

# Quorn Mercury

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## Doctor Honoured

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At home—Tony and Nes Lian-Lloyd in Tony's leatherwork room

QUORN'S DR ANTHONY John (Tony) Lian-Lloyd has been honoured with the OAM, in the 2020 Australia Day Awards.

Dr Tony was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for his service to Medicine and to the Community. *Medical Republic* describes him as one of the 'shining stars' in the medical profession.

His Quorn patients know him as the doctor who has practiced here for 26 years, and provided family care 'from the cradle to the grave'.

When Tony was asked to comment on his award, he praised his wife, Nes, for her support throughout his study, work and political activity. He quoted a colleague's comment that Nes should have been awarded a medal for keeping him in check.

Tony gives credit to Rural Doctors Association of SA and the national body, for their personal and professional advice. He values their support, and that of his Pt Augusta and Far North colleagues.

For many years, he has striven to attract, and train, *next gen* medical students in the practice of rural medicine.

Articles, interviews and public forums have stimulated public and professional attention.

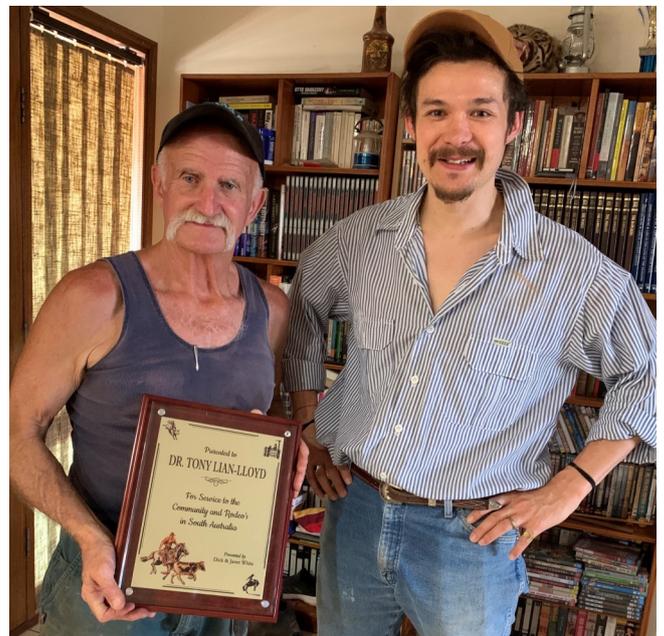
Tony's persistent message to Country Health SA is that funding, communication and services in country hospitals must be maintained.

In addition to being recognised the inaugural National Rural Doctor of the Year 2005, Tony received the SA Rural Doctors Lifetime Achievement Award in May 2019 from the Rural Doctors Workforce Agency.

He lives with his wife, Nes in Quorn. His adult children, Josephine and Christopher, attended school here, and visit home frequently. They now live overseas.

Tony is well-known and respected as an experienced horseman, and is involved in horse sports in the district.

Last year, he celebrated the opening of a room he built at home, for his leatherwork hobby. (Report *Quorn Mercury* 8/2019). ■



Tony, son Chris with Tony's Certificate for service to South Australian Rodeos, awarded at Carrieton

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# REDUCING SUICIDE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S NORTHERN COUNTRY REGION

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MATES in Construction SA and Country SA PHN have partnered together to offer workplace suicide prevention training within the country North region.



## GENERAL AWARENESS TRAINING

A free General Awareness Training session will be held **6.00pm-7.00pm Monday 17 February** at the **Quorn Bowling Club**, Railway Terrace Quorn.

Contact Jordan Crabtree on 08 8641 5403 or [jordan.crabtree@portaugusta.sa.gov.au](mailto:jordan.crabtree@portaugusta.sa.gov.au) for more information.

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# Chichester Kids to the Rescue



THE CHILDREN ON Chichester Street decided to have a Bake Stall to raise money for wildlife injured in the bushfires.

We advertised on Quorn community social media and had a huge response and turn-out on the day.

We offered scones, jam and cream, and it turned in to a lovely gathering, where people came for a chat and catch-up. People were so generous and instead of asking for a change, they made a donation.

Some Community members were more than happy donating cash, which is why we ended up making so much.

Children involved were Lucas, Ellie and Zac Bury, Georgia Shannon, Nikki and Indie Finlay and Maya Kruger.

## Some words from the children:

**Georgia Shannon** - I liked how we all helped bake and sell cakes and sausage rolls to people who came along on the day. The money we raised will help injured wildlife get better.

**Maya Kruger** - I helped my friends make cupcakes and it was super dooper fun. I am happy we raised so much money to help Kangaroo Island and the animals.

**Nikki Finlay** - We had an idea to do a cake stall to help the animals in the KI bushfires. So we made posters and hung them around the garage and we also made a big poster and put it next to the street sign.

## We raised \$880.00 for wildlife injured in the bushfires!

We made sausage rolls, cupcakes, scones, brownies, Honey Joys, tea and coffee. It was a great experience, and we made over \$800.

**Indie Finlay** - We all came together and made Sarah's scrumptious sausage rolls, chocolate brownies with icing sugar on top, cupcakes, three different flavoured cookies and Honey Joys. I was really excited when the day finally came. I was really happy that everything sold out much quicker than we expected.

**Lucas Bury** - I enjoyed talking to the people who came, and glad we made lots of money to donate to the injured animals in the bush fires.

**Ellie Bury** - We hope the animals get better that were injured in the bush fires. I really liked selling all of the things that we baked on the day.

**Zac Bury** - I had fun selling the cakes.

Sarah Bury ■



From left—Lucas, Georgia, Indie, Maya, Ellie and Nikki

**ZENA COX**

**RETROSPECTIVE EXHIBITION**

FOR THOSE of you who knew Zena Cox, a former resident and talented artist, there is a retrospective exhibition of her work showing at Platform Gallery Pt Augusta.

The gallery is open on Wednesdays to Saturdays between 10am and 3pm.

The Exhibition will be at Quorn Library in April.

There are also three pieces of her work at the Doctor's Surgery, and another large piece in the Council Chambers foyer.

The Exhibition is certainly worth a look.



# Medal Presentations

ON SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2019 Quorn CFS held their annual Christmas get together at the Quorn Golf Club.

A good turnout was present for this occasion. Family and other members gathered to see service medals presented to members for their long service to CFS and local Brigade.

The Regional Commander, Sindy McCourt, attended to present Colin M<sup>c</sup>Coll (absent), Modris Ozolins and Graham Ash with their 40 year Medals, Paul Finlay—30 year Medal and Jim Meyers—10 year Medal.



Jim Meyers receives his 10 year Medal from Sindy McCourt



Regional Commander, Sindy McCourt presents Modris Ozolins with his 40 year Medal



Graham Ash displays his 40 year Medal with Sindy McCourt



Sindy McCourt presents Paul Finlay with his 30 year Medal

Colin, Graham, Paul and Jim have served only with the Quorn Brigade with Colin acting for many years as Group Officer for the Flinders region. Modris joined CFS at Pinnaroo before joining Quorn Brigade when he moved to Quorn.

Not long after this get together, Australia started to burn from the east to the west in NSW, Vic, WA, the Adelaide Hills, Kangaroo Island, the Eyre Peninsula and down the south east of SA.

To date about a quarter of the local Brigade has fought fires in NSW, Kangaroo Island, and Kimba—some more than once. For a small Brigade that is quite an achievement. ■

## CFS Volunteers Wanted

### Training

- Monday evenings except Public Holidays
- Starts at 1900hrs (7pm).
- Potential new members welcome

CFS Station on Silo Road

# KI Bushfires

THE QUORN TOWNSHIP, has to date, not experienced the horror of a major bushfire and hopefully our good luck will continue to hold.

This year's bushfire season with the fires seemingly everywhere should make us all think again, and prepare not only our properties but ourselves as well.

The TV is full of frightening pictures day after day and yet most of us only have a *sort of* bushfire plan, but that is probably as far as it goes. Please see local CFS members or the CFS website and complete a 5-minute Bushfire plan.

This is easy to fill in using a computer or mobile phone. It can be saved to a phone or printed out and then put where it is clearly visible, on the side of the fridge for example.

We have here, in Quorn, a CFS with vehicles and equipment manned by local volunteers. Over 25% of members to date, some more than once, have been over to Kangaroo Island to assist in containing the fires.

The KI locals are so thankful of the work that has been put in that where ever you go you are met with a handshake or a hug. ■

Graham Ash



The fireground from the safety of a vehicle

Many people have little or no idea of the speed of a moving fire. When I was working in Canada years ago, the Landrover I was travelling in could not outrun a grass fire. It swept over us and away across the prairie.



Want a drink?



