, the building was purchased by the Methodist Church and used as a school.

The town of Stephenston ceased to exist in 1961 and the cemetery is all that is visible today. The former town became part of the Carling property.

**Pichi Richi School** located in Yarrah Vale was classified as a Special Provisional School. In 1916 it was a half-time school with Arden Vale School. Fluctuating student numbers caused this school to close and reopen, eventually closing in 1940. The building was demolished in 1943.

**Richman Creek School** is believed to have been conducted at the home of a Mr Hobbs who lived on Section 557 Hd Willochra. This was on the south side of Burnt Down Creek near the Quorn - Wilmington Road. A few remains of the house may still be seen today. The church building was later used as a school as well as a church. In 1880, the Education Department rented this building at \$24 (equivalent), and opened a Provisional School. In 1890, this school had a name change to Itali Itali. This was to stop confusion with Richman Valley School. The new name was taken from the station owned by H J Richman in the pastoral days.



There were 27 students enrolled in 1883, increasing to 42 in 1892. After the turn of the century, enrolment dropped as families left the district. This school went half-time with Bruce in 1908-09. In 1917 the school went half-time with Richman Valley.

In 1936, a 'Back to School' was held with 20 old scholars attending, as well as local families and visitors from Quorn.

During the War years, once a month on Sale Days, mothers baked pasties which the children sold for 4 pence each to stock-buyers travelling by road to Quorn. Funds raised went to the School's Patriotic Fund.

(The students raised money for the war and the school purchased wool etc. so they, and their mothers' could knit scarves, beanies, gloves etc. for the soldiers at war. The students also received badges for their effort of collecting trash eg papers, aluminium, copper etc. The monies from these collections also went into the fund.)

In drought years a great pastime of the children at dinnertime was catching rabbits in the paddock across the road from the school. Firstly, they would fill in all visible burrows with sticks and stones, then run around and flush out a rabbit. Rabbits were so poor the children could outrun them and catch them quite easily.

A passing car caused excitement one day when its gas-producer started a grass fire at the edge of the road by the school.

The school closed in 1945, the church closed in 1952 and the building was demolished. A memorial cairn was erected on the site in 1969.



Richman Creek Church c 1900

**Richman Valley School (renamed Woolundunga)** Little is known and recorded of this school. It first opened in rented premises with an average daily attendance of 17. These figures remained for 3 years when the school was renamed and the daily figures

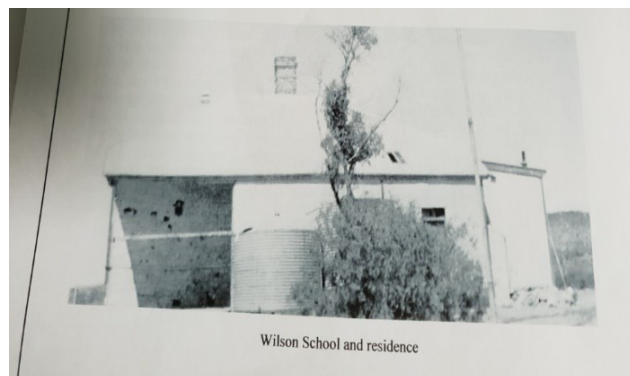
were 27. In 1901 the school reverted back to its original name, and in 1905 permission was granted for the school to be used by the Church of England. Like many small district schools, children from Quorn were sometimes boarded by the local farmers and sent to the school in order to keep them open.

**Round Hill School** when first opened had an enrolment of 29. It was an old stone building on the property of a Mr L. Jones. In 1882, a grant was approved for a new school and residence to be built. This was a weatherboard building. The old stone building was demolished and the stone carted to Quorn, and used in the erection of a house in First Street. The school closed in 1905 due to adverse seasons which caused the abandonment of farms in the area.

**Willochra School** was held in the church building. It was a wood and iron construction and the Education Department rented it. The only other building was a General Store which was finally used by the Methodist Church. Willochra township was surveyed adjacent to Ragless Hotel and was an overnight halt on the old coach route from Kapunda to Blinman.

