

Quorn Mercury

Recording Quorn's history while it's being made

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL recipients of awards announced and presented at the Australia Day breakfasts in the Flinders Ranges Council area.

- Citizen of the Year Mrs. Janice McInnis, of Hawker,
- Young Citizen of the Year Mr. Karl Finlay of Quorn,
- Community Event of the Year, Flinders Fest, Hawker.

Council also awarded Certificates of Recognition to the:

- Quorn Mercury
- Shiralee Event,
- Quorn Men's Shed.

Right: John Simpson speaking in response to the Certificate of Recognition for the Shiralee event



Presenting Men's Shed certificate,.
From Left: Lyall Voigt, Mayor Peter Slattery, Jeff Woodlands



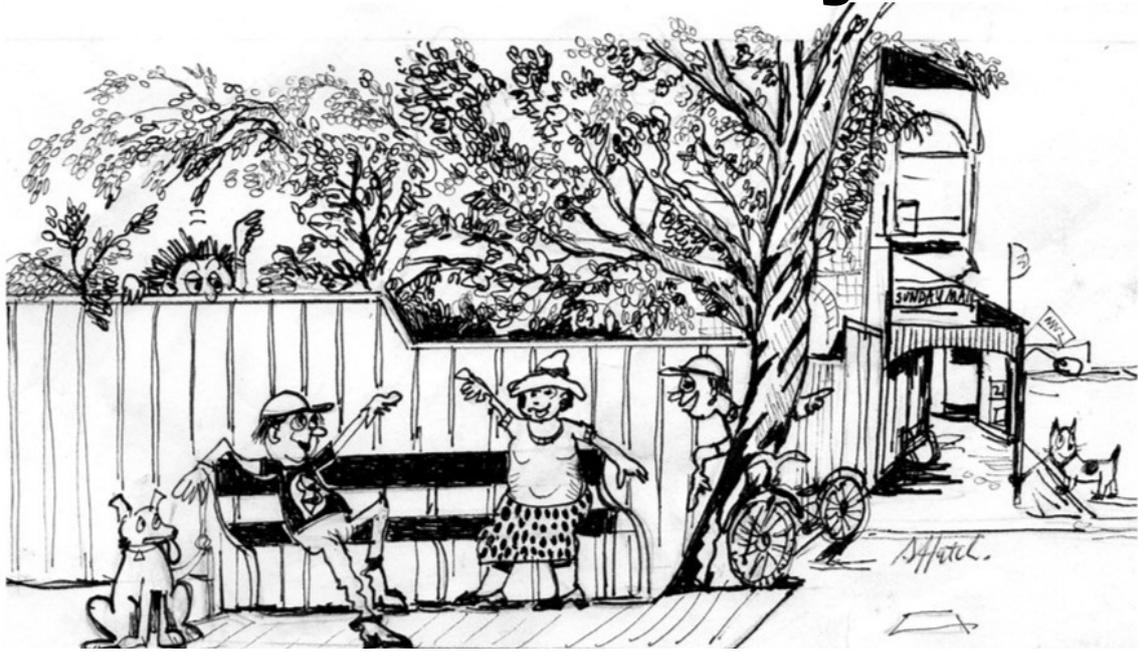
Above: Young Citizen of the Year, Karl Finlay

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Chat with a Quornie

Peter Maloney



I WAS BORN in the Cottage Hospital, First Street Quorn on 5th Jan 1936. That night there was a big hail storm which killed a foal on the farm at Bruce, damaged Voigt's house and stripped leaves off the saltbush in the area.

I was the third of six children. I had one sister and four brothers. My father, Thomas Francis Maloney was one of nine children born and raised in the Horseshoe

In 1924 Dad bought 'No Where Else' near Bruce -2446 acres. At two pounds per acre, it took him until 1946 to pay it off. Even when neighbouring paddocks were for sale he would not buy any more land. No more debt for him!



Thomas and Annie Maloney and family, January 1953

*Back: L-R Patsy, Dad, Mum, Des, Peter
Front: L-R Thomas, Chris and Terry*

In drought years, Dad drove his sheep seventy or eighty miles to the Jamestown area to feed.

My mother, Annie Dorothy Donnellan was one of thirteen children from Spalding. She and Dad were engaged for nearly ten years during the Depression. They married in St Augustine's Church, Spalding on October 14th 1933.

Their house was three miles northeast of Bruce, set on a bleak plain with three trees – two peppertrees and a sandalwood. They had kerosene lamps, no running water, no telephone, no refrigerator. There were various horse-drawn vehicles and a riding hack.

Water was always a problem. Even in a year of normal rainfall (less than 10inches), tank room was scarce. Dam water had to be strained before use to remove fish and black jiggers.

Dad milked a dozen cows and separated the cream. We fed skim milk to the pigs and calves and sent the cream to Orroroo Butter Factory. We could get the cream cans back the same night on the train. Everything came out by train. Sheep and wool left the same way.

My father's first car in the 30s was a Chev buckboard. Before that he had a jinker and horses, or a wagon for bigger loads. In 1950 we got a Ford Pilot car.

In drought years Dad worked for Wilmington Council to pay the council rates.

Mass was the important event of the week. We went 10 miles to Hammond for Mass every Sunday. This outing also provided most of our social contact beyond the family.

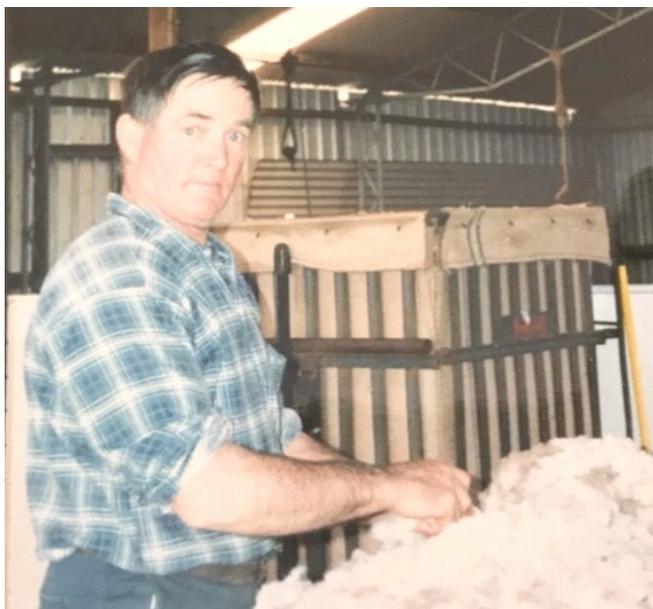
I went to Bruce Primary School in a 15 foot weatherboard building after the old school burnt down. There were 25 students, and one teacher for eight grades. My three brothers and I rode a donkey three miles to school. It kicked me once and I was unconscious for five days in Quorn Hospital, where Dr Tippelt cared for patients.

In 1949 I went to school in Adelaide, which Dad chose, as my only other option was to board to go to Quorn High school. I went to St Francis' Seminary, Rostrevor, and passed the Leaving certificate in 1953. Dad wanted me to study and become a teacher, but I wanted to be a shearer, and came back to the farm to shear.

My shearing round gradually settled into nine months of the year around Bruce, Quorn, Carrieton, Eurelia, and Williams' shearing at Cultana, Whyalla. In October, my cousin John Maloney and I would load up and head for Penola in the South East and shear there until Christmas.

I also used to shear for Tom and Owen Smith at Belton. In the early 50s they bought another property at Nackara. I agreed to shear there.

One of their neighbours, Mick McMahon used to muster and work in the shed. He asked me to shear his sheep. He didn't tell me he had a daughter called Mary, and I hurried through the shearing that year. But the next year I took my time.



At knock-off time he always had a tray with two glasses on it - a big one and a little one. The big one was mine.



We were married in St Anacletus Catholic Church Peterborough on October 14th 1961.