Elsie getting a clean at Cape Jervis



Delivering fodder

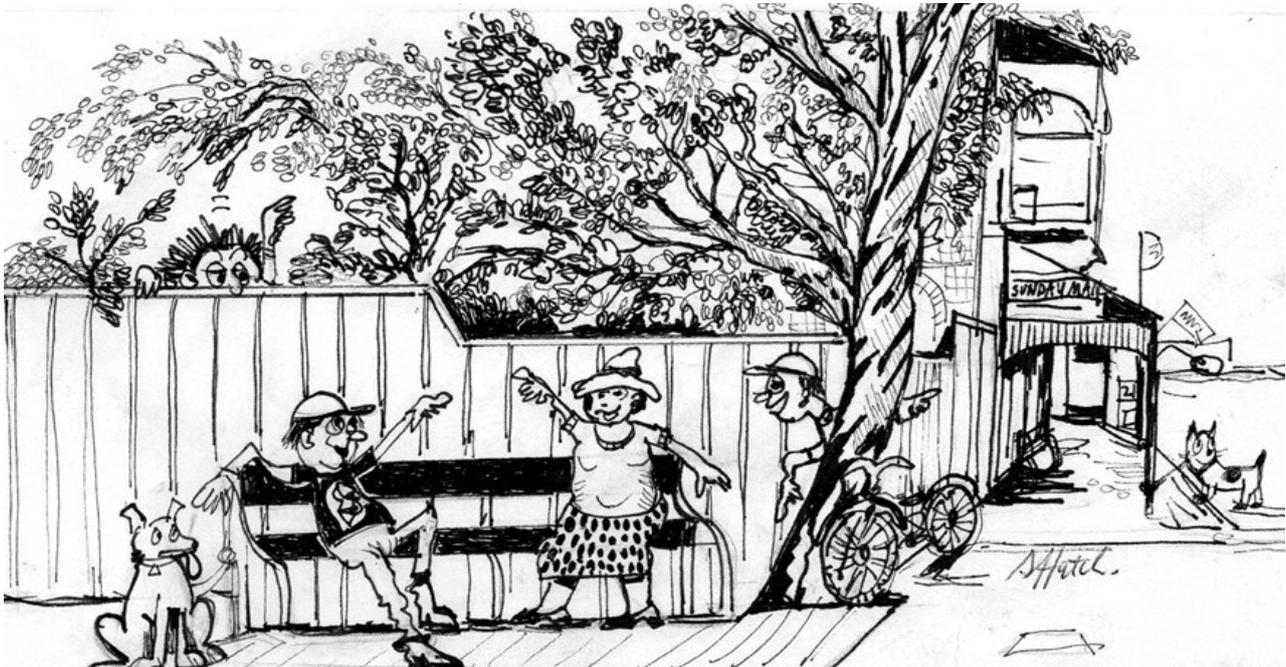


Mobile accommodation for firefighters

The selected photos are taken from over 100 offered to the *Mercury* for use in a publication. The selection was based more on the background activities than the fires themselves.

# Chat with a Quornie

## Max McLeod



I WAS THE YOUNGEST of three children. My childhood home was a dairy farm at Mylor in the Adelaide Hills.

We all helped milking, separating and making the cream. Cans were picked up from outside our gate daily. This left me with a distaste for most dairy products.

Weekends also involved cutting wood for wood fires (the only heating in those days), clearing scrub, fencing and most farm duties.

We went to Mylor Primary, and high school at Oakbank Area—both a mile and a half walk. (That's why I've got short legs).

When Dad was near retirement, he and Mum decided to build a new house—a modern two-bedroom transportable with new furniture. They left the old house and contents as is.

On Ash Wednesday 1983, a massive bushfire swept through our property. Everything was destroyed, except for the new house. Mum later discovered that she'd forgotten to change the insurance from the old to the new house. A very lucky mistake.

When Dad had a stroke, and Mum became ill, they had to sell the property, and by chance it was purchased by Brian and Fay Powell's son. It became a plant nursery, with more trees replanted than we cleared.

My first job was in Adelaide with SAR (South Australian Railways). I qualified as an electrical mechanic in Signal and Telegraph Section. Work took me all over SA from Mt Gambier to Cockburn.

I remember helping decommission the Railway DC plant at Cockburn, when it was changed to AC-fed from Broken Hill.

I did a lot of electrical work at Port Pirie, Gladstone, Wolseley, and in towns and suburbs, stations and railway houses.

In 1966, Judith (Jude/Judy) Hills and I were married, and spent several months, living in a tiny four-roomed cottage at Mylor, amongst huge pines. (Much to Judy's horror, as they were home to many large spiders).



Max and Judy's cottage at Mylor, 1966

I was transferred to Wudinna as a Section Electrical Fitter, covering Karkoo near Cummins, north to Poochera.

I was responsible for Power, Lighting and Phone Maintenance.

We transferred to Karoonda in 1969—a much larger section, from Wynarka to Wanbi, Karoonda-Peebinga and Karoonda-Waikerie. Our first son, Robert was born there in 1970.

I transferred to Renmark in 1972. This section was Wanbi-Barmera, Alawoona-Loxton, maintaining and lifting Paringa Road rail bridge, when a houseboat went upstream or downstream on the river through Lock 5. David was born in Renmark that year.

I applied unsuccessfully for a transfer in 1974, but, knowing that Commonwealth Railways was about to take over SAR, I resigned. I made a total career change

We moved to Berri, and I started work at a friend's garage, as a mechanic/auto electrician. As the boys were older, and Robert had started school, Judy returned to Hairdressing part-time. She'd only been able to work at weekends, when I could look after the boys.

## Moving North

JUDE'S FATHER, a plumber in Pt Augusta offered me a job. Although we'd enjoyed living in the Riverland, it was a long way from our families. So we moved again.

We lived in our caravan in Jude's Mum and Dad's yard in Port. Years before, her dad had bought a house in Albert St Quorn, which he offered us rent free, if we wired and painted it.

It was a good move, as both boys could start school in Quorn in 1979.

I was offered a job with MSS as a Security Officer, which entailed moving money round Spencer Gulf, and manning the gate at Playford Power Station. I became Senior Security Officer, in charge of eight or nine staff. Work on Northern Power Station started. I saw it go up, and I saw it come down.

At this time, we decided we'd put down roots, and bought a block in Norman St.

Judy took over *Country Clip*, hairdressing salon in Sixth St. Nobody knew me, as I spent most of my time at work in Pt Augusta. I was just 'the Hairdresser's husband'.

I started building. I figured I'd done a lot of woodwork, and made a lot of cupboards and wardrobes. Building a house was just like building a big cupboard. It took a few years, but in 1982 we moved in.



Max building the big cupboard, Quorn, 1982

Maurice Hannigan, (*Mechanical Maurice*) whom I'd met when we moved to Quorn, was Maintenance Fitter at the Barytes Plant. He asked me if I'd like a job. It seemed a good idea, as I wouldn't have to travel far to work.

## Quorn Barytes Plant

I GAINED the position of Assistant-Manager to Arthur Laidlaw. When Arthur died suddenly in 1990, I became Manager, and stayed there until my retirement in 2006,

The Plant processed only Barium Sulphate ( $BaSO_4$ ), an inert, heavy mineral, which was crushed and milled. Higher grade ore, used in paint, plastics, clutch and brake linings was used by *Bostick* and *Bendix*. Barium meal was used by medical companies.

Lucas Heights Nuclear Reactor in Sydney used it in plaster for shielding, as it is impervious to Xray.

Having the mines and plant owned by the same company provided the resources. And, avoided outside influence.

The main high grade ore came from Oraparinna underground mine, near Wilpena. It was established in 1946. Until Roxby Downs, it was the largest underground mine in SA. It closed in 2010, due to lower demand.

Historically, ore was railed to Gillman for processing. Lower grade ore, the bulk of production, was mined at Dunbar open-cut mine, between Wilpena and Oraparinna.

It was milled, mixed to a slurry on-site, and pumped down the drill hole to lubricate the drill bit and line the hole. As it was heavy, it plugged the hole in case of a blowout.

Until the late 80s, Quorn plant had two shifts of seven or eight workers, but later, a day or day/night shift worked on demand.

Many locals were employed—Ernie Ash, Viv Pumpa, Bob Francis, Joe Cummins, Ted Alexander and the last manager, Grant Filsell, who are all deceased.

Other locals worked there, but I'd hate to offend by missing anyone out.

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*QMB*, and later, *Marlington Transport*, carted the bulk of the product to the oilfields and Australia-wide.

Ore was railed to Quorn from 1956 Then by road train from Oraparinna and Dunbar.

Clarrie McCourt from Hawker was the driver, until his retirement. Then Tommy Wilson carted for Linke Contractors, Nuriootpa.

### Quorn Pistol Club

WHEN WE were at Berri, Jude and I were involved in pistol shooting. At Pt Augusta, we shot with several Quorn people.

Ray Sinclair-Wood, Grant Pyatt, the policeman at the time, Jude and I were keen to form a club in Quorn. A public meeting we called was very well-attended. We began the legal process to form a club.

