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The Audience

THERE WAS PLENTY GOING on in Quorn on 29 March 2025, when the Fringe came to the Flinders Ranges. Fun and action occurred in the Quorn Arts Precinct.

The variety of performances entertained all age groups. With spectacle of acrobatics, juggling and general clowning around, children were particularly engaged

A variety of foods and sweet treats were available from community clubs and service groups.

A large crowd was happy to stay on and be entertained until well after dark. Thanks to the FRC for supporting this event.

The Show's A Go!

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING held at the FRC chambers on March 20 to elect a Show committee . The largest ever attendance at a show general meeting, turned out and all Show Society committee places are now filled. Great stuff Quornies!

Action is now under way to prepare for the 2025 Quorn Agricultural Show on September 28.

→ See inside for
The 2025 Quorn Show Page

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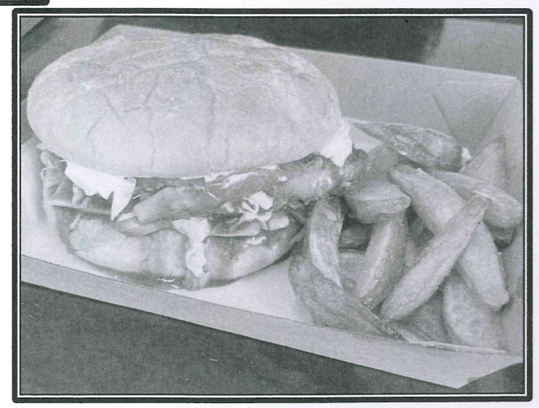
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Quorn Show 2025



Wool Bale Run

2024

Show Day 2025

Sunday September 28





Great News for the Quorn Agricultural Show, a full executive committee is elected. It was great to see twenty one attendees keen to contribute to the success of a 2025 Show. Many thanks for the generous support of those who accepted positions.

The new executive is listed at the end of this page with the Show contact information. The Show email account is the point of contact for new executive members. This email account is monitored and enquiries forwarded to the relevant person on the committee. ■

Next Committee Meeting
FRC Council Chambers Seventh St Quorn
7:30pm Thursday 10th April



Thinking of putting a stall in the show? Contact us!

FEES FOR 2025

Admission:	
Adults :	$10.00
Concession	$ 8.00
School age Children:	Free
Membership 2 Adults	$15.00

Save money, purchase a show membership

Contact Doone Clifton for details
Proceeds from memberships help with preparation and planning costs, and in securing attractions.



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QUORN

Business Group

Interested in being part of the Quorn Business Group?

If you're a Quorn business and you would like to join, membership is just $50 per year.

Members have access to these great benefits:

- Networking events with other local business owners
- Discounted training opportunities
- Information nights with expert guest speakers
- Current information about grants that can help your business

It's a great opportunity for us all to share information and to collaborate with like-minded business owners.

We want to support sustainable business growth and make it easier to do business in Quorn.

If you're a local business and you'd like to find out more, contact:

President – Stu Hackett 0475 410 127
or
Secretary – Ellenor Day 0403 011 230

Upcoming meeting and event details will be posted in the *Quorn Out and About* group on Facebook soon.

SA Arid Lands Landscape Board News

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 Quorn-based members are Richie Paynter, Renata Hackett, and Pauline Zanet. The group meets every two months with the next meeting to be held in Quorn on Friday 4 April.

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



At the recent group meeting were, from left, Jeff Bowey, Francene O'Connor, Cassia Paragnani, Chair Renata Hackett, Brett Devitt and Pauline Zanet.

Propagation Workshop

A hands-on workshop to learn more about propagating plants from seeds and cuttings will be held in Quorn. Local gardener Amy Morgan will share her knowledge on the subject in the workshop to be held at Spirit of the Flinders, Tuesday 6 May 2025.

Designed for gardeners that consider themselves complete novices to those with plenty of experience, this workshop will offer something for everyone. Please bring along your own gloves and don't forget to register online at https://events.humanitix.com/propagation-quorn

Grassroots Grants Opening Soon

The 2025 Grassroots Grant round is now open. Grants will be available to fund landscape projects across the region undertaken by volunteers, community groups, not-for-profit organisations and landholders. The funding is provided by your annual Landscape Levy.

Projects must address one or more of the board's priority issues of climate resilience, water management, sustainable land management, protecting and enhancing biodiversity and people and partnerships. Read about previously funded projects at https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/saal/get-involved/grants-and-funding. Community Landscape Officers are available to assist in developing your idea into a project and assist with your application

Landscape Group Membership

Applications are now open to fill a vacancy on the Port Augusta-Quorn Landscape Group. Members are actively engaged with the delivery of local projects and in developing District Action Plans that guide the work of each group and achieve outcomes inline with the board's strategic plan. They are also the voice of the community in the management of the district's natural resources.

Members are selected for the knowledge of areas such as conservation, Aboriginal heritage, primary production, mining, tourism, water resources management, pest animal and weed control, and local governance.

To find out more speak to Brett Devitt and visit https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/saal/about-us/our-board/landscape-groups. ■



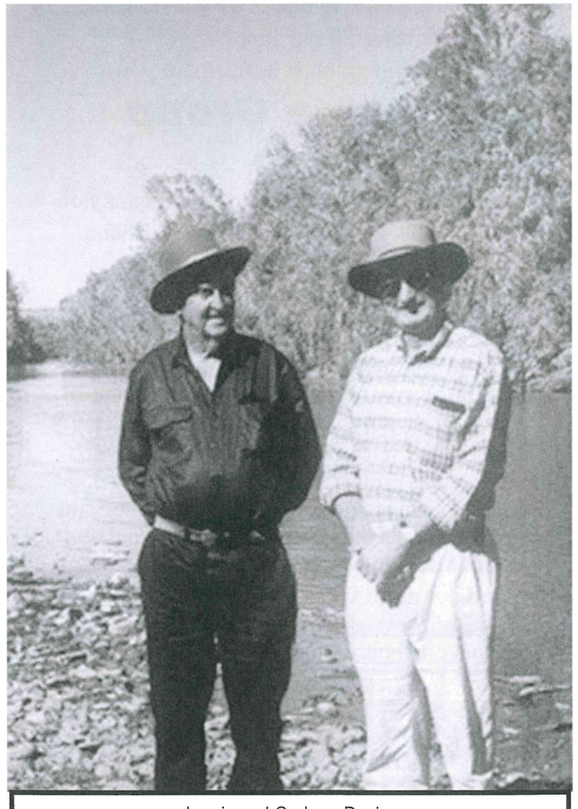
Lawrence (Laurie) Fitzgerald

2/8/1931-9/3/2025

On Friday, 21st March 2025, we said farewell to Lawrence Fitzgerald (also known as Laurie, the Mayor of Arden Vale, Sir Lawrence, and even Mr. Fitz). The following is from Laurie's eulogy delivered by Kim Hutchinson at Laurie's funeral.

On 2nd August 1931, on a miserable stormy night (Quorn certainly could do with a few of those nights right now), Lawrence Fitzgerald was brought into this world by Quorn GP, Doctor Nairn, at the Cottage Hospital in First Street. He was the second son of Gerald Ignatius and Honorah, and a brother for Peter.

In the early years the Fitzgerald family lived on a farm just south of Quorn. In 1938 the family moved to Arden Vale Road, purchasing Klingberg's. The family named it *Carinya.*



Laurie and Graham Davis,
Humbert River Station, NT, 1998

At a young age he learnt about the cropping of wheat, oats and some barley from his father. Also the management of Hereford cattle and Merino sheep. The farm had a reservoir, built in the 1880's to provide fresh water to the growing town of Quorn. One of his daily chores was to check on water troughs and see to the welfare of sheep and cattle.

Laurie didn't start school until he was nine years old. His early schooling was at St Joseph's Convent. Each day he and Peter would ride their trusty bikes along the rough, corrugated road to school (Without ever having a puncture). No school buses, taxis or Ubers in those days.

He enjoyed sport during recess times, football and cricket. Sadly this was the only opportunity he had to play sport, as farm work was the priority.

He attended Quorn High School for two years until he was 14. While he was still at school, he and Peter had to do their chores before and after school including taking the draft horses (up to 14), one at a time, to water at the dam halfway up Arden Vale Road.

After he left school, Laurie started working on the farm with his dad and Peter. On Sunday nights he went spotlighting with a few cousins, shooting rabbits, foxes and euros.

In his lifetime, Laurie saw many changes on the farm. From the days of using a Tip Dray pulled by teams of horses in the late 40s-early 50s, to the purchase of a Field Marshall and Chamberlain tractor. Then, a John Deere, with air conditioning.

Sadly, in 1959, Laurie's mother passed away. He was only 28. Not long after, Molly Wallace came to help out for a few weeks, and ended up staying 20 years as housekeeper. She became part of the family.