Mary's dad wanted us to look after his place but that wasn't to be. My brother Des decided he didn't want to stay on our farm at Bruce. My other brothers Chris and Terry became teachers, and Thomas, a banker. I bought the remaining shares of the farm. Dad had died in 1961, just before Mary and I were married.

Mum shifted in to Orroroo, to be near where my sister, Patsy Manning lived.

In the late 60's wool prices dropped, and we experienced some very tough years. I kept shearing and working to make ends meet. But this meant being away from home. Sheep were being sent to WA, and couldn't have any plant seeds on them. So the buyer trucked them to the shearing shed at Bruce. And I sheared them before they were inspected and trucked interstate.

Our nine children Pauline, Rose, Adrian, Frank, Julia, Anne, Susan, Katrina and Michael were born in various hospitals - Peterborough, Orroroo, Adelaide and Quorn.

I was on the Wilmington Council for some years. But with a school bus running to Quorn from Bruce Post Office, we decided to send the children by bus to school with the neighbours—Voigts, Osbornes. Then, our interests and focus shifted to the Kanyaka-Quorn council area.

In 1969 the Primary and High Schools joined to become Quorn Area School, I was elected to the School Council, and remained on it for 22 years.

Chat with Peter Maloney

For some years I was Chairman of the Hospital Board. We searched for a new doctor for the town, and obtained the services of Dr Tony Lian Lloyd. The rest, as they say, is history.

I have always loved playing sport and being involved in a club. I played cricket for Eurelia until 1969, against Belton, Craddock, and Carrieton. I went on to play for the Quorn Cricket Club for many years. I coached Colts teams, umpired and served as Treasurer and President of



*First Day/Night Test Adelaide Oval – November 29th 2015
Back: From left: Mick, Adrian, Katrina, Pauline, Susan
Front: From left: Rose, Frank, Peter, Julia and Anne*



*Opening of the new turf pitch Quorn Oval, 12th October 2013
From left: Frank, Peter, Mary, Adrian and Mick*

Quorn Cricket Club. I was honoured to be made a Life Member.

Our boys, Adrian, Frank and Michael played cricket for Quorn and were committee members. Now the four of us are Life Members. Some of our grandchildren (boys and girls) are playing too, which I am very proud of. I have always loved watching cricket, and haven't missed being at Adelaide Oval for the Test Match since 1961.

I played football for Carrieton against Quorn, Hawker and Waybacks before the Far Northern Football Association folded. After that, I played for Wilmington.

In 1985, I took up bowls and played pennants for some years. I was a member of Quorn Bowling Club, serving as President and Treasurer. They were great years, with many friendships that I will always remember.

The Probus Club commenced in Quorn in 1998. Mary and I made many friends. We enjoyed social outings, day trips, and holidays to Norfolk Island, Bright and Tasmania. The highlight for me, was a trip up the West Australian coast to Darwin and home. I was President and committee member for

many years, and have fond memories of this time.

In 2004, I was humbled to receive the Kanyaka Quorn Council Citizen of the Year Award.

When we moved into Quorn on December 17th 1988, I didn't think I would ever become used to town life. I had spent most of my life living on the farm. However, it grew on me. I travelled to and from the farm, often staying there for shearing and lamb tailing.

Our children, their families, and our 27 grandchildren, still love spending time at the farm. At home in Quorn we've had many happy times. I have memories of our gatherings on the back lawn; playing cards and games; playing pool and darts in the shed; and most importantly, cricket games on the veranda. I'm very proud of all of my children and the contribution that their families are making to our society.

In December 2015 my health declined suddenly, requiring spells in hospital here and in Adelaide. Since then I've had a few strokes, heart trouble, lung disease, and recently a blood infection, which nearly got me.



I now live permanently in Flinders House. And even though this is not how I thought I'd live out my years, I'm content, and grateful for all that I have—my wife, Mary, my family and friends. I'm thankful for all the opportunities I've had in the wonderful community of Quorn.

*Flinders House, Quorn
28th December 2016 ■*

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Thank you Quorn Community

ON BEHALF OF our daughter Felicity and her family, Ross and I want to say a huge thank you to the Quorn community for supporting the Stockyard Arena fundraising event held, partly for her, in early November.

In particular we'd like to acknowledge the tremendous work put in by Sue and Richard Murray in organizing this two day event, which included a Saturday three-course evening meal, the sale of the Quorn Calendar Girl calendar, not to mention the team penning and bronco branding which attracted many people from far and wide.

Simon, Felicity and family went to live in Nhulunbuy in October 2016, Simon having secured work there with the Yirrkala Aboriginal Corporation as an electrician.

Felicity started feeling unwell in March, but as she was pregnant with her fifth baby, dismissed her symptoms as being pregnancy related. So did her doctors initially.

In May she was finally referred to Darwin for investigations, which confirmed her worst nightmare—that she had a brain tumour.

Following transfer to Flinders Medical Centre, she was delivered at 33 weeks by Caesarean of a healthy preterm boy, Jesse. Then she underwent brain surgery to remove as much tumour as possible.

After six weeks in hospital, she stayed at the Flinders Lodge Cancer Council accommodation on Dequetteville Terrace, and began radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

Simon and the other four children had flown down from Nhulunbuy soon after Felicity's diagnosis. As their Adelaide home was being rented out, they initially stayed at the Marion

Caravan Park, close to FMC, before also moving to Flinders Lodge.

Following Felicity's radiotherapy and chemotherapy treatment, the family flew back to Nhulunbuy for a week to pack up their rented house. They had to arrange a container to ship out their car and possessions to Darwin, and then by road down to Adelaide.

On their return to Adelaide, their home was still not available, so accommodation was found for them at Woodville, one of TQEH two Hospital Foundation homes—built only in the last two years by Scott Salisbury Homes with the proceeds of the annual TQEH lottery. Accommodation in these homes is available to cancer sufferers from regional SA and NT, and their families.

During their stay at Woodville, Felicity underwent further brain surgery, as the tumour was seen to be growing back aggressively. She was devastated but prepared to try anything to give her extra time with her family.

Finally back in their own home, Felicity has now begun treatment with a drug (Avastin) which is not on the PBS and is very expensive.

The logistics of moving back to Adelaide, the costs associated with Felicity's medical care, and Simon leaving his job to become primary carer for the family, have taken a huge toll financially and emotionally.

The Quorn contribution of \$22,000.00 is an absolutely massive help for them, and Ross and I and Felicity herself are just so grateful for your generosity.

Thank you.

Jacky and Ross Vonow ■

Australia Day 2018 Recipients

Citizen of the Year – Janice McInnis (Hawker)

Young Citizen of the Year – Karl Finlay (Quorn)

Event of the Year – Flinders Fest (Hawker)

Certificate of Recognition – Quorn Mercury (Quorn)

Certificate of Recognition – Quorn Men's Shed (Quorn)

Certificate of Recognition – The Shiralee (Quorn)

The Flinders Ranges Council

PICHI RICHI RAILWAY



Hello, Quorn!

Welcome to the February edition of our Quorn Mercury newsletter, where we'll be keeping you up to date with the latest news from the Pichi Richi Railway.

A very Happy New Year to one and all. We wish you good health and a happy and prosperous year ahead.

What's happening at the Workshops?

2018 is now well under way and volunteers have been busy since Christmas preparing engines and carriages for the coming running season. It is shaping up to be an exciting year for the Pichi Richi Railway.

A number of carriages which have been out of service for the 2017 season will be available this year, enabling us to carry our usual capacity loads from both Quorn and Port Augusta.

The popular Twilight Trips commence in March with three trips scheduled — Saturday March 10th, Saturday March 17th and Saturday March 24th.

Easter is early this year and if the weather is kind and fire permits are granted, three steam Explorer trips will run to Woolshed Flat and back.

On the Australia Day weekend the Depot was a hive of activity with approximately 40+ volunteers cleaning carriages, working on engine maintenance, cutting sleepers for light up wood and the never-ending track work.

Pichi Richi Railway General Meeting was held on Friday 26th January in the CWA Hut. A BBQ at the Depot on Saturday gave volunteers a chance to spend some time enjoying the camaraderie of friends.

