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Sporting Success



Victorious Under 16 Cricket Team. See pages 28 and 29 for Under 16s and B Grade premiership match reports

THE SUMMER SEASON of sport in Quorn has ended successfully for the teams and their supporters.

Players have travelled from Hawker to complement the skills of Quorn teams, particularly on the cricket field.

The lawn bowls season has concluded, after successful competitions including the popular Farmers and Friends day supported by players from other towns in the region.

Swimmers from Quorn enjoyed success over the season. Younger swimmers who recently competed in the South Australian Primary School Amateur Sports Association swim championships came home with medals and personal best results.

Inside you will find match and competition reports, and photos of summer sports teams and competitors.

Congratulations to teams and competitors.

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Chat with a Quornie
Nigel Bullamore



THE SCRUFFY FELLA who's anything but scruffy: Nigel Bullamore's wild ride from navy chef to Quorn's favourite beard-owning barista

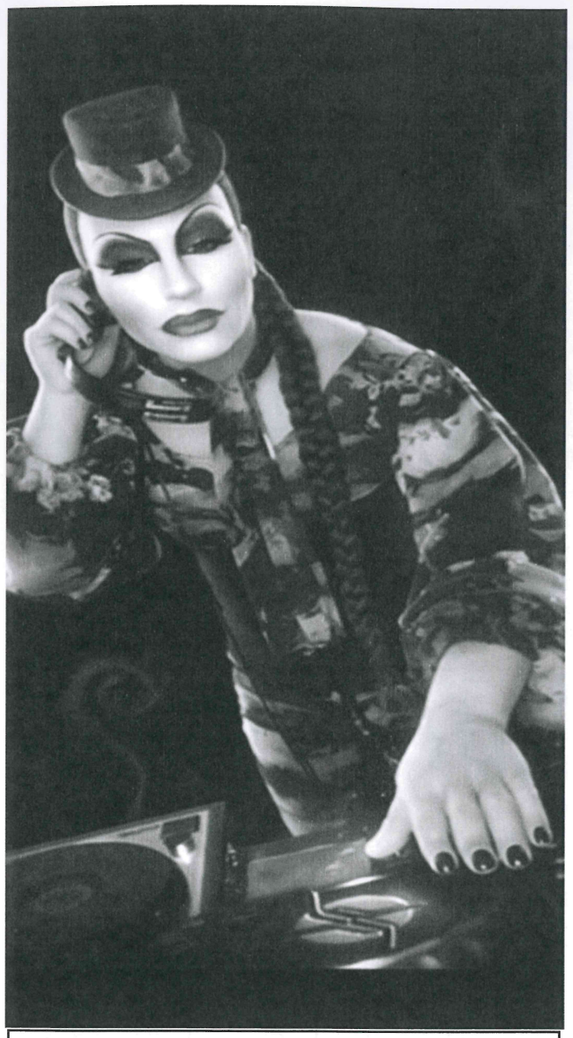
If you've popped into Scruffy Fella on First Street for a flat white that could wake the dead or a cheeky cocktail that makes the Flinders Ranges spin a little slower, you've probably met the man behind the counter: Nigel Bullamore – friendly (well mostly…), tattooed, sporting an 18-inch beard that's won trophies, and always ready with a grin and a yarn. But the bloke pouring your coffee has a backstory longer than the Ghan and wilder than a Saturday night at the old Abode club in Melbourne.



Nigel pouring their famous Espresson Martini at Scruffy Fella

Nigel's journey started in Dunedin, New Zealand – cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey, as he'd probably say with a wink. He joined the NZ Navy as an electronics technician where his artistic brain made him change course to something more appealing – food. He changed branches to become a navy chef and completed his London City and Guilds Catering Certificate – you could say he was fixing circuits one minute and flipping steaks for sailors the next. From there it was onto Auckland for a spell, then the big smoke: Sydney, Melbourne, regional Victoria (hello Ballan), and finally the outback South Australian sunshine of Quorn.

Right after landing in Australia, Nigel kicked things off in Sydney working in a bustling Italian restaurant, putting those navy chef skills and



Nigel DJ-ing in drag as JenderFunk

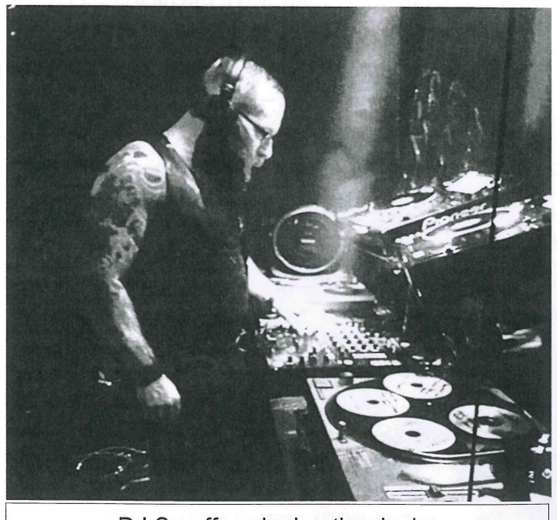
disciplined work ethic into practice doing something much more fun. He then jumped behind the espresso machine at a popular café on Oxford Street, whipping up coffees and breakfasts for the morning rush – and more often than not, serving up smiles (and the odd extra shot of charm) to a few famous faces who'd pop in for their flat whites. Those celebrity sightings added a cheeky touch of excitement to his early Aussie days and made for some great memories.

Along the way he picked up skills that would make any small-town resume blush. He was a resident DJ at Abode, a well known intimate adult venue in Melbourne Victoria for 10 years, pumping house and dance tracks from vinyl records, to CDs, to shiny digital decks at massive parties across Melbourne and Victoria. Occasionally he'd entertain the crowds as his alter ego JenderFunk, a stunning gender illusionist…but more on that later... Picture him in the booth, beard glowing under the lights or depending on the crowd, lipstick glistening from the mirror ball, while keeping the dancefloor heaving till sunrise. "Fuelled by a perfectly cooked steak first, of course," he laughs. These days that same energy still comes out – a warm New Year's Eve night out in Quorn letting the beard down and thanking his customers with a private event to bring in another year of fun and challenges.

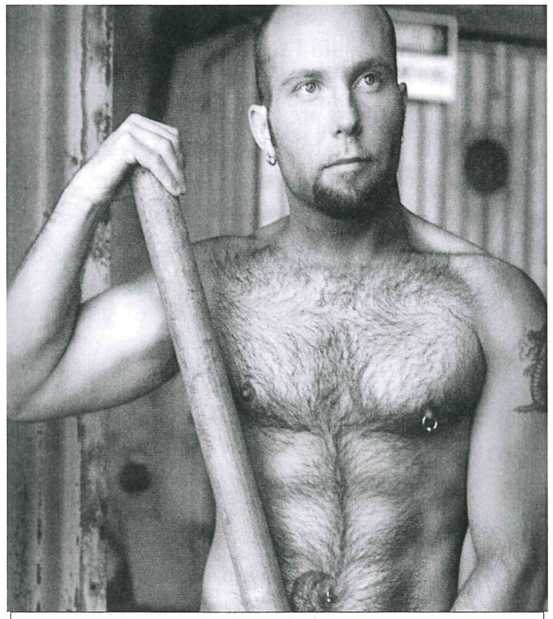
Before the beard became his trademark, Nigel was deep in the beauty world. He worked for major cosmetics brands doing makeovers and demos – even once inside the famous Birdcage at the Melbourne Cup, turning out flawless looks while the punters sipped champagne. He was a star regional manager for Ishka, that quirky gift and homewares chain. Which lead him to India and Bali on buying trips for the company.

Thinking he was leaving the world of customer service and retail behind, Nigel then decided to embrace his creativity and launch his own market stall and online brand - hand making from his own formulas beard oils, balms, fragrances, candles, the works. Starting in 2017 he delivered us "Scruffy Fella". Based on the name his father used to call him as a kid and his DJ name - Scruffy, even though the man himself is anything but.

And here's where it gets a little naughty – the sort of thing that makes the locals lean in closer over their coffees. Nigel's body is a walking (and occasionally suspended) work of art. He's covered in tattoos and piercings, including some very personal ones that he once described as all about "beauty, pleasure and pride." Back in the day he even modelled nude for a charity calendar – bare-chested, bare-everything, all for a good cause.