In the 70s, Laurie's father took a step back and allowed him to manage the farm. He purchased Murray Grey cattle because he liked their quiet manner. Plus, they had big beautiful eyelashes. He also named his animals after famous people. He continued farming and caring for his father, who died in 1980.

For several years Laurie donated a yearling to the local High School to enter the Led Steer Competition at the Adelaide Show. They had great success, winning first prize on several occasions.

After working on the farm day after day: except for Sundays of course, Laurie finally went on his first holiday, travelling with his cousin, Ambrose Reynolds, to South East Queensland.

In 1995 he went to Winton with Graham Davis, and flew with Graham to Halls Creek, sometimes sleeping under the stars. Laurie was interested in astronomy, and had a good knowledge of it that he willingly shared with others.

We couldn't talk about Laurie, without acknowledging his faith. He was a devout Catholic, a regular attendee at mass, a friendly face welcoming new priests and parishioners to the church we're gathered in today. His faith came from his strong upbringing and continued throughout his life.

Laurie's love for his kelpie and border collie dogs was well known. How many of you remember *Cisco, Judy, Mal* (named after Malcolm Fraser). Often, the dogs spent more time hanging around Laurie than they did working the sheep and cattle.

On 6th March 1963, Laurie purchased a 1962 S Series Valiant. His father wouldn't let him buy a car until he had saved all the money. Laurie sure did love that car, keeping it in immaculate condition all these years. He enjoyed the freedom the car provided him, while often asking his passengers to make sure their seatbelt was on!

Some of you may recall the story of a lady who was a recent arrival in Quorn. After some initial polite conversation she asked Laurie if he had a girlfriend. 'Oh Yes! Her name is Val'. Laurie, with a wry smile, informed her that Val didn't come into town every week.

One day when the lady mentioned she'd never run into Val, he replied that she was in town that day, and took her outside to meet *Val*: his Valiant, I'm sure everyone here today can see Laurie's grin and hear his laughter.

After almost seven decades on the land, Laurie decided it was time to hang up his working boots. But not his hat! With the help of his close friends and family, he moved to the big smoke.

He purchased a home in town, which he named *Two Loos* (because it had two toilets, and they were indoor)! After living his life on the farm, it was the small luxuries Laurie enjoyed the most.

I'm sure most of Quorn and surrounding community remembered that in November 2020 Laurie held a clearing sale. He finally sold the last of his farming equipment. At the end of the sale the clouds opened and Quorn's streets were flooded.



The winning steer, Laurie and Quorn Area School handler. Led Steer Competition, Royal Adelaide Show, 1997

Laurie enjoyed retirement in town, following a routine of church attendance, coffee and meals at local cafes and pubs, with Graham Davis (RIP) and Gar Michael, his partners in crime, known as The Three Wise Men.

He was a generous, kind hearted, lively and cheeky character, always up for a chat. He had a wonderful sense of humour, and was known to have the luck of the Irish, winning raffles, prizes and meat trays!

He had an incredible and full life, and was a true friend. He supported his community and always offered a helping hand. Laurie will be remembered and missed by many.

Over the past two weeks we, his family, have been incredibly moved by the many stories, kind words and thoughtful comments you have all shared about your time with Laurie.

A special thank you to Quorn Hospital for their care of Laurie in his final hours.

Kim Hutchinson
21st March 2025

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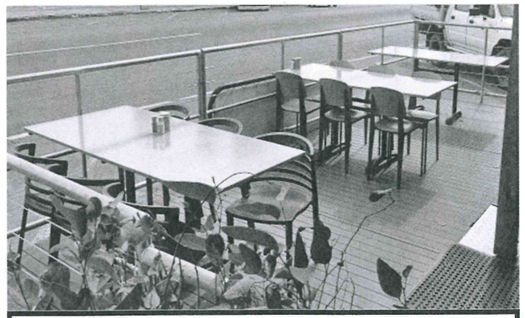
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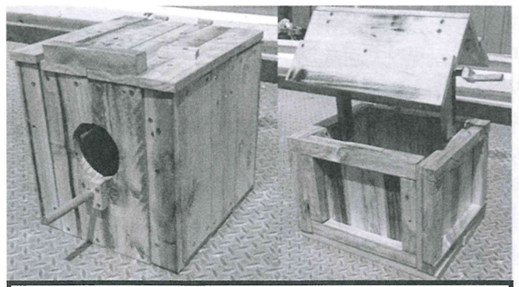
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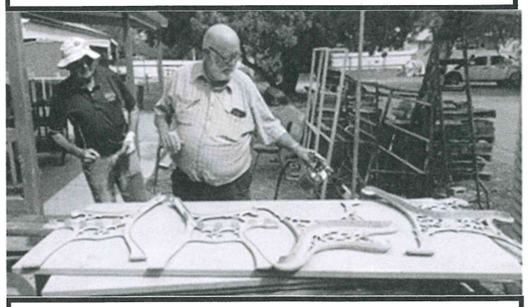
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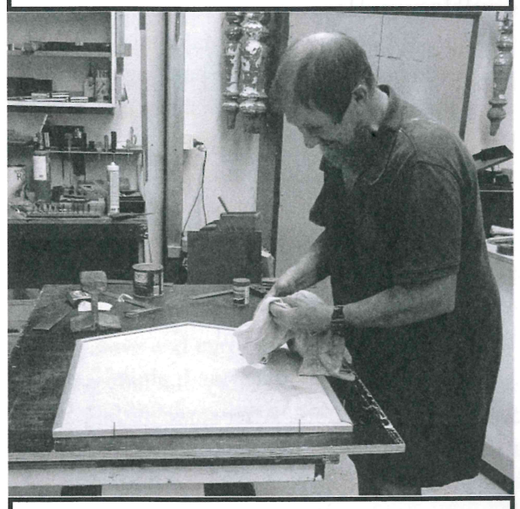
Tables have had new tops done by Ian, Lothar and Andrew and installed at the Quandong Café in Quorn



Pallet wood bird box and toy wishing well made by Andrew to be shown at Ute Musters



Ian painting bench seat ends under the careful eye of Lothar



Col preparing a honour board for the Flinders Ranges Council.

Shed breakfast

On 3rd and 7th April

Hamburgers for workers lunch

on 10th and 24th April

Cuppa

0900 to 1400

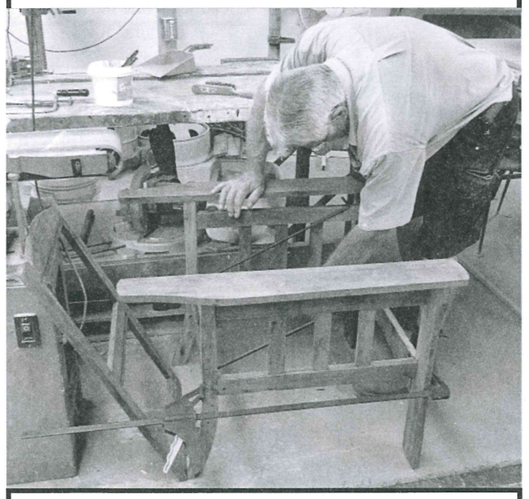




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Paul and Ken are honing their billiard skills in preparation for a challenge with Crystal Brook Men's Shed.



Modris working on the Morris chair

Right:

Terry, Ken, Col and Ian positioning the metal lathe onto the stand.





Patsy checking with Ian on the progress in getting the Quorn Men's Shed ready for the Quorn ladies to use.

Shed Funnies

Q: How did the phone propose to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day? A: He gave her a ring.

Q: How can you tell if a tree is a dogwood tree? A: By its bark.

Q: What happened when the owl lost his voice? A: He didn't give a hoot

I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.

It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.

When I'm finally holding all the right cards, everyone wants to play chess

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

I wish the buck really did stop here; I sure could use a few of them. ■

Australian Men's Shed Association
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Quorn Men's Shed March Edition

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Quorn Men's Shed supplied hamburgers and sausages for a barbecue with Crystal Brook Men's Shed for fellowship and the donated furniture/chairs.