**Wilson** was opened in the Wesleyan Church building which was a weatherboard building with an iron roof and measuring only 24 feet by 16 feet (c 7m x 5m). There were 14 students when opened and it's highest enrolment was 52. Two years later (1884), a stone building with residence attached was erected. Fluctuation in the seasons affected the school's numbers, as was the norm back in those years. In good years boys over 7 years of age were kept at home to help on the farms. During drought years, as farm chores decreased, the boys attended school, provided the parents could pay the fees.

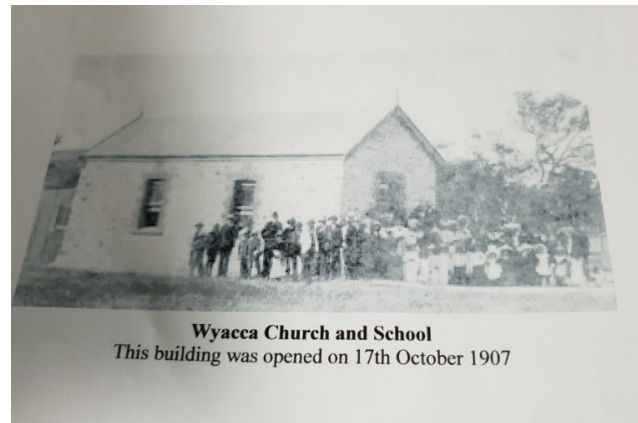
In 2000, part of the stone building was still standing in the old town of Wilson.



Wilson School and residence



**Wyacca School** became a Provisional School in 1892. Prior to this, the first settlers taught their children at home. School was held in an old farmhouse originally owned by a Mr Bill Miller who sold it to a Mr Hannerman. The school soon became a Public School and the building was rented by the Education Department. There were 21 children enrolled. In 1907 a new school was built on 2 acres of land donated by Mr Hannerman. The old school building was demolished and stone from that was used in the building of the new school. This was then doubled as a church and school. A Mr Schumann agreed to build it. To raise money, a Mr Pearce canvassed the district in an old spring dray. He also wrote to firms in Adelaide for donations. D Shearer & Sons gave 2 dozen ploughshares. When the school closed in 1919, a total of 112 students had attended the school. ■



Acknowledgement to Kath Donnellan for giving permission to use her material from *Quorn Back to School* April 2001.

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# Recipe

## Chicken Stroganoff

4 Chicken fillets diced or strips  
1 small Red Capsicum  
1 Onion finely diced  
100g mushrooms  
1 can sliced Mushrooms in butter sauce  
1 1/4 cups thickened Cream  
Fresh herbs to garnish

Heat a little oil in pan over medium heat. Add onion and chicken and cook until brown. Add mushrooms and capsicum. Cook for a couple minutes. Stir in cream and mushrooms in butter sauce. Cook for another 5 minutes until slightly thickened. Season to taste. Serve with vegetables and garnish with herbs.

From a recipe book from Queensland Cancer Fund





# Quorn Pick Up and Delivery

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***Flash As***



# The Rocky Break in Australia

A FEW KILOMETRES east of Stirling North, as the Flinders Ranges Way rises up into the first hills before Saltia, the view back west towards the Eyre Peninsula might not look too impressive today, but it looks over the most fundamental geological boundary in Australia.

Here, in the Flinders Ranges, we stand on rocks that were once beach sands and marine muds. Eight hundred million years ago these were deposited on the tropical margin of the then brand-new Pacific Ocean. As you look over Port Augusta to the distant Eyre Peninsula you are looking towards truly ancient Australia. From Port Augusta, west, right through to Perth, rocks beneath your feet date back more than a billion years old. This is the true core of the country. Eight hundred million years ago, it would have been the east coast of Australia.

The boundary between these ancient rocks and the Flinders Ranges is a boundary known to geologists as the Torrens Hinge Zone and it

marks a great split where over 800 million years ago a great continent called Rodinia was pulled apart by plate tectonic forces. As it stretched, Australia freed itself from North America and the ancestral Pacific Ocean was born. Rodinia was no more. A great rift valley formed and flooded and the rocks of the Flinders Ranges were deposited.