The refurbished Yx 141 will join the steam fleet in 2018. As it is a smaller engine, it is planned to use it to run some special trains throughout the year. So keep a look out for this little engine out on the track. It was withdrawn from service in 1963 but is now ready to go.

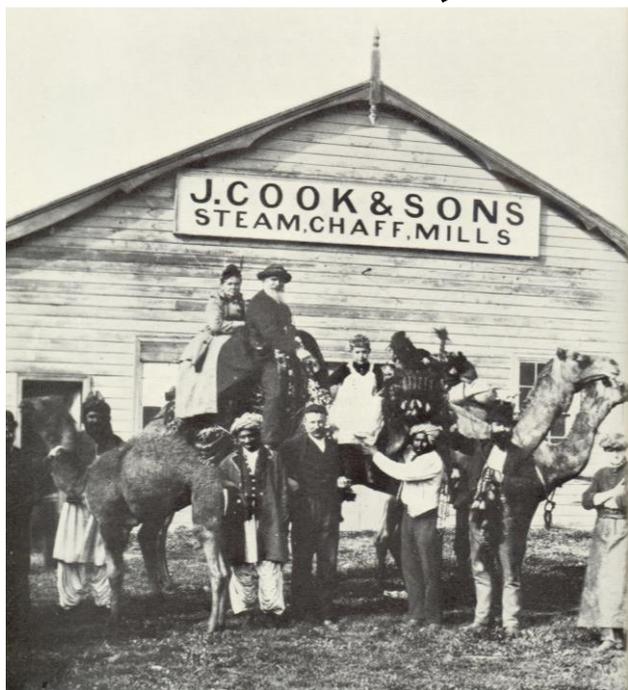


Timetables and Brochures

The 2018 brochures are now out and are available from the Visitor Information Centre at the Railway Station or a number of places in and around town. Pick some up for your own information or pass them on to friends or family who may like to book a trip on one of the services offered throughout the year.

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

Who *is* it, in This Picture?



THERE'S A SAYING that a picture is worth a thousand words. But when it comes to old photos without captions, it's not true. A historic photo without a caption is mostly 90% useless.

The photo is from Tom McKnight's 1969 book, *The Camel in Australia*. Its caption is only, 'Camels and assorted citizens, including Afghan camel drivers, Quorn, South Australia, c. 1895.' (The 'c' is short for the Latin 'circa', or 'around'. It means the exact date is unknown.) Sadly, the book does *not* say where the photo came from.

Perhaps it's a well-known Quorn photo? I don't know. But wouldn't it be great to know *who* the people in it are, and *what's* going on?

I remember reading of a woman whose husband had taken a huge number of superb scenic photos all his life. When he died, she took them to one of the world's major Photographic Libraries, who said how great they were. But not one of them was captioned, so the Library said they were useless to them.

How many very old Quorn people have old photos, perhaps even 19th century photos, that are tremendously valuable historically? But none of them are captioned?

One descendant of a famous Northern Flinders family had over a thousand family photos dating back to the 1890s, but I could get only a handful of them captioned by questioning him. I also tried to convince him to caption them all

while he could remember them. But he didn't. So now they're hardly any use at all.

And so, all the time as our old people die, their history dies with them. There's a famous saying, 'When you die, a whole world dies with you'. The same's true of old people's life stories. They don't record them, and if you ask them to, they usually say their lives weren't interesting enough. Or they're too modest, and think to record their lives would be boasting. Or they say they'll get around to it some day—but 'some day' never comes. So it all disappears.

Another famous quote is the opening words of L.P. Hartley's 1953 novel, *The Go-Between*: 'The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there.' You may think *your* past isn't interesting, but to today's young people it *is* a 'foreign country', it's a country that's almost unbelievable to them. And if you don't write it down, it disappears forever.

My Godmother kept a diary every day of her life from when she was eleven until she was 93. It covered almost the entire 20th century. Now how immensely valuable a historical record like that would be! But in the end she burned the lot.

She *could* have left it to her State's Library with a proviso that it wasn't to be opened for fifty years, or something like that. You can do that kind of thing. But unfortunately, she didn't.

Anyway, if you do have old family photos, *caption them before it's too late*, and they end up being so useless that your descendants can do little else but incinerate them.

If you write on the back of an old photo, be careful not to press too hard so that you damage the front of it. And not in pencil, which fades!

When you caption a photo what you try to do is to answer the four questions: Who? What? When? and Where? *Who's* in the photo (always saying 'From left' and recording them in careful order from left to right). *What's* happening? *When* was it taken? And *where* is it?

You might know the answers to these questions today. But what about in fifty years' time?

And how many of you in Quorn today have hundreds, or even thousands, of digital photos on your computers? Probably almost all of them uncaptioned—and unsorted as well? ■

Pictures — From the Past



A very sharp photo of a passenger train standing in the Quorn Railway Station when the original station building was still in place (before 1914). Notice that it's a double-header, and that it's just been coaled. And notice the cowboy-hatted man on the leading loco's footplate. He seems to be posing deliberately. There are two gas lamps. In early times, train arrivals and departures were a town's major social event.



The North Quorn General Store. The later addition is to the side where the car is—a 4-cylinder Ford Consul of 1951–56. Oliver & Ethel Ashley ran it. Their daughters Phyllis & June, after leaving High School, rode their bikes around Quorn taking orders. Photographs courtesy Val Francis. ■

Strez Report Launch



Hon Rob Kerin Chair of Regional Development SA, launches the Report.

ON MONDAY JANUARY 15 the Quorn railway station was the venue for the launch of the report, *Economic and Community Benefits of Sealing the Strzelecki Track*. The report was commissioned in partnership by Regional Development Australia Far North, Outback Communities Authority, and the Flinders Ranges Council. In their presentation of the report, both Dr Jen Cleary Char of RDAFN and Ms Celia Woolford Chair of OCA recommended the document to representatives of all levels of government as evidence based research that identifies the benefits of sealing the Strzelecki Track.

The Premier Jay Weatherill participated in the launch along with Rowan Ramsey MP. The report can be downloaded at: www.rdafn.com.au/publications



From Left:

- Hon Rowan Ramsay
Federal Member for Grey
- Ms Celia Woolford
- Hon David Ridgeway MLC
Leader of the Opposition—
Shadow minister for Regional
Development.. Hon Rob Kerin
- Hon Terry Stevens MLC
Shadow Parliamentary
Secretary for Aboriginal Affairs
and Reconciliation, Recreation
and Sport: Racing



At Left. Ms Celia Woolford , The premier Mr Jay Weatherill, Dr Jen Cleary.

Below right: FRC Mayor, Mr Peter Slattery





Grow Free Community Cart opens in Quorn

GROW FOOD. Grow love. Grow community. Monday 8th January marked the official opening of the community 'Grow Free' cart in Quorn.

Grow Free is a grass-roots, community building movement which promotes a sustainable culture of growing and sharing healthy food and other resources with our neighbours. Sharing our food abundance nurtures the health and happiness of local communities and the environments in which we live. Grow Free starts with food but ends up with community.

The perpetual sharing cart is situated at Quorn Café. It is available for community members to share excess produce, baked goods, preserves, pots, plants, seeds or anything that is garden or produce related. The philosophy of the Grow Free project is for community members to 'take what they need and give what they can'.

Community members can drop off excess produce from their gardens, take items from the cart and there is no expectation that they give if they cannot, nor pay for items at any time.

Sonja Tilbrook and Toni Bauer are local people with a passion for community and encouraging a sense of community sharing without expectation.

Through their collaboration and community connection they hope that Grow Free is embraced by the local Quorn community.

If you would like further information regarding Grow Free, you can connect with the Grow Free group on Facebook, or via <http://www.growfree.org.au/about/>

Sonja and Toni are happy to respond to questions regarding Grow Free as well. Feel free to drop into Quorn Café and check out the cart during business hours and have a chat while you are there.