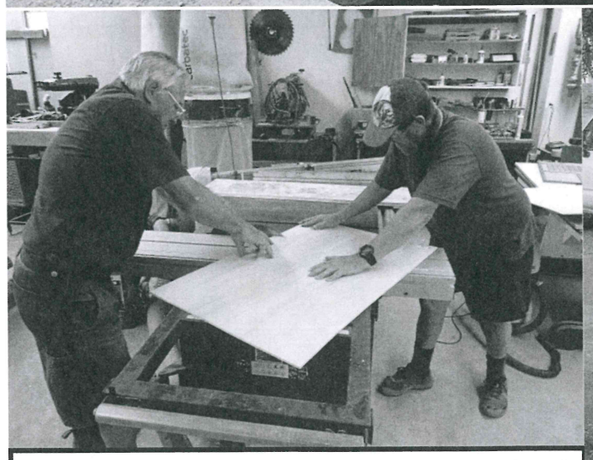
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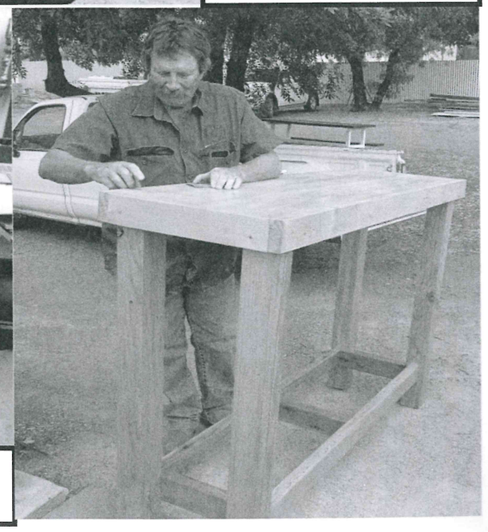
All loaded up at Crystal Brook Men's Shed with shelving, bench tops and more donated chairs from Graham Ford.

Quorn Men's Shed would like to thank Graham Ford for the generous donation of the chairs.

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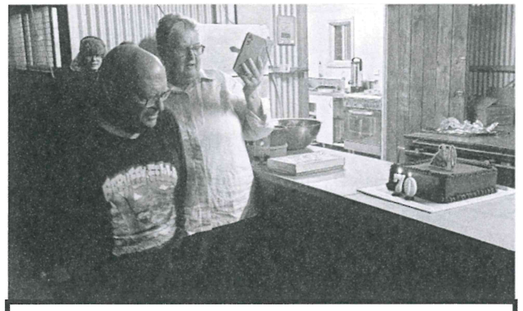
Ken finishing off bar table for Quorn Stock Yard Arena.





Modris and Col cutting out the backing for a Flinders Ranges Council Honour Board.

Terry's 70th Birthday

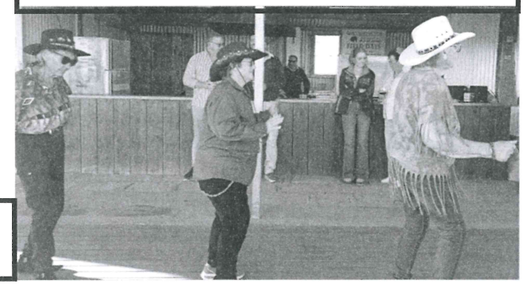


Terry and his birthday cake.



Sue, Terry and the Pippa.

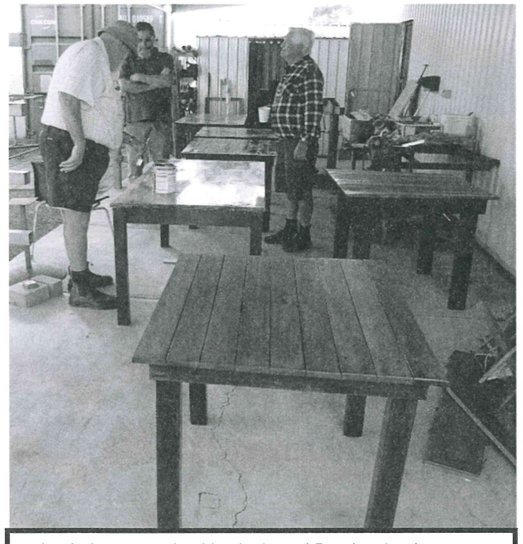
Terry Smith's 70th birthday was held on Saturday, February 15 at the Quorn Stock Yard Arena.



Right

The Line Dancers: Lena, Sue and Margaret.

Quorn Men's Shed, March 2025 continued ...



Ian being supervised by Andy and Daryl as he lacquers tables for the Quandong Café.



Lothar doing repairs to a Quandong Café table watched by Ian.

TIP

If the biscuit tin is empty, always try the microwave, this way Mickey Mouse doesn't get the biscuits.





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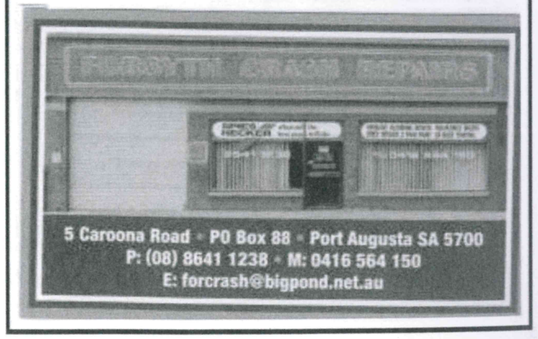
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Historic Brush Car Rally to Roll into Quorn This Easter



PERTH to SYDNEY—Crossing "Sturt's" Stony Desert.

Quorn, SA – March 2025 – The historic town of Quorn is set to step back in time this Easter as a rare collection of historic Brush automobiles from across Australia gathers for the National Brush Car Rally. This special event, celebrating one of the most remarkable early American cars to make an impact in Australia, will take place in the week leading up to Easter and over the weekend, with stops in Hawker and Wilmington along the way.

A major highlight of the rally will be a public display at the Quorn Railway Station on Saturday morning until lunchtime, offering locals and visitors the opportunity to see these beautifully preserved vehicles up close.

A Brush with History

The Brush Runabout, built between 1907 and 1913 by the Brush Motor Car Company of Detroit, was an innovative and affordable automobile that played a key role in motorising early Australia. Lightweight yet rugged, it became a popular choice for pioneering motorists, particularly in rural areas where reliability was essential.

One of the most notable Australian connections to the Brush came in 1912, when adventurer Francis Birtles completed a daring transcontinental journey from Fremantle to Sydney in a single-cylinder Brush Runabout—proving its incredible durability in some of the world's toughest conditions. The first vehicle to drive across Australia before there were even roads!

What Makes the Brush Unique?

Unlike many cars of its time, the Brush Runabout featured a wooden chassis, giving it both flexibility and resilience over rough terrain. It was also one of the first vehicles to employ a single-cylinder engine with a counterclockwise crankshaft rotation. These lightweight yet sturdy vehicles were a true feat of engineering, making them perfectly suited to the rugged Australian landscape.

A Rare Gathering in Quorn

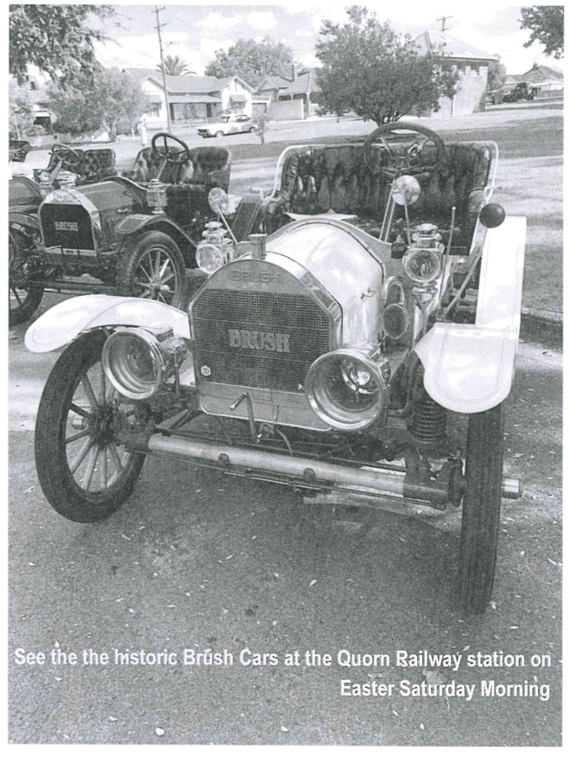
With Brush automobiles now exceedingly rare worldwide, the National Brush Car Rally is a unique opportunity to see some of the finest surviving examples in motion. Enthusiasts and history lovers alike will be able to witness these century-old vehicles as they make their way through the stunning Flinders Ranges.

Locals and visitors are encouraged to come along to the Quorn Railway Station on Saturday morning to admire these historic cars. This event promises to be a spectacular celebration of Australia's motoring heritage, paying tribute to a vehicle that helped shape the nation's early automotive history.

For further details, please contact:

Hamish McDonald
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See the the historic Brush Cars at the Quorn Railway station on Easter Saturday Morning

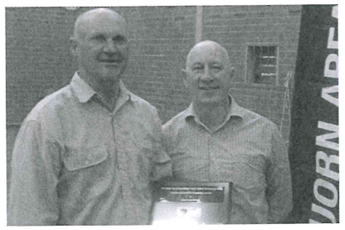
I have been the Member for Giles since 2014 and was appointed Shadow Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development in 2018.