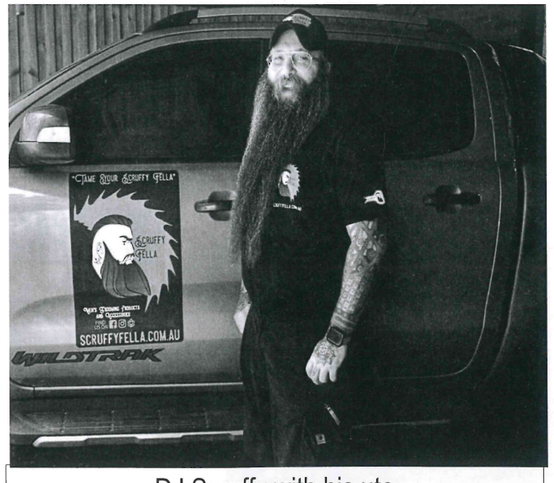


DJ Scruffy spinning the decks

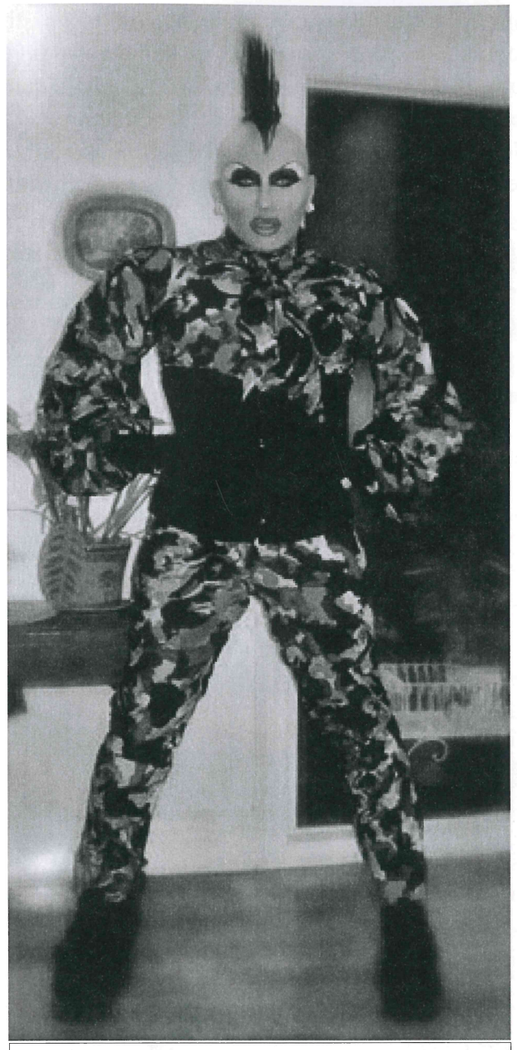


Nigel posing for a charity calendar

He once won the Miss Auckland Drag Queen title (yes, really – full glam, heels, the lot). And for the real thrill-seekers: he's been hooked up by shark hooks through his back and suspended from trees… multiple times. Why? Because he's fascinated by great white sharks – obsessed, even – but terrified of actually meeting one in the water. "Better to hang from a tree than swim with the real thing," he jokes.



DJ Scruffy with his ute



Nigel's alter ego JenderFunk

The beard itself became a competitive sport. In Victoria, he went back-to-back winning Best Beard at the 2018, and 2019 Ballarat Beard and 'Stache competition – an 18-inch beauty that had the crowd cheering and the judges stunned. "Surprised, chuffed and humbled," he told the Moorabool News after his first win. The second time? "Definitely unexpected – there were bigger beards than last year." The trophy still sits proudly somewhere in the shop, alongside the cocktail station – and his collection of 80s movie memorabilia.

When his Ishka days ended, Scruffy Fella went full-time – markets in Ballan, Gisborne and Talbot, plus an online store. Then in 2022, the big move to Quorn happened after visiting his partner Deryck's family, the owners of Flinders

Gin. Nigel fell in love with the Flinders Ranges, the community spirit, and the chance to put down proper roots. He turned the business into an exciting, quirky retail shop and licensed café at 39A First Street. Now you can grab top-shelf coffee, snacks, craft beer, cocktails, and still stock up on beard oil while you're at it.



Nigel Winning the Ballarat Beard and Stache

Nigel couldn't be more thrilled that his mum and sister are making the big move from Nelson, New Zealand, to join him in Quorn to live just around the corner – and they're landing right on the day of the huge Fringe in the Flinders party night. It all started a few months ago when his mother visited and was completely swept away by the town's legendary warm welcome. They will now be here making a fresh start in the Flinders, kicking things off with Quorn's biggest celebration of the year – talk about perfect timing and the ultimate family welcome.

When it comes to the spare time he swears he doesn't have (between being in the shop, making his own products, new family arrivals, and keeping the whole town caffeinated), Nigel still manages to squeeze in plenty of Flinders magic with Deryck. He loves loading up Harry and Willie for a relaxing drive through the ancient Ranges, watching the sunsets worthy of a postcard with a beer in hand, or stargazing under skies with music playing loudly as he opens the gate along the dirt road on the drive back from the Cradock Hotel.

A much more accurate night however, is catching up with friends on a warm night, watching a horror movie on the couch, reading up on the latest world politics, and buying some new bit of nostalgia for the shop wall at 3am.

The locals have embraced him – and his two superstar dogs, Harry the fluffy sheepadoodle and Willie. Tripadvisor and Facebook reviews are glowing: "Best coffee we've had in weeks," "quirky and fun," "the owners are legends," "met Harry the sheepadoodle and he stole the show." One punter reckoned the mint hot chocolate was better than Paris. Another loved the "eclectic café" vibe with its fire, comfy chairs and that unmistakable Nigel welcome.

Even the water saga made headlines – Nigel was one of the business owners calling out the salty, corrosive tap water that was eating appliances and testing everyone's patience. "It destroys everything," the ABC reported, and he was right there advocating alongside the town.

These days Nigel's all about community. He's been in the papers (Sydney Morning Herald) before tattoos going mainstream, beard wins, Scruffy Fella expansions, even a cheeky Australia Post hero award for going above and beyond. But Quorn feels like home. "Loving regional South Australia and being part of the Quorn crew," he says. You'll spot him behind the bar most days, chatting with customers and friends, swapping travel stories, or recommending the perfect balm for your own beard.

So next time you're at Scruffy Fella, order that steak-fuelled coffee (or a cocktail if it's after eleven am), give Harry a pat, and say g'day to Nigel. The man who's spun records in Sydney clubs, won drag titles in Auckland, hung from trees by shark hooks, and now serves the best flat white in the Flinders. Quorn's a richer place for having him – beard, piercings, stories and all.

Welcome to the neighbourhood, Nigel. The town's finally caught up with the legend. ■

As told by Deryck Carruthers



Nigel and Harry the sheepadoodle.

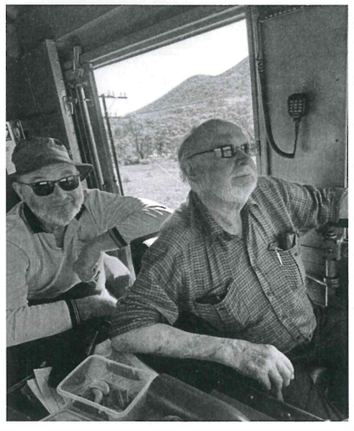
PICHI RICHI • RAILWAY •

THE PICHI RICH RAILWAY SEASON commenced with two Sundowner trains on the weekend of 7 and 8 March followed by another train on 21 March 2026. Passenger numbers were good, requiring additional carriages to meet ticket demand. After the recent rains, it was great to see the landscape green and water in the dams as the sun dropped over the southern Flinders Ranges.

The crews consisted of drivers David Southon and



Kingsley Marr. Tarla Kramer was guard, Andrew Wood was conductor and Leanne McGill and Wayne Hoskin were car captains. The trains also allowed Senga Reed and her catering crew to get back into the swing of catering prior to the busier trains that are due in April.



Meanwhile our volunteers have been busy on maintenance works and other projects. This includes:

- Completing steam tests to locomotives NM22, NM25, SMC1 and Yx141
- Ongoing maintenance works to W934's cylinders
- Repair to the Brill driveshaft.
- Newbies trackwork weekend with ongoing sleeper works towards Port Augusta.
- Carriage Department working bees with works continuing on Wandana and BV4891.
- Ongoing restoration to the Goods Shed with cladding, fascia, gutter and downpipes completed to the north wall. Cladding is also well advanced on the east wall.
- Rolling Stock Mechanical Working bee, concentrating on ensuring the train consists are ready for use.