Our first range was for Air Pistol, at Memorial Hall, but we kept looking at various sites. The current site of Arden Vale was chosen. Many people worked very hard for year, to create a club that is respected in the shooting community.

Our boys shot with us for many years. Jude, Robert and I entered in Open Shoots round the state, and in State Championships. I competed in Masters Games.

Robert and Brett Pitman were chosen for inclusion in the State Junior Team, and had to attend practice in Adelaide. Robert still enjoys shooting, but I don't shoot anymore.



Dining out for Max's 50th at Pt Augusta.  
L-R: David, Judy, Max and Robert

### Vintage Restorations

WHEN I RETIRED in 2006, I continued my interest in vintage vehicles. Over the years, I've restored a 1927 Chevrolet Roadster; a 1927 Chevrolet *buckboard*.

I owned a 1957 original unrestored Ford Customline, and a 1947 Fargo Truck (originally owned by Quorn Lions Club).



Max, and his restored 1927 Chevrolet *buckboard*,  
Quorn 2006

I'm the proud owner of a 1937 Buick Century (that took three years to restore); and a 1939 Fargo Coupe Ute. It was a local vehicle bought new by Mr Frank Willis, and sold to Mr Harold Eckert.

It took me five years to restore, because my work was interrupted by a fair bit of travelling.

### A 'Bit' of Travelling

JUDE AND I caravanned extensively through the Eastern States, but our first overseas holiday was a three week NZ tour, followed by my 2013 bucket list holiday in Scotland.

We toured for two weeks, making sure we saw all the main tourist sites, including *Edinburgh Tattoo*.

Then we headed to the Outer Hebrides, Isle of Skye, and Dunvegan Castle, the home of the McLeod clan chief .



Dunvegan Castle. McLeod clan ancestral home on the Isle of Skye, Scotland 2013

After viewing castle and estate, we hired a motor home and went to Cambridge to see Jude's *reilly*.

We drove south to Duxford Airfield, a still-operating World War 2 base.

Then, after a week in London, we flew to Turkey, where Jude and I wandered Istanbul for two days, before we began our tour of the Gallipoli Peninsula.

We'd changed our minds about going to Egypt, because of unrest. But Turkey was peaceful and friendly. We visited Troy, Ephesus, Antalya and Cappadocia.

In 2014, Jude and I met some Sydney friends for a train and boat tour of Canada and Alaska. It was an amazing scenic experience.

Two years later, we spent two enjoyable days in Amsterdam, before we boarded a cruise ship. We sailed the Baltic Sea, through Keil Canal to Copenhagen, Denmark, Estonia, St Petersburg and Stockholm.

Jude's Bucket-list holiday started with a flight to Cairo, and on to Luxor, Aswan, Abu Simmel and Alexandria lighthouse (One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World).

After two weeks, I was over temples, but Jude had a wonderful time. Given the chance, we'd go back to Scotland and Egypt.

Our holidays recently, have been nine or so weeks in the caravan, travelling Queensland. We stayed at Hervey Bay with Jude's cousin, a miniature donkey breeder.

What next? Who knows? Maybe we'll head west to another part of our huge country. ■



Judy and Max at an Adelaide Clan McLeod function 2006

## 21st Birthday

KADE BAKER celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at Pichi Richi Park.

Approximately 100 family members and friends attended.

Kade is the eldest child of Michelle and Keith Baker.



From left—Keith, Kade, Ethan, Michelle and Aleesha Baker

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# PRR on Great Australian Railway Journeys



From left—Michael Portillo, John Smythe, engine driver and Philip Mellors, fireman

IT'S BEEN A few months since Michael Portillo visited Quorn and travelled on our Pichi Richi Railway and the Ghan.

The Australian premiere of *Great Australian Railway Journeys*, presented by Michael Portillo, went to air on Tuesday, February 4th 2020, at 7:30pm, on SBS TV.

If you missed seeing it that evening then you can still view it on *SBS on Demand*.

In this first episode, Michael Portillo travelled from Port Augusta to Darwin. This beautifully filmed series includes footage of his visit to Quorn Pichi Richi Railway.

Michel Portillo was a Conservative British politician and is now a journalist and broadcaster and his true love is Railways. He even brought his precious book by Bradshaw on this trip.

The book inspired his *Great British Railway Journeys* TV series.

The photo above captures a lovely moment at the PRR when John and Phil were shown that copy. ■



L-R: Michael Portillo and Jeremy Browne, guide during the visit

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# Quorn Silo Projection

## *Behind the scenes of Quorn's Permanent Silo Art & Digital Exhibition System*

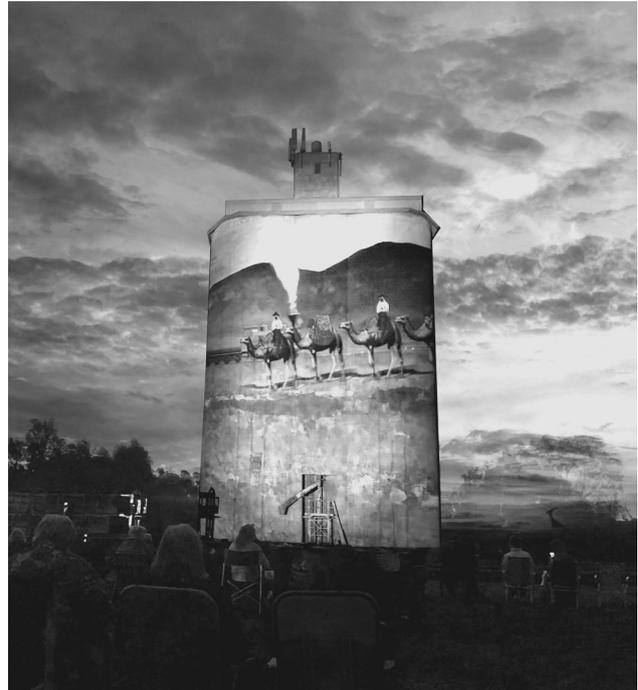
IF YOU ATTENDED the evening entertainment of the silo light show in Quorn on the night of the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2019, you will be interested to know that a plan is under way to make this a permanent local and tourist attraction. The project of film projection onto the old grain silos is progressing well.

Silo art is popular around Australia now, but the downside is that once its painted, it can't change and it just eventually fades. This new attraction for Quorn will be a completely unique tourism attraction that has the option to change and develop, and offer opportunities for new creativity for our region.

The system itself is already designed and almost ready for "showtime". In late November surveyors pegged a plot inside the Pichi Richi Rail yards, and then a small replica heritage shed was framed up and is now in the final stages of being built. The shed and seating are based on structures that were on the site 100 years ago, which can be seen in the photo below. While on the outside it may look like a simple rustic railways shed, but on the inside the high security system and steel frame will securely house a powerful projector in a high quality custom weatherproof box that will protect the system from the cold winter frosts and hot summers.



You may have noticed Railway Terrace being dug up near the Quorn Works Depot and a temporary spoon drain across the road. This was for SA Power Networks to supply power to a new point inside the PRR yard that will supply permanent power for the attraction.



The project has been in the making for about four years and has been made possible through successful grant funding, sponsorship and in kind support from Flinders Ranges Council and local businesses. It is expected to be operational for ten years.

The system is being installed by Illuminart, a nationally renowned company that was established in Quorn, and is employing local people for building the structures and operating the installation.

The Projection system will be totally automated and the nightly schedule will feature a half hour show, with graphics, music, narration etc, that will appeal to tourists. These features will be followed by a series of silent exhibitions that change frequently and feature photographs, artwork and designs submitted by local people—the silos will light up with what is important to our community.

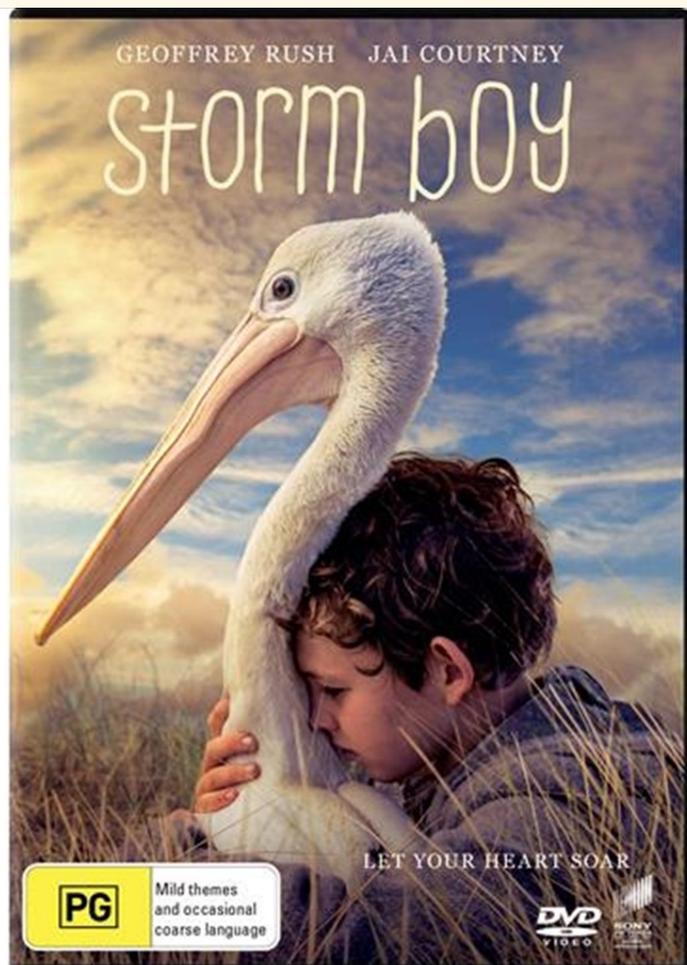
The stories for the tourism show are based on suggestions made by residents during community consultation and research in the region. It will be very exciting to see these stories being added one by one to the projection system over coming months.