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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- Assist community organisations and sporting clubs with grant applications
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- Justice of the Peace Services



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Bowls Success



Pictured from left: Kath Altmann, Bronwyn Rigden, Barb Flower, Sam Hartin, Sue Kelly (back), Dianne Paynter, Jane Paynter and Jenny Crisp.

On Thursday 27 March, the Quorn Ladies pennant bowls team played against Whyalla Gulf in the Grand Final at the ETSA bowling club. Quorn lost narrowly by 6 shots overall, a great contest.

Quorn finished third on the ladder at the end of the minor round. ■



Cricket Club Award

Michelle and Keith Baker (pictured left) were both presented with Life Membership of the Quorn Cricket Club at the end of season presentation afternoon Sunday 23rd March.

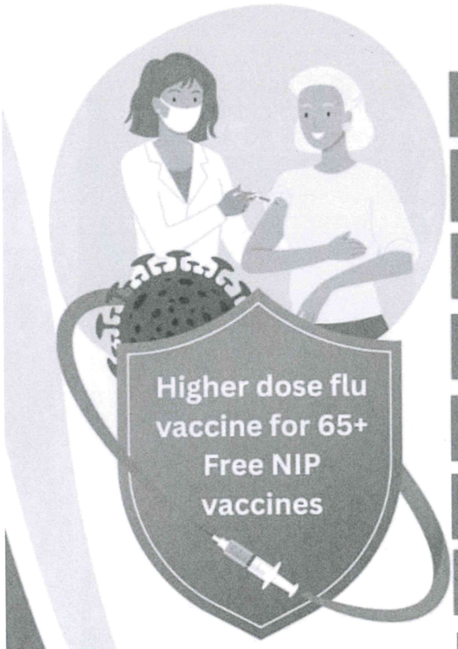
Mark and Corey Finlay (not pictured) were both presented with Life Memberships of the Quorn Cricket Club. ■



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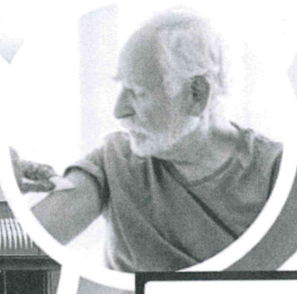
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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 33 of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*, The "Quorn ANZAC Day Service 2025" has been declared an event to which Section 33 applies and that the following roads will be closed to vehicle traffic on

Friday 25 April 2025 between the times of 9.30am and 12.00pm

Roads Closed are:

Horrocks Highway/Sixth Street, Quorn
Between First Street and Railway Terrace

Railway Terrace, Quorn
Between Fifth Street and Seventh Street

For further information contact The Flinders Ranges Council on telephone (08) 8620 0500 or email council@frc.sa.gov.au

The Quorn Auxiliary

The Quorn Auxiliary is a group of individuals who raise funds to purchase equipment for the Hospital and Flinders House, to improve conditions for their residents.

Additionally, we provide Easter eggs, Mother's and Father's Day chocolates, and Christmas presents for each resident. We also focus on purchasing larger items to help both staff and residents.

Since July last year we have purchased:

Three Towel Warmers cost of $894,
Two TV's cost of $698
A sensor beam cost of $732,
Five mobile air chairs cost of $12,375

The main way of raising money is catering for events held in the town. We are seeking younger individuals to join us and assist with organisation and catering.

Over the next few months Quorn is having several big events.

April 2nd & 3rd Outback Car Odyssey 90-100 people
May 3rd 4WD club about 100 people
May 13th Bike riders SA about 240 people

For these catering events to run successfully we will need helpers, not necessarily to cook, but to help on the night of the event.

If any person is willing to help, please talk to:

Leanne Slattery

Judy McLeod

Mary Francis

Jan Jarvis

Quorn CFS Presentations

Presentations by Group Officer of Region 4
CFS Shannon Doble

Life Membership Dale Hilder



Dale Hilder presented with his life membership by Shannon Doble

Dale joined the CFS 22 years ago in April 2002. He became Quorn CFS executive committee President in 2009 and held the position until 2024.Dale stepped up into leadership role at the same time and is currently lieutenant. Dale has committed a great deal of time fire-fighting and in administration around the shed.

His dedication to maintaining after training refreshments has contributed to good camaraderie throughout the members of the Quorn CFS.

His support for the leadership group has been welcome.



Colin Mc Coll receiving his award.

Colin joined the CFS in March 1976 some 48 years ago. He has held many positions within the Quorn CFS and within the Flinders Group, holding the position of Group Officer role for 15 years, Deputy Group Officer over a couple of stints for seven years including currently. He was a lieutenant within the Quorn Brigade for 16 years prior to joining the Group ranks.

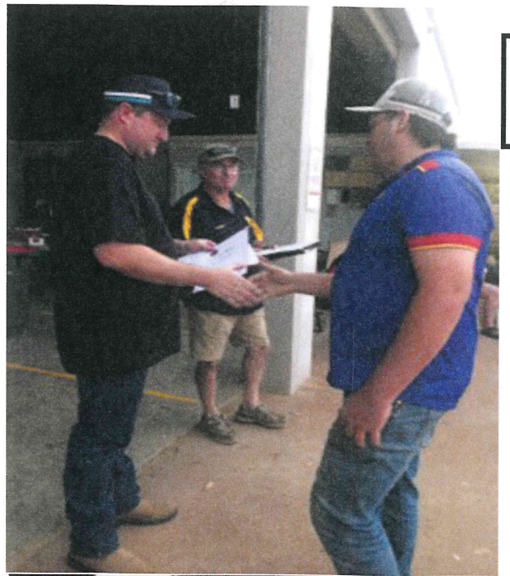
Colin has provided tremendous support to both this Brigade and other Brigades within the Group. He has devoted hundreds of hours of volunteer support firefighting and administrative roles.

Ten Year service award

RICHARD FRANK LYMAN. 12 Years

Frank has a great awareness when fighting fires, and along with his experience he has natural leadership skills.

Quorn CFS - 5 year service awards



Left

Cameron Finlay, six years and nine months
Basic Fire Fighter (BFF)



Tom Millington, six years and nine months
BFF

Tom has been very keen to learn and grow and has taken on incident control roles. He has a good ability to make decisions and understands fire behaviour and should make a future leader.

Tom is a qualified BA (Breathing apparatus) operator and Road Crash Qualified. ■



Norman Bee, six years and ten months
BFF

Norman has been an integral part of the brigade, happy to assist when needed. He has taken on some administrative tasks and is keen to learn.



Lap swimmers wind up breakfast



At the lap swimmers wind up breakfast



Centre, Sue Smith congratulating Rene Reschke (left) at the lap swimmers Wind-up

Out and About in Quorn



Claire Moran and Member of the Year, Brennen Bothwell



Quorn swimming team competed in the Whyalla and Crystal Brook Swim Carnivals



Wim Club in action.

Quorn Amateur Swimming Club News

Quorn Amateur Swimming Club had a great 2024/2025 swimming season with lots of new members with some very new to swimming club and some adults coming to improve their fitness and swimming skills.

During the season the swim club had more than 40 members in the junior squad and adult groups all coached by the fabulous Claire Moran. Swimmers worked on their their speed and their stroke techniques and learnt how to prepare for carnivals.

This was showcased in the Quorn Area School Swimming Carnival, and nine swimmers from the club swam in both the Whyalla and Crystal Brook carnivals. Everyone enjoyed the day of swimming against other local clubs and trying out their new skills.

Member of the Year was Brennen Bothwell. Brennen showed dedication and consistency with volunteering, helping to set up and pack up club sessions, assisting with coaching new and young swimmers, consistently swimming in sessions, practicing and improving his technique and times, and participating in all carnivals the club attended.

One of the youngest swim club members, Jack Connell, was awarded courageous member of the season for having a go at all strokes including butterfly, competing at Whyalla and bringing home three medals at the Crystal Brook carnival.

On Tuesday 18 March the Quorn swimming club celebrated another successful year at their end of season barbecue. More than 60 adults and children attended and celebrated the end of their summer.

In other swimming news, the Quorn swimming club will be hosting the Masters Games swimming event at the Port Augusta swimming pool on Saturday, 5 April.

It was recently reported that despite being a swimming nation Australia faces a concerning trend of low swimming participation, with many children leaving primary school unable to swim a basic distance or tread water

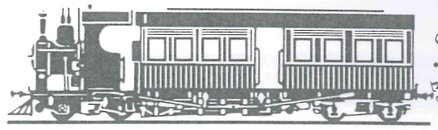
An enormous thank you to Claire Moran for helping Quorn buck this trend by being an amazing coach with the patience and passion to get kids swimming well and staying safe in the water.

We are grateful to everyone who made this season a success. Thank you to all swimmers, parents, and volunteers for their sùpport and participation. Thank you to Geri Tschirner, Lorraine Hilder and Bryan and Dorothy Crosby for helping throughout the season.