Grow Free Cart Guidelines

Suggested:

- Home-grown or homemade produce: fruit, veg, herbs, preserves, eggs, baked goods, etc.
- Preferably grown with organic principles, without toxins.
- Grown with love is a strict prerequisite!
- Seeds, seedlings, cuttings and rootstock. Heirloom seeds are best. Please label all.
- All things gardening, whether it be gardening magazines, toilet rolls, worm tea, etc.
- Jars, Paper bags and small boxes for seeds or produce.

Not suggested:

- Specifically bought store produce for carts. (Many other options for this).
- Asking to swap with folks (we recommend giving without valuing anything) .

Definitely NO

Meat

Selling anything.

Mushrooms

Chicken and compost scraps,

Alcohol. ■

The Kanyaka Walking Trail

YOU CAN DRIVE to the old Kanyaka Homestead and wander around it—and drive almost to the Woolshed to see that, too. You can't drive to the Death Rock, though. But there *is* a two km walking trail between all three—four km return.

The Homestead turn-off is exactly 40 km from Quorn along the highway to Hawker. But the Trail begins at the first signposted Car Park just north of the Wirreanda Creek bridge.



The Death Rock, centre back, with the waterhole in front

From here you walk 200 metres down to the Death Rock and its Waterhole. 'Death Rock' is its common, though undeserved name. On the way to it you pass the Rock Lime Kiln on your left, and then the Sentinel Rock on your right.

Curiously, the Trailhead for the Trail isn't in the Car Park, but down at the Creek. From here the usual steel posts begin, and are every 200 metres, and tell you how far you've walked.

There are so many animal pads alongside the Creek, heading towards the Homestead, that it's difficult to pick up the Trail. But you can't go wrong if you keep close to the creek-bed.



Sentinel Rock to the right, beside the path from the Car Park down to Death Rock and the Waterhole and the Trailhead

From the Death Rock to the Woolshed is 1.2 km. Don't worry if you miss the 200 metre poles—the Woolshed is also beside the creek.



Part of the Woolshed, showing the openings the shearers pushed the shorn sheep through into the Sorting Pen

The Shearers' Quarters are separate and to the right of the Woolshed in the photo. (At their south end you'll see posts indicating the Trail to the Death Rock, if you're doing it in reverse.)

From the Woolshed the Trail follows the road you can see leading off the bottom of the photo. There are two 200-metre poles along it. But it's much more picturesque to follow the animal pads that are closer to the creek.

It's 600 metres to the Homestead from the Woolshed, to the Trailhead at its southern end.



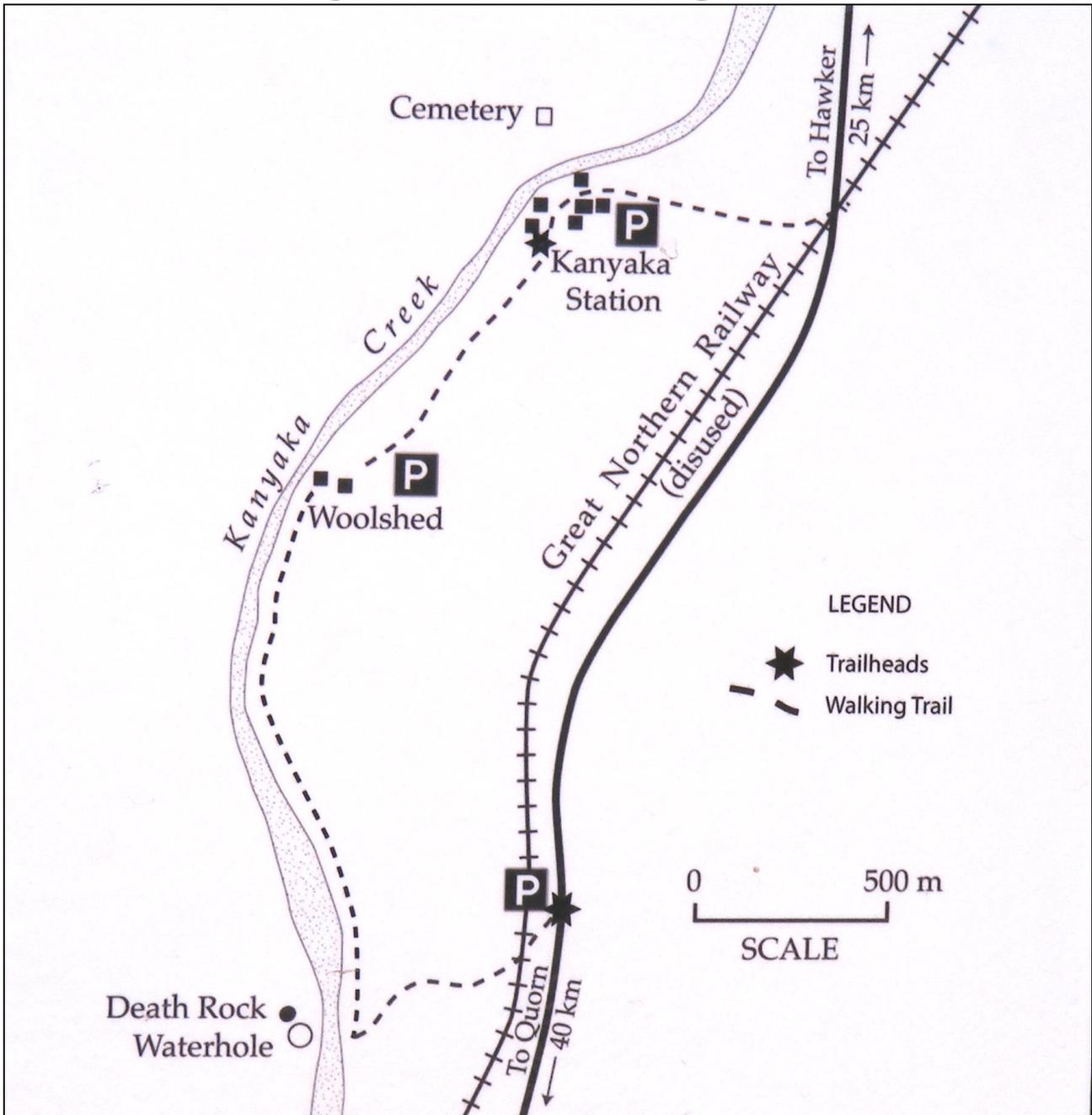
The usual general view of the old Homestead and its various outbuildings, taken from the Lookout along the road leading in

If you wish to walk the Trail in reverse, you'll find the Homestead Trailhead by driving through the buildings to their southern end, where there's a car park for walkers.

The Trailheads advise an hour for the entire Walk, which is too ambitious. With time to look around it'd be better to allow two, even 2½ hours.

You can get a 'Kanyaka Station' leaflet from the Quorn Visitors Information Centre with information and maps of the Homestead and Woolshed, but nothing about the Trail. ■

The Kanyaka Walking Trail Map



AT THE BOTTOM of the map the **P** is the Car Park just past the Wirreanda Ck bridge. The Trailhead in the photo above is at the sharp corner on the map, near the Death Rock and its Waterhole.

Although the star at the lower Car Park on the map isn't the actual Trailhead, there's a sign there that indicates the Walking Trail.

The Homestead Trailhead below, is south of the ruins, at the start of the road to the Woolshed. ■



Pichi Richi Restorations

THANKFULLY QUORN RESIDENTS have a band of willing volunteers that help to keep it in the eyes of the world.

Michael Portillo of Great Railway Journeys of the World TV program is rumoured to be coming to do a program on the Pichi Richi Railway. What fabulous exposure that will be.

The Australia Day long weekend, a time for relaxing, is not always the case.

While the thermometer was pushing past 40 degrees more than 30 members were working to restore and repair rolling stock and locos.

Outside there was a track gang doing repairs to the track in the Quorn yards.

In the carriage shed along Altman Road, there was another group continuing with restoration of car 207.

As the photos show, the repairs are extensive.