April is a busy month with many trains scheduled, especially over the school holidays so please check the PRR timetables for our full



program either on the website or from the visitor information centre at Quorn station.
Please contact John Humphries at volunteer@prr.org.au or on 08 8641 1527 if you would like to volunteer at the Pichi Richi Railway. ■

Considering Volunteering?
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For any enquiries, please contact your aged care provider or

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Probus News

In March, an enthusiastic group headed off to Jamestown for the day. The visitors kicked off the day with morning tea at the Bakery then headed to The Glass House for a guided tour.

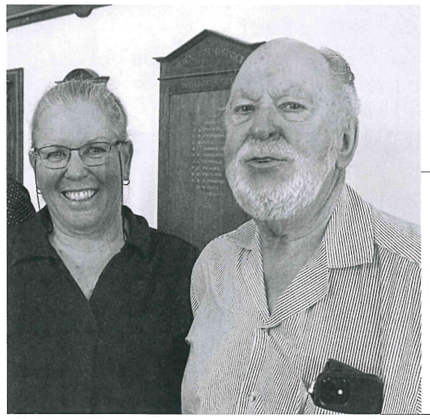
A very interesting collection of glass and knickknacks from everyday life has been passionately displayed by Kevin Conway. Kevin guided the group through his wonderful collection with an interesting commentary.

The group enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Commercial Hotel, followed by some very special shopping. More coffee and shopping ensued on the way home at Orroroo.

Ten happy travellers enjoyed the day out.



From Left: Meredith Heymink, Wanda Smith, Sandra Everett, Kath Altman, Sue Holmes, Dianne Williams, Caroline Walters, Fanny Coulthard, Mary Francis, Anne Freebairn



Leanne McGill guest speaker with Kingsley Marr

The March meeting saw inspirational speaker, Leanne McGill talk about her many years as an outback nurse and educator. Leanne, a committed health educator, helped bring many treatments to remote areas of South Australia, the Northern Territory and Queensland, covering over 160,000square kilometres.

Her love of the bush showed through her animated talk and slide presentation, keeping all enthralled. As an educator, Leanne has been able to train many in remote areas, helping them to be self sufficient.

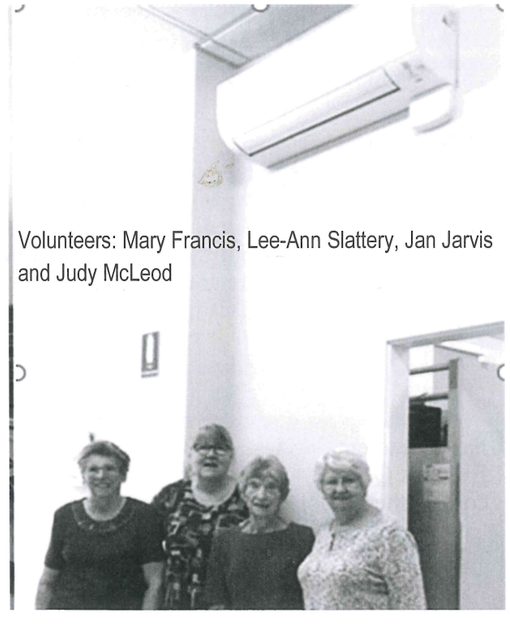
Probus is always welcoming and invites new members to join in the fun and friendship. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 10am in the Town Hall. ■

Cool Volunteers

The Flinders Ranges Council auspiced a grant for the Quorn Hospital Auxiliary through the Department of Human Services SA Social Impact Round 1 which enabled the installation of two reverse cycle air conditioners in the Quorn Town Hall kitchen area.

This kitchen is regularly used by the dedicated members of the Quorn Hospital Auxiliary, who prepare countless meals for community events, including the Mayor's Christmas Luncheon and a range of fundraising activities that support senior and disadvantaged residents across the district.

The new air conditioning will significantly improve comfort and safety in the kitchen, particularly during extreme weather events. Volunteers often work long hours in challenging conditions, and this upgrade ensures they can continue their important work in a safer and more supportive environment. Quorn Hospital Auxiliary Committee ■



Volunteers: Mary Francis, Lee-Ann Slattery, Jan Jarvis and Judy McLeod

QUORN AREA SCHOOL UPDATE

In 2026, our school is proud to focus on Culturally Nourishing Schooling. This approach recognises, values, and celebrates the cultures, identities, languages, and lived experiences of our learners and families. This focus sits alongside our ongoing commitment to:

- building respectful and inclusive relationships
- high expectations for learning and growth
- learners' wellbeing and belonging
- working in genuine partnership with families and the community

Canberra Camp

We would like to thank everyone who has so generously donated to our upcoming Canberra camp in any way. It has been truly heartwarming to see the community come together to support this camp and our young people. We would like to say a particular thank you to the following people and businesses who have donated:

- Quorn Cricket Club
- NRMA Insurance
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- Quorn Jockey Club
- Quorn Kindergarten
- Quorn Recyclers
- Wiltja Constructions Pty Ltd
- Pichi Richi Railway Preservation Society
- Quorn Pre-Loved Community Op-Shop
- QAS Parents and Friends stall at Quorn Pageant
- Simone Emmerson
- Yurek Mrgan
- Quorn Lions Club

And those who made anonymous donations.

If you would like to donate to ensure that every learner can attend, please contact the school during office hours or email Cass (email below).

Our 'Cans for Canberra' fundraiser is ongoing if you would like to donate your 10c cans or bottles to the trip. You can do this by dropping your cans and bottles at the school or by taking them directly to Quorn Recyclers and mentioning that you are donating the funds to the school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email Cass Evans at Cass.Evans548@schools.sa.edu.au or contact the school during office hours.

Cass Evans – Canberra Camp Organiser

Celebrating Participation and the Joy of Swimming

Last month, our school community came together for a fantastic day at the annual Swim Carnival. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces, bright colours, and learners giving their best in and out of the pool. While there were undoubtedly some impressive races and achievements, what stood out most was the spirit of participation, encouragement, and personal effort shown by all.

Congratulations to Yarrah who took out the 2026 house shield.



The Yarrah team supporting their swimmers.



Lily Hackett, Evelyn Wright, Addi Saxton and Taitum Atherton representing the school at SAPSASA.

Home Economics

The year 7s have been eager to start cooking in the kitchen. We first started looking at kitchen safety and how to operate safely in a kitchen and different cutting methods and how to be safe with a knife. For practicals we practiced different cutting methods like dicing, mincing, julienning and chiffonade to make a fruit salad and have also looked into the rubbing in method.

The year 7s applied their learning of the method to make scones and apple crumble. Here are some photos of the students with their chopping methods and scones.



Above: Dacie Wright and Maya Krugar, enjoying their scones.



Right: Ena Zerbe using her slicing skills to prepare fruit salad as part of Home Economics

Help us learn more about Quorn and Colebrook

As part of our Culturally Nourishing Schools focus, we are building our learners' understanding of the local area and its rich history. This year, we are seeking to deepen our knowledge of Quorn and the nearby area of Colebrook, including their cultural and historical importance.

Our town is located on the traditional lands of the Nukunu people and has a long history as a railway town and community in the Flinders Ranges. The area of Colebrook is especially significant because it was once the site of Colebrook Home, a children's home for Aboriginal children that operated from 1927. Many children from different language groups lived there, and its history remains an integral part of the story of the Stolen Generations.

We would love support from families and community members who may have:

- Stories or memories of Quorn or Colebrook
- Photos or historical information
- Connections to the local area
- Knowledge of local Aboriginal culture and history

By sharing knowledge and listening to community voices, we can help our learners develop a deeper understanding and respect for the place we live. If you can help in any way, please get in touch with the school. We would love to learn from you.

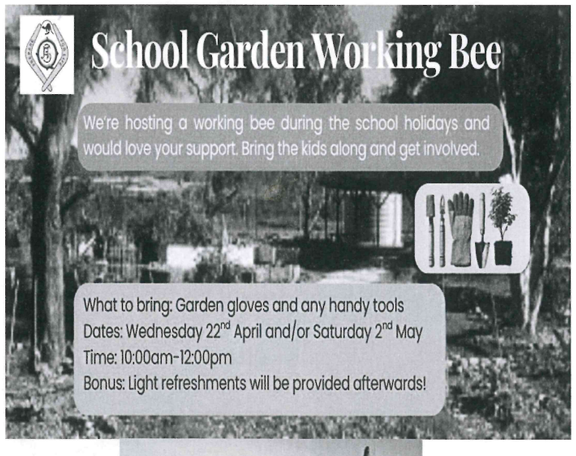
School Garden Set for Revival at Community Working Bee

The school garden is set to be restored to its former glory, with a community working bee planned during the upcoming school holidays. After recent heavy rainfall, the garden is in need of some care and attention, and organisers are calling on families and community members to lend a hand. Participants are encouraged to bring their own gardening gloves and any useful tools to assist with the clean-up.