We can't wait to welcome back our swimmers next season and new people wanting to give it a try when the pool opens at the end of the year. ■



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March is always a busy month, with three Sundowner services to begin the running season. While the Brill and Trailer 305 took passengers out on the March long weekend, on 22 March, we used Pichi Richi Explorer carriages hauled by the NT for 80 passengers who saw a beautiful sunset and enjoyed refreshments by our catering team.



The first Afghan Express train departs Port Augusta on Sat April 5th. There are plenty of trains running including Easter, Anzac Day and throughout the April school holidays.

To ensure these services can run our maintenance crews have been busy checking the rails and structures, clearing vegetation and cleaning carriages in Port Augusta, much of it in very hot weather, although it has been satisfying seeing the magnificent sunsets and clear night skies. Key activities has included John Hall and team re-transoming Saltia Bridge and Dave Fisher repairing the signal system in Quorn Yard.



Considering Volunteering?

Join us in one of many roles Phone Bronwyn, our Volunteer Coordinator on (08) 8641 1527 #3 to discuss a role to suit you and your availability.

In the Carriage Shed, members have been restoring upholstery and painting Brake Van 4894 as well as planning repairs to Car Wandana. Thanks go to Travis M, Andrew W, Wayne H and Rob for this skilled work.

Meanwhile, some of our managers have been busy passing on their knowledge, training some other members in key skills to ensure we can continue to provide the service that our passengers expect. This included mentoring in hospitality, ticket sales, and Guard training. ■





Timetable & tickets

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Flash As

20 Years Ago



2005 premiers—The victorious Quorn Under 14 cricket team after their Grand Final win. Back row L-R Richard Paynter, Clayton Finlay (coach), Brendan Lehmann, Matt Bennett, Daniel Kwaterski, Bobby Wedding, Tom George, Greg George (coach). Front row L-R Kurtice Roeby, Lincoln Kelly, Robert Britza, Fraser Hoare, Ben Carn, Cam Carling.

April 2005

April 2015

Congratulations Colleen.



QAS Principal, Mr Roy Winther, with Mrs Colleen Mundy on her retirement.

10 Years Ago

Thank You Colleen

After 22 years of service as an SSO and Community Library Assistant, Colleen Mundy has said farewell to Quorn Area School who is headed into retirement! Colleen's service to the school has been invaluable, and to show her our gratitude, staff gave her a farewell morning tea. She was presented with flowers and gifts for her services. Colleen's last official working day was Friday 13th March. Colleen will continue to volunteer her services in the library when her retirement schedule allows.

Congratulations Colleen.

Chapman Family History Part 7c

The children of James Harold (Jim) and Ellen Maud (Maud) Chapman
Clementh (Clem) Roy Chapman

Clementh (Clem) Roy Chapman was born at Quorn on 1st June 1918.

Clem went to school at Quorn with the 1928 school report showing that Clem in Grade 5 and his sister Frizz in grade 2 were quite bright scholars.



From L to R: Paddy Ganley, Clem Chapman, George Bell at Endilloe

Quorn Primary School.

Results of weekly examination held November 23, 1928 :—

Spelling champions—Grade 7.
Arithmetic champions—Grade 3.
Marching champions—Grade 4.
Attendance for the week—Grade 2 (96 per cent.).

Class Leaders.

Grade 7—Muriel Whyte, Albert Hillman.

Grade 5—Aster Williams, Thora Beddoway, Roy Brown, Reg Burr, Ken Herde, Bob Bowie, Hedley Altmann, Howard Martin, Clem Chapman.

Grade 4—Olive Hodge, Coral Hannemann, Marjorie Searle (Dorothy Williams, Len Brewster, Ross Brown, Gordon Martin, Keith Noll.

The following gained honours in arithmetic and spelling :—

Grade 7—Thelma Martin, Lila Huddy, Elva Parks, Muriel Whyte, Collin Herde, Albert Hillman, Lionel Davison.

Grade 5—Thora Beddoway, Aster Williams, Clem Chapman, Bob Bowie, Howard Martin, Hedley Altmann, Ken Herde, Reg Burr, Roy Brown.

Grade 4—Olive Hodge, Ross Brown.

Grade 3—Ruth Stacey, Kathleen Stroek, Mavis O'Brien, Loreen Klaebe, Gwen Melville, Narian Barnes, Phyllis Davison, Olive Rankin, Doris Brewster, Joy Schnell, Mildred Thompson, Collin Paynter, Stanley Pearce, Jim Foote Roy Marshall, Lawrence Zanker, Sydney Hall.

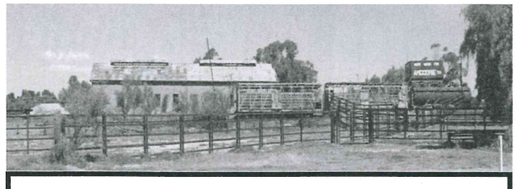
Grade 2—Edna Chapman, Teddy Garlick, Merle Herde, Cliff Jacobs, Max Klaebe, Dick Martin, Gwen Rankin, Thelma Cobiac, Gloria Noll, Margaret Smith, Len Eastber, Gwen Bayfield, Ross Footer.

Upon leaving school Clem worked with his father and brother Stanley (Slim) on the family farm north of Quorn called Endilloe assisting his father and his brother in the agistment of cattle.

Apart from the usual farm activities of wheat and wool production, as mentioned in an earlier chapter in this book, Clem's father was the successful tenderer for the spelling of cattle from the Northern Territory and northern parts of South Australia before on forwarding to the Adelaide cattle markets.

This activity involved Clem ,his brother Slim and their father in many hours of work and hundreds of cattle constantly moving cattle to and from the Quorn Cattle Yards to the family farm Endilloe and returning them a few days later after the cattle were rested, fed, watered and gained some condition.

Lois Gloede (nee McConville) related the story that on one occasion when she was near the cattle yards that some cattle escaped from the yards and for her protection, Clem rode his horse to where Lois was standing, bent down and picked her up and placed her in one of the empty cattle vans until they rounded up the stray cattle. This action was intended to be only for a short time but Clem, his brother and father got busy and temporarily forgot about Lois until sometime later and when they eventually took her out of the cattle van and took her home (she lived close to the Chapman family home in North Quorn at the time) her parents were quite disturbed by her lateness and the condition of her clothes after sitting in the cattle van for some-time. When all was explained to Lois' family they all had a good laugh at the events of the day.



Quorn Cattle Yards where Lois had her adventure

Clem was a good sports person in Tennis, Golf and Football, taking part in the annual Easter tennis tournament at Port Augusta in 1934, progressing to the quarter finals

Record Entries for Easter Tennis Tournament.

MANY LEADING PLAYERS TO APPEAR

DRAW FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS AND HANDICAPS

Record entries, 230—an increase of 50 on last year—have been received for the combined Port Augusta tennis clubs' Easter tourney to commence tomorrow and continued on Saturday and Monday, an events including the Veterans' handicap singles, put on the programme for the first time, will be decided.

Clem was also a good footballer, playing in the Quorn Rovers Premiership Team of 1937.

QUORN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

1937 PREMIERS

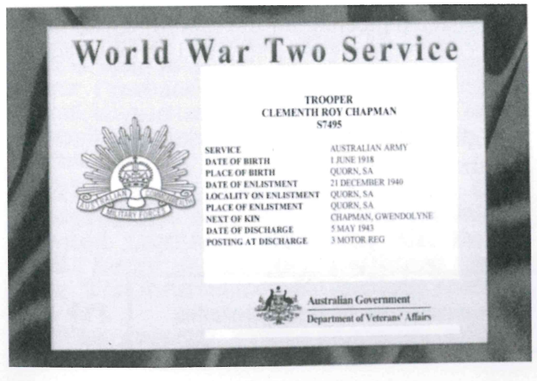
ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB



Back Row: Fred Smith (Mayor), Jim Leahy, T. Casey, G. Searle, A. Smith, Bernie Leahy, A. Foote, T. Buik

Middle row: J. Castine, L.Poole, W. Hinton, K. French (Captain), P. Ganley, J. Carpenter, L.Stewart

Front Row: C. Brown, M. Graetz, T. Young, E. Footer, C. Chapman, E.N. White



Quorn Golf Club

QUORN v. WILMINGTON

C Matthews lost to P T Wheeler, 2 down
D Snowball d H W Gasmier, 2 and 1 to play
S C Chennell lost to L H Darwent, 4 and 3
C Chapman d W J Macdonald, 3 and 2
D Hammond d H F Stevens, 4 and 3
J Marshall d P C Cole, 7 and 6
R Twopeny d C V Collins, 3 and 2
Quorn, 5 matches ; Wilmington, 2
Associates.
Mrs Kerton and Mrs Macdonald, all square
Miss White d Mrs Stevens, 2 up
Mrs Stephens d Miss Steele, 4 up 3
Mrs Mills lost to Mrs Darwent, 2 and 1
Miss Salmon d Miss Genders, 3 and 1
Miss Twopeny lost to Miss Jarmyn, 2 and 1
Mrs Huddy lost to Mrs Blight, 2 and 1
Miss A Brown and Mrs Edwards, all square
Quorn, 3 matches ; Wilmington, 3 ; 2 all square

Clem joined the Australian Army for war service duty in 1940.