To the east, the same rocks today form the flat top hills north and west of Port Augusta, but these simply make a thin veneer over the really ancient crystalline rocks that date back to the early history of the Earth. In fact, just to the west of ranges that make up the far distant hills in the photo above, are the oldest rocks in South Australia—the 3,400,000,000 year old Cooyerdoo Granite found between Iron Knob and Iron Baron.

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



View over the Torrens Hinge Zone from the first hills west of Stirling North, looking over Port Augusta to the distant Eyre Peninsula



View towards the Tent Hills, north of Port August from the edge of the Ranges. The flat-topped hills are made of the same rocks as the Flinders Ranges, but there they just form a thin veneer over the ancient Gawler Craton

# Quorn Show 2023



**Wool Bale Rolling  
&  
Bike/All Wheels  
Decorating  
Competitions**



**Show Day  
Sunday  
Sept 24th**

SHOW DAY IS RAPIDLY approaching as the committee continues with preparations for September 24th.

The All Wheels Decorating Competition is hoped to attract many entries with any type of wheeled object eligible to enter, decorated to the limits of your imagination! What will you do? Categories are: Under 5 years, 5-8 years, 8 years and over. First prize in all categories is a \$30 cinema voucher.

Have you formed your team for the Wool Bale Rolling Competition? Race distance is 50 metres for women and 100 metres for men. Get together with friends to compete in this unique event!

For craft enthusiasts, Wool spinning and knitting will take place inside the Community Hall



## Show Attractions



### FEES FOR 2023

#### Admission:

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

**Membership 2 Adults** \$15.00

**Family Membership**  
**2 Adults, 2 Children** \$20.00

#### Save money!

**Purchase a show membership!**  
**Contact Jillian at the VIC for details**  
**Proceeds from memberships help with**  
**preparation and planning costs, and in**  
**securing attractions for the event.**

#### Attractions For 2023

**Ignite Cheer and Dance Performance**  
**Archery on horseback.**  
**Wool Bale Rolling Competition**  
**All Wheels Decorating Competition**  
**James' Travelling Magic Show**

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

#### Next Committee Meeting

**FRC Council Chambers 700pm**  
**Thursday 7th September**

### Enquiries to current Office holders:

**President :-** Kathy Rabig

**Secretary:-** Bronwyn Filsell

**Treasurer:-** Jillian Wilson

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**Horses in Action; -** Amelia Greenfield