Children are welcome to attend, making the event a great opportunity for families to get involved together while contributing to the school environment. Light refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the session.

Looking ahead, the school is also planning to introduce a Garden Club for students. There are long-term goal is to expand the garden's use, making it a space that can be enjoyed by the wider community.

Community members are encouraged to come along, get involved, and help bring new life to the school garden. ■





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New Releases

Mind of Her Own by Danielle Steel – A determined woman challenges expectations to build her own life and identity despite personal and social obstacles.

The Names by Florence Knapp – A compelling story exploring identity, family, and the power of names in shaping who we become.

The Silent Syringe by Judith Lees – A tense medical mystery where hidden dangers and secrets threaten lives.

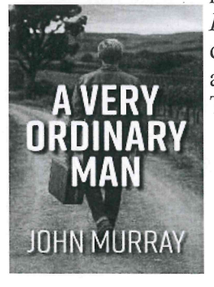
The Dispatch by Judith Lees – A gripping narrative of communication, secrecy, and the consequences of messages sent and received.

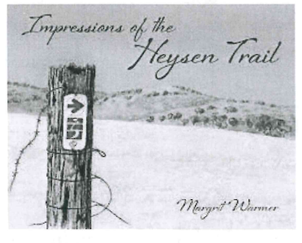
Killer Island by Robert Koehne – A suspenseful tale of isolation and survival as danger unfolds on a remote island.

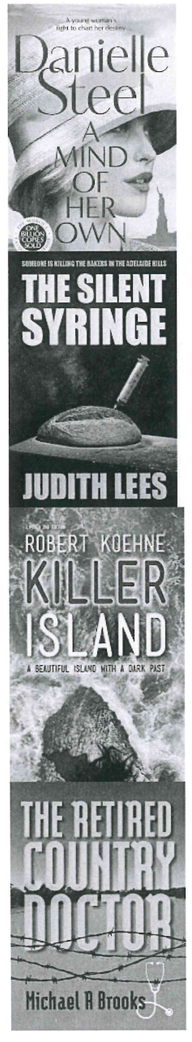
A Very Ordinary Man by John Murray – The life of an unassuming man reveals unexpected depth, resilience, and quiet significance.

The Retired Country Doctor by Michael Brooks – A fictional story of a long-serving country doctor whose past as an accused Nazi criminal resurfaces, forcing a reckoning with hidden truths and moral consequences.

Impressions of the Heysen Trail by Margret Warmer – A descriptive account of the landscapes, personal experiences, and reflections encountered while walking the iconic Heysen Trail.







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Being Digital Update

Two *Being Digital* sessions were held at the end of February, one at the Men's Shed and the other at the Library. Attendees arrived with a wide range of knowledge and experience around artificial intelligence, including what AI is, how it works, and how it can be used in everyday life.

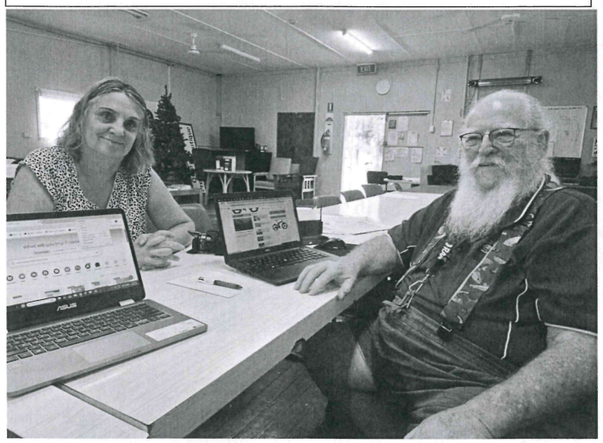
Throughout both sessions, participants engaged in lively and thoughtful conversations, exploring both the potential benefits and the possible challenges of AI as it continues to develop and shape our world.

Regardless of their starting point, everyone left the sessions having gained new insights and a better understanding of the topic.

A total of eight people attended across the two sessions, making these the most well-attended *Being Digital* sessions we have held to date.

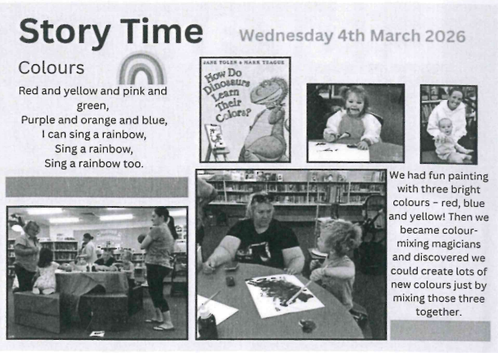


Pam Rodgers, Jan Fobister, Anne Freebairn, and Belinda Johns enjoying an afternoon AI Information Session (Being Digital) at the Library sponsored by Telstra and Libraries SA.



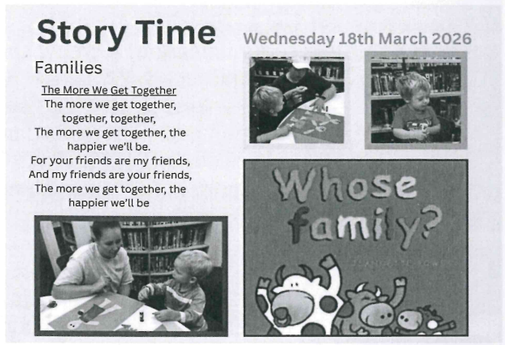
With support from Pauline Zanet an AI session was also presented at the Men's Shed. (Pauline Zanet and Dave Wingrove pictured)

Story-Time





We dived into colourful stories and explored bright, beautiful books all about colours! Then we became colour detectives, matching coloured objects to the right containers. Using tweezers to carefully pick them up, we gave our fingers a fantastic fine motor workout while we played and learned!





Term 2, Wednesday's

6th May (Week 2)
20th May (Week 4)
3rd June (Week 6)
17th June (Week 8)
1st July (Week 10)

Story-Time
Starts 10.00 am

Quorn School and Community Library

There will be no Story-Time during the school break.

Author Talk

About 25 people gathered at the School and Community Library recently for an engaging evening with South Australian author Leanda Herring and her publisher Tanya Lyons.

Guests listened with interest as Ms Herring shared the journey of writing her first novel, including the many challenges and rewards that come with bringing a story to life. Attendees were surprised to learn how many rewrites were required before the manuscript was ready for publication.

Ms Herring also spoke about the methods she used to keep track of characters, plots and scenes, as well as the inspiration behind setting her novel in the dramatic landscape of the Flinders Ranges.

Following a lively question-and-answer session, guests enjoyed a light supper and the opportunity to chat informally with the author.

The event was well received by the community, and the Library is already planning another Author Talk in the future.

Tanya Lyons (Director of Moonglow Publishing) and Leanda Herring (Author of 'Beneath Her Lies') at the Author Talk held at the Quorn School and Community Library.

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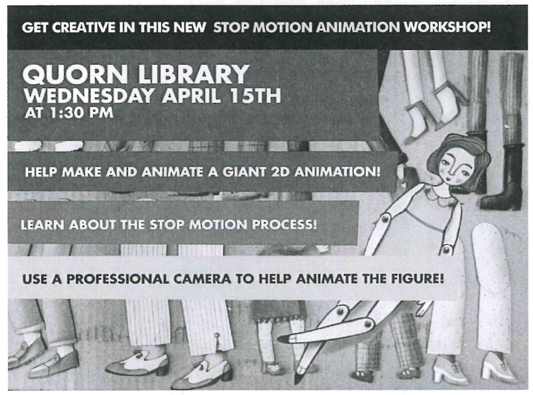
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Quorn Mercury

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30TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST EDITION

The *Quorn Mercury* — Editorial

THE FIRST EDITION of the *Quorn Mercury* was issued by R.M.Osborne, on 3rd May 1895, 101 years ago. Most country towns had their own local newspapers then.

But as the 20th century grew older, small towns' papers were bought out by bigger towns. The *Quorn Mercury* incorporated the *Hawker and Great Northern Courier*, even as early as 1895.

Then especially after World War II bigger towns lost their papers as well. In May 1945, the *Mercury* moved to Port Augusta, though it kept an office in Quorn. But local news lessened, and the *Mercury* became more a rehash of Port Augusta news.

The last issue was published on Thursday 11th October, 1956. From then it was incorporated in *The Transcontinental* for some time.

A newspaper can be the heart of a small town, and the town's life blood can run through it. It binds the extremities of the town's body together. Without one, a town becomes disjointed, random, and few townspeople know all that's going on.