Clem married Gwen Melville at Quorn on 18 August 1941

A Pretty Wedding

CHAPMAN—MELVILLE.

The Church of St. Matthew, Quorn, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Monday, August 18th, when Gwen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. A. Melville, was married to Clem, younger son of Mr J. H. Chapman and the late Mrs Chapman, all of Quorn. The church was tastefully decorated by Mesdames Taylor and Mills, and Mrs J. H. Salamon presided at the organ. The nuptial ceremony was conducted by the Rev. P. P. Darke before a crowded church

The bride, who was given away by her father, presented a charming picture in Chantily lace over white slipper satin, with puffed sleeves and sweetheart neck. The full circular skirt merged into a train. A full length embroidered tulle veil was held in place with a halo of orange blossom, and a shower bouquet of white hyacinths and lillies was carried.

The bridesmaids were Misses T Reddaway and D. McNeil, who were frocked alike in blue spotted net over satin, with puffed sleeves and sweetheart neck. The full circular skirts were trimmed with rucking, pink and blue flowers and lovers knots. Pink tulle veils were held in place by matching posies and each carried shower bouquets of pink and blue sweet peas and hyacinths.

Little Miss Janice Eley was flower girl, prettily frocked in pink spotted net over satin, with a full circular skirt and puffed sleeves, and trimmings of lace. A pink tulle veil was held in place by a halo, and she carried a posy of pink carnations and sweet peas.

Mr Kevin Hill was best man and Mr Stan Chapman acted as groomsman.

As the bride left the church a lucky horseshoe was hung on her arm by Gwenie Chapman and John McHugh.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a large number of relatives and friends were entertained in the Parish Hall.

Extracts from the Quorn Mercury August 1941

THE RECEPTION.

The guests were received by the bridal party. Mrs. D Melville (the bride's mother), wore a smart black frock of satin-backed crepe, braided in white, with hat to match, and carried a posy of Geraldon wax, sweet peas and carnations. Mrs. T. Dienhoff (bridegroom's aunt) chose black jersey wool with matching accessories, and carried a posy of mixed flowers.

The Rev. P. P. Darke presided and Mr. J. McColive acted as toast master.

The Loyal Toast was submitted by the Mayor (Mr. L. B. Adams), who paid a fine tribute to the noble bearing of our King and Queen in these grave and critical days.

The Rev. P. P. Darke proposed "The Bride and Bridegroom." He urged those who were joined in their faith in God to continue as they began. For those who were united in God happiness will surely come. The bridegroom responded, and then proposed "The Bridesmaids," to which Mr. Kevin Hill responded

"The Parents" was in the hands of Mr. C. J. Stephens, who expressed the high regard felt for the family by all who had the privilege to know them. Mr D. A. Melville feelingly responded and thanked all friends for their good wishes.

Mr. Ben Chapman proposed "The Visitors," and trusted that the many friends brought together that evening would enjoy a happy re-union. Mr C. Barnes responded.

In submitting "The Conveners and Waitresses" Mr. T. H. Bury eulogised the efforts of Mesdames C. Gray and I. Brewster, and helpers, whose organising ability had resulted in such splendid and daintily served repast. Mrs. F. A. Smith had added charm and dignity to the board by her arrangement of the table decorations. Mr. C. J. Eastber responded and said the work had been undertaken willingly and cheerfully by the ladies, and on their behalf thanked all for their appreciation.

The dance that followed was largely attended. Mr J. McColive was M.C., and music was supplied by Miss Coral Chapman, assisted by Miss L. Rosevear and Mr Higginson

Clem continued working on the family farm and also helped in the training of his father's race horses by riding track work as required. In October 1946 there was a shortage of registered riders at the Quorn races and approval was given for Clem to ride at a registered meeting for the first time with great success winning two races and coming second in two others.

Clem later moved to a property in Richman Valley where the trials and tribulations of farming were experienced



Clementh Roy Chapman and Gwendoline Grace Melville 18th August 1941

SNAKES PLENTIFUL IN QUORN DISTRICT

Snakes are still plentiful in Quorn and the surrounding district, several being killed during the past week. Mrs. Clem Chapman almost stepped on a 5 foot reptile at the front of her home and reports to hand indicate that many small snakes, measuring up to about 12 inches, have been killed.

Transcontinental Newspaper Pt Augusta 22 November 1946

Kanyaka Handicap to Tusablue

WELTER WON BY 17 LENGHTS

DOUBLE TO ADELAIDE OWNED LEITHFORD

Conditions were ideal on Saturday last when the Quorn Jockey Club conducted a registered meeting in aid of the Quorn and District Hospital and the RSL Building Fund and a good day's racing was witnessed by a fair attendance. A special train ran from Port Augusta.

A number of bookmakers operated and a 5/- tote was conducted. Only 4 Adelaide jockeys (S. Martin, L. Galley, S. Parker and G. Patterson) were present, so permission was granted to two Quorn lads (J. Mooney and C. Chapman), to ride.

The main event on the programme, the Kanyaka Handicap, was won by the handy country performer, Tusablue, owned by the Port Augusta sportsman, Mr. W. A. Fry, and trained by Mr. G. E. Pearce, of the same town. The latter also saddled up Kalanite, which won the 7 furlongs welter by half the length of the straight. The official margin was 17 lengths. This was probably the easiest victory ever recorded at a registered meeting in this part of the State. Kalanite and Tusablue were both well ridden by E. Whitlock, of Port Augusta.

The Hack Race, which opened the programme, was won by the Adelaide owned Leithford, ridden by Mr. Dawson. Later in the day Leithford took the Trials, starting at the good odds of 6/1.

The unlucky Prince Mongola, raced by Mr. J. Chapman, of Quorn, broke through after a series of placings to win the novice. Prince Mongola was ridden by C. Chapman, who was having his first experience at a registered meeting. During the day he rode 2 firsts and two seconds.

The final event, the Purse, saw Toilana, raced by Messrs. E. G. McMahon and H. Ringer and trained by the latter, lead all the way.

A booth was conducted on the ground, Mr. H. L. Tucker's amplification system was installed and afternoon tea was available. A wind up dance in the evening was well attended and concluded a most successful day.

Results were as follows:

HACK RACE (6 furls.)— LEITHFORD (Dawson), 1; Stanson (Finlay), 2; Hill Valley (Dann), 3. Others starter, Auric. Won by 1½ lengths, 4 lengths. Betting: Evens Leithford, 5/4 Stanson, 10/1 Hill Valley. Dividend (for 5/-), 9/6.

WELTER (7 furls.)— KALANITE (Whitlock), 1; Chiluck (Chapman), 2; Buffoon (Galley), 3. Only three starters. Won by 17 lengths, 2 lengths. Time, 1.29. Betting: 3/1 on Kalanite, 5/2 Buffoon, 8/1 Chiluck. Dividends (for 5/-) 7/3.

NOVICE (6 furls. w.f.a.)—PRINCE MONGOLA (Chapman), 1; Night Buzz (Parker), 2; Royal Dust (Pattinson), 3. Others: Ashwell, Glass Town, and Speeding. Won by 2 lengths, neck. Time, 1.17. Betting: 6/4 Prince Mongola, 7/2 Night Buzz, 2/1 Royal Dust. Dividend (for 5/-) 15/6.

KANYAKA HANDICAP (9 furls.)— TUSABLUE (Whitlock), 1; Toilana (Parker), 2; Buffoon (Galley) 3. Won by 1½ lengths; 20 lengths. Time, 2.6. Betting: 3/1 Tusablue, 6/4 Toilana, 5/1 Bugoon. Dividend (for 5/-) 6/3.

TRIAL STAKES (7 furls). LEITHFORD (Martin), 1; Prince Mongola (Chapman), 2; Night Buzz (Pattison) 3. Others: Baccaton, Bardean, Ashwell and Royal Patrol. Won by 3 lengths, 2 lengths. Time, 1.28½. Betting: 6/1 Leithford, 5/2 Prince Mongola, 6/1 Night Buzz. Dividends (for 5/-): Leithford £2; Prince Mongola, 3/6.

PURSE HANDICAP (9 furlongs).— TOILANA (Chapman), 1; Royal Dust (Pattison), Glass Town (Martin).