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# Poultry Matters For Show



Working on the new pigeon cages  
*Front—Tanya Paynter, at rear—Trevor Newman*



Peter Sandles  
putting pigeon cages together



Mark Paynter  
Doing the finishing touches on the new pigeon cages



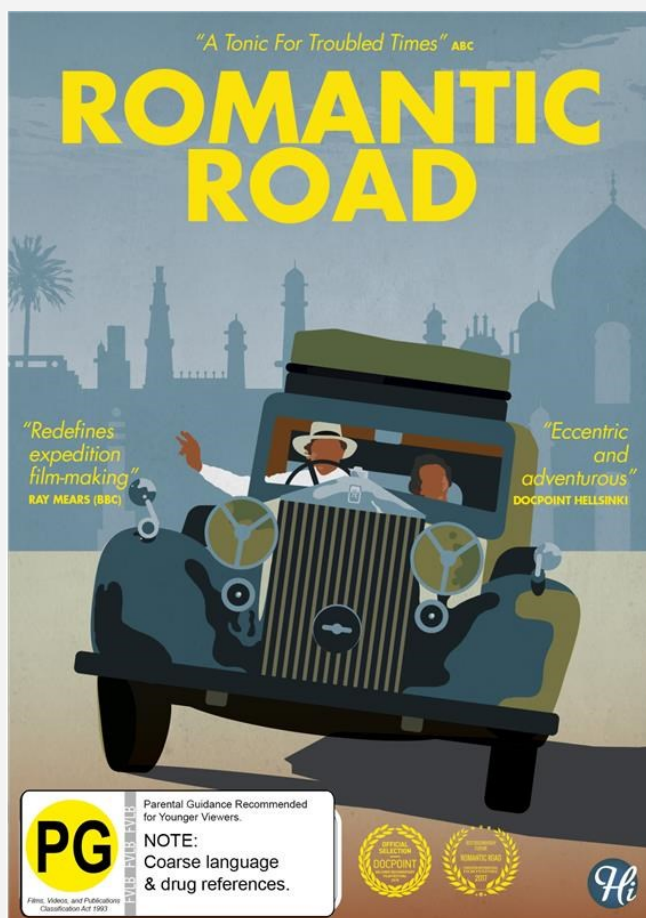


## SCREENING AT THE TOWN HALL

**Fri 18th August**

**6.30pm for 7.30pm START**

**Est 9.30 pm finish**



**BYO DRINKS & EATS – Coffee/tea available**

**And a cushion for your comfort**

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

**Pre-order your meal by calling**

**CORRAL COFFEE BY C.O.B.**

**Wed 16 Aug—0428 499 696**

**To be delivered to the Town Hall  
on the night**

### **MENU**

Roast Beef o r Po rk  
& Veg \$18

Self Sauci ng Pu ddi ng \$ 6

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

## **ROMANTIC ROAD**

### **“A TONIC FOR TROUBLED TIMES” ABC**

Meet Rupert and Jan Grey, a free-spirited upper-class English couple in their sixties, married for 35 years and on the verge of retirement.

Not content to live their autumn years by the fire, they ignore everyone’s advice and embark on a remarkable journey—to drive their 1936 Rolls Royce across India on their way to a human rights festival in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Over six months and some 5000 miles, they fall into company with tea-wallahs and maharajahs, dodge tribal conflicts, negotiate with border officials and make constant mechanical repairs.

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**PG—Mild coarse language & drug references**



# Pictures from the Past



The entire population of Saltia appear to have posed in the street when this photo was recorded in 1876.  
This was before the arrival of the railway

**These photos have been taken from the Commemorative Booklet of The Opening of the Pichi Richi Railway 20th July 1974**



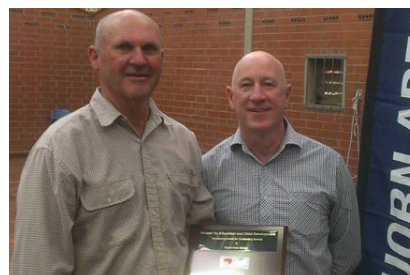
A train headed by a W Class locomotive pauses at the village of Saltia, about 1888



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**

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# Quorn Netball Club Ball



**A Grade plus fill ins who have played during season**

*From left—Katie Roberts, Jacqui Couzner, Tayla Finlay, Meggan Finlay, Maggie Woodforde, Jayde Finlay, Molly Edwards, Angie Finlay*



**C Grade**

*From left—Annabelle Allen, Katie Roberts, Molly Edwards, Sarah Kruger, Meggan Finlay, Angie Finlay, Steph Saxton*





Vicki and Geoff Parker, Bob Beare, Walter Woods, Andrew Wood



Blow whistle blow—the Port Augusta Music Group



Ready to ride



Old modes of transport



Eddie Hughes MP tries on railway driver hat



Generations of Harts



Leigh Organ, Dion Chandler, Driver Neil Ingram



Dion Chandler, Ken Mayes, ?, Marg Smith



Guard Graham Carson



Port Augusta Mayor Linley Shine makes a speech



Ch 9 newsman and PRR Ambassador Brenton Ragless



Cutting the cake at Woolshed Flat—Linley Shine, Eric Brown, Dion, Ken Anderson, Eddie Hughes, John Banks



Damien Butler, Dion Chandler, Andrew Carter



Walter Woods and Jarrod Smythe



Daughter of Hon Life Member George Williams, Jill Welk; Graham Welk, Brenton Welk and family



Clive Palmer, Hayden Hart, Neil Palmer

# PRR 50th Anniversary

Pictures: Peter Taylor Photos



# 100 Years Young

ON 16 JULY 2023 Mary Norris (nee Warnock) celebrated her 100th birthday.

Mary is an ex-resident of Quorn and a long-time friend of Shirley Hughes who also turned 100 this year.