For passenger comfort the seats are being refurbished, new foam and strapping with location buttons added to keep everything in place. Window shutter stops are removed and new bump rubbers installed.

Window shutters have all been repainted and tidied up, just to keep the quality of the restoration work at a high standard.

The shutters are the air conditioners of the day, keeping the hot sun at bay.

Windows also get the same refurbishment treatment. Over the summer break many volunteers travel from as far away as Victoria to assist.

On Saturday evening the society provided free meals for all the workers in the comfort of the air-conditioned CWA Hut.

Later that evening the executive met in the Council Chambers to finish the preparations of the 2018 budget.

PRR generate in excess of \$1–2 million each year.



Geoff Cox refurbishing window frames

Quorn businesses benefit greatly from the visitors to the town leaving behind tourism dollars that help employ our young locals.

The railway is seeking the help of individuals to be car captain on operational trains. It's an interesting position, and offers the chance to meet people from all walks of life and from all over the world.

First train departs March 10th 2018 for Woolshed Flat. Invite some friends, and have a relaxing journey back in time in an era without electronics. ■



Bruce Collins pulling up bump stops



Allan Ainsworth stitching up the repaired seats

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Mercury Recognition

THE CERTIFICATE OF Recognition presented by Mayor Peter Slattery to the Mercury team was accepted by Janet Thomas on behalf of the Mercury teams past and present. In accepting the certificate Janet went on to give the following account of the Mercury:

The current Mercury was started in 1996 and named after the original Quorn newspaper which was in print from 1895 to 1956. There were seven people involved in putting out the revived Mercury and they asked Ray Wood to help them make it look more professional.

Two of the original seven are Maureen McColl and Jenny Crisp who both continue. Janet's involvement commenced around 2005 when Sharon Bury was asking for some assistance. The numbers had dwindled considerably and she was often working by herself with Jenny's pages to complete the edition.

Peter Sandles joined the team later, as did Mary Francis. Currently there are six team members and Ray has been in the background

over the last eighteen months while the Mercury has had a makeover, including the use of colour pages.

As in all small communities such as this, the Mercury is a team effort involving the distribution to sales outlets around the town, and subscription copies which are mailed to old Quornies who have moved away and want to follow what has been happening in their old home town. Over the last twelve months there has been a swap arrangement of twenty copies each month with Hawker strengthening the ties with our neighbouring community.

Thanks must go to the Flinders Ranges Council for its support and to all the people and clubs who contribute to the material we need to make an interesting read. The more the community contributes, the better the publication. The local community paper adds to the town's heritage and a source of information for future generations.

Thank you from the Mercury Team ■



Nominated by Pauline Colliver and Carol Rothall, the Mercury Team was very pleased to receive a Certificate of Recognition at the Australia Day Award Ceremony.

From left, Janet Thomas, Peter Sandles, Imelda Coverdale, Pat Wiseman, Jenny Crisp, and Mayor Peter Slattery

Mercury Recognition

THE MERCURY in its current form has been going since 1996. Maureen McColl issued the first Mercury publication in March as the *Quorn News*, because use of *The Quorn Mercury* title had not been approved at the time.

Subsequent issues were based on the design of the old *Quorn Mercury* by Ray Sinclair-Wood for the first issue in May 1996 to this day.

The original editors were Jenny Crisp, Di Kowalick, Maureen McColl, Gar Michael, Ray Sinclair-Wood, with Carolyn Britza for a few issues and also Sharon Bury and Beverley Dutschke.

Volunteers who helped fold and collate were Betty Ash, Sharon Bury, Jenny Crisp, Kath Donnellan, Carolyn Eckert, Malcolm Eckert, Di George, Val Holland, Sue Kelly, Julie Lewis, Maureen McColl, Melva Rayner, Edna Rodgers, Pat Shepherd, Jenny Wooley, Pat Wright, Ray Sinclair-Wood.

The next wave of computer “experts” were Chris Bowden, Andrea Bury, Pearl McHugh, Nes Lian-Lloyd, and Di Skull. Behind the scenes was Nes Lian-Lloyd as Treasurer, Ann Collins, Ads and then Treasurer. Lyn Olsen Ads. Ian Rodgers was President.

Current Chairperson is Peter Sandles. Mary Francis is the present Treasurer and Ads.

The current team is Janet Thomas, still there after 10 years, Peter Sandles, Tarla Kramer, Mary Francis, Pat Wiseman, and proof reader Imelda Coverdale. ■



Above: Maureen McColl and Jenny Crisp with the Certificate of Recognition presented to the Mercury team
Below: The Mercury team and Powell Gardens volunteers unwinding at Powell Gardens over the holiday period



Quorn Celebrates Australia Day



Left: Welcome to Country by Aileen Shannon with Mayor Peter Slattery and John Simpson.

Right: Luke, Karl Finlay, Indie and Nikki Finlay.



Above L-R: Jeremy Rabig, Sue Smith, Lizzie Britza, Brodie and Jarred Hilda



Annie & Peter Moloney, Father Jimmy, Patrick Moloney and John Badman



Lions Members cooking breakfast—Jan Jarvis and Anne Kane in foreground



Above L-R: Lyall & Carlene Voigt and Joan Marr



Having fun in the pools

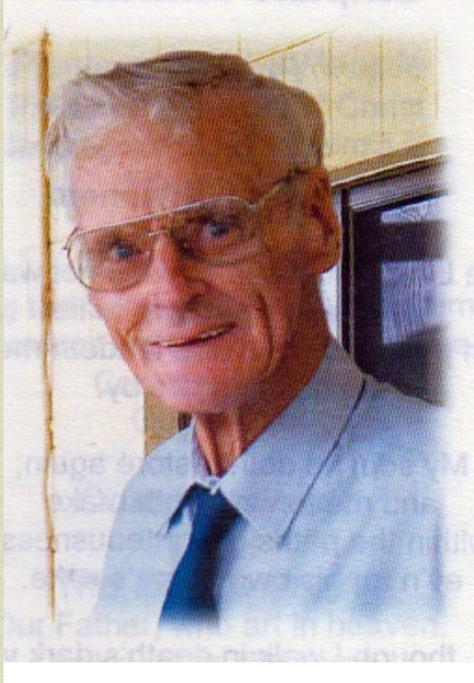


L-R: Rene Reschke, Paula Roberts, Monique Moroney, Brenna Gilbert and Marg Smith



Below: David Wollaston and Anne Freebairn

Malcolm McColl



MALCOLM JOHN MCCOLL

In Loving Memory of
Malcolm John McColl.
born on 28th March 1933.
in Mrs Pickford's Nursing
Home
Eighth St, Quorn
to John and Janet McColl
of "Braeside"
Richman Creek,
Sec.169 Hd Willochra
who died in the
Quorn Hospital on
29th December 2017.
Aged 84 years

Beloved husband of Maureen for 62 years.
Loved father of Colin and Sharen.
Cherished Pa of Sharen and Grants' children
Henry and James Mellor.

Following his death a Remembrance Service
was held, at his request, in the Quorn Uniting
Church on Monday 8th January 2018. The
organist was Mrs Jenny Crisp.

Sharen delivered the Eulogy with John
Teague giving the history of Malcolm's life in
the Quorn Freemasons.

The service was conducted by Mr Ted
White from Jamestown both within the church
and at the cemetery.

Freemason members formed a Guard of
Honour outside the church.

Members of the Quorn Country Fire Service
provided a Guard of Honour at the cemetery.

Afterwards there was afternoon tea in the
Community Hall at the Quorn Oval.

Footnote: Malcolm kept meticulous records of the rainfall in Quorn which were relayed to the Bureau of Meteorology. He supplied these records to the Mercury for all of us here in Quorn to share. He will be sorely missed. The Mercury Team.■

Sincere Thanks

Malcolm's family wish to extend their sincere
thanks to all those who offered their love and
support at this time

Malcolm enjoyed the many visitors that came
to see him and to talk about old times, and
To the hospital staff who gave him continual
care and medication during the very difficult
times.