It is hoped that the whole system will be up and running by the start of the 2020 influx of tourists, and it will continue to be tweaked and developed during the year as new content is added. Illuminart looks forward to announcing the dates and upcoming creative opportunities here in the Mercury.

More info: [www.quornsilolightshow.com.au](http://www.quornsilolightshow.com.au)



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## 28th February—50th film screening at Emilys Bistro

**FLINDERS FLICKS FILM CLUB** has been showing movies in Quorn since 2008 and screens on the fourth Friday of each month except December.

A variety of movies are shown—Australian movies, comedy and drama, etc. Most of the Flinders Flicks movies are placed in Quorn Library for loan to library members.

Emily's Bistro has been the home of Flinders Flicks since July 2014 when *The Great Gatsby* was screened.

## Storm Boy

Friday 28th February  
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### **ABOUT THE MOVIE:**

**STORM BOY** has grown up to be Michael Kingley, a successful retired businessman and grandfather.

When Kingley starts to see images from his past that he can't explain, he is forced to remember his long-forgotten childhood, growing up on an isolated coastline with his father. He recounts to his grand-daughter the story of how, as a boy, he rescued and raised an extraordinary orphaned pelican, Mr Percival.

Their remarkable adventures and very special bond has a profound effect on all their lives.

Based on the beloved book, *Storm Boy* is a timeless story of an unusual and unconditional friendship.

**Starring:** *Geoffrey Rush, Jai Courtney, Trevor Jamieson, Morgana Davies*

**GENRE:** ADVENTURE, DRAMA, FAMILY

**RATING PG**

# Flinders House News

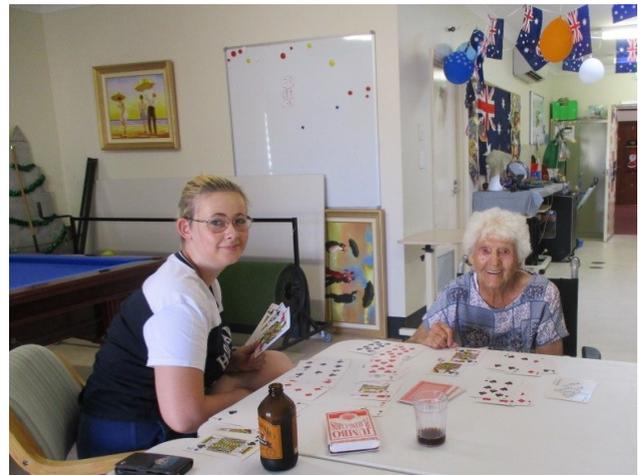
2020 IS SHAPING UP to be another exciting year.

Apart from our standard celebrations we will be including this year *armchair* trips to Greece, Ireland, Hawaii, India and Mexico.

We will be participating in *Talk Like a Pirate Day*, and in February we will be  *dressing to the nines* and walking the red carpet to attend an Oscars lunch.

Our exercise classes have had a big overhaul, with the inclusion of dance sessions. Last year we learnt the *Git Up* and have some new dances lined up!

We now have a couple of pen pals who we are sharing mail with. Our first letter arrived this week, from England. We have a home in Canada waiting for some postcards from us. ■



Betty playing cards with Lori



Betty, Lorna and Ollie



Australia Day



Australia Day

# Quorn Character Ashley Parkinson and *Fluffy*

*Drawn by Sue Hatch*



IT WAS VERY EARLY in my riding experience. I had just been taught which way to face by Deirdre Geldard and felt I was ready for the big time—the SAA Gymkhana and trail ride. But I had no horse....

Roy Clarke very kindly suggested *Fluffy* might be suitable, and was happy to lend her to me for the trail ride and event. Two exploratory rides with Peter Hatch the week before, and I felt confident that *Fluffy* and I were going to get along.

The trail ride went well. *Fluffy* and I returned to base. All well.

Unfortunately *Fluffy* was not so keen on the Gymkhana. She and I did the barrels in a fair time of 4 minutes 25 secs'ish, (I think she was keen to

get back to the trail ride), and I teamed up with Dr Tony for the Ribbon race.

Anyone who knows Dr Tony knows he can be competitive and his horses are always keen to go. Soooo...Ready, Set, Go! Tony takes off, but *Fluffy* was still looking longingly towards the hills.

I wasn't letting go of the ribbon, but Tony wasn't going to stop. Something had to give. Luckily it was the ribbon.

Tony took off up the course whilst I was left with *Fluffy*, who was wondering why I was now holding a tattered ribbon fluttering in the breeze.

Sue captured me and *Fluffy* ambling back to the yards waving to the cheering (but mostly laughing) crowd. ■

# Paynter Family Wedding

ELIZABETH (LIZZY) BARNARD married Adam Bennett 25th January 2020 at Burnside City Uniting Church. Reception was at the Church Reception Centre.

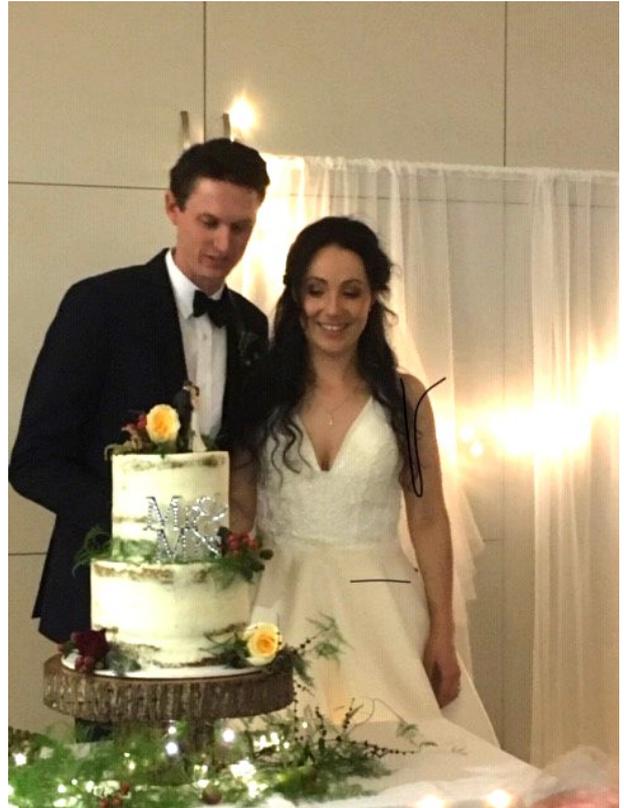
Lizzy is the daughter of Bob and Beryl Barnard (Paynter), Lobethal.

Adam is the son of Ben Bennett. Hardwick Bay and Susan Ryan of Adelaide.

Lizzy and Adam chose a Hobbit theme for their Reception. Wooden place mats and the cake stand for table decorations came from a large burnt gum tree on the Barnard property.

Family and friends travelled from Hardwick Bay, Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney, Clare, Jamestown, Yacka, Port Augusta and Quorn.

Twenty five family members and partners attended. They were the descendants of Harold and Irene Paynter, Arden Vale Farm, Quorn. ■



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# Pageant 2019



Congratulations to the committee and all participants in the 2019 Quorn Christmas Pageant.



Santa and Mother Claus with friends



Face painter—Amary Meyers at work



Left—Certificate of Recognition, Quorn Kindergarten SALA event, Director Maggie Kamin  
Centre—Citizen of the Year, Modris Ozolins  
Right—Event of the Year, Quorn 100th Agricultural Show—President Bronwyn Filsell



Quorn Show Committee Members

From left—Pat Wiseman, Jenny Wooley, Mary Francis, Jillian Wilson, Bronwyn Filsell, Betty Eckert, Amanda O'Loughlin, Peter Sandles



Laura Jayne Wicks displaying her hand-made jewellery and leather work.