80 relatives and friends joined Mary to celebrate this milestone occasion.

Speeches, cards and memorabilia reflected the significant contribution Mary has made to so many lives.

She continues to live at home in Adelaide with the support from her family. ■





# Quorn Mercury Revisited

## QUORN RESIDENT GLADYS IVY BOND TURNS 104

On Saturday 13th July, Mrs Gladys Ivy Bond celebrated her 104th birthday at the Quorn Bowling Club.

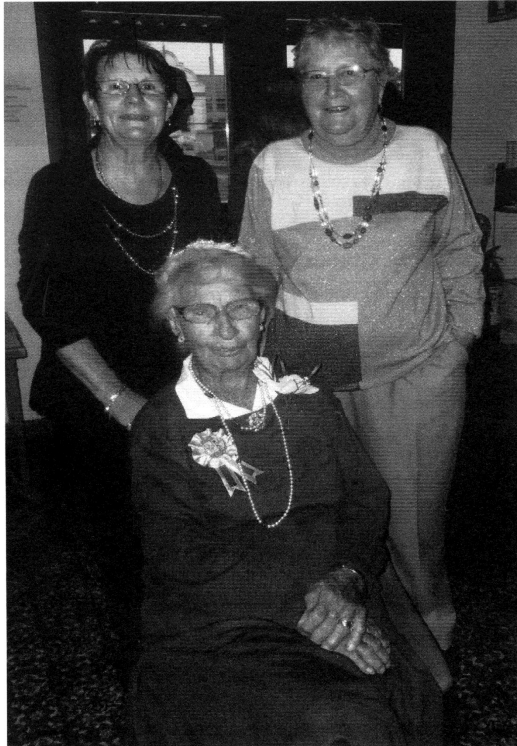
Both daughters, son-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, sister-in-law and many friends enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea, catered for by the Quorn Bowling Club.

Gladys Joy Pumpa was born at Narragin in WA on 15th July 1909 to William Heinrich Pumpa and Anna Elizabeth Pumpa. She was the third daughter and fourth child of seven of whom there are two still living.

Glad was six months old when the family returned to Hawker from WA and she lived there until she was 18 years old. Glad met Wesley Albert Bond while working at the Royal Hotel. They were married and worked at Artimore Station in the Flinders Ranges.

Their first child Donald and second son John were both born in Hawker in 1927 and 1930 respectively. Glad and Wes lived at Aroona Valley from 1929 to 1937, but due to health problems they moved to Quorn where Wes worked for the Railways in the loco sheds for 19 years.

Both daughters Valda (Stephenson) and Yvonne (Player) were both born in Quorn. Glad has now resided in Quorn for 76 years.



**GLADYS IVY BOND CELEBRATES HER  
104TH BIRTHDAY**

Pictured above Mrs Gladys Bond (front) with her daughters Yvonne Player and Valda Stephenson.

**10 Years Ago**

## Sharon Bury—8648 6454 **Social**

### 21st Birthday

Sarah George, daughter of Dianne and Greg celebrated her 21st birthday at the Community Hall on Saturday 19th July.

Sarah is the eldest of five children with Mark, Simon, Kate and Tom. The theme was 'Come In Bad Taste' and many guests certainly took the trouble to do so.

Family and friends travelled from all over South Australia to attend.

Guests were treated with a supper catered for by Dianne, family and friends.



**The George family**—at Sarah's 21st birthday party at the Community Hall on Saturday 19th July L-R Mark, Simon, Damien Kruger, Kate, Sarah, Greg and Dianne front Tom.

**20 Years Ago**



# QUORN MEN'S SHED

**ALL WELCOME**

QUORN MEN'S SHED

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Quorn SA 5433

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PH: 0407 607 847 Dave Wingrove (NewsLetter)

Email: [quornmensshed@gmail.com](mailto:quornmensshed@gmail.com)



Vintage wash stand after tidy up

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*John Paul Young*



**Australian Men's Shed Association**  
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER



Wood donated by Bronwyn & Trevor  
De-nailed and stored in container



Rob, Trevor & Bronwyn checking out model Coffee Pot Train



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Tim nailing back to vintage cupboard



Tim & Lothar getting ready to deliver vintage cupboard



Paul shearing sheep



Lyall & Ian skinning fleece



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





## **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.

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## **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.