Malcolm had a very strong faith in "a life after
death" and believed he would go to heaven.

It was this belief that helped him endure the
pain and suffering.

So let us think of him being in a better place
now.

**Thank You Everyone for your great
kindness and support.** ■

Australia Day Power Outage

THE TOWN AWOKE to a complete power cut last Friday on a day that was potentially another of extreme fire risk and heatwave conditions. Luckily, there was some cloud cover and though very hot it was not as extreme as it might have been.

We believe a power pole came down in difficult terrain in Pichi Richi Pass. This caused the blackout and also started a fire which had to be extinguished before any work could be attempted on the line. Once again, our emergency services came to the forefront and were able to bring the fire under control. It was potentially very serious and there were a number of units from around the district as well as water bombers working on it.

SA Power Networks acted promptly in deciding to bring a mobile sub-station to Quorn to provide temporary power. Two 1250 kilowatt mobile generators were

brought from Adelaide and installed at the sub-station by the swimming pool. It was a big logistical exercise, but in the end we were back on power by the end of the day, which is a great improvement on the big blackout over a year ago.

What this blackout highlighted, though, are the deficiencies in the NBN for those who are already connected. For those with no mobile, including elderly people managing heat wave conditions in their own homes, there was no telephone coverage at all. It also seemed that, later in the day the mobile service/s also went out. Even trying to watch the Australia Day one day cricket match on TV was not an option because there was no power to the repeater station.

Lack of phone service in emergency conditions is a serious issue that needs to be addressed. ■



The portable generators at the Quorn sub-station

Obituary—Garry Thompson



GARRY COLIN THOMPSON was a very special man. Born on the 23rd of February 1938 in Adelaide, he was the only child of Gladys and Colin Thompson. He grew up in Torrensville and was a student of Prince Alfred College for nearly all of his schooling.

As a boy he often visited family in Quorn where his parents originated from. On some of these trips he went kangaroo shooting with his father and their friends; many a young joey found its way to their backyard in Adelaide, to be hand raised by Garry. He developed a lifelong love for wildlife from these early experiences. He decided that the way to shoot animals was with a camera and the only thing to shoot with a gun was a target.

On leaving school Garry took a pattern-making apprenticeship at Metters then in 1961, started working for General Motor Holden. Thus began his lifelong career as an engineering patternmaker until his retirement in 1997.

In December 1966, after a tragic end to his first marriage, Garry married Jennifer Bennett. This was the beginning of a lasting love story. On December 30th 1968, their only child, Elizabeth, was born and completed their family.

Garry wanted interests and hobbies that he could undertake with his family, which led to an extensive list of activities over his lifetime, many of them also serving the greater community. He wrote us with this list of involvements:

Photography

- Member of the GMH Woodville and WEA Camera Clubs.
- Member of South Australian Photographic Federation Inc. Chairman for two years.
- Activities included exhibiting, lecturing and judging at amateur photography clubs over a 30 year timespan. Received award of SSAPS, for services to photography in 1989.
- A keen interest in environment and nature photography.

Four Wheel Driving

- Founding member of the Nissan Patrol Club of SA Inc. from 1978; President for six years and awarded life membership.
- Member of the Toyota Landcruiser club of Australia SA Branch Inc. 1978-1997.
- South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc. Chairman for three years.
- Involved with co-ordinating and running the *Life Be in it* four wheel drive show, Bonython Park Adelaide from its inception in 1985 to 1995. [Forerunner to the caravan and camping shows of today, it was planned around our kitchen table.]
- Panel member of the Natural Resources Advisory Unit of SAAFWDC Inc.
- Panel member of the Recreational vehicle advisory committee between National Parks and Wildlife service and SAAFWDC Inc.
- Involved in negotiating access in Ngarkat Conservation Park, SA with parks submission and appearance before Parliamentary select committee re Maralinga Lands.

Pastoral Board

- Negotiation re public access planning and setting up of public access routes in South Australia.
- Member of the Wilderness Advisory Committee 1992 -2001 as the recreational user representative.

Obituary—Garry Thompson

National Parks

- Assist with Coongie Lakes Wetlands RAMSAR Management Plan, Tourism and Recreation Issues Paper.
- Assisted in upgrade of Ranger facilities at Dalhousie Springs.
- Foundation member of Friends of the Simpson Desert Parks. Chairman for six years, chairing the friends forum held at Hawker in 1994. Committee member until 1997.
- Member of the Friends of the Great Victoria Desert Parks.

Activities in Parks

- Assisted in coordinating and helping with clean-ups in both the Simpson and Great Victoria Desert Parks.
- Took part in plant surveys in the Ngarkat Conservation Park, recording the effects of bushfires in the region in the early 1980's.
- Collected specimens of lizards for the South Australian Museum tissue bank.
- Travelled in and around the Simpson Desert many times, across the top of Lake Eyre, along both the French line, WAA line and The Rig Road.
- In 1987 I travelled with a small party on a similar route to that of Dr C T Madigan's party in 1939, on the first scientific expedition across the Simpson Desert. I made a photographic record of the journey using compass, maps and extracts from his journal.
- Prepared the post and took part in the placement and dedication of the replica Poeppels Post. Warren C Bonython AO officiated.
- Participated in bird surveys over many years in areas which never had records taken, including two years traveling the flooded Warburton River by canoe. One survey was carried out over a period of five consecutive years in the same area, and covered many different climates and terrains.

Volunteering

- Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre, including assistance with the accreditation process.

- Conducting tours of the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society workshops.
- Driver for Northern Passenger Transport association.

- Meals on Wheels.

Flinders Ranges Council

- Councillor since September 2002 covering many community projects. In the early days I spent a lot of time in a car with Mayor Max and the CEO going to meetings to get the idea of what local government was about.
- I have been a council representative for General, Northern Passenger Transport, Airport Owners, Integrated Natural Resources Management, Flinders and Pastoral Rural Counselling, Animal and Plant Board, Relocation of the VIC to the Railway Station, Development assessment panel, local heritage listing and others.
- Member of the Outback Consultative Committee 2008-2013.

And written at the bottom of this extensive list in pencil was the note: **And above all family.**

This sums up Garry Thompson to date but there were a few things he missed:

- Town Santa for nearly 20 years. Many a child in Quorn had the wonderful experience of meeting him.
- Member of the Quorn Pistol and shooting club, where he thoroughly enjoyed his Saturday morning shoots.
- Member of the Quorn Men's shed and Chairperson from its inception until recently. Involved in restoring and upgrading the facilities there, He made some wonderful friends in his latter years through this organisation.

Garry loved people and the environment around him, but none more than his family. His wife Jenny, was by his side supporting him in all his endeavours and they were a formidable team. He was a loving father, father in law, and a wonderful Poppa.

He has left a legacy of caring and kindness to the community.

May he be at peace now. ■

The Volkswagen

— Bruce Delany

XMAS 1959. My family and I decided to have the festive season with the wife's people at 'Middle Bore'. This was an outstation of 'The Lakes', Kevin Murray's property west of Louth.

We made the trip from Bourke* in my pride and joy, a 1938 Buick sedan. This was a classic car, with a big straight-eight motor, genuine leather seats, etc. I wouldn't have called the King my uncle when I owned that car.

About New Year's Day we headed home, leaving the kids with their grandparents, and somewhere along the road I lost my brakes. A stone had broken a brake line, and I pumped all the fluid out before I realised.

The handbrake didn't work, so I decided to take the long road through Toorale rather than risk the punt cutting at Louth with no brakes.

We were nearing the 'Eldorado' mailbox when we came across two blokes walking along the road. They waved frantically but I didn't like the look of them. They were dressed in fur-lined flying coats (in the middle of Summer!) and both carried rifles.

After driving on about half a mile, I pulled up and discussed the pros and cons with my wife. We'd not passed any vehicle, so where did they come from? My wife then stated the obvious: 'You *can't* leave anyone on foot in the bush!' So we turned around and went back for them.