Others: Stanson, Hill Valley and Auric. Won by 3 lengths; 2 lengths. Time, 2.5. Betting: 2/1 on Toilana, 7/2 Royal Dust, 12/1 Glass Town. Dividend (for 5/-), 7/6.

Farmer Forced to Leave Property.

SHORTAGE OF WATER IN QUORN

The shortage of water in the Quorn district is reaching serious proportions. At least one farmer has been forced to leave his property. Mr. C. Chapman having moved with his stock to his father's farm, a distance of about 8 miles.

Most rainwater tanks in the town are dangerously low and rain is urgently needed. Rain would greatly assist those farmers who have started seeding.

Transcontinental Newspaper Port Augusta 21st May 1948

After the death of his father in 1949, Clem worked locally undertaking well drilling and fencing before spending some time working for the Commonwealth Railways in the Dining Car Service on the Ghan railway service.

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April 2025

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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 2024 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
46	241	18	3	3

Allied Health Professionals April 2025 Visiting Schedule				
8th April	**17th April**	**24th April**		
Podiatry	Diabetes Nurse Educator Dietitian	Physio		

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**				

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Do you need support with meals as you grow older?

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

Meals are delivered hot for immediate consumption or can be arranged to be delivered cold so that they can be conveniently reheated in the oven or microwave whenever required.

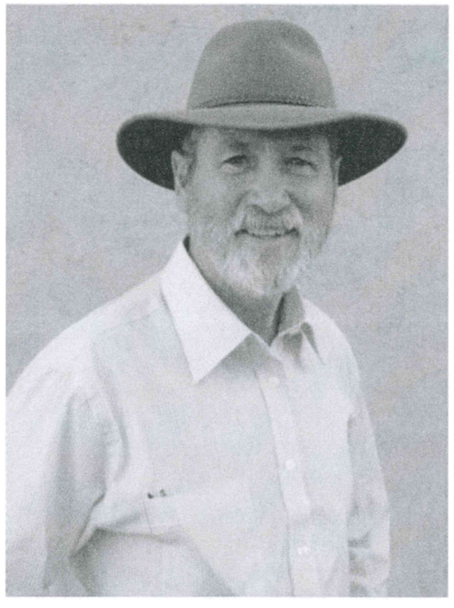
For those on a Commonwealth Home Support Program or a Home Care Package, meals can be subsidised in conjunction with your aged care provider.

Our home style meals are cooked fresh in our Port Augusta kitchen using ingredients that are in season, creating flavours that you can actually taste!

For any enquiries, please contact your aged care provider or

Bungala Food Service on 8643 5500

Bungala FOOD SERVICE



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Federal Member for Grey

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Are you ready to Join the Team in Green? Volunteers needed now.

SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) is looking for volunteers in the Far North and West Coast region to join local teams in green and support the community when they need it most.

SAAS needs people to join the green teams at Cleve, Hawker, Elliston, Tumby Bay, Cowell, Kimba and Streaky Bay. Operations Manager for the region, Adrian Stephenson, said SAAS is THE emergency service to volunteer for.

'We are looking for people who want to help their community, when you join the team in green, you don't need any specific experience, all you need is a willingness to learn. Our teams are on standby and ready to welcome you' Adrian said.

SAAS has nominated Tumby Bay volunteer ambulance responder, Tyrene Gardiner, to act as a campaign Ambassador for the area. 'Tyrene really gets what it means to belong to a great team and help his local community; and is keen to answer any questions people have about volunteering with us' Adrian said.

Tyrene joined his local team in 2021 and soon found a passion he never knew he had. 'Volunteering with SAAS allows me to connect with my community and make a positive impact on the lives of our patients. In my small township, SAAS has a strong connection with community and I'm proud to be part of the team' Tyrene said.

SAAS volunteers wear the green uniform with pride and are respected in regional communities. By joining SAAS, volunteers get free nationally accredited qualifications, Ambulance Cover and can be reimbursed for travel and childcare. Volunteers work towards a Certificate IV qualification in Health Care, at their own pace, with both online and in person training.

Tyrene, an Ambulance Responder from Tumby Bay, is working towards gaining his Ambulance Officer qualifications. He also has long term plans to become a Paramedic one day. Tyrene is very passionate about making a difference in his local community. Follow Tyrene Gardiner SAAS Volunteer on Facebook as he shares his adventures as a volunteer in our Far North and West Coast region. ■

To apply today go to ww.saasvolunteer.sa.gov.au or call 1300 175 584 (during business hours).

To interview Tyrene or Adrian about joining the team in green, please contact the SAAS media line on 0481 844



Meet our Volunteer Ambassador Tyrene Gardiner, Tumby Bay .



Library NEWS

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Join to keep up to date with Library events (story-time, book fairs etc), services and notification of new books on shelves

New Releases



'Tell No One' Harlon Coben (Adult Fiction)
For Dr. David Beck, the loss was shattering. And every day for the past eight years, he has relived the horror of what happened. The gleaming lake. The pale moonlight. The piercing screams. The night his wife was taken. The last night he saw her alive.

Never say Never; Danielle Steele (Adult Fiction)
Danielle Steel's deeply moving novel is the story of a woman whose life is turned upside down while living temporarily in the French countryside



'Now is not the time for Flowers'. Stacey Heale (Adult Non-Fiction)
When Stacey Heale's husband, Greg, was diagnosed with incurable cancer on their daughter's first birthday, everything changed. She quickly realised how little is spoken about what the harder times in our lives really look like, leaving us lost to navigate the unknown alone.

'The letter: My 50 year fight for justice.' Ann Cusack. (Adult Non-Fiction
Inspirational tale of how Sarah Sidebottom overcame her demons and rebuilt her life, winning *justice* after *years* of childhood abuse at the hands of a father.



Radical Textiles by Rebecca Evans and Leigh Robb (Adult Non-fiction)
Showcasing the work of more than 100 artists, designers and activists, this major publication draws on the Art Gallery of South Australia's international, Australian and First Nations collections of textiles and fashion, augmented by sculpture, painting, photography and the moving image, alongside several new commissions as well as important national loans.

'Worlds Collide.' Chris Colfer (Junior Fiction)
With mayhem brewing in the Big Apple, Conner and Alex will have to win their biggest battle yet. Can the twins restore order between the human and fairy tale ...



'Tiddler' Julia Donaldson. (Children's Fiction)
Every day, Tiddler is late for school, and every day he has another tall tale for his teacher. But did he really ride a seahorse? Did he really meet a mermaid?

'Uh-oh Spaghetti – Oh!' Susan O'Leary (Children's Fiction)
Through quirky predicaments and delightful detours, this book shows kids that sometimes the funniest way to face a fumble is with a jolly jingle. So, the next time life throws a curveball, you know the magical words to say. Parents and tots alike will chuckle and cheer with every turn of the page. Join the silly spree, and remember: a sprinkle of fun can fix any whoopsie-doo!



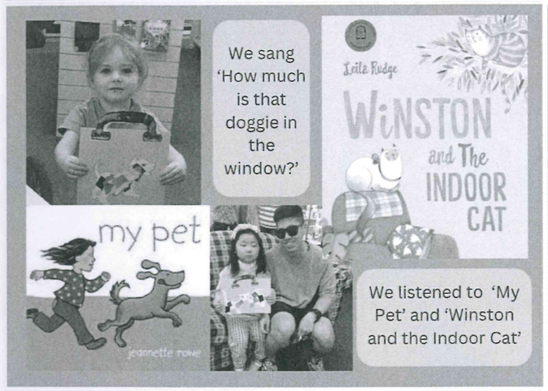
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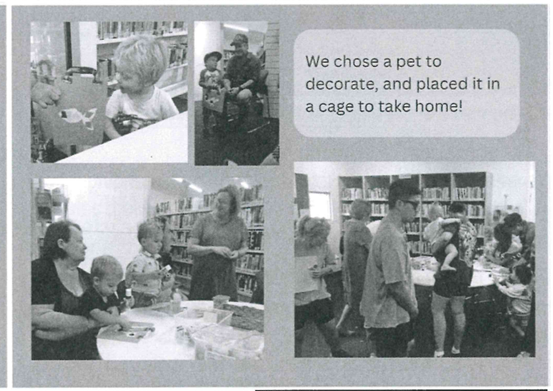
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Story Time at the Quorn School and Community Library









2025 Sydney Writers Festival

(22nd– 25th May)

Join us for an immersive live-streaming experience at the 2025 Sydney Writers' Festival!

Whether you're a seasoned author or just starting out, this event offers sessions with industry experts. Gain practical advice, discover new techniques, and connect with fellow writers— all from the comfort of our local Library.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to listen to and engage with well known authors.

Pick up a program at the Library and register your interest to unlock your creative potential! *Web Link*: https://www.sfw.org.su/program

Story Times in April

Wednesdays

2nd April

16th April

30th April

Starts 10.00am



LIBRARIES SA one card

Our Library is a One Card Library, that enables you to use your card at any South Australian Library.