So here is the *Quorn Mercury*, returned to us after forty years. It's only a start, and it may need cardio pulmonary resuscitation for a while yet.

But let's hope that it can gradually grow into the heart of the town once again.

Looking Back

100 Years ago—1896 (*Quorn Mercury*)

April 10—President Mr Fricker took the chair at the monthly meeting at the Arden Vale Band of Hope. A concert was given by children belonging to the day school.

Saltia April 8—I hear Mr Partridge has had a quantity of melons etc. destroyed by boys in his garden at Woolshed Flat. A policeman was up today to investigate the matter.

At the monthly meeting of the Richman Creek Agricultural Bureau, Mr W J Wright spoke on his trip to Western Australia. There is a good opening for energetic and enterprising men with some capital to engage in mixed farming; timber is one of the great drawbacks to settlement as it costs £3–4 [$6–8] per acre [¼ hectare] to clear the land.

Thirty-two couples took part in a Royal Albert Quadrille Assembly at the Quorn Town Hall on April 28. Mr C A Neindorf presided at the piano in his usual efficient style and Mr H Braid was MC.

40 Years ago—1956

T Boyce won the trophy at the Quorn Rifle Club double 600 yard range with G Francis runner-up.

Following the usual Anzac observances, an impressive outdoor assembly at Quorn High School was held to dedicate the High School Memorial Garden to the memory of seven old scholars and one teacher who died on active service in the Second World War.

Record sheep sale on Tuesday when 7,569 sheep were yarded and sold to buyers from the South East, Victoria, Peninsular, river towns, north, north-east, Kadina, Adelaide, Lucindale, Jamestown, Orroroo, Port Augusta, Riverton, Burra, Snowtown, Wilmington, Peterborough, Loxton, Bordertown, Hawker and Beltana. ***M. McColl***

News in Brief

CWA MEMBERS have negotiated a lease with Telstra for the use of their building in Sixth Street, as a meeting room. They have been busy improving the interior, and moving furniture into their new home.

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THE FIRST domestic Wheelie Bins were seen on local streets this month. Owners are delighted with how easy they are to use.

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ANGLICAN and Uniting Church ladies travelled by Community Bus to *Nutbush (Pandura Station)* for a visit on Friday 12th April. Everyone enjoyed a pleasant and informative time.

A TASTEFUL Anzac Day display was set up in the Council window by Mrs Beth Wiley. It includes books on War, and the experiences during it, of Australian men and women. These can be borrowed from the Quorn Community Library.

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AREA SCHOOL music teacher, Ros Ruys, was farewelled by staff at morning tea on Friday 12th April. Ms Ruys will live in Adelaide, and teach at Tyndale Christian School, Salisbury.

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LONG TIME Quorn resident, Mrs Dorrie Woods, has left Quorn to live in Ceduna on the West Coast.

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EXCELLENT progress is being made on the second storey addition to Mr & Mrs Wayne Schuttloffel's house in Fifth Street.

THE GATEWAY Swing Band played at the recent Laura Folk Fair. Quorn members were Robert Hall, Shannon Norfolk, Jeffrey and Kym Dutschke. Former Quorn teachers, David & Linda Clarke, now living in Adelaide, joined the band for the day.

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WOMENS FELLOWSHIP enjoyed an evening with residents at Flinders House. Introductions, games, singing, and supper were shared. A surprise visit from a large, fluffy Easter Bunny, and a loud rendition of the Quorn High School war cry, were highlights. ■

20 Years Ago — April 2006

Quorn Wins A Grade Premiership



Quorn A Grade Premiers—(back from left) Simon George, Cleyton Finlay, Paul Rodgers, Michael Finlay, Darren Bury, Corey Finlay, Tom Robinson. (front from left) Adrian Maloney, Shane Cox, Michael Maloney, Tom Carling and Russell Coulthard.

10 Years Ago — April 2016



The RECENT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meeting was at the old Slaughter House. The ladies enjoyed the views and a sausage sizzle while relaxing on the deck. From left: Marg Summerton, Kay Freebairn, Shirley Carn and Lois Litchfield. From right: Pam Rodgers, Jenny Crisp, Di George, Pauline Zanet, Lorraine Pumpa, Di Williams, Leveena Hartmann, Trish Kennedy and Val Roeby.

QUORN

Business Group

CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY NEEDED

At our AGM late last year, the Quorn Business Group was unable to fill the positions of **Chair and Secretary** for 2026. These are essential roles for the continuation of the group.

Quorn Business Group supports local businesses through networking opportunities, information sharing, training access, and collaboration. Without volunteers to step into these leadership roles, the group cannot continue to operate effectively.

The outgoing Chair and Secretary will assist with a handover to ensure a smooth transition.

If you are a business owner and willing to contribute a small amount of time each month to support the small business sector in Quorn, we encourage you to get in touch.

Please email:
quornbusinessgroup@bigpond.com

Let's work together to keep the Quorn Business Group active and moving forward!

Quorn Agricultural Show



Show preparations underway as community counts down to show day

EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING IN the community as preparations continue for this year's Quorn Agricultural Show, with organisers beginning a monthly countdown to the big day.

The Show Committee has nearly completed updates to the sections and classes for pavilion exhibits, with details set to be shared soon on the Quorn Agricultural Show Facebook page. This will give keen participants plenty of time to plan and prepare their entries.

Adding a touch of nostalgia, this year's show will feature a special 'Yesteryear' theme across selected classes. One highlight will be a category showcasing old photographic slides, celebrating moments from the past. Organisers are hoping to bring these memories to life on the day and are calling on community members who may have a working carousel slide projector tucked away to lend a hand.

The committee is also looking forward to expanding community involvement, with more local groups invited to take part in making the event a vibrant and memorable occasion. Letters and emails with further details are expected to be sent out soon.

For more information or to get involved, community members are encouraged to email quornshow@gmail.com ■



At the Farmers and Friends Bowls Day—Ted Paynter and Kath Altman



Farmers and Friends Bowls Day Kitchen Helpers from left Bronwyn Rigden, Jayne Paynter, Marlene Evans



Di Paynter and Gerry Webb enjoying the Farmers and Friends Bowls Day



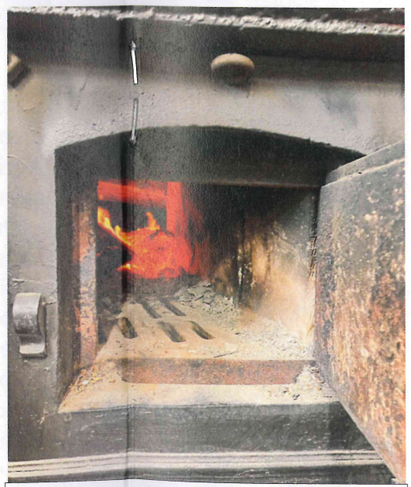


Left: Bowling at the Farmers and Friends Day.

Out and About in Quorn



Quorn B Grade Premiership team - match report page 28



The baker's oven fired up and ready



Above from left: Matthew Britza, Brian Hartin and Jan Noden



Alby and Sasha warming up the Quorn Bakery for its opening on Thursday 2 April

Quorn Bowling Club News

Ladies Bowls Finals

The 2025/2026 season of the Spencer Gulf Association Ladies Pennant competition featured four nominated teams: Quorn, Port Augusta, ETSA Blue and ETSA Gold. After a consistent year Quorn finished top of the ladder earning the title of Minor Premiers. Quorn also had the honour of hosting all finals matches and welcoming visiting teams and supporters.

On Thursday 19th March Quorn defeated Port Augusta by 7 shots and ETSA Gold defeated ETSA Blue by 1 shot.

Quorn then played the Preliminary Final on Tuesday 24th March and despite a spirited performance they went down to ETSA Gold with the final scores being ETSA Gold 44 shots and Quorn 33 shots.

The Grand Final was played on Thursday 26th March. Port Augusta 47 shots defeated ETSA Gold 30 shots.

Quorn's achievement as minor premiers, along with their role as finals host, capped off a standout season for the club both on and off the green. ■



Quorn Ladies Pennant Team Back: Bronwyn Rigden, Jane Paynter, Chrissie Brindal, Sue Kelly, Jenny Cridp. Front: Barb Flower, Sam Hartin Dianne Paynter, Kath Altmann. Absent: Liz Hannigan.