Their gratitude was obvious, as were their pleas for 'wasser'. After they'd drunk most of our water, we heard their story. They were German or Dutch—I forget which—and had driven up from Melbourne in an old Volkswagen to shoot pigs.

They couldn't tell me which road they'd travelled up on (their English was badly fractured), but they said that the last place they'd stayed was a pub. They didn't know the name of the place, but insisted there were no other buildings there: 'Only pub'.

I suggested Tilpa, but they said, 'No river'. The only other place I could think of with just a pub, was Little Topar between Wilcannia and Broken Hill. But they had no idea.

They'd punctured a tyre, and had put the spare on. Then they'd done another tyre, and had stuffed it full of grass. But inevitably, they'd run out of rubber, and had abandoned the car. We discussed their predicament, and I told them that they had their choice between Bourke or Louth. They chose Louth, since they wanted to recover their car.

When we'd come across them they'd been walking towards Bourke, and were very, very thirsty. There *is* water on that road, but you have to know where it is. Nothing is visible from the road until you get to Toorale.

The deep green of the river gums was visible where we picked them up, but they had no bush skills, and didn't realise they signified water. I don't think they could have walked much further in the state they were in. It was pretty hot, and neither of them wore a hat.

On the way back to Louth, I quizzed them on where they had left their car, but they didn't have a clue! All I managed to work out was that it wasn't on a road, and they'd left it hidden in a clump of bushes, because they didn't want it stolen! *They* couldn't drive it away, so how could anyone else?

I stopped on top of the punt cutting, and had a yarn with Bill Buckley, who lived nearby. Bill very kindly hooked a rope on my car, and lowered me down to the punt.

At the pub the two blokes bought four long-necks, and presented one each to my wife and me. I warned them about drinking them too fast, but my warning fell on deaf ears. And soon both of them were 'laughing at the ground'. My wife was having a bit of difficulty with hers, so being the splendid fellow that I am, I helped her out.

We left them at Louth, and headed back to Bourke with their gratitude ringing in our ears—'Danke! Danke!', or something like that.

I made a few enquiries during the weeks after that, but never did discover what happened to those two blokes. They just seemed to have dropped out of sight.

I wonder if they ever did find their Volkswagen again? ■

* Bourke is on the River Darling. Louth and Tilpa are downriver south-west from Bourke. Toorale is between Bourke and Louth, but further west on the Warrego River.

Courtesy *The Western Herald*, Bourke, NSW

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At the Wilmington Oval Complex - before going out to identify plants near Wilmington
(bring a hat and walking shoes)

Presenters: Anne Brown - Greening Australia, Chris Brodie - SA herbarium
& staff from NRM Northern Yorke.

Topics:

- * **Plant identification and how to preserve your good plants**
- * **Weed control Strategies**
- * **Where to go for help**
- * **Q & A**

Meal provided by Wilmington Progress Society

RSVP by 16th February

To register contact: Peter Newman (Ranger), Natural Resources Northern and Yorke

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This initiative has been funded through the Australian Government's Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper, the government's plan for stronger farmers and a stronger economy



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Regional fox control in the Upper North agricultural region

During late summer and early autumn young foxes are dispersing in attempt to settle in new territories. This time of year, is also lean in terms of food availability, and many foxes are hungry and actively seeking carrion and food.

Early autumn is the opportune time for farmers and landholders to be implementing fox control, and bait uptake is usually most effective at this time of year. Foxes can quickly move into uninhabited territories. Regular control is important to keep fox population numbers low; working together with neighbours will improve fox control across the region.

The Living Flinders Program recommends landholders bait at least twice a year, ideally in spring and autumn. The Living Flinders team provide bait needling services at Dawson, Quorn, Wilmington and Craddock over the coming months. If you are unable to get to the baiting racks, manufactured fox baits can be purchased from your local Natural Resources Northern and Yorke staff.

Landholders are invited to bring their own meat to the regional racks for free needling by Natural Resources Northern and Yorke staff. The next needling services are listed as follows:

Tues 20 th February – Dawson (Peterborough region)
Monday 19 th March – Quorn (Arden Vale)
Tues 20 th March – Craddock (location tbc)
Wed 21 st March – Wilmington (Goey Gills property)

Please contact Natural Resources Northern and Yorke Ranger Kevin Smith (0427 799 912) at the Natural Resources Northern and Yorke Orroroo office, or Andrea Tschirner (0437 287 130) for more information or to register your interest.

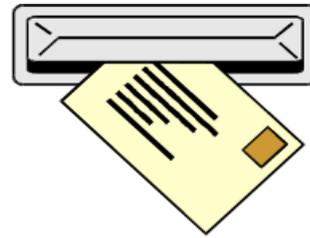


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Letters to the Editor



Dear Editors,

Christmas and New Year have come and gone. Activity involving the Federal Radioactive Waste Management Facility proposals for Wallerberdina and Kimba are gathering pace again and we are now entering the third year of the process.

Members of the Flinders Local Action Group and others in the community remain opposed to the Wallerberdina proposal. FLAG's position is simply that this is the wrong place for storing radioactive waste. Disposal of low level waste material and indefinite storage of dangerous intermediate level waste, with no plan for disposal, are completely at odds with everything that has been promoted for the Flinders Ranges over more than fifty years.

The State election is in March. On Monday evening, 22nd January, Jay Weatherill's campaign bus and team were in Hawker for a social sausage sizzle to meet and talk to members of the community in an informal setting. Our local Member for Giles, Eddie Hughes, MLA, and Kyam Maher, MLC, were there to represent the Government. FLAG believes the waste facility is an election issue and we are asking all the major parties to support current State legislation prohibiting "the establishment of certain nuclear waste storage facilities in South Australia". We have had that support from Liberal Leader, Stephen Marshall, and Greens Leader, Mark Parnell. We have yet to speak to Nick Xenophon this year, but had his support prior to the last Federal Election.

On Monday morning the Premier, Jay Weatherill took part in an open forum on ABC 639 North & West. Here are some quotes from his answer to a question about the Federal facility - "Labor Party policy is very clear. We oppose any further involvement in the nuclear fuel cycle including waste repositories whether they are high or low level... the process they (the Federal Government) have adopted is not one we support... we think the Aboriginal community also should be given special consideration ... issues like nuclear you have to have complete community acceptance or it just simply can't go anywhere and there doesn't seem to be that social licence here in South Australia..."

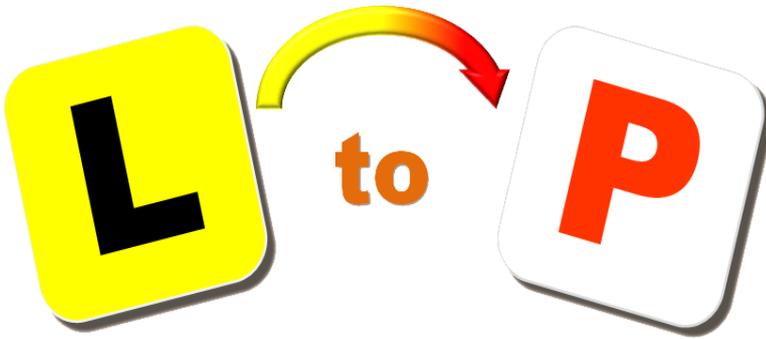
The DIIS have insisted that they are employing "world's best practice" in all aspects of this process to establish the NRWFMF. Over summer some large blue crosses have been set up in the Wallerberdina area which FLAG understands to be markers associated with the site survey work. FLAG understands that the placement of these markers has raised cultural concerns that do not fit with "world's best practice".

Once this waste facility is established it will be here forever. If you have any concerns now is the time to voice them. Discuss it in your community, with your Councillors and politicians.

Greg Bannon,
Quorn



Vivianne and Regina Mckenzie with Jay Wetherill on his recent visit to the area.