# QUORN CELEBRATIONS



Cindy Hay and hat



From left—Barb Walker, Sue Smith, Paula Roberts, Terry Smith, Bob Finlay and Rene Reschke



Geoff Woodlands, Judy & Ken Faulkner taking a break



Catching up time for Quornies at the Christmas Eve street party



After an Aussie Day breakfast it was presentation time as seen from the shade by the pool.



# Their First New Year



## **Preiss Baby**

ROSALIE LYNNE PREISS

Born: 8th September 2019

Time: 10:21pm

Where: Port Augusta Hospital

Weight: 7lb 14oz

Length: 50cm

Parents: Hayden and Rhiannon

Likes: Smiling and cuddles



## **Rodgers Baby**

CALI MAE RODGERS was born on November 6th 2019 to Heidi and Paul Rodgers, a sister for Clay.

She is the granddaughter of Pam and Ian Rodgers, Quorn and Kate and Brian Williams, Carrieton.



Above—Cali sleeping on the job in the shearing shed while Mum serves lunch



Left—The boys celebrating the end of shearing. From left—Mick Bury with Tate, Clay and Paul Rodgers, Lucas, Zac and Tim Bury

# Ted Lennon Ernie Kempe

— Bruce Delany

**TED WAS THE** Manager of Hamilton Station. He had to be the Manager, as he was the only one there. I suppose by that criterion he was also the Overseer, the Head Stockman, and so forth, too.

There was an Aboriginal camp near the home-  
stead, but it consisted mainly of old people and  
young kids, since anyone of workable age had got  
jobs on Macumba and Eringa. (All three Stations  
were Kidman's.) And all mustering and branding  
was done as required by those Station's plants. So I  
suppose Ted was really a Caretaker.

He was a likeable old bloke, about sixty, with a  
beard that looked like he'd been dragged through a  
barbwire bush backwards. It was the most disgrace-  
ful beard I've ever seen. I'd not have been surprised  
to see birds fly out of it.

The young Aboriginal kids made fun of his beard,  
but if they were in range, he'd stripe them (almost  
absentmindedly) with his Akubra.

Ted liked a drink—rum was his favourite tippie.  
But he had an unusual habit of mixing his rum and  
cold tea together. As he put it, 'Rum makes you  
drunk, and tea sobers you up, so I should be ok.'

I saw him and Cooper Bailes go on a bender  
once—phew! I still wake up screaming at the mem-  
ory of it! It's funny how your own view of such goes  
according to your own sobriety. *I've* turned away  
from sessions like that because my mates were  
acting up. But if *I'd* joined them I'd probably have  
been the worst of the lot myself!

I don't think I'd be talking out of school (after all,  
Ted is long dead) if I mentioned that he grew and  
harvested dingoes. He had an enclosure fenced off  
for them, and when they'd grown up, they became  
fifteen bob (\$1.50) a pop. Tucker wasn't a problem,  
after all, it *was* a cattle station. And water came from  
a permanent hole on Alberga Creek.

Hamilton was an isolated, seldom-visited place,  
and Ted got away with this for years, and must have  
made a fair bit of money. I've no idea what he did  
with it—after all, he couldn't spend it *all* on rum!  
But he didn't spend it on luxuries, because he had as  
rough a camp as I've ever seen. Perhaps he had a  
family somewhere, or perhaps the kids ended up  
with it? No matter—what's done is done.

I liked old Ted. Maybe he bent the rules a bit, but  
who hasn't? (Let him who is without sin, etc, etc.)  
I've met a lot worse than him, in their Italian suits  
and crocodile-skin shoes—some of them were so  
greasy that they'd strike oil if they cut themselves  
shaving! Ah, well!—just another thread woven into  
the rich tapestry of life! ■

**LET ME TELL** you about Ernie Kempe, the Mac-  
umba Manager. He was a hard man, but let me  
put this in perspective. If he hadn't been hard,  
human nature being what it is, anything less  
would have been interpreted as weakness.

I'll quote two very different views of him from  
Jill Bowen's *Kidman: The Forgotten King*. The  
first is from an ex-employee, Mort Conway:

I got into cattle with Ernie Kempe. He was a tough  
bugger, and a cheeky bugger. He'd give you a hiding  
for nothing—knock you over with anything from a  
whip to a kick in the backside or a grapple by the  
scruff of your neck. He'd even hit you with a rock. He  
was not a nice man. He was regarded as one of Sid  
Kidman's leading men, managing (at the same time)  
Hamilton, Eringa, and Macumba (his headquarters).  
But he was a first-class cattleman and horseman. He  
was strict with the men, and later had a team that  
would stick with him through thick and thin.

The other quote is from Sid Kidman himself:

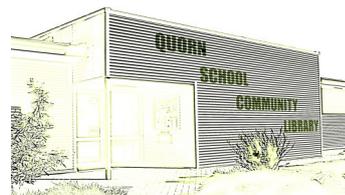
Ernie Kempe is a good example of the sort they  
produce in the bush. He has lived on a Station for 34  
years, and everyone who visits Macumba speaks  
glowingly of the place. Sir Edgeworth David told me  
he never saw Aborigines happier, or better cared for  
than on Macumba. It is a dry place, and one of the  
Stations the Government has said we have not  
improved, but we are getting something like 3000 fat  
cattle from it yearly!

I think Archie McLean (manager of Anna Creek)  
was Kidman's favourite, but Ernie Kempe would  
run a close second along with Ted Pratt, and 'Gal-  
loping Jack' Watts. Mr Kempe first started work at  
the ripe old age of thirteen at The Peake Station  
under the legendary Archie McLean.

I got hauled over the coals once by E.K. for  
telling Dave Scobie (owner of adjoining Allandale)  
that there was one of his bullocks in the mob we had  
in the yards. He reamed me right out, and I couldn't  
understand why, as Dave's brand and earmark stood  
out like dogs' eyes. Evidently, you didn't say any-  
thing, but just ignored it!

I was told that before my time on Macumba, Dave  
Scobie and he had a bet on who had the best camp  
horse (today called a 'cutting horse'). The object of  
the contest was to cut one bullock (nominated by the  
opponent) from the mob, and run it into the yard.

Dave strutted his stuff, then E.K. appeared on his  
horse, Maori, 'as he was foaled'—that is, no saddle  
or bridle. E.K. guided his horse to the nominated  
bullock with his knees, then touched beast on the  
rump with the handle of his whip, and the rest as  
they say, was history. E.K. had won the bet. ■

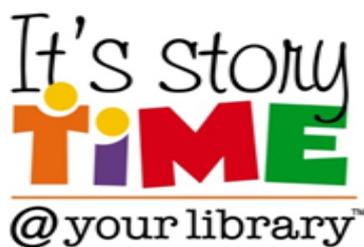


## Quorn Book Club

All Welcome. Enquiries please contact **Sam** on **045 129 870** for further details.

### Welcome back!

We re-opened on Tuesday 7 January  
Please visit us, we would love to see you.

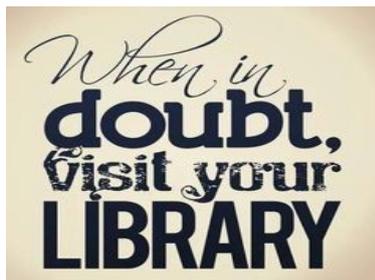


### STORYTIME DATES

Wednesdays 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> March,  
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## QUORN MERCURY SAYS 'THANK YOU'

RENOVATIONS of the Quorn Mercury room have been completed. The repairs were necessary due to considerable water damage caused by a water leak in the plumbing of the Town Hall kitchen.

The Mercury was relocated to the Council Chambers during the period of rebuilding—approximately two years.

The refurbished Mercury room is now well set up with its own air-conditioning system, freshly painted and with new furniture and floor covering.

### SPECIAL THANKS GO TO

- ◆ **Flinders Ranges Council** for overseeing renovation, and the continued provision of internet and freight costs.
- ◆ **Lions Club** for supply of new office chairs.
- ◆ **Quorn Badminton Club** for a recent donation, which will assist in the Mercury printing costs.

# Droving



Taking a flock of sheep to market

ONE EVENING, AS I sat by the fire watching the flames playing on a log, my father entered the room and my wish to help him drive sheep on the morrow was granted.

There seemed no time between then and morning, and as I crawled from my bed, I could hardly believe I was actually going droving with my father for the first time.

I dressed and packed two sacks of food and then ran over to the stable to help Dad saddle up. I felt very proud, as I directed the dogs to bring the sheep, and they obeyed me.

By this time it was six o'clock, and we set out, driving the sheep steadily. The sun rose from behind the hills, telling us the day would be hot, with a likelihood of thunderstorm in the evening.

As we passed the pine trees in the woolshed paddock, several kookaburras disturbed from their morning's rest, flew from the trees across the wheat. Some swooped to breakfast on butterflies, others flew to a nearby tree, and laugh as though mocking us as we drove on.