## SA ARID LANDS GRAZING WORKSHOP HEADED TO QUORN



*Deb Scammell and Dionne Walsh are two of the presenters for the Southern Rangelands Grazing Land Management Grazing Fundamentals EDGE training.*

If you work in, or have an interest in, the pastoral industry make sure you book into this one-day training event that has been designed specifically for the South Australia pastoral context.

*A Southern Rangelands Grazing Land Management Grazing Fundamentals EDGE* will upskill workers and managers in grazing land management and livestock production.

Quorn and Stirling North are two of the 11 locations the workshop will be offered across the SA Arid Lands Region, with no cost to attend. Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) EDGE network have designed the program with the training to be delivered by Dionne Walsh (Range IQ), Deb Scammell (Talking Livestock) and Tanisha Shields (Agrista).

The day will cover understanding grazing land management, soil fundamentals and livestock production. Learn how to identify land types, native grass recognition and develop strategies to manage land conditions.

The training will be held in **Quorn on Thursday 24 August**, with another session in **Stirling North on Friday 25 August**.



Attendance at the workshops has been fully subsidised by the Australian Government through the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board's *From The Ground Up* project. Book your ticket at <https://www.trybooking.com/CINXX> or scan the QR code. Bookings are essential.

### SUPPORTING THE QUORN KURTI FESTIVAL

The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board is proud to be supporting the upcoming Quorn Kurti Festival on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October. The board has provided sponsorship to The Flinders Ranges Council to support the attendance of well-known SA gardener Sophie Thomson. It is also supporting Quorn Community Landcare Group through a grant from Foundation of Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) to host speakers showcasing local native plant species, Nukunu culture and knowledge holders of native plant food production.

### PORT AUGUSTA-QUORN LANDSCAPE GROUP

The Quorn-based members of the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board's Port Augusta-Quorn Landscape Group are Richie Paynter, Renata Hackett, Callie Dardik and Pauline Zanet, and Kurt Tschirner as a SAAL Board representative. The group meet every two months with the next meeting on Tuesday 17 October in Quorn.

If you have an item to raise or would like to attend a meeting, please contact a local member or Community Landscape Officer Brett Devitt on 0409 753 495 or [Brett.Devitt@sa.gov.au](mailto:Brett.Devitt@sa.gov.au)



# PICHI RICHI RAILWAY



THE PICHI RICHI 50th Anniversary celebration was a huge success with us welcoming to Quorn: VIPs, PRR Foundation and PRR Honorary Life members and many of our members. Our VIPs included the Hon Eddie Hughes, Flinders Ranges Council and Port Augusta City Council Mayors and CEOs and the original Lobbyist's family members.

The weekend was a great celebration event to recognize the commitment, dedication and achievements of our Society over the past 50 years and a wonderful opportunity to showcase Quorn, the Society and its achievements across half a century. We thank our two Gold Sponsors ARTC (Australian Rail Track Corporation) and SATC (South Australian Tourism Commission) for their support towards our iconic heritage railway 50th Anniversary.

We also thank the local Quorn and Port Augusta businesses including the volunteer students from the Quorn Area School, Quorn Ladies Auxiliary and the Quorn people. It was a great event and a wonderful opportunity to showcase Quorn and the railway's history in detail. We also thank Flinders Gin and the Transcontinental Hotel. This support is gratefully appreciated. ■



Loco W22 with the "Celebrating 50 Years" Headboard and Devil's Peak in the background. (Pic: Arnold Krueger)

## Become a Railway Volunteer!

Join us in any of the following: Track Maintenance Team, Ticket Sales, Engine/Loco Drivers or Catering just to name a few. Contact Volunteers Coordinator, Bronwyn on (08) 8641 1527#3.