Farmers and Friends Bowls Day
Sunday 22 March 2026









UPCOMING EVENTS

AUTUMN 2026

QUORN COMMUNITY LANDCARE GROUP

Guided Walk @ Quorn Flora Reserve 6-7pm	Mar 30
April 6 Easter Mon	Native Seed Collection @ Bush Food Seed Bank 4 to 5pm
Quorn Area School Billabong & Kitchen Garden Working Bee 9am to 12	April 22
May 2	Quorn Area School Billabong Working Bee 9am to 12
BioChar Workshop with Sharon Taylor 10am start (if it is windy or wet, postponed to 16th)	May 9 (or 16)

For more info, check out the Quorn Community Landcare Facebook page, or put your name on the email list quorncommunitylandcaregroup@gmail.com



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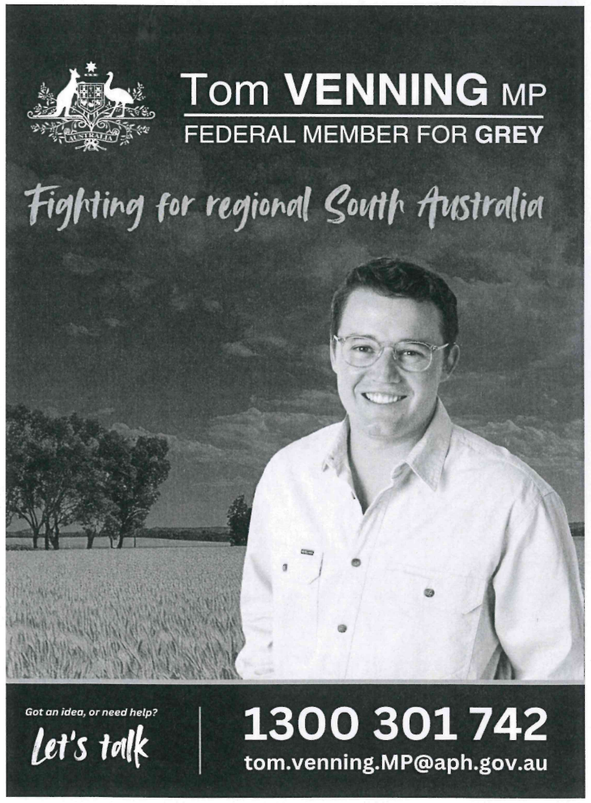
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SA Arid Lands Landscape Board

Port Augusta-Quorn Landscape Group

The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board (SAAL) supports seven Landscape Groups across the region to ensure it remains connected with community and local landscape issues.

The Port Augusta-Quorn Landscape Group's Quorn-based members are Richie Paynter, Renata Hackett, and Pauline Zanet. The group meets every two months with the next meeting to be held on Friday 22 May 2026. If you have an item to raise or would like to attend, please



Port Augusta-Quorn Landscape Group Members, (L-R) Rebecca Buono, Renata Hackett, Pauline Zanet, Francene O'Connor, Garret Miller, Jeff Bowey and Richie Paynter.

contact a local member or Community Landscape Officer Brett Devitt on 0409 753 495 or Brett.Devitt@sa.gov.au

Grassroots Grants 2026-27

Applications are welcomed from volunteer groups, community organisations, recreational groups, and property owners for projects and activities to help build the region's environmental resilience and sustainability.

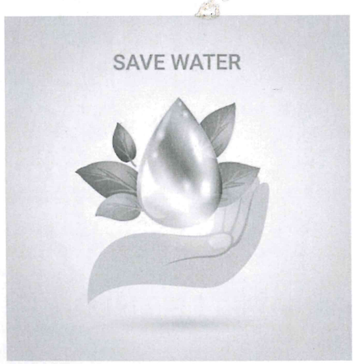
Funding is available for projects valued between $1000 and $20,000 in the seventh round of the grants program. It will be awarded on merit to projects that demonstrate the best value for money and the delivery of benefits that align with the board's priorities of climate resilience, water management, sustainable land management, protecting and enhancing biodiversity and people and partnerships.

Grants can be used for projects that support activities such as revegetation, pest and weed control, protection of threatened species, training, citizen science, environmental surveys and community events. Work must be completed by 14 June 2027. If you have a project in mind, please read the FAQs and Guidelines available on the board's website where you will also find details of projects funded in the past four rounds. https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/saal/SAALGrassrootsGrants.

If you would like to discuss your grant idea prior to writing your application, please don't hesitate to contact Community Landscape Officer Brett Devitt on 0409 753 495. Applications for this round of Grassroots Grants will close at 4pm on Monday 11 May.

Water Affecting Activities

If the recent rain has made you think about expanding a dam or constructing a new one, the board has fact sheets about Water Affecting Activities available, which are suitable for land managers and contractors. You can find them on the board's website at https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/saal/ with a search for Water Affecting Activities. ■



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Quorn Bush Food Garden - What's New ?

WHAT'S NEW in the Quorn Bush Food Garden?

Well, lots and lots since this amazing rain and warm temperatures. After gradually building habitat structure (some folk think this looks messy) and an amazing understory, we now have a permanent family of superb fairy wrens taking up address at the site - the holy grail of native gardening.

Along with bearded dragons, loads of skinks and heaps of insects attracted to the flowering plants, the gardens are now home to a range of bird species. The grass seed bank is also cranking, with summer growing species like Mitchell grass and cotton panic setting seed.

If you happen to walk through the gardens and smell something similar to pine-o-clean....you're not imaging it. We are using pineoil (an organic herbicide) to kill seeds of Flaxleaf fleabane - which threaten to contaminate the seed bank.

How lovely is a wet, warm Autumn? Happy growing everyone.



Pictured above: taken before the last big rains in Quorn, is a wolf spider.

Although some people may be repulsed by spiders, wolf spiders are fabulous to have in your garden or paddock, as they play a crucial role in natural pest control by actively hunting and controlling pest insect populations. They are also an important food source themselves, providing a large snack to lizards and birds. ■

Chapman Family History Part 17

The family of James and Elizabeth Chapman
Children of Robert William Chapman
Cloreen Elizabeth Chapman

CLOREEN ELIZABETH CHAPMAN was born at Hammond in South Australia on 8 December 1920.

Cloreen spent her early schooling and days at Hammond taking early employment as a domestic, cook etc, at local pastoral properties. During this time Cloreen met a chap George Yueng whom she eventually married. George later officially changed his name to Young.

Cloreen and George then spent their days working on many pastoral properties throughout South Australia and becoming very well known.

In later years they travelled to Western Australian pastoral properties and eventually settled in the Esperance region of Western Australia, continuing to service the pastoral properties in this region.

Cloreen passed away in 1987 and was buried in the Esperance cemetery in Western Australia.

Cloreen and George had six children, Berris, Henry, Desmond, Benjamin (commonly known as Tommy), Dorothy, and Edward (commonly known as Ted).

The majority of their children and their descendants remain in Western Australia. ■

Quorn B Grade Gritty Premiership Cricket Win

Quorn B Grade has defied the odds once again, securing back-to-back premierships with a commanding 66-run victory over the Shaheens in the 2025/26 Grand Final.

Winning the toss, Quorn elected to bat first, but the decision looked risky early as wickets fell regularly against a disciplined Shaheens attack. Lachlan Finlay was dismissed for 8, while long-haired red nut from Hawker, Jack Allen and Connor McMillan were both removed cheaply, leaving Quorn in early trouble. Matt 'Bones' Skull showed resilience at the crease, anchoring the innings with a gutsy 52 off 103 deliveries, keeping Quorn afloat as partners came and went.

The wickets continued to tumble, with Matt Griffiths, purple-skinned skipper Kurtice Roeby and others falling in quick succession. At 4-40, Quorn were staring down the barrel, but a spirited counter-attack from Hawker-born gun Charlie Hatcher (23) and short-haired red nut from Hawker James McInnis (24 off 22 balls) reignited the innings. Contributions from Cooper McMillan (6) and veteran club president Paul Rodgers (13) helped push the score forward, while Fraser Hoare remained somehow unbeaten, guiding Quorn to a competitive 9-148 from their 40 overs.

Defending a modest total, Quorn's bowlers produced a near-perfect performance. Jack Allen and Paul Rodgers opened the attack with exceptional discipline, immediately placing the Shaheens under pressure. The key breakthrough came when Shaheen's skipper Ali Awais was caught for 6 off the bowling of Allen, followed swiftly by the dismissal of Port Augusta B Grade Cricketer of the Year Abdullah Waheed, also out for 6.

From there, the Quorn bowlers tightened the vice. Allen ripped through the top order, including a duck for Muckaraam, while wickets continued to fall at regular intervals. James McInnis was outstanding with the ball, claiming 4-24 in a match-winning spell that all but sealed the result and put him firmly in contention for Man of the Match honours.