When we stopped at the first trough to rest the sheep, the sun had risen above the hills and a few clouds were mounting Mount Brown, showing that our premonition was right.

As the sheep grazed, I lay on the grass watching the birds in the trees flying to their nests to feed their young. There were two magpies who had their nest just a short way from where I lay and they seemed very annoyed as sheep strayed from the flock and began eating the grass under the trees.

After we had a short rest, Dad whistled the dogs to mob the sheep and we once more set out, this time along a dirt track, leading north.

The sun was above the hills now, and the sheep moved more slowly. As we reached the top of one hill, we looked out to the plain, which was hardly visible because of the dust storm.

It was not long before the sheep needed a rest, and we once more stopped by a trough for them to drink.

Dad dismounted and untied the sacks from his horse, then lit the fire, I watered both the horses.

We weren't able to rest long, for the clouds were already moving rapidly across the sky, while a dust storm threatened from the plain.

The sheep were even more reluctant to move this time, for they too could sense the coming storm, and didn't wish to be driven from shelter.

Many birds were circling in the sky, calling to their mates, and as I rode past a log, I could see a frilled-neck lizard trying to disguise itself against the dark wood.

We passed a homestead, and for a few seconds the dogs sniffed each other. Then deep growls were heard, and the hair on their backs bristled. A call was heard from the house and the dogs returned while we continued on our way.

One sheep fell down, and we were forced to leave it by a dam to be collected with our neighbor's flock on the following day.

The shadows of our horses told us it was midday when we stopped for lunch, and a low rumbling could now be heard in the direction of the Mount. So once more we rested only a short time, before we drove on.

As Quorn came into sight, the sun was completely hidden by clouds. The sheep moved more rapidly, as they sought trees for shelter.

We were able to reach one clump of thick scrub, before the first rain fell, and, seeing that a storm was inevitable, we drove the sheep rapidly to the sheds on the outskirts of Quorn, where we left them for the night.

Dad and I rode to the neighbouring home, where we unsaddled and went in to tea.

The next morning when we rose, we found that the storm had passed.

Once more saddling our horses, we returned to the sheds, mobbed the sheep, and drove them to the \*sale yards.

Helen Twopeny

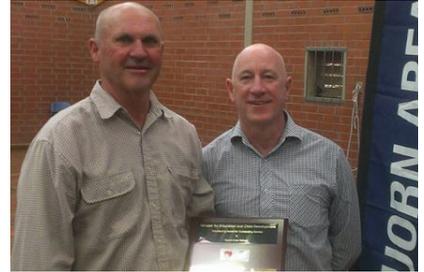
*\*The sale yards were in the North Quorn paddocks.*

*Helen Bury (Dec) of "The Gonyah" kept a diary of her life at home. The story above was written for a classroom English composition while she was at boarding school in Adelaide.*

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

Giles is the largest South Australian state electorate and covers Whyalla, Quorn, Hawker, Kimba, Cowell, Roxby Downs, Coober Pedy and the APY Lands reaching all the way out to the Western Australian and Northern Territory borders.

Please contact my office if you require assistance with State Government-related matters.



### My office can help you with

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# Pictures — From the Past



**THIS WAS THE** old Quorn Hospital, 12 First Street, from 1923. It later became the Flinders House Home for the Aged, and then the Andu Lodge Hostel. From left, Val Gloede, Sister Richards, Dr F. Tippelt, Jean Dicks [Dix?], & Hazel Reeves. Tippelt was a much-loved, hard-working Doctor. He'd been a Doctor in Austria, a Jew who escaped from the Nazi occupation, and came to Australia via Shanghai, China, during World War Two. He came from Hawker to Quorn in 1942, and worked untiringly for the establishment of the present Quorn Hospital. Regrettably, he died in 1949 before it was opened in 1950. Photo courtesy Val Francis.



This Wyacca rock formation is named 'Playford's Nose' after Sir Thomas Playford (1896–1981). He was a Liberal Country League politician, and the famous SA Premier, 1938–65, a record continuous term in both Australia and the British Commonwealth. A photo of it was sent to him, and he apparently proudly displayed it in his Adelaide office. Does anyone know *exactly* where the rock is? Photo courtesy Wayne Schuttloffel. ■

# Lions Club of Quorn



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THE LIONS CLUB of Quorn have had a very busy year in 2019.

The innovative and hardworking group has been seen at various events around Quorn during the past year—cooking your breakfast at the pool for Australia Day, in the chip van at the Quorn Music Muster, Quorn Race Day, Quorn 100<sup>th</sup> Show, and Sunday Markets.

At the Quorn Pageant with their very own float they raised funds with the sale of donuts and hot chips.

Lions is a community minded group and Lions funds have gone to a number of different factions this year. It has given money to Quorn History group, and for office equipment for the Quorn Mercury.

Lions members quietly gave some Quorn families a party with a BBQ and salad tea. It brought an extra smile to peoples' faces.

The few but tireless Lions members welcome new members Loraine Pumpa and Peter Dixon, who were inducted into Lions at the 2019 Xmas Dinner held at the Transcontinental Hotel.

Come on! Volunteer and do something for yourself and the community! ■



Caroline and Brian selling donuts at the Pageant



Lions Float at Quorn Pageant

*(Story and Photos by Peet Dixon)*



Lorraine and Michael in the chip van



Lorraine taking it easy on Pageant day



Pete and Brian cooking for kid's Xmas party, December 2019



Quorn Lions dressup for Port Augusta Lions Xmas dinner. From left—Pam Hunt, Kay Popp, Anne Freebairn, Wally and Helga Strupeit and Peter Dixon



Pam and Loraine at Lions Kid's party at Quorn Playground



Quorn Lions Christmas dinner



**New Lions Induction**

From left—Loraine Pumpa, Pete Dixon, Steve (Zone chairman of Lions PA) Anne Freebairn, Pam Hunt and Lorraine Walsh

# PICHI RICHI RAILWAY



WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY Edition of our Quorn Mercury Newsletter. Keeping you up to date with the latest news from the Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society.

## 2020—A New Year Awaits

AS ANOTHER YEAR begins there has already been much activity in and around the Railway.

Major work on the track was undertaken in January by a team of paid workers. Sleeper replacement and track maintenance was performed to keep the maintenance of the railway line on schedule.

Locomotive boilers have been dry inspected and other routine tasks completed.

Carriages have been prepared ready for service in 2020.

Meetings have been held by several departments in readiness to commence another running season.

The 2020 Caravan and Camping Show will be held from Feb 12–16 and once again a stand has been booked to promote Flinders Ranges and Pichi Richi Railway.

## PRR Emergency Response Workshop

ON THURSDAY JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> Pichi Richi Railway in conjunction with the SA Police conducted an Emergency Response Workshop which was held in the CWA Hut at Quorn Railway Station.

Actions were discussed that should be implemented in the event of a major incident on the railway.

In attendance were members of SA Police, CFS & SES Officers, members of the National Rail Safety Regulator, representatives from the Flinders Ranges Council and The Pt Augusta City Council, SA Ambulance, Quorn and Pt Augusta Hospital staff and members of PR Railway. A total of 28 people attended.

The workshop was facilitated by our PRR Safety Committee with major input from Senior Sergeant First Class Russell Dippy (Acting Officer in charge of the Emergency & Major Event Section) from SAPOL.

The purpose of the workshop was to familiarise emergency services and government agency personnel with the operations of PRR.

All participants were taken through an emergency response scenario to discuss what would be required from each participating service and agency.

Throughout the workshop, participants were challenged to examine how they would deal with an emergency situation and determine what response and expertise each would contribute to a specific incident.

The Pichi Richi railway line is isolated in places. Resolving access and communication difficulties present significant challenges.

A defined process was worked through. Each agency explained how it would respond to these issues.

Feedback from all involved agreed the workshop was very useful. All services have been made aware of the problems encountered with a rail incident event, to ensure the well-being of passengers, on-train staff and crew. ■



Emergency Response Workshop attendees CWA Hut  
January 23 2020

# Locomotives of the PRR



This is a very famous and often-used photo taken between 1911 and 1914, which most readers would have seen before. It's of a W Class 4-6-0 Locomotive hauling a train of three four-wheeled wagons, a blue brake van, and an unusual six-wheeled Cleminson carriage. They're South Australian Railways W Class locomotives, and not to be confused with the Western Australian W Class. It's on the Woolshed Flat bridge, and looks to have been stopped for the photo to be taken, since there are eight people posed on the train for it—can you locate all of them? One even looks like a young boy. You might guess that it's a hot summer's day, because most of the carriage's windows look to be shuttered. You wonder if the big log under the bridge was washed down in a flood. The Commonwealth Government took over the line from the South Australian Railways on 1st January, 1911, though they did not take over control and operation until 1st January, 1926. Photo courtesy State Library of South Australia, SLSA : B

**THE W AND WX** Class Locomotives were the first locomotives used on the Pt Augusta—Government Gums (ie, Farina) Railway line. They were built in England at the Gorton Foundry of Beyer, Peacock & Company.