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Swim Club News

IT HAS BEEN a very busy summer for swimming. Congratulations to Chloe Hilder who was voted Club Captain for the season. Next year's captain will have big shoes to fill. Club activities included:

- *Up in the Eyre* - a two day carnival in Port Augusta in December.
- Country Championships in Broken Hill in early January.
- Hosted its own two day carnival here in Quorn a week later.

Three club members also attended the State Championships in Adelaide (more on this next month).



Country Champs—Broken Hill

A squad of nineteen attended this year, which is more than double the number of swimmers who attended when the club started attending country championships three years ago.

More than three times the number of swimmers from Port Augusta this year!

All swimmers swam very well. Nearly all of them made PBs.

Medal Tally:

Katherine Turner: one silver and two bronze
 Abraham Tuckwell: one silver and one bronze
 Tayla Finlay: one silver

Up in the Eyre



(Day 1, hosted by West Coast)

Abraham Tuckwell: three gold

Sasha Wilton: one gold, one silver and one bronze

Georgia Turner: one gold

Tayla and Jayde Finlay: one silver and one bronze each

Hannah Moosha Hancock and Zoe Solomon won two bronze each

Joel Finlay, Aiden Hately-Bell and Anthony O'Loughlin: one bronze each

The Quorn relay team (Tayla, Georgia, Aiden and Abraham): one silver and one bronze

The Quorn relay team (Joel, Anthony, Zoe and Sasha): one silver and one bronze *Below*



Up in the Eyre (Day 2, hosted by Port Augusta)

Abraham Tuckwell: two gold and three silver

Tom Millington: one gold and two silver

Sasha Wilton: one gold and one silver

Tayla Finlay: one silver

Georgia Turner: one bronze

The Quorn relay team (Aiden, Tom, Abraham and Anthony): one silver

The Quorn relay team (Jayde Tayla, Zoe and Georgia): one bronze

Swim Club News—Quorn Carnival Weekend

Our very successful two-day carnival was held on the 13th and 14th January. Once again we were blessed with mild weather, apart from a few rogue gusts of wind on Saturday.

Nineteen clubs attended from all over South Australia with 115 swimmers entering the carnival.

Special thanks must go to our major sponsors, BHP and Oz Minerals. The BHP sponsorship alone covered the cost of the medals.



Hannah Moosha Hancock at the medals table

Quorn Open Results

Abraham Tuckwell: three gold and six silver

Hannah Moosha Hancock: two gold and two silver

Jarred Hilder: two gold

Chelsea Solomon and Joel Finlay: each one gold

Jayde Finlay: one silver

Emily Millington, Anthony O'Loughlin,

Aiden Hatley-Bell and Sasha Wilton: each one bronze

Relay results:

Jarred, Tom, Aiden and Abraham: one gold

Joel, Hannah, Anthony and Sasha: one silver

Jayde, Chloe, Georgia and Tayla: one silver

Georgia, Jayde, Chloe and Tom: one bronze

Van Keulen Trophy:

12 and under: Tyson Duffield,

Runners up: Adele Jansen and Max Smart

13 and over: Zara Hancock

Runner up Jayde Finlay



Van Keulen descendent Brenton Hombusch with winners
Zara Hancock and Tyson Duffield

Devil's Peak Dash Results

Chelsea Solomon: four gold

Abraham Tuckwell: three gold and two silver

Hannah Moosha Hancock: two gold and two bronze

Tayla Finlay: one gold

Jaiy Hatley-Smith and Joel Finlay: one silver each

Sasha, Chloe and Jarred: one bronze each

Relay results

Abraham, Tayla, Jarred and Annie : one gold

Jarred, Tom, Aiden and Abraham : one gold

Chelsea, Sasha, Jaquarra and Annie : one silver. ■



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

Bookings 8642 3201



February

Anglican Church of St Mathew

Three times a year:

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

If required for a funeral service

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Catholic Church Church of the Immaculate Conception

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

Flinders Christian Fellowship

Sunday Service Weekly 10.00am
Lunch Mon & Thurs 12pm

Uniting Church

Sunday Service Weekly 11.00am

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Garry's family would like to thank everyone in the Quorn Community for their sympathy, support and kind offers of help during his illness and when he passed away.

We were deeply touched and appreciated these kind gestures.

The Quorn Community was near and dear to Garry's heart and he is now at rest surrounded by the Flinders Ranges and among friends.

The Biggest Thank You

Freer Nathan Troy
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Nathan's family would like to thank all those people who helped on the night of Nathans passing.

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Sadly missed by all.

Forever in our hearts.

Debbie, Andrew, Angie, Blake and Reece.

Quorn Weather Station

The late Mr M McColl donated much time as Quorn's weather station reporter and recorder for many years. We would like to acknowledge and express our appreciation on behalf of the Community.

The Flinders Ranges Council

A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to all the wonderful emergency volunteers SES, CFS, SAAS for being readily available and sacrificing your time and days off to support community members.

YOU DO AMAZING WORK

LEAH AND RICHARD KHOE

Month	Rainfall (mm)												
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	YTD
2015	63.4	1.6	0.0	137.2	20.6	51.2	34.0	34.2	17.8	2.8	48.0	3.6	414.2
2016	17.8	12.8	36.0	7.6	56.8	75.0	26.2	31.2	62.6	16.0	2.8	118.2	482.2
2017	66.2	4.21	1.0	54.0	20.0	2.0	6.6	34.6	1.0	22.2	20.0		212.4
2018													



Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events February 2018

Regular Events

Quorn

Powell Gardens Working

Bee—

2nd Sunday and 4th Thursday of the month

Quorn Produce and Craft Market Sunday 25th Feb

Quorn Book Club

Monthly Wednesday nights. Phone Sam Nester for more info 0456 129 870

Women's Fellowship—3rd

Wednesday of the month.

See poster in the laundromat window or Facebook for details

Quorn Men's shed

Breakfast 1st and 15th

Spit Roast

at Emily's Bistro every Sunday in 2018

Quorn Swimming Pool:

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

Friday – Sunday: 3:00pm to 7:00pm

Lap Swimming:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 6:30am to 8:00am

Events

Happy New
Year to
Everyone

Welcome back to all the school children and teachers for 2018, I hope you have had a great break and look forward to a new year.

Quorn Area School Swimming Carnival

9th starting from 9am

General public welcome to attend the event with full canteen facilities available

Flinders Flicks

“Lion” rescheduled for 2/2/18 7.30pm

“Last Cab to Darwin” 23/2/18 7.30pm at The Great Northern Lodge. BYO Supper and a donation to Flinders Flicks

Upcoming March Events

Pichi Richi Railway Train Journeys

Twilight Explorer aboard the Historic Brill Car on the 10th, 17th & 24th Quorn to Woolshed Flat. Departing 5.30pm, returning 8.00pm. Sit back and enjoy the Pichi Richi Pass in the cool of the evening and watch the setting sun sink lower in the sky over the Flinders Ranges. A wonderful way to end a lovely autumn day.

Regular Events

Quorn

Line dancing—Tuesday nights 7pm. Town Hall cost \$6 – starts 6th Feb

Yoga—Thursday nights 6.30pm Uniting Church Hall

Badminton—Tuesday nights 7pm School Gym

Pilates – Mondays 7pm at Quorn Kindergarten. \$10. Bring a mat.

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

Aerobics/Walking Exercise

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

Quilting Group—1st and 3rd Friday at the Austral Hotel all day

Quorn Bowling Club

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

Hawker

Quilting Group—Friday fortnightly

Community Group—Tuesday fortnightly

Friendship Group—3rd Wednesday

Development Board—3rd Monday of the month

Quote of the Month

a word of kindness is better than a fat pie
Russian Proverb



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Mercury and Powell Gardens volunteers met to enjoy a Barbecue tea at the Powell Gardens.



The Pageant, December 2017



Michael Abfalter and Greg Bannon at Mercury/Powell Gardens BBQ



Above—Busily Barbecuing

Below—Shirley Hughes chats with Karl Finlay



Sue Holmes, Carmel Reid and Lois Litchfield enjoying Australia Day



Australia Day Ends