Flinders House News

MARCH HAS BEEN A very busy month at Flinders House with movies, quiz days, happy hour, bus trips to Cradock and Wirrabara Forest for lunch, cooking, St Patrick's Day lunch and we've celebrated 5 birthdays. Footy tipping has also started! All in combination with our regular calendar of activities. ■



Happy Hour
An enjoyable afternoon was had by all residents that attended happy hour. A selection of zero beer, wine and cocktails were consumed along with a delicious cheese & greens platter.



Craddock Lunch
We went to the Cradock Hotel and had an outstanding lunch. (L around the table) Beryl, Ray, John, Trevor, Meg, James, Marlene, Maureen, and Yvonne our volunteer.

We then travelled through Carrieton to Orroroo, where we stopped to look at the largest Gum Tree, then onto Wilmington before returning home to Quorn.



A group of 8 residents travelled to Wirrabara where we stopped off at the bakery and had a delicious morning tea of freshly baked goods – chocolate donuts, cherry ripe or jelly slice, and kitchener buns all washed down with a piping hot cappuccino or milkshake.

We then drove to the bluff lookout through some beautiful scenery of bushland, farms, and pine forest. Passing the stunning painted silo along the way.



Exercise group with Vicki is popular with the residents.

Here they are using chia balls to do arm strengthening exercises.



St Patricks Day was celebrated on the 17th with a luncheon. We had baked potatoes with all the trimmings and lime cheesecake or citrus tarts for dessert. Everyone got into the spirit of the day wearing a green hat or headband baubles. (Above) Beryl, Sam & Craig Packard and Barry get into the spirit of St. Pats Day.



Left Kathy and Lothar Kowalski
Enjoying refreshments at the Fringe event on Saturday29th March



Rainfall 2025

Jan	3.4mm
Feb	1.6mm
March	6.4mm
YTD	11.4mm

Quorn Meals on Wheels

Quorn meals on wheels has been delivering fresh meals to residents in Quorn for nearly 50 years

Meals are cooked fresh at the Quorn hospital and delivered five days a week

The service is run by volunteers

If you are on a Commonwealth Home Support Program or a home care package, you are able to access Meals on Wheels

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

Spirit of the Flinders – Makers Centre

5 Sixth Street Quorn
ph: 08 7659 0155

Discover workshops and creative experiences in the heart of town!
From pottery and journaling to calligraphy, macrame, and more – there's something for everyone.
All inclusive, no cleaning up and something to take home.
Reasonably priced, stating at just $39.
Book your next class now at
spirit-of-the-flinders.square.site

Here is a sample of what's coming next – don't miss out and keep an eye out for our next classes.

Saturday, April 5, 2025
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Studio Saturdays –
Living Legends Series with Lorie Paynter
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Intro to Watercolour with Lorie Paynter
Intro to Charcoal Drawing with Lorie Paynter
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Write & Reflect –
Bullet Journalling with Caitlin Denton

Saturday, April 12, 2025
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Intro to Charcoal Drawing with Lorie Paynter

Sunday, April 13, 2025
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Get Crafty –
Easter Wreath Workshop with Lynne Ward

Saturday, April 19, 2025
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Hand Stitch & Sew –
Easter Sampler with Caitlin Denton

April 2025

Contact Quorn Hospital 8648 7888 for dates

Podiatrist
Diabetes Education
Dietitian
Physiotherapist
Occupational Therapist
Speech Pathologist
Social Worker

Country Health Connect 8668 7706

April 2025

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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Next Issue's (May 2nd 2025) Deadlines:

- Submissions preferred as email attachments using Microsoft *Word* or *Publisher*
- Other submissions to Visitor Information Centre, Quorn Railway Station before 4.30 pm 25th April Classified Ads on Visitor Information Centre form provided. Must be paid for when submitted.

Guidelines for Submissions:

- **Text** on white A4 with 2cm margins all sides, Times New Roman black type 12pt min 11-pt
- **Photos** jpg. w. caption info giving peoples' first and last names, what's happening, where & when (where relevant). Nicknames may be included
- **Submissions** must include separately: author's name, with address or phone number

Contacts

- **Coming Events**—Jillian Wilson, Visitor Information Centre, 8620 0510
- **News in Brief**—*mercury@quornmercury.com.au*

Charges

- ***Annual Subscription***—12 months (11 issues) $50 including postage
- ***Major Adverts***—

	Single	Year
Full Page	$30	$275
Half Page	$15	$145
Quarter Page	$10	$ 80

- ***Classified Ads***—$1 per line or part line, on the form provided at the Visitor Information Centre
- Bank Details BSB 105-028
  Account No. 063 601 740

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Quorn Hawker Cradock Events April 2025

Regular Events

Quorn

Story Time 10am at the Quorn Library

Women's Fellowship
3rd Wednesdays
see poster in Laundromat window or Facebook for details.

Quorn Men's Shed Thursdays

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

Probus
1st Tuesday of the month 10am

Line dancing
Tuesday nights, 7pm, Town Hall.
Cost $10 (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

Hawker

Fellowship –4th Wednesday Uniting Church Hall

Hawker Community Singers - Welcomes everyone to sing Friday 3.30pm to 5.00pm Hawker Uniting Church Hall

Quilting and Handicraft Group - Alternate Wednesday- Uniting Church Hall

Friendship Group 3rd Thursday 12pm Venue tba

Flinders Food Co - Hawker Flinders Social on Friday nights all welcome for more info check out Flinders Food Co Facebook page

Events

Sprit of the Flinders Makers Centre
5th from 10am workshops from life drawings, Watercolour, write and reflect for booking details 86486042

Easter Themed High Tea
Tickle Belly Hill - **5**th and 6th April book in for a shared sweet and savoury bites

Easter Craft Fair
Quorn Town Hall over Easter long weekend

Cradock Hotel
Fundraiser 5th Dinner and live music @cancercouncil@shitboxrally_stickers

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

Stockyard Arena Association
Bronco Branding Saturday 26th
Come along for a weekend of events and enjoy the skills of both rider and horses with the Bronco Branding. Fully catered and licensed event. Camping and stables at the grounds

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

Pichi Richi Railway
For information for the 2025 Pichi Richi Railway Season collect a brochure 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. Do you have 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.

Phone: 08 8620 0510
Email: vic@frc.sa.gov.au

Regular Events

Quorn

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

Yin Yoga
Thursday nights 7.00pm
Uniting Church Hall
Contact: Jane 0427 774112

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

Quorn Bowling Club
Social Bowls Everyone welcome
Wednesday at 1:00pm and Night Owls Bowls Friday 7pm
cost $5 per player and the club has bowls if you don't have your own.

Pilates
Wednesdays at 9am and 6:30pm 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

Transcontinental Hotel
Schnitzel, Pasta & Seafood Night
Meal Specials Nightly
Wednesday and Friday nights members draw and beer, meat raffles

Austral Hotel
Thursdays Schnitzel Nights with meal specials nightly Friday nights Happy Hour 5-7pm Pizza Night on Sundays

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

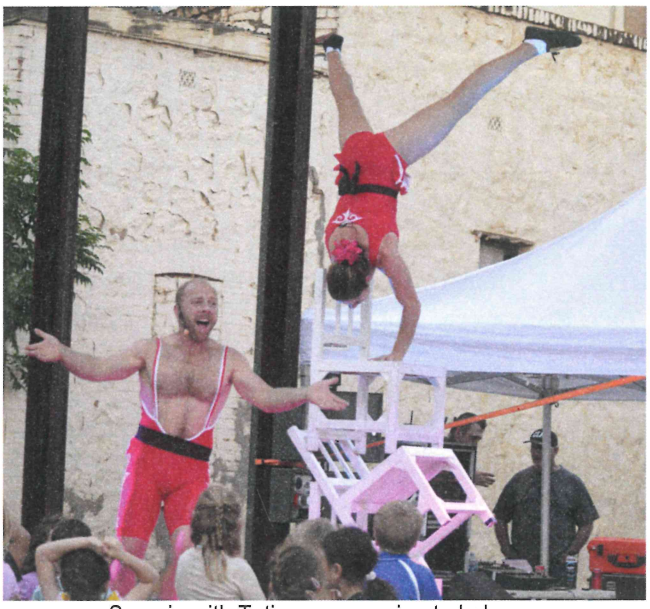
Quote of the month
A good listener is the wisest person.

W.G.P

At the Fringe



Bam Wow Amazing Show - Upside down feet clapping



Sergai , with Tatiana appearing to balance upside down on one arm



Tatiana showing her skills with 3 hoops while balancing on one leg



Bam Wow Amazing Show duo shows how to play an instrument surrounded by wires, on a monocycle!