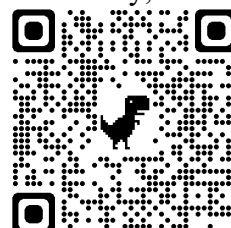
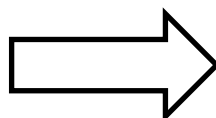
Loco W22 hauling the Member's Train, 22nd July 2023. (Pic: Arnold Krueger)

## 50 Years of PRRPS

The Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society Inc, was born 50 years ago, but what happened next after that important meeting in Pt Augusta on July 22nd 1973? The tasks were to save the dry stone walls, review, repair and rebuild the narrow gauge (3 foot, 6 inch) railway track (originally built in the 1880s) and ensure all the bridges through the Pass were operational.

This mammoth task, done by volunteers using rudimentary equipment and many hours of hard work, also coincided with the restoration of Steam Locomotive W934. Equally, a huge effort in carriage renovation work and a ticketing system, to become a functioning tourist railway on 20th July, 1974.

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### Train Timetable for August, 2023

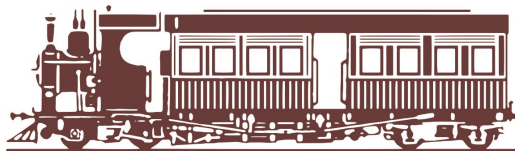
| Day      | Date      | Time     | Train                               | Departs      | Returns approx. |
|----------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Sunday   | 6 August  | 10:00 am | Pichi Richi Explorer                | Quorn        | 12:30 pm        |
| Saturday | 12 August | 10:30 am | Afghan Express                      | Port Augusta | 4:30 pm         |
| Sunday   | 20 August | 12:00 pm | Coffee Pot Heritage Rail Experience | Quorn        | 4:30 pm         |
| Saturday | 26 August | 10:30 am | Afghan Express                      | Port Augusta | 4:30 pm         |

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



# PICHI RICHI RAILWAY



CELEBRATING  
50  
YEARS  
ESTABLISHED 1973

IN JULY, PICHI Richi Railway Preservation Society Inc, had a visit from Mr Eddie Hughes MP, Member for Giles, and the Hon Zoe Bettison MP, Member for Ramsay and Minister for Tourism & Multicultural Affairs.



Eddie Hughes and Zoe Bettison with Foundation Member, Hayden Hart, in front of the historic Quorn Railway Station, July 2023, celebrating 50 yrs. (Pic: Damien Butler)



Member's Dinner MC, Mr Brenton Ragless with Ms Aileen Shannon, who gave the Welcome to Country, along with an interesting history of "pituri", (Pichi Richi) and its cultural uses. (Pic: Damien Butler)



Celebrating 50 years. Dinner at the Quorn Town Hall with Foundation Members and their families, Dignitaries, Board Members, current members and volunteers who enjoyed great entertainment, a 3 course meal and the chance to bid for generously donated items. (Pic: Damien Butler)



Foundation Members with President, Dion Chandler, chatted about the original meeting 50 years ago to get Pichi Richi Railway back on track, and of course, all the activities since to achieve this outcome. (Pic: Damien Butler)

**The Silo Show.** Every evening, adjacent to the historic Railway Station, the Quorn Silo is lit up with a magnificent, narrated, pictorial display of the local area. It includes history of First Nations People, European settlement, local fauna flora, land usage, transport development, resources and, of course, the story of Pichi Richi Railway. A great show.



Quorn Ladies Auxiliary provided a delicious 3 course meal served by Quorn Area School students. *From left*—Vicki Deer, Lizzie Britza, Judy McLeod, Brenton Ragless, Leanne Slattery (Pic: Damien Butler)



## Do you need support with meals as you grow older?

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

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# Country Health Connect Quorn Update

August 2023

**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 June 2023 Service Report:   |                              |  |  |  |
|---|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| New referrals received  | Number of in person services | Number of phone services                       | Number of telehealth / video conferencing services | Number of “consumer not attended” services |
| 48  | 248                          | 10   | 1  | 1  |
| Allied Health Professionals August 2023 Visiting Schedule                                     |                              |  |  |  |
| 10th August   | 16th August                  | 17th August                                    | 24th August  | 31st August                                |
| Dietetics   | OT - Physio<br>TBD           | Speech Pathology<br>Diabetes Nurse<br>Educator | Diabetes Nurse<br>Educator                         | Diabetes Nurse<br>Educator<br>Dietician    |
| Community Care Nurse in the Quorn Community Visiting Schedule                                 |                              |  |  |  |
| Monday  | Tuesday                      | Wednesday                                      | Thursday   | Friday                                     |
| 9am – 3pm<br>Hours available to provide services as needed. Based from Quorn Medical Practice |                              |  |  |  |