Around thirteen W Class Locomotives arrived at the Port Augusta Wharf between 1878 and 1880. These early locomotives were used in the construction of the Great Northern Railway between Port Augusta and Quorn.

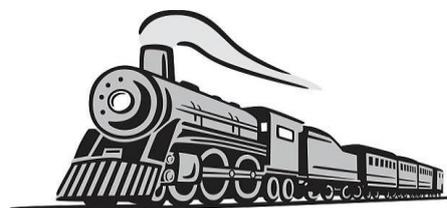
When the railway was opened to Quorn in December, 1879, two of these locomotives, W 19 and 23, were used by the South Australian Railways on the line.

Their life was extended by rebuilding them with higher-pressure boilers. They were then renamed the Wx Class. And they were withdrawn from service by 1929.

One, Builder's Number 1820, entered service July 1879. It was rebuilt as a Wx, 12th June, 1911, and withdrawn from service 17th March, 1959. It was acquired by the town of Naracoorte in the South-East on 17th April, 1959, and displayed in their Pioneer Park.

The PRRPS acquired it from Naracoorte in July 1985, and it has been disassembled. Its restoration has been on hold since c. 2000.

*Lisa Southon, Quorn Archivist*



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Members enjoy Christmas Dinner at Emily's, 16th Dec 2019



Thanks to *Emily's Bistro* for the table settings and a delicious meal



Enjoying yarn spinning



Ken indicates the size wanted for the Christmas pudding



Left—Breakfast 23rd January we welcomed the new Flinders Ranges Council CEO Eric Brown.

He gave us an update on the land purchase involving Quorn Men's Shed as well as tips and advice on our proposed Constitution

Right—Quorn Men's Shed members wishes Woody a speedy recovery after spending time in Quorn Hospital and QEH



# Bowling Club News

## New Year's Day

ON NEW YEAR'S Day we had a Cosmopolitan Fours Tournament with 10 teams from around the region playing. It was a great day for the club and the winners were a Quorn team skippered by Brian Hartin.



Winners Chris Hicks, Matthew Britza, Nigel Crisp and Brian Hartin (Capt)

Runners-up were a team skippered by Andy Smith and third was a team skippered by Charlie Jackson. We thank our sponsors for the day, Austral Hotel, Transcontinental Hotel and West End Brewery.

## Farmers and Friends Day

ON SUNDAY 12TH January we held our annual Farmers and Friends Day which is the biggest day for the Club for the year. We are extremely thankful for the support of our Rural sponsors Landmark Pt Augusta/Quorn and Quality Livestock Quorn.

We would like to thank Broom Hilder for all his work in organising nine teams from around the farming areas to play on the day. We also thank Landmark (Tim Wooley and Mark Williams) for having two sides and the other three sides were entered by our Club sponsors, Carling Fuel Distributors, Transcontinental Hotel and Austral Hotel.

It was a great social day with plenty of non-bowlers playing and the weather which was very good for bowling.

There were plenty of spectators to watch the games and stir up the bowlers. Most bowlers are looking for the challenge next year. The days winners were a team from Wirrabara skippered by Peter Reichstein with six draws for the remaining teams to get a chance of some prizemoney.

Thanks to our Ladies for catering on both days, and to all our members who helped out by bringing afternoon tea, helping behind the bar and preparing the greens.



Night Owls enjoying the weather

## Night Owls

Social Bowls or Night Owls as it is called are being played on Friday Nights at 7.30pm.

The first two nights have been well attended and we would like to see some new faces out on the green. If you want a social game of bowls come along, and bring your friends/family and have a good night out.

New bowlers are most welcome and we will have members who can show you how to play. We supply bowls so just come along for a good night out. Have your names in by 7.15pm if you want to play.

The bar is open from 4.30pm on Friday nights If you are not interested in playing bowls anyway come along and have a drink in a friendly atmosphere.

Visitors are most welcome. ■

# Champion of the World

*Everyone Can't Be  
CHAMPION OF THE WORLD  
But Every Home Needs A Captain-Coach*

By FOS. WILLIAMS

**THE GAME OF** football is one way to teach a boy humility. It can also knock some of the cheek out of him and cut him down to size. Another way to do all of these things is to make a 10-year-old boy run through the streets of his own home town without his clothes on. And if such action takes the form of punishment for disobedience then he doesn't forget in a hurry what he did wrong to deserve it.

At the time I was, like most lads of 10, prone to feeling that I was a lot bigger than I really was. I don't think I was a delinquent but on this day I was definitely doing the wrong thing. My father had told me that on no account was I to go swimming when he wasn't around until I had learned to swim properly. Naturally, he was thinking of my own safety but, at ten, I reckoned I was big enough to look after myself.

Up in Quorn in those days water, in summer and swimming time, was just something you washed in and naturally enough most of us local lads of the dry North took longer to learn to swim than our city cousins. But there was a pool in old Racecourse Creek that filled up when it rained and stayed deep for a while afterwards and that is where I was this day with a bunch of my mates when one of them called out: "Hey, Fos, here comes your dad."

That was enough to get me out of the water and head for cover. Stark naked, I ran to a big rock and hid there as he loomed into view. But I had forgotten my clothes and that shows how, at ten, you are not all that smart. My dad looked around, said nothing, picked up all my clobber and strode off back into town leaving me stranded as Nature made me.

Well, if you ever thought I made good time racing around some oval then you should have seen Fos flashing through Quorn in only a small, borrowed towel on that day. But more was to come. Back home, Dad was waiting and even today some of my friends in Quorn can recall Number Three Son in the Williams family trying to make a yard on his father's strap, crying out: "Don't Dad, don't . . ."



But he was a mighty man, my father. He was stern, he could be tough and when he said a thing he meant it. But he could be so gentle, too. I've never known him to ask any of us five boys take on anything he wouldn't have done himself. He taught us by showing us. He was

one of the finest football players they have ever known in the North and when any of the old-timers who knew Boysie Williams in his prime say to me: "You play football like your father," it's a real compliment to me.

We were sport-conscious almost from the day we were born, I can never remember the time when there wasn't a football, a cricket bat, a tennis racquet, a pair of boxing gloves hanging around the house somewhere. My sister, Aster, was three times runner-up in the S.A. Country Women's Tennis Championship. We boys were taught to fight and by fight I mean to fight according to the Rules of Queensberry and good sportsmanship.

He was the District Clerk of Quorn and with my mother he was on all the school committees the Show and Sporting committees and from him we learned that it's a good thing to be civic minded and if something has to be done then one way to prolong the action is to sit around on the grass and bash your jaws.

When you are shown these things as a youngster you learn them without actually being conscious of being taught. But later on in life you find that you are doing things just because it seems the natural thing to do. But it's not like that at all. It is more like kicking in a certain way because certain muscles have been selected, massaged and worked-on for you by somebody else. Things my father taught me I have remembered simply because they were in-built. My home was the dressing-room where my father was trying, like a coach, to prepare me for the big game. Speaking personally, I am glad that he built into me two cardinal rules he lived by—"Don't Smoke and Don't Drink"—because, from a sporting point of view, I've found more stamina and a clearer mind as a result.

Both he and my mother, as I have said, were active on school committees and while all of us children would have rather played sport than read books we were never allowed to put sport before our homework.

When my father died six years ago, we lost our idol and that goes not only for us boys but for my sister and my mother, too. If, since he died, I have been able to pass on in other dressing-rooms some of the things he taught to me then I'm happier for that. If I have yelled and ranted at blokes before or during a game, I knew that I wasn't making a cross just for them to earn but that I had to cart some of the load myself.

That's where a family is like a team and a father is the coach and captain. You do not teach a boy to kick straight unless you are prepared to put on a boot yourself. You don't say, "The goals are at the other end but I'm too tired to show you where." It's teamwork, teamwork all the way. It's coaching by example and, as in football, so in life. A coach might try and call the shots before the bounce and if it works out that way then fine, he's a good coach. But a good coach really is the one who, while he will try and call the game beforehand, is ready always for the system to break down. We can't all be champions of the world but every-one of us has a place in the team we call Humanity and that team stretches far, far beyond the pickets of known honor and glory.

Failure in a small way to appreciate this spirit of teamwork can, I think, be seen in South Australian football at present. Our failures against Victoria do not mean that we cannot beat Victoria in the future. We can, but only by playing them at their own game.

Everyone who is able should play some form of competitive sport and keep on playing it after they have left school. Look at it this way. When you grow up, start work, make plans, get married, have a family, your life can so easily become governed by your mind. You forget about the important function your body should play to preserve your natural balance. But in competitive sport, in physically testing yourself and your bodily resources against another, you forget to concentrate on other worries. Your mind will rest.