Further contributions came from across the attack, with wickets shared among Charlie Hatcher, Lachlan Finlay and Connor McMillan, whose fierce leg spin unsettled the middle and lower order. The Shaheens were eventually bowled out for 82, handing Quorn a comprehensive 66-run win and confirming their status as the competition's dominant side. A gutsy well fought premiership coming from third before finals to win.

Premiers – Quorn B Grade 2025/26
Lachlan Finlay
Matt Skull
Jack Allen
Connor McMillan
Matt Griffiths
Kurtice Roeby (c)
James McInnis – Man of the Match
Cooper McMillan
Paul Rodgers
Fraser Hoare
Corey Hilder

It was a complete team performance built on resilience, discipline and belief — hallmarks of a championship side. Quorn B Grade can rightly celebrate another memorable premiership and a well-earned place in club history. ■



Kurtice 'Mr Purple' Roeby the B Grade Skipper

Celebrating Mad Monday

Quorn U16s Crowned Grand Final Premiers

The Quorn U16s put on a commanding all-round performance to claim the 2025/26 premiership, defeating South Augusta by 117 runs in a dominant Grand Final display at Quorn on a hot, sunny day.

Winning the toss, Quorn elected to bat and made the most of the conditions. Openers Samuel Finlay and Oscar Arthur gave their side a flying start before Finlay was the first to fall, bowled by Lachlan Nielsen for a well-made 19. Arthur soon followed, dismissed for 16, leaving Quorn at 2/47.

The innings was then steadied and propelled forward by a rock-solid partnership between Noah Kruger and Elijah McCallum. The pair combined brilliantly, adding 103 runs and putting Quorn firmly in control. McCallum was eventually dismissed for an impressive 45 at a healthy strike rate of 85, with Quorn advancing to 3/149.

Young Angus McInnis joined Kruger but was dismissed for 8, while Jack Berryman was unable to add much, falling for 1. Sol Lee Bruce came to the crease and played his role as Kruger continued to dominate the South Augusta bowling attack. Kruger was finally dismissed after a superb knock of 92 off 105 balls, anchoring the Quorn innings in style. A late wicket saw Lucas Bury dismissed for a duck, but Quorn successfully batted out their full 40 overs to finish at 7/207, setting South Augusta a challenging run chase.

Quorn's bowlers then backed up their batsmen emphatically. Angus McInnis and Samuel Finlay opened the bowling attack with tight and disciplined spells, making runs hard to come by early. The first breakthrough came via sharp fielding, with Sol Lee Bruce producing a brilliant run-out to dismiss Jake Lynch for 8.

Momentum swung decisively when South Augusta's captain and key danger man — fresh off an A Grade premiership — was dismissed by Jack Berryman. From there, wickets fell rapidly. Elijah McCallum removed Ashton Collins for 12, while Berryman claimed another scalp, dismissing Eddy Heron for 2, with both wickets expertly caught by McInnis.

McInnis' outstanding involvement continued when he ran out Tioneyi Madziwa, giving him a hand in three consecutive wickets and leaving South Augusta in deep trouble at 5/70. With Quorn firmly on top, the pressure never eased.

Further wickets from William O'Neil, Jack Maloney, Will Skull, and Sol Lee Bruce ensured South Augusta's innings was wrapped up for 9/90, sealing an emphatic victory for Quorn.

The result marked a 117-run win and capped off a dominant season for the Quorn U16s, who thoroughly deserved their premiership title.

QUORN KERNELS U16s PREMIERS 2025/26
Samuel Finlay
Oscar Arthur
Noah Kruger
Elijah McCallum
Angus McInnis
Jack Berryman
Sol Lee Bruce
Lucas Bury
Jack Maloney
Harry McAuley
William O'Neil
Will Skull ■

See centrefold for photo of the premiership team

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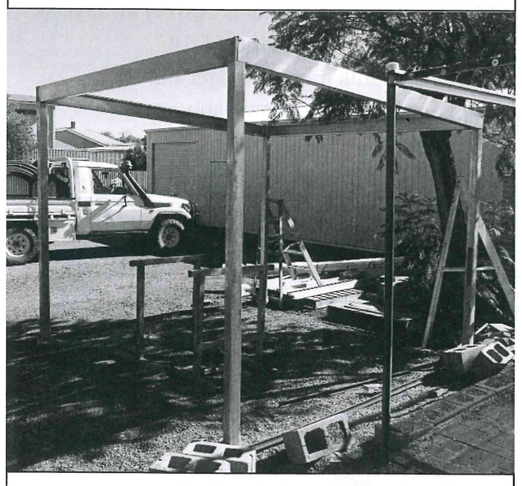
HAPPY EASTER

ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF JOBS on the books this month.
Firstly, we have been completing tables for a local business, which will be finished and completed before Easter. We have also been working on building five putt putt golf games for a local community group and we are hoping to have them finished early April.
We also assisted the Vonows with their garage sale and the locals who supported it were happy with their purchases. Volunteers from the Men's Shed ran a sausage sizzle and it proved very popular.
The Op shop renovations are now complete and to this end we have made and repaired clothes racks, made a sorting table, repaired floorboards and modified the counter for them. It is certainly looking great. It is fantastic to see local shed members doing things for our community.
Our weekly meetings have been well attended and everyone enjoys the breakfast and company.
Last Saturday a group of us responded to a call for volunteers from the Lions Club to clean out a storage shed for them. Our effort was greatly appreciated.
We are always looking for new members. For any information contact Ian on 0417810324.
Lastly we must all be grateful for the beautiful rain we have received over the last month. Every farmer must be smiling. Let's hope the rain continues. ■

Ian 'Carpo'

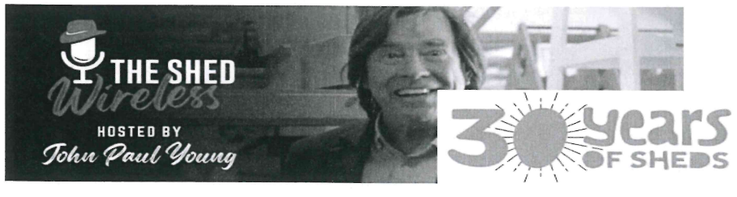


Tables repainted and refurbished.



Welding shade area.

Shed breakfast at 0900hrs on 9 and 23 April.
Hamburgers for workers lunch,
on 2 and16 April.
Ladies workdays Monday Mornings

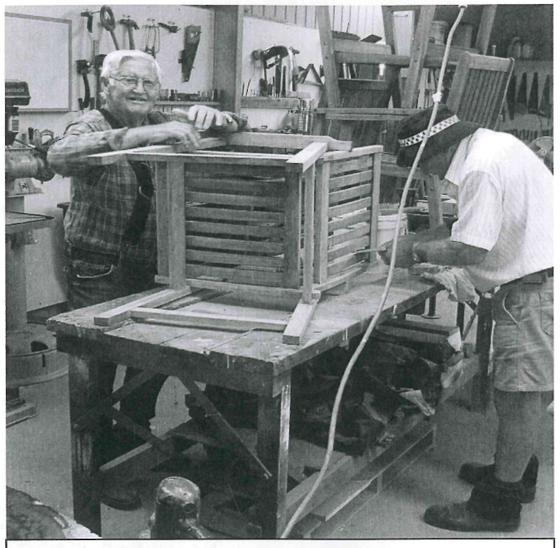




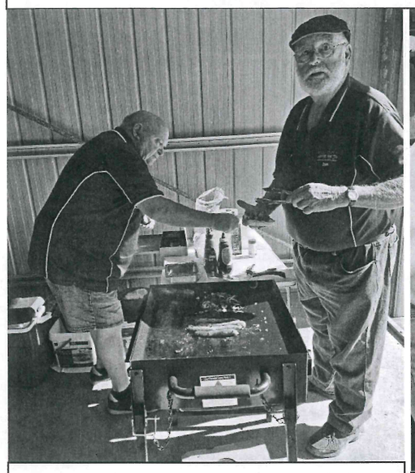
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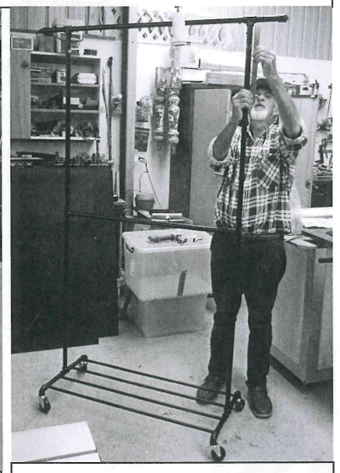
Daryl and Modris working on old chair.



Terry and Ian BBQ at Garage Sale



Lothar setting up saw



Geoff working on shop display frame.