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### **Rainfall 2023**

|       |         |
|-------|---------|
| Jan   | 23mm    |
| Feb   | 0mm     |
| March | 1mm     |
| April | 30mm    |
| May   | 22.4mm  |
| June  | 62.4mm  |
| July  | 10.8mm  |
| YTD   | 151.4mm |

# **PICHI RICHI MARATHON**

**SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

**FEATURING  
DANIEL KWATERSKI  
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AMBASSADOR**

**42.2KM 21.1KM 10.5KM 5.0KM 1.0KM**

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## August 2023

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist  
Diabetes Education  
Dietitian  
Physiotherapist  
Occupational Therapist  
Speech Pathologist  
Social Worker

Country Health Connect 8668 7706



## August 2023

### Anglican Church of St Matthews

3rd Sunday of month 10am

Contact Number

Ph: 0447711056 or 0407640425

### Catholic Church

#### Flinders Ranges Catholic Parish

Parish Priest: Father Mark Whybrow

Mass Times:

Weekdays: Tuesday— Fridays 9am Quorn.

Saturday Carrieton 6pm

Sunday Quorn 8.30am Hawker 10.30am

Leigh Creek 5pm 1st Sunday of the Month

### Flinders Christian Fellowship

Sunday Church 10am

Monday and Thursday lunch 12pm

Tuesday Bible Study 12pm

### Uniting Church

Sunday Services 10am

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- Other submissions to Visitor Information Centre,  
Quorn Railway Station before 4.30 pm 25th Aug  
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  
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# Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events August 2023

## 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 (not in school holidays)

#### Quorn Business Group

See Quorn Out and About on  
Facebook for details

**Flinders Flicks –18th** 6.30pm for  
7.30pm start at Town Hall. Check  
out Facebook for details

**Hawker** for more information go  
to Facebook or Hawker Motors

#### Development Board 2<sup>nd</sup>

Wednesday of the Month

#### Friendship Group 3rd Thursday

#### Hawker Community Singers

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

#### Quilting & Handicraft Group

fortnightly Uniting Church Hall

**Fellowship** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of  
month Uniting Church Hall

**Exercise Class** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of  
month 11am Gym Activity Room

**Social Bowls** Tuesday 7.30pm  
names in by 7.15pm

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

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

**Suzanne's Dancers** Thursdays

## Events

### 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

### Quorn Silo Light Show

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

### Pichi Richi Railway

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

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

### Quorn Races Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

Quorn Racecourse gates open 11am.  
Calcutta Friday 18th 8pm at the  
Community Hall. TAB, bookmakers,  
fashion of the fields, fully catered,  
shuttle bus available on day to and  
from the racecourse



*Check out Facebook and or notice  
boards around town for future  
events.*

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*Laughter is inner jogging.*

*Norman Cousins*

## Regular Events

### Quorn

#### Exercises

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

#### Boot Camp

Tuesday & Fridays 6.30am Quorn Oval

#### Yoga

Tuesday and Thursday nights 6.30pm  
Uniting Church Hall

#### Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group

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

#### Quorn Bowling Club

Social Bowls Everyone welcome  
Wednesday at 1:00pm

#### Pilates

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

#### Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society

Wednesdays from 9am at the Lions Park  
Everyone welcome

#### Step Aerobics

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

#### Meditation Sessions and Mini Healing

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

#### Lion's Club

On the second Wednesday of each month  
at 7pm. New members welcome  
Email: aefreebairn@hotmail.com

#### Transcontinental Hotel

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

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Around the garden

Top—Enjoying the winter sunshine

Right & below right—succulents in bloom

Below—Reds and greens remind us it'll be  
Christmas again soon!