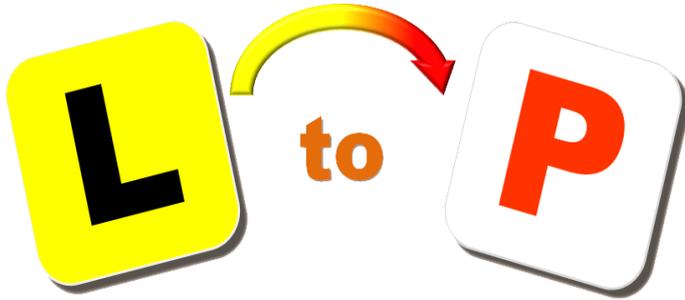
Not all can play football but if your lad wants to, then en-courage him. It's like on a bad day, when the game is going against you and you're not playing one of your best matches and then, somewhere in the crowd, someone you can't even see at the time, calls out your Christian name. Encouragement like that can lift you up by your laces. Encouragement is something every lad has a right to expect from his father and if he doesn't get it he is playing under a handicap and that might cause him to sulk or to squib the challenge.

At the time of writing, I have a daughter, Jennifer, and twin boys. Mark and Tony, who are not yet old enough to tell even black from white. But if any of them turns out to be a squib then I'll be no fan of Foster Williams.

For I'll have failed as a captain and a coach. ■



FOSTER WILLIAMS WAS born in 1922 at Quorn. He joined the P.M.G.'s department in 1937 where he is now postal inspector in Adelaide. He enlisted firstly into the army and then transferred to the R.A.N. in 1943 serving in the Pacific. He played football for West Adelaide from 1946 until 1949 when he transferred to Port Adelaide as captain-coach. He retained that post until he retired this year during which time Port Adelaide won six state championships. He represented S.A. every year from 1946 until his retirement, being captain and coach of the state team from 1954 until 1958. he married Veronica Ganley, a girl from Hawker, near Quorn, in 1956 and has a daughter and twin boys.



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# Classified Adverts

## Rainfall 2019

January	4.2 mm
February	3.4 mm
March	3.6 mm
April	1.2mm
May	51.2mm
June	45.4mm
July	8.7mm
August	17.0mm
September	9.4mm
October	1mm
November	8.6mm
December	5mm

**2019 Rainfall 158.8 mm**

## Rainfall 2020

Jan	39mm
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Federal Member for Grey

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Please contact Rowan's office 1300 301 742 or 8633 1744  
Email: rowan\_ramsey.mp@aph.gov.au  
PO Box 296 PORT PIRIE SA 3540

## Quorn Social Lottery Club.

### December draw 2019

1st	Amelia Reschke
2nd	Robert Britza
3rd	Barb Walker

If anyone would like to purchase a ticket for the Social lottery club for 2020 please contact Hollie Hancock or Jan Jarvis.  
Tickets \$20 each Four draws per year.

## Thank You

The **2019 Christmas Party Committee** would like to thank the following for their contribution to the raffle:

- Quorn Post Office
- IGA
- Emily's Bistro
- FRVIC
- Transcontinental Hotel
- Austral Hotel
- Quorn Autoport
- Carlings Fuel
- Quorn Pharmacy
- Quandong Café
- Quorn Newsagency
- QRT

Also thanks to Quorn Community Pre Loved Boutique—major sponsor  
Mel Bowden—major sponsor/Santa's Cave  
Ashley Parkinson—music  
Mother and Father Christmas—who have returned safely to the North Pole  
Aleesha Baker—behind the scenes  
Bec's bouncy castle  
Diamond Photography  
All the stall holders  
And to all those individuals who assisted leading up to and on the night

And the community for turning up!

## Health Calendar

Requests for Allied Health 1300 760 177

**February 2020**

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist  
Diabetes Education  
Dietitian  
Physiotherapist  
Occupational Therapist  
Speech Pathologist  
Social Worker

**Bookings 8642 3201**



## February

### Anglican Church of St Matthews

- St Matthew's Day September 18th
- Christmas Eve
- Easter
- Third Sunday of the month combined service with Uniting Church.

If required for a funeral service

Ph: 8648 6162 or 8648 6763

### Catholic Church

#### Church of the Immaculate Conception

Parish Priest: Father Harold Camonias

Sunday Mass 8.30am

Weekday Mass (W-S) 9.00am

### Flinders Christian Fellowship

Sunday Service Weekly 10.00am

Lunch Mon & Thurs 12pm

Bible study Tues 12:30pm

### Uniting Church

Sunday Service Weekly 10.00am

Third Sunday of the month

Anglican Church 10.00am

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<b>Quarter p.</b>	\$ 8	\$ 75	\$13
<b>Eighth p.</b>	\$ 5	\$ 50	\$ 5

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# Quorn~Hawker~Cradock Events February 2020

## Regular Events

### Quorn

**Quorn Produce and Craft Market** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

**Quorn Book Club**  
Phone Sam Nester for info  
0456 129 870

**Women's Fellowship**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays  
see poster in Laundromat window or Facebook for details

**Quorn Men's shed**  
Breakfast 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> from 8.00am

**Flinders Flicks** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Tickets at Emily's Bistro

**Storytime at the Library**  
29<sup>th</sup> February @ 10am in School Library

**Quorn Local History Group**  
Fortnightly. Opening date: 15<sup>th</sup>

**Kids Club @ God's House**  
16<sup>th</sup> February 2:30-4pm at Quorn Uniting Church  
SMS 0407 816 210 for info

### Hawker

**Community Group**  
Tuesday fortnightly

**Development Board**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month

**Friendship Group**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

**Sing Australia Hawker**  
Welcomes everyone to sing  
Friday 3.30pm to 5.00pm  
Hawker Hospital Community Room

**Quilting Group**—Friday fortnightly

## Events

**Quorn Silo Light Show**  
Under construction - watch this space

**Swim with a physio on Sunday**  
Sundays in Feb/March 2020  
10-11 am @ Quorn Swimming Pool  
Adult learn to swim/ hydrotherapy/ stroke development and technique  
Cost \$10 plus pool entry  
Proceeds go to Wildlife and Habitat Recovery

**Brian Letton Live**  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb  
7:30pm Anglican Church Hall, Quorn  
Tickets \$25 Concession \$20

**Dressage Clinic**  
12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Feb in Quorn  
Contact Trevor Woodward 0429 638 511

**Valentines Weekend**  
Flinders Food Co, Hawker  
14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Reducing Suicide in South Australia's Northern Country Region**  
Free General Awareness Training  
Workshop Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 6pm-7pm at the Quorn Bowling Club. Contact Jordan Crabtree on 8641 5403 or [Jordan.crabtree@portaugusta.sa.gov.au](mailto:Jordan.crabtree@portaugusta.sa.gov.au) for more information.

**Quorn Show AGM**  
Date to be confirmed.  
For the show to continue we need your support

## Regular Events

### Quorn

**Aerobics/Walking Exercise**  
Monday and Thursday  
Anglican Church Hall 6pm. Cost \$2

**Asharnaye – Let's Groove**  
Wednesday night 6.30pm at the School Gym. Cost \$15 per session or \$50 for 4. *Groove is a simple & fun dance experience that conditions the body & nurtures the mind, body & soul*

**Boot Camp**  
Tuesday 6am & Fridays 6.15am  
School/community Gym. Cost \$2

**Line dancing**  
Tuesday nights, 7pm, Town Hall. Cost \$6

**Yoga**  
Thursday nights 6.30pm  
Uniting Church Hall

**Probus**  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 10am  
Bowling Green Club rooms

**Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group**  
Fridays at the Austral Hotel.  
Everyone welcome

**Quorn Bowling Club**  
Interested in playing social bowls?  
Tuesday 1.00pm for 1.30pm start.  
Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.  
*Night Owls bowls* Fridays 7pm for 7:30 start \$5 per player, bowls supplied

**Suzanne's Dancers**  
Quorn Tuesday at Quorn Parish Hall  
For children



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## Tennis Fans

On Friday 17th January, Julie Lewis, Brian Kranz (Julie's dad), Bev Dutschke, Jenny and Peter Crisp attended Adelaide International Tennis event at Memorial Drive day session. After the tennis Julie, Leigh, Brian, Jenny and Peter Crisp then went to the Big Bash cricket at Adelaide Oval to watch Strikers defeat Brisbane Heat.

*Pictured from left—Jenny, Bev, Julie and Bryan*



Commodore Swamp in flood  
*Photo Simon Pleass*



*Above—*Boolcunda creek crossing, about 20kms out on the Quorn to Hawker road. The road was impassable for 24 hours. There has been some road damage. *Photo Dave Hughes*



Apostle Birds at the Horseshoe before the rains

*Photo—Therese Connell*

*Right—* Aerial picture of the flooding on Willochra Plains.  
*Photo Mark & Tanya Finlay*