SHED FUNNIES

A husband sat in the living room with his hand on the remote. "Hey honey," he shouted to his wife. "Is there anything you want to say before football season starts?"
One fine day, John and Don are out golfing when John slices his ball deep into a wooded ravine. He grabs his 7-iron and proceeds down the embankment into the ravine in search of his ball.
The brush is quite thick, but he searches diligently and suddenly he spots something shiny. As he gets closer, he realizes that the shiny object is in fact a 7-iron in the hands of a skeleton lying near an old golf ball.
John excitedly calls out to his golfing partner: "Hey Don, come here. I've got some real trouble down here."
Don comes running over to the edge of the ravine and calls out: "What's the matter, John? Is everything okay?"
John shouts back in a nervous voice, "Throw me my 8-iron! Apparently, you can't get out of here with a seven.



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Flinders House News

IT HAS BEEN A VERY BUSY and enjoyable month for the residents at Quorn Health Services. While Tanya has been away, our residents were well supported by staff who kindly stepped in to run the Diversional Therapy activities. A big thank you to Melenee and Naomi for their wonderful assistance and enthusiasm.

St Patrick's Day was a highlight, with residents enjoying a beautifully prepared lunch from our kitchen team, followed by a viewing of *Riverdance*. The dancing brought back many memories, with residents reminiscing about their younger days on the dance floor - though everyone agreed the dancers in the film must be incredibly fit.

It truly was a month of dance, as earlier in March residents watched *Bootmen*, once again amazed by the skill, rhythm, and elegance of the performers.

With Easter fast approaching, residents enjoyed a creative activity last week, decorating hanging ornaments for their rooms. The session was filled with fun, laughter, and plenty of colour.

Other activities throughout the month have included bingo, quoits, carpet bowls, online word quizzes, and participation in the state election. It has certainly been a vibrant and active month for everyone. ■



Above: Marj and Pat decorating their eggs.



Above: some of the colourful designs

Below from left: James, Ray, John, Joan, Trevor and Marlene enjoying their baked potatoes on St Patrick's Day.



Elaine does well at playing quoits



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

Country Health Connect Quorn Update

April 2026

Connecting your health and wellbeing with Community based health professionals from Country Health Connect

Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network

To Access these services

Over 65 years Register for Aged Care Services – CALL 1800 944 912
Under 65yrs register for any care needs: CALL 1800 003 307

Quorn February 2026 Service Report:				
New referrals received	Number of in person services	Number of phone services	Number of telehealth / video conferencing services	Number of "consumer not attended" services
65	330	30	1	8

Allied Health Professionals April Visiting Schedule				
13th April	**14th April**	**15th April**	**16th April**	**30th April**
Podiatry	Podiatry	Podiatry Diabetes Ed	Physiotherapy Dietitian	Physiotherapy

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

COUNTRY HEALTH CONNECT

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

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SA Health

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

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

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

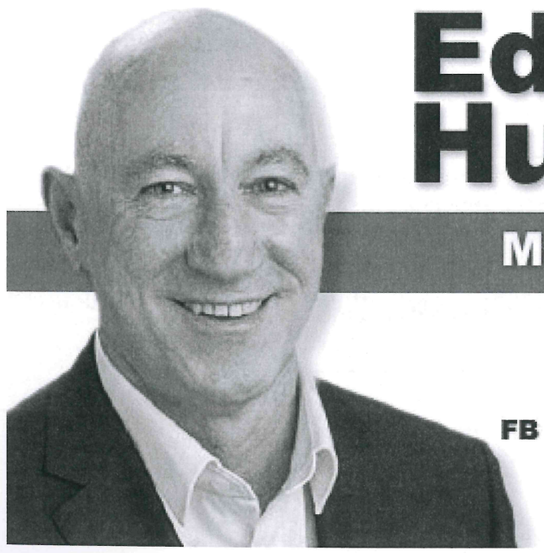






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- Community or individual advocacy, engagement and consultation
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- Refer you to the appropriate service provider or Government agency if we cannot provide the service
- Assist community organisations and sporting clubs with grant applications
- Provide advice on possible funding sources for community projects
- Assist with the preparation of petitions and table them in State Parliament
- Justice of the Peace Services



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April 2026

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist

Diabetes Education

Dietitian

Physiotherapist

Occupational Therapist

Speech Pathologist

Social Worker

Country Health Connect 8668 7706

April 2026

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

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

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

Uniting Church
Sunday Services 10am

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Contacts

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Quorn Preloved Boutique Reopens

After a summer break for refurbishment the Quorn Preloved Boutique reopens refreshed and stocked up on 28 March with a $5 Bag Sale - sale ends Saturday 4 April.

The shop will be open on Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday and then regular hours commencing from Wednesday 8 April: 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sat

Please save your donations until after the



Rainfall 2026

January	0.0mm
February	73.4mm
March	122.4mm
YTD	197.0mm

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Quorn Bakery opening Easter weekend





Quorn Hawker Cradock Events April 2026

Regular Events

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Story Time
Wednesday tbc at 10am
at the Quorn Library check for dates

Women's Fellowship
3rd Wednesdays
see Facebook *Quorn Out and About* for details of what activity is happening

Quorn Men's Shed Thursdays

Quorn Play Group
Mondays 10-12 at the Quorn Kindy.
Gold Coin Donation.

Probus
1st Tuesday of the month 10am

Line dancing
Tuesday nights, 7pm, Town Hall. Cost $10 (excluding school holidays)

Run-Walk-Push – Saturday mornings 8am from Quorn Pool car park -2km, 5km All creatures great and small welcome

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

Local History Group
Quorn Court House
2nd Saturday of the month 11am to 2pm

Hawker

Fellowship –4th Wednesday Uniting Church Hall

Hawker Community Singers Everyone is welcome come along to sing Friday 3.30pm to 5.00pm Hawker Uniting Church Hall

Quilting and Handicraft Group
Alternate Wednesdays
Uniting Church Hall

Friendship Group 3rd Thursday 12pm
Venue TBA

Quote of the month

Believe nothing you hear, and only one half that you see.

Edgar Allan Poe

Up Coming Events

Easter Craft Fair
Quorn Town Hall 3rd, 4th and 5th
9am to 4pm Baked goods, handmade crafts and BBQ
Easter Bonnett Hat Parade Sunday at 11am with 4 age groups with prizes

Anzac Day Services
***Cradock* - 6**.30am Dawn - Cnr RM Williams Way & Second Street
***Hawker* -** 8am - Cnr Wilpena Road & Chace View Terrace
Quorn - 10.45am - Railway Terrace

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

Pichi Richi Railway
Operating every day at Easter and school holidays Information for the Pichi Richi Railway 2026 Season is available by collecting a timetable from the Quorn Visitor Centre or go to www.pichirichirailway.org.au

Quorn Cars & Coffee at Scruffy Fellas
Join people who share a passion for gasoline and caffeine. It doesn't matter if you've got 4 wheels or 2, old or new, schmick or a pile of sh*t -all are welcome! Last Sunday of every month, 8:30am, First Street

Quorn Produce and Craft Market
Homemade goods, fresh local produce, handmade knits, crafts, cards and so much more! At the Town Hall 8:30am - 1:30pm
Last Sunday of each month

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Regular Events

Quorn

Exercises
Town Hall 10:30am Wednesdays
Step, Squat and Razzle
Low impact

Yin Yoga
Monday nights 6.30pm
Quorn Town Hall
Contact: Sharon 0429 197 290

Quilting/Sewing/Knitting Group
1st and 3rd Friday of the month at the Lions Club Rooms. Everyone welcome

Quorn Bowling Club
Social Night Owls Bowls All welcome Fridays at 7:00pm for 7.30pm start, cost $5 per player No bowls, you can borrow them from the club

Pilates
Wednesdays at 9am and 6:30 pm at the Quorn Town Hall

Step Aerobics
Monday and Thursday 5.30pm
St Mathews Church Hall $2

Chair Yoga
Tuesdays 10.00am
St Matthews Hall

Quorn Pioneer Machinery Society
Wednesdays from 9am at the Lions Park
Everyone welcome

Quorn School and Community Library
Justice of the Peace available 4th 10am to 12pm

Spirit of the Flinders Makers Centre
Book our Maker's Centre Workshops
https://spirit-of-the-flinders.square.site/
check the upcoming workshops on their website

Check out Facebook and or notice boards for future events



Thanks to Elizabeth Bunder,, centre, team manager.

SAPSASA Swim Championships



Lily Hackett, Addison Saxton, Evelyn Wright, Taitum Atherton



Evelyn Wright Silver Medal. U11 50m backstroke